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**This issue's feature:**

**Economic Recession May Lead to Cybercrime Boom!**

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Hello, everyone. I hope that Autumn Quarter 2009 is off to a good start for you. Before pointing to our fall calendar of events, I want to offer big **CONGRATULATIONS** on behalf of the entire CJRC membership to our newly promoted faculty affiliates. Celebrating important academic milestones this fall are:

**Catherine Calder** (Statistics), **Marianna Klochko** (Sociology, Marion), and **Deanna Wilkinson** (Human Development and Family Science), who received Tenure and were promoted to Associate Professor; and

**Dana Haynie** (Sociology) and **Randy Roth** (History), who were promoted to Professor.

## **CONGRATULATIONS AND HATS OFF TO EACH OF YOU!!!**

After a very busy summer where we hosted our fourth Summer Research Institute and our 6<sup>th</sup> workshop of the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network, we are off to an equally busy fall term. In just a couple of days (October 2-3, 2009), we will be hosting a National Science Foundation-sponsored interdisciplinary conference on "The Dynamics of Space-Time Use: Measurement, Patterns, and Consequences" that will feature national and local scholars reporting on their innovative work on this topic. This conference, described in greater detail below, will involve the kind of intellectual exchange that should lead to advances in substantive findings and methodological approaches regarding how space and time dynamics affect human behavior and related outcomes. Later in October, we will have the first presentation in our regular monthly seminar series. We are very pleased that **Amy Bonomi** (Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science) will be our lead off speaker as she is conducting very important research on victim recantation in domestic violence cases (see the more detailed description below). Following Amy, on December 4, 2009, **Christopher Lyons** (Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico) will join us to discuss some of his work on hate crimes. (Stay tuned for his title and abstract.) Clearly, it is going to be an intellectually stimulating quarter. So please mark

your calendars for these dates. In doing so, please note that we have a slight change of venue for the series. The seminars will be held in Room 217, Journalism Building. This is CJRC's own seminar room. However, we will miss our prior space in the Initiative in Population Research. **Thanks Susan Pennington, Randy Olsen, and John Casterline for sharing with us over the past few years.**

With the exception of change in the location of the seminar series, administratively things are steady state at CJRC. **Debbie Flower-Smith** is back for her third year as our very able administrative associate, and **Susan Pennington** continues to serve as a partial back-up for Debbie. **Derrick Bryan** signed on for another year as the newsletter editor; so, please continue to let him know about your accomplishments and other news. In addition to Derrick, we continue to have a core group of graduate students who step in the help whenever it is needed (**Bill Darnieder, Tim Hawthorne, Aubrey Jackson, Xin Jiang, Darlene Saporu**, and **Heather Washington**). **Mark Davis** and **Mike Maltz** are still on board as Research Scientists. **Candace Anderson** and **Breanna Williams** are back as undergraduate associates. And, **Laurie Krivo** is continuing to serve as Associate Director of the Center. These "worker bees" (and you) are what makes the center a second intellectual home for so many of us. Thanks very much to all of you, and welcome to fall quarter.

--Ruth

## **UPCOMING CJRC EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**October 2-3, 2009**

**"Dynamics of Space-Time Use: Measurement, Patterns and Consequences"**

**10:30am-5:00pm, Friday October 2nd; 8:30am-1:00pm. Saturday, October 3rd,  
Faculty Club Grand Lounge, Ohio State University**

This conference is part of a National Science Foundation Human and Social Dynamics (HSD) project on the "Dynamics of Space and Time Use: Patterns, Causes, and Consequences for Crime and Problem Behaviors." The general aim of the conference is to help advance innovative research on space-time dynamics and human behavior. In line with this goal, the conference brings together top scholars from a variety of disciplines who are involved in research on the measurement, patterns, and/or consequences of space-time use for human problem and other behaviors. By allowing for intellectual exchange of ideas and approaches among a set of top-notch scholars who cross disciplinary boundaries, the conference seeks to spread ideas across a wide array of scholarly communities, thereby broadly impacting methods and substantive findings regarding the spatially and temporally embedded dynamics of human behavior. The presenters include:

Vincent David (Visiting Fellow, Northwestern University); Barbara Entwisle (Kenan Professor of Sociology and Director of the Carolina Population Center, University of

North Carolina); Michael F. Goodchild (Professor of Geography and Director of the Center for Spatial Studies, University of California-Santa Barbara); Richard Grannis (Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles); Stephen A. Matthews (Associate Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Demography, Faculty Director of Geographic Information Analysis Core, and Senior Research Associate in the Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University); Talia McCray (Assistant Professor of Community and Regional Planning, University of Texas); as well as Ohio State University's own: Christopher Browning (Associate Professor of Sociology); Catherine Calder (Associate Professor of Statistics); Rachel Dwyer (Assistant Professor of Sociology); Lauren J. Krivo (Professor of Sociology and Associate Director of the Criminal Justice Research Center); Mei-Po Kwan (distinguished Professor of Social and Behavioral Science and Professor of Geography); and Liana Sayer (Associate professor of Sociology).

