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**(From left) Criminal justice graduate student Sarah Penilla, UCF Police Lt. Maxine Oliver (B.S. in legal studies, '03, M.A. in criminal justice '05), criminal justice undergraduate student Pablo Vargas and criminal justice graduate student Mara Abramowitz (B.S. in criminal justice, '04) enjoy conversation in front of Health and Public Affairs building I, which houses the UCF Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies.**

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# message from the chair

UCF is an incredible place. We have grown exponentially in a short period of time. As I write this message, UCF is proposing a medical school, the football team is playing in a conference championship and construction cranes dominate the skyline on the main campus as a new convocation center and football stadium are being built.

Our department has continued on an upward trajectory during this period of growth. Both Criminal Justice and Legal Studies have been blessed with an abundance of high-quality students, faculty, staff, alumni and community supporters. I have been incredibly fortunate to be part of the growth of the department and the university. Next year I plan on going on leave (otherwise known as a sabbatical to catch up with my research and writing) and will return as a professor in the department. A national search is under way to select my successor.

I wish to thank all of you for your support, assistance and good humor over the years and know the department will continue to make major contributions to the university and community.

As I embark on my final year as chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, I am pleased to share in this publication many accomplishments that reflect the growth and success of the department and its faculty, staff, students and alumni.

We continue to grow and work hard to meet the needs of our students by providing high-quality instruction and an ever-changing curriculum that reflects the needs of the professional community. Students enjoy success as

members of the strong, active and growing student organizations within the department. The future holds new opportunities for students interested in careers as counter-terrorism analysts or in preparing for law school. Faculty members are constantly called upon by the community to serve as experts in a multitude of areas including legal services, homeland security, crime and corrections.

Our global initiatives have expanded to include study abroad programs in the Caribbean and Russia. We also host students and faculty members from abroad to study and address important global issues. This past year, Ken Adams, Bob Ford, Belinda McCarthy and I attended the Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security in Turkey. The conference brought together specialists from academia, law enforcement, and other areas who are concerned about issues of balancing safety, security, anti-terrorism and peacemaking with human rights and social justice from a global perspective. In addition, we strive to educate the public on global issues where criminal justice and legal studies professionals can and do make a difference.

I am confident that the department will continue to improve the quality of the legal and justice systems on local, national and global levels. I also expect that the quality of students who pass through our hallways will continue to soar and that their success and the success of the department will continue to be linked to strong partnerships with alumni and the community. I look forward to staying active with the department, and I encourage you to do the same.



Bernard J. McCarthy, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chair

## new mission statement

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*The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of Central Florida provides excellence in teaching, research and service. Dedicated to our students, the faculty delivers outstanding instruction at the undergraduate and graduate levels, incorporating learning, service and inquiry. We conduct quality research and pursue local, state and federal funding to advance knowledge in our disciplines. By actively developing meaningful partnerships we provide exemplary service to the university and the broader professional and academic community.*



# in the region

## Public Safety Technology Center

The UCF Public Safety Technology Center is an innovative and highly successful interdisciplinary partnership between the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies and the Doctoral Program in Public Affairs within the College of Health and Public Affairs, and the Department of Engineering Technology, Department of Industrial Engineering, School of Computer Science and Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering within the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

The center works to advance UCF's mission and vision by making nationally recognized contributions to research and technology that are critically needed for the safety of the region and state and the security of the country. The work of the center has been endorsed with funding from the U.S. Congress, U.S. Department of Justice, National Institute of Justice, Florida Legislature and 100 local governments across the region and state.

The center has joined with the Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Police Chiefs Association, which collectively represent 355 local law enforcement agencies, in an effective problem-solving partnership that has produced technological solutions to long-standing challenges of national scope and significance. For example, the center developed and implemented the Florida Integrated Network for Data Exchange and Retrieval (FINDER), which has been used by Florida law enforcement over 400,000 times in 2005 to identify criminal suspects, locate stolen property, solve crimes and gather intelligence for homeland security.

FINDER is now spreading across the southeastern United States and is being described by members of Congress and the National Institute of Justice as a national model for successful and seamless information-sharing in public safety and homeland security. As of Sept. 1, 2005, there were 118 state and local law enforcement agencies involved with

FINDER, and the project was featured in the August 22/29 issue of *Business Week*.

The center supports the research activities of several faculty members and more than 30 master's and doctoral students. In addition to its ongoing focus on research and publications, the center is also working to develop a new specialized master's degree program in homeland security, making UCF the first university in the state to offer this graduate-level opportunity to students.



An article featuring FINDER appeared in the August 22/29, 2005, issue of *Business Week*

## Hurricane Food Drive

Randall Mingo (M.P.A., '95; M.S. in criminal justice, '97), adjunct instructor in criminal justice, led a hurricane relief drive with students from his two Criminal Justice Careers classes in November 2004. The classes donated 35 pints of blood and collected more than 500 cans of food to aid victims of the 2004 hurricane season. Mingo serves as the assistant director of the UCF police department patrol division.

# academic program highlights

During the 2004–2005 academic year, the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies continued to develop programs and courses to meet the needs and interests of its students.

- Enrollment in both the criminal justice and legal studies programs increased in 2003–2004: Criminal justice saw a 21 percent increase and legal studies saw a 17 percent increase in head-count enrollments.
- In January 2004, the university approved a new undergraduate certificate in Crime Scene Investigation (CSI) to be offered jointly by the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology beginning in fall 2004.
- A new graduate course, "American Criminal Courts," was announced in spring 2005. The principal purpose of the course is to inform students about the process of prosecution and adjudication. The course is currently being taught by Stephanie Myers, assistant professor of criminal justice.

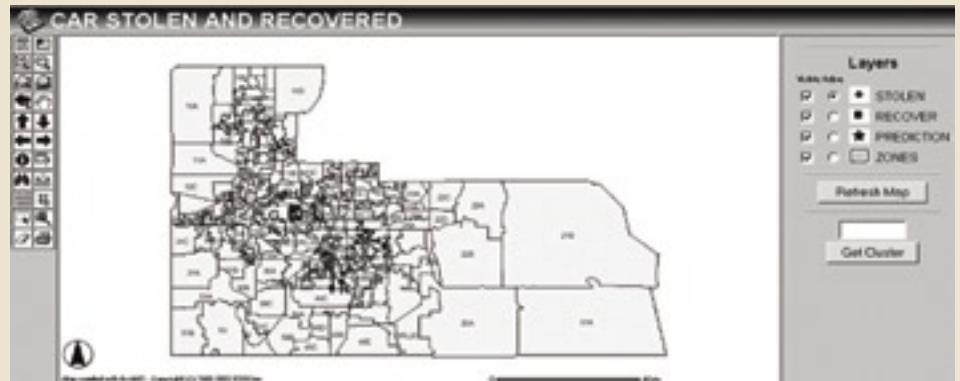
# in the region

## Innovative Program Identifies Auto-Theft Patterns

An auto-theft recovery program developed through the UCF Public Safety Technology Center in Orlando is identifying theft patterns that enable law enforcement officials to increase patrols in high-theft areas and drop-off locations. The program may significantly reduce both auto-theft crimes and the cost to insurance companies for compensating owners of stolen vehicles.

