

for the record



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In 2006–2007, faculty members led international partnerships with law enforcement organizations in the Caribbean nation of Saint Lucia and in Russia. Shown here are the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force commissioner's hat and a Russian police badge.

message from the chair

It is with great humility that I welcome you to this year report of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies accomplishments. The achievements chronicled in this edition of *For the Record* occurred prior to my arrival at the university but reflect the excellence that drew me away from Alaska. It is truly a pleasure to be associated with this accomplished faculty and I look forward to supporting activities that produce accomplished students, contributions to disciplinary knowledge and improvements to the communities we live in.

Before I turn to our plans for the future I would like to thank Professor Pam Griset for her stewardship of the department during the past year. What you see in the following pages was accomplished during her short watch. In particular, see Associate Professor Reynolds exploits in Russia (p. 3, 4), the perennial successes of the Mock Trial Team at UCF (p. 14) and profiles of the extraordinary new faculty members hired to the Legal Studies Program (p. 120). I think you will agree with me that the past year has been a very good year.

We have ambitious plans for the future. The goal is to become one of the top five criminal justice academic programs in the country. We are indeed very well positioned to achieve this goal as most of the resources have already been assembled. We have a sufficiently large student body and a sufficiently large and productive faculty, our talents are comprehensive (law, crime, criminal justice, research methodology), and we have the will to become exceptional.

The plan calls for action on three fronts simultaneously. We will be developing a crime and justice research center that will serve as the departmental location for the convergence of research demand, resources, findings and interests. A second front will be to extend community partnerships such that our mutual interests (ours for data and questions; theirs for information) can be efficiently served. The third tack will be the development of a high-quality, research-focused doctoral program that will dramatically extend the department's capacity to produce disciplinary knowledge and improve the communities we live in.

I am excited about the prospects of this department in the near term and look forward to being part of something special. I hope that you join us and support these efforts in the coming several years.

Robert Langworthy, Ph.D.
Chair and Professor



Professor **Robert Langworthy** joined the college as chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies in August 2007. He was previously a professor at the University of Alaska at Anchorage, from 1997 to 2007. During his tenure, he served as director of the Justice Center and the Alaska Justice Statistical Analysis Center. He also held a 14-month assignment as director of the Crime Control and Prevention Division at the National Institute of Justice, the research arm of the U.S. Department of Justice, in Washington, D.C.

From 1987 to 1997, Langworthy was a faculty member at the University of Cincinnati in Ohio, where he was instrumental in the development of the university's doctoral program in criminal justice. From 1983 to 1987, he was an assistant professor of criminal justice at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

As a researcher and author, Langworthy has interests in comparative police organizations, police use of force, evaluation of police practices, environmental criminology and the spatial analysis of crime. He has written four books, including *Policing in America: A Balance of Forces*, now in its fourth edition, and many articles and monographs on justice issues. He has also served as a grant reviewer for the NIJ and on the editorial boards of several journals, including *Justice Quarterly*.

Langworthy earned a doctorate and master's degree in criminal justice at the State University of New York at Albany and a master's degree in geography from Mankato State College in Minnesota.



around the world

UCF and Volgograd Law Academy Partner for a Sixth Year

UCF's Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies and Russia's Volgograd Law Academy — an executive criminal justice training institution in the city of Volgograd (formerly "Stalingrad") with some 4,000 students and 400 faculty members — had another successful year in an ongoing partnership that began six years ago with a faculty exchange and collaborative research.

For a second year in a row, the department hosted a group of the academy's cadets and faculty members in Orlando. During the Feb. 18-27, 2007, visit, the group attended lectures by criminal justice faculty members on topics such as leadership and ethics, police and society, and drugs and crime.



The group also visited agencies such as the Orange County Sheriff's Office, which provided opportunities to "ride along" with a deputy sheriff, Martin County Sheriff's Office and Ocoee Police Department. During off hours, the visitors enjoyed trips to some of the region's theme parks and malls. Many of them stayed with UCF students during their trip.



"In the past two years, we've hosted 21 cadets and five faculty members from the academy," said Associate Professor Mike Reynolds, who initiated the partnership during several trips to Volgograd in 2001. The group visiting in 2006 included the academy's president, Boris Smagorinsky, who was hosted by UCF President Hitt.



Photos: Thomas Alan Smilie

Reynolds (top photo, left) gave the Russian visitors (middle and bottom photos) an orientation to the UCF campus and region.

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Fall 2007 Update

Reynolds Contributes to Law Enforcement Reform in Russia as a Fulbright Scholar

Russian criminal justice practitioners are instituting reforms that will modernize and professionalize policing, improve service to communities, and address human rights issues, according to Associate Professor Mike Reynolds, who has traveled extensively in Russia.

"It's a dramatic and difficult transition from the U.S.S.R. criminal justice model," he said, "and Russian practitioners highly value knowledge and techniques provided by practitioners and academics from the U.S."

Reynolds was able to help this fall while on sabbatical as a Fulbright Scholar at the Volgograd Law Academy. He helped develop a crime mapping and analysis course that relies on cutting-edge technologies. The academy will offer the course to its cadets, who train to be Russian criminal justice system managers, detectives, forensic scientists, judges and prosecutors.

Reynolds also collaborated on research on problems in the Russian police system. In an unusual move, he gained access to raw research data on crime and citizen attitudes with support from the Russian Ministry of the Interior. In fact, Reynolds is the first Fulbright Scholar and American approved by the Russian government to work inside a police academy in Russia.

"This is a major step forward and a direct result of the genuine trust and friendship that has been created through this international partnership," Reynolds said.

