

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

As has become our custom, the Winter Quarter portion of our 2001-2002 Seminar Series is off to a great start. On January 18, we were treated to a very interesting presentation by Professor James Lindgren of Northwestern University. Approximately 40 attendees had the opportunity to learn from him about measuring gun ownership in early America. The follow-up discussion shed light on controversies about different scholars' approaches to counting gun owners, as well as the implications of one's methodology for criminal justice policies regarding gun control. In general, it was a thought-provoking discussion on a historical topic with unquestionable contemporary relevance.

Another pleasing aspect of Professor Lindgren seminar was the combination of familiar and new faces in the audience. My continuing thanks to all of you who are regular seminar participants. You make it all possible. And my welcome to those of you who joined us for the first time. We invite you back to all of the lectures in our series, and hope that you will become involved in all of CJRC's activities. Thanks also to Randy (Roth) and Laurie (Krivo) for collaborating to offer this successful talk.

Next up in our seminar series is Khalilah Brown-Dean. Khalilah is a graduate student in Political Science and a graduate affiliate of CJRC. (See Volume 1, Issue 6 of CJRC News for a feature story on Khalilah.) Please join us on Friday morning at 9:00 a.m., February 1, 2002 for what should be an interesting discussion of disenfranchisement of felons.

Finally, I would like to welcome new CJRC member Stephen Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Science). You may already be familiar with Steve's collaborative work with the Office of Criminal Justice Services and the Department of Youth Services to provide a paper and on-line handbook about key sanctions models and their outcomes for juvenile offenders. If you are not familiar with this program, you may want to visit the web page noted below where you will also find some preliminary information about the conference that Steve is organizing for the upcoming Spring Quarter.

## **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, February 1st. Khalilah Brown-Dean, PhD Candidate in Political Science, OSU, "One Lens, Different Views: Felony Disenfranchisement Laws and Black Political Strength."

Friday February 15th. Sharon Davies, Professor of Law, OSU, "Ethnic Profiling in the Wake of 9/11: The Use of Race and Ethnicity in Criminal Investigations."

Friday, March 8th. Patricia White, Program Director of Sociology, National Science Foundation Informal session. Dr. White will also give a brownbag talk in 385 Bricker Hall later that day from 12:30-1:30 (more information to follow on Dr. White's visit).

## **WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING**

Stephen Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Science) with David Andrews recently was awarded a one year grant from the Office of Criminal Justice Services for a project titled Enhancing Transitions Through Use of Gender Specific Services. Stephen and David Andrews also recently

were awarded a three year grant from the State of Ohio Department of Youth Services focused on Accountability-Based Sanctions Handbook Training.

Dana Haynie (Sociology) with Scott South was recently awarded 2 ½ years of funding from the National Science Foundation. This project seeks to explain why a family's residential mobility tends to have a negative impact on their adolescent children. Special attention is given to the role of peer social networks in this process since low status, often deviant, peer groups may be more receptive to new, entering students. The analysis will use new longitudinal data from the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health) that includes measures of both peer networks and risky behavioral outcomes such as delinquency and sexual activity. The grant is entitled Residential Mobility, Social Networks, and Adolescent Behavior.

### **UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

A conference on Enhancing Transitions Through the Use of Gender Specific Services will be held on April 18th at 807 Kinnear Road. The purpose of this conference is to provide a forum for professional development and discussion through plenary sessions, presentations of research and practice models, and dialogue among conference attendees. State agency personnel, legislators, academicians and policy makers are invited to attend. Presenters will be Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind (Department of Women's Studies, University of Hawaii at Manoa), Dr. Joanne Belknap (Department of Sociology, University of Colorado-Boulder), and Melissa Dunn (DRE & Associates, Carrboro, North Carolina). The conference is part of The Enhancing Transitions through the Use of Gender Specific Services Project which seeks to enhance and further expand the existing knowledge base regarding gender specific services through the development of a web site that contains materials and videotaped information provided by experts around the country in Gender Specific Programming and related juvenile justice topics. To find out more, please check out The Accountability-Based Sanctions website at: <http://hec.osu.edu/abs/>.

