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From the Director’s Desk



Hello, everyone!!! Congratulations on successfully completing Autumn Quarter 2010, and for the many, many successes and accomplishments garnered along the way (see column on "What Center Participants are Doing"). As you will see below, CJRC affiliates have been very busy as usual and have impressed numerous

decision-making and award granting bodies already this year. The level of successful endeavors is not at all surprising, but they are worthy of celebrating one more time, as routine as they may be for you.

Among the activities that Amanda reports on below is CJRC affiliates’ participation in the 2010 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Overall, the meeting seemed to be lively and interesting. I take time here to comment on just two additional activities that Amanda does not report on below. First, one exciting aspect of the conference were sessions involving the newly appointed Directors of The National Institute of Justice (John Laub) and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (Jim Lynch). It is very exciting to have these accomplished academics heading up the organizations that are, respectively, the research and statistical arms of justice. Along with Joan Petersilia (Stanford Law School), I was fortunate to be able to participate in one of the sessions that featured John Laub. He presented a ten-point vision for NIJ, and Joan and I commented on this vision. Joan, wise as usual, gave sage advice about interfacing with high-level policymakers and heads of governmental entities. I offered my comments as a set of wishes that I would grant to him if I had the power to do so, including providing him with: even more wisdom to implement his vision of making NIJ the leader in scientific research on crime and justice(of course, I put in my two cents about what should be included in this research agenda); a positive political climate for achieving this goal; and adequate resources (including diverse personnel and researchers) to advance the scientific

agenda. Like Joan and me, audience members commented on the vision from their particular vantage points (as practitioners, lawmakers, scientists, etc.). Whatever individuals’ feedback to John, what was evident from the session was the importance of his vision for NIJ, the numerous and complex stakeholders whose interests he must balance in his work, how much we all wish him well in this endeavor, and how optimistic we all are that NIJ can succeed in its mission under John’s direction.

Second, during the meetings, Amanda, Laurie Krivo, and I also engaged in mid-year activities related to CJRC’s signature Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN) activities. We had the opportunity to: interact with “graduates” of our Summer Research Institute (SRI); recruit for the upcoming SRI; and get feedback on plans for the upcoming RDCJN workshop.

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These too were successful endeavors. We are very pleased that many of the RDCJN members participated in the meetings, and that the summer institute faculty attending the meeting are being productive and succeeding in their jobs. We look forward to seeing them again this summer, when a number in the earliest cohorts should be reporting successful tenure decisions.

In the meantime, since the last newsletter, we have had two very stimulating seminars right here at home. Just before we took off for the ASC meetings, Xin Jiang (doctoral candidate in sociology) presented a seminar on her work on extra-curricular school activities and delinquency among immigrant youth. Dylan Adams reports on this talk below. And, most recently (December 3, 2010), Hal Pepinsky (Professor Emeritus, Indiana University) offered a "roundtable-like" discussion regarding violence and peacemaking that had us all pondering a very different approach to addressing crime problems and criminal justice concerns. Dylan will provide a write up on this seminar in the next volume of the newsletter.

Again, congratulations on a successful and award-winning quarter. Best wishes for a peaceful and relaxing holiday season.

---- Ruth



Upcoming Talk: Mathew Coleman

"Detention and Deportation in Context: State Power and Social Control in the U.S. South":

A talk by Mathew Coleman, Assistant Professor of Geography, The Ohio State University.

Friday, January 14, 2011, 9:00-10:20 a.m.

217 Journalism, 242 W. 18th Ave., OSU Campus.



Dr. Mathew Coleman

Abstract: Experimental federal initiatives to devolve immigration enforcement to nonfederal law enforcement agencies – for example through the 287(g) and Secure Communities programs – are widespread in the U.S. South. As a result, immigrants' spaces of everyday labor as well as circuits of social reproduction have become saturated with immigration policing practices unlike at any other time in US history. However, this is not a uniform enforcement landscape. Rather, programs like 287(g) and Secure Communities accord to political, legal and biographical context, and as a result include a wide range of enforcement practices.