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“These cadets will be future leaders of the Russian police, prosecutorial and judicial systems. Their direct experiences with our students and faculty and the local law enforcement hosts will impact the ongoing democratization in Russia,” Reynolds explained.

From July 2-26, 2007, Reynolds directed the department’s study abroad program in

Russia, which is hosted by the Volgograd Law Academy. The program’s 25 students attended lectures and went on field trips to criminal justice agencies and areas of cultural significance. Many of them lived with Russian families during the program.

“More than 80 students have participated in the Russia study abroad program since it began four years ago,” Reynolds noted. “Most students who have been on the trip find it a life-changing experience. Seeing

Russia and the vestiges of communism is indeed a profound experience. We can read about it, watch TV programs about it, but being there is a totally different experience.”

The department will offer its study abroad program in Russia in 2008 from June 30 to July 14. For further information, visit www.cohpa.ucf.edu/Academics/documents/Russia2008.pdf.



Erica Busard in an authentic Russian police uniform in Volgograd

Knowledge Gained is “Immeasurable”

UCF student Erica Busard considers her summer 2006 study abroad trip to Russia to be “one of the most enlightening and wonderful trips” she’s ever taken. “The knowledge I gained while in Russia, both in academics and through once-in-a life time experiences, is immeasurable,” she said. “It’s enhanced every aspect of my studies at UCF, from law to anthropology to political science.”

Before the program, Busard was teaching herself basic Russian. Since completing the program, she has developed an interest in seriously pursuing a study of the Russian language. She plans to participate in a language study abroad program in St. Petersburg and Moscow in summer 2008.

Busard said she found the cadets and everyone at the Volgograd Academy involved in the UCF study abroad program to be “the most caring and thoughtful people I have ever come across.”

Mahan Gains an International Perspective through Partners of the Americas

Sue Mahan, associate professor of criminal justice at UCF’s Daytona Beach campus, continues to have a long-standing involvement with Partners of the Americas, an organization that links states in the United States with nations in the Southern Hemisphere to work together on student exchanges, technical developments, emergency management, and cultural and athletic projects. (Florida’s partner country is Columbia.)

In fall 2006, Mahan went to the Partners of the Americas annual conference in Belize City, Belize, making it one of at least 10 Partners’ conferences she has attended since joining the organization in 1986. She said the conferences allow

attendees to expand their knowledge about development in the Southern Hemisphere. And the meetings are held in three languages, Portuguese, Spanish and English, which “offers a broader image of the cultures participating.”

“These conventions never fail to provide a fresher perspective on issues of globalization,” Mahan explained. “They also provide a time for planning, developing and cooperating on a personal basis that isn’t possible throughout the rest of the year.”

During her long association with Partners, Mahan has been involved with many projects and organizations that provide human services in Latin America. She said she often uses international development material and group training techniques she learned through Partners in the courses she teaches at UCF.

Mahan also said her research benefits from her international perspective. “My experiences and contacts in Latin America have contributed a great deal to my studies on terrorism,” she explained. Mahan recently published with Associate Professor Pamala Griset a book titled *Terrorism in Perspective*.



Associate Professor Sue Mahan in Brazil

UCF Helps St. Lucia Prepare for Crowds at Cricket World Cup

In 2006–2007, a team of Central Florida law enforcement, emergency medical and volunteer trainers led by Ross Wolf, assistant professor of criminal justice, traveled to Saint Lucia to help the Caribbean Island prepare for thousands of cricket fans that were expected to attend ICC Cricket World Cup 2007 matches held on the island in March and April. It was the sixth training program in Saint Lucia led by Wolf.

“This is a true partnership program,” Wolf said. “Our trainers have developed programs specific to the needs of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force and a large-scale sporting event like the Cricket World Cup 2007.”

Among those participating in the sixth training program were the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force, the Port Police, Saint Lucia Customs and Immigrations officers, Emergency Medical Workers, private security personnel, and volunteers. The program was offered over two sessions on Nov. 13-17, 2006 and Jan. 15-19, 2007.

“The police, volunteers, emergency medical workers and security personnel were very motivated students and really took the importance of the training to heart,” Wolf said.

In speaking with Saint Lucians after the world cup, Wolf learned that most matches drew about 25,000 people — and that the personnel who went through the training felt prepared to handle the events.

“Although there were minor incidents, the personnel were able to deal within a command structure and solve problems quickly due to the training on large-scale events and incident command,” Wolf reported. “No major incidents were reported in Saint Lucia during the matches, contrary to some well-publicized incidents that occurred in other host countries.”

Wolf anticipates working with the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force on many other occasions in the future.



Left to right: Jeff Stonebreaker (Criminal Justice, B.A. '85, M.S. '06), Orange County Sheriff's Office; Derwin Bradley, Orlando Police Department; and Butch Hummel, OCSO, led a course titled “Dignitary Protection” for members of the Royal Saint Lucia Police Force.



Participants in the “Volunteers and Security Personnel Train-the-Trainer” course



The trainers included (left to right) Butch Hummel, Orange County Sheriff's Office; Assistant Professor Ross Wolf, UCF; Derwin Bradley, Orlando Police Department; Firefighter Ireneus Henry, Saint Lucia; Consultant Mike Steele; and Jeff Stonebreaker (Criminal Justice, B.A. '85, M.S. '06), OCSO. Not pictured is Consultant Mike Kirkland.

