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This issue's feature:
An Interview with Jeremy Wilson

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Hello everyone!!! Welcome to Spring Quarter 2009. I hope that your term gets off to a good start. CJRC is expecting to have a very active quarter. We are jump starting the term with the **Walter C. Reckless-Simon Dinitz Lecture later this week on Thursday, April 2, 2009. Tom R. Tyler is the 20th Anniversary Lecturer and will speak on "Legitimacy and Criminal Justice: The Benefits of Self Regulation."** Please join us at 6:30 Thursday at the Moritz College of Law's Barrister Club (25 W. 11th Avenue) for this important event. Rounding out the speaker series for the 2008-2009 academic year, **Paul Bellair** (Sociology) will give a talk on "Reliability and Validity of Prisoner Self-Reports Gathered Using the Life Event Calendar Methods" on May 12th, and **Derek Kreager** (Pennsylvania State University) will present on "Urban Gentrification and Longitudinal Crime in Seattle" on June 5th. Please mark your calendars for these events as well.

On another front, CJRC is pleased to announce its 2009 "**Call for Proposals**" for crime and justice projects in three categories: (1) *Faculty Collaboration Projects* (up to \$6,000); (2) *Faculty Seed Grants* (up to \$20,000); and (3) *Graduate/Professional Student Research Awards* (up to \$1,000). We welcome proposals relating to research on a wide range of topics, and from faculty and graduate/professional students from a variety of disciplines/schools. Please visit our website at: <http://cjrc.osu.edu/seedgrants.html> for descriptions of these programs and to download applications.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday night at the Reckless Lecture, and to receiving your small grant applications.

--Ruth

UPCOMING CJRC EVENTS OF INTEREST

Thursday, April 2, 2009—2009 Walter C. Reckless-Simon Dinitz Lecture
Lecturer: Tom Tyler (Chair and University Professor of Psychology at New York University). [“Legitimacy and Criminal Justice: The Benefits of Self Regulation.”](#) The Ohio State University Barrister Club (25 West Eleventh Avenue). 6:30 p.m.
Reception follows.

Abstract

Obeying the law in everyday life cannot be taken for granted. Whether the concern is compliance with traffic laws, drug laws, immigration laws, or the payment of taxes, legal authorities are confronted with sufficient noncompliance to question whether the resources normally devoted to social control are adequate. In some cases, such as the illegal downloading of music and copying of movies, levels of noncompliance are so high as to make effective regulation difficult -- nearly impossible. Also, studies of personal encounters with the police demonstrate that compliance can never be assumed; people often resist, and even defy legal and judicial orders. In this lecture, I advocate the value of a self-regulatory approach to law and criminal justice. I do so by first describing and critiquing the dominant approach to regulation in use today: deterrence. I argue that, in practice, this model is costly and minimally effective in securing compliance with the law and motivating the acceptance of decisions made by legal authorities. I then outline a different, self-regulatory, model based upon engaging people's values as a basis for motivating voluntary deference to the law. I review empirical research suggesting that this strategy is both viable and in many ways more desirable than current approaches.

Tuesday, May 12, 2009—Seminar; Co-sponsored by the CJRC & IPR.
Speaker: Paul Bellair (Sociology, Ohio State University). [“Reliability and Validity of Prisoner Self-Reports Gathered Using the Life Event Calendar Methods.”](#) Journalism 243 (IPR Seminar Room), 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Abstract

Data collection using the life event calendar method is growing, but reliability and validity are not well established. We examine test-retest reliability of monthly self-reports of criminal behavior collected using a life event calendar from a random sample of minimum security prisoners. Tabular analysis indicates over eighty percent agreement between self-reports of drug dealing, property, and violent crime during a baseline interview (test) and a follow-up (retest) approximately three weeks later. Hierarchical analysis reveals that criminal activity reported during the initial test is strongly associated with responses given in the retest, and that the relationship varies only by the lag in days between the initial interview and the retest. Analysis of validity reveals that self-reported criminal history is strongly predictive of official criminal history, that African American's provide more valid responses relative to other groups, and that subjects reporting higher illegal earnings provide less valid responses. However, in practical terms the differences are not large, suggesting that self-reports of criminal behavior collected in criminal justice settings using a life event calendar are acceptably reliable and valid.

Friday, June 5, 2009—CJRC Seminar "Urban Gentrification and Longitudinal Crime in Seattle."

Speaker: Derek Kreager (Assistant Professor Crime, Law, and Justice, Penn State University). Journalism 243 (IPR Seminar Room), 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

July 6-24, 2009— **Crime & Justice Research Institute 2009**

Faculty from underrepresented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice will converge upon The Ohio State University's campus to complete an ongoing project (either a research paper or grant proposal) in preparation for journal submission or agency funding review. In addition, participants will gain information that will serve as a tool-kit tailored to successful navigation of the academic setting. The institute will culminate in a research symposium where participants present their completed research before a scholarly audience.

