

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we approach the end of Winter Quarter, I know that many of you are taking off for a few days of sunshine. Therefore, I want to take this opportunity to wish you well on your vacation, and to remind you of the very promising events that we will have during Spring Quarter. Our next major event is the upcoming College of Law Conference on capital punishment on March 30 and 31. Doug Berman has planned a very interesting set of events. On Friday, March 30 we will have the opportunity to gain a national perspective on the prospects and possibilities for statutory reform of capital punishment provisions. Among the Friday presenters are Richard Dieter of the Death Penalty Information Center, David Baldus of the University of Iowa, and our own Victor Streib. Saturday is devoted to Ohio's perspectives on capital punishment. Experts such as Greg Meyers of the Ohio Public Defender's Office and John Murphy of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association will present their views. Please join us for as many sessions as you can.

Looking beyond March, the plans for the Reckless Lecture on April 24 are shaping up (see below). One issue that has not been settled is who will be the recipient of the Public Service Award for this year. CJRC's Public Service Award honors persons who have made outstanding contributions to the administration of criminal or juvenile justice in Ohio. Honorees may come from the public or private sector. If you are aware of persons anywhere in Ohio who have gone the extra mile in the service of any aspects of criminal or juvenile justice, please forward their names to me along with any information that you have about their work. I need your suggestions as soon as possible so that we can decide on a recipient, and invite him/her to attend the Reckless Lecture events. My e-mail address is peter5@osu.edu and I can be reached by phone at (614) 247-6379.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

March Event:

Friday and Saturday, March 30th-31st at the Ohio State University College of Law. The symposium "Addressing Capital Punishment Through Statutory Reform" will feature prominent law and social science professors, legislators, and attorneys to discuss the problems said to be plaguing the current system of capital punishment, and to assess the value of and possibilities for legislative reform of the modern administration of the death penalty. Ohio State participants may attend all panels free of charge; however, registration is recommended in order to reserve a seat. Registration information is available at the following website:

<http://www.law.ohio-state.edu/LawJournal/dpsymposium.html>

April Events:

Friday, April 6th. The Pro Bono Research Group (PBRG) will host its annual Woodside Speaker Series from 1pm to 4pm in the OSU College of Law auditorium (55 W. 12th Avenue). The topic of discussion is "The Future of Poverty Law: How Will We Serve Our Under-served?". Speakers will examine the structural and procedural changes that will alter the way we allocate legal services to our low income, under-served communities throughout Ohio and beyond. Speakers include three members of the Board of Directors for the Legal Services Corporation as well as distinguished OSU faculty. This conference is free for OSU faculty, staff, and students. More information on this conference is available at:

<http://www.osu.edu/units/law/PBRG/pbrgwoodside2001.htm>

Tuesday, April 24th. Mark your calendars for the Walter Reckless Memorial Lecture to be held on Tuesday evening, April 24th, at the Faculty Club. This year's Reckless lecture features Wesley

Skogan, Professor of Political Science and Faculty Fellow at the Institute for Policy Research at Northwestern University. Dr. Skogan's Reckless lecture will focus on "The Dilemmas of Community Policing." We are also pleased that the Director of the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, Domingo Herraiz, will provide comments on Professor Skogan's talk.

May Event:

Monday, May 21st. Dr. George Tita, assistant professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at University of California at Irvine, will be visiting OSU's School of Public Policy and Management and the CJRC on May 21st. He will give a talk from 10 to 11:30 am in 300B Fisher Hall. Additional information regarding Dr. Tita's visit will be forthcoming.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1) Directives and applications are now available for the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program. The deadline for grant submissions is April 9, 2001. The current solicitation may be obtained either by

(1) downloading the application materials from the website of the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS):

<http://www.ocjs.state.oh.us/Grants/>

(2) or by requesting hard copies of the application. To do so, please call the Byrne Coordinator, Venita Butler-O'Bannon at (614) 466-0352.

Please note that this Program is a matching grants program which means that grant seekers must provide at least 25% of the total project cost.

2) The Open Society Institute's Center on Crime, Communities & Culture is sponsoring the Campaign for Community Reintegration. This program funds advocacy efforts that facilitate the successful community reintegration of former prisoners and that prevent recidivism and reincarceration. Advocacy activities may include: public education, media campaigns and organizing; policy driven research to support such campaigns; publicizing and institutionalizing successful re-entry programs; litigation to challenge barriers to reintegration; grassroots organizing and coalition building for alternative community justice solutions; and leadership development. Applications are accepted at any time and fund amounts vary. For more information, contact: Grants Department, Center on Crime, Communities and Culture, Open Society Institute, 400 West 59th St., New York, NY 10009.

