

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

This issue's featured affiliate:

Steve Van Dine

(Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction)

Hello and welcome to fall quarter 2005!

First, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate several of our faculty affiliates on their recent promotions. As of October 1, Lisa Keister (Sociology), Alan Murray (Geography), and Vinnie Roscigno (Sociology) were named Full Professors, and Chris Browning (Sociology), Rob Greenbaum (Public Policy and Management), and Dana Haynie (Sociology) were named Associate Professors. These well-earned promotions recognize their continued scholarship and contributions to their respective fields. Congratulations to all of you!

Alan Murray was also recently appointed to the Directorship of the Center for Urban and Regional Analysis (CURA). We congratulate him for this appointment, and look forward to working with him on joint projects of relevance to both CJRC and CURA.

I also want to mention a recent promotion here at CJRC. Many of you are familiar with Laurie Krivos (Sociology) active role in the center. Laurie works tirelessly with me to develop the center's initiatives and priorities, and often performs many other tasks behind the scenes to make sure our events (such as the annual Reckless Memorial Lecture) go off without a hitch. Laurie also takes an active interest in the students affiliated with the center, and can be found working with them on various projects in the student offices at CJRC. In short, her efforts have been invaluable to the center's success and vibrancy. For these reasons, I am pleased to announce that Laurie Krivo has been named Associate Director of the Criminal Research Center. Laurie, thank you for all of your help these many years.

Finally, we were disappointed when we were not able to kick off our CJRC Seminar Series with a visit from John Laub (University of Maryland). As you may know, Dr. Laub had a medical emergency that prevented his visit. However, we are working to reschedule his presentation, and will keep you apprised of the new date. We wish Dr. Laub a speedy recovery. In the meantime, Chris Browning and Rob Greenbaum are working with me to develop our full seminar series. Please watch your e-mail for updates, and join us for our upcoming seminar on Friday, October 28 (details below).

Thank you for your continued support of CJRC. Laurie and I look forward to another great year with all of you!

--Ruth

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

REMINDER: Join us for our first seminar of the 2005-2006 academic year, on October 28, from 9 to 10:30 a.m., in Room 243 Journalism Building (the IPR Seminar room), where we will hear about recent graduate student research. The presenters are Danielle Payne (Sociology), who will present Race, Friendship Networks, and Violent Delinquency, and Yushim Kim (Public Policy and Management), who will present Identifying High-Risk Vendors in Public Service Delivery Programs. As always, coffee, bagels, and other refreshments will be served.

Please also stay tuned for information on upcoming events in the CJRC Seminar Series.

In addition, please mark down the following dates: July 10-27, 2006. We are currently organizing the Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute: Broadening Perspectives and Participation. Details are forthcoming. In the meantime, please bookmark our website: <http://cjrc.osu.edu/summerinstitute/>.

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Walter DeKeseredy (University of Ontario Institute of Technology) has a new article co-authored with Martin D. Schwartz and Shahid Alvi titled, Which Women are More Likely to be Abused? Public Housing, Cohabitation, and Separated/Divorced Women, in an upcoming issue of Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law, and Society. He also has a monograph entitled, Future Directions, Violence Against Women, that is in press. Finally, he gave a presentation titled Violence Against Women in Canada at a Zone 3 annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police.

David Jacobs (Sociology) has a recent publication with Jason T. Carmichael (Sociology PhD student) and Stephanie L. Kent (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and former OSU Sociology PhD student) entitled, Vigilantism, Current Racial Threat, and Death Sentences, in the American Sociological Review, August 70:656-677. In addition, Stephanie Kent is the first author on another publication with Dr. Jacobs entitled, Minority Threat and Police Strength from 1980 to 2000: A Fixed-Effects Analysis of Nonlinear and Interactive Effects in Large U.S. Cities, published in Criminology, August 43:731-760.

Lauren Krivo (Sociology) reports two recent grants. The first is a grant from the National Science Foundation, Sociology and Law and Social Science Programs in the amount of \$250,000. The co-principal investigators on the grant are Catherine Calder (Statistics), Mei-Po Kwan (Geography), Christopher Browning, Lauren Krivo, Michael Maltz, and Ruth Peterson (all Sociology). The grant is for the period September 2005 through August 2007. A second grant is also from the National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, for a project entitled, Research and Training for a Better Understanding of the Race/Ethnicity-Crime and Criminal Justice Link. Laurie is co-principal investigator with Ruth Peterson, and the term of the grant is from September 2005 through February 2007.