Based on qualitative and legal research in central North Carolina, this presentation explores the site-specific practices that constitute local immigration enforcement. Dr. Coleman calls these local "detention and deportation regimes". He concludes that although detention and deportation works very differently depending on the site in question, in general the goal of programs like 287(g) and Secure Communities is about the production of immigrant insecurity.

Xin Jiang's Talk at the CJRC

By Dylan Adams, CJRC Undergraduate Intern

As we prepare for the holiday season, we are certainly keeping ourselves busy here at the CJRC. With all of the recent scholarly events taking place, such as the American Society of Criminology 2010 Annual Meeting, many of our students and faculty members have been quite busy traveling, discussing, and presenting their work. In the midst of all this madness, we were especially delighted to have our very own graduate student, Xin Jiang, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, give her presentation on Friday, November 12, 2010 as the second edition of our monthly lecture series. Based upon her dissertation, the speech was titled "Immigrant Generation, School Extracurricular Activities, and Adolescent Violence" and would serve as a rehearsal for the ASC 2010 Annual Meeting, where Xin gave a similar version of the presentation on Thursday, November 18.



Xin Jiang at her presentation

Using data from The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (Add Health), and drawing from popular ideas of social control theory, Xin conducted research to address the effects of extracurricular activity participation on violence involvement among adolescent immigrants. Immigrant status was broken into "first-generation," "second-generation," and "third-generation," while extracurricular activities were broken into "sports alone," "non-sports alone," and "both sports and non-sports." She drew several conclusions: 1) adolescents from later generations participate more in extracurricular activities than earlier generations, though overall participation remains high among all generations, 2) school extracurricular activities protect youth from violence involvement, just as social control theory predicts, but this varies depending on the type of activity, and 3) first-generation Asians and Hispanics who participate in extracurricular activities display high levels of violence in comparison to other racial/ethnic groups.

Overall, Xin Jiang strikes me as a promising young scholar. Her research interests – which directly result from her daily observations and experiences as an immigrant to the United States – are highly relevant and her findings provide implications for policy reform. Prior to hearing her speech, I was unaware of the many difficult aspects of trying to adapt to the United States' school system as an immigrant. Perhaps the most exciting thing about Xin's research is the fact that she has built a formidable foundation for future research. When I spoke with her, I noted that I was rather impressed with the plethora of intriguing questions she received directly following her presentation; these questions imply that there are numerous potential directions for future research. In today's publish-or-perish academic climate, this is a marvelous asset to possess when starting a career.

Be on the lookout for Xin Jiang in her upcoming academic years, especially as she publishes her dissertation and enters the world of academe. "Immigrant Generation, School Extracurricular Activities, and Adolescent Violence" is likely to be the first of many significant papers to come from this aspiring sociological gem.

What Center Participants are Doing

Many CJRC-affiliated faculty, graduate students and alumni presented their work at the recent American Society of Criminology meetings which were held in San Francisco from November 17 – 20. As evidenced by the presentations at the conference, our scholars continue to prolifically produce meaningful research. Current CJRC Ph.D. students Darlene Saporu, Brian Soller, Xin Jiang and Aubrey Jackson presented individual papers in sessions. Sociology Professor Paul Bellair and Brian Kowalski of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections presented a paper, co-authored with CJRC alumnus Christopher Huggins, entitled "Labor Market Context, Employment and Recidivism." Ph.D. student Heather Washington and Professors Laurie Krivo and Ruth Peterson highlighted their work from CJRC's interdisciplinary Spatial Crime Research Working Group in a paper entitled "Social Isolation, Residential Neighborhood Exposure, and Child Behavior Problems." Graduate student Ashley Hicks and faculty members Deanna Wilkinson, Anita Parker and James Moore III presented as key members of a roundtable session entitled "Community Capacity for Implementing 'Cease Fire'-like Models: How Best to Start."

These are but a few of the highlights of CJRC members' research, as a number of our members presented at the conference. To search for complete titles and abstracts from all of our CJRC affiliates, please click here: [Search 2010 ASC Abstracts](#).

