

OCTOBER 2019

# NEWS AND EVENTS

# HARMON COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

## STUDENT FOCUS

Megan Bradley, Secretary, and Gloria Guier, Vice President of Conference Participation, represented the Iota Mu Chapter at the Beta Alpha Psi Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL on August 8-10, 2019. Megan and Gloria participated in a day of service focusing on illiteracy and food insecurity. In addition, they attended sessions on chapter operations and professional development. Other highlights of the trip were listening to motivational speaker and author John O'Leary, and visiting some of the tourist attractions.

Beta Alpha Psi and Accountancy Students Organization hosted an ice cream social for Accounting majors and faculty on August 29, 2019. After the delicious ice cream sundaes, the group played a trivia game that included questions on accounting principles and random facts about the professors and UCM. Four teams competed for the winner's circle and the team that stood out among the rest and won the game was the freshmen/sophomore team. Plans are underway for the next social event which will be a blackjack tournament in October.

The Child and Family Development program has developed a partnership with Crest Ridge Afterschool Program. The CFD program will provide informational session to the children and families involved in the program. In addition, the Crest Ridge Afterschool Program will serve as a field experience and internship site for students in the CFD program.



Amanda McCullough, a student in the Marriage and Family Therapy specialization of the Human Development and Family Science graduate program, received a credential from the Missouri Credentialing Board as a Certified Reciprocal Alcohol and Drug Counselor (CRADC) in the state of Missouri. The credential includes training, work/volunteer experience, and ability to pass an exam specific to alcohol and drug counseling.



Elexus Edwards, a second-year student in the Marriage and Family Therapy specialization of the Human Development and Family Science graduate program, has been selected as a candidate for the Minority Fellowship Program through the AAMFT Research Foundation. The Minority Fellowship Program is "dedicated to expanding the delivery of culturally competent mental health and substance abuse services to underserved minority populations and increasing the number of culturally competent Marriage and Family therapists." Elexus will receive the following benefits from the Minority Fellowship Program: AAMFT training opportunities and enrichment experiences, significant educational stipend, travel support to MFP Training Events, and travel support to the AAMFT Annual Conference.

## American Marketing Association Recognizes Distinguished Executive



Each year, the American Marketing Association student organization at UCM recognizes an outstanding executive for his/her contribution to the marketing discipline. This year's recipient, Mr. Tracy Kinsey, has had an exemplary career as a marketing executive. He currently serves as Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Bishop-McCann, an award winning meeting and agency. Prior to his current position, he spent 14 years at Microsoft, directing sales in their customer relationship management organization. On Thursday, September 5, Tracy returned to campus to receive the award and talk with approximately 140 students, faculty, and staff about his experiences as a marketing professional. Following the presentation, he joined AMA students for lunch

where he offered additional insights about how to be successful in the marketing field. The AMA organization recognized their first distinguished executive in 1996.

## ASWS Donation

The Association of Social Work Students (ASWS) at the MIC in Lee's Summit donated \$1,304.00 to Missouri Puppies for Parole. Puppies for Parole is a non-profit organization through the Missouri department of corrections. They work with Missouri animal shelters by selecting unadoptable dogs and matching them with approved Missouri offenders serving time in prison. The individuals matched work with the dogs on obedience skills, socialization, and even service training for people with disabilities. Eventually the dogs return to their shelters for adoption. Puppies for Parole works to serve the community by rescuing dogs that would otherwise be euthanized and by helping people who are serving time in prison to regain a sense of purpose, provide incentive for modifying behavior, learn vocational skills that could help them find a job, and promote mental health. The students held a variety of fundraisers and community activities throughout the academic year to support this organization.



ASWS President Amber Baumgarden presenting the donation.

## Students Connect with Employers at Second Networking With Purpose Event



Many of the recruiters were very impressed with our students and asked about other ways to connect with them, including through events, meeting with classes, and more. We look forward to finding more ways to connect our students with internship opportunities. We would like to thank everyone who attended Networking With Purpose or encouraged their classes to attend the event. We would also like to thank Career Services, Sodexo, Presley Wehrle, and our student volunteer, Meagan Williams, for helping make the event happen without any issues.