In addition to these grants, Laurie reports two recent publications. The first, with Ruth Peterson, is entitled Macro-Structural Analyses of Race, Ethnicity, and Violent Crime: Recent Lessons and New Directions in Research, in the Annual Review of Sociology 31:331-356. The second is with Ruth Peterson and Chris Browning, entitled, Segregation and Racial/Ethnic Inequality in Crime: New Directions, in Taking Stock: The Status of Criminological Theory, Volume 15 of the Advances in Criminological Theory series, edited by Francis Cullen, John Wright, and Kristie Blevins.

Deborah Merritt (Moritz College of Law) will deliver (with Ronnell Andersen Jones) the Frank R. Strong Lecture at the Moritz College of Law on Thursday, October 27, 2005. Merritt clerked for Justice Sandra Day-O'Connor during O'Connor's first term on the Supreme Court, while Jones (a recent Moritz graduate) clerked for O'Connor during one of her last terms. Together, they will explore O'Connor's role on the Court, and share personal memories of the Justice.

In addition, Professor Merritt has recently returned to teaching and research full-time as the John Deaver Drinko Chair of the Moritz College of Law. She is teaching two new courses-Evidence, and Law and Psychology-and pursuing a new research interest focusing on the intersection of law and psychology. Her initial interest in that field centers on paths of effective decision making in legal

contexts, and on better ways to train professionals and other members of the legal profession in that decision making.

Bruce Weinberg (Economics) was recently made a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

CALL FOR PAPERS

It is time to make reservations for those who plan to attend the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. The meeting will be held from November 16-19, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario at the Fairmount Royal York Hotel. The program and registration information are listed on ASCs website, <http://www.asc41.com/>. Presenters should already be registered for the conference. For those who are not presenting, registration fees are cheaper if you register prior to October 31, 2005.

Conference:

November 16-19, 2005

The Asian Journal of Criminology will have its inaugural issue published in 2006 by Springer. The Journal aims to advance the study of criminology and criminal justice in Asia, to promote evidence-based public policy in crime prevention, and to promote comparative studies about crime and criminal justice, and especially encourages theoretical and methodological papers with an emphasis on evidence-based, empirical research addressing crime in Asian contexts. It seeks to publish research arising from a broad variety of methodological traditions, including quantitative, qualitative, historical, and comparative methods. The Journal fosters a multi-disciplinary focus and welcomes manuscripts from a variety of disciplines, including criminology, criminal justice, law, sociology, political science, psychology, forensic science, social work, urban studies, history, geography, and anthropology. For details and information on submissions, please send e-mail to Asian.crime@hkucc.hku.hk.

Deadline for Issue 2:

December 31, 2005

Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society, edited by Roslyn Muraskin, invites manuscripts for consideration in a planned special issue on Criminal Justice and Homeland Security. The Guest Editor requests submissions that examine the nexus between criminal justice and homeland security. A broad range of submissions are encouraged that critically analyze the relationship between law, police, courts and correction efforts to protect the United States homeland. Manuscripts should be 15-20 pages in length and follow standard editorial procedures of the journal. Each submission should include a disk with four hard copies and a brief biographical sketch of the author(s). Please send all materials to: Everette B. Penn, University of Houston- Clear Lake, 2700 Bay Area Boulevard, Box 275, Houston, Texas 77058, Phone: (281) 283-3363, Fax: (281) 283-3408, pennev@cl.uh.edu.

Deadline:

January, 2006

The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice has three upcoming special issues. First, the Journal

invites individuals to submit manuscripts for consideration for inclusion in a planned special issue on the topic, Prosecuting Change, Changing Prosecutors. The Guest Editor encourages submissions dealing with either the prosecution of emerging crime problems (e.g., terrorism) or changes in the role of the American prosecutor (e.g., from traditional to community prosecution). Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics should be directed to John L. Worrall, JCCJ Guest Editor, via email at (jworrall@csusb.edu) or telephone (909-880-7741). Manuscripts should be no more than 25 typed, double-spaced pages including tables, figures and references. Please send four manuscript copies, along with the manuscript on disk, to John L. Worrall, Department of Criminal Justice, California State University San Bernardino, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397.

