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From the Director's Desk



Hi, everyone. I would like to begin by taking a moment to share how excited I am to be working with you as the Director of the Criminal Justice Research Center. While I have huge shoes to fill thanks to all of the hard work and incredible

center-building conducted by Ruth Peterson over the past twelve years, I am honored to move into this new role and to have the opportunity to continue to develop the center so that it can best serve you, our University, and community. Fortunately, Ruth has agreed to maintain a presence at CJRC events over the next year and to provide her experience and wisdom to draw on as I make the transition into this exciting role.

Before highlighting our fall calendar of events, I want to offer a huge CONGRATULATIONS on behalf of the entire CJRC membership to our newly promoted faculty affiliates. Celebrating important academic milestones are:

[Paul Bellair](#) (Sociology) who was promoted to Professor and [Amy Bonomi](#) (Human Development and Family Science) who received Tenure at the current rank of Associate Professor. Congratulations to both of you!

I also welcome several new faces to CJRC. First, [Keith Warren](#) (Associate Professor, College of Social Work) is our latest faculty affiliate. His current research examines the correctional therapeutic community through the use of network modeling. Second, we have two new graduate students affiliated with our Center. [Nate Doogan](#) is a Ph.D. student in Social Work, and [Trent \(Tate\) Steidley](#) is a M.A. student in Sociology. Finally, we have a new undergraduate intern. Matthew Hays is a senior, double majoring in Sociology and Criminology. He will be assisting us with upcoming newsletter columns highlighting our featured speakers, as well as working on the Historical Violence Database with Dr. Randolph Roth (Professor, History).

After an eventful summer where the Center hosted its sixth Summer Research Institute and eighth workshop of the Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network, we are gearing up for a busy fall term. On Oct. 14, [Michelle Alexander](#) (Associate Professor, Mortiz College of Law; faculty affiliate, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity) will be talking about the updated edition of her book "The New 'Jim Crow' Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness." This book has received a lot of acclaim, with numerous appearances in the press (NPR, *Tavis Smiley*) and a 2011 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work - Non-Fiction. Please see additional information for the talk in the "Upcoming Events" article. Professor Alexander's talk is co-sponsored with the Sociology department. Please note the departure from our typical time and meeting place for this talk.

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On November 4th, [Heather Washington](#) (Sociology Ph.D. Candidate, OSU), will present a talk titled "Parental Incarceration and Children's Behavior Problems: Uncovering the Not-So-Universal Effects of Fathers' Imprisonment." Her study uses data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study to examine the extent to which mothers' access to social support conditions the impact of fathers' incarceration on youths' externalized behavior problems. This research is drawn from Heather's dissertation work and will also be presented at the ASC meetings in November.

Last, but certainly not least, [Alexes Harris](#) (Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Department of Sociology) is scheduled to deliver a talk on December 2nd entitled "Justice by Context: How Organizational and Political Factors Influence the Assessment and Enforcement of Monetary Sanctions." Details on the talk will follow in upcoming newsletters and on the CJRC website.

As the year unfolds, I look forward to talking with you and getting to know you better as we work together to make the Center an even more valuable home. The Center is successful because of you and I want to conclude this letter by thanking you for your continued involvement and support to CJRC. Please continue to share with me your thoughts and visions for the future of CJRC. Welcome to Fall Quarter!

--- Dana

Upcoming Events:

"The New 'Jim Crow': Challenging Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness"

A talk by Michelle Alexander



Dr. Michelle Alexander

Friday, October 14, 2011, 9:00 am – 10:20 am in 248 Townshend Hall

Dr. Alexander will be discussing the second edition of her book, [The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness](#) (The New Press, 2011).

Abstract: As the United States celebrates the nation's "triumph over race" with the election of Barack Obama, the majority of young black men in major American cities are locked behind bars or have been labeled felons for life. Although Jim Crow laws have been wiped off the books, an astounding percentage of the African American community remains trapped in a subordinate status—much like their grandparents before them. Michelle Alexander provocatively argues that we have not ended racial caste in America: we have simply redesigned it. Alexander shows that, by targeting black men and decimating communities of color, the U.S. criminal justice system functions as a contemporary system of racial control, even as it formally adheres to the principle of color blindness. In her book, Alexander challenges the civil rights community—and all of us—to place mass incarceration at the forefront of a new movement for racial justice in America (Publisher's description).

