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Meet the New Faculty

Cortney Franklin



Dr. Cortney Franklin earned her Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Washington State University. Cortney's current research investigates the role of gendered peer groups (both male and female) in influencing behavioral outcomes in the university setting (e.g., sexual assault, victimization, danger cue recognition, and abusive alcohol consumption) as well as the relationships between gender and criminal justice system functioning. Most recently, she has been working with data collected in Washington State as part of a Project Safe Neighborhoods grant that looks at various predictors of fear of crime and worry of victimization across separate male and female citizen samples. Cortney has been teaching undergraduate students for roughly four and a half years in courses that include introduction to the administration of criminal justice, violence against women, criminal justice ethics, community corrections, and diversity issues in criminal justice. She is also working on several projects related to disparity in sentencing outcomes for convicted female offenders. Cortney currently teaches "Criminology."

Travis Franklin



Dr. Travis Franklin earned his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Washington State University. His current specialty areas of expertise are prison violence, fear of crime, sentencing decisions, prosecutorial discretion, and quantitative research methods. Travis' most recent research examines whether or not a broad array of community-level factors influence the individual decision making of various courtroom actors, primarily judges and prosecutors. More specifically, this research aims to determine if various community conditions, such as crime rates, racial composition, and public attitudes affect critical decisions, including that of charging and sentencing criminal offenders. He is also under contract with Sage Publications to co-author a text entitled "Key Ideas in Criminology and Criminal Justice." This text offers insight into the various contextual reasons that particular works in the areas of criminal justice and criminology become key ideas in their respective fields.

Travis currently teaches "Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice."

Ling Ren



Dr. Ling Ren joined the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University in August 2008. She received her Ph.D. in criminal justice from the University of Nebraska at Omaha in 2006. Her dissertation entitled "*Rethinking the crime drop in the United States during the 1990s*" studied the impact of police strength, social demographics, incarceration rates, and illegal drug usage in relation to the drop of crime in large U.S. cities in the 1990s. Prior to coming to Sam Houston State University, Ling worked as an Assistant Professor of criminal justice at Illinois State University. Her research interests include policing, comparative criminology and criminal justice, and applications of quantitative methodology. Her recent publications have appeared in *Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*, and *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*.

Ling currently teaches "Introduction to Research Methods."

Jorn Yu



Dr. Jorn Yu has a long-term objective of being a Professor of Forensic Science. He started to pursue his Ph.D. degree in Chemistry in 2002 and successfully completed the program at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada in 2006. Prior to his Ph.D. study, Jorn was a forensic scientist at Forensic Science Center in Taipei, Taiwan. As a practitioner in crime scene investigation, he had numerous opportunities resolving major crimes within the Taipei municipal area. Jorn obtained his B.S. and M.S., degrees both in Forensic Science, from Central Police University, Taiwan. In his M.S. training, he completed a study using different algorithms to search infrared spectra for automobile coatings by the use of Micro-FT-IR. His intensive experience in Forensics and solid training in Chemistry make him very confident in developing education and research programs in Forensic Science.

Jorn currently teaches "Forensic Analysis of Pattern Evidence," "Forensic Instrumental Analysis," and "Trace Evidence and Microscopic Analysis" for the Master of Science in Forensic Science Program. His current research interests focus on forensic chemistry, instrumental analysis of biochemical substances, environmental allergens, and high-tech materials. His research lab is working on developing novel analytical techniques for the application in forensic science.



