Four doctoral students graduated Fall 2008. Congratulations to Hasan Arslan, Deborah Hartley, Monica Koenigsberg, and James Phelps. Hasan Arslan is currently employed as the Assistant Director of the Institute for the Study of Violent Groups at SHSU. Deborah Hartley is an Assistant Professor with the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College, Department of Criminal Justice. Monica Koenigsberg is an Assistant Professor at Angelo State University, Department of Government. James Phelps is currently teaching two courses at Angelo State University. Additionally, James is a U.S. Government Contractor and spent last summer in the Persian Gulf area on a U.S. Navy destroyer teaching college classes to sailors. He will be offered the opportunity to teach on a destroyer that is now based in Hawaii during the upcoming May-June period.

Michael Coates, F’08 graduate in the M.S. Security Studies program, has accepted a position as a Security Project Manager at the South Texas Project Nuclear Operating Company in Bay City, Texas.

Forensic Science Spotlight

Five students in the forensic science second-year cohort program have completed their capstone studies. All capstone courses are supervised by Dr. Sarah Kerrigan, Dr. David Gangitano, and Dr. Jorn Yu. Jeffrey Kelly has completed his capstone paper entitled, “Analysis of Non-Toxic Ammunition by Double Shot Pyrolysis GC/MS.”

Nicole Harre’s study was entitled, “Hollow Fiber Assisted Ionic Liquid Membrane-Liquid-Liquid Microextraction (HFM-LLLME) of Benzodiazepines from Aqueous and Biological Samples.”

Colin Anderson’s paper was entitled, “Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry and Flow Injection Analysis of Single Hairs for Personal Hair Care Products Utilizing a Soft Wash Extraction Method.”

Randy Jackson’s capstone was entitled, “Rapid Identification of 2-Aminothiazoline-4-carboxylic acid by Molecular Imprinted Polymer Stir Bar Sorption Extraction and Electrospray Ionization Tandem Mass Spectrometry.”

Chelsy Wingate’s capstone research project was entitled “Application of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms (SNPs) in Forensic Casework Involving Highly Degraded Samples.”

CJ Scholarships Available

Scholarship applications are now available online at http://www.cjcenter.org/college/scholarships/. Applications are due by February 15, 2009. For more information, please contact Cutty Gilbert at cutty@shsu.edu or at (936) 294-3755.
Call for Nominations

The Awards and Beto Chair Selection Committee is soliciting input from faculty and doctoral students as we begin the process of selecting recipients for this year’s Outstanding Alumnus Award and Defensor Pacem Medal. We are also encouraging nominations for the 2009-2010 Beto Chair Lecture Series. To facilitate receipt of your suggestions, a web-based submission form is available at http://www.shsu.edu/~icc_drl/Awards/FacultyInputAwardsBetoChair.htm

This form includes links that will provide information about the selection criteria for each of the awards along with links showing previous recipients. A link showing the names of previously recommended Beto Chair scholars appears as well.

The Committee plans to meet on Wednesday, February 4th to begin deliberations on nominees so please provide input to the committee as soon as possible. Faculty, professional staff, and doctoral students are invited to make nominations. Feel free to contact Dr. Dennis Longmire at longmire@shsu.edu or at (936) 294-1561.

From the Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies

This year we are implementing a new Summer Research Fellowship Program. Available to all currently enrolled Ph.D. students, the core goal of the program is to enhance faculty and student journal publications. Seven fellowships are available at $4,000 each.

The Graduate Admissions and Standards Committee will review the applications. Preference will be given to endeavors that will result in a joint faculty/student refereed journal publication. Although the nature of the research supported will vary, we anticipate that the typical application will entail converting a “pending” faculty data set to a viable publication manuscript, submitted for review in September. Applications requiring compilation of “new” data will require convincing documentation that a manuscript can be produced by the beginning of the fall semester.

The Summer Research Fellowship Program has two complementary goals: expansion of SHSU refereed journal publications (quickly moving viable data sets that might otherwise still be in pending status years from now to publication review by fall), and enhancing Ph.D. student research portfolios. Students are urged not to be shy – approach faculty with whom you enjoy working and ask about potential projects. Conversely, the faculty has been urged to notify students of publication possibilities. The submission deadline is March 16th.

