



# Department of Criminal Justice

## Fall 2003 Newsletter

### Notes from the Chair....

**Dr. Celia Lo**

*E*ntering my second year as Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, I would like to report on the wonderful things that have occurred in the past 12 months and those expected to happen in the coming year. The department continues to serve a large number of majors and minors. With the incorporation of the sociology minor program into the department, we currently have about 300 declared criminal justice majors and over 100 students who have chosen sociology or criminal justice for a minor. There are currently about 25 graduate students actively working in our master's degree program.

In response to the gradual recognition by colleges of the importance of student-centered learning, the Department of Criminal Justice has begun to generate ways of joining this national mission. For instance, innovative technology is being steadily infused into teaching and learning. Traditional classroom teaching in the department has been enhanced with materials that can be accessed on the Internet at those times and places students are most comfortable with. Two undergraduate courses in the department are now offered as entirely web-based curricula: the introductory sociology course (SOC 101) taught by David Klemmack and the criminal justice internship (CJ 395) directed by Richard Spano. Several other undergraduate and graduate courses have been greatly enhanced with Internet technology. Web-based and Web-enhanced courses can, we believe, tremendously broaden the scope of materials students can have at hand, and can furthermore free students to learn at their own pace. We are in the process of formally evaluating certain Web-based courses, seeking to promote the best outcomes in terms of student learning.

Over the past year, student learning beyond the scope of classroom- or course-related learning has been expanded by terrific leadership in our student associations to include community service and career planning. The two student organizations in the department, the Alpha Phi Sigma Honorary Society and the Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA), have planned and hosted various activities for students interested in criminal justice. Membership in both associations has soared. Please look for and feel welcome to join in upcoming events planned by these associations.

The size of the department faculty, in contrast, has fallen, for the moment. The temporary reduction is due to the retirement of John Watkins and Bill Formby last June; the recent appointment of Jimmy Williams as Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Ida Johnson's continued obligations as chair of the Women's Studies Department. The department's regular faculty presently includes Bob Sigler, Richard Spano, and myself. Fortunately, during this transitional period three professors from other departments (Hobson Bryan, David Klemmack, and Dennis Peck) and several temporary instructors have made themselves available to teach courses vital to our programs. Among these individuals, you will find accomplished, veteran professors as well as prominent figures in the field of criminal justice whose professional backgrounds certainly enrich classroom learning here. The department is on track to acquire new tenure-track faculty members in the fields of crime, deviance, criminal justice, and social organization, which will bring even greater vitality to its activities.

Following publication of last fall's department newsletter, we received dozens of responses from our alumni telling us about themselves and expressing appreciation of the new effort to stay in touch with our graduates. Hearing from them was a real pleasure. I strongly hope to generate some systematic data about our alumni and their perceptions of the university as well as the department, and so I ask that you, too, take a moment to answer a few questions, now found on our online Alumni Outcomes Survey, at <http://bama.ua.edu/%7Ebamacj/survey/form.html>. Just 20 minutes of your time responding to these questions would provide the department with such valuable information, information we need to steer our programs in directions that can prepare current and future students for their careers. You are invited to share your ideas by phone or email as well: (205) 348-7795 or [cjdept@cj.as.ua.edu](mailto:cjdept@cj.as.ua.edu).

Finally, I wish to thank department staff members Brenda Parsons and Ashleigh Hanninen for putting this newsletter together. Their dedication to our goals and their efficient management of our office has made life easier for faculty and students in the Department of Criminal Justice.

# ORGANIZATIONS

## Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA)

### New Officers for the 2003-2004 Year

President—Erin Leigeber  
Vice-President—Nicole Bozeman  
Treasurer/Secretary—Jodi McGraw  
Community Relations—Amber Gottwald  
Faculty Advisor—Richard Spano

This is the first semester that the Criminal Justice Student Association has been active since 1999. During our first semester, we have had just over 100 members join. You do not have to be a CJ major to join. Our organization is open to all majors on campus. The only requirement is that you have an interest in the field of criminal justice. At our last meeting, Special Agent Dave Jernigan came and spoke to us about terrorism and the threat to our country. On Tuesday, October 28, 2003, we hosted a social night at Wilhagan's. We invited all area police officers as well as FBI and CIA agents from the area to come and meet our students. We are going to try to do this every semester. Our plans for next semester include a formal, a 5K run, a trip to Birmingham to use the FBI's "FATS" machine, and, of course, guest

