

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

The middle of October was a very busy time for CJRC. On October 15, the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction held its 6th Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference. Thanks very much to Bill Ackerman, Rudy Alexander, Paul Bellair, Khalilah Brown-Dean, Joe Donnermeyer, Kate Federle, Robert Greenbaum, Brian Kowalski, Rick Lundman, Kent Shafer, and Jeremy Wilson for stimulating presentations showcasing the policy relevant work of CJRC affiliates. Cathy McDaniels Wilson (Family Medicine) who we hope to entice to become a member of CJRC also presented. Mary Reiter, Michael Tapia, Matisa Wilson, and Dorian Wingard were among the current CJRC graduate affiliates in the audience. In addition to sharing the findings from on-going projects, we appreciated the opportunity to interface with members of the criminal justice policy community, including officials and researchers at Ohio's Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Office of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Youth Services, and Peace Officer's Training Commission. Also during the conference, the Simon Dinitz Award for Criminal Justice Research was presented to Edward J. Latessa (University of Cincinnati). As you know Simon Dinitz is a founding member of CJRC.

Later that week (October 18), we were pleased to welcome Joanne Belknap as our inaugural seminar speaker for the 2002-2003 series. Joanne shared results from her in-depth studies of girls in adult prisons, and her survey research on girls and boys under such punishment. Her work was insightful but sobering about the tragic context of the lives and crimes of youth who end up being punished as adults. Her talk also provided lessons for researchers. For example, she emphasized that outside of the context of the in-depth studies, she would surely have missed some important questions in developing her survey instrument. Later in the day, Joanne met informally with graduate/professional students regarding doing research on youthful criminal justice populations.

November will also be a busy time for the Center. Next up in our seminar series is Ray Montemayor (Ohio State Professor of Psychology) who will join us on November 22. Continuing the theme of youth and crime, his talk will focus on how parents can overlook aspects of their children's behavior, including delinquency, and how that feeds back into youth's behavior. Prior to Ray's talk, on November 8th CJRC will inaugurate its first Meet and Greet. These informal gatherings are meant to provide a small group setting where CJRC faculty from different disciplines can learn more about one another and any common research and policy interests within our broad field. By the end of the year, we hope that all Center faculty will have met and greeted one another.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

Friday, November 22nd, Dr. Raymond Montemayor, Associate Professor of Psychology, Ohio State University will present on this date. Stay tuned for the title of Dr. Montemayor's talk.

## **WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING**

Prof. Chris Browning (Sociology) recently had a paper accepted for publication in Journal of Marriage and Family. The article is entitled: The Span of Collective Efficacy: Extending Social Disorganization Theory to Partner Violence.

Prof. Joseph Donnermeyer (Human and Community Resource Development) was nominated for a 3-year term for the American Sociological Association Committee for Distinguished Contributions to Teaching.

Prof. Katherine Federle (Law) has been invited to speak at a seminar entitled: Crazy Families Crazy

Schedules: How to Deal With Them sponsored by the Ohio Judicial College at Mohican State Park, November 15th.

Prof. Stephen Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Science) recently co-authored a paper in the journal *Family Relations*. The paper is entitled: *The Role of Father Participation in the Treatment of Childhood Mood Disorders*. Dr. Gavazzi is also organizing the Adolescent Network Research Initiative, an interdisciplinary collection of OSU faculty members (including various members of the CJRC) that are interested in adolescent problem behavior. The initiative is preparing to launch a data collection effort in collaboration with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court using a newly designed internet tool known as the Global Risk Assessment Device (GRAD).

Brian Kowalski (Sociology) whose paper on *Community Context and Recidivism: An Initial Study of Recent Ohio Releases* is preprinted in the inaugural volume of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's Ohio Corrections Research Compendium.

Prof. Jim Moody (Sociology) published a manuscript in the most recent edition of *Social Forces* entitled: *The Importance of Relationship Timing for Diffusion*.

Dorian Wingard (Public Policy and Management) was recently appointed to a Joint Advisory Task Force to address the formulation of a Mental Health Court in Franklin County. Dorian also was recently appointed Special Projects Coordinator and Human Service Policy Advisor to the Price for State Representative Campaign in the 26th House District.

Valerie Wright (Sociology) who successfully defended her Masters thesis last month. Valerie's work is entitled: *Desistance: A Comparison of Gender Differences and Theoretical Explanations*.

## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

National Institute of Justice announces three upcoming deadlines! See: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/>

W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program: The National Institute of Justice Research Opportunity. As part of the W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program, NIJ is soliciting proposals for research that explores diverse perspectives of the criminal justice field. The DuBois Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts. DuBois Fellows will contribute to NIJ's national criminal justice research program by studying topics of mutual interest to the Fellow and the Institute.

The application deadline is February 3, 2003.

Graduate Research Fellowship 2003 Program. NIJ provides funding support to doctoral students for independent dissertation research on issues related to crime and justice. Stipends of \$20,000 will be awarded to successful applicants for costs related to dissertation research. Up to 10 awards may be made during the year. This solicitation seeks applications to the 2003 Graduate Research Fellowship Program.

The application deadlines are January 15, 2003 and September 15, 2003.

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research on sexual violence against women age 12 and older by strangers and non strangers. NIJ anticipates awarding up to four grants

with a funding total of up to \$1,000,000.

