

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The quarter is moving along quite rapidly. We have already held two seminars both quite successful. On October 3rd, Dana Haynie treated us to a discussion of the mechanisms that account for the relationship between mobility and violence among youth. She found that peer networks mediate the mobility-violence relationship by approximately 20%. A lively discussion ensued around the intriguing finding that mobile adolescents with very few friends are especially prone to violence. Dana suspects that deviant networks may be particularly welcoming of new members. Thanks Dana for a thoughtful and stimulating presentation. Ralph Taylor visited us on October 17th as part of City and Regional Planning's collaborative day-long seminar on "Creating a Safer Physical Environment through Design." Overall the conference was an outstanding success, and Ralph's opening presentation on "Design, Crime and Fear" paved the way for discussions throughout the remainder of the day. We thank Ralph for participating and congratulate Jennifer Evans Cowley on a very successful event. We were pleased to have the opportunity to participate.

Up next (Friday, November 14th) in the seminar series is a presentation by CJRC affiliate Kenny Steinman (School of Public Health). Kenneth's talk will be the second in this year's series to address our focal concern with youth. In his case, the topic under discussion is the involvement of high school youth in drug selling. Interestingly too, the focus is on youth in our own Franklin County (see details below). I am looking forward to the talk and to seeing all of you at the seminar.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please mark the following dates for CJRC's 2003-2004 Seminar Series on your calendar:

Friday, November 14, 2003, Dr. Kenneth Steinman, Assistant Professor of Public Health, Ohio State University, will present a talk entitled "Drug Selling Among High School Students in Franklin County, Ohio" in Journalism Room 106 (the Hall of Fame Room) from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 2004, Marc Mauer, Assistant Director of The Sentencing Project, will be the 2004 Reckless Lecturer. Additional information on the topic, time, and place of this event will be reported in future issues of CJRC News.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's 7th Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn East in Columbus. (See also the section on "Calls for Papers" below.)

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Professors Christopher Browning (Sociology) and Seth Feinberg (Sociology, Montana State University) have a paper (coauthored with Robert Dietz, formerly Economics) that has been accepted for publication in *Social Forces*. The paper is entitled: "The Paradox of Social Organization: Networks, Collective Efficacy, and Violent Crime in Urban Neighborhoods." Professor Browning also reports that he is a co-investigator on a project entitled: "Neighborhood Context and the Health of Older Adults," for which the National Institute of Aging recently awarded a grant of \$915,000. Ohio State's share of this grant is \$39,199.

Professor Walter DeKeseredy (Sociology, Ohio University) presented a lecture on his new co-authored book (with Shahid Alvi, Martin D. Schwartz, and E. Andreas Tomaszewski) entitled: *Under*

Siege: Poverty and Crime in a Public Housing Community to faculty and students affiliated with Lund University's Department of Sociology of Law in Lund, Sweden.

Brandy Ethridge (School of Public Policy and Management; Sociology) recently presented her policy paper entitled: "Perceived Risk of Victimization: The Impact of Neighborhood Incivilities" at the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association 2003 Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

Professor Richard Lundman (Sociology) has a recent publication entitled: "Newsworthiness and Selection Bias in News About Murder: Comparative and Relative Effects of Novelty and Race and Gender Typifications on Newspaper Coverage of Homicide." This paper appeared in *Sociological Forum* 18 (September 2003): 357-386.

In addition, many CJRC affiliated faculty and students will be participating in the 2003 American Society of Criminology conference, which will be held in Denver, Colorado from November 18-22nd. Participants include: Stacy Armour, Kerryn Bell, Paul Bellair, Christopher Browning, Walter DeKeseredy, Joseph Donnermeyer, Seth Feinberg, Robert Greenbaum, Dana Haynie, Kecia Johnson, Brian Kowalski, Lauren Krivo, Richard Lundman, Lori Muccino, Danielle Payne, Ruth Peterson, Mary Reiter, Martin Schwartz, Crystal Stephens, Steve Van Dine, María Vélez, Harald Weiss, Jeremy Wilson, and Valerie Wright.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Law and Society Association's 2004 Annual Meeting will be held from May 27-30, 2004 at the Renaissance Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. The theme for the meeting is "Law, Power, and Injustice: Confronting the Legacies of Sociological Research." Please see the conference website for additional information regarding submission requirements at: http://www.lawandsociety.org/ann_mtg/am04/call.htm.

Deadline for submissions: December 17, 2003. Late proposals may be accepted, space permitting.

The Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law continues to seek commentary essays 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. The editors are currently considering Commentaries for the Volume 1, Number 2 (Fall 2004) issue. Commentaries should be submitted to: crimlaw@osu.edu. Please also see the new website for the Journal at <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/osjcl>.
Deadline for submission: December 31, 2003

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

The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice is seeking manuscripts for a planned peer-reviewed special issue on the Criminal Event Perspective. Both theoretical and data-based papers which focus simultaneously on offenders, victims, and the context/situation will be considered. Papers cannot exceed 25 typewritten, double-spaced pages. Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics should be directed to Ineke Haen Marshall, JCCJ Guest Editor, via e-mail (imarshall@mail.unomaha.edu) or telephone (402-554-3898). Four copies of each manuscript should be sent, along with a copy on disk, to: Ineke Haen Marshall, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Department of Criminal Justice, Omaha NE 68182-0149.

