

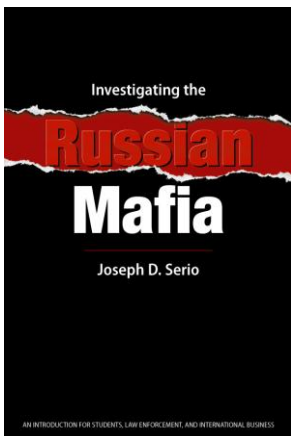


College of Criminal Justice

In the News!!!

Graduate Program

Congratulations to **Joseph Serio** whose new book, entitled *Investigating the Russian Mafia: An Introduction for Students, Law Enforcement, and International Business* has been published by Carolina Academic Press. Joe lived in the former Soviet Union for seven years and was the only American to work in the Organized Crime Control Department of the Soviet police prior to the collapse of the USSR. He later served as the director of the Moscow office of a global corporate investigation firm overseeing investigations across the former Soviet Union. Joe is a 5th year doctoral student in the College of Criminal Justice.



On March 31, Joe was interviewed about his new book on The Greater Voice radio program on the Voice America network. He was also interviewed on The Bob Cudmore Show (AM 1570 WVTB) broadcast from Amsterdam, New York, on April 8. Joe appeared in The Huntsville Item on April 10 in connection with the publication of his new book.

Mr. Serio will also be interviewed on "Voice of America," which will be broadcast in Russia and other foreign countries.



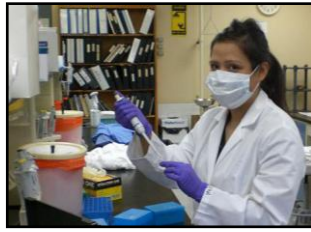
"I hope that not only will it be understandable and enjoyable, but that it's different from other books about the Russian Mafia in that it explains how the organization developed in terms of history, culture and economics, as well as why it has been so successful in the modern world."

A new book chapter by Serio, "Opportunities and Challenges in Developing a Curriculum for International Police Training: the Case of the International Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA) at Roswell, New Mexico," co-authored with Dr. Richard Ward, has appeared in Kauko Aromaa and Slawomir Redo (eds.), *For the Rule of Law: Criminal Justice Teaching and Training across the World*. It was published by the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, Affiliated with the United Nations (HEUNI) in Helsinki, Finland, and the Korean Institute of Criminal Justice Policy in Seoul, Korea, 2008.

Congratulations to **Georgen Guerrero** for winning the William L. Simon/Anderson Publishing Outstanding Student Paper Award Competition for his paper entitled "The Prison Environment: A Quantitative Analysis of Inmates' Perceptions." He also won the ACJS Affirmative Action Mini-Grant for his paper entitled "Prison Time or Easy Time: The Ramifications of Ethical Violations in Prison." Georgen graduated with his Doctor of Philosophy degree in December 2007. He is currently an adjunct professor with the College of Criminal Justice at SHSU and works with the Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department.

Emerging Forensic Scientist

Congratulations to Adriana Perez who has been hired as a DNA analyst with the North Louisiana Crime Lab in Shreveport, Louisiana. Adriana began the Master of Science in Forensic Science program in Fall 2006 and will graduate this May.



She completed an internship with the Austin DPS crime lab in the summer of 2006.

Graduate student Garrett Lee Burleson and his adviser, chemist Jorn Chi Chung Yu, are being credited with an inexpensive new method for identifying the presence of gunshot residue. It requires only a single speck of GSR smaller than the period at the end of this sentence and could boost the accuracy of one of the most widely used tests employed at crime scenes involving gunplay.

It extracts almost all components of gunpowder residue from particles about 15 times smaller than the width of a human hair, without the use of chemical reagents. After extraction, gas chromatography coupled with a nitrogen phosphorus detector is used to separate and identify the analytes.



"Gunshot residue tests are done in almost every case where a shooting has taken place," Burleson said. "The main focus of our research is to develop a method that will help credibility of gunshot residue evidence

in court. You can get results in 30 to 40 minutes with the new test. In addition you only need small amounts of evidence to run the test."

Garrett's paper may be found at <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/04/080407074558.htm>. Research was funded by the College of Criminal Justice and Department of Chemistry at Sam Houston State University.