The speaker: Dr. Alexander is an Associate Professor at the Moritz College of Law and a faculty affiliate of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at the Ohio State University. In 2005, she won a Soros Justice Fellowship. Dr. Alexander served for several years as the Director of the Racial Justice Project of the ACLU of Southern California, which led a trailblazing, national campaign against racial profiling. In 2011, Dr. Alexander was given the NAACP Image Award for her book, *The New 'Jim Crow': Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

What Center Participants are Doing

Amy Bonomi (Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, Sexuality Studies – OSU)

recently had her article on domestic violence victim recantation accepted for publication. Her research was partially funded by a CJRC seed grant awarded in 2010. Bonomi's co-authors on the study were Rashmi Gangamma and Heather Katafiasz of Ohio State, Chris Locke of Auburn University and David Martin of the King County (Washington) Prosecutor's Office. The article, "Meet me at the hill where we used to park': Interpersonal Processes Associated with Victim Recantation," will appear in *Social Science and Medicine*. In addition, Dr. Bonomi's work has been receiving a great deal of media attention. She appeared on NPR to discuss the study, and the research was highlighted in an [MSNBC article](#) and on Yahoo News, with numerous requests for reprinting by other outlets.



Reginald Byron (Assistant Professor, Sociology and Anthropology – Southwestern University) has a

forthcoming publication in *American Behavioral Scientist* entitled “Workplace Racial Discrimination and Middle Class Vulnerability.” The article is co-authored with Vincent Roscigno and Lisa Williams, both of Ohio State. Also, Dr. Byron’s research with Maria Lowe, Griffin Ferry and Melissa Garcia (all of Southwestern University) received media attention from [Inside Higher Ed](#). Their research is discussed in a paper entitled “Food For Thought: Frequent Interracial Dining as a Predictor of Students’ Campus Racial Climate Perceptions” which is currently under revise and resubmit status at the *Journal of Higher Education*.



Mark Davis (Research Scientist, CJRC – OSU) recently had his article, co-written with Valerie J. Callanan (Sociology – University of Akron), entitled “Gender and Suicide Method: Do Women Avoid Facial Disfigurement?,” accepted for publication in *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research*. Their findings show that men are nearly twice as likely as women to choose a disfiguring suicide method via firearms. However, the authors state that “To suggest that women are less likely to shoot themselves in the face or head because they are more concerned about their appearance than men is to minimize the significance of the act of suicide.” Davis and Callanan’s research has been highlighted in various media outlets, including the *L.A. Times*, *Chicago Tribune*, *U.S. News and World Report*, and in an [article](#) at *United Press International*,



Walter DeKeseredy (Professor, Criminology, Justice and Policy Studies – University of Ontario Institute of Technology) has been appointed Editor of the Routledge *New Directions in Critical Criminology* Series. Please contact him at walter.dekeseredy@uoit.ca if you are

interested in submitting a proposal. Books should be no longer than 80,000 words, including references and notes. Dr. DeKeseredy has also recently published the following articles:

- DeKeseredy, W.S. (in press). “Patriarchy.Com: Adult Internet Pornography and the Abuse of Women.” In C.M. Renzetti & R. Kennedy Bergen (Eds.), *Understanding Diversity: Celebrating Difference, Challenging Inequality*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.
- DeKeseredy, W.S. (in press). “Violence in Intimate Heterosexual Relationships is Mostly Men’s Fault: A Response to Dutton’s Critique of My Book.” *Literary Review of Canada*.

- “Theories of Intimate Partner Violence” (with Bonnie S. Fisher) in *Encyclopedia of Primary Prevention and Health Promotion II: Adult/Older Adult Volume*, edited by Tom Gullotta and Martin Bloom. New York: Springer.
- DeKeseredy, W.S., Dragiewicz, M., & Demers, K. (2011). *Evaluation Summary for Luke’s Place: Family Law Literacy for Abused Women*. Report prepared for Canadian Women’s Foundation.

Lastly, Dr. DeKeseredy is presenting a paper titled “Understanding Woman Abuse in Canada: Past, Present and Future” this month at the Crime, Justice and Social Justice Conference in Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia.

Joe Donnermeyer (Professor, Rural Sociology – OSU) authored a chapter entitled “Rural Crime and Critical Criminology” in the *Routledge Handbook of Critical Criminology*, edited by Walter DeKeseredy and Molly Dragiewicz. The volume will be available in October 2011.