The Harmon College Internship Office hosted around 17 businesses and 75 students for the second annual Networking With Purpose event. Networking With Purpose took place September 12 in Union 237 B from 3 PM to 5 PM. Students were exposed to great learning opportunities with the potential of landing an internship. Some of the benefits provided to students who attended: grew their professional network; met with recruiters looking specifically for UCM students; practiced their personal introductions and interviewing skills; learned about different job opportunities within their majors; experienced a traditional networking event like what they will experience as a professional.



## FACULTY, STAFF, AND RESEARCH

Don Wengler, Assistant Professor of Accountancy, co-authored an article with Kyleen Prewett (University of Arkansas-Little Rock) and Tammie Schaefer (UMKC) that was accepted for publication in *Issues in Accounting Education*. The article, WrecksAll Drug Company, is an education case that teaches how to conduct a financial investigation using a variety of financial and non-financial information. It includes basic data analytics and is intended for use in Auditing, Fraud, and Forensic Accounting courses.

Don Wengler attended the Deloitte University Faculty Consortium in May 2019. This conference focused on techniques to help students prepare for the professional recruitment process. In addition, Don attended the 2019 Intensive Data Analytics Summer Workshop, sponsored by the American Accounting Association, in June 2019.



Steven Popejoy and Denise Oas, members of the Business Law faculty, continue their research in the field of right-to-work laws, and have added two new publications: Denise Oas and Steven Lance Popejoy, "Right to Work in Missouri – The People Have Spoken," *UMKC Law Review*, Vol. 87, No. 4, Summer 2019.

Denise Oas and Steven Lance Popejoy, "The Right to Work Battle Rages On at Both the Federal and State Levels," *Midwest Law Journal*, in press.

Dr. Dianna Bryant, Associate Professor of Crisis & Disaster Management, was interviewed for an investigative report into the Chimney Tops 2 fire in 2016 in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. She provided insight into why the emergency alert systems failed to warn residents as well as challenges faced by rural communities and FEMA. [Read More](#)

We are pleased to welcome several new staff members to the Missouri Safety Center Team: Tim Lowry, Director, Central Missouri Police Academy; Angela Ford, Office Professional II, Central Missouri Police Academy; and Alicia Brockhaus, Office Professional II, Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program.

Dr. Eddie Cho (Professor of Criminal Justice & Criminology), along with Brooke Tuttle (Oklahoma State doctoral student and UCM alumna), obtained a database with information on police stress from Michigan State University and will begin a collaborative research project.



The Missouri Safety Center is pleased to announce that Mindy Sergent is now the Enforcement Coordinator for our grant activities. She coordinates the grants that are related to occupant protection and alcohol enforcement. You have probably heard of Click It or Ticket or the Drive Sober or Get Pulled

Over campaigns. Mindy is responsible for contacting law enforcement agencies and motivating them to participate in these campaigns throughout the state utilizing the money provided through the Missouri Department of Transportation Highway Safety and Traffic Division. Mindy monitors the grant budgets and ensures agencies have the funding they need for these campaigns.



## Longtime Local Law Enforcement Professional is CMPA's New Director

The University of Central Missouri and the Missouri Safety Center announce the appointment of Tim Lowry as the new director of the Central Missouri Police Academy (CMPA) on the UCM campus. Lowry is a 30-year veteran of law enforcement. He spent his career with the Warrensburg Police Department and recently retired as a lieutenant.

[Read More](#)



The ROTC Fighting Mules Battalion welcomes a new Professor of Military Science, Lieutenant Colonel Bryan Vaden. Commissioned as a Regular Army Signal Officer in 2003, LTC Vaden has served in various leadership positions including platoon leader, company commander,

battalion signal officer, assistant professor of military science (at East Carolina University), battalion operations officer, battalion executive officer, and deputy signal officer of a 3-star joint command. LTC Vaden has earned several commendations including the Bronze Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, to name a few. LTC Vaden oversees all aspects of the ROTC program, including cadet mentoring, scheduling, and activities, as well as teaching Mission Command and Current Military Trends.



