

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

Thanks to Alan Murray (Geography) for a very informative discussion on the spatial analysis of crime data at the end of January. Alan shared with us findings from his research on the problems and consequences of imperfect spatial information. In doing so, he set in context the underlying process of geocoding and the ways in which geocoding techniques are subject to sensitivities to the data input; as such, he provided lessons about the pitfalls involved in mapping crime data. We were pleased that he also pointed to viable solutions for some of the problems, and made it known what uses of geocoding are more or less problematic. The discussion ensuing from Alan's talk involved a combination of points related to the substantive research that Alan is undertaking, and questions to solve specific problems that some of us are encountering in conducting spatial analysis research. Alan identified a number of works that may be helpful as you pursue your work, including his own forthcoming paper: "Site Placement Uncertainty in Location Analysis." Computers, Environment and Urban Systems.

This week, we are looking forward to a visit from Dr. Reginald Wilkinson, the Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC). He is also the 2001 recipient of the Criminal Justice Research Center's Public Service Award. As you may know, ODRC is actively involved in research on many fronts. The office conducts research related to assessing the effectiveness and consequences of correctional policies and to managing a large correctional population. Current among these is the office's involvement in collaborative research on prisoner reentry. The department disseminates research, and to that end recently published the inaugural volume of Ohio Corrections Research Compendium which includes articles by many CJRC "regulars" (e.g., John Chin, Paul Konicek, Coretta Petway, Steve Van Dine). Every 18 months they bring criminal justice researchers throughout Ohio together for the "Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference." Finally, the office is a source of data for many in the state engaged in research on correctional populations. In light of their active role in research, please join us this Friday (February 21, at 9:00 a.m.) to learn from Dr. Wilkinson about criminal justice research priorities for the State of Ohio, and about possible opportunities for collaboration between ODRC and CJRC faculty, graduate students, and professional students. His talk is entitled: "The Utility of Research for the Practice of Corrections."

On an administrative note, our staff is continuing to try to update the biographies on our web page and to get pictures of you for the bulletin board. So if we have not yet acquired this information from you, please expect to hear from Jamie Selhorst or John Callery in the near future.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

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

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. 9:00-10:30 a.m., 243 Journalism (IPR Conference Room).

Friday, April 4th, Dr. Ric Sheffield, Professor of Sociology, Kenyon College will present on his work on the role of apologies in the outcomes of court cases. 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 11th, Dr. Peggy Giordano, Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green State University will present some of her work on juvenile crime. Her visit is in conjunction with sociology and there may

be two presentations, our usual time at 9:00-10:30, and an afternoon presentation as well. Further details will be forthcoming.

Thursday, April 24th, 2003 Walter C. Reckless Memorial Lecture, Professor Lawrence Marshall, Northwestern University Professor of Law and Legal Director of the Center on Wrongful Convictions. The Reckless Lecture will be held at the OSU Faculty Club. This will be an evening presentation with the time to be announced.

Friday, May 16th, Seth Feinberg, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Sociology, Ohio State University will present his work on community mortality, crime, and social organization. 9:00-10:30 a.m.

### **WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING**

Prof. Sharon Davies (Law) has been invited to participate in the opening roundtable discussion of the Eighth Annual LatCrit Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio from May 1-4, 2003. Participants in the roundtable will discuss issues emerging from the war on terrorism for people of color.

Prof. Walter DeKeseredy (Ohio University, Sociology) has completed a book (Under Siege: Poverty and Crime in a Public Housing Community) with several colleagues which is in press with Lexington Books. Walter and his colleagues also have two forthcoming journal articles: "Perceptions of Male Privilege and Abuse of Impoverished Minority Women," and "Crime Victimization, Alcohol Consumption and Drug Use in Canadian Public Housing." Congratulations also to Walter for his recent grant award from the National Institute of Justice to explore the linkage between separation/divorce and sexual assault.

Prof. Joe Donnermeyer (Human and Community Resource Development) received approval for two grants from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services. The titles of his funded projects: "Developing Evaluation Methodologies," and "Statewide Crime Survey." Joe also recently authored a paper for Police Practice and Research: An International Journal entitled "Local Preparedness for Terrorism: A View from Law Enforcement."

Prof. Dana Haynie (Sociology) had a paper accepted for publication in Social Forces. The paper is entitled: "A Network of Risk: Explaining Early-Maturing Girls' Increased Delinquency Involvement."

Prof. Richard Lundman's (Sociology) research on police stops and how they are perceived by citizens was featured in a column by Jeff Grabmeier in OSU Research News. You can read this article on-line at <http://www.osu.edu/researchnews/archive/dwbstudy.htm>.

### **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA) invites proposals from OSU faculty relating to issues and problems that apply to Ohio's urban areas, rural areas, and related regional topics. The Center and its Advisory Committee welcome proposals on a wide variety of urban and regional topics. Research focused outside Ohio should be linked to its potential impact for Ohio's cities and regions.