Walter DeKeseredy (Criminal Justice and Policy Studies – University of Ontario Institute of Technology)

Dr. DeKeseredy was the Special Issue Co-Editor of "The Present and Future of Left Realism" issue of *Crime, Law and Social Change* (2010), Vol. 54. In the volume, he co-authored the article "Friedman economic policies, social exclusion, and crime: Toward a gendered left realist subcultural theory" with Martin Schwartz (Ohio University). Dr. DeKeseredy also has the article, "Feminist Contributions to Understanding Woman Abuse: Myths, Controversies, and Realities" in press at *Aggression & Violent Behavior*. Lastly, Dr. Keseredy presented two papers at the recent American Society of Criminology meetings, both co-authored with Callie Rennison (University of Missouri-St. Louis) and Molly Dragiewicz (Ontario Institute of Technology). The papers were entitled "Urban, Suburban, and Rural Variations in Separation/Divorce Sexual Assault: Results from the National Crime Victimization Survey," and "Intimate Relationship Status Variations in Violence Against Women: Urban, Suburban, and Rural Differences."

Joseph Donnermeyer (Rural Sociology – OSU)

Dr. Donnermeyer was one of six faculty members nationally to receive the 2010 North Central Regional Teaching Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.



Joshua Dressler (Moritz College of Law - OSU)

Already the Frank R. Strong Chair in Law at Moritz College of Law, Joshua Dressler will be the Bacon-Kilkenny Distinguished Professor for the Spring 2011 semester at Fordham University School of Law.

His article, "[Feminist \(or 'Feminist'\) Reform of Self-Defense Law: Some Critical Reflections](#)," was recently published in *Marquette University Law Review* (Vol. 93, Issue 4, 2010). His chapter on the defense of duress will be published shortly in the *Philosophy of Criminal Law Handbook* (Oxford University Press). He has also been invited to write an essay for publication in the Cambridge University Press, to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Professor Glanville Williams, described by the New York Times as Britain's "foremost scholar of criminal law."

Stephen Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Science, Center for Family Research – OSU)

Dr. Gavazzi has been nominated by Provost Joseph Alutto to become the dean and director of Ohio State-Mansfield. Pending Board of Trustees approval, he will assume this appointment at the beginning of 2011.

Angela Harvey (Sociology – OSU-Newark)

Under the leadership of Dr. Harvey, the "Inside Out" Program had its second graduating class on November 24, 2010. Twenty students from both Ohio State-Newark and the Southeastern Correctional Facility took an intensive course exploring the U.S. criminal justice system. Each week, Ohio State-Newark students went to the prison in Lancaster, discussing with the students at the prison the impacts of crime and incarceration on communities and individuals. For more information on the graduating class, [click here](#). For more information on the national Inside Out Program, [click here](#).

Aubrey Jackson (Sociology – OSU)

Ms. Jackson received the 2010 award for the best graduate student paper ("The Right to Refuse: Gender Conflict and Marital Rape Laws in the US") from the Division on Women and Crime of the American Society of Criminology.

Michael Maltz (Sociology, CJRC – OSU)

Dr. Maltz has two recently published articles: "Picturing JQC's future," in *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* (Vol. 26, 425-428, 2010), and "Data, Data Everywhere" in *Justice Research and Policy* (Vol. 12, No. 2, 2010).



Randolph Roth (History – OSU)

Dr. Roth received the 2010 Allan Sharlin Memorial Prize from the Social Science History Association (SSHA) for his book, *American Homicide*, which was the subject of an "Author Meets Critics" session at the November meeting of the SSHA in Chicago. He also

presented a paper on "The Relationship between Guns and Homicide in American History" at the November meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, and he was interviewed for the *Dr. Milt Rosenberg Show* on WGN Radio in Chicago. Dr. Roth has been elected to the Advisory Board of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, and he recently completed an expansion and update of the Historical Violence Database with the help of Amanda Kennedy of the CJRC.



**Elizabeth Stasny
(Statistics – OSU)**

Dr. Stasny has been appointed by U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder to serve as one of eighteen distinguished scholars and practitioners in criminology,

statistics, sociology, and the criminal and juvenile justice fields on the newly created Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Science Advisory Board.

