One of our students was recently recognized as a Lincoln Laureate. This distinction carries with it a medallion and a monetary award bestowed by the Governor and President of the Lincoln Academy, Rod Blagojevich. The award recognizes a student's commitment to education, service to the community and exemplification of the principles for which Abraham Lincoln stood. Jennifer Snyder of Normal, a senior community health major, was honored at a special convocation of the Lincoln Academy on Saturday, October 28, in the House of Representatives Chambers at the State Capitol Building in Springfield. Jennifer is in the Honors program at Illinois State University and is the recipient of a National and Illinois Spina Bifida Association Scholarship and an Illinois State Dean's Scholarship.

Several faculty from CAST were recently granted tenure or earned rank promotion. Tenure is a highly sought after distinction that requires significant professional accomplishment beyond the terminal degree. In our College, it is expected that one demonstrate quality professional achievements in teaching, research and service. Tenure is a right extended to an individual by a university or college after the completion of six years of full-time service at the rank of instructor or above at one or more accredited institutions of higher education, including at least three years at Illinois State University.

Those receiving tenure recently include Beverly Barham, Health Sciences; Todd A. McLoda, Kinesiology and Recreation; Chris P. Merrill, Technology; Paulette Miller, Health Sciences; Klaus Schmidt, Technology; Bryon Wiegand, Agriculture; and Daniel G. Wilson, Technology.

Several of our faculty were recently promoted from assistant to associate professor. Those receiving promotions include Beverly Barham, Health Sciences; Todd A. McLoda, Kinesiology and Recreation; Chris P. Merrill, Technology; Paulette Miller, Health Sciences; Louis G. Reifschneider, Technology; Klaus Schmidt, Technology; and Bryon Wiegand, Agriculture.

Faculty promoted from associate to professor include Danny C. Brown, Technology.

Each of these individuals should be commended for their dedication and hard work. Please join me in wishing them well and congratulations.

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Dean’s Corner

As I checked the syllabus for the course I am teaching, I realized that there are only three weeks of class in the fall semester prior to final exams. It seems hard to believe that the semester is rapidly coming to a close. Fall break is a week away and then we are back to close the semester.

It is also the time of the semester that IDEA student evaluations are administered for full semester courses. These should be completed and turned in to your department/school no later than Friday, November 17. These evaluations play a primary role in assessing and improving classroom teaching performance.

Overall teaching performance can include not only classroom teaching but also such things as laboratory instruction, supervision of student teachers or interns, mentoring students, in independent projects and theses, and curricular revisions. As such, it is important that we use a number of assessment sources for evaluating teaching. Assessment sources can include evaluations from peers, chairs/directors, and self-analysis in addition to student feedback. Because students are the first hand consumers of classroom instruction, they provide one important assessment source. The IDEA student evaluation is an instrument that provides valid and systematic feedback from students.

I hope that you have had a successful fall semester and that the rest of this term goes smoothly. The wide variety of instructional efforts that take place in CAST are greatly appreciated by the CAST Dean’s office.

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**Department of Agriculture**

Dr. Patrick O’Rourke was elected to the Board of Directors of AASCARR.

Dr. Dick Steffen and 6 Agricultural Education students attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana and served as judges and officials for the National Ag Mechanics Career Development Event (NAM CDE). Dr. Steffen was also Chair for the NMA CDE Blue Ribbon Papers/Poster Session, and the Ag Ed students represented Illinois State University in the Illinois Agricultural Universities booth.

Dr. Rob Rhykerd was named “Fellow” of the Indiana Academy of Science at their Annual Meeting hosted by Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana on November 3rd.

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**Department of Criminal Justice Sciences**

Numerous CJS faculty participated in the Annual Conference of the American Society of Criminology, which was held in Los Angeles, California, November 1-4.

**Drs. Sesha Kethineni and David Falcone** presented, “Hidden Apathy: The Status of Dalits or Untouchables in India.” Dr. Kethineni was also part of a round table on “Teaching International/Comparative Criminology/Criminal Justice.” **Drs. Ed Wells and David Falcone** were the co-authors of a presentation entitled, “Patterns of Policing in Indian Country.”

