

School of Community Affairs

THE SCA NEWS

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Greetings from the Director



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to you our very first **SCA News**. The newsletter was developed to give you some insight and information about current events and undertakings within SCA and the organizations housed under the SCA program. We hope you enjoy it and partake in the many upcoming events as well as utilize the valuable information it will provide. The newsletter will be published quarterly after the release of our January issue. If I can be of assistance to you in any way please contact me.

Dr. Michael Birzer, Director

A Little SCA History

The School of Community Affairs at Wichita State, created in 1999, brings together the departments of Criminal Justice, Ethnic Studies and Gerontology to form a unique and diverse curriculum to better serve the needs of students to work in an ever-changing urban and global community. Additionally, The Midwest Criminal Justice Institute, the Regional Community Policing Training Institute and the Juvenile Justice Research Center provide opportunities to blend teaching, research and quality service. The School of Community Affairs, as a result, not only serves as an educational unit for students, but also functions as a research and service unit that assists with a broader range of needs identified in the community.

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New SCA course for Ethnic Studies

Welcome Dr. Ku-Sup Chin. Dr. Chin comes to us as the new Adjunct Professor from the Department of Behavioral Sciences at the McPherson College. Dr. Chin has a PhD in Sociology from the University of California at Irvine. Dr. Chin will be teaching "Asian American Contemporary Issues (ETHS 390) spring'08. Be sure to sign up!!

Criminal Justice Happenings

The **Criminal Justice Student Association** is hosting a **Career Fair** on Monday, March 10, 2008.

Interested in Joining!!! Contact tllindsey@wichita.edu or stop by the School of Community Affairs office & pick up an application. 316 Lindquist Hall



The **Criminal Justice Student Association** sponsored a Chili Cook-Off Competition!!! This fundraiser was held December 6th in Lindquist Hall from 10-3. It was a great success!!.

Word To The Undergrads

We encourage you to pursue graduate education with a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice. Come by the office and talk with someone about your **Unlimited Possibilities.**

316 Lindquist Hall

Community Service Work

Are you interested in assisting the Wichita Police Department with conducting a survey for research? The WPD are looking for volunteers to walk door to door surveying citizens within the city. This would be a good opportunity for students who are interested in research to get some survey experience. For more information contact the SCA department @ (316)978-7200.

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Mark McCoy who joins the School of Community Affairs as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice. Dr. McCoy will teach "Cybercrimes" during the Spring 08'semester. He recently retired after 20 years with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations where he supervised the forensic examination of digital evidence. Dr. McCoy is a Certified Forensic Computer Examiner. Dr. McCoy holds a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University, a master's from San Diego State University, and a doctorate from Oklahoma State University. Cybercrimes will be facilitated as a hybrid course which meets both on-line and in the class. The class meetings will be held on three Saturdays (January 26, March 1 and May 3 from (9:00am-4:00pm) during the spring semester.

**THE SCA FACULTY & STAFF
WISH YOU**



Congratulations Graduates



Best Wishes to Lacy Schwochow!

Congratulations to the following students who were admitted to the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice program, effective Spring 2008 semester: **Nicholas Beech, Kristi Brautman, Lindsay Gillen, Stacey Hibbs, Heather Howerter, Shannon Kraus, Angela Scott, Ashley Utz, Christine Whitehead.**

Welcome to **Angela Scott and Donisha Ross** who accepted Graduate Assistant positions in the criminal justice program effective Spring 2008 semester.

Gerontology

The Gerontology program is taking applications for the **Masters in Gerontology Program**. Please call (316) 978-7200 for further information.

Congratulations to Deana Gard and Mary Goins who have been admitted to the master's program in Gerontology effective Spring 2008.

Welcome Dr. **Nicole Rogers**, Assistant Professor of Gerontology who joined the S.C.A. faculty this fall. Nicole recently co-authored two papers Functional fitness gain varies in older adults depending on exercise mode. ***Medicine & Science in Sports & Exercise, 39(11), 2036-2043, 2007*** and ***Get ready for summer! A fitness program to prepare for vacations. Functional U, 5 (3), 1-8, 2007.***

Nicole also co-authored with L.A. Alkire of Senior Services, Inc in Wichita. One grant; **Vladimir Janda Grant for Therapeutic Exercise Research. Peer-Led Fitness Classes: Training the Senior Fitness Trainer**. \$5,000: Funded. (2007).

What do Student Graduate Assistants do?