## Alpha Phi Sigma

National Criminal Justice Honor Society  
*Alpha Rho Chapter*

### New Officers for the 2003-2004 Year

President—Lisa M. Young  
Vice-President—Darinda D. Poe  
Treasurer—Jennifer Spillers  
Secretary—Ebony Johnson  
Faculty Advisor—Richard Spano

The primary objectives for this year are:

1. To increase organization enrollment/membership
2. To get all current inactive members active
3. To get involved in the local community

Just as we've done in previous years, Alpha Phi Sigma participated in the homecoming activities. Our infamous face painting table on the Quad was a hit! We received generous donations from our patrons. We also hosted our annual Career Fair on November 13th, where various agencies and organizations from the local, state, and federal levels were in attendance. The officers of Alpha Phi Sigma are planning to attend the upcoming Alpha Phi Sigma Annual Conference to be held March 2004, in Las Vegas, Nevada. We hope to bring back innovative ways to make our Alpha Rho



CJ ALUMNI

**PLEASE COMPLETE THE ALUMNI OUTCOMES SURVEY AT**  
**<http://bama.ua.edu/%7Ebamacj/survey/form.html>**

# OUR NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS

**Kevin Abston** is a Tuscaloosa native. He will earn his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from U of A this fall.

**Regina Allen** graduated in 1992 from Stillman College with a BS in math and computer science. She also received her certification from UA in secondary math.

**Larry Bagley** graduates in December 2003 from UA with a BS in Criminal Justice.

**Kaleena Burkes** graduated in 2003 from UA with a BA in both Political Science and Criminal Justice.

**Pamela Childers** received her undergraduate degree from The University of Alabama in May 2002, with a major in Psychology, and a minor in Political Science. Pam is from New Hope, a small town outside of Huntsville, AL. Her hobbies are fishing, cooking, and taking care of animals. Pam was an **enormous** help to the CJ office earlier this semester!

**Jason Denham** graduated in 2003 from the University of Southern Mississippi with a BA in Criminal Justice.

**Brooke Elliot** graduated in 2003 from UA with a BA in Psychology.

**Chrystal Foster** graduated in 1993 from Florida A & M with a BS in Psychology.

**John Hahn** graduated in 2002 from UA with a BA in Political Science.

**Erin Leigeber** is from Cullman, AL. She received her undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice from UA in May 2003. Her long-term goal is to obtain a special agent position within the FBI. She is an avid runner and hiker. In addition, she enjoys rock-climbing, tennis, and traveling.

**Kaysha Patel** graduates in December 2003 from UA with a BA in Criminal Justice.

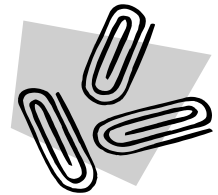
**Denise Ware** attended Boston University where she received a BA and MA in Political Science as well as a BA in Psychology with distinction. She graduated summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa for all degrees. After she obtains her MS in Criminal Justice from UA, she plans to attend law school to focus on criminal law, juries, and eyewitness

testimony. Her hobbies are watching television and doing nothing.

**Cam White** is from Tuscaloosa. She graduated from The University of Alabama in August, 2003, with an undergraduate degree in Journalism.

## THE OFFICE

This fall, the office welcomed a new office associate, **Ashleigh Hanninen**. She is currently working closely with the chair of the department on budgetary matters and the graduate program. She says that she really enjoys the environment and the people here. With a lot to learn, she is thankful for everyone's support. Ashleigh is married with three children, one is currently a freshman at UA majoring in biology. She holds a master's degree in community counseling and two undergraduate degrees, one in psychology and one from this university in accountancy. Her hobbies are spinning, weaving, knitting, glass bead making, and belly dancing. Her consuming interest is anthropology.



