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**Spring 2007 Newsletter**

**Notes from the Chair, Dr. Celia Lo**



If you have not come by the Department of Criminal Justice lately, you should take time for a visit to see the significant improvements in our department environs. In the course of the past two years, we have had some of our offices remodeled and most of our facility repainted. We now welcome—via

our new sign—current and prospective students, their parents, guest speakers, alumni, and others to enjoy the more contemporary, more appealing surroundings, while exploring the department and its work. Our “new” space can be a source of pride among students, faculty, and staff, and it will enhance recruitment of well-qualified undergraduate and graduate students to the department.

Changes in the department’s physical appearance have been accompanied by change in other areas, including its social and cultural atmosphere. More than ever before, the activities of our student organizations, both formal and informal, are boosting the department’s visibility on and off campus. Through department-sponsored events, we have been in touch outside the classroom with our majors and minors. Speakers from the UA School of Law and representatives from federal, state, and private agencies have, in colloquiums and other workshops, raised our students’ awareness of employment opportunities in the criminal justice field. At each semester’s informal “meet and greet” in the lobby of our main office, criminal justice undergraduate students have the chance to be introduced to faculty members and converse with them and other department staff members. These events encourage the students not to limit themselves to classroom learning but to pursue their intellectual interests in other ways as well. Through social exchanges,

students are often exposed to peers’ and faculty members’ attitudes, ideas, beliefs, and practices that might not be apparent during formal classroom work. In the department today, learning no longer keeps to the traditional boundaries. A sense of academic community has been discovered in our department by many of our students.

The department’s support of student organization activities has resulted in significant achievement. Both Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society and the Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) were very active during the past year. Officers and members of the two collaborated with the department to organize events including career fairs, colloquiums, causal get-togethers, charitable events, and homecoming activities. In 2006, the two organizations brought to the department the biggest career fair in its history. With representatives from 29 agencies and over 200 students in attendance, we will argue that the fair was the most successful in the history of this university. The CJSA and Alpha Phi Sigma officers’ willing leadership and the students’ enthusiastic participation suggest that department constituents view such extra-curricular activities as beneficial to the professional careers they seek.

While current students and faculty are two major constituents within the Department of Criminal Justice, we are also well aware of the important role alumni play in a department’s vitality. In last year’s newsletter, I made an appeal to alumni and students to establish an alumni advisory committee. I am happy to report to you that several graduates of ours, led by Chad Allen, have put the idea into action. Chad, who received the B.A. in criminal justice in 2003 and M.S.C.J. in 2005, is the president of the newly established Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board. To learn more about this group, visit the group’s website, through the CJ department

webpage. Feel free to voice your opinions and suggestions to the group, sending them to Chad at [Allen4CJ@yahoo.com](mailto:Allen4CJ@yahoo.com).

While we are proud of many achievements from the past year, it is also necessary to pass on news of two losses we experienced last year:  
—Dr. Richard Spano left the University in August 2006 to join the faculty at Indiana University.

—Mr. Randall Farmer passed away December 23, 2006, of cancer. Mr. Farmer was a well-respected and well-loved professor in our department for more than four years. He had amassed a wealth of experiences as a U. S. Marine (he was a Vietnam veteran) and in his career as a special agent in the FBI. Students working with Mr. Farmer enjoyed practical hands-on exercises, gaining a real-world understanding in topics such as criminal law, law and society, criminal investigation, and law enforcement.

Mr. Farmer’s contribution to the University will be greatly missed. In honor of his special ties to the Department of Criminal Justice, an effort is under way to establish a memorial fund promoting criminal justice study at the University. An adequate fund will allow for the establishment, in the near future, of a scholarship in Mr. Farmer’s name. To contribute, please send your donation to Department of Criminal Justice, University of Alabama, Box 870320, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0320. Please note on your check that the donation is made in Mr. Randall Farmer’s memory.

In closing, I wish to offer my thanks to Brenda Parsons and Anita Anderson, whose efforts pull this newsletter together. I also extend thanks to all of the criminal justice faculty and staff for their contributions to and suggestions concerning the completion of the newsletter.