Christopher Keenan (Ph.D. student, Sociology – OSU) successfully defended his Masters’ thesis entitled “Brokering Delinquent Networks: Spanning the Macro-Micro Divide in Delinquency Research.” The defense was on August 30th, and the chair of the thesis committee was Dana Haynie.

James Moore III (Professor, Physical Activity and Education Services; Director of the Bell National Resource Center – OSU) was a guest of honor on June 20th at the release of a new report by the College Board and Harvard University. The report discusses the educational experiences of young men of color.



Ruth Peterson (Professor Emerita of Sociology, former Director of CJRC – OSU) will be delivering the 2011 Edwin H. Sutherland Address at this year’s American Society of Criminology (ASC) Meetings, held November 16-19 at the Washington DC Hilton Hotel. Dr.

Peterson will be formally accepting the 2011 Edwin H. Sutherland Award at that time, bestowed on her for her outstanding, career-long contributions to theory and research in criminology. She will give her address during the ASC Awards Plenary on Wednesday, November 16 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., in the hotel’s International Ballroom East, Concourse Level. We encourage you to attend this important event at the ASC meetings.



Mary Thomas (Assistant Professor, Geography; Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies – OSU) has a book forthcoming in October from Temple University Press, entitled *Multicultural Girlhood: Racism, Sexuality, and the Conflicted Spaces of American Education*.

Dr. Thomas will also be starting new research at the Scioto Juvenile Correctional Facility with young women this autumn. The project will explore peer relationships in detention and will utilize ethnographic methodology.

Deanna Wilkinson (Associate Professor, Human Development and Family Science – OSU) has much new activity to report. She was awarded the following grants:



- Principal Investigator, *Assessing the Impact of Ohio Gun Policy: Trends and Patterns*. Awarded by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine/Violent Crimes with Gun Advisory Group, \$46,800. 7/11-12/11.
- Principal Investigator, *Columbus Violence Prevention Collaborative (CVPC-CeaseFire): Community Mobilization*. Awarded by U.S. Attorney of Southern Ohio District, \$39,000. 5/11-1/12.
- Principal Investigator, (OSU graduate student Ashley Hicks, Co-Investigator) *Ohio Bullying Prevention Project*. College of Education and Human Ecology. \$29,000. 4/1/11-12/31/11.
- Director, *Community Capacity and Coalition Building Grant for the OSU Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board*. The Kettering Foundation. \$5,000. 3/11-2/13.

Dr. Wilkinson also has several new publications:

- Wilkinson, D.L. 2011. "An Emergent Situational and Transactional Theory of Urban Youth Violence." *Oxford Handbook on Juvenile Crime and Juvenile Justice*. Edited by Feld, B. & Bishop, D. Cambridge: Oxford University Press.
- Taylor, A.P. & Wilkinson, D.L. 2011. "The Emergence of Violence in Drug Market Settings." *Crime Emergence*. Edited by Christopher Sullivan, Jean McGloin and Leslie Kennedy. New York: Routledge. (forthcoming).
- Wilkinson, D.L., Hicks, A., and Bloom, S. "Adolescents and Firearms." *Psychology of Teen Violence and Victimization*, Edited by Michele Paludi. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO, INC. (forthcoming).

Lastly, Dr. Wilkinson's work was recognized with several awards/honors:

- Woman of the Year. I'm Every Woman Expo National Expansion. Columbus, Ohio. This award honors women who have made a significant difference in the community. Given August 27, 2011.
- Leadership Award. OSU Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board: Executive Board. Given June 17, 2011.
- Certificate of Recognition. Office of the Mayor. City of Columbus. The certificate stated, "Your effort to curb youth violence through education and collaboration with numerous local agencies is commendable." Given June 17, 2011.
- A 2011 proclamation given at the Ohio House of Representatives, stating "Since its inception, the Columbus Violence Prevention Collaborative [of which Dr. Wilkinson is a co-leader] has enhanced the quality of life within the surrounding area, and its general contributions have gained it the gratitude and appreciation of many. We are certain that as this worthy organization maintains its dedication to protecting the local community, it will continue in the tradition of excellence that has become its hallmark."

Opportunities, Calls for Papers, and Conferences

The Columbus chapter of the Salvation Army will be hosting a training primarily for attorneys on the issue of preventing human trafficking. The event will be held on **Wednesday, September 28**, from 9 am-5 pm at Saxbe Auditorium, Moritz College of Law, 55 West 12th Avenue on the OSU Campus. Lunch will be included, as well as the opportunity to earn 6 CLEs. The event is free of charge. Please contact Stephanie Rapp at stephanie.rapp@use.salvationarmy.org to register, or if you have any questions.