The UCF–Central Florida team offered the following courses during the training program:

- Command-Level Management of Critical Incidents for Large-Scale Events
- Supervisory-Level Incident Command
- Incident Command for Large-Scale Sporting Events
- Emergency Medical Operations for Large-Scale Events
- Dignitary Protection
- Volunteers and Security Personnel Train-the-Trainer
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing

in the community

Capital Punishment Speakers' Series Draws Hundreds to Orlando Campus

In spring 2007, the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies brought leading scholars on capital punishment to the Orlando campus to discuss and debate this controversial subject in forums open to the public.

The first event of the Capital Punishment Speakers' Series, held Feb. 12, featured renowned scholar Hugo Adam Bedau, professor emeritus of philosophy at Tufts University in Massachusetts and author of several internationally acclaimed books and papers on the death penalty. He spoke about the future of capital punishment in front of a crowd of more than 300 people who gathered at the *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center.

On March 22, the department hosted a second event at the alumni center — a debate on capital punishment. UCF's own Robert Bohm, a professor of criminal justice and well-known author of books and articles on the death penalty, spoke against capital punishment. Robert Blecker, a professor at New York Law School in New York City and leading spokesperson for retributive justice, spoke in favor of capital punishment.

Both speakers came to the debate armed with extensive knowledge about the use of capital punishment in the United States and around the world. Their presentations raised many questions from the audience, which included several hundred members of the campus and local communities.

Blecker also showed videos on life on death row and life in typical maximum security settings, where life-without-parole sentences are served.

"There is no issue of public policy that is more important," said Pamala Griset, who founded the series while serving as interim chair of the department. "Your position on it reflects your own thinking about life itself."

University of Central Florida
Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies
presents

Spring 2007 Speakers' Series
CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

► Featuring nationally recognized experts on this controversial subject
► Both events at the *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center, UCF Orlando campus

Monday, February 12, 7:30 p.m.

The Future of Capital Punishment
Speaker: **Hugo Adam Bedau**
Professor Emeritus, Tufts University
Professor Emeritus Bedau is the author of several internationally acclaimed books and papers on the death penalty.


Thursday, March 22, 7:00 p.m.

Debate on Capital Punishment
Speakers: **Robert Bohm**
Professor, UCF
Speaking against capital punishment is Professor Bohm, who is well-known for his books and articles on the death penalty.

Robert Blecker
Professor, New York Law School
Speaking in favor of capital punishment is Professor Blecker, a leading spokesperson for retributive justice.

Videos of Life on Death Row and Life Imprisonment
Filmmaker: **Robert Blecker**
Professor Blecker will show footage comparing life on death row with life in typical maximum security settings, where life-without-parole sentences are served.

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(Left to right) Pamala Griset, associate professor of criminal justice and then interim chair of the department; speaker Hugo Bedau; and Joyce Dorner, interim dean of the college



Bedau spoke to the crowd in the *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center.



Speaking for capital punishment was New York Law School's Robert Blecker (left); speaking against the death penalty was UCF's Robert Bohm (right)



Summer Seminar Focuses on Suburban Crime

Members of the campus and local communities were invited to attend a weeklong summer seminar, "Crime Trends in Suburban America," sponsored by the department from June 26-29, 2007 on the Orlando campus.

The program featured more than a dozen local, national and international speakers who shared their views on trends in violent crime, domestic violence, illicit drug use and other problems occurring in suburbia.

More than 80 undergraduates, graduate students, and law enforcement and security professionals attended the presentations. About 90 percent of them were eligible to earn university or continuing-education credits.

Assistant Professor Ross Wolf, who coordinated the seminar series, said several themes emerged during the program. Over the past two to three years

- violent crime has risen while property crime has declined
- fraud and identity theft have grown rapidly
- jail and prison populations have grown as government legislation has proposed longer sentences for criminal activity

"The speakers were really excellent," Wolf said. "The feedback indicates that the students thought the program was awesome."

"Crime Trends in Suburban America" Seminar Topics and Speakers

• Introductory remarks

Jennifer Davis, Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit Court, Criminal Division
Jeffrey Goltz, Captain, Orlando Police Department
Jerry Demings, Director, Orange County Public Safety

• Suburban Crime Trends and the Media Effect

Steve Olson, Director, Seminole County Community Information Department

• Domestic Violence

Mike Steele, Police and Criminal Justice Consultant

• Drugs in Suburban America

Dan Rousseau, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration

• Sexual Deviance

Richard Tewksbury, Justice Administration Professor, University of Louisville

• Fraud

Stephen Thomas, FBI (retired)

• Campus Crime and Violence

John Sloan III, Justice Sciences Chair, University of Alabama, Birmingham

• Suicide Investigations AND Child Pornography

Ronald Holmes, Coroner of Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky

• Crime and Solutions

Sandra Adams, Florida State Representative, District 33



John Sloan III, chair of the Department of Justice Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, spoke about trends in campus crime and violence.



Jerry Demings, director of public safety for Orange County, discussed trends in public safety.



