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CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS



The Global Minute



Four different search committees have been busy since October 2007 reading stacks of applications and screening applicants for four full time tenure track faculty positions. The searches resulted in the selection of three new faculty members for three major areas within criminology: Victimology, Law, and Corrections/Law Enforcement. The search for the fourth position (Law Enforcement) was cancelled and may be reactivated at a later time. We congratulate the following three new faculty members who will be beginning their employment with the department in August, 2008.

#1 Ms. Yoshiko Takahashi has accepted the position for the area of corrections and law enforcement. She also has a notable background in victimology, GIS mapping, and statistical analysis. She comes to us from a staff position with the Mecklenburg, N.C. Sheriff's Office.



The European Union Drug Report

The just published report provides interesting facts about the use of illegal drugs and varying responses by the different governments of the European Union member countries. Following are some of the findings:

- Drugs in Europe are cheaper than ever before
- Heroin seizures and production are up
- 89% of Global Production from Afghanistan
- Cocaine-Global Production up
- Most of Cocaine coming from South America
- Drug use more prevalent among males than females
- Intravenous Drug Users with HIV: Males 13,6% Females 21.5%

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NEW FACULTY continued...

Ms. Takahashi is completing her doctorate (Ph.D.) in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte.

#2 Toni DuPont-Morales, Ph.D. comes to us from the School of Public Affairs at Penn State



University-Harrisburg where she served as an associate professor. She has also been a Pima County, AZ probation officer and began her activism with

victim services in Arizona, helped write the Arizona Domestic Violence law, served on the Child Sexual Abuse Team of Pima County, and on the Arizona State Supreme Court Foster Care Review Board. Secretary William Cohen appointed her to the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference (JCOC 60) and she currently serves on a community restoration activity board (RAB) for the Navy.

She regularly participates in the Child and Adolescent Service System Program (CAASP) presenting issues on challenges to military families, family violence, cultural competencies, and parental modeling for pre-release incarcerated parents. Internationally, she testified to the Camara de Deputadas, Legislatura Federal, Estados Unidos Mexicanos, Ciudad de Mexico regarding policy issues for Mexico's Violence Against Women Legislation.

#3 Mark Stevens, J.D., comes to us from North Carolina Wesleyan College where he



taught a variety of law courses. He also has prior experience with the U.S. Marine Corps, where he first served as an artillery officer and later, after graduation from law school, as a prosecutor, defense

counsel, Staff Judge Advocate, and military judge, until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel. He and his wife Brenda have a grandchild in this area and are very excited about coming to Fresno.

DEPARTMENT FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Dr. Schweizer received an invitation to speak at the regional meeting of the International Police Association in Karlsruhe, Germany on 4 June, 2008. He will also give presentations (in German) at the police headquarters in Karlsruhe and at the headquarters of the Bereitschaftspolizei in Bruchsal, Germany. His topics include policing world-wide, universal challenges to police in this century, and the differences between police in Germany and police agencies in the United States.



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CRIMINOLOGY HONOR STUDENTS

The Criminology Dept. held an honors reception for criminology honor students in the University Vintage Room. The function was attended by faculty, honor students, and their families. Graduating honors students received their special Smittcamp honors medallion and sash.



Ashley DeFranco, the Fresno State President's Medalist for 2008 is on the far right.

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MORE CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS

Also honored during the reception at the Vintage room was Tyson DeWitt, who received a plaque and a “check” for being the outstanding criminology graduate student.



Dr. Dussich (left) presenting the award to Tyson DeWitt.

from Hitachinaka, Japan to learn more about victimology and who worked closely with Dr. Dussich in criminology, was named the President’s Graduate Medalist. This is a very distinct honor. During her time at Fresno State, Chie Maekoya had four publications and five professional presentations. Her work focused on the study of “bullying behavior” Aside from these accomplishments and a 4.0 GPA, she also authored an article on the usefulness of a criminology degree in Japan in the December 2006 issue of the criminology newsletter, and counseled victims of domestic violence and their children at the Community Behavioral Health Center and the Marjorie Mason Center to gain that “hands on” experience.



**CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. CHANGES
New Graduate Coordinator**



Faculty, Staff, Students and parents of students at the reception in the Vintage Room.

The criminology department and its faculty have done an outstanding job in mentoring students to enable them to reach the pinnacle of academic excellence. This mentoring has even extended outside the department. Chie Maekoya, a counseling graduate student who came to Fresno State



Outgoing: Dr. Dull Incoming: Dr. English

Dr. Dull is stepping down from his role as the department’s graduate coordinator, but will continue to coordinate the criminology honors program. Dr. Peter English will be assuming the responsibilities of Graduate Coordinator beginning with the Fall 08 semester. Dr. Dull has worked tirelessly to make the graduate program a success and his efforts are very much appreciated.

