

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The summer is winding down and we are beginning to look ahead to Autumn. Indeed, our law school colleagues are already back at work for the academic year. CJRC is readying itself for the academic year, and for furthering its mission of being a catalyst for cutting edge crime and justice research, serving as a source of intellectual exchange about crime and justice research, and providing research-based outreach to policymakers. Several examples will suffice to demonstrate upcoming 2002-2003 activities in each of these areas. To help catalyze crime and justice research, the Center has provided seed funds for six faculty members and two graduate students through its annual "Research Awards" competition. Faculty in History (David Cressy), Political Science (Harwood McClerking with Tom Nelson and Kira Sanbonmatsu, and Janet Box-Steffensmeier), and Sociology (Paul Bellair, Chris Browning, and Townsend Price-Spratlen), and graduate students in Geography (Youngho Kim) and Social Work (Jeongah Kim) received varying amounts (\$5,000-\$8,000 for faculty and \$800-\$1,000 for graduate students) to prepare external grant proposals or to carry out on going crime and justice research. Congratulations and best wishes for productive activities to each of these researchers as s/he proceeds with her/his work.

Regarding outreach, a number of CJRC affiliates will participate in the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's upcoming Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference. The Conference is on Tuesday, October 15 at the Holiday Inn East. OSU faculty and graduate students will share research findings on two primary topics: "Policing in Contemporary Society: Research And Policy Concerns," and "Aspects of Violence and Threat: Causes, Consequences, and Policies." Participants on the policing panel include: Brian Kowalski and Richard Lundman (Sociology), Harwood K. McClerking, Thomas E. Nelson, and Kira Sanbonmatsu (Political Science), and Jeremy Wilson and Kent Shafer (Public Policy). Members of the violence panel include: Joe Donnermeyer (Human and Community Resource Development), Kate Federle (Law), Robert Greenbaum (Public Policy), and Paul Bellair and Vincent Roscigno (Sociology). Rudy Alexander (Social Work) will chair the violence panel. Khalilah Brown-Dean (Political Science) will also present her work on the consequences of felon disenfranchisement. We are very pleased that researchers and policymakers across the state will be exposed to and benefit from on-going work of OSU's CJRC affiliates.

As for intellectual exchange, Paul Bellair (Sociology) and Bruce Weinberg (Economics) are busy planning this year's seminar series. The Autumn Quarter schedule will be reported in our next newsletter; at that time, we also hope to preview the schedule for the remainder of the academic year. Overall, we expect to have yet another stimulating series this year.

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Three CJRC participants, Prof. Chris Browning (Sociology), Seth Feinberg (Sociology) and Rob Dietz (Economics) presented a paper entitled: "The Paradox of Social Organization: Networks, Collective Efficacy, and Violent Crime in Urban Neighborhoods" at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in Chicago.

Prof. Katherine Hunt Federle (Law) has been asked to join the Ohio State Bar Association's Juvenile Justice Committee. The committee has been charged with proposing sweeping changes to the way juvenile justice is administered in the state of Ohio. Also, Kate will be speaking at the Juvenile Law Symposium sponsored by the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers on September 19, 2002. Her work is entitled: "The Constitutional Rights of Minors."

Prof. Dana Haynie (Sociology) received the James F. Short, Jr. Award at this year's American

Sociological Association meeting for her work in American Journal of Sociology entitled: "Delinquent Peers Revisited: Does Network Structure Matter?" The award recognizes a distinguished criminology article published between 1999-2001, and is presented by the Crime, Law, and Deviance section of the ASA.

Prof. Alan Michaels (Law) was recently promoted to Full Professor in the College of Law. Alan was also recently invited to present at The Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge in the UK. Finally, he and Prof. Joshua Dressler (Law) recently completed work on an annual update of Understanding Criminal Procedure. This work is published by Matthew Bender/Lexis.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Homicide Studies announces a Call for Papers for a special issue on Missing Data. The issue will focus on problems posed by missing values, observations, and/or cases in homicide datasets, approaches to handling missing data in homicide research, changes in the patterns of missing data over time, and the impact of different missing data estimation techniques on empirical findings in homicide research. Manuscripts must follow the editorial submission guidelines of Homicide Studies.

