From the Chair...
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!! It's always wonderful to hear that so many of our alumni are out there doing great things. At the recent Delaney Dinner-organized by current students, several of our recent alums came back to share their experiences since graduation. Lynn DeCruise and Brittany Mason are working hard for the FBI. Julianna Logan is now a crime analyst. Chris Lamb continues his work with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Many other alums and special guests attended and heard from Fran Moore, a CIA director. She was an inspiration to all of our students and to me. When I think CIA, I think about the Bourne trilogy, Salt, Red, Argo, Taken and other movies with CIA agents romping around the world killing and conspiring. Director Moore brought home the realities of the agency and the people who work in that world. I think our students would be happy to join her after graduation. On the home front, two of our current students have made it to the final stages of the prestigious NSA internship. Stay tuned for the results.
A PUNK SHOW

Dr. Wolfe was part of a panel discussion on Punk Music and Punk Culture. The program featured Mount student musicians in the lab bands. The selection of songs covered pre-Punk to modern versions of Punk music. The professors on the panel—Dr. Mark Carlson (Department of Visual and Performing Arts), Dr. David Cloutier (Department of Theology), and Dr. Tim Wolfe (Department of Sociology)—shared their insights about the history, culture, and ethics of Punk music and the social forces that gave rise to this music and aesthetic.

Around the department, many things are happening as usual. Dr. Malone will be in Florence next semester, Dr. Wolfe continues to play his music, Dr. Hansen has become a "thought leader" in the area of chaplains and religion, and I am working on articles, books, and playing sports. Joe Vince continues to guide our students in organization, networking, and job skills and gives them real opportunities to become leaders in their field after graduation. In other words, for all of us, business as usual.

I hope you enjoy your holiday and get to spend some quality time with family and friends. Travel if you can, because "the world is a book and those that don't travel have only read one page."

--Dr. Virginia McGovern

THE SOCIOLOGY CLUB DISCUSSES RACE RELATIONS THROUGH THE LENS OF "CRASH"

The Sociology Club, headed by students Jalai Gilbert and Shanice Blanchard, held its first movie night on Monday, November 11, 2013. The movie, Crash, was shown to an audience of nearly two dozen people. The movie depicts race relations in Los Angeles, California. It shows just how complicated race relations are, and it makes the point that we all hold biases and assumptions about others who are different from us. The Sociology Club plans to hold another movie night in the spring semester, plus a field trip to D.C. once the weather warms up later in the academic year.
WOLFE AND OTHER MOUNT FACULTY PRESENT ON THE DEATH PENALTY AT THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

Dr. Tim Wolfe, along with other Mount faculty who contributed chapters to a book on ending the death penalty, presented his research to both a live and an Internet audience (via live streaming) on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at the Columbus School of Law at the Catholic University of America. The other presenters from the Mount included Dr. David McCarthy and Msgr. Stuart Swetland. The book, WHERE JUSTICE AND MERCY MEET: CATHOLIC OPPOSITION TO THE DEATH PENALTY, includes chapters on such topics as "Facing the Truth: The Appearances and Realities of Lethal Injection" (Dr. Kim Hansen), "Seeing Ourselves from an International Perspective: An International Perspective on the Death Penalty" (Dr. Amanda Beal), "Money Matters: The Economics of the Death Penalty" (Drs. Alejandro Canadas and John Schwenkler), and "A Legacy of Race: The Death Penalty and Race" (Dr. Tim Wolfe). Support for the death penalty is eroding. More and more states are abolishing it because of problems in its administration. The abolition movement is gaining ground at a fast pace.
DELANEY DINNER AND LECTURE HELD
OCTOBER 30TH

The Criminal Justice Student Association had the honor of hosting Director Fran Moore of the CIA at our Delaney Dinner Lecture series.

When I first heard about Director Moore visiting Mount St. Mary's, I was floored. Director Moore is the third highest in rank within the CIA. This was her first visit to a university. We had heard that in the past she had rejected offers from other colleges, Ivy League schools included. To add to the excitement Director Moore was our guest lecturer for the Criminal Justice Student Associations Delaney Dinner Lecture Series. As Vice-President for CJSA I was thrilled to be given a chance to not only represent the club I hold dear to my heart but the University that I love as well.

Meeting Director Moore was, for all of us, a great opportunity. Dining and speaking with Director Moore was such an amazing experience. I was enthralled listening to her talk about her career and the many complex issues that the United States is facing today.

What I learned about Director Moore that evening was that she is a humble, hardworking and dedicated woman. She is a skilled public speaker making each student feel a personal connection. She had such a personable presence and greeted each student she met with a big smile. It was clear right away that Director Moore got to where she is in her career today because of her integrity, honesty, and professionalism. This experience was one of the most exciting and incredible moments I have had at the Mount.
As a senior preparing to graduate and heading out into the real world, Director Moore reassured me that I was heading in the right direction to becoming a Federal Agent in the future. She also mentioned how level headed and powerful the club officers of the CJSA were from the success demonstrated throughout the event.

A moment that truly touched me during Director Moore's lecture was when she commented on how welcomed she felt coming to the Mount and thanked us for letting her into our community and family.

Director Moore, I truly believe, is a role model that not only college students in the Criminal Justice field should admire but college students heading into any career. She truly represents what a distinguished leader is in the government today. This experience as a senior cemented for me that working in the future for the Federal Government will be a rewarding and cherished career I will be able to look back on with pride.

- Madeleine Stross
CJSA Vice-President

DR. HANSEN MODERATES PANEL ON CAPITOL HILL

Dr. Hansen moderated the panel “Secular Armies: Interfaith Considerations” for the German Marshall Fund/Department of Defense on Capitol Hill event, "Leadership, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative." in October 2013.
CJSA VOLUNTEERS WITH PAL

This year the CJSA has had the pleasure of continuing our volunteer program at the Police Activities League (PAL) located in Frederick, Maryland. Each week members travel to and participate in helping at-risk kids with their homework for the first hour. Afterwards, there is open gym, during which we play basketball, football, or video games with the kids. Occasionally, members are present for their monthly dinner which is a reward for the middle school kids who are excelling in school. Often times, the head of the program, Brandon Chapman, will ask CJSA members to say some encouraging words to the kids that relate our lives to theirs and motivate them to continue working hard. On Halloween weekend, students accompanied the PAL Head and the kids to a haunted hayride in Thurmont. Members said it was an absolute blast to see the kids get scared and have a good time on a Saturday night. Members advise that working with at-risk kids can hardly be considered work, because it is very rewarding and always entertaining.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Sociology Department faculty have written, published, and facilitated the following academic accomplishments:

