

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As promised, Randy Roth's October 5, 2001 talk on child killings was enlightening, and thought-provoking. Randy provided us with factual information about such killings dating back to the 1700s, and historical events that shaped the levels and types of killings that occurred over time. A particularly interesting aspect of the presentation was his discussion of the multiple methods taken in identifying and counting child killings. In addition, the explanations of changes in the patterning of killings over time provided a great deal of food for thought. If you missed Randy's talk, you can read about his work on child killings in Social Science History Volume 25. And, see his forthcoming papers noted below. Thanks Randy for getting our 2001-2002 seminar series off to such a good start.

Continuing the theme of youth and violence, this Friday's seminar by Jody Miller also promises to be quite stimulating. Jody has a long term commitment to addressing issues related to females and violence, and to examining deviance and crime from the perspective of those involved as either victims or offenders. I am sure that you will appreciate the richness of the data that Jody will bring to bear on the issue of urban girls negotiation of gender violence.

On the administrative front, I had a productive meeting with the new CJRC Oversight Committee on October 15, 2001. We discussed a variety of issues, but focused a great deal on promoting faculty and student participation in CJRC. A number of suggestions were made by oversight committee members that we should be able to implement. Future agenda items will include CJRC visibility, development activities, and enhancing external funding. Regarding another administrative matter, we are welcoming on board several undergraduate students to assist us with Center activities. Danice Brown is an undergraduate administrative assistant who helps us with the logistics of carrying out events, including those associated with our seminar series. Carla Buckner is involved as an undergraduate research assistant on several Center-related projects. And John Callery is joining us as an administrative/research assistant who will help us with web development and data posting. These young people are bright and capable and are already serving the Center well. We are very pleased to have them on board.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please mark the following dates for CJRC's 2001-2002 Seminar Series on your calendar. All talks will be held in Journalism Room 106 (the Hall of Fame Room) from 9:00-10:30 a.m. The Hall of Fame Room is next door to the Journalism Library.

Friday, October 26th. Professor Jody Miller will discuss "Sex Play, Violent Play: Urban Girls Negotiation with Gender Violence." Jody Miller is a faculty member in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She received an M.A. in Sociology from Ohio University (1990), an M.A. in Women's Studies from OSU (1991), and her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Southern California (1996). Dr. Miller was the 2001 recipient of the Ruth Shonle Cavan Young Scholar Award from the American Society of Criminology and has numerous other grants and awards. She has published many articles and is the author of the book *One of the Guys: Girls, Gangs, and Gender* (2001).

Friday, November 16th. Brian Kowalski, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University will discuss his research on "Community Context and Recidivism: An Initial Study of Recent Ohio Releasees."

OTHER SEMINARS

Monday, October 29th. The Center for Law, Policy, and Social Science is hosting its second Center Workshop of the academic year on Monday, October 29, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. in the Law School Faculty Lounge, Room 314. Professor Katherine Federle, Associate Professor of Law and Director, Justice for Children Project, will be presenting her paper on "Juvenile Offenders as Victims: A Study of Domestic Violence Cases in Juvenile Court." If you plan to attend, please let Trina Lott (lott.12@osu.edu or 292-6820) know by Friday, October 26, 2001.

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Dr. Alan Murray (Geography) with Grubestic, T.H. will be presenting on "Detecting Hot-Spots Using Cluster Analysis and GIS" for the National Institute of Justice Crime Mapping Research Center's Fifth Annual International Research Conference in December.

A paper by Dana Haynie (Sociology) on "Friendship Networks and Adolescent Delinquency: The Relative Nature of Peer Delinquency" is forthcoming at the Journal of Quantitative Criminology. She also recently had a paper on "Delinquent Peers Revisited: Does Network Structure Matter?" published in the American Journal of Sociology (2001).

Two papers by Randy Roth (History) are forthcoming. They are: "Guns, Gun Culture, and Homicide: The Relationship between Firearms, the Uses of Firearms, and Interpersonal Violence in Early America" (April 2002, William and Mary Quarterly) and "Homicide and Neonaticide in Early Modern Europe: A Quantitative Synthesis" (Crime, Histories, and Societies).

Several CJRC faculty and students will be participating in this year's American Society of Criminology Association Meetings to be held in Atlanta, Georgia on November 7-10. The theme for the conference is "Criminology, Justice and Public Policy in the 21st Century." For more conference information, please visit the ASC web site: <http://www.asc41.com>. Below are the dates and times for presentations by CJRC affiliates.