Professor Richard Tewksbury of the University of Louisville spoke about criminal activity related to sexual deviance.

academics

Undergraduate Programs

News

- Professional advisers Marva Ellington and Debbie Phillis joined the National Academic Advising Association, providing them with invaluable resources and information about assisting, recruiting and retaining students.
- Students held internships in many organizations, including the following:
 - Aspen (Colo.) Police Department
 - Beall's Department Store
 - Brevard Regional Juvenile Detention Center
 - Bloomsburg (Pa.) Police Department
 - CourtWatch
 - Critical Incident Solutions
 - Florida Department of Children and Families
 - Florida Department of Law Enforcement
 - Florida Department of Juvenile Justice
 - Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission
 - Florida State Attorney General's Office
 - Florida State Fire Marshal
 - Girls and Boys Town Oviedo
 - Naval Criminal Investigative Service



“Careers in Criminal Justice” course, mock crime scene exercise, fall 2006. This nighttime exercise gave students an opportunity to experience some job duties performed by crime scene technicians, evidence custodians and forensic specialists. “Student search teams located, recovered and collected latent evidence; dusted for fingerprints; and made [shoe] sole plaster mold casts. A K9 and metal detector helped locate evidence,” reported Major Randy Mingo, assistant director of the UCF Police Department’s Patrol Division and the course instructor.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries: Office for Law Enforcement
 Ocoee Police Department
 Orlando Police Department
 Orange County District Nine Medical Examiner’s Office
 Orange County Juvenile Assessment Center
 Orange County Sheriff’s Office
 Osceola County Department of Corrections
 Osceola County Council on Aging
 Seminole County Probation Division
 Seminole County Prosecution Alternatives for Youth
 St. Johns County Department of Juvenile Justice
 Target
 The Oaks Treatment Center
 UCF Police Department
 Universal Orlando Investigations
 U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 U.S. Marshals Service
 U.S. Postal Inspection Service
 U.S. Pretrial Services
 U.S. Probation Office
 U.S. Secret Service, Miami
 Youth and Family Alternatives, Orlando

Graduate Programs

News

- A former special-topics graduate course, CCJ 6021–Criminal Justice Responses to Terrorism, became a permanent course offering.
- A former special-topics graduate course, CCJ 6067–Perspectives on Genocide, became a permanent course offering.
- Proposals for an official course code for the Special Topics “Copy Cat Crimes” course were prepared and are under review by the university.
- Faculty members continued to serve as mentors of graduate students in the interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Public Affairs.
- Five new students entered the Doctoral Program in Public Affairs, criminal justice specialization, in 2006–2007, bringing the total number of students in the specialization that year to 22.

Doctoral Program in Public Affairs–Criminal Justice Specialization Dissertations

Six students completed UCF’s Doctoral Program in Public Affairs with a criminal justice specialization in 2006-2007. The students, their dissertation topics and thesis advisers are identified below.

Robin Davis-King

Transferring Juveniles to the Adult Court: A Statewide Study of Florida Prosecutors
 Directed by Associate Professor Brandon Applegate

Paul Finn

An Evaluation of the Effects of a Leisure Education Curriculum on Delinquents: Motivation, Knowledge and Behavioral Changes Related to Boredom
 Directed by Professor Thomas Wan

Jeffrey Goltz

Police Organizational Performance in the State of Florida: Confirmatory Analysis of the Relationship of the Environment and Design to Performance
 Directed by Professor Thomas Wan

Charles Russo

AVL and Response Time Reductions: Image and Reality
 Directed by Professor Raymond Surette

Ernest Scott

Factors Influencing User Level Success in Police Information Sharing: An Examination of Florida’s FINDER System
 Directed by Associate Professor K. Michael Reynolds

Alicia Sitren

Assessing the Effects of Personal and Vicarious Experience with Punishment and Punishment Avoidance of Intentions to Reoffend
 Directed by Associate Professor Brandon Applegate



research

Fall 2007 Update

Master of Science in Criminal Justice Program

This fall, the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies prepared proposals for a new Master of Science in Criminal Justice program, with formal “professional” and “research” tracks, to be launched in fall 2008. The proposals are currently under review by the university.

The professional track is designed for practitioners who are seeking an advanced degree in their profession. The research track is for individuals with an interest in pursuing more analytical careers or doctoral research.

Students currently select a more loosely defined plan of study based on their career objectives. The proposed program explicitly defines the course work needed to complete each track.

“It adds a great deal more structure to the current plans of study,” said department Chair Robert Langworthy.

Doctoral Program in Public Affairs—Criminal Justice Specialization Program

The department also worked this fall to more fully define the criminal justice specialization in the Doctoral Program in Public Affairs.

Beginning in fall 2008, public affairs students who choose to specialize in criminal justice must take a four-course sequence that stresses theory and data in policy, courts, corrections, and law and social contract. Public affairs—criminal justice doctoral students must also select a member of the criminal justice faculty as their thesis adviser.

Students who complete this more fully defined program will have the criminal justice specialization identified on their transcript.

Research Spotlight

Professor Ray Surette is an internationally known scholar in the area of media, crime and justice

In the more than 20 years Professor Ray Surette has been studying the media’s effect on crime and justice, he’s seen the subject grow from one of limited interest to a full-blown area of research. Its growth is attributable in no small part to Surette’s work.

His interest in the subject began in the early ’80s. As a newly hired assistant professor of criminal justice at Florida International University in Miami, Surette began developing a crime-in-the-media class for undergraduates and found “there wasn’t a lot of research around.” He decided the subject was ripe for study and one that could hold his interest.

His initial efforts were “content studies” that explored what the media was saying about crime and justice. His work revealed some distinct patterns, but he had trouble finding places to publish his findings.

“In the beginning, I would send article drafts to journals and they would say, ‘This is real interesting, but it doesn’t fit what we do,’” Surette recalled. “I think academia sort of looked at it as a subject area it couldn’t justify studying.” Consequently, he said, his earliest reports appear in “sort of strange places,” such as *Journalism Quarterly*.

Over the next two decades, researchers, as well as journalists, developed more interest in the subject. Today, there are specialized journals, such as *Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, that focus on the topic.

Surette thinks the change is partially due to “a natural evolution in society.” Advancements in technology have created an “interactive media culture,” in which the public has grown increasingly



Surette joined UCF’s criminal justice faculty in 1995.

reliant on interactive electronic devices for news and information. “People are now very much attuned to and interested in how the media affects crime and justice,” he said.