For more information about the conference or the Gender-Specific Project, please contact:

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MARGINS, an interdisciplinary journal housed at The University of Maryland Law School, is sponsoring a symposium on the Experiences of Women Inmates in the Twenty-First Century: How Well Does the System Serve Female Offenders and their families? To participate as a panelist the deadline is February 13; to submit a paper but not serve as a panelist the deadline is February 28; and to register for the symposium the deadline is March 6. The conference will take place on March 14 at the University of Maryland. The focus of the symposium is to discuss some of the larger issues concerning women and the criminal justice system including female criminality, women's incarceration experiences, impact of incarceration on children of inmate mothers, and legal remedies to gender inequality in the corrections system. To participate in this symposium as a panelist please submit abstracts to MARGINS at:

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If you would like to attend the symposium, please RSVP by calling MARGINS at 410-706-7151 or via email at margins@law.umaryland.edu

The Campbell Collaboration announces its Second Annual Campbell Collaboration Colloquium "Joining the Disciplines to Improve Public Policy: The Role of Research and Systematic Reviews". The aim of the colloquium is to help develop mechanisms for bringing people from different disciplines together in the preparation of high quality systematic reviews on social and behavioral interventions and programs. It will be held at The University of Pennsylvania on February 21-22, 2002. For more information, please contact:

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The Law and Society Association is pleased to announce the Sixteenth Annual Graduate Student Workshop on the "Reach of Law in a Changing World: Repression, Regulation, and Resistance" on May 28th and 29th in Vancouver, Canada, immediately preceding the 2002 Joint Meetings of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association. The program will consist of panel presentations, seminar sessions, and informal discussions over shared meals to provide a forum for networking with faculty who write in the field, and to promote dialogue among graduate students and faculty participants about students' individual research projects. About 40 students will be selected to participate in the Workshop, with the Law and Society Association offering a reimbursement to help offset travel costs (receipts required) of up to \$300. Applications must be received by March 1, 2001. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae and a three page letter describing their dissertation or other research interests, their current status in graduate school, and how they might benefit from attending the Workshop. Electronic submission of materials is encouraged. Send files to [ganter@lawandsociety.org](mailto:ganter@lawandsociety.org), subject line: GW 2002. Or by postal mail, send seven unstapled copies to:

Professor Mariana Valverde, Chair, 2002 Graduate Student Workshop, Law and Society Association, 205 Hampshire House, University of Massachusetts, 131 County Circle, Amherst, MA 01003-9257.

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](mailto:riley.15@osu.edu) or 614-877-2306, ext. 366.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The editors of *Law and Social Inquiry* are pleased to announce the Graduate Student Paper Competition for the best journal-length paper in the field of socio-legal studies written by a graduate student. The deadline is March 1, 2002. The author must be a graduate student or law student at the time of submission. The winning paper will be published in *Law and Social Inquiry* and the author will receive a cash prize of \$500. Contact information is as follows:

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Proposals are sought for the research conference on *Treating Addictions in Special Populations: Research Confronts Reality*. This conference is sponsored by the State University of New York at Binghamton and Broome Community College. This national multi-disciplinary forum is tentatively scheduled for the fall of 2002 in Binghamton, New York. Researchers, educators, policy-makers, practitioners, service-providers and students are invited to submit proposals addressing the multidimensional treatment issues that have emerged for individuals of special populations affected by substance-related disorders and process addictions. Workshop, research paper, and poster presentation formats that focus on research studies, public policy development, and/or clinical practice and services will be reviewed. Contact information is as follows:

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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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### **FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

National Consortium on Violence Research (NCOVR) Fellowships.

The deadline is February 1, 2002. The purpose of the NCOVR fellowships is to involve young scholars (at the pre-doctoral, post-doctoral, and new faculty level) in interdisciplinary research on issues of interpersonal violence by helping young violence researchers establish formative working relations with senior scholars from a diversity of disciplines. To that end, each fellow is assigned an NCOVR mentor who is from a different discipline than that of the fellow's graduate work. The mentor will help the fellow improve research skills, including writing proposals, conducting the research, and publishing results. In addition, NCOVR will help the fellows to meet and work with other researchers who are involved in the fellow's area of interest. To integrate these new scholars into the violence research community, all fellows will attend NCOVR's annual June Summer Workshop and the annual November ASC meeting at NCOVR's expense. Fellows will also be given a modest budget to cover expenses to attend other NCOVR workshops, other professional meetings, to meet with mentors located at other universities, to cover out-of-pocket research costs, or to attend the ICPSR summer program. Please go to the NCOVR website for more information and application materials: [www.ncovr.heinz.cmu.edu](http://www.ncovr.heinz.cmu.edu).