<http://www.soros.org/crime/gr-guide.htm>

3) Criminal Justice Research and Development Graduate Research Fellowships are available from the National Institute of Justice. These fellowships are designed to improve the quality and quantity of knowledge about crime and the criminal justice system and to increase the number of persons qualified to teach in collegiate criminal justice programs, to conduct research related to criminal justice issues, and to perform more effectively within the criminal justice system. Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year. Proposals are reviewed twice a year, around May and September. For more information, please check out the following website:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>

CALL FOR PAPERS

The American Society of Criminology announces its Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. The deadline is April 15, 2001. These awards are given to recognize outstanding scholarly work of students. Any student currently enrolled on a full-time basis in an academic program at either the undergraduate or graduate level is eligible. Papers may be conceptual and/or empirical but must be directly related to criminology. Papers must be typewritten, double-spaced on 8-1/2 x 11 white paper, and no longer than 7,500 words. The Criminology format for the organization of text, citations and references should be used. Papers must be submitted with a postmark on or before April 15, 2001 to: Steven P. Lab, Criminal Justice Program, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH 43403 (email: slab@bgnet.bgsu.edu). Please check out the following website for more information: <http://www.asc41.com/cartesp.html>

The ASA Section on Crime, Law and Deviance announces its Student Paper Competition. The deadline is April 30, 2001. The winner receives \$500. Papers should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should use the manuscript preparation guidelines of the American Sociological Review. Submit six printed copies to Brad Wright, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, U-2068, Storrs, CT 06268 (bradley.wright@unconn.edu).

FEATURED GRADUATE STUDENT

Lisa Cravens-Brown
Ph.D. candidate in the
Department of Psychology
The Ohio State University

Lisa is a seventh year graduate student in the Department of Psychology at The Ohio State University. Her area of concentration is child clinical psychology. This is her last academic year at OSU and next year, she will be a child clinical intern at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. There she will focus on pediatric, child forensic and community child psychology. Lisa also received her Bachelor's and Master's in Psychology from OSU.

Because Lisa's focus is on clinical psychology, she spends most of her time in the field working with clients. The population she most likes working with is juvenile sex offenders. She first became interested in this group while a practicum student at St. Vincent's Family Centers (Columbus, Ohio) under the supervision of Dr. Leslie Rudy, a licensed psychologist, who had written a dissertation on juvenile sex offenders. She continues to work with the St. Vincent Family Centers to evaluate, design, and implement juvenile sex offender programs. Based on these hands-on experiences, Lisa is very passionate about helping young offenders and hopes that she can learn to treat them.

Lisa's clinical experiences form the basis for her dissertation which investigates the mechanisms that contribute to juvenile sex offending. In particular, she will examine the relative impacts of temperament such as a cold callous interactional style, cognitive deficits such as impulsivity, and socialization factors like parenting in order to provide a fuller picture of the processes that lead juveniles to engage in sex offenses. Her sample will consist of approximately 80 male subjects between the ages of 13 and 18 years, of which 40 will be juvenile sex offenders and 40 will be non-offending adolescents. Juvenile sex offender subjects will be recruited from local community mental health centers and non-referred subjects will be obtained from local recreation centers and other community organizations.

Lisa feels that her dissertation work is important because she will be the first to explore whether

deficits in cognitive functioning characterize juvenile sex offenders as they do other antisocial adolescents. Her research is also the first to examine the construct of psychopathy in an outpatient sample of juvenile sex offenders. Lisa hopes that this study can outline for clinicians the most appropriate treatments for juvenile sex offenders. This dissertation is funded by the Criminal Justice Research Center and the Graduate Student Alumni Research Association.

Upon completion of her doctorate, Lisa's ideal job would include teaching, program evaluation research, and direct clinical practice. But just as important, Lisa wants to take part in efforts that link empirical research with clinical practice. She feels that only by integrating research with practice can we strive to make treatment programs really effective. To do so, she hopes to spend most of her time in a clinical setting like a guidance center or a hospital.

Lisa is fully committed to the area of juvenile justice and wishes to continue working with juvenile sex offenders. She wants to contribute to the field of criminal justice by better serving these young offenders. To do so, Lisa hopes to be take part in efforts that connect juvenile system officials with treatment providers. From her perspective, young people must deal with the consequences of their crimes but they must also receive treatment so that they can be rehabilitated. Lisa argues that the more effective treatments we design and implement, the more likely policy makers will support rehabilitative programs that treat juvenile offenders.

In addition to being busy with her academic responsibilities, Lisa enjoys spending time with her supportive husband Scott, and their two year old daughter, Alden.

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 or by phone at 247-6736. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send María your email address.