A. Overview of the Criminal Justice Department

1. Mission and Structure

The Department of Criminal Justice is dedicated to providing a dynamic educational experience that integrates theory and practice. The faculty attempt to strike the proper balance between the acquisition of knowledge and the application and utilization of that knowledge.

The curriculum focuses on the study of crime, the criminal justice system and its component parts: law enforcement, courts, corrections, and juvenile justice. The Department's curriculum attempts to accomplish two major goals. First, it is designed to provide students with a liberal arts education that focuses upon basic skills such as the ability to read critically, to write clearly, to speak effectively, and to think analytically. Second, the criminal justice concentration of specialized course-work serves as the foundation for a career in a criminal justice profession.

Readings, lectures, and research assignments are supplemented with field trips and with guest speakers who are recognized professionals in the field. These efforts are enhanced by a demanding, yet rewarding, internship program. The Department offers Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in criminal justice and will be offering a doctoral (Ph.D.) program in criminal justice and criminology beginning Fall 2010.

The Department's research activities further exemplify the commitment to integrating theory and practice of our interdisciplinary field. Some of that research addresses specific needs of criminal justice agencies, while some is more theoretical in nature. Further proof of the Department's commitment to scholarship can be found in two respected peer-reviewed journals published in the Department: Criminal Justice Review and the International Criminal Justice Review; also, one of our faculty members served as the editor of American Journal of Criminal Justice through December 2008. Another dimension of the Department's research activity is the Statistical Analysis Bureau (SAB) which analyzes Georgia criminal justice data. The Department also houses the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange Program (GILEE) for law enforcement executive development in Georgia and several other countries, and the International Law Enforcement Enterprise (ILEE); several faculty members regularly engage in international research and assistance projects.
The Department maintains close professional ties with the criminal justice community through a host of agency-based internship placements, through various public committees and projects, and at various public events.

2. **Faculty and Staff (Full-Time)**

Dr. Brenda Blackwell, Associate Professor  
Ms. Nadia Borrisova, Coordinator, GILEE and ILEE  
Dr. Timothy Brezina, Associate Professor  
Dr. Dave Camp, Associate Professor Emeritus (teaching half-time appointment)  
Dr. Sue Carter Collins, Associate Professor and Internship Coordinator  
Dr. Dean A. Dabney, Associate Professor  
Dr. Leah Daigle, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Mary A. Finn, Professor and Associate Provost of Institutional Effectiveness  
Dr. Robert R. Friedmann, Professor and Distinguished Chair of Public Safety Partnerships  
Ms. Mary Mason, Senior Secretary  
Dr. Brian K. Payne, Professor and Chair  
Dr. Wendy Guastaferro, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Lisa Muftić, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Mark D. Reed, Associate Professor  
Ms. Anita Stewart, Business Manager  
Dr. Brent Teasdale, Assistant Professor  
Dr. Volkan Topalli, Associate Professor  
Dr. Barbara Warner, Associate Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator  
Dr. Sue-Ming Yang, Assistant Professor

3. **Students**

Current students and graduates of the program are found in all components of the criminal and juvenile justice systems and at all professional levels within these components at the metro, state, and national levels. The Department values the close relationships that are maintained among students, faculty, and alumni. This mutual support provides a dynamic environment which is enhanced even more by the proximity of municipal, county, state, and federal agencies as well as the private security sector.

The Department had a total of 1,115 students enrolled during 2008, while in 2007 1,142 students enrolled. Of the students enrolled in 2008, 65.5% were minorities and 64.6% were females. A total of 9,887 credit hours were produced by the faculty. This is up from 8,784 credit hours in the prior year (an 11.2% percent increase of 1,103 hours). The following two tables provide a summary of student enrollment and credit hour production by faculty.
Calendar Year 2008 Criminal Justice Enrollment

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Credit Hours in Courses Taught by CJ Faculty, Calendar Years 2006-2007

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The Department placed 90 undergraduate criminal justice majors in internships with a variety of criminal justice agencies (40 Spring, 22 Summer, and 28 Fall). The Department has established internship relationships with more than 100 agencies.

