

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

WELCOME BACK FROM SPRING BREAK, AND TO A NEW QUARTER FOR MOST OF YOU!!! I hope that you are off to a good start with the final academic year term. It will be a busy one for CJRC. We are looking forward to three stimulating seminars, including our signature event, the Walter C. Reckless Memorial Lecture. All of these seminars are announced below. Be sure to mark your calendar for each of them. We are also approaching the time for our call for small grant proposals to support on-going research and research proposal development of faculty and graduate and professional students from around the campus. So, be on the look out for the announcement of this opportunity in the next month or so.

During this final academic quarter, we will also be thinking about activities for the next year. I already know that there will be some administrative changes. We will need a new newsletter editor (Maria will be joining the faculty at the University of Iowa), as well as a new coordinator of our seminar series (Laurie will be helping out with other things). I would be grateful for volunteers for both of these activities. Spring term is also a good one for you to provide me with suggestions for next year's seminar series. Some names have surfaced during this academic year. But, WHOSE WORK ON CAMPUS WOULD YOU LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT? DO YOU KNOW OF GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDENTS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE, AND WOULD BENEFIT FROM SHARING, HIS OR HER ON-GOING WORK? WHAT NATIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE SCHOLARS WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE BROUGHT TO CAMPUS? WHO SHOULD BE OUR NEXT RECKLESS LECTURER? As you think about speakers, keep in mind that we want to showcase work from an array of disciplines and types of perspectives. Finally, as always we need your suggestions for other types of initiatives and activities and that we should engage in. Please let me hear from you about any and all of these issues; and the sooner the better.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please mark the following dates for CJRC's 2001-2002 Seminar Series on your calendar. All talks will be held from 9:00-10:30 a.m. BUT please note the varying locations for these talks.

Friday, April 19th, Journalism Room 243. David Jacobs, Professor of Sociology, OSU, "The Political Context of Sentencing: An Analysis of Community and Individual Determinants."

Friday May 3, Journalism Room 106. Jens Ludwig, Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown University, "Urban Poverty and Violent Behavior: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment." This talk is co-sponsored with the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis.

The 2002 Reckless Lecture

David Harris, Eugene N. Balk, Professor of Law and Values, University of Toledo College of Law, will speak on "Racial Profiling to Fight Crime and Terrorism: Lessons Learned and the Path Ahead." The Reckless Lecture will take place on Wednesday May 22th at 7:00 pm in the Stecker Lounge of the Ohio Union.

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Congratulations to faculty affiliate, Steve Gavazzi, and his colleagues from the OSU Adolescent Network who have developed a new interdisciplinary course for advanced graduate students on "Adolescent Problem Behavior in the Context of Schools and Communities." The class is meant

to provide a broad examination of the contextual factors that are associated with the onset, development, prevention, and treatment of problem behaviors during adolescence. The course is being offered this term and besides Steve, a number of CJRC faculty affiliates will teach sections of the course: Kate Federle (Law), Gwen Cartledge (Education), and Jim Moody (Sociology). Meda Chesney Lind (CJRC's 1999 Walter C. Reckless Lecturer) will also lecture in the course during a visit to participate in the upcoming "Enhancing Transitions Through the Use of Gender Specific Services" conference that Steve has organized. In addition to these faculty participants, some CJRC graduate affiliates are students in the course: Danielle Payne and Susanne Bunn.

Robert Greenbaum (Public Policy and Management) will present "The Impact of Violence on Neighborhood Business Activity" at the Southern Regional Science Association meetings in Arlington, Virginia, on April 12th. This paper is coauthored with George Tita (University of California-Irvine) and is partly funded by the CJRC.

Valerie Wright (Sociology) received a pre-doctoral fellowship from the National Consortium on Violence Research. Valerie has also been invited to participate in the Summer Institute on Youth Violence Prevention, a training opportunity for graduate students sponsored by the Southern California Center of Excellence on Youth Violence Prevention.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

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 or 614-877-2306, ext. 366.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

2002 ASC Gene Carte Student Paper Competition.

THE DEADLINE IS THIS COMING MONDAY, 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>.

Research on Family Violence and Sexual Abuse Post-doctoral Fellowships. The University of New Hampshire Family Research Laboratory (FRL) has fellowships for research on family violence available beginning immediately. Applicants interested in starting dates beyond June, 2002 may apply pending funding from sponsor. These NIMH-funded positions are open to new and experienced researchers with doctorates in the fields of psychology, sociology, social work, law, nursing, public health and medicine. The fellowships are intended for work in the area of child abuse, marital violence, elder abuse, sexual abuse, child victimization, rape, homicide and other family-violence related topics with special attention to mental health impact. Scholars use the one-year fellowships (with possible one-year extension) to collaborate with FRL faculty on a current project, to work on one of the many data sets archived at the FRL or, in the case of senior candidates, to work on their

own projects. Annual stipends run from \$28,260 to \$44,412 depending upon the number of years since receipt of doctorate. Applications from scholars with backgrounds in developmental or cognitive psychology, or interests in family violence in minority families, or families of persons with disabilities are particularly encouraged. For more information about applying, please go to the FRL website: <http://www.unh.edu/fri/fellship.htm>.

