

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

February has been another great month for stimulating discussions in the CJRC seminar series. On February 1st Khalilah Brown-Dean (doctoral candidate in Political Science) provided a very interesting talk on the dramatic impact of felony disenfranchisement laws on black political involvement. Khalilah set forth her conceptual ideas about how she will assess these implications in more depth. This generated a great deal of discussion and whetted our appetites for a follow-up talk when the data have been analyzed and the results are in. Thanks so much Khalilah for participating in our series and providing information on such an interesting topic.

Two weeks later, we had the privilege of learning from Sharon Davies about ethnic profiling in the post-September 11th period. Sharon's talk pointed up the complexities involved in trying to determine when it is or is not appropriate/legitimate to use race or ethnicity to target a search or control a crime problem. The discussion that ensued was lively with considerable attention focusing on what are reasonable standards for crime investigation. In addition to what we learned from her own work, Sharon's talk laid a foundation for our upcoming Reckless Lecture on May 22, 2002 where Professor David Harris (University of Toledo) will discuss "Racial Profiling to Fight Crime and Terrorism: Lessons Learned and the Path Ahead." Sharon thanks for a great contribution to our series.

Next up in our seminar series is Patricia White of the National Science Foundation. Pat has considerable experience as a Program Officer for both the Sociology and Law and Society Programs. So, this should be a very informative session for us. FYI, this visit to Ohio State will be sort of a "homecoming" for Pat as she received her Ph.D. in Sociology from the University in 1980. Please join us on Friday morning at 9:15 a.m., March 8, 2002 for what should be a helpful discussion about funding opportunities through the National Science Foundation.

On an administrative note, I would like to say that we are almost ready for the unveiling of our "New and Improved" Web page. John Callery (webmaster) has been working with Lori Muccino and Laurie Krivo to set up a more eye-pleasing and user-friendly site. It looks great. A few finishing touches are being worked out, and now it is my turn to update some of the basic information on the page. Thanks John, Lori and Laurie for making us look so good.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

Please mark the following date for CJRC's 2001-2002 Seminar Series on your calendar. On Friday, March 8th, Dr. Patricia White, Program Director of Sociology, will conduct an informal session on "Crime and Justice Research Funding at the National Science Foundation." This talk will be held in Journalism Room 106 (the Hall of Fame Room) from 9:15-10:30 a.m. The Hall of Fame Room is next door to the Journalism Library. Dr. White will also give a brownbag talk on research funding in 385 Bricker Hall later that day from 12:30-1:30.

## **WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING**

A paper by Seth Feinberg (Sociology) was accepted at the American Journal of Criminal Justice. The paper is entitled: "Media Effects: The Influence of Local Newspaper Coverage on Municipal Police Size."

A paper by David Jacobs (Sociology) and Jason T. Carmichael (Sociology) will be published in the February 2002 volume of the American Sociological Review. The paper is entitled "The Political

Sociology of the Death Penalty: A Pooled Time-Series Analysis.”

Charles Partridge, Stephen Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Science), and Ed Rhine recently had their paper, “Working with the Families of Serious Juvenile Offenders: The Growing Up FAST Parole Program” published in *Contemporary Family Therapy* (2001). Courtney Yarcheck, Stephen, and David Andrews also had *An Accountability-Sanctions Handbook for Juvenile Justice Professionals* published by The Ohio State University in 2001.

A paper by Rachael Woldoff (Sociology), “The Effects of Local Stressors on Neighborhood Attachment,” has been accepted for publication in *Social Forces*. Rachael also has been participating in the Preparing Future Faculty program at Ohio Northern University. This program provides Ph.D. students with opportunities to observe and learn about faculty responsibilities at a variety of academic institutions with varying missions, diverse student bodies, and different expectations for faculty.

### **UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS**

On March 1st (NEXT FRIDAY), the Justice for Children Project is sponsoring a Seminar on Special Needs Adoption. It will be held at the College of Law from 8:00 to 5:00 and is free to all OSU faculty, students, and staff. For more information about the Seminar, click on [www.law.ohio-state.edu/JFC/symposia](http://www.law.ohio-state.edu/JFC/symposia). If interested in attending, please e-mail Katherine Federle at [federle.1@osu.edu](mailto:federle.1@osu.edu).