The application deadline is February 21, 2003.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Justice Studies Association conference will be held May 29-31, 2003 in Albany, NY. This year's theme is: Through the Prism of Gender and Culture: Social Inequalities and Restorative Justice in the 21st Century.

Send information to Dan Okada, JSA 2003 Program Chair, Division of Criminal Justice, California State University-Sacramento, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819, or e-mail at: [bquist@mvcc.edu](mailto:bquist@mvcc.edu)

Deadline: January 10, 2003

Annual meeting of the Law and Society Association. The conference theme, Rivers of Law, draws on Pittsburgh's topography. Pittsburgh lies at the confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers, which together form the Ohio River. The Ohio River has played important historical roles: as a pathway of American westward migration, as a border between slavery and freedom, and as a great industrial concourse. The river metaphor evokes many attributes of the interplay of law and society: currents and countercurrents, nature and regulation, borders and unions, erosion and change, and dams that direct resources toward some and away from others (to name just a few). Submissions may be in the form of fully formed panels or individual papers. Because panels organized by participants tend to be more cohesive and useful for everyone, the Program Committee strongly encourages panel proposals and stands ready to assist those who might otherwise propose individual papers to form panels. Electronic submission of proposals is preferred though not required. Please see the web page for further details: <http://www.lawandsociety.org/>

"Rivers of Law: The Confluence of Life, Work and Justice"

June 5-8, 2003

Pittsburgh, PA

Deadline for submissions December 17, 2002

The 66th National Conference of the American Criminal Justice Association (ACJA) will be held March 16-21, 2003 at the Wyndham Orlando Resort in Orlando, Florida. The theme of the conference is "Privatizing Justice: Meeting the Challenge." For further information on the association, contact: ACJA-Lambda Alpha Epsilon, P.O. Box 601047, Sacramento, CA 95860-1047. <http://www.acjalae.org/>

### **FEATURED FACULTY PARTICIPANT**

Bruce A. Weinberg

Associate Professor

Department of Economics

Bruce obtained his undergraduate degree in Economics from the University of Chicago in 1991. After graduating with high honors, he remained at the university where he earned his Ph.D. in Economics in 1996. In his childhood home of Philadelphia, Bruce's father ran a business, so it was quite natural for him to take an interest in the complexities of the economy. "It affects people's experiences and lives, so when I started reading the papers as a young kid, I became fascinated." Upon completing his

doctorate, Bruce came to Ohio State as an Assistant Professor in the Fall of 1996. Following a year serving as a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution at Stanford, he recently returned to OSU and was promoted to Associate Professor in 2001.

In general, Bruce describes himself as a labor economist, and much of his work focuses on the impact of industrial and technical shifts in the labor market. With a specific emphasis on domestic markets, Bruce analyzes the impacts of technology on women relative to men and older workers relative to younger ones. Building from this labor market perspective, another branch of his work examines local labor market opportunities as causal predictors of crime. In a recent publication in the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, Bruce and his co-authors conclude that fluctuations in wage levels have shaped crime trends across the U.S. over the last two decades.

Bruce has also merged his interests in labor market economies to the community level in new research on determinants of youth behavior in neighborhood settings. "I look at how parents and neighborhoods affect what kids are doing, or not doing." From an economic standpoint, Bruce describes his idea that there is a cost and benefit to parenting efforts. In essence, as parents invest more time into their children, there is a greater likelihood that the children will internalize the parent's values. His work shows that single-parents have a more difficult time investing in their children in terms of teaching, knowing their peers, or involvement in many aspects of a child's life. In addition to time resources, economic factors can also shape the ability of a parent to invest. In a recent paper in the *Journal of Political Economy*, Bruce shows a positive relationship between parental income and childhood outcomes, such that at low levels of income there is an increased reliance on corporal punishment and less investment in other parenting strategies that could have long-term benefits. Accordingly, long term socialization benefits are diminished when there is less parental investment in the child. Two more papers from this work are in progress, including an analysis of neighborhood homeownership on childhood outcomes, and a further test of parental investment impacts on children's socialization.

An additional line of research that Bruce describes as "fun" is his work on life-cycle creativity and productivity. That is, at what point in one's life is someone the most productive in terms of artistic or scholarly creativity. His research thus far examines the timing of works of French painters from the Impressionists through the Cubists and 20th century American painters from the Abstract Expressionists through today, as well as the academic accomplishments of Nobel Laureate Economists to see how age and creativity vary over the life course.

In application to economic policy-making, Bruce thinks his research can be beneficial for minimum-wage advocates and criminal justice agencies alike. He points to a relationship between wage inequality and crime, and said that policies that supplement earnings to increase wages for the lowest income groups may help reduce crime. "I think it is beneficial to keep young, low-skilled workers employed."

Bruce said the cheesesteaks at Charley's on High Street are comparable to his native Philadelphia, however his active lifestyle keeps him from indulging very often. "Too many bad things in there" he said jokingly. Aside from his work, Bruce enjoys spending time on his rollerblades, and also walking along the bike path north of campus. His other passion is the arts, including most visuals, performances, and in particular paintings. "Between the Wexner Center and the downtown arts scene, I find myself keeping pretty busy."

## **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](mailto:feinberg.13@osu.edu). If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Seth your email address.