All papers will be peer reviewed. Please mail the completed manuscript to one of the Special Issue Editors. If you are unsure whether your topic or research is suitable, contact one of the Special Issue Editors via e-mail or phone.

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Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2003

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences requests panel presentations or roundtable presentations for their upcoming conference. More information about specific area themes is available at www.acjs.org. If you are interested in submitting a proposal or would like more information about the conference, please contact Elizabeth L. Grossi, Program Chair grossi@louisville.edu.

"The Globalization of Crime and Justice"

March 4-8, 2003

Boston, MA

Deadline for submissions October 1, 2002

Criminal Justice Policy Review announces a Call for Papers for a special issue devoted to the policy implications of homicide. Suitable topics for manuscripts include but are not limited to research and/or policy discussions of a homicide decline in smaller cities; homicide reduction strategies; evaluations and analysis of evaluations; impact on homicides of increased prison releases, and other similar topics. Manuscripts must follow the editorial submission guidelines of the Criminal Justice Policy Review.

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Deadline for submissions is December 1, 2002

FEATURED GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPANT

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Bob is a second year M.A. student in the Geography department, and during the last year has been working as a Research Associate for the Criminal Justice Research Center. Originally from Des Moines, Iowa, Bob obtained his B.S. in Geography from Northwest Missouri State in 1999. He cites the numerous travel opportunities he had while growing up as the motivation behind his decision to pursue a graduate degree in Geography. "My parents loved to travel so I had a lot of exposure, and just developed an interest in it." From the mountains of Switzerland to the beaches of the South Pacific, Bob's travel experiences took him to six continents, and offered him the chance to see the diversity of ecological spaces across an array of social, political, and cultural contexts.

Following his undergraduate experience, Bob went to work as a Geographic Information Systems Technician with a private company in Atlanta, GA. While there, Bob assisted in mapping power lines and running suitability analyses as part of his company's contract work for the Georgia Transmission Corporation, a power company serving the region. After a year in the private sector, he decided to pursue his interest in GIS technology within the Geography program at OSU. "I just had a desire to learn, and the program here is very strong so it was an easy choice to make."

In a general sense, Bob's research currently focuses on how space, time, and other characteristics affect the distribution of violent crimes in Ohio cities. With a concentration on Spatial Analysis Methods, Bob has been using incident-based crime report data to implement cluster analyses on criminal hot spots. Two ongoing projects have specifically focused on violent crime patterns across a number of Ohio cities, and a more detailed analysis of Class A crimes in Dayton. Utilizing his GIS training, Bob has been looking at both criminal activity and also policing under the guidance of project investigators Ruth Peterson and Laurie Krivo, and with additional support from his advisor, Alan Murray.

As part of a larger CJRC project, Bob has been generating descriptive statistics on urban crime patterns across 31 Ohio cities. The use of incident-based reporting data has enabled the team to examine victim-suspect relationships in conjunction with arrest data as well as demographic identifiers of both perpetrators and victims.

Ultimately, Bob hopes his research can provide help to law enforcement agencies attempting to implement new policing strategies across diverse urban areas. By finding areas where policing efforts should be more concentrated, Bob would like to see community policing and other law enforcement initiatives benefit through the use of rapidly expanding GIS technology. As a secondary interest, Bob said he is intrigued by studying transportation geography such as road networks in urban spaces.

When he's not hard at work, Bob enjoys playing basketball and considers himself an all around sports enthusiast. He also is a large fan of the Columbus nightlife, and said he likes to enjoy himself as much as graduate school will allow. Of course there is still the love for travel, but Bob said he is quite happy with his decision to return closer to home for graduate school. "I'm comfortable returning here to the Midwest, the program has been great for me so far."

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 new newsletter editor, please email Seth Feinberg at feinberg.13@osu.edu. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Seth your email address.