The Journal has a second upcoming issue on Criminal Justice in Latin America. The Guest Editor encourages submissions on all aspects of the subject, but is especially interested in manuscripts that consider Latin American criminal justice systems in comparative perspective. Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics should be directed to Christopher Birkbeck, JCCJ Guest Editor, via e-mail (birkbeck@ula.ve). Manuscripts should be no more than 25 typed, double-spaced pages including tables, figures and references. Please send four manuscript copies, along with the manuscript on disk, to Christopher Birkbeck, School of Criminology, Universidad de Los Andes, Apartado 730, Merida 5101, Venezuela.

Finally, the Journal has a third upcoming special issue on the topic, The Theory and Practice of Responding to Terrorism. Particular focus will be upon the effect of terrorism on our justice system -- from policy and legal issues relating to civil liberties during terrorism investigations to policing, prosecution, and punishment of terrorist offenders. Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics for this issue should be directed to Brent Smith, JCCJ Guest Editor, via email at (bls@uark.edu) or telephone (479-575-3401). As with the other special issues, manuscripts should be no more than 25 typed, double-spaced pages including tables, figures and references. Please send four manuscript copies, along with the manuscript on disk, to Brent Smith, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Arkansas, Old Main, Room 228, Fayetteville, Arkansas, 72701.

Deadlines:

Prosecuting Change, Changing Prosecutors January 1, 2006

Criminal Justice in Latin America January 15, 2006

The Theory and Practice of Responding to Terrorism July 1, 2006

FEATURED PARTICIPANT

Steve Van Dine

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

For this issues feature, we venture off the Ohio State campus to the Bureau of Research at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, located in north Columbus. Steve Van Dine is the Chief of the Bureau of Research, and he agreed to tell us a bit more about himself, as well as the accomplishments and activities of the Bureau.

Steve began his journey to the Bureau as a top student at his high school in the farming community of Greenville, Ohio (near Miami University, in Darke County). A National Merit Scholar, he attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, graduating in 1969 with a B.A. in Political Science. With a

smile, Steve admits that his performance at Wheaton was less than exemplary. Though he breezed through his small high school with little effort, he was shocked by the requirements at college. By the end, he was not surprised that he ended up in the bottom 10% of his class. Thankfully, his initial misadventures in higher education did not deter him from wading back into academics and research.

First, however, he had to complete a ROTC obligation; he had an infantry commission, which included 10 months in Vietnam. For nine of those months, he served as an advisor to the Vietnamese militia, living in the middle of nowhere with only two or three other Americans and 40 to 50 Vietnamese. He found the experience more enjoyable than distasteful, however, and reminisces that helicopters were excellent substitutes for the hot rods and Pontiac Firebirds he and other young men enjoyed when stateside.

While in Vietnam, Steve considered the possibility of attending law school, but decided that he might be able to do good through government, with an emphasis on criminal justice and law enforcement rather than the social work and education aims of many of his contemporaries in the wake of the 1960s. Leaving Vietnam 2 months early, he abandoned his plans to hitchhike through Europe to focus his attention on admission to college or graduate school for additional training in his fields of interest. His grades were offset by excellent GRE scores, and he was eventually admitted to Portland State University in Oregon, where he took three quarters of undergraduate courses in law enforcement and justice administration, and an additional quarter of graduate work. Now a seasoned student, his grades were excellent, and Lee Brown (later the police commissioner of New York) agreed to provide a reference for him.

He left for Washington, D.C, still with the goal to do good through government, but discovered that a graduate degree was required for most of the jobs he desired. As he searched for work, he applied to various graduate programs, including the Public Administration program at Ohio State. He was granted an assistantship and decided to come to Columbus rather than working at a minimum wage job in Washington. Within a month of accepting Ohio States offer, a good offer in D.C. came through, but he opted to move to Columbus instead. This turned out to be fortuitous, since three weeks later he met the woman (Ellen Schneider) who would become his wife, and also because he was able to engage in interesting criminal justice research with Professor Harry Allen.

While progressing toward his MPA, Steve obtained a job with the Franklin County Sheriffs Office. His work as an intern included development of a staff manual and conducting a cost/benefit analysis that was later successfully presented to the federal government (and resulted in the Office receiving double its prior funding). He also developed their first Equal Employment Opportunity plan, which was used by the Office of Criminal Justice Services as a model for the rest of the state.

