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Since January 2007



- The Criminology Dept. Search for new faculty has been canceled.
- New off campus B.S. program classes begin in April 2013.
- Criminology Graduate students to be formally evaluated for oral presentation skills as part of the degree requirements.
- Fresno County Sheriff Margaret MIMS spoke to the university on 8 March 2013.
- Downtown (Off Campus) Program Reception 27 April, from 1200-1500 in the Criminology Dept. Suite.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA  
"CANNIBALISM"

In mid 2012, articles about cannibalism in PNG appeared in numerous news articles from around the world. Some estimate that there are 1000 or more Papuans who even today still consume human flesh. The interesting aspect of this type of cannibalism is that the victims were "sorcerers or witches" who demanded money from villagers in return for ridding them of bad spells. The villagers became fed up with this and after killing the extortionists, ate certain parts of their bodies believing that this in turn would give them supernatural powers that could make them bulletproof.

In February 2013, news articles reported a suspected witch being doused with gasoline and burned to death while hundreds of

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## CANNIBALISM...

spectators and policemen watched the event without intervening.

[http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/two-charged-in-papua-new-guinea-witch-killing\\_829847.html](http://zeenews.india.com/news/world/two-charged-in-papua-new-guinea-witch-killing_829847.html)

Natives of Papua New Guinea are very superstitious and during a personal visit to PNG, one of the natives tried to convince me that if you wear a necklace with the tusk of a wild boar around your neck, nothing can harm you. Having obtained such a wild boar's tusk in Mount Hagen PNG, I can attest to the fact that it can, at most, protect you from the dead boar it came from.



**The Mud Men of Goroka PNG**



During my visit, the only major hotel in Port Moresby PNG warned guests with a sign stating:

DO NOT OPEN YOUR HOTEL ROOM DOOR TO ANYONE, INCLUDING STAFF, AFTER 11 PM AND BEFORE 6 AM.



After entering the above village I was surrounded by a group of male villagers who squeezed and touched me from head to toe. Aware of some of their possible dietary deviations and the remoteness of the location, I simply tried not to look edible.



## GANG RECRUITMENT IN EL SALVADOR

Gangs in El Salvador are aggressively recruiting new member using coercion, threats and related forms of intimidation, including the killing of students who refuse to join them. An April 2011 article in a Salvadorian newspaper reported the murder of 19 students for refusing to join gangs and the problem that some teachers are themselves gang members and sport tattoos to that effect. Once someone is forced to join, they are compelled to engage in low level criminal offenses. As these offenses escalate and become more serious, the member soon crosses the "threshold" to criminality and then becomes unable to migrate back into the mainstream of society. Expansion efforts of gangs include the infiltration of public security agencies.

Reclutamiento: matan alumnos por negarse a maras  
<http://www.elsalvador.com/especiales/2011/sucesos/20110414-reclutamiento-alumnos.asp>

## **GANGS IN EL SALVADOR...**

Today gangs are also increasing pressure on public transportation such as private minibus and taxi drivers and extort a daily war tax fee (impuesto de guerra). The amount of this fee is dependent on the lucriveness of the route and areas of the city where the bus or taxi operates. Drivers failing to pay up are beaten or killed. Exacerbating the problem is that passengers pay in cash and some suggest the switch to a cashless payment system with signs that the driver does not carry cash.

## **RADICAL ISLAMIC GROUPS IN SOUTH AMERICA**

In a recent interview in the Ecuadorian magazine VISTAZO, Ilan Berman, Vice President of the American Foreign Policy Council in Washington, D.C., indicated that Ecuador is attractive to extremists and referred to a 2011 study on Hezbollah in Latin America which highlighted that at that time 80 Hezbollah activists were present in 12 Latin American countries, including in Ecuador.

Activities of Islamic extremists have shifted somewhat from the Tri-Country Region of Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay to the Venezuelan Margarita Island, where the political climate was more favorable under the now deceased president Hugo Chavez. Among these groups are representatives of the Iranian Quds Force, who are both in Venezuela and Bolivia.

<http://www.vistazo.com/imprensa/pais/impri mir.php?Vistazo.com&id=5177>

**“Ecuador es atractivo para extremistas”**

<http://www.vistazo.com/imprensa/pais/?id=5176>

Maplecroft (maplecroft.com) has ranked the following Latin American countries as to their risk of a terrorist attack as indicated below:

31 Chile and Honduras

35 Peru

37 Venezuela

40 Ecuador

46 Paraguay

**El Perú ocupa el puesto 35 del ranking de países con mayor riesgo de ataques terroristas**  
<http://heraldo21.blogspot.com/2010/11/el-peru-ocupa-el-puesto-35-del-ranking.html#.UVYz4Deq2jg>



### **DEATH TO THE DICTATOR**

This extraordinary personal account of the clearly fraudulent re-election of Iranian president Mahmoud Ahmadinejad should be a “must read” for anyone desiring greater insight into the current Iranian regime and its suppression of opposing viewpoints and political candidates. The author of this book wrote under a pseudonym for fear of retaliation by the Iranian government. He provided a detailed



## DEATH TO THE DICTATOR...

account of the events surround the 2008 election in Iran and the brutality of the regime which persecuted, incarcerated and/or killed those who opposed it, including Mir Hossein Mousavi, the opposition candidate. While hundreds of thousands hoped for a change, goon squads and uniformed security units attacked and hunted down those who dared to speak in favor of Mousavi.