**Brenda Parsons** continues to work predominately with undergraduate programs and departmental publications. Her son is a student at UA majoring in mass communications. She began work toward her degree in Social Sciences early this year. Her hobbies are gardening, hiking, and fishing. She spends much of her spare time visiting and helping both her "in-laws" and parents who live near Birmingham.

In addition, we are thankful to have two great new student workers, **Amy Christman**, and **Adrienne Lowe**.

**Amy** plans to major in Criminal Justice. She is from Huntington, Indiana, and is in the University Honors Program.

Fashion Merchandising is **Adrienne's** major. She is originally from San Diego, California, but is now residing in Birmingham, AL. She is also currently a Bama Belle for the Alabama Football Program.

# FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

## **Journal Articles in Print**

- Lo, Celia C.** 2003. "An Application of Social Conflict Theory to Arrestees' Use of Cocaine and Opiates." Journal of Drug Issues 33(1): 237-266.
- Lo, Celia C.**, and Richard C. Stephens. 2002. "Arrestees' Perceived Need for Substance-Specific Treatment: Exploring Urban-Rural Differences." American Journal of Drug and Alcohol Abuse 28(4): 623-642.
- Lo, Celia C.**, and Richard C. Stephens. 2002. "The Role of Drugs in Crime: Insights from a Group of Incoming Prisoners." Substance Use and Misuse 37(1): 123-133.
- Sigler, Robert**, and **Ida Johnson**. 2002. "Attitudes Toward Violence and Reporting Violent Acts to the Police." Policing: An International Journal, 25(2): 274-293.
- Jones, Marshal Alan, and **Robert Sigler**. 2002. "Law-Enforcement Partnership in Community Corrections: An Evaluation of Juvenile Offender Curfew Checks." Journal of Criminal Justice 30: 245-256.

## **Journal Articles Forthcoming**

- Lo, Celia C.** "Sociodemographic Factors, Drug Use, and Crime: Variations among Male and Female Arrestees" Journal of Criminal Justice.
- Spano, Richard**. "Concerns about Safety, Observer Sex, and the Decision to Arrest: Reactivity in a Large-Scale Observational Study of Police." Criminology.
- Williams, Jimmy**, and David Westall. "SWAT and Non-SWAT Police Officers and the Use of Force." Journal of Criminal Justice.
- Williams, Jimmy**, and Gary Hester. "Sheriff Law Enforcement Officers and the Use of Force." Journal of Criminal Justice.

## **Book Chapters in Print**

- Sigler, Robert, Ida Johnson**, and Etta Morgan. 2003. "Forced Sexual Intercourse: Contemporary Views." Pp. 363-379 in It's a Crime: Women and Justice, Third Edition, edited by Roslyn Murskin. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Johnson, Ida.**, and Etta Morgan. 2003. "Victim Impact

Statements: Fairness to Defendants? Pp. 91-102 in Controversies in Victimology, edited by L. Moriarty. Cincinnati, OH: Anderson Publishing Company.

## **Encyclopedia Entries in Print**

- Johnson, Ida M.** 2002. "Marital and Date Rape." In Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment, edited by David Levinson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication.
- Johnson, Ida M.** 2002. "Student Threats." In Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment, Vol. 4, edited by David Levinson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publication.

## **Contracts and Grants Awarded**

- Spano, Richard**. "Violent Victimization, Exposure to Violence, and Violent Behavior," Principal Investigator, UA Research Advisory Committee, \$4,326, May 2003 to August 2003.

## **Presentations**

- Johnson, Ida.** September 2002. "The Effect of Alcohol on Victims' Inhibitions and Responses". Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference.
- Johnson, Ida.** September 2002. "Justice Southern Style: We Execute Women-The Execution of Lyndia Lynon" (with Etta F. Morgan). Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference.
- Johnson, Ida.** September 2003. "Age and Use of Force in Last Reported Victimization of Use of Force in Sexual Intimacy" (with R. T. Sigler). Paper presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- Lo, Celia C.** June 2002. "Theory, Research, and Practice in Corrections." The Ohio Correctional and Court Services Association Annual Meeting, Akron, Ohio. (Invited Presentation)
- Lo, Celia C.**, and Richard C. Stephens. November 2002. "Arrestees' Perceived Needs for Substance-Specific Treatment: Exploring Urban-Rural Differences." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- Lo, Celia C.** February 2003. "Do Differential Structural Disadvantages and Social Relations Factors Contribute to Gender-Specific Crime Rates?" Department of Psychology, University of Alabama. (Invited Presentation)
- Noh, Marianne, and **Celia C. Lo**. August 2003. "Medicalizing the Battered Woman: A Social Constructionist Perspective of the Development of the Battered Woman Syndrome." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Lo, Celia C.** November 2003. "Sociodemographic Factors, Drug Use, and Crime: Variations among Male and Female Arrestees." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