The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity has issued a Call for Proposals for its third biennial conference, [Transforming Race: Visions of Change](#), to be held March 15-17, 2012, at the Hyatt in downtown Columbus. This conference is expected to draw more than 400 scholars, students and social justice advocates. Kirwan is soliciting proposals for conference sessions that offer visions of the future racial/ethnic landscape in the year 2042. It welcomes proposals in a variety of subject areas, including race and the criminal justice system, capitalism, race and the mind sciences, global warming and energy, religion and faith, corporations, and much more. **Please e-mail proposal submissions to tr2012cfp@gmail.com by noon on September 30.**

The National Criminal Justice Association is sponsoring a webinar on October 18, 3 pm EST, entitled "Using Evidence Informed Principles in Juvenile Justice: Lowering Recidivism, Reducing Secure Detention and Promoting Positive Youth Development." For more information and to register, click [here](#).

The Ohio Domestic Violence Network (ODVN) is sponsoring a training called "Insights for Advocates: The Scoop on New Alternatives to Child Protection." The training will take place at the [Quest Conference Center](#) in Columbus on **October 28**. Please go to www.odvn.org to register and for more information.

The OSU Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Board (YVPAB) needs volunteer facilitators to lead discussions with high school students about violence and responses from the community. Graduate students and local professionals are encouraged to assist with this valuable learning opportunity. The talks will take place in tandem with a screening of the documentary film "[The Interrupters](#)" (2011), produced by Steve James and Alex Kotlowitz. The film tells the story of CeaseFire Chicago, an organization which uses a public health model, seeking to reduce street violence through outreach workers who "interrupt" potentially violent, escalating, gang-related situations. The event is co-sponsored by the Wexner Center, and **will take place there from 7-10 p.m. on November 9**. If you are interested in being a facilitator, which will include prescreening and a brief training, please contact Deanna Wilkinson at wilkinson.110@osu.edu.

The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice is seeking articles for a special issue on the topic of youth gangs. Empirical, theoretical, and policy-oriented papers are welcome. They particularly welcome papers that advance the empirical knowledge surrounding youth gangs in the American or international context. Finn-Aage Esbensen and Kristy N. Matsuda, University of Missouri – St. Louis, will serve as Guest Editors for this special issue. All manuscripts will be peer reviewed. An abstract of approximately 100 words and a brief biographical sketch that includes the author's current affiliation, research interest(s), and recent publications must accompany the manuscript. Manuscripts must be 30 pages or less, double-spaced, including the abstract, biographical sketch, references, and all figures and tables. **Manuscripts should be received no later than November 1, 2011**. Please send two electronic copies of the manuscript one complete version (with a cover page containing the author's name, title, institutional affiliation with complete address, email and phone contact information; acknowledgments; research grant numbers; and the date, location, and conference at which the manuscript may have been presented, if any), and one blind copy with all identifying information removed to facilitate blind peer review to Dr. Matsuda at matsudak@umsl.edu. Manuscripts should be in MS Word

format and conform to the formatting style of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.).

Criminal Justice Review invites submissions for a special issue, "Preventing Gang Joining and Facilitating Gang Desistance Among Youth," edited by Dr. Terrance J. Taylor. The goal of this special issue is to disseminate new and innovative research about gang prevention and intervention efforts to keep youth out of street gangs and methods and processes associated with desistance among youth involved with street gangs. Manuscripts must be original work, and diverse methodological approaches are welcome. An abstract of approximately 200 words and a brief biographical sketch must accompany the manuscript. **Submissions should arrive no later than January 1, 2012** to allow for blind peer review. Manuscripts should not exceed 30 pages double-spaced excluding tables, figures, and references. Send two electronic copies of the manuscript, one full version (with a cover page containing the author's name, title, institutional contact information; acknowledgments; research grant numbers; and the date, location, and conference at which the manuscript may have been presented), and one blind copy (sans all identifying information) to Dr. T.J. Taylor at taylorjtj@umsl.edu. Manuscripts should be in MS Word format and conform to the formatting style of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.) and *CJR* formatting guidelines: <http://cjr.sagepub.com/>.