**Keep in Touch!**

Whether you just graduated or feel like a “charter member” of the program, please complete and return to Dr. Celia Lo, The University of Alabama, Department of Criminal Justice, Box 870320, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0320.

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- Check here if you DO NOT want this information used in future newsletters.
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**Thank You!**

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 that will establish scholarships to ease financial burdens on deserving undergraduates and graduate students. Such scholarships boost recruiting efforts, which are vital for growth and diversification in the department.

The Department of Criminal Justice would like to thank Dr. Celia Lo, Mrs. Kenyatta R. Sims, and anonymous donors for their generous contributions last year.

Please consider making a financial gift in any amount. It is tax deductible, as federal and state laws allow. To direct your gift to the department, make your check payable to The University of Alabama, Department of Criminal Justice. Send it to The University of Alabama, College of Arts and Sciences, Development Office, Box 870268, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0268. Thank you for your generosity!



## Organizations

### Alpha Phi Sigma

Anita Anderson, President  
Tom Allen, President  
Debbie Warner, Vice President  
Mairejo Ballard, Secretary/Treasurer

#### 2006-2007 Organization Activities

- 2006 Annual Career Fair - 29 agencies including FBI, Secret Service, DEA, Homeland Security, ATF, Forensics, U.S. Marshals, Pardons & Paroles, Corrections, Youth Services, state & local law enforcement, U.S. military, asset protection firms, insurance fraud investigations, ACJIC, U.S. Border Patrol, & Graduate School discussed careers with 200+ students attending from all majors. The event was hailed as one of the most successful Career Fairs in UA history!
- CJ "Meet & Greet" – Students get acquainted with CJ faculty & fellow students
- "Get-On-Board" Day – Student organization recruitment drive
- "Beat Auburn/Beat Hunger" canned food drive
- "Face-Painting-On-the-Quad" – Arts & Sciences Homecoming festivities
- Salvation Army Angel Tree program
- Induction Ceremony
- Donations drive for scholarship in honor of Mr. Randall Justice Farmer
- Brick paver on Crimson Promenade in honor of Mr. Randall Justice Farmer
- Honorary membership of Mr. Randall Justice Farmer
- Candlelight vigil & ringing of Denny Chimes in honor of Mr. Randall Justice Farmer

Alpha Phi Sigma is looking forward to another great year with plans to host its 2007 Annual Career Fair—making it the most successful career fair ever! Our goal is to have the entire student body attend our Career Fair and leave with an answer to the question "What do you want to do with your degree?" We will focus on increasing organization membership and on getting members involved in the local community by incorporating volunteer programs into this year's activities. Officer elections for the new year will be held in May 2007.

The success of Alpha Phi Sigma would not be possible without support from its members, faculty advisor Dr. Celia Lo, the Department of Criminal Justice, and the College of Arts and Sciences. We would like to extend special thanks for all that has been done in support of Alpha Phi Sigma.

### Criminal Justice Student Association

Joseph Martin, President  
James Oden, Vice President/Webmaster  
Tiffany Finklea, Secretary/Treasurer

During the past year, CJSA made great strides in becoming a more active organization on the University of Alabama campus. CJSA and the Department of Criminal Justice sponsored a career forum that brought perspectives from both the public and private sectors enabling students the opportunity to learn about the possible career paths available to them upon graduation. In addition, CJSA joined Alpha Phi Sigma in hosting the Annual Career Fair at the Ferguson Center. The event brought many employer and agency representatives to the campus. As expected, the Career Fair was a tremendous success surpassing the record number of students that attended the previous year. CJSA and the Department of Criminal Justice will be sponsoring a resume workshop for UA students and will be conglomerating with Alpha Phi Sigma to host this year's Career Fair. CJSA will host a bi-annual social to reward the efforts of active members and to help students get to know one another on a more personal basis. CJSA is open to all University of Alabama students who are interested in the field of criminal justice.

## New Graduate Students

**Santita C. Bibbs** of Starkville, Mississippi, earned her B.A. in Political Science from Mississippi State University in May 2006. She is the mother of five-year-old Haeli. Santita plans to attend law school and pursue a career at a federal agency.