2002 ASC Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities.

The deadline is March 1, 2002. The fellowships are designed to encourage African American, Asian American, Latino, and Native American students to enter the field of criminology and criminal justice. The recipients of the fellowships must be accepted into a program of doctoral studies. Generally three (3), \$6,000 fellowships are awarded each year. For further information, please go to the website: <http://www.asc41.com/minorfel.htm>

2002 ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Competition.

The deadline is April 15, 2002. These awards are given to recognize outstanding scholarly work of students. For further information, please check out the website: <http://www.asc41.com/cartesp.html>.

### **FEATURED FACULTY PARTICIPANT**

Professor Katherine Hunt Federle  
Associate Professor of Law

## The Ohio State University

Professor Federle is an Associate Professor in the College of Law at The Ohio State University. She has been at OSU since 1998. Professor Federle is the Director for the Justice for Children Project, an interdisciplinary educational and research project housed in the Moritz College of Law. She received her J.D. from Seattle University and her L.L.M from Georgetown University in trial advocacy. Her B.A. in History is from Pomona College in Claremont, California. Before coming to OSU, she taught at Tulane University as well as the University of Hawaii.

Kate's primary research interest focuses on children's rights and issues. She has written extensively about the rights of minors in abuse, neglect, delinquency, and divorce proceedings. In a current project, funded with a grant from the Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC), Kate is exploring the circumstances under which children are charged with domestic violence and how this may be connected with their experience of abuse. In particular, she is investigating domestic violence filings against children (this means children who are being charged for assaulting a family member) in Franklin County. Her sample consists of 1,600 cases filed from January 1998 to December 2000. Kate's preliminary findings indicate that many of these children are victims of domestic violence, but they are being prosecuted when they respond to family violence. There are other interesting preliminary findings. For instance, many cases are filed by a parent against a child; most of these are dismissed, and the youth are not necessarily referred to the courts as violent offenders. Kate also notes that there may be a gendered aspect to the filings in that in Franklin County 38 percent of the total offender pool are girls, a higher proportion than for other crimes. Kate thinks that these domestic violence acts may actually be acts against family members who have exerted physical violence against girls. If so, this study may help to explain why in Ohio and nationally girls' cases are increasing as a percentage of the juvenile court's caseload at a time of declining juvenile crime. In a future project, Kate plans to compare domestic filings in Franklin County to other Ohio counties. A comparison will provide a more comprehensive picture about the factors that determine whether children are charged and the eventual classification of the charge (e.g., a misdemeanor versus a felony charge or a delinquent act rather than a status offense).

Through her work Kate hopes to inform criminal justice policy discussions about the impact on children's lives of laws that were written with adults in mind. For example, Kate notes how youth are being charged with sex and domestic violence offenses as if they were adults. This trend, she explains, took place during the 1980s and 1990s when juvenile courts became more punitive. The consequence of this trend is that differences between juvenile and adult courts are being erased. Such a trend, Kate argues, is troublesome because it undermines the rehabilitative orientation of the juvenile justice system. She believes that policymakers and academics should seriously question this policy because treating juveniles as adults has enormous stigmatizing effects for the life trajectories of youth. In addition, Kate contends that many of the civil rights issues that have been resolved for adults have not been addressed for children. Thus, efforts should be made to ensure that when these "adult" laws are applied to children they are done so in an equitable fashion and with the assistance of legal counsel.

Kate's longstanding interests in criminal, family, and child law have influenced the kinds of courses she teaches: including introductory courses on Children and the Law, Criminal Law, and Family Law. As Director of the Justice for Children Project, she also heads the Justice for Children Practicum. This clinic is designed for advanced law students and provides opportunities to represent children and to conduct research on children's issues. Students gain "hands-on" experience practicing law by defending children in Franklin County under the supervision of law faculty. For example, they represent children in custody disputes, and status offense, delinquency, and judicial bypass

proceedings (the latter allows girls to obtain an abortion without parental consent under certain circumstances). Students enrolled in the Practicum or Children and the Law also have the opportunity to participate in larger reform projects. Last semester, for example, students drafted proposed guidelines for guardians ad litem in juvenile and domestic court. Currently, students are helping Kate collect data for the domestic violence study described above. They also have helped Kate submit amicus curiae briefs to the Ohio and Kentucky Supreme Courts on the rights of siblings to maintain and pursue their sibling relationship.

Kate also devotes much of her time to her family. She has a “darling” three-year-old son, J.P., with her husband, Paul Haynes.

### **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](mailto:velez.17@osu.edu). If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send María your email address.