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From the Director's Desk



Hi, everyone. Even though it's summer, we aren't slowing down at CJRC.

After many months of carefully planning for our Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute (SRI),

our participants finally arrived on the evening of Sunday, July 8th. On July 9th, they hit the ground running! Co-organizers Ruth Peterson and Laurie Krivo have already facilitated several workshops with this year's cohort, and on Friday, July 20th, Dr. Kathleen Blee, who is a Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and Research at University of Pittsburgh, joined us to lead a career planning workshop with our group. Our participants have been in close contact with their senior faculty mentors, and are diligently preparing their projects to present at our two-day Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN) workshop on July 26th and 27th at the Ohio Union. We here at CJRC are honored to have a highly talented group of scholars for our seventh cohort of the SRI. Please see the "Current Event" Column to learn more about the SRI and this year's participants.

In addition to our SRI and RDCJN activities, our CJRC Internship Program continues to grow. Amanda has interviewed several internship candidates this summer and has placed Rachel Timoneri, a senior majoring in Criminology and Sociology, to work with Dr. Creola Johnson (Professor, Moritz College of Law – OSU) over the course of the summer and fall terms. Rachel is assisting Dr. Johnson with a project documenting cases in Cleveland where big banks have been criminally indicted for failing to repair properties they have obtained through foreclosure proceedings. Rachel has begun the data collection process by going to Cleveland and obtaining court documents, as well as doing

analyses of online public records. We thank Creola for providing this opportunity, and we thank Rachel for her hard work and enthusiasm in pursuing this important learning activity. Amanda will soon be advertising opportunities for internship placements in the fall, and we look forward to matching more of our undergrads with various research opportunities once the 2012-2013 school year begins.

We are also looking forward to our CJRC Speakers' Series beginning in fall. A number of interesting and dynamic scholars will be visiting the center. Dr. Victor Rios (Associate Professor of Sociology – University of California-Santa Barbara) will kick off the year with his lecture on September 6th, 2012. He will be discussing findings featured in his acclaimed 2011 book, *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys* (NYU Press). We look forward to his talk and to your presence and participation at the event. Stay tuned for more details as the date approaches.

Please read on. This month's featured article highlights Amanda's recent discussion with our own Dr. Mark Davis. As always, we appreciate your contributions to CJRC, and wish you a wonderful rest of your summer.

--- Dana

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Current Event:

***The Seventh Annual Crime and Justice
Summer Research Institute***

July 9-27, 2012

Co-organized by Dr. Laurie Krivo (Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University), and Dr. Ruth Peterson (Professor Emeritus of Sociology, The Ohio State University)

The Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute is organized by Laurie Krivo and Ruth Peterson and funded by the National Science Foundation and 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 is working on completing an ongoing project (either a research paper or grant proposal) in preparation for journal submission or agency funding review. In addition, participants are gaining information to serve as a tool-kit tailored to successful navigation of the academic setting. During the Summer Research Institute, participants are provided with:

- 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; and
- Travel expenses to Ohio and living expenses.

The institute will culminate in our two-day **Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Workshop Meetings held on July 26th and 27th**, where our participants will present their completed research before a scholarly audience.

We welcome the following participants of the 2012 Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute:



Lori Burrington – Center for Family and Demographic Research, Bowling Green State University
Project: “‘Nobody’s Push-Around’: Neighborhood Affluence, Relative Status, and Violence among the Children of Immigrants”

Waverly Duck – Sociology, University of Pittsburgh
Project: “The Drug Dealer: The Orderliness of a Drug Dealing Scene”



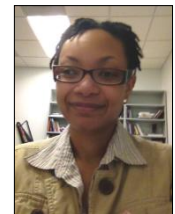
Kishonna Gray – Criminal Justice, Eastern Kentucky University
Project: “It has nothing to do with race cuz they’re illegal’: Exploring the Intersections of Colorblind Racism and Immigration in Online News Forums”

Mia Green – Criminal Justice – Bridgewater State University
Project: “Predictors of Release on Recognizance Among Misdemeanants”



Anthony Hatch – Sociology, Georgia State University
Project: “Silent Cells: Psychotropics and Intersections of Race, Gender and Citizenship in U.S. Prisons”