Congratulations to the following students who graduated on December 20, 2008:

**Doctoral**
- Hasan Arslan
- Deborah Hartley
- Monica Koenigsberg
- James Phelps

**Master of Arts**
- Michael Cavanaugh
- Abdullah Cihan
- Randa Embry
- Jiyoung Moon

**Master of Science in Security Studies**
- Michael Coates

**Master of Science in Leadership and Management (Thailand)**
- Chaiyapol Homkaesorn
- Ake-atthaphon Inthaviwat
- Urumporn Koonejusmit
- Somchai Manasrangsri
- Senchai Phucharoen
- Chavalid Pinthong
- Vuthinan Ratanukul
- Kiattipong Suebmongkolchai
- Jutharat Sumvisiripong
- Pacharin Sumvisiripong

- Pawinee Sumvisiripong
- Kietkong Thongkham
- Thitima Thumetsaranont
- Jackrapat Wijitwaitaya

**Master’s Program Congratulations to…**

Krystal Beverly for successfully defending her thesis prospectus entitled, “The Effects of Alcohol Availability Status on Crime Rates in Texas Cities.” Her chair is Dr. Brian Lawton.

Conference News

American Academy of Forensic Sciences

The Academy’s 61st Annual Scientific Meeting will be held February 16-21, 2009, in Denver, Colorado, at the Colorado Convention Center. For sixty years, the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS) has served to a distinguished and diverse membership. Its nearly 6,000 members are divided into eleven sections spanning the forensic enterprise. Included among the Academy’s members are physicians, attorneys, dentists, toxicologists, physical anthropologists, document examiners, psychiatrists, physicists, engineers, criminalists, educators, digital evidence experts, and others.

Five students with the Forensic Science program will present authors at the annual meeting. Jennifer Hogue, Jamie Jouett, Ridhima Rao, Chelsy Wingate and Preston Wong will attend. Kudos to these students for their hard work. We know they will do a great job representing SHSU.

Practice presentations will be held Wednesday, February 11, 2009, from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the FS Conference Room. A post-conference roundtable will be held on February 26, 2009, from 3:00-5:00pm in the Flag Room.

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

The 46th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) will be held March 10-14, 2009, in Boston, Massachusetts. This year’s theme is “Theorizing Criminal Justice: Practical Applications for the Field.” The meeting will be held at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. The hotel reservation deadline is February 16, 2009.

Kadir Akyuz, Laura Barrett, Michael Cavannaugh, Hector Esparza, Beth Freeman, Nick Harpster, Kyung Yon Jhi, Amanda Johnson, Seksan Khruaqkham, Jeonglim Kim, Jiletta Kubena, Edward Lai, Hoon Lee, Joongyep Lee, Jason Lindamood, Scott MacMillan, Claire Nolasco, Mark Pullin, Napoleon Reyes, Shawn Ryals-Keller, Siny Tsang and Ling Wu will be attending the meeting.

Practice presentations for ACJS will be held February 23-26, 2009, from 9:00am to 5:00pm in the Bates Room. A post-conference roundtable for all student participants will be held on March 19, 2009, from 3:00-5:00pm in the Friel Room. Students must attend the roundtable to receive reimbursement for travel.

Upcoming Events

- **March 6, 2009**  Submit draft thesis/dissertation (at least one full chapter) to Library for format and style review.
- **April 3, 2009**  Last day to complete a public defense of the thesis/dissertation.
- **April 15, 2009**  Last day to obtain signatures from the thesis/dissertation committee on the title page and abstract of the thesis/dissertation on route sheet. Submit route sheet and complete defended and signed thesis/dissertation to the appropriate academic dean’s office.
- **April 17, 2009**  Last day to submit final thesis/dissertation (defended and signed) and Route Sheet to the Director of the Library.
- **April 24, 2009**  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 Dean of Graduate Studies.