**October 30, 2009, Amy Bonomi (Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Science)**

**"Re-conceptualizing Victim Recantation in Domestic Violence Cases"**

**9:00am-10:20am, Friday October 30th; Room 217 Journalism Building, Ohio State University**

**ABSTRACT:**

Prosecutors struggle with high levels of victim recantation in domestic violence cases. For years prosecutors and advocates believed that victims recanted because perpetrators overtly threatened and coerced them. However, this perspective offers an incomplete picture because it neglects other complex interpersonal dynamics influencing the victim's decision-making process. We use concepts from family systems and attachment theories to re-conceptualize recantation a complicated bi-directional, interpersonal process grounded in the intimacy needs of both partners. Specifically, recantation serves to alleviate both the victim and perpetrator's fears of being without each other, and also ensures that the victim and perpetrator will have future opportunities for working out their intimacy needs - even if working out these needs involves violence to do so. Significantly, this approach to recantation need not oppose the dominant approach, which prioritizes the coercive influence of the perpetrator but may, in fact, help to further explain that influence by situating it within a more comprehensive and complex interpersonal dynamic. Transcripts of telephone conversations of couples taped over the length of the perpetrator's jail stay at the King County Detention Facility in Seattle, Washington will be used to illustrate this re-conceptualization of recantation.

**WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING**

**Jim Taylor (Sociology; Ohio University)** appeared on the WOUB television program Newswatch on July 31st to briefly discuss his research on masculinities, guns culture and stigma management. His 2009 book *American Gun Culture: Collectors, Shows and the Story of the Gun* . - was released by LFB Scholarly Publishing on July 15.

**Deanna Wilkinson (Human Development and Family Science; OSU)** was granted tenure at Ohio State University this year! Her most recent publication is:

Wilkinson, D.L., Magora, A.\*, Garcia, M.\* and Khuranna, A.\* (2009). "Fathering from the Margins of Society." *Journal of Family Issues*, Volume 30: 945-967. \*student co-authors.

She has also given the following presentations:

Wilkinson, Deanna (2009). "Event Dynamics and the Role of Third Parties in Urban Youth Violence." A presentation to the CeaseFire Chicago staff and Ashoka visitors. July 29. Chicago, IL.

Wilkinson, Deanna (2009). "Revitalizing the Village: A Community-Based Violence Prevention Collaborative." A presentation to the United Way of Central Ohio Neighborhood Impact Council. August 12. Columbus, OH.

Wilkinson, Deanna, Anita Parker, Ashley Hicks, Angela Harvey, Mark Davis, and Victoria Venable (2009). "A Look at Collaborative Partnerships, Programs, and Agency Networks: Results of a Pilot Study in East Columbus." A presentation to respondents in the BCC study and the YVPAB. August 19. Columbus, OH.

Wilkinson, Deanna (2009). "Understanding and Preventing Urban Youth Violence: Lesson from Youth involved in Violence" (2009). Off to a Great Start 7th annual Conference. August 20. Columbus, OH.

**Richard Lundman (Sociology; OSU)** has the following publications:

Lundman, Richard J. and Brian R. Kowalski. "Speeding While Black? Assessing the Generalizability of the Lange and Colleagues (2001, 2005) New Jersey Turnpike Speeding Survey Findings." *Justice Quarterly* 26 (September 2009):504-527.

Lundman, Richard J. "Police Blue or Women Too? Officer Gender and Traffic Ticket Decisions by Boston Police." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 37 (August 2009):342-352.

**Danielle Kuhl (Bowling Green State University)** and **David Maimon (University of Miami)** won the Best Publication Award from the Mental Health Section of ASA (award presented at annual ASA meetings, San Francisco, August 2009) for their article, "Social Control and Youth Suicidality: Situating Durkheim's Ideas in a Multilevel Framework." *American Sociological Review* 73:921-43.

**Walter DeKeseredy (University of Ontario Institute of Technology)** presented a paper titled "Girls, Crime, and Criminal Justice in the Canadian Context" at the Fifth Annual Conference on Girls, Community, & Justice at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth on May 1, 2009.

