

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Thanks to David Jacobs (Sociology) for a very stimulating discussion on sentencing to start the Spring Quarter phase of the CJRC seminar series. David's presentation was very interesting regarding how political context plays a role in decisions about sentence length for a variety of jurisdictions. Because of the multiple sites involved, David believes that the findings of his work may generalize broadly, and as such, may be suggestive of how we can account for the diverse array of findings of sentencing research. The discussion that ensued was quite interesting. I continue to be very pleased that a number of our colleagues at the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections take the time to join us for these seminars.

Congratulations are in order to Steve Gavazzi for a very successful conference on "Enhancing Transitions Through the Use of Gender Specific Service." All the signs indicate that the conference was a tremendous success: great attendance, a good mixture of academics and practitioners/policymakers as presenters and audience, good discussions that lasted beyond the formal events, and spend-off activities such as the workshop at the "Light Center" the day following the conference, where Joanne Belknap facilitated a discussion on women, girls, and crime. Thanks so much Steve. You set a great example that I hope CJRC will be able to emulate in the not too distant future.

The month of May also looks quite promising for intellectual stimulation around crime and justice issues. Please see the specifics below regarding upcoming talks, and be sure to mark your calendars for the final lectures in our 2001-2002 Seminar Series.

Administratively, we are working hard on preparing for the Reckless Lecture, and thinking forward to things that we will do after the seminar series is over for the year. First, of course, we need to start preparing the list of lecturers for next year. Please send me your ideas about people you would like to hear present. Thanks Paul Bellair (Sociology) and Bruce Weinberg (Economics) for "volunteering" to co-coordinate the series next year. We also still have some work to do on the web site. Some of you are not yet listed there; we need to add our graduate/professional students; and, we are hoping to start a couple of new pages that will report on actual research. We welcome any ideas that you have for improving the site. We are also thinking about the kind of administrative help that would best facilitate the on-going activities of the Center. All suggestions are appreciated.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Friday May 3. Jens Ludwig, Professor of Public Policy, Georgetown University, will present on "Urban Poverty and Violent Behavior: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment" from 9-10:30 am in Journalism Room 106. 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

Dev Pathak (Health Services Management and Policy) received the 2002 OSU Alumni Award for

Distinguished Teaching. Dev has also recently published a paper on the “Economic Impact of Asthma Therapy with Fluticasone Propionate, Montelukast, or Zafirlukast in a Managed Care Population” in *Pharmacotherapy*.

Eric D. Gould, Bruce A. Weinberg (Economics), and David B. Mustard have published a recent paper in *Review of Economics and Statistics*. The paper is entitled “Crime Rates and Local Labor Market Opportunities in the United States: 1979-1997.”

Jeremy Wilson (Public Policy and Management) has been invited to contribute to a special edition of *Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management*. He will be submitting a paper entitled, “Complexity and Control: Testing A Measurement Model of Police Organizational Structure.”

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

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/frl/fellship.htm>.

CALL FOR PAPERS

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:

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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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Robert Greenbaum is an Assistant Professor in the School of Public Policy and Management at The Ohio State University. He joined the faculty here in 1999. Rob received his Ph.D. in Public Policy and Management from Carnegie Mellon University (CMU) and earned his Bachelor's degree in Economics from Bard College. Rob received a 2001 University Summer Faculty Research Fellowship from the CJRC to study "The Impact of Violence on Neighborhood Business Activity and Residential Choice."

The general focus of Rob's research is on urban and regional economic development. With this issue in mind, he is particularly interested in evaluating how government policies affect business location decisions. A policy that is of utmost interest to Rob is enterprise zones – policies enacted by states or the federal government that encourage businesses to locate in economically distressed areas. For example, his dissertation examined the impact of state enterprise zone tax abatement programs on business investment and location decisions. In analyzing these issues, much of Rob's work takes into account the spatial nature of business location decisions, and thus uses Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and spatial analysis. This summer Rob will be a Research Fellow at the

International Centre for Economic Research in Turin, Italy where he will extend his dissertation work and collaborate with Italian colleagues on the evaluation of Italian and European enterprise zone-type programs.

As part of his focus on economic development, Rob is currently investigating the impact of crime on business location decisions. In a current project with George Tita, University of California-Irvine, Rob assesses the impact of homicide rates on business location decisions. For data on business location decision, Rob and George utilize the Longitudinal Business Database (LBD), which contains longitudinally linked business establishment information for all industries. This data set is ideal for this project because it allows for measurement at the ZIP code level of the impact of homicides on business decisions to open, close, expand and contract. Homicide data come from the City Homicide data set housed at the Data Center of the National Consortium on Violence Research at CMU. They expect that different industry sectors such as manufacturing versus retail will be impacted unequally by violent crime surges. At this time, Rob and George are preparing the data for analysis. Rob notes it is a time-intensive project since all data-related matters must take place at the Regional Data Center at CMU, given the confidential nature of the LBD data. Once the data are prepared, Rob and George plan to use a match-sample so that they can compare business location decisions in places with and without homicide surges.

Rob expects to continue collaborating with George Tita and conduct additional research on the impact of crime on business location. Specifically, they plan to examine the impact of other kinds of violent crimes (e.g., assaults) as well as property crimes. In addition, Rob and George intend to study issues of causality – it seems likely that business location decisions also have important implications for crime levels in an area. Rob hopes that his work on crime contributes to the understanding of the factors that shape business location decisions. He notes that past research focused solely on the role of “amenities” such as tax abatements for why businesses located in certain areas. But Rob argues that “disamenities” such as crime likely influence the location of businesses as well. Moreover, in pursuing this line of research, Rob seeks to comment on the impact of crime on non-victims. That is, what are the economic and social costs of crime for areas with high crime? By trying to address this question, Rob hopes to provide insight into the consequences of the local crime rate for the economic viability of urban areas.

Rob also spends considerable time teaching graduate students at the PPM school. Drawing from his own research interests, he has taught a Policy Lab focused on Issues of Business Location. He also has taught classes on the Economics of Public Policy and Management and Public Finance. This coming winter quarter Rob will teach Statistics.

Rob also enjoys running – he ran the Columbus Marathon last fall.

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.