**Dorian Wingard (John Glenn School of Public Affairs
Alumnus - OSU)**

On November 22nd, Mr. Wingard was newly appointed as Assistant Director of Policy & Programs/Chief of Staff for Franklin County Department of Jobs & Family Services.

**Opportunities, Calls for Papers, and
Conferences**

***Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
visibility survey:***

OSU faculty and staff on the Columbus campus are invited to complete an online survey designed to assist the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity in gauging the strength of the Institute's visibility within the university community and provide direction on future collaborative activity. The voluntary confidential survey is linked at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8ZNR6PD>.

**A symposium entitled “Gender and States of
Emergency”** will be hosted by the Ohio State University’s Department of Women’s Studies on April 22, 2011. The Department of Women’s Studies invites presenters for the symposium. They hope to gather a range of perspectives on how gender, in relation to racial, sexual, bodily, and economic dimensions is vital to investigating the impact of war, natural disasters, and political upheavals. At the same time, “states of emergency” cannot be confined to discussions of catastrophic events; trauma exists in the everyday. In addition, some political actors work to define a particular moment as a state of emergency in order to mobilize publics, re-define citizenship, or execute political machinery. Participants will explore the issue of states of emergency from a variety of angles, not only states in (economic, political or environmental) emergency, but also, for example, what it means to be in a state of crisis as a particularly situated woman. Participants will examine the nexus of material and affective “states” of crisis, considering the difference that gender makes in natural disasters, war, public policy, institutions and national discourse about citizenship and belonging.

Papers are sought which address gender and states of emergency in relation to topics such as war, institutions, **law**, literature, popular culture, natural disasters, state and **intimate violence**, citizenship, **immigration**, environment, health, and economic instabilities. They welcome papers with U.S., non-U.S., and transnational foci. Some participants may be asked to contribute to a publication devoted to this theme.

Symposium Events:

- Kimberlé Crenshaw, Professor of Law at UCLA and Columbia Law School will open the symposium with an evening keynote address on April 21st.
- Cynthia Enloe, Professor in the Department of International Development, Community, and Environment and Women’s Studies at Clark University, will provide a closing keynote the evening of April 22nd.
- The all-day symposium on April 22nd will include a continental breakfast, boxed lunch (with registration fee) and an evening reception.

Please send a 300-500 word abstract by January 7, 2011 to: genderstates@gmail.com. Questions about the conference also can be directed to that email.

Call for papers for Race & Ethnicity:

Multidisciplinary Global Contexts, the academic journal of the Kirwan Institute at OSU: The editors of the acclaimed journal are currently seeking articles for their Summer 2011 issue, which will be on the theme “Race and the Food System,” and **submissions must be received by January 10, 2011** for consideration. Also, articles are being sought for the Winter 2012 issue of the journal with the theme, “500 Years Later: Reverberations of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.” **The submission deadline is May 15, 2011.**

For more information, please go to: <http://www.raceethnicity.org/call4paper.html>.

Call for submissions for “Criminal Gangs: Street, Prison, and Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs,” a special issue of The American Journal of Criminal Justice:

The official journal of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, *The American Journal of Criminal Justice*, invites submissions for this special issue guest edited by Dr. Thomas Barker (Eastern Kentucky University). They welcome manuscripts from diverse methodological approaches. Manuscripts should also focus on implications of the research for criminal justice policy and practice. Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics can be directed to the special issue editor. All of the manuscripts will

undergo blind peer review. Manuscripts should not exceed 25 pages double-spaced including tables, figures, and references. Please send two electronic copies (one complete version and one blind copy with all author/s' identifying information removed) to Dr. Thomas Barker at Tom.Barker@eku.edu. **Manuscripts should be received no later than February 15, 2011.** [Click here](#) to go to the journal's style and formatting guidelines for authors and additional information.