The Journal of Poverty is seeking article submissions for a special issue entitled "Poverty and Incarceration: Managing the Poor in the Neoliberal Age." Guest editors are Stephen Nathan Haymes, Ph.D. Department of Educational Policy Studies, DePaul University-Chicago and Reuben Miller, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, Loyola University-Chicago. The editors seek papers that will critically examine the relationship between the poor and carceral institutions broadly defined. Submissions are invited from scholars from a wide range of academic disciplines and professional areas of study. To submit an article, please create a user account and submit your manuscript to Routledge ScholarOne Author Center at this link: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/wpov>. Please note that in the first step, under manuscript type, you should select "special issue". Additionally, in the fifth step of the submission process check "yes" to indicate that your manuscript is a candidate for the special issue. **The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2012.**

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The Prison Journal invites submissions for a special issue on corrections in Asia. Since there is a very limited literature on corrections in Asian countries, this issue will accept papers on correctional systems in general and correctional officers and inmates in particular. Both theoretical and empirical studies are welcome. Empirical studies can be qualitative or quantitative. Send original manuscript by email to the special issue editor Dr. Shanhe Jiang at shanhe.jiang@utoledo.edu. Manuscripts including abstract, tables, figures, notes, and references should not exceed 30 double spaced typed pages, with a 100-word abstract and a brief author biographical sketch. Notes, references, tables, and figures should also be double spaced and on separate pages. Manuscripts should follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association (6th edition). Submission to *The Prison Journal* implies that the manuscript has not been published elsewhere nor is it under consideration by another journal. Authors in doubt about what constitutes prior publication or about the appropriateness of topics should consult Shanhe Jiang. Submission of a manuscript implies commitment to publish in the journal. **Manuscripts must be received no later than June 30, 2012.**

Cityscape, published three times a year by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research (PD&R), is accepting submissions involving issues related to the nexus of housing and crime. These submissions will appear in *Cityscape's* new Refereed Papers section. Historically, PD&R has supported research on such topics as *crime prevention through environmental design* and *crime-in-public housing*. They welcome high-quality submissions in all areas of housing and urban policy and consider crime issues to be important here. *Cityscape* is published both in hard copy and online. The referee process is double-blind and timely, and referees highly qualified. The Managing Editor also will give guidance to authors about the suitability of papers proposed in outline form. Send manuscripts or outlines to Cityscape@hud.gov.

~Featured Article~

Partners in Crime: The Scholarly Collaboration of Laurie Krivo and Ruth Peterson

By Amanda Kennedy

Over the past two decades, Laurie Krivo and Ruth Peterson have engaged in a rich scholarly collaboration focusing on issues of crime, race and various forms of social inequality. On September 9, 2011, I had the opportunity to speak with them about their professional partnership.

Their collaboration began in the early 1990s when they were both newly tenured associate professors. At that time, Ruth had a research agenda addressing facets of urban and suburban crime, while Laurie's research was on residential segregation and urban inequality. "These seemed like topics that were closely interconnected in important ways," Laurie said. As young faculty in the Department of Sociology at Ohio State, the two had already developed a strong friendship. Then one day, Ruth approached Laurie and said that they should write a book together. Laurie described the moment Ruth proposed teaming up: "I said, 'Well, maybe we should write an article first and then see how we're getting along.'"

Clearly, they ended up getting along quite well. Their inaugural publication was a 1993 *Social Forces* article, "Racial Segregation and Black Urban Homicide." Ruth explained the groundbreaking nature of that piece: "There were already some studies of black homicide, and comparisons of black and white crime rates. But no one was using African Americans' own social characteristics to study their levels of crime." Laurie elaborated, "it was the first paper to really focus on the role of segregation in accounting for African American homicide in particular, and crime more generally." From that first success they have been quite prolific. To date, Ruth and Laurie's partnership has produced 14 refereed journal articles, numerous book chapters, co-editorships on books and special journal issues, including *The Many Colors of Crime* (with John Hagan), 18 grants, and their 2010 book, *Divergent Social Worlds: Neighborhood Crime and the Spatial-Racial Divide* (Russell Sage Foundation). (Note that some of these articles and grants had additional co-authors.)

I asked Ruth and Laurie to discuss the creative process behind their co-authored work. "Ours has been a continuous project since we started because one idea just flowed into another. As we wrote the first paper, the existing gaps became clear to us. This led us to write a research proposal, and it went on from there," Laurie stated. Unlike many writing teams, Ruth and Laurie are



Laurie Krivo

distinct because they hash out their work in the same office, taking turns at the same computer. While for some this approach would be inefficient, Ruth explained that “it is quite the opposite for us. Because we’re not trained in the same area of the field, sitting together to write has been an efficient way to meld

the differing perspectives that each brings to the work.” Moreover, their collaboration enriches the finished product. “In the end our projects turn out well because we have to iron out issues and communicate ideas well to each other as we go just to be sure that we ourselves are on the same page,” Ruth said.