LaGena Spence was promoted to Senior Program Manager July 1, 2019. Gena has been with the Missouri Safety Center for 18 years and was most recently the Program Manager of Research. Her new role includes administrative responsibilities for the Impaired Driving

Countermeasures and Drug Impaired Driving programs. She is already responsible for the Statewide Seatbelt Surveys required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, oversight of the Enforcement grants including Click It or Ticket and Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over, and the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) activities for law enforcement training. Gena works closely with the Missouri Department of Transportation and ensures grant compliance. We are excited to have Gena as one of our senior staff members!

Dr. Bonnie Slavych, assistant professor in the Program in Communication Disorders, was selected as one of 10 recipients nationally to receive the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's 2019 Advancing Academic-Research Careers (AARC) Award! This \$5,000 award is given to new faculty in higher education to support their academic and research endeavors in the field of communication sciences and disorders (CSD). Her teaching plan includes three goals involving course design, active learning strategies, and interprofessional education alliances, as well as a research plan that includes three goals involving grant writing, voice protocol creation, and a publication agenda. Dr. Carlotta Kimble and Dr. Greg Turner, both Communication Disorders faculty, will act as her teaching mentors. Dr. Richard Zraick from the University of Central Florida will act as her research mentor. The information Dr. Slavych will learn in the areas of teaching and research through this award will benefit not only Dr. Slavych, but the students she trains and her fellow colleagues. The faculty are extremely proud of her.

Carlotta Kimble, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ACUE and Bonnie Slavych, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, ACUE earned their teaching credentials after successfully completing the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) Effective Practice Framework. Supported by the American Council on Education, the ACUE framework is a comprehensive and independently validated statement of teaching competencies, and these credentials signify a commitment to excellence.

**The Child and Family Development program is hosting a fall faculty speaker series.** Dr. Scott Huff presented Healthy Relationships: Insights and Tools to Improve Life with the People You Love (Or Have to Deal with Anyway) on September 17 at 5 p.m. in Room 235 of the Union. Dr. Lover Chancler will be the speaker for October, and Dr. Joyce Chang will speak in November.

## CSWE Program Director Academy

Dr. Marlys Peck was selected to participate in The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) 2019–2020 cohort of its Program Director Academy. The academy is a yearlong competitive leadership certificate program for new baccalaureate and master's social work program directors. Dr. Peck completed the Summer Leadership Institute at CSWE headquarters in Alexandria, V.A., in July.



## ALUMNI, ADVISORY, AND GIVING



### CJC Alumna Excels

**Erica Volkart** graduated in December 2018 with dual bachelor of science degrees in Criminal Justice & Criminology and Psychology. Erica was accepted into the Missouri State Highway Patrol academy and completed that training in June 2019. She was an exceptional student while at UCM and has continued to shine, earning the top academic award for her MSHP class.

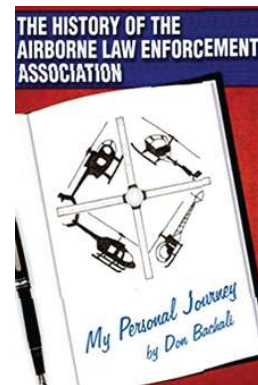
## Missouri Safety Center Awarded 2020 MoDOT Grants

The Missouri Safety Center is pleased to announce the award of approximately \$1.7 million in grants for Fiscal Year 2020. These grants are continuing grants for current programs as well as additional grants for occupant protection surveys. The grant year for these is October 1 – September 30. This is exciting news as the grants bring funding for the Missouri Safety Center and monies to the university for indirect costs.