Surette’s research shows that people are exposed to a fairly consistent portrayal of crime and justice across different types of media, whether it be news, entertainment or infotainment. Moreover, this portrayal follows what Surette calls a “backwards law.”

“Whatever the reality of crime and justice is, the media is probably going to give you the backwards spin. The rarest events become the most common content. Murders are rare, but that’s what you hear about. This holds true for the courtroom and corrections too. Trials are rare, but that’s what gets covered. And riots are rare, but that’s what you hear about prisons,” he explained.

This pattern has been well-documented by others as well, and it holds true over time and across cultures, he added.

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Surette went on to write about the interplay between the media and criminal justice in his book, *Media, Crime and Criminal Justice: Images, Realities and Policies*, initially published in 1992. His third edition of the text, described by the publisher as a “definitive work” with “impeccable” scholarship, came out in 2006.

In recent years, Surette has focused on understanding “copycat crimes” — criminal activities that appear to mimic crimes seen in the media. He said it’s not clear if the media’s coverage of crimes translates into actual crimes in society. He senses crime coverage has some effect but not a major effect. “The major effects are probably on public perception, attitudes and policy support,” he said.

This fall, Surette taught a special topics graduate course on copycat crime. The course proved to be popular with students and a proposal to establish a formal course on the subject is currently under review by the university.

Surette also is studying the impact of public-space surveillance on society. He said the use of surveillance cameras has prompted many technology-related questions — Do they work at night? Do they require special lighting? Can they be hooked up to motion detectors? — but only a few people are looking at the social impact of surveillance.

“Civil society operates under this idea of guardianship,” he said. “There are certain situations where people are expected to take some action. If something bad happens to another person or someone else’s property, at a minimum you’re expected to notify the authorities.”

Surette wonders if people are less likely to assume a guardianship role if they know an area is under surveillance. Do they think, “Why get involved if the police already know?”

Among the tools Surette uses to study copycat crimes and the social impact of surveillance is the opinion survey. He seeks opportunities to fold questions about these topics into surveys and evaluations, such as those he conducts for agencies and local government. “It seems to work fairly well,” he noted.

Surette is often the go-to person when it comes to analyzing opinion surveys or crime and corrections data. As an analyst, he is “skilled, systematic and patient,” said colleague Ken Adams, professor of public affairs.

Surette and Adams are currently members of an interdisciplinary team conducting a study on juvenile crime for the State Attorney’s Office for Orange and Osceola Counties. “Ray has taken a huge pile of data, sorted, cleaned and organized it, and then analyzed it using very sophisticated statistical techniques,” Adams said. Surette’s efforts are enabling the team to draw conclusions based on statistically significant changes.

“He has a very good sense about what matters,” said department Chair Robert Langworthy. “If it matters, you can count on him to be there.”

Surette never formally planned to be a professor and researcher. He said the word that best describes his career is “drift.” But his intellectual curiosity, interest in reading and writing, and honed analytical skills helped pave the way. “For an unplanned career, it’s worked out well,” he remarked.

Contracts and Grants, 2006–2007

National Institute of Justice

Assessing Police Use of Force Policy and Outcomes, \$376,255

Eugene A. Paoline III, Co-principal Investigator with William Terrill, Michigan State University

An Analysis of Human Injuries and TASER Deployment: A Regional Study to Determine the Effect of Less Lethal Weapons in the De-escalation of Force, \$99,858

Ross Wolf, Co-principal Investigator

Orange County Sheriff’s Office

Crime Mapping Project, \$71,293

K. Michael Reynolds, Principal Investigator

Employment of UCF Graduate Students, \$42,998

K. Michael Reynolds, Principal Investigator

FINDER Deployment and Enhancement, \$59,849

K. Michael Reynolds, Principal Investigator

UCF Eastern Region Campus (Course, Academic Program or Research Support Initiative)

Volusia and Flagler County College and University Disaster Assessment and Research Center (CUDARC), \$4,950

Sue Mahan, Principal Investigator



scholarship

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faculty and staff

Awards and Honors

In summer 2007, **Carol Bast**, associate professor of legal studies, and Linda Samuels, professor of legal studies at George Mason University, received the Virginia Maurer Ethics Paper Award from the International Academy of Legal Studies in Business for their paper, "Plagiarism and Legal Scholarship in the Age of Information Sharing: The Need for 'Intellectual Honesty.'" The award recognizes excellence in legal scholarship, quality of writing and research, and readiness for publication.



Carol Bast

Sue Craig and **Mary Ann Eastep**, both instructors of criminal justice, were named UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning Fellows for 2006–2008. As fellows, they receive funding from the center to support teaching and learning-related project development and the sharing of expertise. In 2007, they presented their ideas on how to successfully use chat technology in online courses during UCF's Summer Faculty Development Conference.

Criminal Justice and Legal Studies staff member **Christine Baker** was selected the College of Health and Public Affairs' Employee of the Year for 2006–2007. The award was announced at the college's annual Staff Appreciation Luncheon on April 25, 2007.

"Christine Baker richly deserves the Employee of the Year Award," said Pamala Griset, then interim chair for the department. "She is hard-working, energetic and intelligent. Not only is she super-competent, but she is also good-natured and kind. With her 'can-do' attitude, she is a wonderful asset to the department."

Baker joined the department's office staff in January 2006 as a senior secretary. She was promoted to office manager in May 2007.



Christine Baker

Fall 2007 Update

New Faculty Hires

The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies hired three new legal studies faculty members in 2007, all of whom hold law degrees.