**Joseph Donnermeyer (Rural Sociology; OSU)** gave an invited lecture on March 27, 2009 to the Department of Criminal Justice at Indiana University titled "Toward a Rural Criminology." He also had advisee Yuh-Yuh Li, Rural Sociology Graduate Program complete her dissertation entitled "Social Structure, Social Control and Crime in Rural Communities: A Test of Social Disorganization Theory."

Joe also presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Madison, Wisconsin (August) – entitled "*Crime in Rural Communities: Structural Equations Models of Violent and Property Crime in Nonmetropolitan Counties.*" And has the following publications:

Walter S. DeKeseredy, Joseph F. Donnermeyer and Martin D. Schwartz, (2009), "Toward a Gendered Second Generation CPTED for Preventing Woman Abuse in Rural Communities," *Security Journal*, 22, 3 (July), 178-189.

Book chapter by Joseph F. Donnermeyer, Pat Jobes, and Elaine Barclay, (2009), "Sociological Theory, Social Change, and Crime in Rural Communities," pp. 305-319 in Ann Denis and Devorah Kalekin-Fishman (eds.), *Contemporary Sociology: Conflict, Competition, Cooperation*. Los Angeles: Sage Publications.

**David Jacobs (Sociology; OSU)** has the following new publication:

Keen, Bradley and David Jacobs. 2009. "Racial Threat, Partisan Politics, and Racial Disparities in Prison Admissions: A Panel Analysis." *Criminology*; February 47:209-238.

**Cathy McDaniels Wilson (Xavier University)** and **Joanne Belknap (University of Colorado)** won the Violence Against Women (Journal) 2008 Best Article award for their article, "The Extensive Sexual Violation and Sexual Abuse Histories of Incarcerated Women."

**Andrew Grant-Thomas (Kirwan Institute; OSU)** is co-editor of the recently-published book: *Color Lines: Multiracial Change in Contemporary America*, published by Temple University Press.

**Hasan Kwame Jefferies (Kirwan Institute; OSU)** is the editor of *Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights Black Power in Alabama's Black Belt*. The book was released on July 1, 2009 by New York University Press.

**Michael D. Maltz (OSU, Sociology)** and a colleague recently completed a study for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, evaluating the methods they use in forecasting prisoner and parolee populations.

The report is available at <http://sociology.osu.edu/mdm/CDCRPopForecast>

**Glenn McNair (Kenyon College)** has been named to the editorial board of the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*, and his book *"It's Criminal Injustice: Slaves and Free Blacks in Georgia's Criminal Justice System"* (2009) has been published by University of Virginia Press.

**Randy Roth (History, OSU)** received the Ohio State University Alumni Distinguished Teaching Award in 2009! He also has a new book entitled *"American Homicide: An Interregional, Comparative Study of Homicide in the United States from Colonial Times to the Present."* It will be published by The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press in October, 2009.

A supplemental volume of methodological essays, statistical tables, graphs, and quantitative analyses will be available in October through the CJRC's on-line Historical Violence Database, where Randy's spreadsheets and case notes will also be available to scholars. The materials from *American Homicide* are part of a general update of the database, which will include many new datasets.

**Deborah Merritt (Moritz College of Law, OSU)** was invited to brief and argue a case in the United States Supreme Court. It is a copyright/federal jurisdiction case called *Reed Elsevier v. Muchnick*. It stems from a large class action involving copyright interests in electronic databases like Lexis and WestLaw. She will argue the case on October 7.

A link to her brief is below:

[http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/briefs/pdfs/07-08/08-103\\_JudgmentCourtAppointedAmCu.pdf](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/preview/briefs/pdfs/07-08/08-103_JudgmentCourtAppointedAmCu.pdf)

## **CALLS FOR PAPERS, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **2009 Grant Writing Seminars:**

The Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) will be hosting free Grant Writing Seminars in 2009. OCJS' grants' training provides an overview of identifying grant sources, analyzing program objectives, creating a budget, seeking letters of support, and proposal writing. Federal and state grants available to criminal justice professionals will be discussed. Attendees will also receive the OCJS publication, *Grant Writing: Identifying and Applying for Funding in a Competitive Market*. Trainings will take place on the following dates: October 27 and November 24. OCJS will also be hosting a free specialized training on Designing and Effective Evaluation Strategy on December 29. All trainings will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Motorcycle Classroom, located at 1970 W. Broad St., Columbus, on the first floor.