**Michele Bishop** of Arley, Alabama, received her B.A. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science from UA in May 1997. She will be traveling to Africa to conduct research regarding delivery of emergency services in third world countries. At present, she is a Special Investigator for the U. S. Office of Personnel Management.

**Carl Anthony Floyd, Jr.** of Opelika, Alabama, received his B.A. double majoring in Criminal Justice and Spanish from UA in May 2006. Anthony plans to pursue a career in federal law enforcement.

**Terri Young Lantrip** of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, received her B.A. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Public Relations from UA in August 2006. She has two children and one grandchild. Terri plans to pursue a Ph.D. and teach at the college level.

**Kathryn D. LoPorto** of Fairhope, Alabama, received her B.A. in International Studies and Spanish from the University of Mississippi in 2004. Though her career plans are undecided, she is considering federal law enforcement.

**Joseph Martin** of Hoover, Alabama, received his B.A. in Criminal Justice with a minor in Political Science from UA in December 2005. Joseph's future plans are to work for a police department in Alabama then with a federal law enforcement agency.

**Megan E. McKee** of Semmes, Alabama, received her B.A. double majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology from UA in May 2006. Megan is currently a graduate assistant coach for the University of Alabama women's rowing team and plans to continue coaching while pursuing a career in federal law enforcement.

**Crystal L. Murry** of Aliceville, Alabama, received her B.A. from UA double majoring in Criminal Justice and Psychology in May 2006. Crystal is currently a graduate mentor. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice and wants to develop and implement policies for improving the juvenile justice system.

**Lauren Yearout** of Las Vegas, Nevada, graduated from UAB in 1998 with a major in Political Science and in 2006 with a major in Criminal Justice. She is married to Jason and has a three-year-old daughter, Zoe. Lauren has worked on Capitol Hill as a senate page. She plans to pursue a Ph.D.

## Student Achievements

### Thomas M. Allen

- Nominated for the 2007 All-USA College Academic Team  
(Faculty Mentor: Dr. Celia C. Lo)

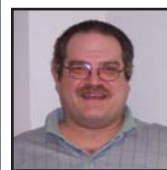
### Anita S. Anderson

- Presented paper entitled "Protecting Alabama Students from Alcohol and Drugs: A Multilevel Modeling Approach" at the Fannie Richardson Cooley Interdisciplinary Forum, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama (Lead author: Dr. Celia C. Lo)
- Presented thesis research entitled "Domestic Violence in Police Families: A Test of General Strain Theory and Angry Aggression Theory" at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California, and at the University of Alabama 10th Annual Graduate Student Association Research and Thesis Conference, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (Advisor: Dr. Celia C. Lo)

## Faculty News



**Mrs. Wanda Hunter** is an instructor in the Department of Criminal Justice. At present, she is teaching Introduction to Criminal Justice and Law and Society. Her research interests are race and criminology, race and labeling, corrections, African-American male experiences, and juvenile delinquency. She is in the process of completing her dissertation entitled "Life After Prison: What Price Do Black Youth Pay for Child's Play?"



**Dr. Robert Jenkot** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. His research interests are in the intersection of race, class, and gender relating to crime, deviance and drugs with a focus on methamphetamine sales, use, and production. Dr. Jenkot has presented his research at state, regional, national, and international professional meetings.



**Dr. Ida Johnson** is Chair of the Department of Women's Studies and a Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice with specialties in the areas of domestic violence, date rape, and female criminality. In the past year, Dr. Johnson has published one book chapter and one journal article. She has also presented a paper at a professional meeting.



**Dr. David Klemmack** is a Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and the New College program. His research interests include gerontology, social policy, and sex roles. Dr. Klemmack has recently published three articles with one additional article forthcoming. He has also made three presentations at conferences.



**Dr. Bronwen Lichtenstein** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. Her research interests focus on HIV and STIs with an emphasis on the intersection between crime, health, gender, and ethnicity.