Faculty Research

Jurg Gerber Reporting for the College of Criminal Justice International Programs

During the summer of 2008, the College of Criminal Justice hosted a Swiss criminologist, Dr. Jachen Nett. He is an Associate Professor of social work at the Berner Fachhochschule, Berne, Switzerland, where he is conducting research comparing the juvenile justice systems of Switzerland and Texas. Zhan Wancheng, Associate Professor of Public Security Management at Zhejiang Police College, Hangzhou, China, is currently being hosted by the College. He is interested in community justice issues. In exchange, Dr. Scott Menard, Dr. Melissa Tackett-Gibson, and Dr. Brian Lawton will travel to Hangzhou this semester to teach CJ 262 (Criminology) at ZPC. Dr. Philip Lyons, Dr. Will Oliver, and Dr. Bill Wells are scheduled to teach CJ 267 (Police Systems and Practices) in spring 2009. During spring 2009, Dr. Iryna Serebrakova will be hosted by the college. She is Docent at the Academy of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Belarus and is the recipient of a Fulbright grant allowing her to spend four months at SHSU studying law enforcement. The College of Criminal Justice will graduate the first class of the Master of Science program in Thailand. A delegation led by Dr. Payne, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, will travel to Thailand in December to award the degrees. The College will begin offering three Study Abroad courses in summer 2009: Italy hosted by Dr. Mitchel Roth, Costa Rica with Dr. Will Oliver, and China with Dr. Brian Lawton. In addition, the college is also working with Kukulcan.com, assisting CJ students who want to work on their Spanish skills in Mexico. The College and the University are also continuing in their efforts to develop a dual degree program with Kyonggi University in South Korea.

Sarah Kerrigan

Designer Amphetamines in Forensic Toxicology Casework: Analysis and Prevalence

Dr. Sarah Kerrigan is currently the principal investigator on "Designer Amphetamines in Forensic Toxicology Casework: Analysis and Prevalence," funded by the National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (\$226,550). This project focuses on the new generation of "Ecstasy-like" designer amphetamines ("Lexus," "Nexus," "T7," "Blue Mystic," and others). These emerging drugs of abuse gained notoriety in Europe and have recently made their way to the United States, as evidenced by numerous seizures by the DEA and other law enforcement agencies. Crime labs do not routinely test for these drugs in toxicological samples. The research will focus on new drug detection techniques in forensic case samples, particularly those encountered in death investigation and human performance toxicology (such as DWI). She has also recently concluded research projects with MSFS students on the following topics (manuscripts in preparation): "Detection of Endogenous Levels of Gamma-Hydroxybutyrate (GHB) in Human Hair"; "Scientific Validity of Alcohol Defenses Following Unconventional Ethanol Exposure (e.g. energy drinks, baked goods, alcohol without liquid or "AWOL")"; "Single-Step Screening and Quantization of Multiple Drugs of Abuse in Biological Samples"; "Cross-Reactivity of Amphetamines Using Commercial Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assays (ELISAs)"; and "Effect of Preservative and Anticoagulant on GHB Stability in Clinical (hospital) Blood Tubes."

Holly Miller

Research Experience for Undergraduates in Criminal Justice

Dr. Holly Miller and her Co-Project Investigator Dr. Howard Henderson are awaiting award notification from the National Science Foundation Solicitation for REU (research experience for undergraduates). This project will allow thirty (ten per year) undergraduate students the opportunity to conduct their own research project in the field of criminal justice over an intense week-long summer research camp leading into one academic year of research seminars and one-on-one mentorship. The students will be recruited from regional/local community colleges and universities that provide few research opportunities and serve underrepresented groups. Because the field of criminal justice has few women and minority group members in academic/research positions, their goal is to foster an interest and excitement for pursuing graduate studies in criminal justice and careers that include scientific research and continued mentorship of other underrepresented groups in scholarship. Research activities will be centered in the College of Criminal Justice and provided by the professors and training/research institutes that both conduct research and train professionals within the criminal justice field. Participants will gain knowledge and confidence in their abilities as scientists through planning, conducting, and presenting their own research project while working closely with a criminal justice scholar. The research experience will offer each student several hours of one-on-one research mentorship with their faculty mentor, interaction with graduate students, and interaction with their REU cohort through seminars, field trips, social gatherings, and attending a national conference each spring semester. Ten faculty members in the College of Criminal Justice will serve as mentors to provide each undergraduate with knowledge about the process and execution of research within the field of criminal justice. The goal of this REU program is to foster an enthusiasm in local underrepresented group members for graduate school and eventual research careers in criminal justice.

Mitchel Roth

In April 2008, Dr. Mitchel Roth was named an “Academic Fellow” for 2008-2009 by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, a non-partisan policy institute headquartered in Washington, D.C. During his fellowship to Israel, Mitch stayed in Tel Aviv, the home base for workshops and meetings, for ten days. Unfortunately, he spent most of his trip in high security locations which cannot be specifically mentioned. One of these was a maximum security facility holding Islamic terrorists in which he was given the opportunity to speak with prisoners. The majority of the 800 prisoners held there were serving long sentences for murder and terrorist activities.

