



LEANING FORWARD

NEW NOVEL RECOGNIZES HUSSON



On August 28, 2012, Tess Gerritsen revealed her new novel "The Last to Die" at the Owl & Turtle bookstore in Camden, Maine (picture on left). She began her presentation by highlighting the Criminal Justice Club at Husson University as a major inspiration for her new



novel which involves a fictitious school in Maine and students who are members of a criminal justice club. As a thank you for this recognition and for Dr. Gerritsen's ongoing relationship with the School of Legal Studies, the Criminal Justice Club presented her with a club jacket at a book signing in Bangor. (Pictured from left to right—Tess Gerritsen, Rebecca Small, Emily Zaczynski, Chance Everett and Clay DeMarco).

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Paralegal Studies and Pre-law students (pictured below with Director Marie Hansen and Professor Paul Morrow) attended the swearing in ceremony for new lawyers to the Maine State Bar on November 2, 2012 at the Penobscot Judicial Center. Justices Jabar (pictured far left) and Meade (pictured in middle) presided over the ceremony. Professor Morrow moved for the admission of Husson alum, Mark Laverdiere '09.



SPOTLIGHT ON FACULTY



Professor Cornel Plebani (pictured above far left) has recently concluded an advisory position as a Criminal Justice subject matter expert for Pearson publishing. He also served as a member of the oral board for the Orono Police Department in their most recent search for a full-time patrol officer in October and will be collaborating with the 11th Civil Support Team (Weapons of Mass Destruction) to coordinate a full-scale exercise on the Husson campus in early November. He will be offering CJ 235 online this winter term for the first time.

Professor John Michaud (pictured above second from left) reviewed two new texts this year—"Criminal Law and Courts Encyclopedia," an overview of the Criminal Laws and Court Systems in various countries throughout the world, and "Criminal Investigations" which is intended for students in introductory criminal investigation courses. Professor Michaud will also be the key speaker at the first Oceanside Jobs for Maine Graduates Installation Ceremony in November. He will be offering PL 200 again this winter term online.

Professor Alicia Wilcox (pictured above second from right) presented at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Impression and Pattern Evidence Symposium (IPES) in Clearwater Beach, FL in August on changes in footwear conclusions. She also started her PhD in Forensic Science with Strathclyde University, Glasgow, Scotland. She hopes over the next 4 years to research how jury members interpret scientific evidence. She will be offering CJ 225 again online this winter and introducing CJ 101 online for the first time during the winter session.

Professor Margaret Campbell (pictured above right) joined the School of Legal Studies full time this fall after having taught in the Paralegal Studies program since 2004. She has begun a project with her ADR students to create a University Ombuds Office. This office would confidentially assist in the resolution of student concerns while giving the students experience as mediators. She will be supervising paralegal interns over the winter term at a variety of locations.

SPRING 2013 ELECTIVES

- CJ 302—Advanced Critical Skills
 - CJ 333—Computer Forensics
 - CJ 337—Interview & Interrogation
 - CJ 345—Comparative CJ
 - CJ 408—Serial Homicide
 - CJ 410—CJ Internships
 - CJ 490—Forensic Psychology
 - CJ 499—Terrorism
 - CJ 499—Death Penalty
 - CJ 499—Emergency Management
 - CJ 499—Student Police Academy
 - CJ 499—Fire Investigation
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- CJ 707—Public Policy & Planning
 - CJ 710—CJ Graduate Internships
 - CJ 711—White Collar Crime
 - CJ 799—Current Issues in Corrections
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- PL 302—Family Law
 - PL 305—Legal Ethics
 - PL 407—Law Office Management
 - PL 498—PL Internships
 - PL 499—Civil Interviewing & Investigation

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CLUB

Last year the Criminal Justice Club , under the leadership of Mia Metell, conducted various fund raising efforts including gas card raffles, raffles of Rizzoli and Isles Memorabilia donated by Tess Gerritsen, and car washes. A donation of \$1,154.00 was made to The Twin Towers Orphan Fund "for the purpose of providing college education and welfare assistance for the children who lost parents during the terrorist attacks on 9/11."

This year the Club President is Ashley Santerre and members have decided to focus on domestic abuse issues in the state. Their first fundraising event was the Pie in the Face Contest. Pictured below right are the willing participants– John Michaud, Ken Johnson, Lee Speronis and Gerald Wright. Pictured below left demonstrating technique Marie Hansen and John Michaud.



BAR FIGHT SIMULATION

Officers from the Orono, Bangor, and Hampden Police Departments showed students how to deal with violent situations in an Introduction to CJ course in October, 2012. "Students responded to a bar scene fight, which was choreographed. It gave them some tools to go in and deal with problems in the future," said Orono Police Sergeant Scott Wilcox.

Professor Cornel Plebani said, "We tend to see very high value for the incoming students to have very early application based and experiential learning opportunities so that we can take what we're giving them in terms of classroom based learning, reading and textbooks, and can begin to incorporate that into real world scenario based training and role playing." The students involved found it easy to become fully immersed in the role playing experience. Justin Carter says, "You do get a little lost in the movement but you always need to be able to come right back to it. They got to see how out of control it can get."



PHARMACY ROBBERY PREVENTION

The Pharmacy and Criminal Justice students were provided an in-service course coordinated by the School of Legal Studies, the School of Pharmacy and the Brewer Police Department in order to help combat the growing problem of pharmacy robberies in the area. Officers from Brewer Police Department and Director Marie Hansen shared their insight in handling those situations October 26, 2012. Officers say there have been over 45 pharmacy robberies in the state this year.

"It's a great deal of concern because anytime you have people with addictions they are unpredictable," says Perry Anton, Director of Brewer Public Safety. The students learned safety procedures to follow during a robbery, as well as skills to provide the best description of suspects.



LEGAL STUDIES ORGANIZATION (LSO)

Continuing under the leadership of President Donna Beck, along with VP Jade Dientes, Secretary Sarah Pelletier and Treasurer Kristy Benner have been actively recruiting new members. A new member night will be held on 11/29/12.

In addition to the jackets designed last year, the organization has ordered t-shirts for active members. LSO raised \$150 at a Halloween Bake Sale to help with this purchase as well as their charity work. The LSO will be collecting toys for local charities this holiday season.

A trip to the Maine Law School is planned for February along with a practice LSAT session and guest speaker.



MAINE STATE POLICE

On October 21, 2012, the State Police performed their annual inspection of the troopers at Husson. The MSP also hired Bryan Creamer '10 as a new trooper this fall to work in Hancock County (pictured 2nd from right).



CAR CRASH DEMONSTRATION

As part of the Criminalistics class the State Police brought cars from a crash scene and dissected the scene with students.



STUDENT NEWS

Kristen Dorion '12 (pictured on right during a mock trial last year), a graduate of the Paralegal Studies program, is attending the University of Southern Maine School of Law this fall.



Taylor Dube successfully completed the first State Police internship this summer (pictured with Col. Robert Williams, '08, an alum of the MSCJA program).