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Featured Article: Voices of the CJRC Undergraduate Internship Program – Part I

From the Director’s Desk



Hi, everyone. Spring is here! To date, we’ve had a great speaker series this semester. Dr. [Yasser Payne](#) (Associate Professor of Black American Studies - The University of Delaware) visited us on March 7th. He gave a talk on his

participatory action research in Wilmington, Delaware. His important work sheds light on the connections between structural opportunity and the presence of violence in the lives of Wilmington’s residents (please see Alexis Preskar’s article on page 4 for further details). The talk had a great turnout, and the audience was enthusiastic about continuing the discussion with Dr. Payne after his lecture concluded. We thank Dr. Payne and our CJRC affiliates for their attendance and involvement in the event.

Also, please remember that CJRC’s signature event is right around the corner! On April 18th, [Catherine Gallagher](#) (Professor of Criminology, Law and Society – George Mason University) will be our keynote speaker at the 24th Annual Reckless-Dinitz Memorial Lecture (please see our “Upcoming Event” article on page 2). Dr. Gallagher’s retrospective discussion regarding the ways in which violence, crime, policy and environmental factors have profoundly affected the outcomes of vulnerable children and adolescents over the past century should be of importance to us all. We hope that you can join us for the lecture and stay for our celebratory reception at the Barrister Club.

In addition, we’re looking forward to receiving **applications for our Faculty Seed Grants, which are due on April 26th**. CJRC is proud to fund OSU faculty research which is collaborative and interdisciplinary and addresses vital issues of crime and justice. Please see further information regarding the proposals on page 6 in the “Opportunities” section, and consider throwing your hat in the ring for this great opportunity.

We’re also happy to report that the CJRC Undergraduate Internship Program continues to garner growing investment from our students, faculty and participating agencies. To thank our interns and their supervisors, we will hold a celebratory luncheon at the end of the semester. Please see Amanda’s feature article on page 7 which gives insight into the experiences and important contributions of our students and their mentors in the field.

Last but certainly not least, we are preparing for our 8th NSF-funded Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute (SRI) in July. We recently selected our cohort of eight fine junior faculty from around the country. During their stay at OSU, these scholars will learn crucial professional information and receive expert mentoring to hone their current research. Ruth Peterson (PI), Amanda, Yolanda Gelo, and committee members have been working diligently to ensure an invaluable, memorable experience for all involved.

--- Dana

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Upcoming Event

***The 24th Annual Reckless-Dinitz Lecture
featuring***

Dr. Catherine Gallagher

Professor of Criminology, Law, and Society
George Mason University

***Children of Everyday Violence: A
Contemporary Understanding of Society's
Obligation to Vulnerable Youth***

April 18th, 2013 – 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
The Barrister Club
25 West 11th Avenue
Columbus, OH 43201



Dr. Catherine Gallagher

Abstract of this Year's Lecture:

Our collective psyche suffers from the recent mass shootings of innocent young people. The unspeakable horrors in Norway, Tucson, Colorado and Connecticut have brought US policy makers face-to-face with a public demanding action, and rightly so. But how do we reconcile the crafting of legislation borne from these acute events with the reality that there are exponentially more youth who are lost to a chronic and pernicious cycle of negligence and violence? A brief tour of the past century, exploring how scholars have understood violence and crime and its implications for our youth, provides a portrait of vulnerable children who are invisible and at great risk. A survey of disciplines, laws, and data points from the media and national surveys suggests that an unacceptably large portion of our youth fail to become thriving adults. Some succumb from their own behavior, but many more are victims of their environment. They are lost to

murder, suicide, substance misuse, neglect, abandonment, and most often, systematic and predictable marginalization as they pursue stability and safety. Their health suffers early, their productivity is markedly lower, and their ability to contribute to family and community is thwarted. The science of the past century suggests that policy antidotes will have a far greater reach if they are designed to account for all youth touched by violence, especially those whose daily tragedies do not make it to the front page.