Paul Bellair (Sociology) with Tom McNulty (University of Georgia), "Explaining Racial Differences in Violent Behavior", Session 298:RE5: Racial and Ethnic Related Predictors of Violence and Crime (9:40-11:10 am, Friday, November 9).

Chris Browning (Sociology) will chair Session 306:CO11: Community Efficacy: Mobilizing Human and Social Capital. He will also present "Social Ties, Collective Efficacy, and Urban Crime" (1-2:30 pm, Friday, November 9).

Joe Donnermeyer (HCRD) with P. Jobes and E. Barclay (University of New England), "Social Disorganization Theory and Rural Crime", Session 136:CO6: Theoretical Approaches to Understanding Rural Crime in Australia (8-9:30 am, Thursday, November 8).

Dana Haynie (Sociology) with Suzanne McHugh, "Sibling Delinquency Revisited: In the Shadows of Mutual and Unique Friendship Effects?", Session 326:SO6: Peer Association, Delinquency and Victimization (1-2:30 pm, Friday, November 9).

Robert T. Greenbaum (Public Policy and Management) and George Tita (UC-Irvine), "The Impact of Violence on Neighborhood Business Activity", Session 40:HO1: Topics in the Study of Homicide (9:40-11:10 am, Wednesday, November 7).

Ruth Peterson (Sociology) and Laurie Krivo (Sociology), "Youth, Violent Crime, and Labor Market Conditions", Session 230:CO8: Neighborhood Institutions and Neighborhood Crime (4:20-5:50 pm, Thursday, November 8).

Jeremy Wilson (Public Policy and Management) will chair Session 198: PL10: Contemporary Issues in Police Organizations. This panel also features a paper by Jeremy and Joe Donnermeyer, "Sustainability and Community-Based Policing"; a paper by Kent Shafer (Public Policy and Management), "Re-Engineering the Police: A Process for Organizational Transformation in Law Enforcement"; and another paper by Jeremy, "A Contingency Approach to Explaining Variation in the Implementation of Community Policing" (1-2:30 pm, Thursday, November 8).

María Vélez (Sociology), "Public Social Control and Neighborhood Crime", Session 93:LA19: Crime and Community Roundtable (2:40-4:10 pm, Wednesday, November 7).

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

The 15th Annual Training Conference of the Correctional Accreditation Managers Association will be held in Columbus, Ohio on May 4-7, 2002. The theme of the conference is "Exploring Excellence in Corrections." Panel topics will include accreditation procedures, the impact of correctional standards and accreditation in view of the Prison Litigation Reform Act, and correctional litigation and accredited programs. The Correctional Accreditation Association of Ohio (CAAO) is serving as the sponsoring agency for the 2002 CAMA Conference. The cost of advanced registrations will be \$85.00 per person with a \$100 per person on-site registration. Room reservations at the Hilton Hotel must be made by April 12, 2002 and will be \$119 for single or double occupancy. For more information, contact Julie Riley, SPPM graduate student and CAAO Executive Board Member at riley.15@osu.edu or 614-877-2306, ext. 366.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Gender, Crime and (In)Justice. The Journal of Contemporary Ethnography announces a special issue on Ethnographic Perspectives on Gender, Crime and (In)Justice. The deadline is December 31, 2001. This issue will focus on problems related to gender inequality, situated femininities/masculinities, and their relations to crime, juvenile delinquency, and justice. In addition to traditional topics within criminology and criminal justice, the themes of crime and justice will be considered broadly to include legal, human rights, and labor issues associated with the commercial sex industry and other criminalized activities, as well as issues facing women in prison. All papers will be peer reviewed. If you are unsure whether your topic or research is suitable, or are interested in reviewing for this issue, contact the Special Issue Editor, Jody Miller, via e-mail at millerja@msx.umsl.edu or phone at 314-516-5426. Please send four manuscript copies and a U.S. \$10 submission fee (payable to Jody Miller) to:

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The Supreme Court and Criminal Justice. The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice announces a special issue that will explore recent Supreme Court decisions affecting the administration of criminal justice. The deadline for submissions is June 1, 2002. Articles are invited on a variety of topics, including, but not limited to, recent search and seizure decisions, corrections law, administration of the death penalty, and the interpretation of federal statutes. Contributors can examine one case, or a series of cases. All article submissions will be subject to blind peer review. Persons interested in submitting an article should contact the special issue editor at the address below:

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Access to Justice. The Journal of Law & Social Challenges is soliciting articles for a special volume on "Access to Justice". Papers can include topics such as the provision of legal services at all levels, the availability of judicial remedies, financial and structural barriers, the impact of alternative dispute resolution, and judicial and legislative challenges. For more information, contact:

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FEATURED GRADUATE STUDENT

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Stacia is a second year Master's student in the Department of Sociology at OSU. She received her B.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland at College Park.

