

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We are approaching the end of Autumn Quarter, and though it seems to have gone by quite swiftly, CJRC has much to celebrate. We had two terrific seminars and held our first and very successful "Meet and Greet." During the quarter our seminars focused on the "Youth, Crime and Justice," theme with Joanne Belknap getting us off to a good start discussing issues of youth and justice. Then on November 22, Ray Montemayor spoke to us on "Don't Ask, Don't Tell: Sources of Parent Ignorance about Adolescent Behavior." Using the Columbine school shooting incident as an example of how parental ignorance of a youth's behavior can lead to extreme consequences, Ray reported on his (and others') research on the sources of parental ignorance of children's behavior and the types of knowledge and monitoring that might be helpful in staving off delinquent and other adverse activity of adolescents. Many of us could relate to Ray's comments from both an academic and personal standpoint. Thus, the discussion was quite lively. It was especially interesting in pointing to parallel or complementary disciplinary points of view (e.g., law, sociology, public health, etc.). Thanks again Ray for a very stimulating presentation.

Earlier this month (on November 8), CJRC held its first "meet and greet." This too was a great success. Chris Browning (Sociology), Joe Donnermeyer (Community and Resource Development), Rob Greenbaum (Public Policy), Laurie Krivo (Sociology), Jack Nasar (City and Regional Planning), Kenny Steinman (Public Health), and I were able to attend. This informal forum seemed to work exactly as we anticipated. People got to know each other a bit, and we talked informally about our respective projects. In the process, we were able to identify common areas of interest and points for potential collaboration. Also as a result of the meeting, I received feedback on potential ways to facilitate collaborative work, especially regarding the grant-seeking process. Judging by our initial experience, the meet and greets are a good new innovation for the Center.

Looking forward, Bruce (Weinberg) and Paul (Bellair) are currently finalizing the schedule of Winter Quarter seminars. They ask that you please mark your calendars for January 10 and 31, and for February 21. Additional information will follow, but also see "Upcoming Events" below. We anticipate scheduling one or two "meet and greets" during winter as well; stay tuned for invitations.

I wish all of you a good and well-deserved holiday break, and look forward to our interactions during Winter and Spring 2003.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please mark your calendars for the following CJRC seminars; the titles of talks and descriptions are forthcoming:

Friday, January 10th, Dr. Lance J. Lochner, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Rochester will present on his research on how criminal patterns over the lifecycle are affected by belief updating (re punishment), and whether or not updating can help explain age-crime profiles.

Friday, January 31st, Dr. Alan Murray, Associate Professor of Geography, Ohio State University will present his research on spatial analysis and crime mapping.

Friday, February 21st, Dr. Reginald Wilkinson, Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction will present on criminal justice research priorities for Ohio and possible areas of research and grant collaboration between ODRC and CJRC.

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Prof. Joseph Donnermeyer (Human and Community Resource Development) recently coauthored a paper with Elaine Barclay entitled: "Property Crime and Crime Prevention on Farms in Australia." Their work appears in *Crime Prevention and Community Safety: An International Journal*.

Prof. Dana Haynie (Sociology) had a paper accepted for publication at *Criminology*. The work is coauthored with Suzanne McHugh and is entitled: "Sibling Deviance: In the Shadows of Mutual and Unique Friendship Effects?"

Donald Hutcherson (Sociology) has developed an article describing an instrument for assessing security risk and programmatic needs for female offenders. This instrument was constructed through his research with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.

Prof. Alan Michaels (Law) recently presented at Judge's Day at the Moritz College of Law. The presentation was entitled: "The Criminal Procedure Cases of the Supreme Court's 2001 Term."

Prof. Alan Murray (Geography) will be presenting two papers at the National Institute of Justice's Mapping and Analysis for Public Safety conference in Denver, Colorado, December 8-11th. He and his co-author, Tony H. Grubestic from the University of Cincinnati, have two research topics including: "Assessing the reliability of crime analysis using imperfect spatial information" and "Imperfect spatial information: implications for crime mapping and analysis."

Prof. Randy Roth (History) was named a member of the Nominating Committee at the Social Science History Association annual convention in St. Louis last month. He also delivered a paper on "The Relationship between Guns and Homicide: Marital Murders, Courtship Murders, and Weaponry in Nineteenth Century America." Randy also delivered a paper at the annual meeting of the Society of Historians of the Early American Republic in Berkeley, California in July, 2002, on "Why the Early Republic Was and Wasn't the Turning Point in America's Homicidal History."

