

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The new academic year is now underway (and has been for some time for our affiliates in the College of Law). Welcome back! This is the first of our CJRC News editions for the 2004-2005 academic year. We have planned a great lineup of speakers for the autumn quarter. Our first set of seminars feature Wayne Osgood (Professor of Sociology and Crime, Law and Justice, Pennsylvania State University), Kecia Johnson (Post-Doctoral Fellow, Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University), and Robert Greenbaum (Assistant Professor, School of Public Policy and Management, Ohio State University). The dates are set forth below, so please mark them on your calendars, and stay tuned for additional information on specific times, places, and topics.

On the good news front, several of our faculty affiliates were promoted at the July 9, 2004 meeting of the Board of Trustees: Douglas Berman (Full Professor, Moritz College of Law), Mei Po Kwan (Full Professor, Geography), James Moody (Associate Professor, Sociology), and Kira Sanbonmatsu (Associate Professor, Political Science). In addition, Joshua Dressler (Moritz College of Law) has been selected as a 2004-2005 University Distinguished Lecturer. Congratulations to you all for these well-deserved promotions and honors!

Please also extend your congratulations to Walter DeKeseredy, who has accepted a new position at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology and will be the director of a research center on the study and prevention of violence. His new contact information is Walter DeKeseredy, Faculty of Social Science, University of Ontario Institute of Technology, 2000 Simcoe Street N., Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7K4. His e-mail address is walter.dekeseredy@uoit.ca. Best wishes to you, Walter, in this exciting new endeavor.

Finally, many of our affiliates have been very busy this summer, as evidenced by the Center Participants feature below. With each year, we gain more insights on issues of crime and criminal justice. I expect vibrant exchanges of ideas and insights among our participants this coming year!

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please mark your calendars for the Fall Quarter seminar series! Dates are listed below. Times, places, and topics are forthcoming.

October 15, 2004: Wayne Osgood

November 5, 2004: Kecia Johnson

December 3, 2004: Robert Greenbaum

What Center Participants are Doing

Douglas Berman (Law) has launched a new weblog (or "blog") on Sentencing Law and Policy. Professor Berman's stated goal is "providing resources, information and commentary about both capital and non-capital sentencing developments." The site is a great resource, and Professor Berman updates it often with new developments. Check it out at <http://sentencing.typepad.com/>.

Danice Brown (Psychology) was featured in the July 17, 2004 issue of the Columbus Dispatch in an article entitled, "OSU Program Urges Minorities to Aim Higher." The article highlighted Ohio State's Summer Research Opportunities Program, which afforded Danice an opportunity to do research

during two summers of her undergraduate years at Ohio State, and encouraged her to enter graduate school. Danice is a longtime affiliate of the CJRC, serving first as an undergraduate research assistant, and currently as a graduate student affiliate in psychology.

Walter DeKeseredy (Social Science, University of Ontario Institute of Technology) has two entries in George Ritzer's Encyclopedia of Sociology: Left Realism and Urban Crime and Violence.

Joshua Dressler (Law) will present a lecture entitled, "Mora I and Criminal Law Reflections on Battered Women Who Kill Their Sleeping Abusers: Convict or Acquit and Why?" on February 22, 2005 at 4:00 p.m. at the Wexner Center.

Katherine Federle (Law) has several current presentations. She presented "Model Rule 1.14 and the Responsibility of Counsel to the Minor Child;" "Dependency, Neglect, Abuse and Permanent Custody" (a panel discussion); and "Differentiating the Roles of Counsel and the Guardian ad Litem;" on September 30-October 1, 2004 at the Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Juvenile Law Seminar in Columbus, Ohio. She also will present "The Role of Lawyering for Children" as the keynote speaker at the Child Welfare Symposium at Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas on October 15, 2004.

