

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

True to our general expectations, Dr. Reginald Wilkinson's seminar on the role of research in the practice of corrections was very insightful for those attending our February 21st seminar. He pointed to a number of high priority research areas for Ohio and corrections in general; noted the features that such research must have to benefit the corrections community; spoke to the types of data resources at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for addressing important questions; and responded to our inquiries about how issues that concern us might fit into a corrections' research agenda, and about how CJRC and ODRC can more actively collaborate with one another. We also took the opportunity to introduce Dr. Wilkinson to the facilities of CJRC. He was pleased to see the diversity of disciplines represented among our faculty affiliates and noted that we have the kinds of expertise and resources that could lead to good collaborations. CJRC was also pleased to have the benefit of learning about some of the specific projects being undertaken and research issues and opportunities from bureau chiefs and researchers from ODRC who joined Reggie for the seminar. Our sincerest thanks to Dr. Wilkinson and his staff. The ball is now in our court to follow-up in trying to develop the types of formal and informal collaborations with our very willing colleagues at ODRC.

Up next in our seminar series is Ric Sheffield of Kenyon College. Ric will join us on April 4th to report on his research on how, and to what extent, apologies affect the kind of treatment court defendants receive. Please also mark your calendars for the remaining spring quarter seminars noted below. Of particular note, the 14th Annual Walter C. Reckless Lecture is now set for April 24th at the OSU Faculty Club. Our guest speaker is Professor Larry Marshall, who is nationally recognized for his work on behalf of the wrongly convicted including helping to free a number of innocent defendants who were sentenced to death or life imprisonment.

Finally, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Kecia Johnson who has joined CJRC as its first post-doctoral fellow. Kecia recently received her Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. Her dissertation utilized National Longitudinal Survey of Youth data to examine the impact of incarceration on career trajectories and other labor market outcomes. During her fellowship period, she will develop papers based on dissertation analyses to submit for publication consideration, and undertake a project on the consequences of rates of incarceration for neighborhoods.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

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

Friday, April 4th, Dr. Ric Sheffield, Professor of Sociology, Kenyon College will present on "The Role of Apologies in Court Decisions" 9:00-10:30 a.m., 106 Journalism (Hall of Fame Room).

Friday, April 11th, Dr. Peggy Giordano, Professor of Sociology, Bowling Green State University will present on "Changes in Friendship Relations over the Life Course: Implications for Desistance From Crime" 9:00-10:30 a.m., Journalism (room to be announced). Dr. Giordano's visit is in conjunction with the Sociology Department, where she will give a second talk on "Emotion, Cognition and Desistance From Crime" 12:30-1:30, 385 Bricker Hall. CJRC affiliates are encouraged to attend the afternoon presentation as well.

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 in the Grand Lounge of the OSU Faculty Club (181 South Oval

Drive) at 6:30 p.m. Prof. Marshall's talk is entitled: "The Innocence Revolution: Assessing the Impact of Wrongful Convictions on the State of Capital Punishment and the Criminal Justice System."

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. (room to be announced).

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Khalilah Brown-Dean (Political Science) recently accepted a position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Yale University starting in the fall. Part of her responsibilities will be to develop an interdisciplinary workshop on Race, Crime, and the Law. Khalilah is also presenting a paper entitled "Culture, Context, and Competition: Explaining State-Level Variation in Felon Disenfranchisement Laws" at the Midwest Political Science Association in April, and presenting "Elite Framing and Public Attitudes Toward Felon Disenfranchisement Laws" at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting in August.

Prof. Joshua Dressler (Law) recently completed the Second edition of "Criminal Procedure: Principles, Policies and Perspectives, published by the West Group.

Prof. Richard Lundman (Sociology) had a paper published in the February issue of Criminology. Along with co-author Robert Kaufman, the paper is entitled: "Driving While Black and Male: Driver Race and Gender and Traffic Stops by Police in the Contacts Between Police and Public 1999 National Survey."

Prof. Jeremy Wilson (Criminal Justice, Toledo) recently accepted a position as an Associate Behavioral/Social Scientist with the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, CA. He will be leaving the University of Toledo to begin this position in the late summer.

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

Deadline: April 1, 2003

Spring 2003 competition for the Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarship (AGGRS). The complete set of Guidelines, together with the Application Form, can be downloaded from the Graduate School's web site at: http://www.gradsch.ohio-state.edu/html/fw_02.html#gs_gsara Printed copies of these materials are available in the Graduate School, 250 University Hall, but you should feel free to copy or otherwise distribute the downloaded documents. This program is for doctoral students who have passed the Candidacy Examination and whose dissertation project has been approved by their advisor. Announcement of the awards will be made in May. Please note that awards are NOT intended to provide additional research funds for students already supported on research grants.

Contact Ms. Noelle Jibril at 292-9490 if you have any questions.