July 23-24, 2009— **Racial Democracy, Crime & Justice Workshop 2009**

On July 23-24, 2009, the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN) will hold its 5th Annual Summer Workshop at Ohio State University. The activities of this network is geared to (1) advancing research on issues of citizenship and democratic participation at the intersection of race, crime, and justice; and (2) promoting racial/ethnic democratization of academe by supporting junior scholars of color in advancing their academic careers. Among other activities, this year's workshop will feature: research presentations by faculty participants in the SRI (see above) and other crime and justice faculty from around the country; opportunities to discuss and work on collaborative projects; and workshops on future/new directions in crime and violence research, and acquiring funding to support research. (The RDCJN workshop is funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation.)

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Walter DeKeseredy (University of Ontario Institute of Technology), gave a keynote address titled "The Impact of Economic Downturn on Domestic Violence and Strategies to Counter the Violence" at the Annual Conference of Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Treatment Centers in Ontario in Toronto on March 26, 2009.

Bobbi Reese (Sociology; OSU) has the following new publication:

Reese, Bobbi. (2009), "*Determinants of the Fear of Crime: The Combined Effects of Country-Level Crime Intensity and Individual-Level Victimization Experience*" International Journal of Sociology.

Elsadig Elessheikh (Kirwan Institue; OSU) is the author of the recently-published book: *Darfur: Domesticating Coloniality: The Failure of the Nation-State Model in Post-Colonial Sudan*, (VDM Verlag Dr. Muller: Dec. 12, 2008).

CALLS FOR PAPERS, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The *International Journal of Restorative Justice*, the official publication of the Centre for the Study of Crime, Restorative Justice, and Community Safety, is seeking submissions of original scholarship pertaining to restorative justice research. Our approach is multi-disciplinary, and research is welcomed from a broad array of methodological traditions, including quantitative, qualitative, historical, and comparative methods. This journal is academically oriented and fully peer-reviewed. The next issue (Vol5, No2) will examine the topic of accountability in restorative justice.

We ask that those interested in contributing to this issue submit their abstract (no more than 500 words please) and chapter submission to IJRJ editor(s) at john@crjcs.org or to Dr. Verrecchia (York College of Pennsylvania) who may be contacted at pverrecc@ycp.edu. All submissions must follow the APA style guide.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact the editors at: john@crjcs.org

Deadline for submissions: July 31, 2009

The *OSU Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board* will be holding a conference entitled *"Promoting Community Safety and Preventing Violence: Integrating Lessons from Research and Practice."* The conference is co-hosted by: Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services, Ohio Department of Youth Services, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, and the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs.

They are requesting paper and poster submissions for the conference and are interested in applied research and research by practitioners on topics related to community safety and preventing violence. If you are interested please submit your project summary/abstract (1 page or less) no later than **March 31, 2009**.

Abstracts can be submitted via [surveymonkey.com](http://www.surveymonkey.com):

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=vQBNwX7WzbqWkih37aZ7Bw_3d_3d

Participant registration: \$35 per person (which includes breakfast & lunch). CEUs will be available at an additional charge of \$10. Online registration will begin in late March. The conference space will accommodate approximately 300. Registration will be first come first served. Additional information will follow. Direct inquires to Anita Parker at aparker@ehe.osu.edu or call (614) 247-1661.

The details for the conference are as follows:

Date: Friday, June 26, 2009

Time: 8:30am-4:30pm
Location: Vern Riffe Center
77 S. High Street, 31st floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Deadline for submissions: March 31, 2009

"Celebrating Diversity: Population Centered Sexual Violence Prevention"

June 23-24, 2009 Quest Conference Center Columbus, OH

This two-day statewide conference will focus on effectively administering sexual violence prevention work with specific populations while remaining inclusive and accepting of all people. National and local speakers will present on working with specific populations such as youth, men and boys, disenfranchised communities, LGBTQ Youth, community organizations, and schools. Registration information will be available in May 2009.

For more information please visit the Ohio Domestic Violence Network website at:
<http://www.odvn.org/>

Ohio State's ***Mershon Center for International Security Studies*** is holding a competition for OSU faculty and graduate students to apply for research support in international security. Grants may be used for a variety of research-related purposes including travel, seminars, conferences, interviews, experiments, surveys, library costs, and other expenses. Applications must be for projects that relate to one or more of the Mershon Center's three areas of focus:

- The use of force and diplomacy
- The ideas, identities and decisional processes that affect security
- The institutions that manage violent conflict

For more information, go to: <http://mershoncenter.osu.edu/grants/grants/grants.htm>

Corrections Compendium

Have you recently completed a research study or scholarly essay that you think would be of interest to those in corrections? ***Corrections Compendium***, the bimonthly journal of the American Correctional Association, is seeking submissions for upcoming issues. Its international readership includes individuals involved in various sectors of the corrections and criminal justice fields, including individuals employed in academia, state and local correctional agencies, and community corrections, to those in probation and parole and juvenile services.

A leading peer-reviewed publication in the corrections field, ***Corrections Compendium*** welcomes you to submit your research-based papers for possible publication. We are open to submissions on all subjects — provided that they relate to corrections and

adhere to standards of quality scholarship. A typical article is approximately 3,000 to 6,000 words, excluding references, endnotes, tables, charts, etc. All submissions are reviewed by members of our editorial advisory board.