Mitch traveled through the occupied territory of the West Bank in an armored bus. His group passed by the village of Ramallah, former site of Yasser Arafat's headquarters where several soldiers were recently murdered, and had the opportunity to observe checkpoints and the security fence. He also toured Jerusalem and Jaffa and visited several locations to observe training operations by special forces that demonstrated various scenarios for capturing terrorist targets. During a tour of the IED (Improvised Explosive Devices) museum, Mitch viewed demonstrations of bomb-learning robots and how bomb-making factories created various types of explosive devices. While visiting the homes of terrorism victims, the group had the opportunity to listen to a husband explain the nearby killings of his wife and son. During a trip to a Naval base security installation, Mitch was in the command room when an alarm signaled the firing of a Kassam rocket south from Gaza over the facility. These rockets are frequently fired by Hamas terrorist groups.

Mitch attended miscellaneous workshops and lectures. Some of these were: a workshop by Shin Bet, polygrapher and profiler, on interrogation methods and insights into the investigation process from arrest through interrogation; a workshop on “Terrogeance,” a combination of terror and intelligence; numerous lectures on Islamic leadership paradigms, financing terrorism, jihadist philosophy and strategies, targeted killings and tactical deterrence by academics and intelligence agents from Shin Bet and the Mossad. He also attended lectures from India's ambassador to Israel and representatives from the Israeli Prime Minister's office.

The trip, including “hands on” experiences through visits to police, customs, immigration facilities, military bases, and border zones, as well as lectures by academics, military and intelligence officials, and diplomats from Israel, Jordan, India, Turkey, and the United States, gave the group an opportunity to learn the practical side of deterring and defeating terrorists. Mitch's fellowship served as an intensive course in terrorism studies, and in particular, how democracies can defeat the worldwide terrorist threat.

Bill Wells

Dr. Bill Wells, Jeonglim Kim, and Kyung-Yon Jhi, along with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS), have been working together on strategic crime reduction efforts. A twin-island nation in the southern Caribbean, off the northeast coast of Venezuela, Trinidad and Tobago obtained its independence from Great Britain in 1962. Despite being considered a developing nation, it has one of the strongest economies in the Caribbean. The nation is comprised of about 1.26 million people: 40% are East Indian, 37.5 % African, and 20.5 % Afro-Indian. The number of homicides has increased rapidly and substantially in Trinidad and Tobago since 1999. The number of homicides stood at 93 in 1999 and is on pace to potentially reach 450 this year. The increase is being driven by gang-related violence and an increased use of guns. The TTPS sought assistance from a group of academic researchers based at George Mason University to 1) reform police services in Trinidad and Tobago and 2) help guide strategic crime-reduction initiatives. Professor Ed Maguire from American University was lead investigator on the strategic crime reduction project, and Bill joined his team in early 2007. Researchers on the team were based at American University, George Mason University, Arizona State University, Bowling Green State University, and San Francisco State University (and SHSU). For this project Bill collaborated with several members of the TTPS, including police executives, patrol officers, detectives, and undercover intelligence officers along with several other academic researchers from the U.S. (see above) and police practitioners from the U.S. who lived in Trinidad and Tobago for the duration of the project. Specific projects arising from this research include diagnosing gun-related crime problems and recommending interventions guiding distinct police problem-solving projects: 1) reduce robberies in downtown Port of Spain, 2) reduce auto thefts from a high-theft location, 3) reduce crimes against tourists in Tobago. Numerous reports to the Minister of National Security (MNS) and presentations developed out of this research have been made to the MNS and members of the TTPS. One academic manuscript is currently under review at the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*. Members of the team have authored several manuscripts that are currently under review at a variety of peer-reviewed journals. Bill commented on the grant, saying, “It has been rewarding to work closely with practitioners in a developing nation in order to adapt and implement ideas about policing and methods for reducing violence that are discussed in the academic literature. In addition, the project has been a tremendous learning experience for me. I am pleased that I was able to offer this kind of research opportunity for SHSU doctoral students and to be able to use examples from Trinidad and Tobago in classes I teach.”