“Every 24 seconds a motor vehicle is stolen in the United States,” said criminal justice Associate Professor Mike Reynolds, who also serves as the director of the center. “Law enforcement officers work daily to locate and retrieve stolen cars, while insurance companies spend billions of dollars each year compensating auto owners for vehicles that are never recovered.”

With combined resources from the center, State Farm Insurance and Orange County Sheriff’s Office, an artificial intelligence clustering algorithm program was created by Olcay Kursun, a UCF postdoctoral fellow in computer science. Using a database of recent auto-theft information provided by the Sheriff’s Office, the program is able to identify and use patterns to predict the drop date and the drop location of stolen cars. The program produces cluster analysis, which can be visualized as a



The map interface for data visualization

series of dots on a map and shows where theft has previously occurred.

Law enforcement officers are currently testing the program by using it to identify day-to-day trends in auto-theft locations, daily hot spots of theft and preferred-drop locations. By pinpointing popular “dump sites,” officers are able to stake out a site and attempt to recover the vehicle and apprehend and arrest the criminal.

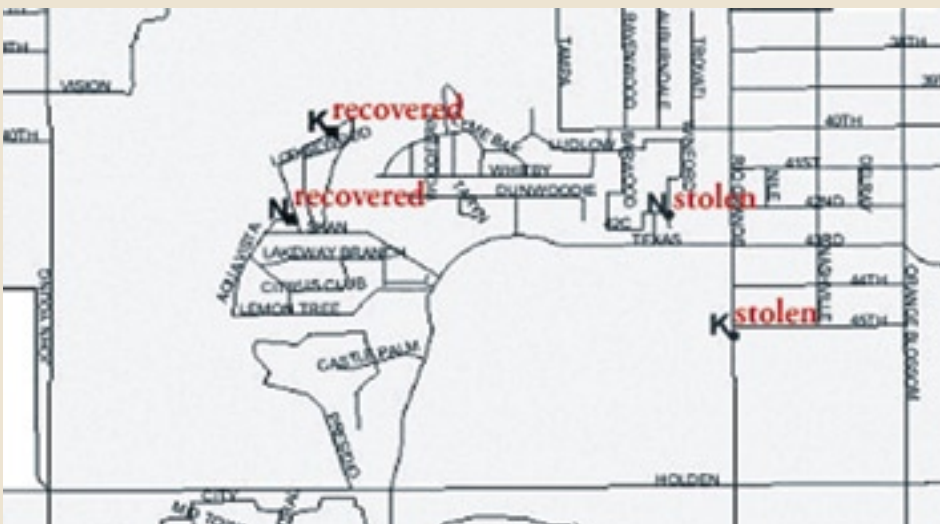
Assigning law enforcement to common locations allows patrol officers to increase patrols in high-theft areas and assist in crime-trend-reduction strategies. Information produced by the program will be transferred

into a daily report that is to be transmitted to the Sheriff’s Office for use by the auto-theft detectives and auto-trap unit.

According to public affairs doctoral student and former Sheriff’s Office staff member Joe Saviak, “Certain types of car thieves follow patterns. If you can identify and predict those patterns, you can catch the thief and recover the vehicle.”

The project was highlighted at an international crime conference in April 2005. Reynolds; Kursun; Chief Ernest Scott with the Sheriff’s Office; and Ron Eaglin, associate professor of computer engineering and computer science, presented, “A GIS-based artificial intelligence clustering algorithm to detect auto-theft recovery patterns,” at the Third National Crime Mapping Conference in London. Their presentation was part of a seminar on crime mapping in operational and investigative policing. The conference is attended by policymakers, researchers and law enforcement leaders from across Europe and the United States.

The auto-theft recovery program was funded by a \$12,000 grant from State Farm Insurance.



An image of two auto-theft incidents identified to be in the same cluster

# around the world

## Fulbright Researcher Analyzes Crime in Trinidad at UCF

The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies hosted a Fulbright researcher in fall 2004. Dereck Chadee, a lecturer with the Department of Behavioural Sciences at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad, worked on a six-month project conducting a social-psychological evaluation of the fear of crime. He seeks to understand the various factors that influence the fear of crime and to provide recommendations for community empowerment that are applicable to the Caribbean. He had several articles published while working on the project and is currently writing a book on the subject.

“My interest in the development of this project was greatly motivated by the emphasis of crime news stories in the local mass media and the impact that these stories, among other variables, can have on fear-of-crime levels in a society,” he said.

Chadee said he chose UCF because of its fine reputation in the area of spacial analysis, which is taking data and expressing it on geographical maps.

“I picked media expert Ray Surette (professor of criminal justice) because I wanted to work



Dereck Chadee

with him with my media data,” he explained. “Geographical features can help you explain fear levels. For example, if people who live near highways are more fearful, you can see it.”

Fear of crime as a topic of study has gained momentum only in the last 20 to 30 years. Prior to that time, assumptions concerning the psychological impact of crime had been made. Some of those assumptions are now being disputed by research findings, according to Chadee. The assumption that the level of fear rises with the risk of victimization proved to be untrue. In fact, 68 percent of those surveyed by Chadee said they were afraid of being murdered when the reality is that less than one percent of the population in Trinidad is murdered annually.

It is apparent that the levels of fear that are prevalent in today’s society surpass what one would expect given decreasing crime rates, offered Chadee. An explanation for the high numbers of people who are fearful of murder can be understood by recognizing that the media sensationalizes violent crimes.

“Murders in Trinidad constitute less than one percent of all crimes, yet these crimes are more likely to be found on the front pages of the newspapers. So it is not reflective of the reality,” he said.

“Once a murder is published in the newspapers you no longer see it as geographically specific, you see it as a murder and the probability of this happening to me,” said Chadee. “Once this takes place, you lose the context of the crime. Most newspapers are interested in getting people’s attention for a day or two, so the same crime is reported about two or three times and then after that they go to another one.”

That is why it is important to understand fear of crime from not only a criminological perspective but from a social-psychological perspective, according to Chadee. “It gets into why people



Bernard McCarthy (left), chair and professor of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, with Dereck Chadee

become fearful. What are the social factors at work? What are the social cognitions? What are the social attributes people make about themselves and the environment? These may all contribute to fear,” he said.

And, having a global perspective is critical to interpreting this data.

“In a period of globalization of ideas, academics will be left out if they don’t globalize the agenda and that’s what I am trying to do ... besides having a relationship with the U.S. and U.K., I have a relationship with Serbia,” Chadee said. “It’s very important to establish that agenda. If you don’t, your data becomes useless: There is no level of comparison.”