## Airborne Law Enforcement Expert Donates Books and Research Materials to UCM

Don Bachali has a distinguished career that includes experience in the U.S. Army ROTC flight training program and graduation from the U.S. Army Aviation Center, followed by extensive service at home and abroad, including in Taiwan, the Philippines, and Vietnam. He served as a helicopter instructor at the U.S. Army Aviation Center and worked for Hughes and McDonnell Douglas upon release from active duty. He now serves as an aviation consultant and found time to complete a history of the Airborne Law Enforcement Association (ALEA) that is now in print. His book chronicles the formation of the association and recognizes the dedication and professionalism of those involved. In addition to copies of his book, Mr. Bachali has donated his extensive research materials to UCM, including data used to implement the first aerial law enforcement units and a complete set of ALEA newsletters, dating back to 1971. This gift will prove to be beneficial to aviation, criminal justice, and anyone interested in the implementation of an innovative program, and is greatly appreciated.



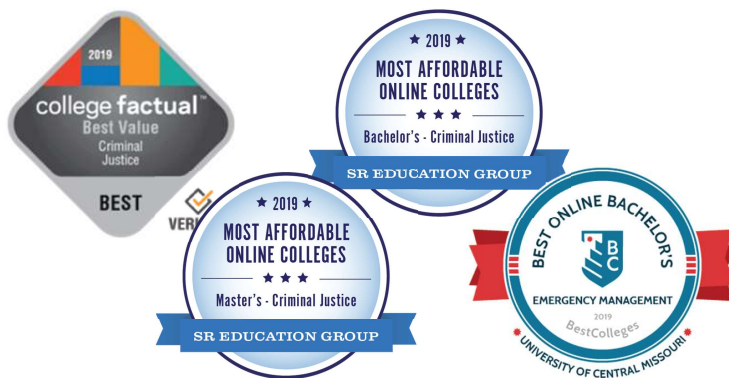
## ROTC Alumna Wins Rugby Tourney

1LT Jesslyn Clark (2016 alumna of the ROTC program with a B.S. in Criminal Justice) is a 15A Army Aviator who currently flies for the Medevac at Fort Bragg, N.C.

She and 11 other women from all across the Army made the first-ever All Army Women's Rugby team and won the first-ever All Armed Forces Tournament!

## HCBPS Programs Rank High

Criminal Justice & Criminology has been ranked as a "Best Value for the Money" in the annual nationwide ranking of U.S. colleges and universities by College Factual. College Factual's Best Criminal Justice Schools for the Money Ranking takes into account the average yearly cost of the school, the average time students take to graduate, and the quality the school provides to students. This means schools that rank highly are offering a good value for the money for Criminal Justice graduates.



Criminal Justice & Criminology is also ranked by SR Education Group as the #10 "Most affordable online M.S." program, and #23 "Most affordable online B.S." degree.

Crisis & Disaster Management is ranked #24 in the nation by Best Colleges.



## UCM ROTC and AUSA 20th Anniversary

2019 marks the 20th anniversary of the Community Partnership between the UCM ROTC program and the Kansas City chapter of the Association of the United States Army. The association provides a voice for the Army in the Greater Kansas City area that supports soldiers, civilians, veterans, and their families through educational programs and community outreach. One of these programs is the ROTC Honor Cadet Saber Award, given to the program's most outstanding student.

## Rural Emergency Management Summit

Crisis & Disaster Management, the Institute for Rural Emergency Management (IREM), and the Missouri Safety Center sponsored the 1st Annual Rural Emergency Management Summit in April 2019. Participants included UCM students, representatives from local, state, and federal agencies, as well as not-for-profit groups and private companies. The group identified barriers to emergency management in rural areas, along with what resources were most important to keep the public safe. Case study presentations provided analysis of real stories of crisis and how they were handled, providing lessons learned and best practices moving ahead.



## Sport Management Courses in Interdisciplinary Leadership Studies Minor

The Sport Management (SM) program of the Harmon College of Business is a new addition to the Leadership Studies (LS) minor, offering valuable courses to learn leadership skills specific to management in the sports industry for students in all disciplines. This minor requires only a few additional courses for some majors.