Assistant Professor **Eric Hull** earned his Juris Doctorate from Barry University School of Law in Orlando in 2003. He was previously employed as an adjunct instructor in the paralegal studies program at Valencia Community College in Orlando.



Assistant Professor **Daniel O'Gorman** is a UCF alumnus, having earned a bachelor's degree in history in 1990. He completed his Juris Doctorate at New York University in 1993. O'Gorman has worked as a litigation attorney, most recently at Ford and Harrison, LLP, in Orlando. He also has worked as an adjunct faculty member at Barry University School of Law, Florida A&M University College of Law and UCF.



Instructor **Irene Pons** earned her Juris Doctorate from Nova Southeastern University in 2004. She was most recently employed as an analyst with Mirabilis Ventures, Inc., in Orlando.



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students

Scholarship Recipients

Altamonte Springs Detective Barry Pruette Memorial Scholarship
Christopher Holt (Criminal Justice)



Christopher Holt (center) with Altamonte Springs Police Chief Robert Merchant (right) and the widow of Detective Barry Pruette (left)

Amy Kuritar Lohrman Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Michi Nogami (Criminal Justice)

Criminal Justice Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship
Chris Reeder

Greater Orlando Chapter of ASIS (American Society for Industrial Security) International Foundation Matching Scholarships
Christopher Holt (Criminal Justice)
Daniel Dill (Criminal Justice)



(Left to right) UCF Police Major Randall Mingo, ASIS Greater Orlando Chapter Chairman Greg Moore, Interim Department Chair Pamala Grisette, undergraduate student scholarship winner Christopher Holt and scholarship committee chair Rick de Terville at the chapter's October 2006 meeting



(Left to right) Moore, Grisette, graduate student scholarship winner Daniel Dill and de Terville

Margaret M. Samet Memorial Endowed Scholarship
Jennifer Ross (Criminal Justice)

Public Affairs Scholarship
Brenda Brandenberger (Criminal Justice)



In spring 2007, legal studies student Logan Berkowitz was elected vice president of the UCF Student Government Association for 2007–2008.

Student Organizations

Alpha Phi Sigma

APS, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society, had approximately 25 student members in 2006–2007. The organization recognizes academic excellence demonstrated by undergraduate and graduate students in criminal justice and students in law school. Students must meet the society's academic criteria to become a member.

Among the group's activities this year was a drive to collect donations of food and supplies for Central Florida tornado victims in February 2007.

Lambda Alpha Epsilon

The UCF chapter of LAE, the national professional organization for criminal justice students, is the organization's second largest chapter in the nation. Each year the chapter sponsors a career fair and hosts a fund raiser to support the Amy Kuritar Lohrman Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

"Lambda Alpha Epsilon really did a remarkable job with the Amy Kuritar-Lohrmann scholarship charity auction on November 17, 2006," reported Instructor Mark Winton. "We had a great turnout and many items were auctioned off ... With the matching from Amy's family, over \$4,000 was raised." Renee Kuritar and Angela Willis presented this year's scholarship to Michi L. Nogami at the event. In addition, Associate Professor Lee Ross and Bonnie Gaughan from SafeHouse of Seminole County spoke about domestic violence.

In March 2007, members of UCF LAE attended the national organization's annual conference in Wilmington, Del., where they competed in tests of physical agility and knowledge.

"The experience of going to nationals was an overall superior one," reported Angela Willis, president of the UCF LAE chapter. "The academic, physical and crime scene testing definitely taught me new things to

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focus on in my studies here at UCF. It also was a great chance to learn about how students at other schools are tested and trained. Our chapter definitely had a great bonding experience and we can't wait to go back next year!"



At the Wilmington conference: (back row, left to right) a member from an LAE chapter in Texas, and UCF LAE members Amanda Millirons, Angela Willis, Katy Nolander, Bridget Paul and Patera Scott. Standing in front is UCF LAE member Ashley Larson.



The UCF LAE team during a side trip to Washington, D.C.: (back row, left to right) Amanda Millirons, Angela Willis, William Vandermolen, Mike Cestare, Jose Gonzalez, Gina Dulmage, Randi Fetterman, Bridget Paul, Patera Scott, (front row, left to right): Brittany Moore, Melissa Elliot, Ashley Larson, Katy Nolander.

Phi Alpha Delta

PAD is the national professional organization for legal studies students and is considered to be a pre-law fraternity on the UCF campus. In 2006-2007, UCF PAD held weekly meetings, which included guest speakers and discussions on topics such as the Law School

Admissions Test (LSAT) and a variety of social and fund-raising events. Its members also helped at programs such as Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Fla. UCF PAD also has a Trial Team, which competed at the national organization's annual convention in Washington, D.C., in November 2006. At the convention, UCF PAD won the Best Professional Program award and the Outstanding Secretary Award.



PAD members volunteered their time weeding and grooming the grounds at Give Kids the World in Kissimmee, Fla.



The PAD Trial Team at the 2006 annual convention in Washington, D.C.

Mock Trial Team at UCF

The Southeastern Invitational Mock Trial Tournament in November 2006 was the first tournament ever sponsored by the Mock Trial Team at UCF. It drew more than 100 student and faculty competitors and was judged by more than 75 local attorneys, said legal studies Instructor Margarita Koblasz, who coordinated the event.

Student teams 868 and 869 of the Mock Trial Team at UCF took first and

third place, respectively, at the regional tournament, held in HPA I on Nov. 10-11, 2006. In addition, legal studies students Michael Quintero and Natalie Boyajian won witness-portrayal awards.