Chadee stressed the importance of collaborations.

“The linkages at these universities will also enhance not only the current research but also mutually beneficial future projects. The relationship can only be deepened if you have people come forward with cooperative linkages,” he said. “Otherwise, it is just paper.”

—Alexandra Marquette

# around the world

## Study Abroad: Crime and Justice in the Caribbean

Study Abroad: Crime and Justice in the Caribbean is a mixed-mode course that offers students online course work with a study-abroad component during spring break. In spring 2005, the students enrolled in the course traveled to Barbados, where a tour of the country provided a sense of history and an understanding of the culture of the Caribbean as a region while putting the justice system in context.

The group toured the Royal Barbados Police Force in Speightstown; attended a session of court in the capital, Bridgetown; toured the Office of the Attorney General in Bridgetown; and attended a lecture at the University of the West Indies in Cave Hill. Visiting the university allowed the group to immerse themselves in the culture of the country and to better understand the strengths and limitations of the justice system. While at the university the group was able to interview police officers and candidly ask them about some of the issues that were highlighted in the course textbook, furthering the students' learning experience.



Study abroad students pose with Station Sergeant Jordan. Left to right: Nicole Tesnow, Michelle Thorn, Kelly Ryan, Gilbert Malave and Indira Lugo.

**“The week spent in Barbados offered the students a very rich education.”**

— *Mary Ann Eastep, criminal justice instructor and coordinator of the Crime and Justice in the Caribbean program*



The tour included commentary by faculty members at the University of West Indies.



Undergraduate criminal justice student Gilbert Malave poses by a Royal Barbados police force car in Speightstown.



Three students from the trip pose on Cove Hill on the Barbados campus of the University of West Indies.



# seminars

## Visitors from Volgograd

Anatoly Nikonov and Elena Emelianova from the Volgograd Law Academy in Volgograd, Russia, visited UCF in March 2005 to further the on-going partnership between the university and the academy. The academy is a four-year residential university dedicated to educating and training the future leaders of the national police system in Russia. Many changes have occurred in Russia with the governmental restructure and the institutionalization of a democratic structure. Nikonov and Emelianova worked closely with Associate Professor Mike Reynolds and local police and sheriff's offices to enhance on-going research pertaining to the quality and effectiveness of policing in Russia in a post-USSR period.

## Study Abroad in Russia

Reynolds also led a study abroad group of 22 students to Volgograd and Moscow in July 2005. Students examined criminal justice issues in Russia in relationship to the U.S. criminal system and interacted with Russian criminal justice professionals, university faculty members and graduate and undergraduate students.



A group of students enjoy lunch together in Moscow



A police car patrols the streets of Moscow

## 2005 Seminars

Four seminars during spring and summer 2005 offered students the opportunity to learn about contemporary topics in the criminal justice field from leading regional, national and international experts. The seminars, held on UCF's Orlando campus, could be taken for continuing education units or undergraduate or graduate course credit.

**"Computer Crime and Cyber-Terrorism: The New Threat,"** a one-credit-hour seminar was held on Feb. 5, 2005. Led by guest lecturer and UCF alumnus Mark Henych (M.S. in criminal justice, '00; Ph.D. in public affairs with a specialization in public administration, '03), the seminar focused on the use of computers and the Internet for an assortment of deviant and unethical behavior. Henych examined the concepts of computer crime, computer security and cyber-terrorism from theoretical and practical perspectives. He also discussed the new criminal, the "hacker," and the concept of cyber-warfare wherein computers and the Internet function as facilitators for a cyber assault that may damage, or severely cripple, critical components of the United State's infrastructure.

**"Less Lethal Weapons: Benefits and Liabilities,"** was held on April 23, 2005. The seminar examined the use of force and non-lethal force by the police and was led by guest lecturers and UCF alumni Steve Houghland (B.A. in English, '92; M.A. in English, '97; Ph.D. in public affairs with a specialization in criminal justice, '04), a captain with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, and Charles Mesloh (Ph.D. in public affairs with a specialization in criminal justice, '03), an assistant professor in the Division of Justice Studies at Florida Gulf Coast University. Concepts of less-than-lethal weapons, factors that impact their use and how they affect the use of force by law enforcement officers were addressed. Students worked collaboratively to

create and defend a force continuum that encompasses how officers are able to apprehend violent offenders.

**"Crime in Suburban America,"** a week-long seminar, was held June 27-July 1, 2005. The seminar focused on the response of police officers and investigators to criminal problems encountered in suburban communities in the United States. National and regional experts discussed topics such as gang violence, sexual predators, identity theft, drug investigations, undercover operations, suicide investigations and domestic violence.

**"Officer Needs Assistance"** was a daylong seminar held on Aug. 5, 2005. The seminar focused on mental health issues facing law enforcement officers, including stress and burnout, as well as officer suicide. John Sullivan, a former police officer and federal agent with 30 years of experience, was the primary speaker.



Charlie Mesloh demonstrates several types of weapons during the Less Lethal Weapons seminar



Kimberly Morell

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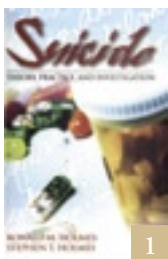
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# faculty

**Brandon Applegate**, associate professor of criminal justice, began his term as second vice president of the Southern Criminal Justice Association in September 2004. He moved to first vice president in September 2005 and will ascend to president in September 2006.

**Kathy Cook**, instructor and internship coordinator in legal studies, received an award for outstanding and dedicated service to the community from the Seminole County Bar Legal Aid Society.

**David Fabianic**, professor of criminal justice, received a 20-Year Service Award at UCF's annual Founder's Day honors convocation on April 13, 2005.

**Mark Lanier**, associate professor of criminal justice, was recognized as being among the

leading criminology/criminal justice scholars nationwide in an article published in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 2005, Vol. 16(2).

**Katie Pomp**, office manager for the department, was named the college's co-Employee of the Year.

**Lucille Ponte**, associate professor of legal studies, received the 2005 Hoeber Memorial Award for most outstanding article in the *Journal of Legal Studies Education* for "Troubled Times at Upturn Records: Getting Traditional Legal Concepts to Dance to the New Online Beat," which she coauthored with colleagues from the University of Connecticut and Bentley College. The national award is given each year by the Academy of Legal Studies in Business, the premier professional organization for undergraduate law professors.

Ponte was also a finalist for the 2005 Holmes-Cardozo Award for excellence in legal scholarship for her paper, "The Emperor Has No Clothes: How Digital Sampling Infringement Cases Are Exposing Weaknesses in Traditional Copyright Law and the Need for Substantive Statutory Reform."

**Judge David Gray Ross**, an executive-in-residence in the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies and former commissioner of the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement, has joined the Board of Trustees of the Children's Rights Council, a national nonprofit organization.