After reading this book, an interesting question came to mind:

**How would this suppression have ended if the people of Iran had the right to bear arms?**



## UNIVERSAL TRANSLATOR

If you have watched any of the Star Trek series you will likely be familiar with the “universal translator” used by the crew. With modern technology and a smart phone, you can download an “app” that is close to a universal translator. It is not perfect, as I have found during multiple tests using English, German, Arabic, Japanese, Spanish and French, but for basic words or even short sentences, this Google Translator (app) will do the trick. Especially if you are in law enforcement or some type of public security/safety, or any other occupation with public contact, this app can reduce misunderstanding when dealing with persons not familiar with the English language.

There are multiple ways to use this app. Below is a screen shot of the app as it appears on my smart phone (android).



The screenshot above shows the language to translate from (left) and the language to translate to (right) The sentence is typed at the bottom of the screen next to the X. The results are both in Japanese characters and in Romaji, which shows how it would be pronounced using English letters. The loudspeaker logo can also be selected and a Google voice will speak out the translation results so it can be played to someone speaking that language.

Their response can in turn be recorded through the microphone and then translated back to English. The translations can also be saved.

## GOOGLE TRANSLATOR APP...

The words to be translated can be spoken into the microphone, typed onto the screen, or you can even take a photo of the foreign words and it will translate them.

**NOTE: The screen shot shows prompts in German but Google Translate can be set to any language format.**



Above is a translation of “**what is your name**” from English to Arabic: The Arabic writing can also be enlarged on the android screen to make it more readable:

ما هو اسمك

## Fascinated by Cyber Crime?

If you have Internet access, either via a computer or smart phone/tablet, you can watch (for free) a riveting 20 episode series about a Cyber Crime team of the Korean National Police Authority (KNPA) in streaming video. You can access the video

on the websites [www.dramafever.com](http://www.dramafever.com) or <http://www.viki.com/> or via a smart phone/tablet by simply downloading the drama fever or viki app through Google Play. To find the series, use the app’s or website’s search option and type in “ghost”. This will lead to the logo for the cyber crime drama and a list of all 20 episodes, each about 1 hour 3 minutes in length.

Below a screen shot of my smart phone showing the logos for the apps after they were downloaded.



While the dramas are fiction, some of the cyber crime cases depict what actually occurs in the real world. All dramas are subtitled in English and a host of other languages.

## CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Megan Grace**, who graduated with distinction from the Criminology Graduate Program, recently published her third peer reviewed article:

Grace, L.M. (2012). Training and education for first response emergency personnel: An examination of physical fitness requirements for the State of California and the Federal Government. *Journal of Homeland Security Education*, 1(2), 29-41.

The journal article can be accessed on line at:

<http://journalhse.org/sft710/finalgracetrainineducation.pdf>

## OFF CAMPUS DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM AND RECEPTION

Two new classes begin this April as shown below:

**Crim 180 Internship (#36843) coordinated by Dr. SCHWEIZER.**

**1 April-20 May: Class meetings Wed 3 April, Sat 27 April and Wed 15 May, at the Fresno County Sheriff's Office. The Saturday meeting is in the Science II Building at Fresno State.**

Students with professional CJ experience do not need an internship placement, but must complete specified written assignments and give class presentations on their professional experience according to specific guidelines. Students without CJ experience will be given assistance in finding a suitable CJ agency for 120 internship hours. The actual internship hours can extend into summer if necessary.

**Anthr 105W (#36833) Upper division GE multicultural/international. Taught by Dr. Lisa Anderson (lianderson@csufresno.edu)**

Students must also obtain the following: **Course Specific Writing Practice Access by ETS Criterion** (This is a required access code that must be purchased at the university bookstore as all papers must be uploaded to this program for the course.)

**Gangsters Without Borders: An Ethnography of a Salvadoran Street Gang (Issues of Globalization: Case Studies in Contemporary Anthropology)** T.W. Ward. Oxford University Press. 2012. ISBN-10: 019985906X

This course is scheduled to be an on-line course, with an in-class orientation on Wed 3 April and a final meeting on Wed 15 May.

Government employees with about two years or more of prior college coursework who are interested in joining the upcoming two courses should contact Dr. Schweizer via email and/or simply come to the first class meeting at 1800 on Wednesday 3 April at the Fresno County Sheriff's Office training room in the HQ building opposite the old jail.

## OFF CAMPUS (DOWNTOWN) PROGRAM RECEPTION AND INFORMATION SESSION

**Saturday 27 April 1200-1500 Dept Suite.**

The Criminology Department is holding an informational session on both the undergraduate and graduate off-campus programs, followed by a reception with food and refreshments. Family members of attendees are welcome, as are all current or past off campus program students and faculty, and representatives of the Division of Continuing and Global Education.



**Registration:** 7:00 a.m. • **Tee-off:** 8:00 a.m. •• **Cost:** \$85 per player if you pay by 4/26/13  
\$95 per player if you pay on the day of the event

This includes entry into all events: 18-holes of golf, cart, lunch, 2- free drinks, 511 gift bag, and Tee Shirt!

**Prizes for Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Hole in One**

To register: Contact Cory Mathews at (559) 381-4010,  
or visit our website at [www.hanfordpoliceofficersassoc.com](http://www.hanfordpoliceofficersassoc.com)

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