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**U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
AWARD**

The criminology department recently received national attention through the work done by Dr. S. Walker, the “Ex-Pat” of the Fresno State Criminology Department and current associate dean of the college of social sciences



Dr. Walker was honored last month by the Office of Victims of Crime of the U.S. Department of Justice. U. S. Attorney General Robert Mukasey personally presented Dr. Walker the national Allied Professional Award for his many contributions to the field of victimology.

Fresno Police Department to celebrate its first year of participation in the Crim 108 program that was the brain child of the Fresno County Sheriff’s Department decades ago. Students who began the program with FPD, completed their first year of training and qualified for Level III reserve status. The Fresno Police Department held a ceremony for the students and their family and friends at the Fresno Police Department Annex.



Deputy Chief Pat Farmer and SGT B. Dooley, who is in charge of the program, welcomed the guests, officiated during a formal presentation of certificates, and provided some levity with anecdotes about particularly humorous events during the year long intense training.

*Crim 108 Law Enforcement Internship
Department of Criminology*



Students in the Fresno County Sheriff and the Fresno Police Crim 108 Law Enforcement Internship Programs completed another year towards their P.O.S.T. certification. Earlier this month was also an occasion for the



SGT Dooley making a point.

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In Remembrance



Professor Harvey Wallace

21 June marks the first anniversary of the untimely death of Harvey Wallace, J.D., a long time criminology professor, former city attorney, and retired colonel (full bird) with the U.S. Marine Corps. His efforts with the Mock Trial Club that resulted in national recognition, and his distinguished service to the department, the criminology students, and the field of victimology, have not been forgotten.

Tech Tidbits

Have you ever wished you could find just the right graphic or graphic animation for your documents or website? Whatever it is you need, it can all be found at:

<http://www.animated-gifs.eu/index.html>

If you ever run across a radio talk show with the "digital goddess" Kim Komando, do not turn it off. She knows everything there is to know about computers and why yours is not working like it should or could. You can also access her website for all kinds of free downloads and advice at:

<http://www.komando.com/>



The Downtown (off campus) Graduate Program

A 30 unit criminology M.S. degree program with classes held at the Fresno Police Dept. Annex Training Room will begin on 22 August 08. While on line admissions for the university is not currently open, qualified employees of any governmental level or agency (federal, state, local) can join classes this fall as long as their university admissions process can be completed by December 2008.

A four year degree from a recognized college or university with an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 overall or during the last 60 units is required, unless there is other credible evidence of being able to cope with a graduate level education. If your GPA is not 3.0 but you have held or are holding a responsible position within government, you are encouraged to apply. All applicants, regardless of GPA, will have to sit for the general Graduate Record Examination (GRE) before December 2008.

Classes meet every other Friday evening (1800-220) and Saturday (0800-1600). While the program is currently set up to require a comprehensive exam, a thesis or project option is currently being explored. Additional information can be obtained at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowngraduateprogram08.htm>

You can also email Dr. Harald Otto Schweizer (haralds@csufresno.edu) and/or Dr. Peter English (PenGLISH@csufresno.edu).

NOTE: Dr. Schweizer will not be able to check emails or phone messages on a regular basis from 19. May- 19 June.

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Information in the foreign press the about the treatment of Palestinians imprisoned in Israel has generally been negative, so it was surprising to see that prison conditions for Palestinians in Israel were not much different from conditions here in the United States.

A visit to a special Israeli prison housing terrorists, primarily from Hamas and Al Fatah, showed conditions to be anything but harsh and we were able to freely ask questions of the inmates. Their replies, however, appeared to be less than genuine. During a question and answer session with spokespersons of Hamas and Al Fatah incarcerated for participating in or directing terrorist attacks against Israel, their responses to simple questions were evasive and every question was answered with a question.

The inmates were housed two to a cell, were able to congregate in an open area between the cells, and a look at their cells showed that they were permitted to keep various personal effects, including religious materials. None of the inmates appeared physically ill or psychologically distraught.

It was especially notable that the warden of the prison was a Druze, which is an offshoot of the Muslim religion. This factor led to a lengthy discussion of the Druze and their role in Israeli society. The Druze enjoy full rights of citizenship in Israel and can be seen high up in the ranks of the civil service, including corrections, police, and other governmental departments. The status of the Druze in Israel is actually a reflection of Druze cultural values which dictate that they should

be loyal to whatever government they serve under. This is much different from the practices of the Palestinian Hamas, which sabotages Israeli transit routes that are used to provide food and goods for Palestinians. Hamas also attacks Israeli power plants that provide electricity to the Gaza strip and the West Bank.

While the meeting with imprisoned Hamas and Al Fatah representatives resulted in learning nothing about their real goals or intentions, the interaction with both groups did provide a sense that the two groups saw things differently, with Al Fatah appearing a bit less intransigent.

All of the Palestinians in the special prison committed numerous acts of terrorism and were serving life terms. The realization of "life" however, did not appear to have any impact on their relative optimism. The warden indicated that all of the inmates were optimistic that their compatriots would either take Israeli hostages for an exchange of prisoners, or that some type of political deal would result in their release.



Above: One of many prisons in Israel

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