# students

**Nikki Pippin**, a criminal justice major, served as an intern at Orlando-based Lockheed Martin Simulation, Training and Support in the Security Department during summer 2005. She was involved in the control of classified computers, personnel security, badging, physical security and investigations.



Nikki Pippin

Legal studies senior **Oluwaseun Aduloju** was one of 11 undergraduate recipients of the Order of Pegasus for 2005.

Four legal studies students were among 100 students selected as the best and brightest at UCF in academics, athletics, leadership or service by a Student Government Association

committee. **Oluwaseun Aduloju**, **Victor Perez** and **Evan Rosenberg** were selected in the category of leadership and **Donya-Gay Dyce** was selected in the category of service. They are profiled in the *2005 Who's Who at UCF* publication, which is distributed to Fortune 500 companies, state and national legislators, and local businesses.

Legal studies student **Willie Bentley, Jr.**, was elected as the 2005–2006 student body president on Feb. 23, 2005, following three weeks of active campaigning. He served as the 2004–2005 student body vice president.

On Nov. 3, 2004, the UCF Phi Alpha Delta Chapter traveled to Crystal City, Va., to attend the Phi Alpha Delta 2004 National Convention. At the annual banquet they were recognized as the "Second Best Chapter in the Nation" and honored with three awards, "Best Overall Communication," "Best Community Service" and a third award that recognized the chapter as having the second highest number of newly recruited members in the nation.

The UCF student chapter of the American Criminal Justice Association (Lambda Alpha

Epsilon) brought home seven first-place ribbons and many other awards from the association's southeastern United States regional competition in Nashville, Tenn., in November 2004.

The Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Career Fair was held Jan. 26, 2005. More than 60 vendors and agencies representing law schools, law enforcement and federal and private agencies participated.



Karen Guin

The Seminole County Sheriff's Office Department of Corrections participated in the career fair.

# alumni

## Notable Alumni

**Mark Godwin**, (B.A. in criminal justice, '83) is using his two decades of court and criminal justice experience to help solve the problem of jail crowding in western St. Lucie County in Florida. In August 2005, he became the county's first criminal justice coordinator, which makes him the point-person on issues such as jail crowding and a possible pretrial release program for defendants. Godwin previously worked for 11 years as a deputy court administrator based in St. Lucie County, and he also worked for several years coordinating programs designed to keep kids out of the juvenile court system. In addition, Godwin created a Pro Se program, which helps people represent themselves in family court. In his new position, Godwin wants to help reduce jail crowding, but he also wants to ensure that public safety is a priority.

**Andrea Lockhart** (B.S. in criminal justice, '03; M.S. in criminal justice, '04) is the executive director of Florida Four-Legged Advocates (FLA FLA). The nonprofit organization uses innovative methods with victim assistance coordinators and canine partners to provide assistance to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence or other crimes. Lockhart works daily with Squiggly, a former seeing-eye dog, to help turn victims into survivors. The pair

encourage victims, especially children, to be open and honest when testifying, and because Squiggly is a service animal, they are able to accompany victims to the courthouse for depositions and trials.

"Squiggly allows scared, confused and distrusting children to open up and helps them to gain the courage needed to survive an abuse trial. We have worked with several children that refused to testify in front of their abuser but found the courage to do so once they knew Squiggly could be there with them," Lockhart said.

More information on FLA FLA can be found by visiting [www.fl-a-fla.org](http://www.fl-a-fla.org).

The Florida Police Corps held its graduation in Jacksonville on September 24, 2004. Three UCF alumni were in the graduating class:

**Tyson Fowler** (B.A. in psychology, minor in criminal justice '03), **Melvin Huggins** (B.S. in information technology, minor in criminal justice '03) and **Garrett Pantano** (B.S. in criminal justice '02, B.A. in political science/pre law '02 and M.S. in criminal justice '03). Melvin Huggins graduated as valedictorian. All of these graduates were also sworn in as Orange County Deputy Sheriffs. Ross Wolf, assistant

professor of criminal justice, has served as an advisory board member of the Florida Police Corps since 2001.

**Rodd Santomauro**, (B.S. in legal studies, '93), was featured in *The Florida Bar News* on June 15, 2005. The article entitled, "It took 10 years, but Santomauro is now a lawyer," described his experience as a law student at Barry University in Orlando and announced that he passed the bar exam on April 22, 2005. He is currently a partner with Camfield & Santomauro in Palm Bay, Fla.

**Lauren Stephens-Rice**, (B.S. in criminal justice, '96), is a special agent with U.S. Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service, based in Washington, D.C. Since graduation, Stephens-Rice has globe-trotted around the world protecting former U.S. Secretary's of State Madeline Albright and Colin Powell, current Secretary Condoleezza Rice and other dignitaries including Prince Bandar of Saudi Arabia, the Dali Lama and the late PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

"Working for the Department of State affords travel opportunities beyond expectations and the job is constantly shifting between investigative duties including visa and passport



Andrea Lockhart with Squiggly



Pantano (center) at graduation with Captain Dino Martin (left), Orange County Sheriff's Office, and Sergeant Don Tuten, Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, and coordinator of the Florida Police Corps.



Lauren Stephens-Rice with her husband, Stephen



fraud, protection of dignitaries, counter-terrorism efforts and the management of many other programs like Rewards for Justice, Overseas Security Advisory Council and Anti-Terrorism Assistance for Training Programs,” Stephens-Rice said.

Stephens-Rice received a Distinguished Honorable Mention for the Julie Y. Cross Award from Women in Federal Law Enforcement organization in 2003 for serving as a supervisory special agent at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon. Serving as the deputy regional security officer (RSO) of one of the largest embassy security programs in the world, she lived and worked in Beirut for 18 months protecting the lives of American officials working at the embassy, U.S. government facilities and classified information.

“At any given time, an RSO can be responsible for more than 400 personnel at post, including American officials and host-country nationals who are employed at the Embassy. The responsibilities far outweigh many careers with local, state or federal agencies,” Stephens-Rice said.

Her husband, Stephen, also works as a special agent with the State Department, and the couple were named “America’s Most Romantic Couple” of 2004 by *Bridal Guide* magazine.

## Alumni Memorial

Police detective **Patrick Rafferty** (B.A. in criminal justice, '87) was killed in the line of duty in Brooklyn, N.Y., on Sept. 10, 2004. While he and detective Robert Parker were arresting a suspect in what should have been a routine assignment, the man wrestled Parker’s gun away and used it to shoot both officers. Rafferty was a 15-year veteran with the New York City Police Department. He lived in Long Island with his wife and three children. More than 15,000 police officers, relatives and officials attended his funeral on Sept. 15, where he was remembered as “an athletic, focused police officer who transformed into a clumsy, sentimental dad when he came home to his family,” according to *The New York Times*.