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Joan Bytheway

Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility

On March 12, 2008, President Gaertner approved Dr. Joan Bytheway's proposal for the development of the Southeast Texas Applied Forensic Science Facility (STAFS), a human decomposition facility located on nine acres within the 247 acres of the Center for Biological Field Sciences. In addition, Joan was awarded an Enhancement Grant for Research, valued at \$18,000, to purchase the maximum-security fence for STAFS. On September 10, 2008, the fence was completed, and bids for the building were sent out. The preparation for this facility began in August of 2007 with the support of Provost Payne, Dean Webb, Dean Hebert, and the Department of Biology. The facility will be used by faculty, students, and law enforcement officials for research and education. LEMIT and STAFS are working with the chairman and president of the International Association for Identification (IAI) for LEMIT and STAFS to be certified in proctoring Crime Scene Investigator's certification exams in collaboration with the short courses SHSU will offer in the summer of 2009. Crime Scene Investigation, pattern evidence, and forensic anthropology will be among the curriculum for the benefit of students, law enforcement officials, and forensic specialists. These courses are designed to meet the academic requirements established by the IAI's CSI Certification program. In conjunction with the IAI CSI certification, Joan proposed to Dr. Holly Miller to have some of the undergraduate CJ courses that fulfill the requirements for IAI CSI certification be made available to undergraduate students. Dean Webb and Dr. Miller approved this proposal that will give SHSU undergraduate students a competitive edge over other law officer applicants due to the completion of the academic requirements for CSI certification. The only remaining requirement is one year experience in law enforcement.

X-Ray Fluorescence Analysis of Human Bone Elements for the Identification of Origins

The 2008 Innov-X Systems Academic & Research Relations Grant, valued at \$20,000 based on the proposal "*X-Ray Fluorescence Analysis of Human Bone Elements for the Identification of Origins*" was awarded to Dr. Joan Bytheway. The grant includes the loan of a portable XRF analyzer. The analyzer detects the presence of all inorganic elements found in bone and teeth. Data from skeletal and dental remains from Harris County Medical Examiner's Office and Hidalgo County Medical Examiner's Office will be collected by two graduate students, an undergraduate student, Dr. Jorn Yu, and Joan. A portion of this project will be used as Nicole Harre's (MSFS graduate student) capstone project. In another research project, using the XRF analyzer, Joan will collaborate with Dr. Monte Thies, Department of Biology, and students to collect data from bone and teeth of non-human mammals.

Larry Hoover

Texas Major City Research Initiative

LEMIT has initiated a Major Cities Research Initiative, an effort complementing its Major Cities Seminar Series. The Initiative is being conducted by the Police Research Center, and initially included faculty members Larry Hoover, Brian Lawton, Vincent Webb, Bill Wells, Solomon Zhao, and program manager Jamie Tillerson. Joining the project team this year is Hee-jong Joo and Ling Ren. Graduate assistants assigned are Joshua Belay, Lisa Bowman, Jeonglim Kim, and Carl Williams.

The research team is assessing two related programs. The first is Dallas' "Hot Spots" Program, involving assignment of officers to 21 designated high-crime areas during at-risk times. The second is Houston's newly created Crime Reduction Unit. The seventy officer team is directed to interdict "gangs, guns, and drugs" in Houston's worst neighborhoods.

Increasingly popular in major municipal jurisdictions, Targeted Response Units provide police managers with discretionary resources available for quick deployment. The units typically deploy in marked patrol cars, in full uniform, with two officers per car. Variation obviously exists, but assignments are usually premised upon "hot spot" neighborhoods or zones experiencing high crime rates. Targeted Response Units saturate such areas, assigning four to eight marked units per square mile. They employ a range of tactics, but at the core is generally numerous traffic and pedestrian "inquisitory" stops, with warrant checks on involved citizens. The term of art in law enforcement is "field interrogations" or, less aggressive sounding, "field interviews."