LaDonna Long – Criminal Justice, Roosevelt University
Project: “Qualitative Analysis of African-American Women’s Experiences with Multiple Victimization”



Patrisia Macías-Rojas – Sociology, Sarah Lawrence College
Project: “Boundary Making in the Frontier: Criminal Status and the Remaking of Citizenship on the U.S.-Mexico Border”

Henrika McCoy – Social Work, University of Illinois-Chicago
Project: “Improving the Detection of Mental Health Needs for Juvenile Offenders”



What Center Participants are Doing

Brenda Chaney (Senior Lecturer, Sociology and Criminology – OSU Marion)’s Inside-Out Prison

Exchange class at The Ohio Reformatory for Women (ORW) in Marysville had its graduation ceremony on May 29, 2012. Nine OSU-Marion students and thirteen ORW students completed the class. The course topic was Issues in Globalization. The students enjoyed the group so much that they will continue to meet. We as a bi-weekly book discussion group this summer. The next Inside-Out class at ORW will be spring semester of 2013.



Walter DeKeseredy (Professor, Criminology – University of Ontario Institute of Technology) has several new publications to report:

DeKeseredy, W.S., Dragiewicz, M., & Rennison, C.M. (2012). “Race/ethnic Variations in Violence Against Women: Urban, Suburban, and Rural Differences,” appearing in the *International Journal of Rural Criminology*.

Rennison, C.M., DeKeseredy, W.S., & Dragiewicz, M. (2012). “Context Matters: Violence Against Women and Reporting to the Police in Rural, Suburban, and Urban Areas,” appearing in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice*.

DeKeseredy, W.S., & Dragiewicz, M. (in press). “Woman Abuse in Canada: Sociological Reflections on the Past, suggestions for the future,” to appear in *Violence Against Women*.

Lastly, Walter and Molly Dragiewicz (also of University of Ontario Institute of Technology) are co-editors of the *New Routledge Major Works Collection: Critical Criminology* (4 vols.) (c. 1,600pp.).



Section of the ASA.

Dana Haynie (Professor, Sociology; Director of CJRC – OSU) was elected last month as Chair of the Crime, Law and Deviance Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA). She was also elected to the Council of the Children and Youth



Michael Maltz (Research Scientist, CJRC – OSU) gave his expert opinion in an article in the *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*. The story appeared in the May 22nd, 2012 issue of the paper, and it was entitled “Hundreds of assault cases misreported by the Milwaukee Police Department.” Dr. Maltz offered an explanation as to how faulty data falsely informs the official crime rate. To read the article with Dr. Maltz’s quotes, please [click here](#).

René Olate (Assistant Professor, Social Work – OSU) authored a recently published article entitled “A Cross-national Comparison of Externalizing Behaviors among High Risk Youth and Youth Gang Members in Metropolitan Boston and San Salvador.” The article appears in *Victims and Offenders* 6(4), pp. 356-69, and was co-authored with C. Salas-Wright and M. Vaughn.



Randolph Roth (Professor, History – OSU) released his article, “Measuring Feelings and Beliefs that May Facilitate (or Deter) Homicide: A Research Note on the Causes of Historic Fluctuations in Homicide Rates in the United States,” *Homicide Studies*, 16 (2012), 197–216.

Opportunities, Calls for Papers, and Conferences

The Bureau of Research and Evaluation at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is hiring for a Social Scientist Researcher Specialist position. The position calls for an individual who could design and conduct research projects throughout the Department, sometimes as a lead researcher and sometimes alone. Projects include exploratory and descriptive studies, operations evaluation, policy analysis, and policy/program development. The ideal candidate should have the ability to use moderately sophisticated statistics and statistical programs to analyze data. State minimum requirements for the position include core courses for a Master’s degree in a relevant field with several courses in research methods and statistics. Those with questions about the position can **contact Steve Van Dine, Chief, Bureau of Research and Evaluation at steve.vandine@odrc.state.oh.us**. Please send your name, email address, and phone number.

Martha Henderson Hurley and Dilip Das are currently recruiting authors to write chapters for Volume 3 of the Trends in Corrections: Interviews with Corrections Leaders Around the World Series.