Dr. Jessie Krienert presented a paper entitled, “Insults, Identity Attacks, and Masculinity.” With Mark Fleisher (Case Western Reserve University), Dr. Krienert also presented, "Why Don’t You Want Our Prisons to Be Safe? A Cultural Examination of Prison Rape." Dr. Frank Morn presented a paper entitled “Expanding Criminal Justice Education: Justice Revisited.” Dr. Morn was also part of a session on "(Re)discovering Clio’s Craft: History and Historical Research on Crime and Criminal Justice.”

**Dr. Cara Rabe-Hemp** delivered a paper entitled, “Survival in an All Boys Club: An Exploratory Study of the Occupational Experiences of Rural and Small Town Policewomen.” Besides chairing four paper sessions, **Professor John Reitzel** and S. K. Rice (Seton Hall University), presented a paper on “Contextualized Traffic Stops: Examining the Social and Spatial Determinants of Police-Citizen Encounters.” **Dr. Ling Ren and J. Zhao** (University of Nebraska – Omaha), presented "Drugs and Crime Drop in America during the 1990s." With J. Zhao and B. P. McCarty, Dr. Ren also presented, “Determinants of Police Strength in Large U.S. Cities during the 1990s: Fixed-Effects Panel Analysis.” With J. Zhao and N. P. Lovrich (Washington State University), Dr. Ren presented a third time on “Change in Police Organizational Structures during the 1990s: An Application of Contingency Theory.”


For the new 3rd edition of *The Encyclopedia of Police Science*, the following faculty have contributed entries: **Dr. David Falcone** and **Dr. Ed Wells**, "Sheriffs"; **Dr. Falcone and Dr. Bev Smith**, "Military Police"; **Dr. Smith and Dr. Falcone**, "State Law Enforcement"; **Dr. Ralph Weisheit**, Dr. Falcone, and Dr. Wells, "Rural and Small-Town Policing".

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**Department of Family and Consumer Sciences**

**Dr. Tricia Widner Johnson** and **Dr. Julienne Trautmann** gave an oral presentation entitled “Creating a scale for compulsive clothing buying” at the International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA) annual conference, “Confluence of Culture”, held in San Antonio, Texas, November 1-4.


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**Department of Health Sciences**

**Dr. George Byrns** presented “Promoting safe lifting practices in the prevention of low back pain” at an October 26th meeting of the Prairie Section of the American Industrial Hygiene Association in Bloomington. There were 4 Environmental Health students in attendance.

**Ms. Anjie Almeda** (HSC Academic Advisor) and Ms. Teri Farr (SOC/ANT) presented a paper entitled “Linking Academic Advising and Career Development” at the Illinois Academic Advisors’ Association’s state conference, held October 27th at Northern Illinois University.

**Ms. Anjie Almeda** has also been appointed to the 16-member planning board for the ILAAA (Illinois Academic Advisors’ Association). Teri Farr (SOC/ANT) and Lesley Harris (UCOLL) also serve on the board, which will plan the 2007 state-wide conference to be held at ISU.

**Dr. Sara L. Cole** presented “Health Education Students’ Self-Perceived Strengths and Weaknesses when Working with Diverse Populations” at the Society for Public Health Education Annual Meeting in Boston, November 2-4. Dr. Cole also attended the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, November 5-8, while in Boston.

**Ms. Ruth Ann Lipic** also presented a paper on “Determinants of Police Strength in Large U.S. Cities during the 1990s: Fixed-Effects Panel Analysis.” With J. Zhao and N. P. Lovrich (Washington State University), Dr. Ren presented a third time on “Change in Police Organizational Structures during the 1990s: An Application of Contingency Theory.”


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Dr. Chad McEvoy presented "A Team-by-Team Analysis of Optimal Variable Ticket Pricing in Major League Baseball" on November 4 at the annual conference of the Sport Marketing Association in Denver, Colorado.

