A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR  

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With great joy, I invite you to read this edition of The Balance where we highlight some of the exciting things that happened in our department over the past year.

I am very happy to report that our extraordinary faculty (nine Ph.D. and one J.D.) continue to deliver high quality instruction in the classroom, publishing research articles in some of the top journals in the field, authoring books, presenting research findings at national and international conferences, serving the university and community, and collaborating with students in research.

Our students are also showing continued success in finding jobs and enrolling in graduate schools. We just got wonderful news from one of our 2013 graduates who was accepted into the MA program at Simon Fraser University with full funding and scholarship.

We consider our students and alumni our greatest assets and we thank you for being wonderful ambassadors and representing the Department of Criminal Justice – wherever you are.

Please keep in touch.

ALPHA PHI SIGMA INDUCTEES

Alpha Phi Sigma is the national honors society of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Criminal justice majors and minors who have a 3.2 QPA overall and a 3.2 QPA in criminal justice and have completed one-third of their criminal justice credits are eligible for induction. Thirteen outstanding students were inducted into Alpha Phi Sigma during the past year:

- Ryan Auletta
- Ashley Cortes
- Rebecca Dowches
- Briana Foster
- Brian Havliceck
- Azikin Isa-Trento
- Austin Loy
- Stephen Matyus
- Matthew McKently
- Tyler Rolshausen
- Salvator Rosato
- Samantha Shultz
- Heather Urban

Would you like to be included in the next issue of The Balance? Please forward your personal information (class, current job, and any other information you would like to share) to Dena Lewis at lewis@kutztown.edu.
FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Dr. ANNMARIE CORDNER

Chance brought AnnMarie Cordner to the field of criminal justice. Her original goal was to become a school psychologist, but her plans were disrupted during her senior year in college when she discovered that her interests were not a good match for the type of work actually done by professionals in that field. A friend who happened to be in the process of obtaining a master’s degree in criminal justice suggested she pursue a graduate degree in criminal justice while figuring out what she really wanted to do. It seemed like a worthwhile suggestion, so she entered the master’s program at Michigan State and discovered a field that was challenging, interesting, and sufficiently broad to keep her interested for an entire career. She went on for her doctorate at the University of Maryland, one of the premier doctoral programs in the country.

Since obtaining her doctorate in 1989, Cordner has taught at Temple, Niagara, and Eastern Kentucky universities. She worked as a criminal justice planner for the Kentucky Criminal Justice Council. She worked closely with representatives from the various branches of criminal justice to create and publish the Sourcebook for Criminal Justice Statistics of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, an annual publication presenting statistics from criminal justice agencies which is used by educators, legislators, and other policy makers throughout Kentucky. She went on to serve as the deputy director of the Research and Evaluation Unit of the Justice and Safety Center at EKU, where she was responsible for designing and conducting research.

Cordner has always believed that research should be relevant to criminal justice practitioners and policy makers. Her research interests are varied. She has published research on capital punishment, domestic violence, criminal justice education, policing and rural issues pertaining to criminal justice. She has been a co-primary investigator on a research project funded by the National Institute of Justice and primary investigator on a grant for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania.

Her primary passion, however, is teaching. She enjoys working with students, particularly when the subject requires the students to test their limits. She operates on the general belief that it is important to keep challenging ourselves in terms of both skills and the expansion of our horizons. She views education as a lifelong journey and finds a great deal of satisfaction in helping students reach that “aha” moment. She is particularly happy to work with Kutztown students, who she describes as more engaged in the learning process than any students with whom she worked at other institutions.

Since joining the faculty in fall of 2008, Cordner has been actively involved in several professional organizations. She served as secretary for the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators in 2009. She has also been on the executive board for the Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences since summer 2009. In 2012 she was responsible for putting together the annual conference for the organization, entitled “Intellectuals or Entrepreneurs? Criminal Justice Education and Practice in the 21st Century.” She served as president of NEACJS for the 2012-2013 term. She has participated on various committees for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, including the program committee and the SAGE Junior Faculty Professional Teaching Award Committee. As chair of the latter committee, she created and ran a teaching workshop that explored cutting edge approaches to education in criminal justice.

Cordner has been an asset to the department and university. She is the advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma, the national criminal justice honor society. She has served on a number of search committees, as well as the departmental curriculum and assessment committees. She has also served the department as an APSCUF representative and as a member of University Senate. She serves the wider university community as a member of the MSU Advisory Board, which makes decisions regarding the operation of the student union, and as the vice chair for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Assessment Committee.

BLAST FROM THE PAST: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

LUKE DILLON: Anne Arundel County Police Department

JARED CHRISTMAN: Pennsylvania State Police Trooper

ANDREW GIER: Residential Director at The Children’s Home of Reading

SCOTT SCHWARTZ: The Children’s Home of Reading

SAMANTHA SHULTZ: Mental Health Care Worker at KidsPeace
Raymond J. Carr ’79 has had a storied career over his nearly 23 years with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. While he began as an agent in Buffalo, New York, he has primarily worked in Philadelphia.

He is currently responsible for investigations into a wide array of criminal behavior, including drug-related offenses, terrorism, public corruption, violent and white collar crimes. He is the primary coordinator for the FBI Philadelphia Division, National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime and the Philadelphia Hostage Negotiation Team. He continues to provide training and case consultation in behavior methodology to state and local police departments for unsolved homicides, serial rapists, serial murders, terrorist threats and weapons of mass destruction cases. In addition, he is a Certified Fraud Examiner and has been involved in a wide range of health care fraud investigations.

Over the years, he has been involved in a number of well-known cases. In 1993, he was part of the team that dealt with the Branch Davidians in Waco, Texas. Four years later, he was on the SWAT team that confronted the Montana Freemen, a radical white supremacist group in Montana. He worked on the investigation that lead to the identification and arrest of serial rapist and murderer Tony Graves (aka the Center City Rapist). He also worked on the investigation into the Boyle Street Boys drug gang and was responsible for the capture and arrest of the Friday Night Robber.

Carr clearly appreciates the value of education. After obtaining his baccalaureate degree from KU, he went on to earn a master of science degree in criminal justice from West Chester University, and then an accounting degree and a master’s in business administration from Widener University. These degrees, along with the training he has received as an FBI agent, have made it possible for him to be more effective in the field. He is a Certified Police Instructor who has provided instruction to federal, state and local law enforcement officers in a variety of topical areas, including crisis management, criminal profiling, hostage negotiations, psychology of the criminal mind, forensic crime scene analysis, death scene investigation, forensic interviewing and criminal investigative analysis.