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## Happy Thanksgiving!



Thanksgiving is the perfect time to take a break from the hectic pace of our daily lives and reflect on all the good things for which we are grateful.

Here in the College of Social Justice and Human Service,

We are thankful for our students who are eager to explore the world, and willing to extend themselves to learn all they can in the academic, cultural, civic and social arenas of college life.

We are thankful for our excellent faculty who care deeply about their students and who are always willing to go the extra mile to help them learn.

We are thankful for our outstanding professional staff members who work hard every day to help students develop into confident, mature, independent, responsible individuals headed down a path to a good life.

We are thankful for our UT alumni who support and promote the university in loyal allegiance to their Alma Mater.

We are thankful for our beautiful campus and our supporting infrastructure.

Best wishes to you and your families for a happy and healthy Thanksgiving holiday. If you will be traveling over the holiday weekend, I wish you safe travels.

*Thomas G. Gutteridge*

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## Announcements from the Department of Criminal Justice, Social Work and Legal Specialties

Congratulations to **Kimberly Lagrou** who was the student chosen by Rose Duncan to receive the Jeanne M. and George E. Horen Paralegal Scholarship.



On October 23, 2013 the Paralegal Studies Program, housed within the Legal Specialties Division, hosted the **4th Annual Sixth District Court of Appeals Oral Arguments** court on campus event in the McQuade Courtroom. Live stream coverage was available in the multi-purpose room, allowing students, the UT community, and area high school students to witness oral arguments first hand.

After the oral arguments were heard, there was a question and answer portion in which students could ask the judges questions. This year's panel of judges included Judge James D. Jensen, Judge Thomas J. Osowik and Judge Stephen A. Yarbrough. The arguments on campus are a great way to bring the law to the local community. For more information contact John Schlageter at 419.530.7748.

### Trip to Schoolcraft College:

Shanhe Jiang, Mick Dier, and Lois Ventura went to Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Michigan on November 1<sup>st</sup> to tour their facilities and work on a degree completion collaboration agreement between the UT Criminal Justice Program and the Schoolcraft program.

## **Research articles published in November by members of the Criminal Justice Program:**

**Richard Johnson** (2013). "Arrest as displaced aggression." Criminal Justice and Behavior, 40(10), 1149-1162.

**Richard Johnson** (2013). "My professor is hot! Correlates of Ratemyprofessors.com ratings for criminal justice and criminology faculty members." American Journal of Criminal Justice, 38(4), 639-656.

**Richard Johnson** (2013). "A longitudinal examination of officer deaths from vehicle pursuits." International Journal of Police Science and Management, 15(2), 77-94.

## **ASC Conference:**

Three members of the Criminal Justice Program attended the annual conference of the American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, Georgia from November 19<sup>th</sup> through November 22<sup>nd</sup>. The faculty members listed below made the following presentations:

**Dr. Wendi Goodlin-Fahncke** – "Social Support and Health Outcomes: An Examination of Aging Prisoners in State and Federal Facilities"

**Dr. Shanhe Jiang and Dr. Wendi Goodlin-Fahncke** – "Community Corrections and Public Support in China"

**Dr. Shanhe Jiang** – "Gender and Cultural Differences on Death Penalty Support and Views among Japanese and U.S. College Students"

**Dr. Shanhe Jiang** – "Community Corrections in China: Development and Challenges"

**Dr. Richard Johnson** – "The Influence of Training on Police Performance: The Mediating Effects of the Organization"

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## **Announcements from the Department of School Psychology, Higher Education and Counselor Education**



Congratulations to **Carrie Vanmeter**, Assistant Professor at Walsh University who received David Brooks Awards at All-Ohio Counselor's Conference. Dr. Vanmeter graduated with her PhD in Counselor Education in 2011.