## Class Notes

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### 1974

**Edward J. Berger, B.A. in criminal justice**, retired with over 30 years of federal service. The former U.S. Army Ranger spent his last 25 years as a U.S. Postal Inspector investigating drugs and bombs in the U.S. mail. He was also assigned to the Tampa FBI’s Joint Terrorism Task Force prior to his retirement. His wife, Katrina, is currently the assistant special agent in charge with the Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement in New Orleans, and she is responsible for the outlying offices in Louisiana and Arkansas. The couple resides in Mandeville, La.

**Deborah Rhyne (Woodward), B.A. in criminal justice, M.A. in elementary education ('88), Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction ('98)**, is currently the dean of curriculum for Kaplan University Undergraduate School of Criminal Justice in Chicago. She previously spent 18 years with the Brevard County School District after serving 14 years in active law enforcement. She is an auxiliary trooper with the Florida Highway Patrol. Deborah and her husband, Jim (B.S. in criminal justice ('01), M.S. in criminal justice ('04)), reside in Titusville, Fla., and have three daughters, one grand-daughter and a grand-daughter due in December 2005. Three miniature schnauzers and digital photography keep Deborah busy in her free time.

### 1975

**Leslie Scharf (Butt), B.A. in criminal justice**, is a domestic violence investigator for the Boulder County District Attorney’s Office in Boulder, Colo. She is also an officer in the U.S. Army National Guard and a member of the Citizen’s Police Alumni Association.

### 1976

**Patricia M. Gibson, B.A. in legal studies**, J.D. (University of Florida, '81), worked with an Orlando law firm until 2000 as a trial attorney. She currently works as an attorney and mediator for Fraxedas Mediation Firm in Maitland, Fla. She has served on the board of directors of the SPCA of Central Florida since 1996, and she currently serves as past-president of the agency.

**David M. Trammell, B.A. in criminal justice, B.A. in public administration**, is a trial court administrator for the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida. He resides in Ocala, Fla.

### 1977

**John B. Tegg, B.A. in criminal justice, M.P.A.**, (Troy State University, '99), retired after 27

years with the Orange County Sheriff’s Office as division chief in 2003. He graduated from the FBI academy in 1997. He ran for Orange County Sheriff in 2004 and plans to run again in 2008.

### 1978

**Stephen G. Charpentier, B.A. in legal studies, J.D.** (Florida State University, '81), is a partner with Childress and Charpentier, P.A., in Melbourne, Fla. He is a member of the Federal District Court for the Middle District of Florida, the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals and admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. He currently serves as the president of 2005–2006 Brevard County Bar Association and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the Florida Bar Trial Lawyers Section and the Florida Bar Grievance Committee for Brevard County, where he previously served as a chair. He is also a member of the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers, where he previously served on the board of directors, as a chair of Nursing Home Legislative Task Force and as the chair of the Brevard County Legislative Task Force. He has received numerous awards from the Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers including the Eagle Talon Award in 1990, 1994 and 1997 and the Silver Eagle Award in 2000.

**Rickey Ricks, B.A. in criminal justice, M.S. in criminal justice ('00)**, is the director of homeland security for the Orange County Sheriff’s Office. He is a past president of the FBI National Academy Associates Florida Chapter and resides in Orlando.

### 1981

**Brian D. Stokes, B.A. in legal studies, B.A. in public administration**, has obtained board certification in civil trial law by the Florida Bar Association. He is a partner in the Unger Law Group, P.L., located in Orlando, where he specializes in the defense of physicians and other health-care professionals and complex litigation.

### 1983

**Allen Moore, B.A. in legal studies, B.A. in criminal justice, J.D.** (Florida State University, '86), is a public information officer for Orange County Corrections Department. He received “Accredited in Public Relations” or APR from the Public Relations Society of America and the Florida Public Relations Association in 2003. He currently resides in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

**Yara B. Vega (Riveron), B.A. in legal studies**, is a paralegal/office manager for Liggio, Benrubi & Williams, P.A., in West Palm Beach, Fla. In 1999 she was named Paralegal of the Year by the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. She has been happily married for 22 years and has two wonderful daughters who are both in college.

**Dawn Hoover (Tibbitts), B.A. in legal studies**, is the co-executive director of the Economic Council of Okeechobee County in Florida.

#### 1984

**Hal Henson, B.A. in legal studies**, is the director of risk management for Westtower Communications. He lives in Orlando with his two sons.

#### 1985

**Lynne Cheek (Demarsh), B.A. in legal studies**, is a staff claim adjuster for Allstate Insurance Company in Melbourne, Fla. She is also a senior claim, automobile claim, workers compensation claim, fraud claim and casualty claim law associate; a legal principles claim specialist, and is a notary public in the state of Florida.

**Jo Ann Whiteman (Peluso), B.A. in legal studies, M.A. technical/vocational education ('00), Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction ('04)**, is teaching in the Department of Teaching and Learning Principles at UCF.

#### 1986

**Elisa Figueroa-Baez, B.A. in legal studies, B.A. in criminal justice ('87), J.D.** (Pontifical Catholic University, '91), L.L.M. in civil studies (Pontifical Catholic University, '93), worked as a defense attorney for 10 years after passing the state bar. She was appointed as a superior court judge in Puerto Rico in 2000 and still holds that position.

#### 1988

**John O'Day, B.A. in criminal justice**, is the president of Corporate Financial, Inc., in Miami.

#### 1989

**Lisa Crawford-McRoberts, B.A. in legal studies, M.A. in teaching English to speakers of other languages ('03)**, is an adviser and adjunct instructor at Brevard Community College in Cocoa, Fla.

**Christine Marsolek (Grimm), B.A. in criminal justice**, is a payroll manager for Wells Fargo in Minneapolis.

#### 1990

**Vernice Bradley (Atkins), B.A. in legal studies**, is the director of community affairs and business development for Turner Construction in Orlando. She earned a law degree after graduating from UCF and this year was selected by the *Orlando Business Journal* as the "Executive of the Year." She was also presented the Leadership Award by the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials during their annual conference held in Orlando in 2005.

#### 1992

**William Wright, B.A. in legal studies, J.D., LL.M.** in corporate and business law and white-collar criminal law (University of San Diego), has worked for a nationally recognized law firm, often taking a pivotal role in the complex litigation where he was intimately involved in over 30 high-profile class-action lawsuits of national scope, where settlements of hundreds of millions of dollars were reached. He was also involved in numerous nationwide class actions brought by policyholders

against life insurance companies seeking redress for deceptive sales practices during the 1980s and 1990s. Additionally, he has been involved in numerous cases brought against life insurance companies for racial discrimination involving the sale of small value or "industrial life" insurance policies during the 20th century. He has also represented consumers for deceptive business practice in the automotive, telecommunications and pharmaceutical industries. This year he moved from San Diego to West Palm Beach, Fla., and started his own practice, The Law Offices of William C. Wright, P.A. He is admitted to practice in Florida and Texas and is admitted to the following bars: the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida, and the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Finally, he is a member of the American Bar Association, the Palm Beach County Bar Association, the Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association.