For additional information contact Prof. Ed Malecki at 688-5688 or [malecki.4@osu.edu](mailto:malecki.4@osu.edu)

Deadline: April 1, 2003

The Law and Society Association's Summer Institute will take place in Berkeley, California from July 16-20, 2003. The institute is co-sponsored by the Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, with additional support from the Boalt Hall School of Law and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research. The Institute is designed for advanced graduate students and junior faculty in any discipline who 1) do law and society research; 2) seek opportunities to share research in progress with colleagues; and 3) are interested in forging mentoring relationships with more senior scholars. The Institute will cover participants' roundtrip airfare, food, and lodging expenses.

For additional information, visit: <http://www.lawandsociety.org/SI/SI03>

Deadline: March 15, 2003

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

American Society of Criminology. The 2003 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology will be held from Wednesday, November 19 through Saturday, November 22, 2003 in Denver, Colorado. This year's theme: "The Challenge of Practice, The Benefits of Theory." The 2003 Program solicits papers for presentation in five broadly defined areas: Theory, Research Methods, Offenders and Victims, Prevention and Intervention, and Criminal Justice Policy.

Note that our own Ruth Peterson is the Area Chair for Research Methods sessions. So, if any of you are interested in organizing sessions reporting research with unique or cutting-edge methods, please let her know as soon as possible. Note that the papers in the sessions need not be making a specifically methodological contribution.

Visit the ASC for more information: <http://www.asc41.com/cfppg2003.htm>

Deadline: March 1, 2003

The ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance announces its annual Student Paper Award. The winner will receive \$500 to offset the cost of attending the 2003 ASA meetings. Papers should not exceed 30 double-spaced pages and should follow the manuscript preparation guidelines used by the American Sociological Review. Co-authored papers are acceptable if all authors are students. Submit five printed copies to Rodney L. Engen, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Box 8107, NC State University 27695-8107. Email correspondence to: [rod\\_engen@ncsu.edu](mailto:rod_engen@ncsu.edu).

Deadline: April 30, 2003

### **FEATURED GRADUATE STUDENT PARTICIPANT**

Dorian L. Wingard  
School of Public Policy and Management

Dorian is nearing the completion of his Master's degree in Public Policy; yet it is clear that much of his work is just beginning. Growing up in both Oberlin and Columbus, Dorian was constantly busy with his academics, student government, as well as competitive athletics. His accomplishments were such that he was offered a scholarship to Oberlin, and several other universities. Ultimately, Dorian

declined on the opportunity, but that decision comes with some regret. “If I knew then what I know now,” he said, “but it just didn’t feel right at the time.” After high school, Dorian went to work for a collection agency in Columbus. While the money was attractive to someone just out of high school, Dorian said he needed more challenges over time, and enrolled for courses at Columbus State.

Primarily enrolled in a liberal arts curriculum, Dorian explored his interests in forensics, psychology, and criminology. “I’ve always been interested in the blend of psychology and law.” Dorian worked several different jobs during his undergraduate education, and he said the hours would get long. “I reminded myself that there were people before me who did a lot more with a lot less, so there was no reason why I couldn’t do it.” In 2001, he graduated cum laude, earning dual degrees in Criminology and Psychology from Capital University.

After graduation, Dorian began a transition towards a more policy-oriented interest in social-psychiatric issues. For four years he was employed with North Central Mental Health, doing a range of tasks from case management to program coordination. In total, he has over a decade of experience in human service provision for both individuals and communities. From this experience, his specific academic focus is on policies related to consumers with mental health issues, who are chemically dependent. He is particularly concerned about the compartmentalizing of the dually diagnosed into “either/or” typologies. He chose to pursue graduate work in the School of Public Policy and Management at OSU because of the diversity of opportunities that come with the degree. “I wanted to be able to ask all the right questions about policy, and offer a challenge if necessary as to its efficacy.”

Dorian’s ultimate goal is to facilitate efficient and equitable services for consumers. To this end, his research interests include examining the historical legacy of human service policies to assess their impact on today’s decisions and outcomes. He is also interested in exploring the effectiveness of particular services and the principles behind them. The recently proposed Issue 1 that would mandate drug treatment for first time offenders serves as an example of the type of policy about which Dorian would like to conduct research. “Is mandated treatment effective? Is it equally so for women and men, juveniles and adults, and violent and non-violent offenders?” Dorian is passionate about such policy issues. Thus, once he has completed his doctorate he hopes to attend law school. He believes that doing so will better position him for affecting efficient and equitable public policies. “There are policies out there that need to be challenged, and potentially litigated. I want to be able to think globally, but a law degree will allow me to also act locally.”

Currently, Dorian is serving as Community Affairs Liaison and Administrative Assistant to Representative Larry Price (D) from the 26th House District. He was also recently appointed to a Joint Advisory Task Force to address the formulation of Mental Health Courts in Franklin County. Through these positions, Dorian most enjoys advising on human service policy, and helping identify the needs of the constituents of the 26th District.

Dorian enjoys spending time with his two children and listening to live Jazz. “There are a number of great spots around town, so I can usually find something good.” He also participates in a local softball league, and enjoys reading and film. “Unusual Suspects is one of my favorites, and the first in the Silence of the Lambs trilogy is a classic.”

## **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](mailto:feinberg.13@osu.edu). If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Seth your email address.