The College of Criminal Justice would like to welcome all new and returning students for the 2011-2012 academic year. The College admitted 88 new graduate students for the Fall 2011 semester.

**By The Numbers**

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**Beto Chair Lecturer—Dr. Charles R. Tittle**

Dr. Charles R. Tittle, a distinguished sociologist specializing in criminology, will be the first Beto Chair Lecturer for Fall 2011. His presentation is scheduled for Friday, September 23, 2011 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Hazel B. Kerper Courtroom. It is entitled, “The Uses of, and Technology for, International Surveys.” Tittle is the Goodwin-Glaxo Welcome Professor of Social Sciences at North Carolina State University. He is best known for his research on crime, deviance and social control. His landmark book, *Control Balance: Toward a General Theory of Deviance* (1995), won the American Society of Criminology’s Michael J. Hindelang Award and the American Sociological Association’s Albert J. Reiss Distinguished Scholarship Award. Dr. Tittle also was recognized by the ASC with the Edwin H. Sutherland Award in 1998 for his outstanding contributions to the discipline of criminology.

Dr. Tittle has published several books, including *Social Deviance and Crime: An Organizational and Theoretical Sanctions and Social Deviance: The Question of Deterrence*, as well as dozens of articles in academic journals such as *Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Social Science Research, Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, and *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, to name a few.
Welcome Back
By Michael S. Vaughn

Welcome to the Fall 2011 semester and the 11th issue of the CJ Grad Newsletter. Hopefully, your semester will be full of new academic challenges and experiences. Whether you are attending classes full time or part time, or taking classes online, you are a member of the SHSU Criminal Justice student body. If I can be of assistance in pointing you in the right direction, please don’t hesitate to contact me. My email is mvaughn@shsu.edu and I can be reached by phone at 936-294-1349. A useful link on the SHSU site is the one that takes you directly to the Academic Policies for graduate students located at http://www.shsu.edu/~vaf_www/aps/stualpha.html. You should be aware of the policies and procedures in place to make sure your graduate school experience goes smoothly.

This year as a result of last year’s curriculum change, the College is offering more electives for students to enroll. More faculty will be in the rotation to teach Ph.D. courses, which will be good for student development, mentoring, and faculty/student interaction. This year we also have a great line-up of professional development events and illustrious Beto chairs. On September 22, we will sponsor a Portfolio workshop facilitated by Dr’s. Will Oliver and Bill Wells.

On October 21, faculty and students will have lunch at the new dining facility, Old Main Market. I would also like to encourage all students to attend at least one conference, SWACJ, ASC, ACJS, or the AAFS. The Conference Sheet is located on the website at http://www.cjcenter.org/resources/forms.html.

Your graduate career should be the most fruitful endeavor of your academic experience. What you learn here will, to a large extent, determine the trajectory of your professional life. By all indicators, we are doing well on this front. The 2011 summer fellowship collaborations between faculty and students produced several quality manuscripts. Our publications and research output from graduate students continues to impress. There are myriad of articles under review written by students, faculty and students, and students as sole authors. I expect this to be our best year yet.

A Message from the Director of Criminal Justice Master’s Programs
By Gaylene Armstrong

The “fresh start” of a new academic year brings with it new challenges and opportunities for personal and professional growth, both individually and at the organizational level. As the newly appointed Director of Criminal Justice Master’s Programs, I am excited to have the opportunity to serve alongside Assistant Dean Vaughn and his staff to oversee a key component of our College.

The College of Criminal Justice Science in Criminal Justice Leadership and Management Online degree program is amidst a sustained period of rapid growth. Similar to the existing Master of Science Weekend Program, through this degree, we welcome the opportunity to further educate experienced criminal justice professionals in empirically based, field specific knowledge that they can immediately implement and utilize in practice. Within these course offerings, the Board of Regents recently approved an 18 hour certificate program for those graduate students who may not be ready to take the full Master of Science plunge. Our Master of Science in Security Studies continues to expand under the guidance of Dr. Steve Young. With the addition of Dr. Stephen Sloan to the faculty, the College will be able to increase the breadth and depth of course offerings in the future.

The College is pleased to welcome a stellar cohort of new Master of Arts students. These six new students from across the country will join an existing contingent of impressive students, who are becoming increasingly involved in faculty research projects.

One of our greatest challenges in the year ahead will be the strategic response to an increased demand for quality of online graduate programming. In response to this demand the College will be launching an online Masters of Science (non-thesis) degree for traditional students (non-criminal justice practitioners). Growth in this manner must be carefully balanced with an equally important goal of the increased mentorship of our research oriented Master of Arts degree and professional advancement of those students.

In the year ahead, I am looking forwarded to becoming better acquainted with the intricacies of all of our criminal justice master’s programs and their students so that the College is best positioned to meet the needs of our growing student body.
New Appointments

Kenneth Balusek, ’11, accepted a position as an Assistant Professor at Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Missouri.