The Department graduated 90 undergraduate and 7 graduate students in 2008 compared to 83 undergraduate and 11 graduate students in 2007.
In Fall 2008, the Department had 443 declared majors, which was nearly a 5% increase from the Fall 2007 semester figure of 424, and approximately a 10% increase over the Fall 2005 semester figure of 397.

**Graduate Research Assistants** were:

Tatum Dorsey, Jessica Ekhomu, Yolanda Faulk, Shari Gadson, Tyler Gayan, Amber Howell, Ashley Kotun, Meredith Knowles, Brandon Magee, Andrew Manaois, Sadie Mummert, Herbert Phipps, Caroline Rast-Daniel, Beverly Reece, Jacqueline Rion, Taneshia Sims, Jessica Stein, Erin Valentino, Beverly Williams

The Criminal Justice Student Association is an organization open to all GSU students who are interested in crime and criminal justice-related topics. CJSA provides a forum that facilitates interaction between students, faculty, program alumni, professionals employed in the field, and members of the broader community. CJSA is committed to developing networks with future criminal justice employers, the GSU Student Government Association, and faculty members in the Criminal Justice Department. The CJSA officers for the 2008-2009 academic year:

Laura Ryan--President
Kaleb McElroy --Vice President
Jessica Vega--Secretary
Jon Klein--Treasurer
Jessica Ekhomu--Director of Outreach
Brad Latham--Director of Marketing
Dr. Sue Collins—Faculty advisor

**B. HIGHLIGHTS OF 2008**

- Faculty produced 49 publications: 3 books, 34 refereed articles, 5 reprints, 4 book chapters/encyclopedia entries, 1 book review, and 2 research reports. (This was up from 26 publications the prior year: 1 book, 13 refereed articles, 2 non-refereed articles, 1 reprint, 2 book chapters and 7 research reports)
- Faculty received 2 extramural grants/contracts and 2 intramural grants for a total of $51,500
- **Dr. Sue Collins** was promoted to Associate Professor and **Dr. Barbara Warner** was awarded tenure.
- The Department hired two one-year non-tenure track instructors—**Dr. Ranee McEntire** and **Ms. Sandra Blount**.
- The Department conducted a successful search for a new tenure track professor. The new hire is **Joshua Hinkle**, University of Maryland.
- The PhD proposal was approved by the University and forwarded to the Board of Regents.
- The Undergraduate Committee held a retreat at which recommendations were made for revising the undergraduate curriculum.
Faculty made presentations at numerous conferences including the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the American Society of Criminology, the Southern Sociological Society, the Southern Criminal Justice Association, the International Conference on Terrorism’s Global Impact, and the British Society of Criminology.

The Department sponsored a reception at the American Society of Criminology meeting in November.

The Department distributed two newsletters to students, faculty, and alumni.

An alumni survey was analyzed by the undergraduate committee.

The Department developed an internship fair where graduating students presented posters related to the senior seminar. The fair was held in July 2008 and December 2008.

The Criminal Justice Student Association co-sponsored a job fair with the Department in April 2008.

1. SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF FACULTY

Awards/Honors:

- **Tim Brezina**’s work was highlighted in the American Sociological Association’s Fall 2008 issue of *Contexts*.

- **Sue Carter Collins** was nominated for the Georgia State University Instructional Effectiveness Award. Also, as a result of her efforts assessing the undergraduate program, and the efforts of **Mark Reed** assessing the graduate program, the Department was awarded the University’s Departmental Institutional Effectiveness Award.

- **Leah Daigle** was named a top female scholar in an article appearing in the *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

- **Robbie Friedmann** received (1) the Governor’s Public Safety Award by Governor Sonny Purdue in recognition of exceptional service to public safety in the category of “Outstanding Job Performance,” (2) the Israel Police Commissioner’s Award by Israel Police in recognition of GILEE’s 16th Anniversary, (3) the Exceptional Service Award by Georgia State University at May Commencement, and (4) a series of resolutions by the Georgia House of Representatives.

- **Wendy Guastaferro** was named a teaching fellow as part of Georgia State University’s Center for Teaching and Learning. She was also a finalist for the GSU Instructional Innovation Award.