Deadline: January 15, 2004

As noted above, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction would like to invite all Criminal Justice Scholars to present papers at the 7th Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference which is to be held on April 20, 2004, at the Holiday Inn East in Columbus, Ohio. The program consists of several areas, which include Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Community Corrections, Policing, Sentencing and Courts, and Mental Health in Criminal Justice. Abstracts should not exceed 150 words, and should be submitted to: Kelly Ward, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Bureau of Planning and Evaluation, 1050 Freeway Drive North, Columbus, Ohio 43229, or kelly.ward@odrc.state.oh.us. Please see the conference website at <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/conference.htm> for more details.

Deadline: February 20, 2004

In addition, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is pleased to announce its Graduate Student Paper Award in conjunction with the 7th Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference. Any student enrolled in an academic program at the graduate level is invited to participate. Only papers authored by a single student will be accepted. Papers may be conceptual and/or empirical, but must be directly related to criminal justice issues. Papers must be typewritten, double-spaced, with a maximum length of 15 pages of text. Students who receive awards will present their papers at the conference on April 20, 2004 at the Holiday Inn East in Columbus, Ohio. For additional information on the procedures for submission, please see the conference website at <http://drc.state.oh.us/web/conference.htm>. Submissions should be sent to: Kelly Ward, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Bureau of Planning and Evaluation, 1050 Freeway Drive North, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Deadline: Papers must be postmarked on or before January 30, 2004.

Notification of Awards: Winners will be notified in writing by February 20, 2004.

FEATURED FACULTY PARTICIPANT - LAUREN KRIVO

A native of Chicago, Professor Lauren Krivo obtained her undergraduate education at Washington University in St. Louis, where she received an A.B. degree in sociology. After graduation, Laurie began graduate studies in sociology at The University of Texas at Austin, receiving her Master's degree in 1980, and her Ph.D. in 1984. While at Texas, Laurie served as a researcher in the Population Research Center, where she developed her career long interest in demography.

After completing her studies, Laurie accepted a position at the University of Utah as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology. After two years at Utah, Laurie joined the faculty in the Department of Sociology here at Ohio State. As noted in the last issue of the Newsletter, Laurie was recently named a Full Professor in recognition of her contributions.

Laurie is an active participant in the CJRC. She currently serves on the CJRC's Advisory Board, and is a past coordinator of the CJRC's seminar series. Her participation in the Center is a logical extension of her research, which explores the structural determinants of racial and ethnic differences in crime.

Laurie's research focuses on the role of community characteristics in crime, particularly race/ethnic inequality in crime patterns. As a principal investigator (with Ruth Peterson) on "Understanding Crime and Community: A National Neighborhood Crime Study," she is currently collecting and analyzing Part 1 Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) data for neighborhoods for a national sample of large city police departments.

One paper based on that project will be presented at the upcoming American Society of Criminology meetings in November. This paper uses data from Chicago and Dallas to identify structural and economic sources of violent crime across ethnically diverse neighborhoods. Though both cities are ethnically segregated, they nonetheless vary sufficiently in neighborhood composition, and economic status within racial and ethnic groups, to permit such analyses.

Laurie has two recent publications that also explore the underlying causes of racial differences in crime patterns. "Structural Inequality and Homicide: An Assessment of the Black-White Gap in Killings," (with María Vélez and Ruth Peterson) is forthcoming in *Criminology*, and "Black-White Differences in Homicide Victimization and Offending," (with Ruth Peterson) will be included in *Race, Ethnicity, and Crime*, edited by Robert Nash Parker. At the core of Laurie's work is her continued interest in social stratification and the role of group differences in structural conditions for understanding differences in outcomes. As Laurie noted, "Racial differences in crime patterns are related to inequality in society at large." The policy implications of her research are clear: if group differences in crime participation are attributable to differences in social structural conditions, policies to eliminate economic inequality in such conditions should eliminate apparent racial differences in crime participation.

In her spare time, Laurie spends time with her children, Leslie and Alana, and her husband, Bob Kaufman, who is also a professor in the Department of Sociology. The family dines out regularly at local ethnic restaurants (she recommends Indian Oven and Thai Taste for those who enjoy spicy food).

The family recently traveled to New York City. New York is a regular destination for Laurie, who enjoys the theater. She gives high marks to "Hairspray," the adaptation of John Waters's movie of the same name. Laurie would also like to rave about "The Lion King." However, to date, circumstances have conspired to deprive her of a ticket. Her family assures her that it is a very good show.

When at home, Laurie likes to read novels. She cites *Crow Lake*, a novel by Mary Lawson, and *Bombingham*, by Anthony Grooms, as recent favorites.

CREDITS AND CONTACT

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 e-mail Lori at muccino.1@osu.edu. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Lori your e-mail address.