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The objectives of the study are focused upon linking variability in strategy to direct operational effects. Specific objectives are:

- Documentation of the effects of the programs on arrest and crime rates.
- To describe the operation of the units, documenting strengths and weaknesses.
- To document the structure and processes employed during implementation of a focused crime intervention effort.
- To examine the efficacy of technology (e.g., real-time crime analysis, communication technology) in shaping targeted response daily operations.
- To assess the range of analytic techniques provided by such an effort.
- To document degree and nature of coordination and collaboration between the targeted response units and existing operations (e.g., regular patrol, gang unit).

Results of the evaluative research effort are being “rolled back” to LEMIT’s Major City Training Program.

David Webb



“*Competence in Policing: A Research Study*” is a new book by David Webb, Associate Director of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas. The book focuses on the opinions of Texas Police Chiefs about the subject of policing competencies, and is published by VDM Saarbrücken, Germany (2008).

In the United States, competency frameworks are a well-kept secret in the policing sector, with reliance being placed on less adequate traditional processes. Today, considerable investment is being made in the United Kingdom and other countries developing competency frameworks as a management tool to improve police performance. The frameworks support a number of personnel processes for both police officers and police support staff, including recruitment and selection, training and development, performance and development reviews, promotion, leadership development, inefficiency procedures, and workforce planning.

The book describes the results of an opinion-seeking piece of research with Texas police chiefs. They identify the strengths and weaknesses the introduction of competency frameworks into Texas policing arrangements would bring. Their voice sheds some professional light on the issues that will face the city and county governments and their police chiefs, especially those contemplating organizational change – this, at a time when doing nothing, is probably not a viable option.

David is the Associate Director of the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT), and adjunct faculty at the College of Criminal Justice, headquartered at the Criminal Justice Center, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas. He holds a B.A. in political science and is a graduate of Bramshill Police Command College in England. David completed his Ph.D. at Sam Houston State University. He holds a Management Diploma from the National Examination Board (UK).

He joined LEMIT in November 2001, relocating to the United States after spending 30 years in policing in the United Kingdom, the last twelve years of which were at the rank Chief Superintendent of Police. David has worked extensively with overseas police departments in Europe, Asia, and Africa, as well as with many in the United States. He is an experienced training administrator and is the recipient of a government research award for innovation in policing.

In 2005, he introduced the Incident Command Simulation Training Program to the Institute and is currently developing the Institutes’ research capability and a Center of Excellence in Competency-based Education. His policing interests include decision making, human trafficking, political violence, and organizational issues.