Deadline: April 4, 2003

The Office of International Affairs will make available funding to support international travel for: (1) pre-dissertation preliminary research; (2) doctoral dissertation research; and (3) research necessary to complete a Masters thesis (for students in those units where the Masters is typically the terminal degree). All OSU students who are currently enrolled in a graduate degree program are eligible to apply. Grants range from \$1,500 to \$2,000, with a maximum award of \$3,000. These funds are to be used as seed money or to match funds committed by other OSU or external funding agencies. Competitions are held in the Autumn and Spring quarters. Applications are available from the Office of International Affairs, 300 Oxley Hall; 1712 Neil Ave, Columbus, OH 43210 or from the OIA web site at: <http://www.osu.edu/oia> (please click on "Grants for Faculty & Students")

For further information contact Dr. Frank Spaulding at 688-4464 or spaulding.1@osu.edu

Deadline: April 11, 2003

Center for Disease Control (CDC) Grants for Dissertation Awards for Doctoral Candidates for Violence-Related Injury Prevention Research in Minority Communities. The purpose of this extramural research training grant program is to attract young scientists to the field of violence prevention by encouraging doctoral candidates from a variety of disciplines to conduct violence prevention research and hopefully carry this focus on throughout their careers. Assistance will be provided to any United States public or private institution. The institution must support an accredited doctoral level training program. The performance site must be domestic. Applicants must be students in good standing enrolled in an accredited doctoral degree program. The applicant must have the authority and responsibility to carry out the proposed project. Approximately \$100,000 is expected to be available in FY 2003 to fund approximately five awards for a 12-month budget and project period. The project period may be extended without additional funds for up to a total of 24 months. The maximum funding level will not exceed \$20,000.

Application kits are available online at <http://www.cdc.gov/od/pgo/funding/grantmain.htm> or by contacting 770-488-2700.

Deadline: May 8, 2003

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law seeks Commentaries on any criminal justice topic. Commentaries should be no longer than 5,000 words and should be lightly footnoted. Although there are no rules relating to the Commentaries (except those stated above), we are especially looking for provocative and thoughtful Commentaries written less formally than traditional scholarly articles. The Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law, publishes twice a year, beginning in Fall 2003. It contains solicited scholarly articles as well as Commentaries. We are currently considering Commentaries for the Volume 1, Number 2 (Spring 2004) issue. Commentaries should be submitted to: crimlaw@osu.edu

Deadline for submission: September 1, 2003

Space for the issue, however, may be filled before that date.

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.

Deadline: April 30, 2003

FEATURED FACULTY PARTICIPANT

Dana L. Haynie
Sociology

Dana grew up outside of Washington DC. She stayed in Maryland to attend Salisbury State University, where in 1993 she obtained her B.A. in Sociology, Summa Cum Laude. Following graduation, Dana traveled to Baton Rouge to begin her graduate work in Sociology at Louisiana State University. She was particularly intrigued by questions of gender inequality and stratification, and her masters research focused on female occupational sex segregation across labor markets.

It was during her time at LSU that Dana took her first criminology class. She quickly became more interested in examining issues of gender inequality within the study of crime. When an advisor from her master's committee put her in touch with criminologist Darrell Steffensmeier at Pennsylvania State University, she decided to leave LSU for Penn State for what she described as a "wonderful opportunity to pursue my dual interests in gender and crime." Completing her M.A. in 1995, Dana entered the doctoral program in Sociology at Penn State University, where she earned her Ph.D. in 1999. She spent two years as an Assistant Professor at State University of New York-Albany before joining the Sociology Department at Ohio State in 2001.

Much of Dana's early scholarship centered on macro-level analyses of crime and violence. She has examined city-level correlates of male violence to see if they also predict female offending. In collaboration with Prof. Steffensmeier, she has published on the structural sources of urban female violence, including how structural disadvantage affects female offending. Specific to her interest in gender and stratification, one current project addresses gender equality as a predictor of race and gender disaggregated homicide rates. "As gender equality increases, we would expect female homicide to decrease." One reason for this expectation is that since domestic violence is the source of many female homicides, with increased equality women are afforded more opportunity to leave abusive relationships.

Dana's research demonstrates that interpersonal relationships are of particular importance for explaining crime and delinquency. Criminological studies have historically considered offender/victim relationships, particularly for homicide, but Dana has focused on more detailed measures of relationships to understand adolescent behaviors. With an emerging interest in individual-level research questions, Dana is currently examining how connections to peer networks explain adolescent offending patterns. Specifically, she examines an adolescent's relationship in peer networks, including the structure and behavior within these networks. For example, a current project finds that children who move frequently are in more risky peer networks both in terms of the behaviors they are exposed to as well as the interconnections among their peer networks and the larger school network. This enmeshment in peer networks then can help explain why more mobile youth are at

higher risk of engaging in violence and experiencing poor academic performance and risky sexual behavior. Her network research has been published in leading sociology journals including the American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, along with prominent criminological journals.

One recently initiated project examines the behavior of romantic partners as a predictor of crime. “Life-course models often assume a pro-social effect of marriage on male offending, while research on gender differences in delinquency/offending suggests that females are initiated into offending by males.” Little empirical work has documented whether and how romantic partner’s behavior affects crime/delinquency and how this compares to the influence exerted by friends. Dana’s current project with collaborators from Bowling Green State University examines this with a specific focus on gender dynamics in the relationships. The theme of gender remains a focus within her research, but Dana said it may be even more applicable to policy formation. “While there has been a movement towards a gender neutral approach in sentencing and programming for female offenders, much research suggests that the outcome of this approach for women is often unjust. This is because the context of offending differs greatly for males and females especially when the focus is on more serious offending. For example, when considering a domestic homicide, we should not ignore the contextual underpinnings of prior abuse.”

Away from the office, Dana and her husband Chris (also a faculty member in Sociology at Ohio State) enjoy spending time in their new house. “It was really exciting buying our first home and we love our neighborhood in Victorian Village.” Part of that excitement is her opportunity to garden and landscape her (fortunately) very small backyard. Dana said she also enjoys taking art classes at the Cultural Arts Center and loves spending time with her dog at Goodale Park. “We have a regular meeting time every morning with other dogs at the park. She’s always so happy to see her friends.”

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