Stephen Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Science) reports that he and Scott Scheer (Human Development and Family Science) are co-directors of the newly emerging Center for Family Research (CFR). The CFR has moved into office space at COSI, in part due to interest in the development of a "Science of Families" exhibit. The CFR has also received a \$200,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health to evaluate a brand new statewide initiative known as the Family and Systems Team Project, which seeks to enhance Ohio's behavioral health care system through increased attention to the needs of family caregivers. Professor Gavazzi also reports that the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services has funded two scholarships that will support work related to the Global Risk Assessment Device (GRAD) Project, which contains a database of over 2,500 court-involved youth and their families that currently is being used by several CJRC members and their students.

Robert Greenbaum (Public Policy and Management) reports that his paper with George Tita entitled, "The Impact of Violence Surges on Neighborhood Business Activity," Urban Studies 41(13): Forthcoming, was awarded the Donald Robertson Memorial Prize for best paper published in Urban Studies in 2004. The research for the paper was supported in part by a grant from CJRC.

Stephanie Kent and David Jacobs (Sociology) have a publication in the August issue of Social Problems entitled, "Social Divisions and Coercive Control in Advanced Societies: Law Enforcement Strength in Eleven Nations from 1975 to 1990."

Lauren Krivo (Sociology) has a recent publication with Robert Kaufman (Sociology) entitled, "Housing and Wealth Inequality: Race/Ethnic Differences in Home Equity in the United States." The citation is Demography 41:585-605. Professor Krivo also has a publication with Ruth Peterson (Sociology) entitled, "Labor Market Conditions and Violent Crime Among Youth and Adults," which is forthcoming in the journal Sociological Perspectives.

Michael Maltz (CJRC) presented his research on the Uniform Crime Reports entitled, "Everything You Wanted to Know About the UCR But Were Afraid to Ask," at the National Institute of Justice on September 23, 2004. He also has two presentations scheduled at the American Society of Criminology meetings in November. He will be chairing a session on November 17 entitled, "Beyond

Descriptive Analysis: Using NIBRS for Policy Relevant Research,” and he will be presenting his paper, “Missing Data in the UCR” on November 19.

Jack Nasar (Regional and City Planning) is mapping the day, time and location of thefts of “UA for Kerry” signs (there were 61 such thefts in only two weeks of reports). Anyone who is interested in helping to analyze the patterns should contact Professor Nasar at nasar.1@osu.edu.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice has an upcoming special issue with a theme that may be of interest to CJRC participants. The theme of the August 2005 issue is “Miscarriages of Criminal Justice.” The Guest Editor, Robert M. Bohm, encourages submissions on all aspects of the subject, but is especially interested in manuscripts that focus on why miscarriages occur and what can be done about them. All manuscripts should be no more than 25 typed, double-spaced pages including tables, figures, and references. Please direct inquiries to Robert M. Bohm, JCCJ guest editor, via e-mail (rbohm@mail.ucf.edu) or telephone (407-823-5944).

Deadline:

January 15, 2005

The Justice Studies Association announces a call for participation for their seventh annual conference scheduled from Thursday, June 2 to Saturday, June 4, 2005 at the University of Hartford, Connecticut. The theme of the conference is “The Birth of a New World: Creating Justice-For-All, Sustainable Communities.” Participants are invited to make presentations on any topic dealing with communities, justice systems, families, schools, and workplaces of the future. Those wishing to make a presentation at the conference should send a title/abstract of 200 words or less to Dennis Sullivan, 2005 Program Chair, e-mail: gezellig@global2000.net before the deadline. For additional information, contact Dennis Sullivan or association president Dan Okada (dokada@csus.edu) or log on at www.justicestudies.org.

Deadline:

January 31, 2005

FEATURED STUDENT PARTICIPANT - JAMES SUTTON, SOCIOLOGY

Jim Sutton, an ABD doctoral student in Sociology, was born and raised in Long Beach, California, where his high school teachers took one look at his long hair and decided he would make a good future mechanic. Quiet by nature, Jim was tracked into classes with delinquent students and encouraged to learn a trade rather than attend college. By his own account, he “barely made it out of high school,” uninspired and discouraged by his teacher’s lack of confidence in his abilities. After high school, he began working at an offset printing plant, and only enrolled in classes at Long Beach City College to get lower health insurance rates. He aimlessly took classes prior to enrolling in a sociology course because it fit with his bus schedule.