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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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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Mental Health and Corrections. The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice invites submissions for a planned special issue on Mental Health and Corrections. Manuscripts must be received no later than July 1, 2002. The issue, sponsored by the Division on Corrections and Sentencing of the American Society of Criminology, will focus on the problems and programs associated with managing offenders with mental illness. Examples of appropriate topics include diversion programs for mentally ill offenders, mental health courts, the epidemiology of mental illness in specific criminal populations, treatment alternatives and effectiveness, and mental illness and capital punishment. All papers will be peer reviewed. Manuscripts should be no more than 30 typed, double-spaced pages including tables, figures and references. Please send four manuscript copies, along with the manuscript on disk, to:

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The Law & Society Review plans to publish a special issue on socio-legal topics related to Constitutional Ethnography. The due date for submissions is August 15, 2002. The purpose of the issue is not to examine doctrinal developments taken in isolation, but rather to embed the study of constitutional government in a larger social, economic, historical and cultural context. The Review is open to papers using both quantitative and qualitative methodologies from a wide variety of disciplinary perspectives, including: anthropology, cultural studies, economics, history, law and legal studies, literature, political science, psychology, and sociology. The Special Editor for the issue is Kim Lane Scheppele. Papers should be submitted to:

Law & Society Review Editorial Office
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100 Law Center
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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 will take place on October 7th and 8th, 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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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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FEATURED GRADUATE STUDENT

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Javonne is a 4th year Ph.D. student in the Political Science Department at OSU. She received a Master's in African and African American Studies from OSU. She earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland-College Park in Afro-American Studies with a minor in African American literature. Her general area of concentration in Political Science is American Politics with a special focus on Race, Gender and Ethnicity, Mass Political Behavior and Political Psychology. She successfully completed her candidacy exams in these areas last Spring.

Javonne's general research interest is in understanding the impact of race in American politics. With this general issue in mind, she seeks to study how race intersects with public opinion and political behavior. In her dissertation, "Myth or Reality: Black and White Perceptions of Racial Profiling" (chaired by Dr. Tom Nelson), Javonne examines black and white perceptions of racial profiling. She is particularly interested in the extent to which these perceptions differ and what factors account for these differences. Javonne points to, for example, how whites have fewer experiences with police and more favorable opinions of the police which may make whites less likely to view a situation as racial profiling. However, because African Americans have more experiences with the police and are more likely to mistrust the police, they may be more likely to consider a police-citizen interaction as racial profiling. To that end she will be conducting experiments with a subject pool of randomly assigned undergraduates from psychology classes. Javonne is currently putting together the conditions of the experiments and the survey. She plans to pilot these experiments during the current quarter. A component of her dissertation will also investigate Arab profiling.

Two other projects illustrate her research interests. The first, titled "Who is to Blame for Perceptions of Bias in Death Penalty Sentencing," investigates the factors which shape white and black attitudes about the death penalty. In particular, she is interested in whether providing information about bias in death penalty sentencing will impact individual opinions and attitudes about the issue. Javonne will continue to conduct this experiment this quarter. In addition to race and crime, Javonne is also interested in studying voice profiling in survey research. This project stems from her experiences working at the Survey Research Center at OSU, where interviewers are asked to record the race of the respondent after the respondent refuses to participate in a survey. In some cases, Javonne said people attempt to guess the race of the respondent, and at other times they do not. Thus, she hopes to study this issue further by investigating the factors that are used to profile. Understanding voice profiling is important for Javonne because voice profiling may impact how a person is treated when, for instance, they call about a job posting or a place of residence.

Javonne's research agenda is spurred by a concern for making an impact in the African American community. This motivation stems from her training in Black Studies which emphasizes the tradition of a scholar activist – which means to conduct research that is grounded in the experiences of the

Black community. She chose to study racial profiling for her dissertation. It is an issue with a direct connection to the African American community. Javonne notes that racial profiling has affected the lives of many young black men, including her own brother and father. As such, this issue along with police brutality are continuing concerns for black communities. Javonne hopes that her research will be part of larger efforts to pass legislation about racial profiling so that it can be more forcefully addressed through legal channels. More broadly, she also hopes that her work will contribute to discussions about the relationship between the police and African American communities. For Javonne the fact that many blacks do not trust the police is a serious concern because it undermines the ability of the police to protect black communities.

Javonne has taught and is currently teaching Introduction to Political Science. In this course, she discusses the political behavior and political participation of groups and individuals. Drawing from her research agenda, she highlights how race influences political behavior and political participation. Javonne hopes that her class is unique in that she focuses primarily on the political behavior of groups which allows her to discuss the politics of minority groups (e.g., Latinos, blacks, gays and lesbians). She really enjoys her teaching – “it brightens my day, she says.”

In her spare time, Javonne enjoys travel. She also devotes much time to serving as treasurer for the Black Graduate and Professional Student Caucus. In addition to her responsibilities as treasurer Javonne also is involved in the community service that is an important part of this group.

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. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send María your email address.