Articles must not have been published elsewhere or be under consideration by another publication. Do you think you may have just what we are looking for? If so, please e-mail your article to Susan Clayton, Managing Editor, Periodicals, ACA, at susanc@aca.org in Microsoft Word or WordPerfect format, double spaced, with any tables or charts at the end of the text. Please remember to include your name, title, affiliation, address, daytime telephone number, fax number and e-mail address.

Deadline for submissions: Continuous

The *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* invites individuals to submit manuscripts for consideration for inclusion in a planned special issue on Crime and Justice in China. This volume will focus on the legal reforms, particularly the reforms of the criminal justice system, and their impact on crime and justice in the past 25 years since the economic reforms in China. Appropriate topics for submitted manuscripts include legal reforms, characteristics of specific criminality and victimization, laws and practices with regard to policing, courts/sentencing, and corrections/punishment. The journal particularly welcomes empirical research that utilizes survey, interview, fieldwork data, and existing published official data. Both quantitative and qualitative approaches are appropriate. Theoretical and analytical papers are appropriate and welcomed as well.

Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics should be directed to one of the guest editors: Hong Lu, University of Nevada, Las Vegas can be reached via email (at hong.lu@unlv.edu) or telephone (702-895-0242); Terance D. Miethe, University of Nevada, Las Vegas can be reached via email (at miethe@unlv.nevada.edu) or telephone (702-895-0248).

All manuscripts will be peer reviewed. 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 Hong Lu, Department of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas, NV 89154-5009.

Deadline for submissions: July 1, 2009

The *Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity* is seeking informal partnerships with OSU faculty and staff who are engaged in research, scholarship, instruction, administration, or service that connect to one or more of the Institute's major research themes related to race, ethnicity, and social justice. The Kirwan Institute Affiliated Faculty and Staff Initiative—an expansion of the current Affiliated Faculty

Program—is designed to create opportunities for meaningful collaboration across disciplines at OSU and to mutually enhance the capacity of the Institute and the University to engage in relevant research, instruction, service and policy making.

For information about the Kirwan Institute Affiliated Faculty and Staff Initiative, contact Tom Rudd, Senior Researcher, at 247-8458 or rudd.35@osu.edu, or visit the website below:

<http://www.kirwaninstitute.org/about-us/get-affiliated/affiliated-faculty-staff.php>

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An Interview with Jeremy Wilson

OSU has a lot of alums, but we think few busier than Jeremy Wilson, Ph.D. grad in public administration. He currently is the research director and associate professor in the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University and a visiting scholar at the Australian Research Council's Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security at Griffith University.

Jeremy began his graduate training in the Department of Criminal Justice at Indiana University. There he worked closely with Alex Weiss, Kip Schlegel, and several other faculty members. Having heard good things about OSU's doctoral program in public administration, Jeremy decided to go study with Ron Huff, then professor and director of the School of Public Policy and Administration. There his graduate coursework exposed him to a variety of disciplines outside the mainstream of criminology including economics, finance and management. This broader framework not only expanded his toolbox, it helped shape his thinking about how to approach criminal justice topics.

A year after Jeremy began his studies at OSU, Ron Huff left to become Dean of the School of Social Ecology at UC Irvine. Jeremy quickly extended his network, and soon he connected with a number of active OSU researchers including Joe Donnermeyer in Human and Community Resource Development and Ruth Peterson in Sociology. He completed his Ph.D. with a dissertation on community policing.

After a year at the University of Toledo, Jeremy joined the criminal justice team at the RAND Corporation. There he was exposed to economists, methodologists, and a truly multidisciplinary approach his OSU experience helped him to appreciate. At RAND he quickly became a "research engine," initiating a variety of projects and securing a number of big, competitive grants. It was exciting to be involved in numerous important lines of research, but over time his administrative role moved him further from the very professionals whose problems he was trying to solve.

As a faculty member at Michigan State Jeremy is able to stay a bit closer to his research subjects and the data they generate as well as be able to be more involved in student development. The university has invested in his efforts to enhance its research capacity and visibility. One manifestation of this is a comprehensive anti-counterfeiting program whose partners include non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private industry as well as governmental agencies.

Virtually everything Jeremy's been involved in relates to his commitment to "...helping to address society's most salient public safety problems." A self-described "policy person with applied interests," he feels very good about having had lead roles in founding RAND's Center on Quality Policing and Police Recruitment and Retention Clearinghouse (which he continues to direct) and MSU's Police Studies Consortium (an intellectual environment aimed at integrating MSU's police scholars to address the law enforcement community's most pressing problems and to provide professional development opportunities for students and faculty).

What advice does Jeremy have for graduate students? For one, passive individuals will miss out on important experiences. Students, therefore, must take an active role in their education and make opportunities happen. Just as important, connect with productive, trustworthy mentors. Students need them for socialization and professionalization.

The model certainly seems to have worked well for Jeremy Wilson.

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 Derrick Bryan at bryan.127@osu.edu. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Derrick your e-mail address.