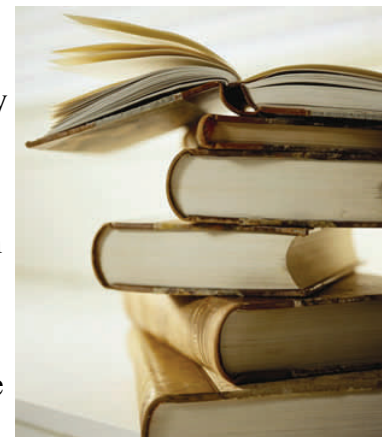


Faculty Meetings and Presentations

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- Bytheway, Joan. Keynote speaker for the Texas Division of the International Association of Identification (IAI), June 2008.
- Fearn, Noelle E., Franklin, Cortney A., & Franklin, Travis W. "Violent women: Pushing the limits of chivalry?" Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, November 2008.
- Franklin, Cortney A. "College women's delayed behavioral responses to a sexually risky situation: How long does she stay?" Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, November 2008.
- Franklin, Cortney A., Bouffard, Leanna Allen, & Pratt, Travis C. "Male-perpetrated university sexual assault: Peer support, self-control, and the likelihood to rape." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- Garner, Randy L. "Dealing with delegation: Psychological factors that impact effective results." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Social Psychologists in Texas, College Station, TX, 2007.
- Garner, Randy L. "Humor in the classroom: Laughter and learning." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- Garner, Randy L. "Leadership in law enforcement: Police chief perspectives." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 2007.
- Jones, Tonisha R., Fearn, Noelle E., & Franklin, Cortney A. "Still controlling the dangerous classes? The effect of community racial threat and economic inequality on police use of force practices." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- Kim, Bitna, & Miller, Holly A. "Anti-gay attitudes among criminal justice majors: The importance of curriculum." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- Kim, Bitna, & Miller, Holly A. "Attitudes towards education on homosexuality issues among criminal justice majors." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- Lyons, Phillip. "Legal and ethical pitfalls facing practitioners – On the road to resolutions." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Boston, 2008.
- Oliver, Will, & Marion, Nancy. "Political party platforms: Symbolic politics, criminal justice policy, and the American presidency." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- Ren, Ling, & Zhao, Jihong Solomon. "Race, ethnicity, & the risk of homicide victimization: A multilevel model comparison of three time periods in Chicago". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- van Reeuyk, Chantal L., & Miller, Holly A. "Psychopathic traits: A comparison between sex offenders and general offenders." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.
- van Reeuyk, Chantal L., Miller, Holly A., & Henderson, C. "Psychopathic subtypes: An examination in offenders and undergraduates." Paper presented at the annual National Conference of the American Psychological and Law Society, Jacksonville, Florida, March 2008.
- van Reeuyk, Chantal L., Miller, Holly A., & Menard, Scott. "Examining the relationship between psychopathic subtypes, criminological risk factors and self-report crime." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, March 2008.

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Faculty Service

David Gangitano

Dr. David Gangitano helped in the identification of human remains (a missing persons case) with anthropology and DNA analysis for Galveston County Medical Examiner's Office in July 2008. He and the rest of the team, including Dr. Joan Bytheway, Adriana Perez (MSFS), and Coral Luce (MSFS), identified the person and returned the remains to the family. David also collaborated with The Village School, an elementary school in Houston, on science orientation projects for students by providing an interview and advice.

Randy Garner

Dr. Randy Garner has provided Pro Bono instruction for LEMIT's Leadership & Command College Alumni conference, CMIT's Basic Jail Administration training, Constables Association, Texas Police Association, and several other practitioner and academic entities while also serving as the Vice-Chair, Chair-Elect of the Police Section-Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the editor-in-chief of Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice. This is a peer-reviewed international academic journal published in both an electronic and print format. Randy manages all matters of the journal from initial article submissions to final journal publication. The journal was recently honored by becoming a part of the EBSCO Academic Premier family—available to library and academic outlet worldwide. Additionally, APCJ is abstracted by PsycInfo / APA, Sociological Abstracts, and other important entities—substantially increasing the visibility of our college.

Victoria Titterington

Victoria Titterington served as Program Co-Chair for the June 2008 Homicide Research Working Group (HRWG) Summer Workshop, which was hosted by our College of Criminal Justice for the first time. Fifty HRWG members attended the 3 1/2 day conference, whose theme was "Homicide: A Focus on the Offender." The Plenary Session, "The Biological and Psychological Factors in Defense and Mitigation," was presented by Drs. Kathleen Heide (University of South Florida) and Eldra Solomon (Center for Mental Health, Tampa, FL). Among the panel presentations was "Academic Enlightenment in The Shadow of Death," the brainchild of Dean Vincent Webb. Panelists Drs. Dennis Longmire and Todd Armstrong, as well as Doug Dretke, shared their respective, unique experiences of working within our College in such close proximity to TDCJ's Execution Chamber. The summer workshop also included a tour of TDCJ's Walls Unit and the Texas Prison Museum, as well as a demonstration by Dr. David Webb of InCoSit within LEMIT. Victoria also serves as a member of the Editorial Board of Homicide Studies. She is currently Chair of the Site Selection Committee of the Homicide Research Working Group and is a Past Vice-President and Secretary of the organization.