Information will be presented on several countries using the personal views and experiences of a correctional leader in that country. Corrections scholars/researchers are asked to conduct a comprehensive interview of the experiences and thoughts of a high-ranking corrections official in another country. The scholars/researchers will edit the interviews to emphasize personal experiences, ideas, and detailed examples of issues (both positive and negative) in their country's correctional system. If you are interested in pursuing this opportunity, please contact Dr. Martha Henderson Hurley at:

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The Ohio State University Department of Sociology invites applications for a criminology position at the Full Professor level to commence Fall 2013 (pending availability of funds).

They are seeking an individual who will make contributions to Urban Studies, one of the College Strategic Plan initiatives. Candidates who have expertise in advanced methodology will be given strong preference. Those applying are expected to have a Ph.D. in Sociology or a related field and should already have vigorous research programs, actively seek external funding, be able to contribute to both graduate and undergraduate training, and have demonstrated service to the profession. Please send cover letter (signed), Curriculum Vitae, selected written work, and the names of three references to osucrim@sociology.osu.edu. **Review of applications will begin September 1, 2012.** The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer, which is committed to working to produce faculty and student communities that are characterized by diversity. Individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women are encouraged to apply.

The Department of Criminology, Law and Society at George Mason University invites applicants for a full-time, tenure-track position as Assistant Professor to start August 2013.

They are seeking an individual whose scholarship is in the multidisciplinary area of law and society. All areas of scholarship within law and society will be considered. A PhD in the social sciences or relevant field of study is required; and they welcome applicants who hold both a PhD and JD degree. Applicants nearing the completion of their doctorate will be considered. The successful candidate should be strongly committed to teaching in a multidisciplinary undergraduate and graduate program and demonstrate significant promise in scholarly research and extramural grant activity. **Review of applications will begin on October 1, 2012** and continue until the position is filled. Applicants must apply online at <http://jobs.gmu.edu> for position number F6877Z; complete the faculty application; and attach a cover letter, CV, and representative research articles. Also, three letters of reference should be submitted, either through e-mail to alonetti@gmu.edu; or via USPS mail to Ms. Annie Lonetti, Criminology, Law, and Society, George Mason University, MS 4F4, Fairfax, VA 22030. Inquiries about the position can be addressed to the department chair, David Wilson, at dwilsonb@gmu.edu.

The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice invites submissions for a special issue on the topic of cybercrime victimization.

This issue will be dedicated to advancing the empirical investigation of the correlates of multiple forms of cybercrime victimization and assessment of criminological theory. Manuscripts considering computer hacking victimization, identity crimes, and malicious software infection are especially welcome. 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 December 1, 2012.** 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. Tom Holt at holt@msu.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.).

***Women & Criminal Justice Journal* has a call for papers for a special issue on Gender and Dating Violence.** They welcome submissions dealing with teen dating violence, teen cyber-stalking and cyber-harassment, adult dating violence, and differences between males and females in offending and victimization. Gender is broadly defined to include gay and lesbian issues of dating violence. Papers should include policy and legal changes that have responded to gendered violence in dating relationships. Published quarterly, *Women & Criminal Justice* is a peer review quarterly journal serving the needs of criminal justice educators, students and policy makers worldwide. For more information, please visit the journal's website [here](#). Typical length of submissions is twenty-five pages, double spaced, including abstract, appendices, references, figures, and tables. **Deadline for consideration for this special issue is January 30th, 2013.**

~Featured Article~
A Conversation With Mark Davis
By Amanda Kennedy

Last month I had the opportunity to speak with our own Dr. Mark Davis, a Research Scientist at CJRC since 2007. We discussed the path Mark took from practicing in the criminal justice field to pursuing research, the importance of forging bonds between research and implementation, his current collaborative research interests, and the future plans he has to continue his important work.

After graduating from Ohio State in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in criminology, Mark began his professional career in corrections. He served as both a parole and a probation officer for Ohio Department of Correction and Rehabilitation and for the Franklin County Municipal Court, respectively, from 1975-1980. While he felt there was great value in that role, he observed sociological patterns in his work environment which made him yearn to do criminal justice research. "I knew there would not be an opportunity to pursue my research ideas in my role as an officer," Mark explained, "but my work as an officer informed my thinking about crime and justice tremendously." Mark entered graduate school at OSU while still working full-time, earning an interdisciplinary master's degree in sociology, public administration and political science, followed by a doctorate in sociology in 1989.