#### 1993

**Renee D. Hicks, B.A. in legal studies**, is a paralegal with Shutts & Bowen, LLP, in Orlando.  
**Jose A. McLoughlin, B.A. in criminal justice**, served as a deputy sheriff and police officer with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and the UCF Police Department from 1990–1994. He moved to Washington, D.C., in the fall of 1994 to work for the U.S. Department of Justice. In 2002, he left his position to attend The Protestant Episcopal Seminary in Alexandria, Va., and he earned a Master in Divinity degree in 2005. He was ordained on June 18, 2005, at the Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., and is now an assistant rector at Christ Episcopal Church in Winchester, VA.

#### 1994

**Dan Hopkins, B.A. in criminal justice**, has been in the pharmaceutical industry for six years and in the biotech industry for the last four years. He currently serves as a district sales manager for Amgen and manages the state of Florida. He resides in Eustis, Fla., with his family and children, Jack (5) and Lachlyn (3).

**Vee Leonard, B.A. in legal studies, J.D.** (University of Florida), is working as an attorney for the city of Orlando. She was recently appointed to the board of the Florida Bar Association and has accepted a position as assistant general counsel for Florida Gulf Coast University.

**G. Kay Witt, B.A. in legal studies, J.D.** (Florida State University, '98), is an appellate attorney for the Office of the Public Defender Second Judicial Circuit of Florida in Tallahassee, Fla. She has been practicing as an assistant appellate public defender for six years.

#### 1995

**Lisa Sanders (Hagen), B.A. in legal studies**, Master of Information Technology, (American InterContinental University-Dunwoody, '00), is a stay-at-home mom with her 15-month-old daughter in Cumming, Ga.

**Wayne Pickering, Jr., B.A. in criminal justice**, is a pilot with America West Airlines in Phoenix.

**Brian E. Thompson, B.A. in criminal justice, J.D.** (University of Florida, '01), was recently hired by Chapin, Ballerano & Cheslack in Delray Beach, Fla., as an associate attorney. He will be practicing in the fields of estate planning and probate.

#### 1996

**Steve W. Marsee, B.A. in legal studies, J.D.** (University of Miami, '00), is an attorney and the president of Steve W. Marsee, P.A., in Orlando. He has been in private practice since 2000 and specializes in martial and family law and criminal law.

**Pete McKinnon, B.A. in criminal justice, M.P.A.**, announced the release of his first collection of poetry, "If Only Yet the Fog." He retired from the Air Force in 1997 and currently resides in San Antonio, with his wife, Rosario (**B.A. in legal studies, '94**), and their four children.

**Lisa Springer, B.A. in criminal justice**, married Eric Reiswig on September 18, 2004. She works as a retirement specialist for Nationwide, and the couple resides in the suburbs of Chicago.

#### 1997

**Lauren Aida (Holmes), B.S. in criminal justice**, is the director for academic appointments at New York University. She has also served as an auxiliary police officer with the NYPD since 1997. She married Hideki Aida in 2003 and the couple enjoyed wedding ceremonies in both Manhattan and Tokyo. Their son, Kai, was born in May.

**Tyson Filmanski, B.S. in criminal justice**, is a special investigator for the United States Investigations Services in Richmond, Va., and conducts background investigations for the federal government. He resides in Glen Allen, Va.

**William Kenneth Ruddy, B.A. in legal studies**, resides in Orlando.

#### 1998

**Scott G. Huber, B.A. in criminal justice**, is a lieutenant junior grade, with the U.S. Coast Guard in Boston.

**Tamaro Johnson, B.A. in legal studies**, is an attorney with Broad and Cassel in Tampa, Fla.

**Alyssa O'Brien, B.A. in legal studies, J.D.** (New England School of Law, '05) lives in DeBary, Fla.

**Steven V. Vilgats, B.A. in criminal justice, M.A. in exception education ('03)**, is a high school teacher with the Brevard County School District in Melbourne, Fla.

**Mary Yeates Williams, B.A. in legal studies**, is a homemaker in Cocoa, Fla.

**Toni Wortherly, B.A. in legal studies**, founded Artistic Esquire Publishing (AEP), a company and ministry that teaches through testimony. She is the author of the ministry's first book, "Pray While You're Prey," where she shares her inspirational experiences as a single woman discovering the power of prayer.

#### 1999

**Dedra Curtis, B.S. in criminal justice**, is an advertising executive with Clear Channel Orlando – WTKS Real Radio 104.1, in Maitland, Fla. She was named Mrs. Orange County this year, and she took fourth place overall in the Mrs. Florida 2005 pageant.



**James Folsom, B.S. in legal studies, M.P.A. ('01)**, is an operations supervisor for Crom Equipment in Holly Hill, Fla. He has been married to his wife, Rene, for two years and they have a daughter, Jenna, and expected another child in October 2005. His son Andrew is 12 and is a possible UCF student. Crom Equipment provides much of the scaffolding seen around the UCF campus.

**Jonathan Marsh, B.S. in criminal justice**, has been a police officer with the Orlando Police Department for five years. After graduation, he worked as a juvenile probation officer with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. He married Mary Kate Whiting in December 2001.

**Scott Rickard, B.S. in criminal justice**, and his wife, Jessica, welcomed their daughter, Madison Avery, on Jan. 3, 2005. The family lives in Ft. Myers, Fla.

**Joe Throneberry, B.S. in criminal justice**, works for Target Corporation as the director of assets protection. He lives in Studio City, Calif.

**Michael Wenger, B.S. in criminal justice**, is an attorney for Akerman Senterfitt in Orlando.

**Melissa Zelniker, B.S. in legal studies, B.A. in criminal justice, J.D. (Florida State University)**, was awarded a two-year post graduate fellowship by Equal Justice Works that was funded by the Florida Bar Foundation and the Florida Bar after completing law school. The fellowship centered on providing a holistic approach to the representation of children in both the dependency and delinquency systems, and she was awarded the 2004 Florida Bar President's Award of Merit for her work. She currently works as an assistant public defender for the Broward County Public Defender's Office in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where she works specifically in the juvenile and family divisions.

## 2000

**Sarah E. Gray, B.S. in criminal justice, M.S. in criminal justice ('02)**, lives in Somerville, Mass.

**Yvonne M. Montalvo, B.S. in criminal justice, M.S. in criminal justice ('02)**, is an intelligence analyst with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.

**Anthony F. Sos, B.A. in legal studies, J.D. (University of Florida, '03)** has joined Orlando law firm Dellecker, Wilson & King, P.A., as an associate. As a trial attorney he focuses on personal injury, nursing home abuse and neglect, auto accidents and wrongful death. He won first place at the annual Florida Bar Trial Competition and received numerous awards in other trial competitions. He is also a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Academy of Florida Trial Lawyers and the Florida Bar Association.