To download and print a registration form, visit:

<http://www.ocjs.ohio.gov/Trainingmain.htm>

***Ohio Family Violence Prevention Summit:***

October 27-28, 2009 at the Cherry Valley Lodge in Newark, OH

Anthem Foundation and the Ohio Domestic Violence Network's two-day Summit and premiere training event aims to advance Ohio's capacity to deliver quality family violence prevention services. The event will offer nationally recognized experts from the field while also showcasing Ohio-based prevention examples and resources. The event is unique in that it will provide a collective forum for stakeholders in child abuse, intimate partner violence, and elder abuse to join together to address preventing perpetration before it may occur. The event will incorporate technology, interactive teaching, skills-transfer methods and will apply local data sets to engage and empower Ohio communities and social service organizations for greater impact.

For more information please visit: <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. They 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 the 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 they are looking for? If so, please e-mail your article to Susan Clayton, Managing Editor, Periodicals, ACA, at [susanc@aca.org](mailto: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 submissions for a special issue, *Between Black and White: Theorizing Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice*, edited by María Vélez, Rod Brunson and Jody Miller. The editors seek manuscripts on a variety of topics within this broad area, with the goal of showcasing theoretically grounded research that investigates the connections between race, crime and justice that go beyond the black/white divide typical of research in criminology and criminal justice.

This includes, for example, research that considers the experiences of racial and ethnic groups typically excluded from criminological research, and research that considers the intersections of race with class and gender. They also welcome theoretical pieces, and seek to include submissions from diverse methodological approaches. The inquiries about the appropriateness of topics can be directed to the special issue editors. All manuscripts will be peer reviewed. They should be no more than 30 typed double-spaced pages, including tables, figures, and references. Manuscripts must be received no later than **October 1, 2010**. Please send two **electronic** copies of the manuscript (one complete version with a cover page and one blind copy with all identifying information removed) to María B. Vélez at [mvelez@unm.edu](mailto:mvelez@unm.edu). Guidelines for authors and additional information are available at: <http://ccj.sagepub.com>.

#### **Deadline for submissions: October 1, 2010**



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](mailto:rudd.35@osu.edu), or visit the website below:

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

### ***Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity***

Calls for papers for the next three issues of the Kirwan Journal, *Race/Ethnicity: Multidisciplinary Global Contexts*, are available at the Race/Ethnicity web site (<http://raceethnicity.org/>). Topics are "Human Rights, Social Justice, and the Impact of Race," "Intersections of Race and Gender," and "Reworking Race and Labor."

#### **This Issue's Feature:**

#### **Economic Recession may lead to Cybercrime Boom!**

by

Derrick Bryan and Mark Davis

The global recession has led to a rise in cybercrime worldwide, as governments' attention to cybercrime is deflected toward more pressing economic problems. The dismal economy has opened the door for consumers to be scammed in a variety of ways. For example, people are receiving phishing emails asking them to provide bank account information so as to avoid having their bank account closed down in a merger. Once the person provides their information, their account gets raided and/or depleted.

According to a report issued in late March by the FBI's Internet Fraud Complaint Center, Internet fraud in the U.S. increased by 33% in 2008, rising for the first time in three years. As the country suffers through a deepening recession, early indicators for 2009 are equally menacing, with February to March 2009 showing a 50% increase in reported Internet fraud complaints. These numbers may be shocking, but given that the vast majority of incidents go unreported, the threat of identification theft may actually be much more serious than these figures would lead us to believe.

Internet fraud includes everything from phony sales on auction and classified sites such as eBay Inc. and craigslist.com to smaller scale versions of the Ponzi scheme perpetrated by disgraced New York financier Bernard Madoff. One new Internet identity theft scam involves e-mails that have the appearance of originating from the FBI or other federal agencies seeking the recipient's bank account information in order to help with illegal wire transfer investigations.

People are also being sucked into cyber money laundering by fake work from home jobs. They are offered the chance to be an "international sales rep." They open a bank account, and receive money. They then wire the money to a third party. In reality the transaction is money laundering, pure and simple. The victim of the scam is known as a cyber mule, named after the 'mules' that carry drugs across borders.

Three big developments have influenced the increase in cybercrime over the past year. First, as more IT professionals get laid off, some will shift into illegal activity to make money. Second, cybercriminals have become the main beneficiaries of the increased availability and use of broadband Internet access by every American family. Lastly, cybercriminals have continued to exploit the best web and online-banking based technologies, such as Trojan technologies, to maximize their illegal gains.

Given the state of the global economy, we think we can expect the incidence of cybercrime to increase as more technically savvy (and ethically challenged) techies find themselves out of work. Hopefully, the same economic forces that will drive more people to perpetrate phishing, identity theft, and other types of cyber-fraud schemes will also motivate collaboration between the public and private sectors that is so hard to achieve when times are good.

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**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](mailto:bryan.127@osu.edu). If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Derrick your e-mail address.**