

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This issue's featured faculty affiliate:
Michael D. Maltz (CJRC and Sociology)

Hello, everyone!

Well, we closed off our Winter seminar series with an excellent presentation by Bruce Western of Princeton University entitled, "The Prison Boom and Labor Market Inequality." In this presentation, Dr. Western illustrated how the vast increase in incarceration serves to exacerbate existing inequality. In recognition of his work, he was recently named a 2005 John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellow. Congratulations, Bruce, and thank you for sharing your cutting edge research with us.

April 19th brought the annual Walter C. Reckless Memorial Lecture, which again drew a diverse group, including the handsome and well-mannered Jacob, Walter Reckless's 8-year-old great-grandson. This year, we were fortunate to secure Jeffrey Fagan of Columbia University, who presented his research entitled, "Science and the Illusion of Deterrence in the Death Penalty: Cold Fusion All Over Again." This intriguing title is a reference to highly publicized recent research that indicates that the death penalty has a real, measurable deterrent effect.

Dr. Fagan carefully delineated the theoretical and methodological shortcomings of this research, and pronounced the furor caused by these findings to be similar to the excitement that accompanied claims of cold fusion (which also did not stand up to scrutiny). Dr. Fagan's dissection of these claims is an important contribution to deterrence research and the death penalty policy debate. Moreover, the underlying message of his lecture—that serious claims should not be made without careful examination of methods and data—is a philosophy he shares with his friend Michael Maltz, our featured faculty participant in this issue (see below). For those who missed Dr. Fagan's lecture, it will be published in a future issue of the Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law.

--Ruth

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please join us for the final presentation in our Spring seminar series with Dr. Avelardo Valdez, and plan to join us in September when we kick off our Fall series with a visit from Dr. Claire Renzetti. Please also plan to join our friends at ODRC and criminal justice colleagues for the 8th annual Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference (see the notice in CALLS FOR PAPERS, below).

Friday, May 13, 2005: Avelardo Valdez, Professor of Social Work at the University of Houston, will present "Consequences of Gang Membership: A Life Course Approach." Please join us from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in Room 243, Journalism Building.

Friday, September 30, 2005, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.: Claire Renzetti, Professor of Sociology, St. Joseph's University, will be our presenter. Stay tuned for the topic and title of her presentation.

What Center Participants are Doing

Beckett Broh (former Ph.D. student, Sociology) accepted a tenure track position as Assistant Professor at Wittenberg University beginning in the fall of this year. Congratulations, Beckett! We're very glad to keep an excellent sociologist here in Ohio.

Walter DeKeseredy (University of Ontario Institute of Technology) has a new book with Desmond Ellis and Shahid Alvi titled, *Deviance and Crime: Theory, Research and Policy* (2005). For interested instructors, the textbook will be in print in July, and is published by Lexis Nexis/Anderson Publishing.

Joseph Donnermeyer (Rural Sociology) made a presentation on April 28 entitled "Criminological Perspectives on Rural Crime" at the University of Ontario Institute of Technology.

David Jacobs (Sociology) was selected by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences as a Joan N. Huber Faculty Fellow. This award acknowledges and rewards the strongest scholars on the College's faculty, and Dave received it in recognition of his many contributions in the areas of criminology and political sociology. Congratulations, Dave!

Stephanie Kent (Ph.D. student, Sociology) recently accepted a tenure track position as Assistant Professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, beginning in the fall. What a great place to study crime and justice! Congratulations, Stephanie!

Stephen Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Science) has a recent publication with A.M. Schock entitled, "A multi-method study of father participation in family-based programming," which is on pages 149-184 in *Reconceptualizing and Measuring Fatherhood*, R.D. Day and M.E. Lamb, Eds., Mahwah, N.J.: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates. He also has had two recent presentations, both with C.M. Yarcheck, both in November, 2004 at the National Council on Family Relations Conference in Orlando, Florida. The first presentation was entitled, "Differential Risks in Male and Female African American Status Offenders." The second presentation was entitled, "Inequalities in Risk Exposure Between Female and Male Juvenile Offenders."

Dana Haynie (Sociology) has a recent publication in the journal *Criminology* with Peggy Giordano, Wendy Manning, and Monica Longmore (all Sociology, Bowling Green State University), entitled, "Adolescent Romantic Relationships and Delinquency Involvement." The citation is *Criminology* 43:177-210.

Jack Nasar (City and Regional Planning) has two recent publications. The first, with co-authors A. Stamps and K. Hanyu, is entitled, "Using Pre-Construction Validation to Regulate Urban Skylines," published in the *Journal of the American Planning Association*, Volume 71, Number 1, pages 73-91. The second, with co-author David Moffat, is entitled, "The Heidelberg Project---Detroit Michigan, Tyree Guyton," published in *Places*, Volume 16, Number 3, pages 14-17.