Congratulations to Ayodele Collins who has accepted a job with Ameritox in Midland, Texas. Ayodele will be completing a one-year optional practical training program.



Annual Reviews for Doctoral Students

Dr. Victoria Titterington will be conducting annual reviews from May through July 2008. Doctoral students are required to submit the doctoral student self-assessment annual review form located at <http://www.cjcenter.org/college/graduate/doctoral/forms.php>.

Please contact Karen Eads at 294-4735 or at kte001@shsu.edu to schedule an appointment beginning May 26, 2008. Students are also encouraged to update their contact information on SAMWeb/student records/address change.

Undergraduate Picnic

Friday, May 9th

11:00-2:00pm, Intramural Field

Even though this event was originally designed for undergraduates, the end of the Spring semester picnic is for all criminal justice undergraduate and graduate students. This year's theme is a luau theme, so everyone come ready to limbo and hula. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. There will also be prizes, games, and a softball game. We hope to see you there!!!

American Society of Victimology

The American Society of Victimology's mission is to advance the discipline of victimology by promoting evidence-based practice and by providing leadership in research and education. Since its founding in 2003, the American Society of Victimology has sponsored symposiums that encourage a balance of participation between practitioners, educators and researchers. The networking between these groups enhances their effort, as they strive toward the common goal of increased understanding and better service. This partnership must be encouraged across the United States as well as our neighbors throughout the Americas. The American Society of Victimology is served by a Board of Directors of persons who represent both higher education and practice. Members of the Board of Directors include our own Stephanie Frogge. Their annual conference was held on March 5-7, 2008, at Fresno Pacific University in Fresno, California. Alicia Deal attended and presented a paper entitled, "Advocacy & the Healing Process: The Effects on Drunk Driving Victims."

Please visit their website at <http://american-society-victimology.us/> for more information.

CJ GRAD SHARE

For information about current events, thesis/dissertation defenses, and job announcements, please visit the CJ Grad Share located on Blackboard at <https://blackboard.shsu.edu/webapps/login/>

MAY 2008 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the following students who will graduate on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Doctoral

Irfan Demir

Chair: Dr. Larry Hoover

Matthew Johnson

Chair: Dr. Scott Menard

Mary Beth Sarver

Chair: Dr. Holly Miller

Co-Chair: Dr. Jennifer Schulenberg

Master of Arts

Shankar Borua

Chair: Dr. Richard Ward

Joshua Hill

Chair: Dr. Willard Oliver

Master of Science University Center

Regina Sanders

Master of Science in Forensic Science

Crystal Arndt

Jessica Ayala

Hayley Beason

Garrett Burleson

Kevin Callahan

Ayodele Collins

Delisa Downey

Shannon Gross

Jennifer Howard

Angela Johnson

Coral Luce

Adriana Perez

Phillip Stout

Master of Science in Leadership and Management

Calvin Bradford

New ABD's

Congratulations to **Hasan Arslan** for defending his dissertation prospectus entitled, "The Social and Operational Intersections of Environmental Extremism in North America and Europe." His committee chair is Dr. Richard Ward.

Congratulations to **Vidisha Barua** for defending her dissertation prospectus entitled, "Police and Prison Officer Liabilities for Use of Tasers and Stun Guns." Dr. Michael Vaughn is the chair of her committee.

Congratulations to **Kathy Brown** for defending her dissertation prospectus entitled "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." Dr. Janet Mullings is the chair of her committee.

Congratulations to **Shih-Ya (Connie) Kuo** for defending her dissertation prospectus. Ms. Kuo's project is entitled "The Behavior of Prosecutorial Decision-Making in Taiwan—A Preliminary Application of Black's *Behavior of Law*." Dr. Dennis Longmire is the chair of her committee.

Congratulations to **Vesna Markovic** for successfully defending her dissertation prospectus. Ms. Markovic's project is entitled "Suicide Bombings: A Time Series Analysis of Tactics, Targeting and Procedures," and her committee chair is Dr. Richard Ward.

Tomorrow's Professors

Congratulations to the following students who have accepted teaching positions with the following institutions:

Bitna Kim, Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology, at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Chang-Bae Lee, Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, Florida.

Katherine Brown, tenure-track Assistant Professor position with the Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences at the University of New Haven, Connecticut.

Vidisha Barua, Assistant Professor at Canisius College, Buffalo, New York.

