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NOTED CRIMINOLOGIST AND FORENSICS STUDIES EXPERT TO SPEAK AT K-STATE

MANHATTAN — A noted criminal psychologist, consultant and the dean of the largest forensics studies program in the United States will discuss his work in presentations at Kansas State University, including for the intersession course, Social Construction of Serial Murder.

Eric W. Hickey, who serves as dean of the California School of Forensics Studies at Alliant International University, will give a public presentation at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2010, in the K-State Student Union's Big 12 Room. His presentation, "Using Psychology to Profile Predators: The Real CSI," is being sponsored by K-State's criminology program and the Criminology Club, a student organization.

Hickey has considerable field experience working with the criminally insane, psychopaths, sex offenders and other habitual criminals. He is a court-qualified expert in paraphilia, including pedophilia, child molestation and fetishes; stalking, adult rape and sexual assault; and violent criminal behavior including robbery, burglary and homicide. Because of his expertise, he has served as an expert witness in both criminal and civil cases.

At Alliant, Hickey teaches courses in profiling sex offenders and sexual predators. He also has taught courses in criminal personalities, sex crimes and paraphilia, homicide and psychopathology at other colleges and universities and for jail and prison staff.

Hickey has written and lectured extensively on the etiology of violence and serial crime. His book "Serial Murders and Their Victims," now in its fifth edition, is used as a teaching tool at universities and by law enforcement in studying the nature of violence, criminal personalities and victim-offender relationships, according to L. Susan Williams, associate professor of sociology at K-State who teaches several courses in criminology.

Among Hickey's other books is "The Encyclopedia of Murder and Violent Crime," which explores the phenomenon of murder and violence through the eyes of some of the world's most noted experts. His latest co-authored book is "The Myth of a Psychiatric Crime Wave," which examines the misperceptions and reality of the mentally ill and mentally disordered as criminals. He currently is writing his first novel, "The Crib," a journey into the minds of psychotics, psychopaths and the criminally insane.

Hickey was a former consultant to the FBI's UNABOM Task Force. He currently assists local, state and federal law enforcement in training and investigations. He also conducts seminars for agencies involving the profiling and investigation of sex crimes, arson, robbery, homicide, stalking, workplace violence and terrorism. He also has appeared on CNN, National Public Radio, "Larry King Live," "20/20," "Good Morning America," Discovery Channel, History Channel and other media.