Steve was also inspired through his class work. In each of three quarters, he took classes from Professor Simon Dinitz, whom he describes as an excellent teacher. Steve owed him a paper to complete credit for one course, and focused his analysis on an examination of James Q. Wilsons proposal regarding the use of incapacitation to reduce violent offending. Steve developed a model to measure the effect of incapacitation on the crime rate, but ran into difficulties obtaining the necessary data. Though he had largely completed his studies, he contacted Dr. Dinitz with his problem. Dr. Dinitz and his colleague John Conrad were impressed with Steves efforts, and hired him to work for them on a large grant. Dr. Dinitz brought Steve with him on consulting visits to the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. In 1977 he completed a contract research study for DRC. The study was well-received, and Steve was later offered the (then) only research position at DRC after receiving the MPA in 1975.

Steve has now been with the DRC for 27 years, and an entire Bureau of Research has developed under his stewardship. He currently supervises a staff of 15 people, nine of whom are actively engaged in research (including Brian Martin, OSU PhD in sociology, and Brian Kowalski, current OSU sociology PhD student). He and his staff work to meet the needs of state officials and citizens for accurate information on the state prison and parole population. The Bureau of Research has several specific initiatives: they produce statistical reports, address information requests, prepare prison population projections, analyze the potential effects of proposed legislation, conduct research studies, and prepare a detailed intake database.

With regard to information requests, the Bureau handles approximately 800 such requests per year, although the increasing availability of information on the DRC website has reduced the load somewhat (see <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/publications.html> for further information). Some of these requests come from within the DRC, while others are from government, citizens, academics, and the press. The Bureau strives to meet all of these requests. The Bureau also conducts various research studies. The line between a research study and an information request is often blurry. In general, requests from specific individuals (such as a state senator) are considered information requests, while studies that are conducted at the behest of a DRC task force are considered research studies.

These research studies fall into three categories: descriptive studies, policy studies, and instrument development and validation. Descriptive studies (such as the characteristics of special prison populations) examine the personal and criminal characteristics of specific groups within the prison population, often with a goal toward determining alternatives to prison. Policy studies answer the questions, What should we choose to do, and how should we do it? These studies help set the course for new corrections policy, or help refine existing policies. Finally, instrument development and validation studies are aimed at assessing the validity of various prisoner classification instruments or intended to improve those instruments. These studies are time-intensive, and require large samples and longer time periods of evaluation.

Bureau staff also prepare general population projections twice a year (as well as special population projections, such as projections of the special needs or female prison populations). Another of the Bureaus responsibilities is bill analysis. Proposed legislation can often have unintended consequences on the operations of the DRC (such as increased costs of operation). The Bureau examines each bill to assess what its impact will be: will it have the desired effect, and/or will it entail costs the legislator may not have envisioned? For example, in recent years, the Bureau has conducted several assessments of the effects of taking DNA samples or new penalties concerning methamphetamine laboratories. These analyses now exceed 10 per year, but are important if the technology is to be employed effectively.

Finally, the foundation for much of the Bureaus research is the intake database. Each year, for a 2-month period, staff interview each new prisoner entering the system, obtaining a rich set of information on each person. These data are then matched with pre-sentence investigations for each individual, and the resulting intake database is used to create many of the profiles and projections mentioned above. These data also allow for the analysis of trends in the prison population over time.

As the Chief of the Bureau of Research, Steve works to set the Bureaus priorities, and actively participates in the production of its reports. In addition, he is active with the American Society of Criminology, and regularly presents the Bureaus most innovative research to the broader criminology community.

On a personal note, Steve likes to jog and read science fiction (a special favorite is Robert Heinlein), and is active as a Sunday school teacher at his church, Covenant Baptist, in northwest Columbus. He also enjoys spending time with his wife of 30 years (and former Dayton Daily News journalist and financial planner), Ellen Schneider, and their four children, Philip (21), Peter (19), Elizabeth (18), and Mary (14). His sons are active in sports (particularly Peter, who is attending Ohio Dominican University), while his daughter Lizzi is a gifted actor who has performed throughout Central Ohio. (Lizzi may have picked up her love of performing from her dad, who is a bass in the DRC chorale.) His youngest, Mary, is a talented student at Columbus Alternative High School.

Now that Steve has the hang of the whole college thing, and his children are nearly grown, he confesses he may make one last foray into higher education, and is considering pursuit of a PhD in public administration or criminal justice. His experiences at DRC guarantee that he will have much to share with students and faculty working in the areas of criminology and criminal justice.

CREDITS AND CONTACTS

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.