- **Brian Payne** was elected 2nd Vice President of the Southern Criminal Justice Association (SCJA), and he received the Outstanding Educator Award from SCJA. Payne also received the Distinguished Alumni Scholar Award from Indiana University of Pennsylvania’s Department of Criminology.
Books/Monographs:


Scholarly Journal Articles:


**Book Chapters/Encyclopedia Entries:**


Reprints:


Book Reviews:


Technical Reports:


Grants received:


**Muftić, L.** (2008). Faculty Research Grant, to examine the impact pro-arrest legislative policies have on the occurrence of dual arrest in domestic violence cases, University of North Texas, Vice President for Research & Technology Transfer Office, Awarded Summer 2008, $4,977.


**Grant work continued from prior years:**

**Finn, M., and Blackwell, B.,** continued their work on a child sex trafficking project funded by the National Institute of Justice.


**Topalli, V.** Final year of NSF award ($127K: An Interdisciplinary, Multi-Method Approach to the Study of Active Violent Street Offenders, ongoing research project with The National Science Foundation)

**Grants/Proposals submitted:**


**Topalli, V. & Meyers, J.** (2008). Congressional earmark application to establish, *the Urban Youth Violence Prevention Center, in the City of Atlanta.* Five years of funding for research, education, and intervention (amount to be requested through Department of Justice, $2.7 million).

Presentations at Academic Conferences:


**Dabney, D. A., & Topalli, V.** “Counterparts in the game: Drug dealer and police officer viewpoints of one another.” Presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO, November 2008.


Payne, B.K., & Guastaferro, W. “Attitudes about Justice, Fairness, and Due Process.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Cincinnati, OH, March 2008.


2. SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF STUDENTS

Student Awards and Honors:

Dean's Scholarship Key
Carmela Agnone, Matteo Amato, Erin Anderson, John Auers, Daniel Biber, Danielle Early, Mark Edelson, Jessica Ekhomu, Stacy Ekmark, Chad Gwin, Elizabeth Haren, Meredith Knowles, Michael Kresse, Bradley Latham, Erohwon Ogbemudia, Benjamin Perry, Pamela Peynado, Danny Tedesco, Robert Wilbanks

Faculty Scholarship Award
Jessica Ekhomu, Stacy Ekmark, Robert Wilbanks

Chris Perrin Memorial Scholarship
Jamie Moon

Larry E. Quinn Memorial Award
Tina Miller

Graduate Academic Award
W. Jordan Cannon, Keri Fox, Patrice Hill, William Trivelpiece

James L. Maddex, Jr. Scholarship
Tyler Gayan

Phil Peters Scholarship
Yolanda Faulk, Ryan Fausett, Erinn Perry, Laura Ryan, Alyssa Stewart

Outstanding Criminal Justice Agency Award
Municipal Court of Atlanta, Office of the Solicitor
DeKalb County Juvenile Court

Georgia State University Torchbearer Award
Cynthia Padilla

Southern Criminal Justice Association’s Outstanding Undergraduate Award
Jessica Ekohomu
3. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC SERVICE

Departmental Journals. It was a productive year for the two peer-reviewed journals which are housed in the Department: Criminal Justice Review (CJR) and International Criminal Justice Review (ICJR). Dr. Dean Dabney served in his first full year as editor in 2008. The editor was assisted by three GRA’s: Jessica Ekhomu as managing editor (40% FTE appointment), Ryan Coble as editorial assistant in charge of book reviews (30% FTE appointment), and Erin Valentino as editorial assistants in charge of special projects (20% FTE appointment).

The Criminal Justice Review is published four times a year through a lease agreement with Sage Publications. The CJR is a scholarly journal dedicated to presenting a broad perspective on criminal justice issues. It focuses on any aspect of crime and the justice system and can feature local, state, or national concerns. Both qualitative and quantitative pieces are encouraged, providing that they adhere to standards of quality scholarship. As a peer-reviewed journal, we encourage the submission of articles, research notes, and commentaries that focus on crime and broadly defined justice-related topics. 2008 marked the inaugural year of the James L. Maddex, Jr. Paper of the Year Award, an honor that was bestowed upon Dr. Yili Xu for her article on homicide clearance rates that appeared in the final issue volume 33.