Kim Schnurbush, tenure-track faculty position at the University of Tampa, Florida.

Kristen Welch, tenure-track Assistant Professor at Texas A&M Corpus Christi in Corpus Christi, Texas

Justice Research and Statistics Association (JRSA)

JRSA is pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Student Presentation Contest in conjunction with the 2008 Justice Research and Statistics Association National Conference. The winner will have all expenses paid to present a research paper at the conference, which will be held October 16-17, 2008, in Portland, Oregon. For entry criteria and guidelines, please visit their website at www.jrsa.org.

Thesis/Dissertation Timeline—Summer 2008

May 30, 2008	Submit draft thesis/dissertation (at least one full chapter) to Library for format and style review.
June 27, 2008	Last day to complete a public defense of the thesis/dissertation.
July 9, 2008	Last day to obtain signatures from the thesis/dissertation committee on the title page and abstract of the thesis/dissertation and signature of thesis/dissertation chair on route sheet. Submit route sheet and completed, defended, and signed thesis/dissertation to the appropriate academic dean's office.
July 11, 2008	Last day to submit final thesis/dissertation (defended and signed) and route sheet to the Director of the Library.
July 18, 2008	Last day to make all final copies of thesis/dissertation and submit to the NGL for binding. Last day to submit route sheet to the SHSU Dean of Graduate Studies.

Homicide Research Working Group to Meet at the College of Criminal Justice

The 2008 Homicide Research Working Group (HRWG) annual meeting will be held June 11-14, 2008. The theme for this year's conference is "Homicide: A Focus on the Offender." The conference is sponsored by the College of Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas.

In an attempt to address the lack of coordination in homicide research, practical and academic homicide experts from criminology, public health, demography, geography, medicine, sociology, criminal justice, and a variety of other disciplines created the Homicide Research Working Group.

Membership in the Homicide Research Working Group is open to anyone who agrees with the groups goals. The annual membership dues, established on a sliding scale based upon income, ranges from \$40 to \$70.

An individual membership entitles a person to:

- develop a working relationship and be involved in a network of other homicide researchers
- attend the three-to-four-day annual meeting
- participate in the HRWG session at professional meetings such as the American Society of Criminology, Academy of criminal Justice Sciences, and others
- a one-year subscription to Homicide Studies (subject to ISI rating as of March 2008)
- access to the HRWG listserv
- receive newsletter

Membership and meeting registration information are available at <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/HRWG/membership/join.html>.

For more information, please contact Dr. Victoria Titterington at titterington@shsu.edu

ACADEMIC CALENDAR DATES TO REMEMBER

April 2008 — Advance Registration begins - refer to Schedule of Classes for details.

June 2 — MONDAY. Residence halls open for occupancy, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m. Registration for undergraduate and graduate students - refer to Schedule of Classes for details.

June 3 — TUESDAY. First class day. Late Registration. Process class schedule changes. Refer to the Schedule of Classes for details and deadlines. Evening Classes Begin.

June 4 — WEDNESDAY. Last day to register and to process schedule changes.

June 6 — FRIDAY. Classes Meet.

June 6 — FRIDAY. Fourth Class Day. Last day to drop without a "Q" and receive 100% refund for regular and 10-week courses by 5:00 p.m.

June 13 — FRIDAY. Classes Meet.

June 13 — FRIDAY. Half-session courses end. Last day to drop a half-semester course for the First Summer Session with a "Q" by 5:00 p.m. Last day to resign from half session courses receiving a mark of "W" by 5:00 p.m.

June 20 — FRIDAY. Classes Meet.

June 27 — FRIDAY. Classes Meet.

June 30 — MONDAY. Last Class Day. Last day to resign receiving a mark of "W" by 5:00 p.m. Last day to drop a course with a "Q" by 5:00 p.m.

July 1 — TUESDAY. Final examinations. Residence halls close at 10 p.m.

July 2 — WEDNESDAY. 9:00 a.m. Deadline for filing grades with the Registrar's Office.

July 4 — FRIDAY. University Holiday. First Summer Session ends.

A Day to Remember Thursday, April 24, 2008

*Leadership Luncheon
11:30am in the Flag Room
(Invitation Only)*

*Sundial Ceremony
1:30pm in front of the CJ Building*

*Honors Convocation
7:00pm in the CJC Auditorium*