## 2001

**Jennifer M. Wisniewski (Bower), M.S. in criminal justice**, worked as a coordinator for a study sponsored by the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy for two years through an institute affiliated with the University of Pennsylvania. She then worked for the state of New Jersey for a year and then as an investigative analyst for a year. She is currently a supervisor for Anheuser-Busch in Langhorne, Pa. She was

married in February 2003, when her husband, an officer in the Army, was mobilized by the Pennsylvania National Guard. Her husband is now stationed at Fort Dix in New Jersey and the couple is expecting their first child in March 2006.

**Kelly Romatz, B.S. in criminal justice**, is a forensic pathology assistant for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation in Savannah. She received certificate in the Scientific Study of Death Investigation from UCF and received a certificate in Crime Analyst Training and the Contribution to Criminal Justice Award from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

## 2002

**Brice Aikens, B.A. in legal studies**, is a third-year law student at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He is currently the Fifth Circuit Lt. Governor of ABA Representatives, the Criminal Justice Council Liaison and Florida State's Senior ABA Representative. He will graduate in May 2006.

**Phillippa Channer, B.S. in criminal justice, M.S. in criminal justice ('04)**, lives in Rockville, Md.

## 2003

**Elizabeth Carlson, B.S. in legal studies**, announced the birth of her son, Hunter John, on Feb. 19, 2005.

**Omar Carmona, B.A. in legal studies, B.A. in Spanish, M.A. in Spanish ('05)**, is a first-year law student at Pontifical Catholic University of Puerto Rico Law School in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

**Miguel Casiano, B.S. in criminal justice**, and his wife, Kristy, announced the birth of their son, Mason, on April 16, 2005. Big sister Kaylee, born on Feb. 21, 2003, welcomed the new addition with open arms.

**Jennifer Gancio, B.A. in legal studies**, is a legal secretary for the Sarasota County State Attorney's Office in Sarasota, Fla.

**Joshua Grosshans, B.A. in legal studies, B.A. in history**, is completing his final year of law school at Florida State University in Tallahassee. He is currently a law clerk at Christmas Spano, P.A., in Tallahassee, and plans to marry Jaime Rutland, a law student at the University of Mississippi on May 27, 2006.

**Aaron Hutchinson, B.A. in legal studies**, is a student at Tulane University Law School in New Orleans.

**Jerry Jenkins, B.S. in legal studies**, is a student at Florida A&M University College of Law in Orlando.

**Eric Justin Lipton, B.A. in legal studies**, is a student at Stetson University College of Law in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**Derek Mehrtens, B.S. in criminal justice**, served as a tactical intelligence officer for the U.S. Army 3-67 Armor Battalion until January 2005. He was then selected to take charge of a prophet platoon in the Military Intelligence Company of the newly formed 4<sup>th</sup> Brigade, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. He is currently preparing for deployment to Iraq and plans on finishing his master's degree upon redeployment. He lives in Killeen, Texas.

**Amy Moore, B.A. in legal studies**, has been promoted since graduation from part-time hourly file clerk to full-time salaried paralegal with King, Blackwell, Downs & Zehnder, P.A., in Orlando.

**Garrett Pantano, B.S. in criminal justice, B.S. in political science, M.S. in criminal justice ('03)**, married Brenda Knowles on May 14, 2005. Pantano graduated from the Florida Police Corps of Jacksonville (see page 10) and works for the Orange County Sheriff's Department in Orlando.

**Patrick Edward Schaefer, B.S. in criminal justice**, has been working for the Orange County Sheriff's Office as a road deputy for two years. He works in Sector Three, which is in the Pine Hills area, and lives in Orlando.

**Laura Shaffer, B.S. in criminal justice**, lives in Pembroke Pines, Fla.

**Adam Sweeney, B.S. in criminal justice**, is a correctional officer with the Worcester County Sheriff's Department in West Boylston, Mass.

**Karen Vinci, B.A. in legal studies**, will receive her juris doctorate in 2006.

## 2004

**Amanda Bartolome, B.S. in criminal justice**, is a staff assistant for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Orlando.

**Jill Berkman, B.A. in criminal justice**, is a second-year law student at Nova Law in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

**Sarah Fortin, B.S. in criminal justice**, is a pilot with the U.S. Air Force. She recently moved from Columbus, Miss., to Corpus Christi, Texas, where she will be training with the Navy on the T-44 airplane for eight months. After training on the T-44, she will move to Little Rock, Ark., to train with the Air Force on the C-130 airplane.

**Cory Garone, B.A. in criminal justice**, lives in Winter Springs, Fla.

**Antonietta Graham, M.S. in criminal justice, M.P.A.**, is a felony probation officer for the State of Florida in Melbourne. She is also an adjunct faculty professor at Brevard Community College and local universities in the Brevard County area.

**W. Michael Hamrick, B.S. in legal studies**, is a paralegal with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in Tallahassee.

**Katharine M. Pacic (Hand), B.A. in legal studies**, was married after graduation. She and her husband are currently selling their first condo and building their first home. Her involvement in the building process led her to her current job as an office manager for Pioneer Construction Services, where she handles commercial tenant improvements and high-end construction in Windermere, Fla.

**Stacy Hetzel, B.A. in legal studies**, is a second-year law student at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville. She plans to return to Orlando for private practice in December 2006.

**Brian Malec, B.S. in legal studies**, is pursuing a J.D. degree from the University of Florida in Gainesville.

**Dennis Nichols, B.S. in criminal justice**, was hired as an advanced placement employee to go through a training program with Sedgwick CMS in Lake Mary, Fla. He was sent to Texas for three weeks of training and continued training for an additional three months after returning to Florida. He now handles worker's compensation for eight different states.

**Allison Perez, B.A. in legal studies**, is a legal assistant for Cray Buchanan in Stuart, Fla.

**Catherine R. Nickow, B.S. in legal studies**, is

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a legal assistant for Maher, Guiley & Maher in Winter Park, Fla.

**Todd Korkosz, B.A. in criminal justice, B.S. in psychology**, is pursuing a master's degree in criminal justice from UCF while working as a record specialist with U.S. Investigation Services in Orlando.

**Michael Palmer, B.S. in criminal justice**, is a teacher for Psychiatric Solutions, Inc., in Rockledge, Fla.

**Ethan Wall, B.S. in legal studies**, is a student at Nova Southeastern University, Shepard Broad Law Center in Davie, Fla.

## 2005

**Daniel Brown, B.S. in criminal justice**, lives in Longwood, Fla.

**Kimah N. Burrell, M.S. in criminal justice**, is an adoptions counselor for Kids Hope United in Orlando.

**Terra Carroll, B.A. in legal studies**, is a law student at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

**Stephen Christian, B.A. in legal studies**, is a student at Florida A&M University College of Law in Orlando.

**Tricia Cooney, B.S. in legal studies**, is an enforcement paralegal with the Indiana Secretary of State, Securities Division in Indianapolis.