Congratulations to **Dr. Snejana Slantcheva-Durst**, who was recently certified by NASPA's Institute on Higher Education Law and Policy, achieving High Competency and Top Grade in the Cohort. This Certificate Program took place in the summer of 2013, and admission into the program was competitive, attracting applicants from across the USA. Twenty were selected for the 2013 program. We congratulate Dr. Slantcheva-Durst on a job very well done, and wish her much success in teaching Legal Issues in Higher Education, starting in the spring semester.

Congratulations to **Andrew Cox**, a member of the Cleveland doctoral cohort, who successfully defended his proposal, entitled *A National Study on the Role of Community Colleges in the Implementation of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998: Perceptions of State Association Chief Executives*. Dr. Dave Meabon is the chair of Andrew's dissertation committee. We wish Andrew much success as he begins gathering data for his study.

Congratulations to **Karen Miller**, a Higher Education Program doctoral student from the Cleveland Cohort, who successfully defended her dissertation proposal entitled *A National Longitudinal Study on Student Satisfaction as a Predictor of One-Year Retention*. Dr. Ron Opp is the chair of her dissertation committee. We wish her much success as she begins to gather data for her study.

Congratulations to **Claire Semer**, a doctoral student from the Findlay Cohort, who will be presenting *Exploring the Academic Success of Student Veterans* at a poster session of the American College Personnel Association meeting in Indianapolis in April. We wish her much success with her presentation.

Congratulations to **Marty Sexton**, a Higher Education Program student in the UT Doctoral Cohort, who successfully defended chapter four of her study, entitled *Determinants of Healthcare Professionals' Self-Efficacy about Conflict Resolution within Interprofessional Collaborative Teams*. Dr. Snejana Slantcheva-Durst is the chair of her dissertation committee. We wish Marty much success as she writes the concluding chapter to her dissertation study.

Congratulations to **Dr. Brian Weinblatt**, one of our recent Higher Education Program doctoral graduates, who was interviewed about a proposed university merger in Virginia. We wish Brian much continuing success as the Senior Director of Development at the University of Miami. You can view the video and story at <http://www.wvec.com/my-city/norfolk/EVMS-MERGER-229332081.html>

Congratulations to **Vincent Schiavone**, a recent master's graduate of our Higher Education Program, and **Dr. Debra Gentry**, for having a manuscript entitled *Veteran Students in Transition at a Midwestern University* accepted for publication by the Journal of Continuing Higher Education.

Congratulations to **Dr. Carol Schwartz**, a recent Higher Education Program graduate from the UT Doctoral Cohort, whose research is cited in the article entitled *What Do Contingent Faculty Want*. We wish Carol much continuing success as the Associate Chair of the Education Department at Lourdes University.

Congratulations to **Jim Vallade** who successfully defended his dissertation on Monday October 14<sup>th</sup>. The working title of his dissertation is "*An Evaluation of the Emporium Model as a Tool for Increasing Student Performance in Developmental Mathematics.*"

The **Higher Education Student Association (HESA)** has started a monthly newsletter, featuring events and students, posting announcements, and a lot more. The first issue was released this month. Congratulations! Please share your ideas and news with HESA, and they will then share them with our whole community via the newsletter! Please email [Alexandra.White@rockets.utoledo.edu](mailto:Alexandra.White@rockets.utoledo.edu)

Congratulations to **Rochelle Ford** who has been selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction by the National Society of High School Scholars. Rochelle is a guidance counselor at Southview High School and is a graduate of the school counseling program. She will be starting her PhD in counselor education this Spring. You can read the full story at <http://www.ourtownsylvania.com/Our-Town-Schools/2013/11/19/Southview-counselor-to-receive-education-award.html>

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## Some Important Dates

You can find a copy of the University Calendar on the Provost's webpage at <http://www.utoledo.edu/offices/provost/main/calendar/> Here are some highlights:

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| November 27-29 | Thanksgiving Break – No Classes     |
| December 9-13  | Finals                              |
| December 15    | Commencement – Savage Arena 10:00am |
| December 17    | Grades are Due                      |

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