During this reporting period, the CJR processed a total of 107 manuscripts; 37 of which were previous years’ submissions and 70 of which were new submissions. Comparing the numbers from 2007 to 2008, we experienced an 81% increase in the total number of manuscripts processed and 112% increase in the number of new manuscript submissions. A total of 16 of the carry over manuscripts were published in the 2008 volume, 7 were accepted for publication in the 2009 volume, 9 were rejected, and 5 withdrawn at the end of the year. This translates into an acceptance rate of 62.2% for these carry over submissions. Of the new submission in 2008, 12 were accepted for publication, 36 rejected, 6 were withdrawn by the authors, and 16 were pending decisions at the close of the calendar year. This translates into an acceptance rate of 17.1% for the manuscripts submitted and processed during the 2008 calendar year.

Of those manuscripts that were received and acted upon by CJR staff in 2008, the average turnaround time for a first level decision letter was 51.2 days. This represents nearly a three-fold decrease in processing time over the distressing 153 day average from 2007. Of the 2008 submissions that were eventually accepted for publication, the average processing time to a final decision was 163 days.

This above detailed activity resulted in the publication of 4 issues of the CJR: volume 33.1 containing 4 articles, 1 book review essay, and 21 book reviews; volume 33:2 containing 5 articles, 1 summary of recent legal developments, and 9 book reviews; volume 33.3 containing 6 articles, 1 commentary piece, 1 summary of recent legal developments, 2 book review essays and 21 book reviews; and volume 33.4 containing 5 articles, 1 summary of recent legal developments, and 11 book reviews. Issue 33:3 was a
thematic issue focusing on problem solving courts, with the late Dr. Suzette Talarico of the University of Georgia serving as guest editor.

The *International Criminal Justice Review* is also published four times a year through a lease agreement with Sage Publications. The *ICJR* is a scholarly journal dedicated to presenting system wide trends and problems on crime and justice throughout the world. Articles may focus on a single country or compare issues affecting two or more countries. Both qualitative and quantitative pieces are encouraged, providing they adhere to standards of quality scholarship. Manuscripts may emphasize either contemporary or historical topics. As a peer-reviewed journal, we encourage the submission of articles, research notes, and commentaries that focus on crime and broadly defined justice-related topics in an international and/or comparative context. 2008 marked the inaugural year of the Richard J. Terrill Paper of the Year Award, an honor that was bestowed upon Dr. Staci Strobl for her article on the female police directorate in Bahrain that appeared in the first issue of volume 18.

During 2008, the *ICJR* processed a total of 69 manuscripts; 23 of which were previous years’ submissions and 46 of which were new submissions. Comparing the numbers from 2007 to 2008, we experienced a 32% increase in the total number of manuscripts processed and 46% increase in the number of new manuscript submissions. A total of 15 of the carry over manuscripts were published in the 2008 volume, 1 was accepted for publication in the 2009 volume, 5 were rejected, 1 was withdrawn, and 1 was pending at the end of the 2008 calendar year. This translates into an acceptance rate of 69.6% for these carry over submissions. Of the new submission in 2008, 13 were accepted for publication, 18 rejected, 6 were withdrawn by the authors, and 9 were pending decisions at the close of the calendar year. This translates into an acceptance rate of 28.3% for the manuscripts submitted and processed during the 2008 calendar year.

Of those manuscripts that were received and acted upon by ICJR staff in 2007, the average turnaround time for a first level decision letter was 59 days. Here again, this number represents a dramatic improvement (more than a three-fold decrease) over the average processing time (186 days) experienced during 2007. Of the 2008 submissions that were eventually accepted for publication, the average processing time was 175 days.

This above mentioned activity resulted in the publication of 4 issues of the *ICJR*: volume 18:1 containing 5 articles and 15 book reviews; volume 18:2 containing 4 articles, and 15 book reviews; volume 18:3 containing 3 articles, 1 commentary piece, 1 book review essay, and 10 book reviews; and volume 18.4 containing 4 articles, 1 summary of recent legal developments, and 15 book reviews.

**Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange (GILEE) and International Law Enforcement Enterprise.** Both GILEE and ILEE carried out 15 programs that included the 16th delegation of Georgia, Florida, and Tennessee police officials visiting Israel and the 14th delegation of senior Israeli officials visiting Georgia. The first delegation of five U.K. law enforcement and government representatives visited Georgia in preparation for
the 2012 London Olympic Games. In all, 48 police officials participated in these programs. In addition, GILEE and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Georgia provided a one-day special briefing to Georgia law enforcement on guidance to decision makers under terror threats; on terrorist behavioral pattern recognition; and on securing public places (140 police and homeland security command staff from metro Atlanta attended). The head of the Israel Police Division of Identification and Forensic Science (DOFS) visited the Georgia Bureau of Investigation’s Division of Forensic Sciences (DIFS). The two crime labs are formulating annual cooperation programs. A DIFS scientist visited DOFS to assess its expertise in toxicology as the Israel Police plans on a similar lab. The Head of EuroPol Liaison National Unit, Hungarian National Police, was a GILEE fellow at Georgia State University and briefed law enforcement on EuroPol. A team of two London Metropolitan Police bomb disposal technicians visited the GBI and trained with their counterparts alongside the FBI, Cobb County Police, and Gwinnett County Police. David Nahmias, the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Georgia, was a keynote speaker at the 8th World Summit on Counter Terrorism: "Terrorism's Global Impact," Herzliya, Israel. GILEE received the Georgia Governor’s 2008 Public Safety Award. Dr. Robert R. Friedmann is the founder and director of GILEE and ILEE.

Other Public Service

Faculty serve their profession, the criminal justice community, and their local community in a number of ways. To illustrate, faculty serve on the editorial boards of the: American Journal of Criminal Justice, Crime Prevention and Community Safety, Criminal Justice Policy Review, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice Education, Journal of Drug Issues, and Justice Quarterly. They have also reviewed manuscripts for a host of scholarly publications and grants for the National Science Foundation. Finally, they have been active in their professional associations, including the American Society of Criminology, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

In reference to the criminal justice community, faculty are involved both as advisors and members of groups or committees such as: the Atlanta Mayor’s Office on the Weed and Seed Program, the Atlanta Police Department, the Crime Victims Advocacy Council, Atlanta Crime Stoppers, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Georgia Peace Officers Standards and Training Council, the Community Policing Committee of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the Training and Education Committee for the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, the Police Foundation Board for the Atlanta Police Department, the Fulton County Courthouse Security Commission, the Advisory Board for the International Institute for Counterterrorism (in the Interdisciplinary Center, Herzliya, Israel), the Academic Committee on Harm Prioritization Scale, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police. Their involvement in the community includes performing various service activities for groups or organizations such as English Avenue Community Public Safety Committee, American Association of University Women, Central Atlanta Progress, Eagle’s Nest
Ministries, the Jewish Federation of Greater Atlanta, and the Turkish American Cultural Association of Georgia.

C. PLANNING

1. GOALS FOR 2008

A. Hire one tenure track faculty member and one non-tenure track faculty member.
B. Continue to improve the graduate program and funding for graduate students.
C. Increase scholarly productivity in refereed journals
D. Increase securing external funding for research
E. Expand use of web-based course technology
F. Expand types of lecture series available for students
G. Make program revisions in line with recommendations from Department retreat
H. Process the PhD proposal through respective University channels

2. ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2008

A. Hired Joshua Hinkle (TT), Sandra Blount (NTT), and Ranee McEntire (NTT)
B. Developed mentoring program for graduate students and expanded funding avenues
C. Hosted graduate student reception
D. Increased number of publications
E. Increased number of grant applications
F. Developed Intro to Criminal Justice as a web-based course (Topalli)
G. Hosted two lecture series with CJSA
H. Developed Sophomore Learning Community as part of retreat
I. Developed plan for revising curriculum
J. PhD program approved through university channels and sent to Board of Regents

3. GOALS FOR 2009

A. Promote connections with students
B. Expand funded research
C. Expand use of web-based technology in courses
D. Revise curricula where necessary
E. Evaluate Sophomore Learning Community
F. Address changes recommended in CHHS Strategic Plan (e.g., advisory board, connections with alumni, explore possibility of minor)
G. Develop PhD program handbook, policies, and procedures