**Jessica A. DeBono, B.S. in criminal justice**, is currently attending Mercer University School of Law in Macon, Ga. She will graduate in 2008.

**Stephanie Newton, B.S. in criminal justice**, is a police officer with the Pembroke Pines Police Department in Florida. She graduated from the Police Academy on October 18, 2005, and has begun road patrol.

**Christopher E. Dougherty, B.S. in criminal justice**, is an executive team leader in asset's protection for Target in Daytona Beach, Fla.

**Tameka C. Franco, B.S. in legal studies**, lives in Orlando.

**Jill Haasis, B.S. in criminal justice**, is currently going through the hiring process with the United States Secret Service. If hired, she will be working for the Uniformed Division and would relocate to Washington, D.C. She currently resides in Winter Springs, Fla.

**David Margolis, B.S. in legal studies**, is a first-year law student at the University of Miami and a student ambassador.

**Courtney Matthews, B.S. in criminal justice**, is currently working on her teaching certification through Seminole County Public Schools in the social sciences.

**Evan Rosenberg, B.S. in legal studies**, is a paralegal/law clerk with Lippman, Horween and Associates, P.A., in Orlando.

**Nicole Smirlis, B.S. in legal studies**, is an office supervisor for Cheeca Lodge and Spa in Islamorada, Fla.

## Life After Graduation

The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies and UCF Alumni Association are pleased to announce the formation of the Criminal Justice and Legal Studies Alumni Club. The purpose of the club 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 Club is automatic with your UCF Alumni Association membership. Besides gaining access to continuing education, networking, professional fellowship opportunities and events, additional member benefits include 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](http://www.ucfalumni.com) or call (407) UCF-ALUM to join today.

## 2004–2005 Accomplishments

In the past year, the club had many accomplishments, including drafting the club's by-laws, electing the inaugural officers (listed below) and establishing an annual calendar of events. Annual events and activities include:

- Lighthouse of Central Florida Sight and Sole Walk-a-Thon
- Tailgating at home football games
- Annual fall social and networking event
- Delridge Haunted House
- Holiday party

In the coming year, the club hopes to add an annual symposium on current issues in criminal justice and legal studies and a resume workshop for students to its calendar of events.

## Alumni Club Officers

**Sid Roman**, '91, Legal Studies  
*Chair*

**Lisa Lovell**, '86, Legal Studies  
*Vice-Chair*

**Meredith Dostal**, '94, '97, Criminal Justice

**Anthony Novogroski**, '01, Criminal Justice  
*Communications Committee Co-Chairs*

**Dedra Curtis**, '99, Criminal Justice

**Maia Jefferson**, '03, Criminal Justice  
*Special Events Committee Co-Chairs*

If you are interested in getting involved with the club or would like more information, contact Jennifer Miller at (407) 823-2723 or [jeroth@mail.ucf.edu](mailto:jeroth@mail.ucf.edu).

# scholarships

## 2004–2005 Scholarship Recipients

*American Society of Industrial Security (ASIS) International Foundation's Matching Chapter Scholarship*

Victoria Itiat and Monal Shaw

*Amy Kuritar Lohrmann Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

Brett Childress

*Criminal Justice Memorial Quasi-Endowed Scholarship*

Melissa Ramkissoon

*Detective Barry Pruette Memorial Scholarship from the Altamonte Springs Police Department*

Pablo Vargas

*Greenberg Traurig P.A. Scholarship*

Pamela Youmans

*Margaret M. Samet Memorial Endowed Scholarship*

Jessica Maykrantz

## Scholarship Money Raised

Lambda Alpha Epsilon hosted an auction on March 5, 2005, in the atrium of HPA I that raised \$2,100 for the Amy Kuritar-Lohrmann Scholarship. The scholarship was established in memory of the late Amy Kuritar-Lohrmann, who earned a B.A. in criminal justice from UCF in 1994.

## New Scholarships

The George DeSalvia Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established in summer 2004 in memory of Orlando Police Officer George DeSalvia, who was shot and killed in the line of duty in 2000.

The Criminal Justice Memorial Scholarship was created in spring 2005 by Debbie Phillis, outreach and special programs coordinator in criminal justice, for students who plan to or are currently working in law enforcement. The scholarship was set up in memory of UCF students who have passed away while serving in the line of duty.

Debbie Phillis also established the Legal Studies Internship Scholarship in spring 2005 for students who are participating in an unpaid internship in legal studies.

For more information or to contribute to any of these scholarships, please contact Jennifer Miller at (407) 823-2723.



# giving

## Donation of Library Collection by Gould Family

For more than 50 years, police officers, lawyers, judges and regular citizens have turned to Gould books to find answers to legal questions. Gould Publications' 99.9 percent accuracy rate made it the leading publisher of compendiums of local and state laws and handbooks used by courts, lawyers and law enforcement agencies across the nation.

Today, UCF researchers, including more than 1,500 criminal justice and legal studies students, can find answers to legal questions past and present thanks to a generous donation from Jean and Norman Gould and their sons Jeffrey and Bruce. They gave UCF an extensive collection of books that focus on the study of law throughout all 50 states, a remarkable compilation unlike any other in the country.

"We are please to receive this gift from the Gould family," said Bernard McCarthy, chair of the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies. "The Gould Library donation provides a wonderful resource, and the collection will be extremely useful to students, faculty and legal researchers."



UCF Alumni Association

(Seated:) Norman, Jean, (standing:) Bruce and Jeffrey Gould gave UCF a collection of historic law books valued at \$175,000.

# report of gifts July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005

## President's Circle Benefactors Annual giving of \$5,000 to \$9,999

### FRIENDS

David Gray Ross

## President's Circle Contributors Annual giving of \$2,500 to \$4,999

### ALUMNI

Deborah Phillis ('84, '91)

### ORGANIZATIONS

Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge Number 25

## President's Circle Associates Annual giving of \$1,000 to \$2,499

### ALUMNI

Derek DeSalvia ('03)

Maria Trunzo ('93)

### FRIENDS

Robert Kuritar

### ORGANIZATIONS

Lambda Alpha Epsilon

## Pegasus Circle Partners Annual giving of \$500 to \$999

### FRIENDS

Sam Crimaldi

Nancy Stopperich

### ORGANIZATIONS

Gearing-Hadinger Carpet, Inc.

Wal-Mart Foundation

## Pegasus Circle Supporters Annual giving of \$250 to \$499

### FRIENDS

Janice DeSalvia

### ORGANIZATIONS

Wade B. Coyle, P.A.

## Pegasus Circle Friends Annual giving of \$100 to \$249

### ALUMNI

Jessica Garrett ('02)

James ('81, '00) and Wendy ('77) Malcolm

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