Christina Bell, a master’s student in Recreation & Park Administration & Dr. Amy Hurd had the article: Research update: Recreation across Ethnicity published in Parks and Recreation.

Dr. Deb Garrahy and Dr. Margo Coleman presented "Seeing is believing: Examining gender through clinical experiences and assignments in a Physical Education-Teacher Education Program," at the National Physical Education-Teacher Education Conference in Long Beach, California.

Dr. Deb Garrahy and Dr. Kim Walker-Smith offered a motor development clinic for children ages 3 through 5 who participate in the McLean County WIC Program. The clinic is staffed by volunteer physical education-teacher education majors and is scheduled to continue through the spring semester.

Dr. Sandra Klitzing, Associate Professor Illinois State University, and Donna McCauley, Associate Professor Moraine Valley Community College, were invited to present at the Illinois Recreational Therapy Association Annual Conference. Their topic was "Can You Hear Me Now?" and focused on the responsibilities of practitioners, educators, and students to advocate for therapeutic recreation.

Dr. Steve McCaw was the invited speaker on the topic "Control strategies for one leg landings" in the Motor Development Seminar at Purdue University on October 27, 2006

SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Dr. James Wolf’s paper, “Price, Price Dispersion, Arbitrage and the Law of One Price: A Comparison of Online and Physical Wholesale Vehicle Auctions” has been accepted for presentation at the Fifth Workshop on e-Business (WEB 2006) WEB 2006 will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 9, 2006. The paper was co-authored by Waleed Muhanna from the Ohio State University and was partially funded by a 2006 Caterpillar Scholars Award.

Dr. James Wolf presented his paper, "Is Overbidding in Online Auctions the Result of a Pseudo-Endowment Effect?" at the Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences’s (INFORMS) annual meeting in Pittsburgh. The paper was co-authored by Hal Arkes and Waleed Muhanna from the Ohio State University.

Dr. Winn Mahatanankoon’s article "Predicting Cyber-Production Deviance in the Workplace" was published in the peer-reviewed International Journal of Internet and Enterprise Management.

Dr. Robert Zant presented a paper entitled "Model-View-Controller Architecture" at the Information Systems Education Conference (ISECON) in Dallas, Texas. ISECON is sponsored by the Foundation for Information Technology Education of the Association of Information Technology Professionals. The conference was held November 2-5, 2006.

Three teams from the School of Information Technology participated in the International Collegiate Programming Contest, run by the Association for Computing Machinery, at University of Illinois on November 4. This competition is the most difficult and most prestigious programming competition worldwide. The team composed of Alex Wheeler, Pete Lamonica, and Nathan Werry solved 6 of 7 problems, placed second at the site and 18th out of 124 in the region! The other two teams, Kelly Doran, Jason Elits, Nathan Fleming, and Jake Brownell, James Barr, each solved 4 problems and were in the top 45% in the region. Teams were given 7 problems to solve in 5 hours, and each team had only one computer. The coach was Mary Goodwin.

On October 24th, Drs. Terry Dennis and Chu Jong made a presentation on ITK’s proposed Enterprise Systems Computing major at IBM at the Systems and Technology Group’s 2006 IT Analyst Event in Las Vegas. IBM’s z-Series general managers felt that graduates of this major would be in high demand and that a graduate sequence in this area would be very attractive to IT employees working for companies using the z-Series.

DEPARTMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Education Collegiate Association competed against seven other Midwest universities at the Illinois Technology Education Conference in Peoria, Illinois, in late October, where they were victorious in the Teaching Lesson Contest and Communication Contest, and were runner-ups in the Manufacturing Contest, and Technology Challenge.

Dr. Dan Wilson and five Graphic Communications students attended the Graph Expo Conference and Convention at McCormick Place in Chicago on October 15th. This is the largest convention serving the graphic communications industry, with over 50,000 national and international attendees. Dr. Wilson also participated in the board meeting for the Accrediting Council for Collegiate Graphic Communications during the convention.

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