**Lo, Celia C.** October 2003. "Women and Crime." The Fannie Richardson Cooley Interdisciplinary Forum, Tuskegee University. (Invited Presentation)

Morgan, Etta, and **Robert Sigler.** September 2002. "Gender and Language: Interpretations and Consequences." Southern Association of Criminal Justice, Clearwater, Florida.

**Spano, Richard J.** November 2002. "Descriptive Accounts of Reactivity in a Large Scale Observational Study of Police." American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

**Spano, Richard J.** April 2003. "Examining the Link Between Exposure to Violence and Violent Behavior Among Inner City Adolescents Living in Extreme Poverty." Biennial Meetings of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, Florida.

**Spano, Richard J.** November 2003. "Social Guardianship and Social Isolation: An Application and Extension of Lifestyle/Routine Activities Theory to Violent Victimization of Rural Adolescents." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

### Service Activities

#### University Committees

##### **Ida Johnson**

Human Relations Council

##### **Celia Lo**

Gambling Action Team  
Healthy Campus 2010

##### **Robert Sigler**

Reallocation Committee  
Faculty Senate – Parliamentarian  
Computer Honors Program Selection Committee  
Diversity Council

##### **Jimmy Williams**

Campus Safety and Security Committee

#### College Committees

##### **Ida Johnson**

Mentor for Women's Leadership Institute  
Diversity Committee

##### **Celia Lo**

College of Arts and Sciences Leadership Board

##### **Robert Sigler**

Diversity Committee

##### **Jimmy Williams**

Chair, Diversity Committee  
Co-Chair, Department of Communicative Disorders  
Chair Search Committee  
Parker-Adams Mentoring Program

#### Department Committees

##### **Celia Lo**

Chair, Assistant Professor Search Committee

##### **Richard Spano**

Faculty Advisor, Alpha Phi Sigma, CJSA  
Assistant Professor Search Committee

##### **Bob Sigler**

Assistant Professor Search Committee

### Professional Activities

##### **Ida Johnson**

Board Member of the Tuscaloosa's Children Center  
Selected Participant and Graduate of the Women  
Leadership Institute

Guest Lecturer for UH 101: Explorations of Power  
in Spring 2003

##### **Celia Lo**

Associate Editor for Sociological Focus  
Member of the Academic Advisory Board for Annual Editions: Criminal Justice. Guilford, Connecticut: Dushkin/McGraw-Hill.  
Invited Expert: The National Anti-Drug Media Campaign, White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, at <http://www.DrugStory.org>.  
Session Chair and Presider, three Sociology and Deviance Sessions, North Central Sociological Association Meetings, April 2002.  
Session Presider, one Corrections Session, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 2002.

##### **Robert Sigler**

Board Member, International Board of Advisors, Volunteers in Prevention, Probation, and Prisons (reputational)  
Japan America Student Conference Board

##### **Richard Spano**

Panel Chair and Discussant, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 2002.

## PART-TIME FACULTY: A GREAT ADDITION TO THE DEPARTMENT

This academic year, the Criminal Justice Department is utilizing the teaching talents of part-time and full-time temporary instructors. Their involvement enables the department to offer a wide variety of courses for students.