Biography of the Speaker:

Professor Gallagher focuses on improving the intersection between health care and justice agencies to better meet the needs of high-risk populations and the public health of their larger communities. Her work on justice-involved adolescents has appeared in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*, the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, *Social Science and Medicine* and *Pediatrics*. In addition to her primary research, she develops, monitors and analyzes national statistical programs and provides federal agencies with policy guidance, routinely working with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the Centers for Disease Control, the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, the Office of the Surgeon General, and the U.S. Bureau of the Census. She led the epidemiological and legal research efforts behind a joint-agency Federal Initiative on Juvenile Justice Health, and currently serves on the Campbell Collaboration's Crime and Justice Steering Group.

**The History of the Reckless-Dinitz Memorial
Lecture:**

The Walter Cade Reckless and Simon Dinitz Memorial Lecture Series on crime and justice honors the contributions of two of criminology's most outstanding scholars. The series originated as the Walter Cade Reckless Memorial Lecture in 1990 shortly after the death of Professor Reckless. The purpose was to honor this pioneering scholar who was the major figure in establishing criminology at Ohio State University, and whose own contributions to this field were substantial. In 1951, Dr. Reckless recruited Simon Dinitz to join the faculty at Ohio State, and they worked together to build a strong program. Thus, it is befitting that Dr. Dinitz gave the first Reckless Lecture ("The Tidal Wave of Imprisonment") to honor the legacy of his friend and colleague. In the following years, he also helped to select the Lecturers, and thereby, ensure that several principles that he and Dr. Reckless stood on would undergird the series: (1) cutting-edge research—salience of the issues to important societal problems and

methodological approaches; (2) multidisciplinary – as sound understanding of crime and sound criminal justice policies are informed by studies grounded in a variety of fields; and, (3) accessibility–beyond the academy so that the series provides an opportunity for intellectual exchange with and use by criminal justice policymakers and interested community members. In the spring of 2007 and following the death of Simon Dinitz, the Reckless Lecture Series was renamed the Walter Cade Reckless and Simon Dinitz Memorial Lecture Series. This renaming symbolizes that we pay tribute to these twin giants by bringing speakers to Ohio State whose research has the qualities that they valued. In addition, since 2003, the Lecture has been published in the *Ohio State University Journal of Criminal Law*. Doing so is in the spirit of broad intellectual exchange and multidisciplinary collaboration (between CJRC and the Moritz College of Law) which Professors Reckless and Dinitz sought to foster.

Speakers' Column

A Discussion with David Jacobs

by Alexis Preskar, CJRC Undergraduate Intern

Dr. David Jacobs, a professor in the Department of Sociology, kicked off the CJRC talks in 2013. His [presentation](#) focused on socio-economic effects on police force strength and drew a large and excited crowd of students and faculty. The presentation was from a paper with sociology graduate student Jon Dirlam (first author), based in part on Dirlam's M.A. thesis.

Dr. Jacobs' passion for research started to take full force as a graduate student at Vanderbilt, where he was studying political science before switching over to sociology. He said he's not sure why he originally became interested in political sociology, but he said politics has always excited him and continues to do so.

Recently, he has been personally interested in the role of the media in politics. "Politics and ink are kind of intimately related," he said. He said he has been disappointed by journalism in general because oftentimes their conclusions on politics are "not thought through," possibly as a result of tighter deadlines and staff cuts in newsrooms. As an example, Dr. Jacobs said the president is generally given a 3 percent advantage in their second election and Obama won by a little more than this, which is not all that impressive to political scientists. The media, however, called the election "revolutionary."



Dave Jacobs and Dana Haynie after Dr. Jacobs' presentation

In his professional work, Dr. Jacobs argues the relationship between police strength and inequality is an important one. For this paper, the intuitive belief was that more affluent areas would demand greater police force and as inequality grew, this trend would also rise. Dirlam and Jacobs found the sway of the affluent was not as strong as previously believed and racial factors were also important. Dr. Jacobs said he wrote a similar paper in 1979, but this one was unique since it included inequality. He said the topic wasn't as important to him as the variable of inequality. "It's a good measure of economic power," he said. "This is the best paper I've done on police," he said. He said a common obstacle is finding data to fit the topic he wants to study. "Data drives what you can do," he said. "You can work with what you can get." Jacobs and Dirlam chose to use the U.S. census data ending in 2000 because it gave the best picture. One issue with this is it didn't capture the truly wealthy since the census income indicator stops at about \$250,000. He said he would have liked to use IRS data, but there are issues with that as well. "The trouble is the best statistics on the top incomes exist in the IRS data, but that doesn't capture anybody that doesn't pay taxes," he said. On top of possibly losing the poorer end of the spectrum, he added the IRS data isn't available at the city level.