You may have strolled through the third floor of Lindquist hall and spotted the School of Community Affairs graduate assistants huddled in their offices glued to their computer screens. Graduate assistants perform a vital function in support of the School of Community Affairs mission. A few of their many tasks are assisting professors with their research, proctoring examinations, checking out books and articles from the library, delivering an occasional lecture to undergraduate classes, making copies for professors, grading examinations, entering information on course blackboard sites, and occasionally assist with answering the phone in the School of Community Affairs main office. Graduate assistants perform an important role in the School of Community Affairs. Their support and hard work is greatly appreciated

*"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one."
-Malcolm Forbes, in Forbes magazine.*

Faculty Spotlight



Dr. Corrigan presented at the **Gerontological Society of America in San Francisco** 11/16 – 11/21. Her presentation was on “**Teaching in the Global Technology Age: Pre and Post Conversion to Online Gerontology Classes**”. *Dr. Corrigan also received the Irene Hart Award*

Dr. Michael Palmiotto has been extremely busy this year beginning with the publishing of his and Professor Alison McKinney Brown’s new book ***Police Officer Exams, and an article Public Accountability; Strategies to control Public Mis-conduct published in the Law Enforcement Forum***. In March Dr. Palmiotto was approved for candidacy on the Fulbright Senior Specialist Roster. May was a busy month as well for Dr. Palmiotto, was appointed to the Globalization Task Force by Vice- President Miller. Also Dr. Palmiotto was a visiting professor at the University of Kragujevac, Serbia, where he lectured on Community Policing and American Police Structure...To complete the year; in October he attended the Michael Tiford Multi-Cultural Diversity Conference and is now a committee member.

Kudos to all of the faculty members that attended and presented at the **American Society of Criminology Conference** in Atlanta and a special thanks to Graduate Assistants’, **Allison Samuels and Lacy Schwochow** for their assistance in running the recruiting booth.

Where’s Dr. Delores Craig ? She began a well deserved phased retirement this semester. She was last spotted basking in the warm sun somewhere in Costa Rica.

Dr. Michael Birzer recently had a book published (with Cliff Roberson) titled: “**Police field operations: Theory meets practice**,” published by Allyn and Bacon.

Dr. Andi Bannister continues to have great success as Director of the Regional Community Policing Institute. Since 1997 she received over \$6 million in external grant funding from the United States Department of Justice. She recently secured another \$214,500 in grant funding from the Department of Justice.



The SCA History Page

O.W. Wilson, Founder & Scholar
WSU Criminal Justice Program
(May 15, 1900 – October 18, 1972)

O.W. Wilson is considered one of the most important reformers in American history. He is credited with being the lead architect of the professional police movement from the 1920's through the 1960's. Protégée of August Vollmer, Wilson worked for Vollmer as a Berkeley, California Police Officer. Wilson eventually became chief of Police at Fullerton, California; Wichita, Kansas and Superintendent of Police in Chicago, Illinois.

While Wilson was Chief in Wichita, he developed the first police science program in the nation; first at the Municipal University of Wichita and later at WSU. Wilson developed a list of the major aspects of a police officer's job and from that list he eliminated low level skills, tasks which could be best taught by a police department or a training academy, and subjects which could not achieve a degree of academic respectability among professors. From the remaining tasks he constructed seven courses; criminal law, personal identification, police patrol practices, criminal evidence, traffic control, criminal investigation, and police administration. These were the seven courses which were added to the WSU college curriculum in 1936.

Our program has evolved from these seven courses to include the entire criminal justice system including criminological theory. Faculty in the program have an international reputation and have conducted research and published books and academic papers, which have contributed to our growing understanding of crime, criminals and the criminal justice system.

By the 1950's, Wilson's ideas of police professionalism, presented in *Police Administration*, were widely implemented in police agencies across the United States. These ideas remained popular until the advent of community policing. Wilson believed that preventive patrol and rapid response to calls would be effective, creating a sense of police omnipresence among criminals.

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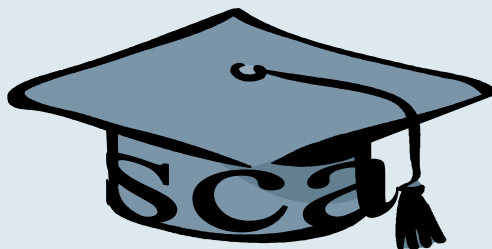
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Mission Statement

The SCA seeks to integrate academic and professional disciplines to enhance effective citizenship and contribute to the civic development of the community. The faculty and staff in the disciplines of Criminal Justice, Forensic Science, Gerontology and Ethnic Studies provide within the Regents System a unique combination of teaching, research, and service oriented resources. Through its interdisciplinary teaching, research and service activities, the School seeks to further the exchange of knowledge and skills between the community and Wichita State University. The SCA is committed to the enhancement of basic and applied scholarship and public service to meet the challenges of a constantly changing local, regional and world community.



"A VARIETY OF CAREER PATHS UNDER ONE HAT!"