From Dec. 2-3, 2006, the Mock Trial Team at UCF competed at the Yale Mock Trial Tournament, the largest trial tournament in the nation, and Team 868 (pictured below) placed first in one of two divisions, beating teams from 30 other colleges and universities, including those from Princeton and Yale.

In February 2007, the team competed at the American Mock Trial Association Gulf Coast Regional Tournament, held at Florida A&M University in Tallahassee, Fla. More than 150 students competed in the tournament. UCF's Team 868 placed second and Team 869 placed third in the event. In addition, UCF students took six of the 24 individual awards given during the event.



The Mock Trial Team at UCF, pictured here with their adviser and coach Margarita Koblasz (far right), celebrated its performance at the American Mock Trial Association Gulfcoast Regional Tournament in Tallahassee, Fla.



alumni

Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Chapter

The purpose of the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Chapter is to serve the professional networking, fellowship and continuing education needs of the department's alumni, as well as to provide multiple levels of support for the department.

Membership in the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Chapter is automatic with your UCF Alumni Association membership. Besides gaining access to continuing education, networking, professional fellowship opportunities and events, chapter members receive a subscription to *Pegasus*, UCF's alumni magazine; career services; numerous discounts and much more. Individual annual dues are only \$35. Visit www.ucfalumni.com or call 407-UCF-ALUM to join today.

2006–2007 Accomplishments

In the past year, the chapter continued to expand its annual events and activities. Some of the events held by the chapter include:

- Tailgating at home football games with other alumni chapters from the College of Health and Public Affairs
- Legal and Criminal Justice Careers Symposium
- Capital Punishment Speaker Series
- Social at The Wine Room with the College of Nursing Alumni Chapter and Health Services Administration Alumni Chapter.

Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Chapter Officers

Lisa Lovell ('86 and '98)
Chair

Maia Jefferson ('03)
Vice-Chair

Angela Willis ('07)
Special Events Chair

The chapter holds monthly meetings at *FAIRWINDS* Alumni Center on the Orlando campus. To find out when the next meeting is, visit www.ucfalumni.com and select the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Chapter page.

The chapter is looking for a communications chair. If you would like more information or if you are interested in getting involved with the chapter, contact Katie Korkosz at 407-823-1600 or kkorkosz@mail.ucf.edu

Class Notes

If you would like us to include your information in the next issue of For the Record, visit www.cohpa.ucf.edu/alumni and click on "Stay Connected." (Note: Degrees in bold text below were earned at UCF.)

1981

Bill Lee, B.S. in criminal justice, M.P.A. ('95), was featured in the November/December 2007 issue of *Oviedo-Winter Springs Life*. Lee is the captain of the Seminole County Sheriff's Office Special Operations Division and has held the position since 1998. Lee commands a force of 21 full-time officers with everything from helicopters to jet skis at their disposal. In addition to his UCF education, Lee graduated from the FBI Academy. He resides in Geneva, Fla., with his wife **Tina**, a UCF alumna who graduated with a **B.A. in legal studies in 1985**.

1999

Fermin Lopez, B.A. in legal studies, went to law school at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Fla., where he was also a member of the Trial Team. He now practices civil litigation, with an emphasis on insurance disputes and personal injury, for Payas, Payas and Payas. He also is currently an adjunct professor at Barry Law School as well as a coach for Barry's Trial Team. Learn more at www.payas-law.com/English/FerminLopez.html.

Stephanie Sauer Woods, B.A. in legal studies, earned her Juris Doctorate and an Estates and Trusts Practices Certificate from the University of Florida Levin College of Law in Gainesville, Fla. She practices in the areas of estate planning, probate, guardianship and elder law. While at the University of Central Florida, she was on the Mock Trial Team at UCF, which placed in the top three percent and won the Outstanding First Year Team Award at the American Mock Trial Association National Competition.

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Simonetta Carell-Knapp, B.A. in criminal justice, M.P.A ('02), works as an adjunct instructor at UCF and a paralegal at Morgan and Morgan, P.A., in Orlando. She earned a graduate certificate in nonprofit management in 2003. She plans to pursue a Ph.D., at UCF she hopes, in the near future. While matriculating at UCF as an undergraduate, Carell-Knapp served as the inaugural president of the Mock Trial Team at UCF and was an executive board member of the Phi Alpha Delta prelaw fraternity.

2000

Kerry Fleck (Shaw), B.A. in legal studies, graduated with her Juris Doctorate from Stetson University College of Law in Gulfport, Fla., in 2003. She was a Mock Trial Team at UCF member and also participated on Stetson's trial team. Following her graduation from law school, Fleck worked for the Hillsborough County State Attorney's Office for four years as a prosecutor. She and her husband, an FBI agent, recently moved to Texas. Fleck will begin working for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Texas as a federal prosecutor in February 2008.

Anthony Sos, B.A. in legal studies, is employed by Dellecker, Wilson, King, McKenna and Ruffier, a personal injury law firm in Orlando. The firm handles motor vehicle accidents, insurance disputes (including hurricane claims), medical malpractice and nursing home litigation. Learn more at www.dwkllaw.com/attorney-sos.html.

Charles R. Crawford, B.A. in criminal justice, B.A. in public administration, M.S. in criminal justice ('02), serves as chief of police for Fountain, Colo. Prior to this position, he was the police chief and chief deputy of Brevard County, Fla. Crawford has served as a law enforcement officer for more than 26 years.

2002

Charlie Mesloh, Ph.D. in public affairs—criminal justice specialization, is an associate professor and director of the Weapons and Equipment Research Institute at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. The institute specializes in the testing of law enforcement weapons.