While he did consider using Micropolitan Statistical Areas, which account for cities and their surrounding neighborhoods, as he did in his previous paper on the subject, this time Dr. Jacobs chose to use city data. MSAs are advantageous because Dr. Jacobs said the very affluent don't live in cities and "criminals don't stop at city lines." The advantage of cities is they are thought of and operate as a political unit, he said.

Dr. Jacobs said he enjoys doing a variety of research and has been able to explore a wide range of topics in his career. He can't pick a favorite topic, but said police are near the top of his list. He added that many of his paper topics have been interrelated. Currently, Dr. Jacobs is working on papers with students focusing on inequality over time and a continuation of a paper on roll call voting in the House of Representatives.

A Discussion with Yasser Payne

by Alexis Preskar, CJRC Undergraduate Intern



Dr. Payne during his talk

On March 7th, Dr. Yasser Payne (Associate Professor of Black American Studies - University of Delaware) spoke to CJRC affiliates about his [project on structural violence and crime in the largely African-American city of Wilmington, Delaware](#). Dr. Payne hired research assistants who were residents of the community being studied, therefore they were simultaneously research subjects. This method, called participatory action research or PAR, allows subjects to embrace and enhance the study because of their investment in the work and their interest in the community, Dr. Payne explained.

Since he comes from a similar background to the individuals studied in the research, Dr. Payne said it was easy to relate to and interact with participants. Using interviews, community surveys and field observation, Dr. Payne examined how a lack of opportunities in education and employment (parts of structural violence) led participants in Wilmington to become involved in crime and identify with “the street.”

The study showed some disturbing trends. For instance, 70 percent of male residents between 18 to 35 years of age reported being unemployed. Dr. Payne said after the press found this data, it was embarrassing for the city. “We used the power of PAR research to reveal all of that kind of stuff that was so conveniently tucked away,” he said. He added that this is what PAR team members enjoyed most about the project - it affirmed the issues they had seen all their lives. Dr. Payne said many respondents reported they felt unheard and so he wanted to compile compelling data that may lead to change. “The project really framed their perspective,” he said. “In most instances their point of view is right, but they don’t argue it in a way that will be recognized.”

The study showed some positive results as well. Even though they were living in poverty, respondents had relatively high levels of psychological and social well-being and reported wanting better education and employment. Dr. Payne explained that many street-identified citizens take personal responsibility very seriously. While they see ways in which institutionalized factors block them from moving up, they also put the onus on themselves to support their families. The majority of respondents answered that they considered themselves useful. While it’s not known what “useful” meant to each respondent, Dr. Payne said he believes they all had the same basic idea.

“More than likely what they all are saying on some level is that they’re not a nobody,” he said. Some of those engaged in illegal activity such as drug dealing find ways to give back to their communities in a practice Dr. Payne described as “street love.” While these individuals are seen as generous, they still are under scrutiny. “I think it’s very difficult for most folks, including those in the community, to see them as ‘Robin Hood.’ Even the people that they’re helping will look at them sideways,” he said.

Dr. Payne said he was “obsessed” with understanding street-identified black men because it was a way to understand his own life, and it led him to enter psychology. “I was very angry and confused when I was younger. I always did very well in school and I saw school as a way of coping,” he said. In the future he hopes to have a national street PAR project with national headquarters in Harlem, a place he has been connected to since he grew up in the area and most of his family still live there. He said he’d like to see colleges get more involved with “in the streets” research because they have the funds and knowledge to make a real difference. “We don’t simply have to be an ivy tower way off yonder,” he said. Though he did work to bring the project to life he said it fell in his lap. Now he can’t imagine not doing it. “I really feel like if I don’t do this, it won’t get done,” Dr. Payne said.