**Judge John England, Jr.**, Tuscaloosa County Circuit Judge, has agreed to teach Criminal Law for the spring semester. **Randall Farmer** will teach Criminal Investigation and Law and Society both fall and spring semesters. **Elaine and Gerald Globetti** will assist the department again next semester. **Elaine** will teach Introduction to Sociology, and **Gerald** will teach a graduate course in Criminological Theory. In addition to becoming the undergraduate CJ advisor this semester, **Patrick Halliday**

is the instructor for Law Enforcement and Corrections. Judicial Process is being taught by **Linda Chambers-Harris**. Ms. Harris is an attorney and also a faculty member at Shelton State Community College. Next semester, she will also instruct Criminal Evidence. **Charles Horne**, a graduate of the U of A Criminal Justice Master's Program, is a full-time temporary instructor. This year, he is teaching Criminological Theory, Racial Minorities, History of Crime and Treatment, and Organization and Management. This semester, **Paul Mills** is instructing Introduction to Sociology. For the spring, he will be teaching Social Problems, Methods, and Marriage and Family. **Lin Olin** will teach Statistics both fall and spring semesters. Social Psychology is taught this semester by **Misty Samya**. She is also a graduate teaching assistant in the Geography Department.

## MANY THANKS TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS!

The department wishes to thank the following for their generous contributions last year:

**Ms. Eva R. Deaton**

**Ms. Laurena Lowe**

**Mr. Walter Gladstone Chavers**

**Mrs. Emma L. Lowe**

**Lexmark International, Inc.**

**Mrs. Iland Patrick**

**Dr. Celia C. Lo**

For many years, affiliates of the Department of Criminal Justice have supported the University of Alabama and its students through financial gifts. Supporters know how much the University relies on them. But how many know that direct contributions to the Department of Criminal Justice are welcome – and quite appropriate. Department chair Dr. Celia Lo has made it a priority to acquire funds which will establish scholarships to ease financial burdens on deserving undergraduates and graduate students. Such scholarships boost the department's recruiting efforts, which are vital if goals for growth and diversification are to be met in the department.

Please consider making a financial gift in any amount. It can be deducted in your tax report, as federal and state laws allow. To direct your gift to the department, please make your check payable to *University of Alabama, Department of Criminal Justice*. Return to the Development Office, UA College of Arts and Sciences, Box 870268, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. Dr. Lo and the criminal justice faculty thank you for your generosity.

# \*ALUMNI AND FRIENDS\*

We had a great response from alumni for our first annual departmental newsletter. We have listed below graduation dates and places of employment we received from both CJ undergraduate and graduate students. Please let us hear from you also by taking a moment to email us or return the information form on the back cover of this newsletter.

## UNDERGRADUATE

Walter Chavers	1987	Attorney
Al Dauser	1992	Loss Prevention Manager
Mathis Dyer	1992	Forensic Investigator
Lori Heidrick	2000	Big Brothers/Big Sisters
Fred Jackson, Jr.	1979	Magistrate Supervisor
Joseph McDonald	1995	Deputy Sheriff
Scott Mullenix	1995	Security Consultant
Emily Pace-Longworth	1991	Registered Nurse
Lee Peacock	1998	Journalist/Reporter
Karla Penick-Williams	1996	Juvenile Probation Officer
Ben Rosen	2001	Transportation Security Administration

## GRADUATE

Fatima Carter	1996	Legal Assistant, Pursuing JD
Kim Chaney	1985	Presiding District Judge
Carleen Forler	1999	Special Agent, U. S. Customs Service
Darren Gil	1999	Special Agent in Charge, ATF
John Greaves	1995	Corporate Security Supervisor
Michelle Hecht	2000	Associate Instructor and PhD Student
Landon Hill	2002	CJ and Sociology Instructor
David Hyche	1988	Resident Agent in Charge, ATF
Tony Jones	1999	Police Captain
Amy Lawson	1999	Financial Services Representative
Sherman Metzgar	1984	Supervisor of Education Correctional Facility for Women
John New	1991	Anti-Terrorism Consultant
Les Schultz	1997	Probation Director
Randall Shields	1999	Police Sergeant
Gary Smith	1998	Police Chief
Paul Thrash	1997	Criminal Justice Instructor, Café Owner
Karla Williams	1993	High School Teacher

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# ALUMNI, KEEP IN TOUCH!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year & Degree \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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