Mark and I talked about the greater purpose which largely drives his research. With a desire to see a stronger connection between academe and practice in the field, Mark has always strived to do research which has implicit value for programmatic implementation. "Crime and violence are real problems for victims, the local community, and society in general. I felt there was a divide between what happens in research and what happens in the real world. I want to narrow that divide in my own work," he stated. As an example, Mark discussed his recent research with Thomas Cook, an epidemiologist. They examined various types of legal involvement (i.e. traffic, criminal and civil involvement) as risk factors for suicide, and found that there was indeed a positive correlation between the two. "Now that we have that research published, our findings could inform program implementation, such as distribution of educational materials on suicide to individuals coming through the court system, or screening people with legal involvement for suicide risk factors," Mark stated.

This further strengthened Mark's conviction that research should inform and improve policy. From 1993-2002, Mark was a criminologist with the Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS), the criminal justice policy agency for the state of Ohio. "That experience gave me a deeper appreciation for what a lot of policy-related actors – law enforcement, prosecution, courts and corrections – face day to day," Mark said. Through his research, Mark provided advice to policy makers on various criminal justice issues, including how to effectively respond to the voices of those affected by violent crime. Mark spearheaded a project where he interviewed ninety survivors of various types of violent crime. "These folks had been hurt in the worst ways imaginable," he said. The project put Mark in touch with victim advocates throughout the state, and the OCJS consequently provided grants to victim advocacy services in order to more comprehensively address victims' needs.

Mark and I also discussed his other recent, collaborative research. For several years, Mark has been intrigued by the connection between narcissism as a personality trait and its relationship with aggressive behaviors. According to Mark, social psychologists such as Jean Twenge and Keith Campbell have argued that narcissism has increased over the past twenty-five years. Narcissists tend to exploit others, and are more apt to retaliate when they feel they've been wronged. "These are potentially harmful behaviors for society at large, and consequently are important for criminologists to research," Mark explained. Three years ago, Mark became interested in the work that Dr. Amy Brunell (Psychology, OSU-Mansfield) was already doing on narcissism, so he asked her to work with him in further investigating this phenomenon. Since beginning their collaboration, Amy and Mark have examined the links between narcissism and fairness, as

well as the interpersonal dynamics of exploitativeness as a behavior. In addition, they developed a measure of narcissism within the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health, or "Add Health," which will appear in print later this year. Mark explains that developing this measure opens a range of research possibilities. "We could look at the influence of parenting style on narcissistic behavior, for example, or whether or not narcissism manifests itself differently in different families or communities," he said. Mark has also collaborated on several projects with Valerie Callanan, a sociologist at the University of Akron. "Val and I did a content analysis of suicide notes to see if perceived violations of reciprocity and fairness seem to drive decision-making in committing suicide," Mark stated. They published their findings in *Suicide & Life Threatening Behavior* three years ago. More recently, Mark and Valerie had their work on gender disparities in suicide methods published in *Sex Roles: A Journal of Research* (2011), and their findings were covered by national media outlets such as *U.S. News and World Report*.

Towards the conclusion of the interview, Mark and I discussed the future directions of his work. First, he is currently outlining a book further examining reciprocity and fairness and how they influence or deter crime and deviant behavior. In partnership with Amy Brunell, Mark plans to go beyond survey-based research and examine narcissism and related behaviors in a laboratory setting. Mark and fellow CJRC affiliate Randy Roth (History, OSU) have also discussed investigating historical patterns of suicide. Lastly, Mark mentioned further investigation of social triggers of suicide with Valerie Callanan. "I'm uneasy with the notion that suicide is always connected to poor mental health, and am convinced there are deeper connections to social factors, such as interpersonal relationships and legal involvement that we can identify and possibly even intervene in," Mark stated.

Thanks to Dr. Mark Davis for his valuable time and insights, and to all of you who sent 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](#). If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Amanda your e-mail address.