## CJ Alumni

### 1978

Debora Ellen Palmer, B.A. – Attorney at Clenney and Palmer, LLC, Montgomery, Alabama; J. D. from Jones School of Law, 1998

### 1979

Fred L. Jackson, Jr., B.A. – Retired Mobile Police Sgt.; City of Mobile Municipal Court Magistrate Supervisor; Currently Resource Officer (school investigator) for the Mobile County Public School System

### 1980

Andree D. Kater, B. A. – Manager, Business Mail Entry, U. S. Postal Service, Alabama District

Robert "Glenn" Wiley, Jr., M.S. – Retired District Manager, Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles

### 1982

Eddie Yell, M.S. – Aviation Department Manager/Corporate Pilot at Boyd Bros. Transportation, Clayton, Alabama

### 1991

Marcia LaKita Sledge, B.A. – Therapist; M.S. from Troy State University-Montgomery; J. D. from Jones School of Law

### 1992

Al Dauser, B.A. – M.S. in Justice and Public Safety from Auburn University-Montgomery 1997; Area Loss Prevention Manager for ICI Paints North America; Criminal Justice adjunct instructor with Kaplan University; Certified Protection Professional; Certified Forensic Interviewer

### 1993

Byron L. Jones, M.S. – Retired Police Captain from Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Special Investigations Division; Organizational Consultant; Completing first novel

### 1995

Sharon Wesley, M.S. – Attorney; J. D. from Cumberland School of Law

### 1996

Bob Pastula, M.S. – United States Marshal

### 1997

John E. Dauser, B.A. – M.S. in Justice and Public Safety from Auburn University-Montgomery 2001; AVP Fraud Prevention/Investigations, Nexity Bank, Birmingham, Alabama

### 1999

Manish Patel, M.S. – Attorney at Woodard, Patel, and Sledge; J. D. from Mississippi School of Law, 1999

### 2001

William M. Averett, Jr., B.A. – Attorney; J. D. from Cumberland School of Law, 2005

Benjamin Matthew East, B.A. – Senior Investigator, U.S. Investigations Services; Second Lieutenant Military Intelligence Officer in the U.S. National Guard

Henry Grayson, B.A. – Special Agent, Department of Homeland Security

Nancy Wall, M.S. – Press Secretary, U.S. Representative Jo Bonner (Republican, Alabama)

### 2003

Kirk Spence, B.A. – Customer Service, Compass Bank

Jonathan Yasuda, B.A. – Captain in the U.S. Army Military Police Corps., deployed to Iraq as a Police Advisor to the Iraqi National Police on second tour to Iraq

### 2005

Anita S. Anderson, B.A. – completing M.S. in Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama in 2007; plans to pursue a PhD

Leigh Ann Shelton, B.A. - completing M.S. in Criminal Justice at the University of Alabama with plans to pursue a PhD

### 2006

Chad Allen, M.S. - Officer with Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles



In the past year, Dr. Lichtenstein has published two journal articles and two conference abstracts, has two forthcoming articles, has received grant funding, and has made four presentations at professional meetings. In 2006, she was appointed Vice President of the Mental Health Research Committee, World Congress of Sociology.



**Dr. Celia Lo** is Chair of and Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and was recently appointed as Affiliate Associate Professor in the College of Community Health Sciences. Her research interests are in the fields of the sociology of alcohol and drug use, the drug/crime link, and gender and crime. In the past year, Dr. Lo has had three journal articles published, has two articles forthcoming, and has made four presentations at professional meetings.



**Dr. Ariane Prohaska** is an instructor in the Department of Criminal Justice. She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Akron in December 2006. Her research and teaching interests include gender,

work, family, masculinities, research methods, and statistics. In the past year, Dr. Prohaska has published one journal article, one book chapter, has a book chapter forthcoming, and has one article under review. She has also made a presentation at a professional meeting.



**Dr. Robert Sigler** is a Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. He has interests in community corrections, juvenile justice, and domestic and courtship violence. In the past year, Dr. Sigler has published one journal article with two journal articles forthcoming.



**Dr. Jimmy Williams** is Associate Dean of Multicultural Affairs in the College of Arts and Sciences and an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. Dr. Williams' research interests include type of counsel and criminal case outcome, sentencing guidelines, and state intermediate appellate court decision-making in criminal appeals.