Randa Embry, ’11, was appointed as an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Central Missouri.

Seksan Khruaokham, ’11, accepted a position as an Assistant Professor with The Royal Thailand Police Academy in Thailand.

Jiletta Kubena, ’11, accepted a position as an Assistant Professor at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, Texas.

Yung Lien Lai, ’11, is an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Criminology at the National Taiwan University in Taiwan.

Hoon Lee, ’11, accepted a position as an Assistant Professor with the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Western Carolina University.

Claire Nolasco, ’11, is an Assistant Professor in Criminology in the Department of Arts and Sciences at Texas A & M University, San Antonio.

Wendi Pollock, ’11, accepted a position as an Assistant Professor at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Napoleon Reyes, ’11, joined the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies as an Assistant Professor at Sonoma State University, California.

Natália Tapia, ’11, accepted a position as an Assistant Professor with Lewis University in Romeoville, Illinois.

Tatyana (Tasha) Menaker’s paper titled, “Culpability Attributions Toward Commercially Sexually Exploited Girls,” was accepted for presentation by the AP-LS/4th International Congress on Psychology and Law conference in Miami, Florida.

Yi-Fen (Monica) Lu was elected to attend the highly competitive 2011 summer ICPSR (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research) Quantitative Methods Workshop in Ann Arbor, MI. Founded in 1963, the ICPSR Summer Program is recognized throughout the world as the preeminent forum for basic and advanced training in the methodologies and technologies of social science research. Their general instructional philosophy emphasizes the integration of methodological strategies with the theoretical and practical concerns that arise in research on substantive social issues. The Summer Training Program schedule was partitioned into two four-week sessions, with instruction organized in lecture, seminar, and workshop formats. In addition, the curriculum includes special workshops that provide participants with opportunities to examine the impact of various methodologies on specific substantive issues. Research scholars who have made important contributions to the development of social methodology present informal lectures focusing on their most recent research interests.


Critical Criminology on Tap

An informal event geared toward discussing critical criminology’s theory, method, and role within the discipline and how it can be used to advance the field. No readings or prior knowledge required so students and faculty are invited to attend, have a drink, and join the conversation. CCoT is open to both students (masters and Ph.D.) and faculty. For more information, please contact Brian Schaefer at bps006@shsu.edu.

Faculty Spotlight—Dr. Kelly Knight

Dr. Kelly Knight joined the College of Criminal Justice this Fall. Dr. Knight received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her areas of expertise include: Life-Course/Developmental Criminology, Delinquency and Problem Behaviors, Assortative Mating and Partner Influence, Longitudinal Quantitative Methods, Program Evaluation, Victimization, and Juvenile Delinquency. As seen in the photo, Knight had the opportunity to participate in a "horse rescue" in which a group of horses were seized by authorities after being starved and kept in unfit conditions. Several of the horses did not make it but most were adopted and sent to good homes. The experience ignited an interest in horses and for working with animals, in general. Knight will be volunteering at the Little Woman Home for Animals, which is a non-profit sanctuary just south of Huntsville that rescues animals in distressed situations.

Summer 2011 Graduates

Ph.D.
Kadir Akyuz
Alicia Deal
Randa Embry
Hoon Lee
Claire Nolasco
Napoleon Reyes
Natalia Tapia Mansilla

Master of Arts
Leah McCoy

Master of Science
Fabia Bristow
Breanne Dolphin
Rachel Hastings
James Joublane
Daniel Rhinehart

Security Studies
Ruben Carrera
Ana Mendez
Justin Neuneker
Matthew Thomas
Tristan Ware
Lane Yarborough

M.S. Criminal Justice Leadership and Management Online

Alain Babin
Margaret Beaty
Catherine Betts
Patricia Cantu-Barrios
Nancy Darnell

James Dixon
Leigh Freeman
William Gollmitzer
John Griffin Jr.
Wayne Isabella

Rector Livingston Jr.
Erik Reyna
Bobby Smith Jr.
Jeffery Spivey
James Summitt

M.S. Criminal Justice Leadership and Management Weekend

William Ashton Jr.
Temple Cottle
Craig Fos
James Fraley
Khrisphere Fraley

Karen Hall
Rodney Janczak
Bobby Lumpkin
Michael Nicoletti
Michael Perkins

LaDonna Saucedo
Nathan Scott
Jennifer Shaffer
Kary Shaffer
Dennis Stapleton

Fall 2011 Thesis/Dissertation Timeline

October 7, 2011 Submit draft thesis/dissertation to Library for format and style review.
November 16, 2011 Last day to submit complete, defended and signed thesis/dissertation to the appropriate academic dean’s office.
November 18, 2011 Last day to submit final thesis/dissertation(defended and signed)and Route Sheet to the Director of the Library.
November 22, 2011 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.