2003

Emily Goettelman, B.S., M.S. in criminal justice ('04), began working as a special

agent for the United States Office of Personnel Management's Investigative Services Division. Her responsibilities include conducting background investigations on individuals who need security clearance for their positions, including federal contractors, military personnel, astronaut candidates and others. Emily wrote, "Learning people's lives in a nutshell has proven to be quite interesting and ever-surprising!"

Alumni Spotlight

Charlotte Hewkin (right) and Michelle Quinones (left) have a love for UCF. Hewkin graduated with her bachelor's degree in psychology in May 2004 and master's degree in criminal justice in May 2007. Quinones majored in criminal justice and graduated with her bachelor's degree in

May 2005 and master's degree in August 2006. After graduation, both wanted to give back to UCF and currently work as victim advocates at the UCF Victim Services office.

The mission of UCF Victim Services is to provide free confidential information, advocacy and support to students and faculty and staff members who may be victims of crime, violence or abuse on or off the UCF campus. A victim advocate can offer assistance by informing you of your options, advocating on your behalf through the UCF Academic and Student Conduct process and criminal justice system, and supporting you in your efforts to regain control of your life.

Both Hewkin and Quinones also attend several classes throughout the semester as guest speakers on the topic of domestic violence. Charlotte credits Ross Wolf, assistant professor of criminal justice, for her interest in this field.

"Educating the students on abuse, crime and violence through presentations in the classroom is where I feel I am doing the most good," Hewkin said.

Quinones credits Karol Lucken, associate professor of criminal justice, for her interest in this field. Quinones worked as Lucken's graduate assistant and Lucken became a mentor to her offering advice and guidance throughout her academic career.



Katie Korkeas



Josh Grosshans, B.A. in legal studies, B.A. in history, graduated from the Florida State University College of Law with his Juris Doctorate in May 2006. He works at Nardella Chong, P.A., in Orlando, and his main practice area is commercial litigation. Grosshans served as president of the FSU Law Mock Trial Team, and he won a tournament at the law-school level. Grosshans also coached the FSU undergraduate Mock Trial Team for the 2005–2006 season. He wrote, “To this day, I count my time on the Mock Trial Team at UCF as the defining experience of my college years.”

Jesse Jackson, III, B.S. in legal studies, graduated on May 12, 2007, with his Juris Doctorate from the University of Cincinnati, College of Law in Cincinnati, Ohio. He resides in Hamilton, Ohio.

Andrea Lockhart, B.A., M.S. in criminal justice ('04), executive director of Florida Four Legged Advocates, was interviewed in September for Fox News Live from New York. FLA FLA is an organization based in Winter Haven, Fla., that uses service dogs to help children and teens victimized by sexual abuse or domestic violence get through Florida’s legal system. To learn more about FLA FLA, visit www.fla-fla.org/contact.cfm.

2004

Sarah Fortin, B.S. in criminal justice, was deployed to Iraq for four months from June to October 2007 with the U.S.



U.S. Air Force pilot Sarah Fortin (right) in the cockpit

Air Force. After three years of training, Fortin flew as a co-pilot of C-130 Hercules aircraft, used to transport supplies and troops throughout Iraq. Fortin, a first lieutenant, wrote that the average temperature was 115 degrees and that the fast-paced operational tempo helped the time pass quickly.

Nick Seidule, B.S. in legal studies, studies law at the Nova Southeastern University Law Center in Ft. Lauderdale-Davie, Fla. He expects to graduate with his Juris Doctorate in May 2008 and return to Orlando after passing the Florida Bar exam. He serves as the president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America chapter at NSU. He also is the special liaison to the executive board for the Moot Court Society and an articles editor on the law review.

2006

Sarah Penilla, M.S. in criminal justice, attended the Valencia Community College Criminal Justice Institute’s Law Enforcement Academy in fall 2006. During the firearms section of the program, she spent two weeks shooting AR-15s, shotguns and glocks. Penilla wrote, “It was fun, but [I] received all sorts of blisters on [my] hands from those massive 45s.” She graduated from the academy in December 2006.



Sarah Penilla on the firing range

2007

Jean-Marc Chanoine, B.S. in legal studies, is currently attending Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C., where he is a 1L delegate in the student bar association, student ambassador and member of the black law student association. This summer he will be working for the prestigious law firm, Morgan, Lewis and Bockius LLP—Washington, D.C. Chanoine aspires to work in investment management law, do some litigation work and “eventually enter the political area and become a senator or other political figure.” He also wants to start a program to give underprivileged students more opportunities in preparing for the LSAT. Chanoine wrote that the teaching and support of legal studies faculty members David Slaughter and Margarita Koblasz were invaluable in his preparation for the rigors of law school. “Dr. Slaughter helped me increase my critical thinking abilities and confidence in my ability to analyze complex legal issues and create new theories ... Dr. Koblasz prepared me to become a better writer and create quality work product ... she was always available in her office when I needed help.”

In Memoriam

Janise Joseph Woodard, B.S. in legal studies ('05), was killed on July 10, 2007, along with her infant son, Josiah, when a small plane crashed into their home in Sanford, Fla. She was 24. She is survived by her husband Joe and their four-year-old daughter, Jurnee. After graduating cum laude from UCF, she began studying law at Florida A&M University in Orlando. A devout Christian, Woodard tithed 10 percent of her income, and shortly before her death, she and a friend had started a nonprofit organization called Treasure Anointing Ministries to cultivate self-esteem in troubled girls and also share spiritual guidance with them. Of Woodard, Kathy Cook, instructor of legal studies, said, “She loved the law. When she started talking about the law, her eyes would light up.”

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