Dorian Wingard (Public Policy and Management) was recently nominated for the Presidential Management Internship Program through the US Office of Personnel Management for the 2003-05 term.

Also, congratulations to several of our faculty and graduate student affiliates who were active at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Chicago earlier this month. CJRC members Paul Bellair, Kerryn Bell, Chris Browning, Joseph Donnermeyer, Seth Feinberg, Robert Greenbaum, Dana Haynie, Donald Hutcherson, Brian Kowalski, Lauren Krivo, Lori Muccino, Danielle Payne, Ruth Peterson, Crystal Stephens, Michael Tapia and colleagues Steve Van Dine, and Chris Knoester were among those presenting research and attending sessions at the conference.

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

Deadline: January 10, 2003

British Society of Criminology conference will be held June 24-27, 2003 at the University of Wales in Bangor. This year's theme is: "The Challenge of Comparative Crime and Justice."

Contact Claire Davis, conference administrator at BSC2003@bangor.ac.uk, or visit <http://www.bangor.ac.uk/so/4cj/BSC2003/>

Deadline: January 31, 2003

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 GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPANT

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Mike is in his second year of the PhD program in Sociology. A native of El Paso, Texas, he both worked and studied in San Antonio for the last 10 years before joining the doctoral program at Ohio State. In 1996, Mike earned his BA in Political Science from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, and later obtained his Masters degree in Sociology from the University of Texas at San Antonio in 2001. When asked about his decision to pursue the doctoral degree, Mike said it was his employment experience between his undergraduate and MA programs that led him to the discipline.

As part of a project through the University of Chicago, Mike worked as a civilian caseworker for the city of San Antonio Police Department. "I just went to the job board during my senior year, looking for something to do, and it was almost as if this job were made just for me." Mike was a team leader for a controversial project focused on street-level gang intervention. His role involved providing social service referrals and the coordination of comprehensive case management to gang-member youth and their families in a distinct "target" neighborhood in Southwest San Antonio.

Mike provided family social service options for youth gang members who were targeted for intervention. Through the program, Mike helped administer family and drug problems, education and employment training, and violence mediation to a number of youth in San Antonio. "This was no 'at-risk' population, these were 100 kids who were hardcore, violent criminals," Mike said. "It was really controversial politically given that the police department thought we were coddling these gang members." Mike said the intervention efforts did show signs of success as some of the youth went on to academic achievement. Conversely, some of the youth were murdered prior to the conclusion of the project. "That was hard hearing the beeper going off late at night, and you knew something bad had happened."

In addition to the social services provided through the project, Mike's other responsibilities were to collect, organize, and report field data to a research and data analysis team at the University of Chicago. The research team, led by Irving Spergel conducted their intervention experiment on neighborhoods across San Antonio, Mesa, Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, Riverside, California, and Bloomington, Indiana to assess the intervention model in communities with emerging, as well as chronic gang problems.

Once the data gathering was completed, the social services came to an end. "The idea didn't mesh well with the police subculture in San Antonio, so there really was no support to go on." After reflecting on the experience, Mike said his transition to Sociology and Criminology was easy. He enrolled at the University of Texas at San Antonio where he earned his Sociology M.A.

As part of his broader training, Mike's thesis examined income trends of fully employed workers, specifically earnings inequality by gender, race, and ethnicity. His findings show evidence contrary to the declining significance of race hypothesis. He demonstrates that for workers who are employed more than 35 hours per week, inequality is still salient in the current labor market. Of interest, he did not find cumulative disadvantage for race, ethnicity, and gender, above and beyond their individual effects on worker earnings.

Mike's graduate education led him to Columbus in part to reconnect with his continuing interests in juvenile crime. While still involved in his labor market earnings research, Mike has initiated projects on the sentencing of felony offenders, and juvenile crime comparisons of law enforcement data versus rates reported from self-report delinquency. For his dissertation research, Mike plans to work with the San Antonio data he helped collect. "It's kind of like coming full circle." He hopes that his work will shed light on the growing underclass of young people caught up in the criminal justice system.

Beyond his graduate studies, Mike enjoys staying active around the city. In addition to the nightlife, he likes playing basketball and jogging through diverse communities on the east side of Columbus. He jokingly boasted that one of his many successful accomplishments in graduate school thus far was his integral role on the award winning Sociology softball team this summer.

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.