Call for nominations for the 2011 Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Law and Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP): The Law and Society Division of the SSSP annually gives the Alfred R. Lindesmith Award to the best paper that is law-related and written by one or more untenured faculty and/or graduate student(s) and has not been accepted for publication prior to the nomination deadline. They welcome nominations, including self-nominations, for papers that meet this criteria. Ohio State Ph.D. student Aubrey Jackson won this year's Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for her paper, "The Right to Refuse Sex: Gender Conflict and Marital Rape Laws in the U.S." Please email inquiries and papers to: Dr. Lloyd Klein, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, St. Francis College, lklein@stfranciscollege.edu. **The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2011.** The winner will receive a plaque and a ticket to the SSSP awards banquet.

Crime and Justice Research Institute: Broadening Perspectives & Participation will be held from July 11 – 29 at the Ohio State University. Faculty pursuing tenure and career success in research-intensive institutions, academics transitioning from teaching to research institutions, and faculty members carrying out research in teaching contexts will be interested in this institute. Organized by Lauren J. Krivo and Ruth D. Peterson and funded by the National Science Foundation and the Ohio State University, the institute is designed to promote successful research projects and careers among faculty from underrepresented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice.

During the institute, each participant will complete an ongoing project (either a research paper or a 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 Summer Research Institute will provide participants with:



Summer Research Institute Class of 2010

- Resources for completing their research projects;
- Senior faculty mentors in their areas of study;
- Opportunities to network with junior and senior scholars;
- Workshops addressing topics related to publishing, professionalization, and career planning;
- Travel expenses to Ohio, housing in Columbus, and living expenses.

The institute will culminate in a research symposium where participants present their completed research before a scholarly audience. **Completed applications must be postmarked by February 11, 2011.** To download the application form, please see our web site: (<http://cjrc.osu.edu/rdcj-n/summerinstitute>).

Eligibility: All applicants must hold regular tenure-track positions in U.S. institutions and demonstrate how their participation broadens participation of underrepresented groups in crime and justice research. Graduate students without tenure track appointments are not eligible for this program. Please direct all inquiries to: kennedy.312@sociology.osu.edu.

~Featured Article~
The Prison University Project

By Amanda Kennedy

As criminal justice scholars, we often examine the racial and socioeconomic inequalities in our prison populations. These disparities tell a tale of legal paradigm shifts, institutionalized racism, family instability, and educational disadvantage. Knowing the crucial role which the level and quality of education takes in determining a person's likelihood of ending up behind bars, as well as their chances for succeeding when they re-enter mainstream society, the Prison University Project (PUP) is working to expand the educational opportunities of the incarcerated.

PUP was formed in 1996 at San Quentin State Men's Prison in California. At the time, the program had two instructors and no funding. The organization's creation was a direct reaction to the 1994 Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, which forbade incarcerated individuals from obtaining federal Pell Grants. The legislation resulted in the closing of 350 prison higher education programs around the country. As of 2003, PUP received official funding from the Tides Center (a fundraising group which sponsors progressive causes), and has brought formal courses and the opportunity to earn degrees at San Quentin. With a current staff of five and a bevy of volunteer teachers, PUP runs on a shoestring budget yet manages to bring classes to 300 inmates on the grounds of the prison each year. Each semester, the program provides twelve courses in the humanities, math, science, and social sciences leading to a liberal arts associates degree, as well as college preparatory classes in math and English.

I first learned about the organization and the important work its people are doing when they were showcased on a panel at the Division on People of Color and Crime's Luncheon during this year's American Society of Criminology Meetings in San Francisco. At the event, three former inmates who had been PUP participants – Noel Valdivia, Harrison Seuga, and Lewis Butler – shared snapshots of their lives, their years in prison, and the meaning education has held for them inside and outside of the prison walls.