In sharing what they felt were their most significant contributions to criminology and sociology, Ruth and Laurie identified four seminal works/activities. First, following from their 1993 *Social Forces* article, in 1996 they published “Extremely Disadvantaged Neighborhoods and Urban Crime” in this same outlet. With more than 200 other articles having referenced this paper, Ruth defined this piece as being one of their most outstanding. “We addressed some of William Julius Wilson’s concerns regarding the influence of *extreme disadvantage* on an important aspect of urban social dislocation, namely crime.” Laurie added that the article was unique in the ways it examined whether “crime levels are the same in black and white neighborhoods that are comparable to each other in terms of disadvantage. In doing so, we set a standard in the field.”

Second, Laurie named the collection of data for the National Neighborhood Crime Study (NNCS) as perhaps their most important endeavor to date. The NNCS compiled neighborhood crime data for 91 cities across the U.S. for circa 2000 and linked them with social, economic and demographic data for the areas and cities in which the neighborhoods are located. Undertaking such a project was an enormous task. According to Laurie, “the compilation of these data has facilitated our work and provided a source that other researchers are now using to answer their own questions. It’s really gratifying to see additional investigations relying on these data. And, we have hope that our effort will inspire future rounds of compiling neighborhood crime data for the nation’s cities.” Third, Ruth and Laurie’s *Divergent Social Worlds*, which utilizes the NNCS data, was cited by both as a signature accomplishment that demonstrates their research efforts and embodies their substantive approach to understanding race and crime. “We make the point, most poignantly in *Divergent Social Worlds*, that distinct theories of crime alone cannot provide us with the full, substantive context for understanding inequality in crime. Such inequality is also about the positions of groups in society, and what that means for

the distribution of resources that then feed into crime. Race differences in crime levels are part of a bigger story,” Laurie explained.



Ruth Peterson

Finally, Ruth and Laurie’s ongoing work with the Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN) and its Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute (SRI) is an important facet of their collaboration. Stemming in part from Ruth’s participation in the National Consortium on Violence Research, they became keenly aware of: (1) the limited research and theoretical approaches to understanding how race and ethnicity are linked to crime and criminal justice; and (2) the extent to which academic isolation limits the achievements and success of scholars from underrepresented groups. To address these issues, in 2004 Ruth and Laurie applied to the National Science Foundation for funds to hold a series of workshops that would “bring together a group to put forth an agenda of research to broaden perspectives and improve our understanding of the connections between race and crime, while also helping to broaden and foster the participation of faculty and graduate students from underrepresented groups in the study of crime and justice.” The first workshop was a great success, and from there the idea of the SRI was born. Since Summer 2006, Ruth and Laurie have convened a summer institute in July in which they (and other faculty at Ohio State) work with young academics from across the country to help them move their academic work along, learn about the tenure process, and make important professional connections with other scholars. The SRI culminates in a two-day conference involving research presentations, didactic sessions, and collaboration activities by the entire membership of the RDCJN, including the young SRI scholars. (For a more detailed discussion of the goals and activities of the SRI, see Volume 12, Issue 4 of this newsletter.)

At this year’s RDCJN workshop (and later at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association), Ruth and Laurie were celebrated by their colleagues who named an award in their honor. Tipping a hat to their many contributions, the American Sociological Association’s Crime, Law, and Deviance and Sociology of Law sections jointly created the Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award. The award will be given annually beginning in 2012 to individuals who have engaged in extraordinary service in mentoring scholars at all stages of intellectual development.

In conclusion, it seems that Ruth and Laurie's teamwork came naturally for them. "We have loved working together. It has been the best experience anyone could have in her/his career," Laurie stated. Ruth responded: "That is exactly what I was going to say. I whole heartedly recommend it as a way of getting your work done, making contributions to the field, and having fun at the same time." Ruth and Laurie have made major transitions in the past two years, with Laurie taking a Professorship at Rutgers in 2010, and Ruth retiring in 2011 after 26 years at Ohio State. Despite these changes, the two are going strong in their scholarly work, and in their close friendship, with one another.



Ruth and Laurie at the 2011 RDCJN Workshop

Thanks to Drs. Ruth Peterson and Laurie Krivo for their valuable time and insights, and 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.