Phillip Lyons

Dr. Phillip Lyons serves as the Co-chair of the American Psychological Association's (APA) *ad hoc* committee on legal issues (COLI) which is tasked with reviewing all proposed APA policy statements for any underlying legal issues that might be involved, but not apparent to those proposing the policy. Its most visible work, though, involves reviewing all requests for the APA to submit *amicus curiae* briefs in pending cases of major import. These cases are typically pending before state and federal courts of last resort (e.g., the U.S. Supreme Court). Recent cases in which the APA joined at the recommendation of COLI include those involving: (a) the minimum age for executing youthful offenders, (b) the appropriate standard to be employed in determinations of competence to be executed, (c) same sex marriage, and (d) adoptions with same sex parents. Recent position statements reviewed by COLI include a proposed moratorium on psychologists' involvement in interrogations at locations where detainees are tortured. Phillip is also tasked with being the Director of the Texas Regional Center for Policing Innovation (TRCPI), a regional community policing institute established a decade ago through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS). Most notable for putting 100,000 police officers on the streets in the mid '90s, the COPS Office also established a national network of regional community policing institutes. Two such institutes were established in Texas, one at the LBJ School at the University of Texas and the other at the Criminal Justice Center at Sam Houston State University. The TRCPI has provided some 20,000 participants with more than 150,000 contact hours of training at no or low cost to participants. These trainings have run the gamut from DNA evidence recognition and collection to Human Trafficking awareness training. TRCPI also provides consulting services to law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve on various issues related to community policing. During the course of its operation, the TRCPI has secured several million dollars in funding to support various initiatives. TRCPI funding has also provided more than a dozen graduate students with funding.

Will Oliver

Dr. Will Oliver has recently served as the Chair of the University Excellence in Teaching Award. He and his committee fielded six very strong candidates and awarded the 2008 award to Business Professor Balasundram Maniam. Will was also invited and accepted the offer to be a member of the editorial board for the Journal of Criminal Justice Policy Review and to be a committee member for the Donald McNamara Award, 2007-2008, for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences to select the "Article of the Year."

Doctoral Graduates

Spring 2008

Irfan Dimir

“An Analysis of Shift Work in the Turkish Police in Light of Herzberg’s Motivation Hygiene Theory”

Chair: Dr. Larry Hoover

Sarver, Mary Beth

“Leadership Styles of Texas Police Chiefs”

Chair: Dr. Holly Miller

Summer 2008

Vidisha Barua

“Don’t Tase Me, Bro! Police and Prison Officer Liabilities for Use of Tasers and Stun Guns”

Chair: Dr. Michael S. Vaughn

Katherine M. Brown

“Child Abduction Murder: An Analysis of the Effect of Victim Age, Victim Race, Victim Gender, Victim-Offender Relationship, Forensic Evidence, and Time and Distance Separation on Case Solvability”

Chair: Dr. Janet L. Mullings

Ekici Ahmet

“The Role of Law Enforcement Practices on Terrorist Recruitment: A Study of the Impact of Traditional and Community Policing Practices on the Recruitment Process of Terrorist Organization Members”

Chair: Dr. Richard H. Ward

Hyun Seok Jang

“Evaluation of Compstat Policing Strategy Using Broken Windows Enforcement in Two Texas Police Departments: A Time Series Analysis”

Chair: Dr. Larry L. Hoover

Matthew Johnson

“An Examination of Delinquency Abstention over the Life Course”

Chair: Dr. Scott Menard

Bitna Kim

“General Power-Control Theory of Women: Using a Multigroup Sem Approach to Testing Mean Differences”

Chair: Dr. Jurg Gerber

Shih-Ya Kuo

“The Behavior of Prosecutorial Decision-Making in Taiwan—A Preliminary Application of *Black’s Behavior of Law*”

Chair: Dr. Dennis R. Longmire

Chang Bae Lee

“A Longitudinal Study of Offenders Sentenced to Probation for Felony Driving While Intoxicated: An Event History Analysis of Recidivism”

Chair: Dr. Raymond H. C. Teske

Hyeyoung Lim

“Finding Explanations on the Growth of Incarceration and the Reduction in Crime: Incapacity or Social Threat?”

Chair: Dr. Victoria B. Titterington

Aziz Ozmen

“An Analytical Study of the Impact of the Perception of Leadership Styles on Job Satisfaction within the Turkish National Police Based on the Multifactor Leadership Questionnaire”

Chair: Dr. Sam Souryal

Murat Sever

“Prevalence of White Collar Crimes in Turkey: Public Perception of Crime Seriousness, Victimization Rate, Citizens’ Reporting Behaviors and Victim Characteristics”

Chair: Dr. Mitchel Roth

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