Although she majored in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Stacia began her undergraduate career as a Biology major. However, when she took a Criminology course as an elective, she was "captivated" from the first day of class. From that point, she began studying crime and criminal justice. In general, Stacia is interested in studying the U.S. prison system, race and crime, policing, and the "War on

Drugs". For Stacia, the common theme to these interests is research that directly relates to public policy and current events. Indeed, she hopes that her work will connect research to current events and public policy. This interest in linking research to policy stems from Stacia's internship experience at the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation (CJPF), a research think tank that emphasizes the creation of sensible drug policies. As a Research Associate intern, she assisted the staff in reviewing policy research information to help educate the community on criminal justice issues. Stacia also wrote summaries for publication in a CJPF newsletter and assisted the staff in advocating different criminal justice policies through various activities such as press hearings and conferences. Because a primary goal of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation was to conduct and provide research to be used by policy makers and activists, Stacia learned how research can be used to inform debates about current issues like racial profiling and the war on drugs.

Seeking to inform public policy about racial profiling, Stacia's master's thesis investigates the extent to which extra-legal factors such as race, gender, age, and SES affect who is given a traffic ticket during routine traffic stops. A key focus of her study is to examine how race shapes encounters between police and citizens during traffic stops. To do so, Stacia uses a new module of the National Crime Victimization Survey: the Police Public Contact Survey. It contains detailed legal and extra-legal information about traffic stops such as the type of traffic violation and the race and socioeconomic status of the stopped driver. In addition to rich detail, the survey also allows Stacia to determine what factors distinguish persons who received a ticket from those who did not among persons who were stopped. Her preliminary analyses show that minority drivers are more likely to report that they received a ticket when stopped than whites. Because she can adjust for important legal factors, this finding suggests that extra legal variables, in this case race, play a consequential role in determining who receives tickets during traffic stops. Unlike much research on racial profiling, Stacia's work involves a nationally representative sample. Thus, her findings will be relevant to the nation as a whole.

In addition to her thesis research, Stacia has been involved as a Research Assistant for the Columbus Neighborhood Project, a collaboration among James Moody, Lauren Krivo, and Ruth Peterson. This project examines whether social networks, perceptions of crime and deviance, and related solutions are similar across racially and economically distinct neighborhoods. To that end, a community survey of these four neighborhoods was conducted. To complement these surveys, field work in these neighborhoods also took place. Stacia's role in this project was to assist in developing a profile of a predominantly Black lower/working class neighborhood. Stacia entered the "field" and collected observational, archival, and interview information. She did so by spending many hours walking around the neighborhood, and observing resident activity, housing structures, and signs of disorder. She also tried to build rapport with residents by attending neighborhood cook-outs, neighborhood commission meetings, and block parties. Her goal was to become a "regular" by the end of the summer. Upon establishing rapport with community residents, Stacia conducted interviews with community leaders. The purpose of these interviews was to get a sense of how community leaders perceived problems including crime, what sorts of problems they felt were most important, and how the leaders planned to address problems. For Stacia, participating in this project has been a valuable experience. She has learned much about conducting in-depth community analyses and gained first-hand knowledge about a community's residents and their views about crime and other problems as well as points of pride in the neighborhood.

In the past two years, Stacia has had the opportunity to lead recitation sections for Criminology Theory. Although her primary responsibility has been to make sure that students understand the information provided by the professor during class, she also helps students become aware of important current events that are related to crime and criminal justice. In addition, Stacia has

organized mock case scenarios so that students can critically apply legal principles to real-life situations.

Stacia also enjoys spending time with her seven year old son Trey, who she says, keeps her hands full. Her hobbies include reading suspense novels as well as collecting and watching horror films.

CREDITS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

Thanks to all of you who sent your suggestions and announcements. We encourage you to keep us informed about any events that might be of interest to CJRC participants as well as any suggestions that you have for activities or programs. To contact the newsletter editor, please email María Vélez at velez.17@osu.edu. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send María your email address.