One course, and one instructor, made all the difference. Ben Holzman, a retired high school principal, worked hard to engage his students, and took a special interest in Jim’s progress. Jim began to see the connections between sociology and his own observations. Each worker at the printing plant had responsibility for a small part of the printing process, and their work took place in separate rooms; only those who worked on the last part of the process felt a sense of accomplishment. Jim noticed that the other workers felt alienated from the product and one another, and derived no pleasure from their work. He was a bit surprised to later learn from Mr. Holzman that Karl Marx had beaten him to

the punch by over a century. Still, he discovered his own knack for, and interest in, sociology. He continued to take courses with a renewed purpose.

After graduating from Long Beach City College with his A.A. degree after 5 years of part-time study, Jim entered California State University, Long Beach, majoring in sociology. His success continued there, and he was named Outstanding Graduate. While at the university, he was given the opportunity to serve as a teaching assistant. He also worked for the city attorney in Huntington Beach, where he interacted with the police department and discovered an interest in criminal justice. He enjoyed driving the unmarked police car he was assigned, an unexpected turn for a young man branded delinquent in high school.

He entered the graduate program at Ohio State in 1999, eager to try life outside of Southern California, and intrigued by the opportunities offered by the department. He keeps busy at Ohio State with his research and teaching, and regularly attends CJRC events. His interests in sociology are crime and deviance, qualitative research methods, gender, and social psychology. He is particularly interested in the social constructionist approach, examining power relationships. His master's thesis, entitled "Women in Blue: Predictors That Buffer Female Police Officers From Perceived Gender Discrimination By Men in Blue," focused on the experiences of women police officers, an intersection of his interests in criminal justice, power, and gender. The project was dedicated to the memory of his former instructor Ben Holzman, who died right before Jim entered graduate school.

Jim's recent research includes a project with fellow PhD candidate Lisa Hickman in which they examine the historical treatment of female juvenile delinquents in Ohio. He also hopes to join Professor Paul Bellair conducting interviews in Ohio prisons using a life calendar approach. Finally, he is working on his dissertation proposal, a qualitative research project that will examine the bereavement process of family members and intimates of murder victims. Last month's interviewee, Professor Richard Lundman, is his advisor, as well as a mentor for one of Jim's favorite aspects of his Ohio State experience--teaching.

Jim is an experienced instructor at Ohio State, and has prepared and taught six different classes independently, with as many as 100 students in a single class (a challenge, since he insists on learning each student's name and face). His teaching interests resemble his research interests--he teaches Men in Society, two courses in Deviance, Social Problems, and introductory Sociology. His Penology course in particular is a hit, as his students receive tours of prison facilities. Graduate students and professors have been known to tag along on these trips, which serve to place criminological work in context. Jim uses a down-to-earth approach in his classes, using his own unique life experiences, as well as familiar examples, to illustrate theory and concepts. He also makes it a point to respect and engage all of his students, remembering the oversights of his own high school teachers.

When Jim enters the academic job market, he hopes to find a position that will allow him to continue to pursue his teaching and research interests. He confesses a desire to return to the West Coast. When he returns home on trips, he spends time at the beach (particularly Bolsa Chica and Huntington Beach), boating and boogie boarding. As he puts it, "The beach keeps me grounded." He also likes reading and creative writing, people watching, attending concerts, and long road trips in his car. When he leaves Ohio State, he will miss his many friends here, as well as the giant hamburgers at Thurman CafE9 in German Village. And Jim still has the long hair, so his former high school teachers will likely recognize him when he returns to Long Beach as "Dr. Sutton."

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.