In keeping with rapid enrollment growth at the University in recent years, the Department of Criminal Justice has seen its share of students with these skills. In pursuit of undergraduate degrees with a criminal justice major, a criminal justice minor, or a sociology minor, or as they pursue masters degrees in criminal justice. As of last December, the number of department alumni has almost reached the 2,000 mark. Through the use of technology and development of innovative teaching methods, the department and its faculty have truly proactively advanced active learning among our students, who are expected to acquire knowledge and skills pertaining to the field of criminal justice and sociology, and also to build critical thinking and communication skills, preparing for their professional goals and careers. A goal of the department is to make students feel at home in the criminal justice faculty and staff, who continue to strive to provide an appropriate environment in which students will grow academically and professionally.

If you have been reviewing our newsletters in past years, you probably noticed some turnover in our personnel. Robert Sigler and David Klumpp, both of whom had worked at the University for over 30 years, retired last year. We welcomed David Forde and Adrienne VanHook to the faculty this academic year. Currently, our tenure track and tenured faculty members are David Forde, Robert Jus- Lose, Ada Johnson, Benoît Lefebvre, James Williams, and myself. In fall 2008, we welcome to the department two additional tenure-track members, Rebecca Boyd and Adam Landford. Full-time and part-time instructors who have continued to contribute to the Department of Criminal Justice include Ross Bryan, Donna Bragaim, John England, and Steve Beal. Members of the CJ faculty are also greatly appreciated for their role in student success.

Academic awards and honors received by our students are tangible, positive outcomes of student learning and engagement in our department. Student learning and engagement, however, can also be achieved through processes not always associated with awards and honors. Students’ work with professors on research projects may not win competitions or lead to publication in journals, but the process of engaging in the research culminates for our undergraduate and graduate students the skills and procedures of social science research at an earlier stage. The research is valued by professors and staff, who then support our students with advice and support to pursue academic or professional careers. For example, the successful career of graduate student Adam VanSlyke (with support of the Criminal Justice Student Association) is a point of pride in our department, and we are grateful for his success.

The Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society has already planned important events for the coming year. In addition to the annual career fair, the society will put on another big bash to raise funds for the Rollins Faculty Development Fund. As we write these words, Dr. Fairman was an instructor who taught criminal justice classes in the department from 2002 to 2005. To contribute, please send your donation to the Department of Criminal Justice, University of Alabama, Box 857010, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0120. Please note on your check that the donation is made to Mr. Ronald Fairman’s memory.

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

Thank you!
**Organizations**

Alpha Phi Sigma

**Criminal Justice Alumni Advisory Board**

- Andrea Allen
- Chad Allen
- Anne Anderson
- Leigh Ann Stilson

The Alumni Advisory Board is an organization dedicated to the improvement of the Criminal Justice Department and its students. The Board is still in the process of strengthening the relationship between alumni, students, and faculty. The main meeting focuses on developing ideas for the Board. The second meeting introduced students to careers and job opportunities. The Board’s third meeting will focus on bridging relationships between criminal justice fields. We are inviting all alumni to meet with students and present personal observations of their current field. The meeting is set for Thursday, May 20, 2008. Presentations will begin at 5:30 p.m. in department conference room 504 (Floor of Farr Hall). If you would like to make a presentation on your personal observations, please contact the Department of Criminal Justice at cjdept@csuj.edu.

New Graduate Students

- Andrea Allen: Fayetteville, Georgia, graduated Magna Cum Laude from Georgia Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies in May 2007. Her future goal is to pursue a doctoral degree in criminal justice and obtain an administrative position within a criminal justice agency.
- Tom Allen: Madison, Alabama, graduated from the University of Alabama with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice in June 2007. His future goal is to work in the investigative field.
- Katherine Evlin: Starkville, Mississippi, graduated from Mississippi State University with a Bachelor of Science in Educational Psychology in June 2006. Her future goal is to teach and perform research work for the government and eventually pursue a doctoral degree.
- Christopher Thompson: Clarksboro, Alabama, graduated from the University of Montevallo with a Bachelor of Science in History and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology in May 2007. Her future goal is to work for a Federal agency (US Marshals, DEA, or ATF).
- Carol Vance: Whitley, California, graduated from the University of Montevallo with a Bachelor of Science in History and a Bachelor of Science in Sociology in May 2007. Her future goal is to work in the law enforcement field.

Faculty News

- **Dr. David Forde** joined the Department of Criminal Justice in Fall 2007 and he currently serves as Graduate Program Director. For over 20 years, he has conducted survey and ethnographic studies on issues of criminal victimization and trauma. He is also ongoing research on the effect of Hurricane Katrina, Pathway to idleness for children who are victims of child abuse, and issues related to early childhood development. This year, he has co-authored a textbook, Elementary Statistics in Criminal Justice Research, Third Edition. In 2007, he published the book in association with many research projects such as Justice Quarterly, Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, and Journal of Criminal Justice Education.

- **Mrs. Wanda Hunter** is the Director of the Criminal Justice. Her research interests are in the areas of race and ethnic studies, crime, and labeling, corrections, and juvenile delinquency. She is currently in the process of completing her dissertation entitled “Life After Prison: What Price Do Black Youth Pay for Gold Plaid?”

- **Dr. Robert Jenkinson** is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice. His research interests focus on criminology, sociology, and social inequality in relation to criminality and violence. In 2007, he received a grant from the National Institute of Justice to study the effectiveness of community-based programs on reducing recidivism for young men. His research interests include the areas of gender, crime, and social inequality. In the past year, he has published one book chapter and two journal articles. In 2007, he received a grant and made a presentation at a professional conference.

- **Dr. Ida Johnson** is Chair of the Department of Women’s Studies and Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. Her research interests are in the areas of domestic violence, child abuse, and sexual violence. In 2007, she published one book chapter and two journal articles with an additional book chapter currently in press. In 2007, she received a grant and made a presentation at a professional conference.

**New Alumni**

- **Deonne Johnson Wilson** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. Her research focuses on criminal justice and policy. She also received a grant from the National Institute of Justice to study the effectiveness of community-based programs on reducing recidivism for young men. Her research interests include the areas of gender, crime, and social inequality. In the past year, she has published one book chapter and two journal articles. In 2007, she received a grant and made a presentation at a professional conference.

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- **Johnathan Yasuda, B.A.** was a Captain in the United States Army Military Police Corps, currently a company commander for a military police training company at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

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- **Benjamin Rose, B.A.** was a Police Officer, Las Vegas, Nevada

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  - **Jackie Chavez, M.S.** - Fraud Investigator, NRI Investigative Group, Inc.; currently working on a Ph.D. and teaching at Mississippi State University

**Dr. Ariane Prohaska** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice. Her research interests are in the areas of gender, work and family, sociology of gender, and social inequality. In the past year, she has published one book chapter with an additional chapter forthcoming. In addition, she has one manuscript under review. In 2007, she published two presentations at two professional meetings.

**Dr. Jimmy Williams** is an Associate Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice and an Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Williams' research interests include courts and politics; decision-making in criminal cases, and processing of drug cases.