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 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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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 NEXT FRIDAY, March 1, 2002.** 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 NEXT FRIDAY, 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**

2002 ASC Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities.

THE DEADLINE IS NEXT FRIDAY, 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 GRADUATE STUDENT**

Danielle Payne  
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Danielle Payne is a first year Ph.D. student in the Department of Sociology. Last year she received her M.A. in Sociology from OSU. She earned her B.A. from Indiana University-Pennsylvania where she double majored in Sociology and English, with a minor in Women's Studies.

Danielle's primary research interest centers on understanding the factors that contribute to delinquency in rural areas, and whether these factors are the same as in urban contexts. Her interest in delinquency in rural areas stems from two earlier experiences. First, she thinks about issues from a rural perspective since she grew up in a small town of roughly 500 people in Pennsylvania. Second, her interest in studying delinquency dates to a course on Youth and Delinquency that she took as an undergraduate. What struck her most during this course was that theories and research on delinquency almost exclusively focused on the urban experience. But based on her rural background, she knew there were interesting questions to examine in rural settings. For instance, she notes that in her small town there were no agents of formal social control, such as a local police unit, to call regarding problems. So residents appeared to rely more heavily on informal mechanisms of social control to address community problems.

Interested in further understanding rural delinquency, Danielle studied the impact of residential context (rural, suburban or urban residence) on substance use (cigarette, marijuana and alcohol use) for her Master's thesis. Advised by Paul Bellair, she sought to address two issues: whether peers' substance use (differential association) and attachments to family and school (social control) affect adolescent use of cigarettes, alcohol, and marijuana; and, whether attachments to institutions and relationships to peers matter more in rural areas than in more urbanized contexts for explaining substance use. Urbanism theory contends that primary attachments are more difficult to establish and maintain as urbanism increases, suggesting that attachments should be more prevalent and mean

more for the reduction of delinquency in rural areas. Using a nationally representative sample of 7th to 12th graders in the U.S. in 1996, she found partial support for these hypotheses. Specifically, she found that adolescents are less likely to use substances if their peers do not, and if they have strong school and family attachments. Interestingly, attachments to school and family appear to be most important in rural areas in influencing adolescent substance use. However, she found that urbanism does not impact the effect of peer substance use on adolescent substance use. These findings suggest to Danielle that social control and differential association explanations are important for predicting substance use, regardless of residential context. This means that criminological theories, most often grounded in the urban experience, are indeed applicable to the explanation of delinquency in rural areas. Danielle plans to submit this paper for publication consideration in the near future.

Danielle also thinks that there are important policy implications for the above research. For one, the data indicate that substance use is more prevalent in rural and suburban areas than in urban areas. This trend is similar to other recent findings regarding the distribution of substance use across the rural-urban continuum (e.g., *Monitoring the Future*). This means that prevention and education should target these areas more than before. Furthermore, her work suggests that successful reduction of adolescent substance use should involve intervention that facilitates youth developing strong bonds to family and school. When these bonds are strong, adolescent substance use is much less likely to occur in all residential contexts.

While a graduate student, Danielle has worked as a Research Assistant for Professors Ruth Peterson and Laurie Krivo. This experience has developed into two research projects. In the first project, Danielle, Ruth, and Laurie assess the impact of interracial inequality on homicide rates for African Americans and whites. They are particularly interested in uncovering whether disaggregating homicide rates by race and circumstance provides further information about the role of socioeconomic (SES) inequality in producing differential crime rates for blacks and whites. To do so, they compare felony homicide offending rates for blacks and whites, as well as non-felony homicide offending rates for blacks and whites. They find that interracial SES inequality significantly leads to non-felony homicide rates for African Americans but not for whites, and that it has no impact on felony homicides for either racial group. Thus, inequality is important for understanding nonrealistic violence (e.g., homicides that take place in the heat of passion) but not instrumental violence. The second project, funded by the National Science Foundation, involves collecting crime data on Part I felony crimes from police departments from a sample of roughly 100 large U.S. cities. These data will be aggregated to the tract level so that neighborhood level analyses of crime can be conducted across the city sample. Since the beginning of the academic year, Danielle has been primarily responsible for conducting statistical analyses to check the newly collected data with published data from the Uniform Crime Report.

In her spare time, Danielle likes to play Atari games--especially Galaga and Pac-Man--and to watch movies.

## **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.