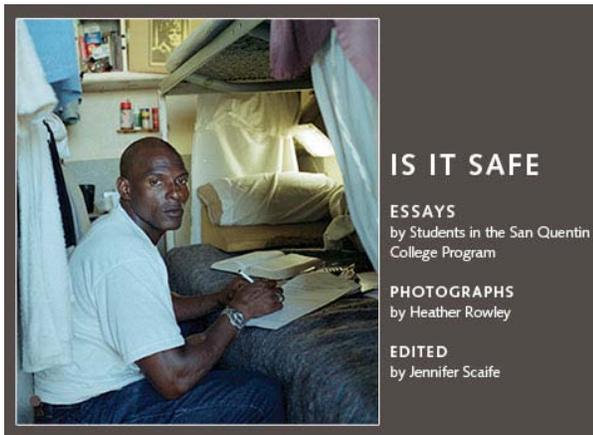
The panelists recounted formative moments in their childhoods and their schooling. They revealed how the factors of racism, gender expectations and economic disadvantage influenced their participation in criminal activity. Noel learned at the age of eight

that it was imperative to become tough and "be a man." He came home from school after being physically assaulted by an older boy, and told his big brother what had happened. "My brother told me, 'don't worry, I'll take care of him. You have to learn to take care of yourself from here on out though.' And I knew what he meant." Harrison revealed that his family had emigrated from Hawaii to Sacramento, California when he was ten, and he was quickly ridiculed and pointed out as different by other school children due to his Samoan background. "I was the kid who wasn't black or white or Mexican – I was 'the other.' They even called me that. I needed to be able to defend myself because there was a lot of hostility." Noel and Harrison both joined gangs, and ultimately incurred charges based on gang-related crimes. Lewis told the audience that he entered the foster system at the age of eight, after being taken away from his mother who had a drug addiction. "I was in and out of different schools. I was also always the darkest skinned of my friends, who were also black, so if we were hanging out on the street, I was always the first to get asked questions by the cops." In describing how they felt about school and learning while they were growing up, Noel said "I was always in trouble. Getting in trouble for little things – skipping school, even for running in the halls. I eventually got expelled. And it was harder to get back into school once that happened."

Noel, Harrison and Lewis also talked about their time in prison. Harrison discussed how the opportunities given in prison can steer the likelihood an inmate has of recidivating once he leaves. Incarcerated since the age of seventeen, Harrison spent time in six of California's State Prisons, and explained that the people who work there can make a big difference. "I have been in some places where the guards didn't care about the inmates or saw them as enemies. I didn't feel like a lot of the guards at San Quentin were hostile towards me, and having the chance to get my education there was huge." Through PUP, Harrison was able to earn his associates degree while behind bars. After twenty-one years in prison, he was released in March 2010, and was recently accepted at San Francisco State University to pursue his bachelor's degree. Having spent many years in prison as well, Noel explained that he had to consciously become involved in opportunities to increase his chances for success upon release, including counseling, extra-curricular activities and PUP. "It ultimately was up to me to decide what I wanted to do. I wasn't going to be here forever. I wanted to be there for my family when I got out." He said it took a great amount of personal strength to stay focused. Lewis was the youngest panelist. At twenty-one years of age, and having only spent two years at San Quentin, Lewis had taken college prep courses at San Quentin through PUP.

“I had dropped out of school in eighth grade, so I had to catch up with school.” Lewis plans on continuing his education now that he has been released.

All three men have faced various life challenges since leaving San Quentin. Noel explained that readjusting to living with a family that grew older and experienced so much without him being there has been distressing at times. Harrison revealed that driving away from the prison gates was “a gut wrenching experience.” He said he was “terrified to leave.” In PUP’s recent newsletter, Harrison wrote, “Seeing the other side of the walls that I looked at every day for nearly ten years and feeling something dying in me, something finally being put to rest was emotionally overwhelming.” In sum, the PUP panel composed of Noel, Harrison, and Lewis gave a room full of criminal justice scholars a first-hand opportunity to see the faces and hear the insights of men who have been profoundly affected by the very social factors that they passionately study. It also clearly illustrated the hope and opportunities the Prison University Project brings its participants.



PUP published a book of writings by its participants in 2008 entitled *Is It Safe?* To find out more about the project and to purchase the book, please go to their website: www.prisonuniversityproject.org. All proceeds for the book go towards funding the program.

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 email Amanda Kennedy at kennedy.312@sociology.osu.edu. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Amanda your e-mail address.