## ROTC Spring 2019 Commissioning Ceremony

The ROTC program commissioned 12 Second Lieutenants during the 2018-19 school year, the vast majority at the May 2019 ceremony. The ceremony marks where cadets transition to active duty and National Guard posts in several areas, including infantry, military police, aviation, and medical services. 2LT Jack Flack received an educational delay to attend law school prior to entering the Judge Advocate General Corps.



2LT Olubukola Yusuf, Active Duty, Ordnance



2LT Dakota Huss, Active Duty, Infantry

## CMPA Part-Time Police Academy to Start January 2020

The CMPA will begin its Part-Time Police Academy in January 2020 at State Fair Community College. A joint project with the Sedalia Police Department, Pettis County Sheriff's Department, State Fair Community College and UCM, this Part-Time Academy will offer the same 600-hour POST Approved Basic Academy with nighttime and weekend classes for those individuals who cannot attend the 40-hour-per-week academy. Classes will be held from January to September of 2020 at the State Fair Community College campus. Activities will be coordinated with the Sedalia Police Department for use of equipment and their shooting range, as well as with other local agencies for training activities. The class is anticipated to have between 15 and 20 cadets for the first training session.

## Announcing CMPA Class #158

The Central Missouri Police Academy is pleased to have 21 cadets enrolled in the academy for this class. Director Tim Lowry began in June and has made some great changes to the structure and future development of CMPA classes. In doing so, it was discovered that the current class is #158 since the inception of the CMPA at UCM. On August 24th, the CMPA held its first-ever "Recruitment Day" with more than 25 agencies involved in "speed-recruiting" in the CMPA gym. This involved each recruit, and two criminal justice and criminology students, getting 10 minutes with each of the agencies and some taking part in oral board interviews with the participating departments. Career Services helped the cadets with resume building, interviewing, and other skills to prepare them for success. The event made the Warrensburg paper!



Future activities include community projects for the cadet classes. The first was held on September 10th with the local animal shelter. The cadet class did their physical training with the dogs at the shelter and have taken up a collection for adoption fees! This was a great event, and the CMPA worked with Jeff Murphy to create a press release.



Joanne Kurt-Hilditch, Senior Director of the Missouri Safety Center, and Ray Pierce, Program Manager for the Missouri Motorcycle Safety Program, will both be involved in the Blueprint process. Other staff members are involved in subcommittees of the Coalition, including occupant protection and impaired driving. More information about traffic safety in Missouri through the Coalition is available at [SaveMolives.com](http://SaveMolives.com).

## Missouri Safety Center Asked to Sit on MoDOT Blueprint Planning Committee

The Missouri Safety Center has been asked to once again be a participant in the Missouri Blueprint strategic planning process. The Blueprint identifies the main goals for traffic safety for the State of Missouri for the next five years. The planning committee is part of the Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety and plays a major role in the targets set for fewer traffic crashes, safety for pedestrians, teen drivers, elderly drivers, as well as the reduction of traffic fatalities. Dr.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fall is a Great Time to Ride Your Motorcycle!

The Missouri Safety Center has added several three-wheel motorcycle classes with our new fleet! We have five three-wheel motorcycles at our range, and we offer classes throughout spring to fall for those of you who want to take the riding courses. Check them out at the [www.mosafetycenter.com](http://www.mosafetycenter.com) courses page.

Tuesday, October 22



### Public Safety Health & Wellness Summit: A Safer You

The Missouri Safety Center will be holding its first Health & Wellness Summit for first responders including law enforcement, corrections, fire, EMS, and other emergency services. We have a great lineup of presenters who will talk on health & wellness from the individual, family, and agency level. We have local, state, and national speakers who will be presenting on a wide variety of topics. We hope to make this an annual event and see growth in helping those who help us keep our communities safe. For more information visit the course page at [www.mosafetycenter.com](http://www.mosafetycenter.com).





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