Spring 2009 Master/Doctoral Degree Candidates

- **Feb. 9 & 11**  Doctoral Comprehensive Examinations
- **Feb. 11**  AAFS Practice Presentations
- **Feb. 16-21**  AAFS Annual Meeting
- **Feb. 23-26**  ACIS Practice Presentations
- **Feb. 26**  AAFS Post-Conference Roundtable
- **Mar. 10-14**  ACIS Annual Meeting
- **Mar. 19**  ACIS Post-Conference Roundtable
- **May-July**  Doctoral Student Annual Reviews
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Edward J. Latessa

Dr. Edward Latessa will be on campus on Wednesday, January 28, 2009. Dr. Latessa is the Head of the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Latessa has published over 110 works in the area of criminal justice, corrections, and juvenile justice. He is the co-author of seven books, including Corrections in the Community, and Corrections in America. Professor Latessa has directed over 100 funded research projects, some of which include research about juvenile justice programs, drug courts, intensive supervision programs, halfway houses, and drug programs. He and his staff have also assessed over 450 correctional programs throughout the United States. Dr. Latessa is a consultant with the American Society of Criminology (2004), the Simon Dinitz Criminal Justice Research Award from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (2002), the Margaret Mead Award for dedicated service to the causes of social justice and humanitarian advancement by the International Community Corrections Association (2001), the Peter P. Lejins Award for Research from the American Correctional Association (1999); ACJS Fellow Award (1998); ACJS Founders Award (1992); and the Simon Dinitz award by the Ohio Community Corrections Organization.

James B. Jacobs

The College of Criminal Justice presents Dr. James B. Jacobs on Wednesday, March 4, 2009, from 9:30am to 11:00am in the Hazel B. Kerper Courtroom. Dr. Jacobs holds a J.D. (’73) and Ph.D. in Sociology (’75) from the University of Chicago. His doctoral dissertation, Stateville: The Penitentiary in Mass Society (1977), a classic in penology, is still assigned in classrooms around the country. In 1982, after seven years as a faculty member at Cornell Law School, Professor Jacobs was recruited to New York University School of Law, where he was appointed Director of the Center for Research in Crime and Justice. He regularly teaches one of the first-year sections of criminal law and upper-year electives in criminal procedure, federal criminal law, and juvenile justice. He also teaches specialized seminars on such subjects as privatization of criminal justice, the jurisprudence of criminal procedure, labor racketeering, gun control, sentencing, corruption control, prisoners’ rights, victims and criminal procedure, and the war on drugs.

Since coming to NYU School of Law, Jacobs has convened the monthly Hoffinger Criminal Justice Colloquium, which brings together academics from diverse disciplines, criminal justice policy makers, researchers, prosecutors, defense lawyers, and journalists with the Law School’s criminal law faculty for public lectures and discussions on key criminal justice issues.

Jacobs has published fourteen books and more than 100 articles on such topics as prisons and imprisonment, drunk driving, corruption and its control, hate crime, drug testing, regulation of weaponry, and organized crime. Professor Jacobs frequently involves law students in his research projects. For example, he also co-authored Busting the Mob: U.S. v. Cosa Nostra (1994) with law students Christopher Panarella and Jay Worthington III; he co-authored Gotham Unbound: How NYC Was Liberated From the Grip of Organized Crime (1998) with law students Robert Raddick and Coleen Friel. His most recent book, Mobsters, Unions and Feds: Organized Crime and Organized Labor, was published by NYU Press in late 2005.

More In the News

Since the April publication of his book, Investigating the Russian Mafia, Joe Serio has been the keynote speaker at several conferences including the Annual Conference on Eastern European Organized Crime, hosted by the Western Association of Eastern European Organized Crime Investigators and held in Calgary, Canada; the Annual Gathering of Mensa North America in Denver; the Annual Investigators’ Conference of the Attorney General’s Office of Washington State, held in Seattle; and the Annual Ilustrious Achievement Dinner fundraiser in Roswell, New Mexico. He also appeared on the Voice of America radio broadcast in Russia, an hour-long segment on Chicago Public Radio, and on radio talk shows across the country. The book is currently in its second printing.