Randy Roth (History) presented "Why is America So Homicidal? A Political and Psychological Hypothesis" at the European Seminar on Interpersonal Violence: Long-Term Trends and the Role of War. The Seminar was held in Brussels, Belgium on December 4, 2004. He was also chair and commentator in a session of the Social Science History Association, held in Chicago on November 21, 2004. The session was entitled, "Counting Crimes, Measuring Criminals: Four Empirical Models for Criminal Justice Research."

Victor Streib (OhioNorthernUniversityCollege of Law) has finished the second edition of his book, *Death Penalty In a Nutshell*. It is current as of April 2005 and will be published by Thomson West in July. As any law student will tell you, the Nutshell series is a very helpful supplement to coursework. He also has a book currently submitted and under consideration by Ohio University Press, entitled *Condemned, Ignored, Forgotten: Life and Death Stories From Ohio's Death Penalty for Women*. This book covers all four women executed in Ohio since 1803 and all ten women sentenced to death in Ohio since 1973. Finally, Professor Streib hopes to finish his book on juvenile homicide this

summer and then turn to a major project on the juvenile death penalty.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice invites submissions for a special issue on Crime and Criminal Justice Issues in the Caribbean, focusing on policing, courts, corrections, race, gender, and ethnicity issues, and crime prevention strategies and programs. The manuscript should be 20-25 pages in length and should conform to APA style. For additional information, contact Dr. Robert McCormack, at mccormac@tcnj.edu, telephone 609-771-3185, or Dr. Peter K.B. St. Jean, caribbeancriminology@yahoo.com, telephone 716-645-2417 (X468).

Deadline:

June 15, 2005

Editor-in-Chief Dennis Sullivan reports that the journal Contemporary Justice Review invites submissions of essay titles/abstracts for a special issue on "Drugs, Healing, and the Expansion or Repression of Human Consciousness." The array of potential topics is far-ranging, but deal generally with contrasting state and governmental efforts to control and suppress drug use with the potential social value of drugs such as marijuana, LSD, mescaline, and related hallucinogens. Those who are interested in submitting a potential topic, or who would like to learn more about the plans for the special issue, should contact CJR Assistant Editor Diane Simmons Williams at dsw27@earthlink.net or Editor-in-Chief Dennis Sullivan at gezellig@global2000.net. Titles and abstracts are due June 15, 2005, with final selections to be made by July 15, 2005. Completed articles are expected to be about 25 or fewer double-spaced pages in length, and will be due January 31, 2006.

Deadline for Titles and Abstracts:

June 15, 2005

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's 2005 Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference will be held on October 11, 2005 at the Midwest Hotel and Conference Center, 4900 Sinclair Road, Columbus, Ohio. Areas to be addressed include Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Community Corrections, Policing, Sentencing and Courts, and Mental Health in Criminal Justice. For those who are interested in presenting research, papers are due by August 5, 2005. Additional requirements are set forth on the ODRC website for the conference at: <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/conference.htm#Call%20for%20Papers>.

If you have questions, please contact Kelly Ward, 2005 Conference Chair, at 614-752-1315 for more information.

Deadline:

August 5, 2005

FEATURED FACULTY PARTICIPANT -

Michael D. Maltz

CJRC and Sociology

In 2002, the resources at CJRC again grew when Michael D. ("Mike") Maltz joined our ranks as a

Senior Research Associate (and, in 2003, Adjunct Professor of Sociology). Professor Emeritus in the Departments of Criminal Justice and Information and Decision Sciences at The University of Illinois at Chicago, Mike's unique background and training are invaluable to those who make the pilgrimage to his CJRC office to get fresh insights on thorny research problems.

Mike's training began with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 1959 (if you have met Mike, you will wonder how that year is possible, unless he began his studies as a precocious tot). After graduation, he toddled off to Stanford University, where he received his M.S. in electrical engineering and his Ph.D. in electrical engineering—control systems. After brief stints at Aerospace Corporation in Los Angeles and in the Laboratory of Automatic Control Systems at the Technical University of Denmark in Lundtofte, Mike accepted a position in the Systems Engineering Section at Arthur D. Little in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Thus began his long career in criminal justice: in 1967, while at Arthur D. Little, Mike became an associate project director for a study of the Boston Police Department's reports, records, and internal communications, and published a report with the federal government's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration. That experience led to a position with what is now the National Institute of Justice in 1969. In 1972, he was lured to Chicago, where he not only is a professor, but also served as the Director of the university's Center for Research in Law and Justice in the second half of the 1980s. In 1984, he published his monograph, *Recidivism*, to great acclaim (to have a look, see <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/forr/>). Among Mike's many other appointments and honors was a five-year term as the Editor of the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* from 1996-2000.

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.