The most vital component in the project for Dr. Payne was that the effort be respected by residents in the Wilmington community. He said he was monitored a lot while in the field, but he believes he gained their respect by being honest. “As long as I remained transparent, accessible, in the community, on the ground...it made it much easier,” Payne explained. He still visits the community and tries to stay connected to the subjects. The residents’ important but often misunderstood mindset became obvious while doing field research. “Their value system, their psychology are on par with middle America. They want the same things. They don’t want to buck the system. They don’t want revolution. They want to find a way to make it here.”

What Center Participants are Doing



Audrey Begun (Associate Professor, College of Social Work - OSU) and **Nate Doogan** (Ph.D. candidate, College of Social



Work - OSU) presented "Linking Prisoner Centralization with Social Connectedness: Five Years of Prisoner Visitation," at the 17th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Diego, CA, January 16-20.



Amy Bonomi (Associate Professor, Human Sciences; Affiliated Professor, Sexuality Studies - OSU) presented the keynote address at a training seminar entitled "Dialogue for Hope: A Multi-Systems Approach to Working with Victims of Crime" on Friday, April 5, at the First Christian Church in Canton, Ohio. The keynote stemmed directly from Dr. Bonomi's

CJRC-funded work on victim recantation. In addition, Amy's piece entitled "New Insights on the Process of Victim Recantation" (co-authored with David Martin, Rasgmi Gangamma and Jeff Grabmeier) is the lead article in the March 2013 issue of the *Domestic Violence Report*, which is one of the leading publications law practitioners in the field look to for practice recommendations. Lastly, Amy's research on intimate partner violence between adolescents was featured in a [Chicago Tribune article](#) on February 20th.

Christin Carotta (Ph.D. candidate, Human Development and Family Science - OSU) won first place in the Education and Human Ecology oral presentation session of the OSU Hayes Graduate Research Forum on March 1st. The presentation was entitled "'I'm Hoping for a Miracle,' & 'I am too': Hopes Expressed Between Victims and Offenders Following Incarceration for Partner Violence." Christin led three CJRC interns - Julia Sweeney, Sara Schavione, and Stephanie Blatnik - in the analysis of the couples' conversations, which was presented at the Forum. The students are co-authors on the work along with Amy Bonomi.



Sharon Davies (Professor, Moritz College of Law - OSU) was asked by the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section to serve on an expert panel which will assist a grant-funded project entitled "Achieving an Impartial Jury: Removing Bias in Voir Dire and Deliberations."



Mark Davis (Research Scientist, CJRC - OSU) has an article in the current (March/April) issue of *The Criminologist*, entitled, "Stealing Science: Research Misconduct and the Misuse of Scholarly Work." The article was co-authored with Bonnie Barry, Director of the Social Problems Research Group.



Walter DeKeseredy (Professor, Criminology - University of Ontario Institute of Technology) is the co-investigator of a study recently funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. The principal

Investigator is Dr. Molly Dragiewicz and the project is titled "Safe at Work: International Collaboration for Understanding the Health and Safety of Anti-Violence Workers in Canada and Australia." Dr. DeKeseredy also has an article titled "Welcome to the Dark Side: Some Thoughts on the Challenges of Being an Early Progressive Scholar" in the most recent issue of *The Criminologist* (Vol. 38, pp. 44-45).

Donald Hutcherson (Assistant Professor, Sociology - Ohio University-Lancaster) was recently interviewed by two high-profile media outlets regarding his research on the effects of incarceration on illegal earnings. He was interviewed by Jeanine Ibrahim on [CNBC's "Crime Inc."](#) and by Shankar Vedantam on NPR for a February [radio broadcast and magazine article](#).



Danielle Kuhl (Assistant Professor, Sociology - Bowling Green State University) has the following forthcoming publication: Swisher, Raymond R., Danielle C. Kuhl, and Jorge M. Chavez. 2013. "Racial and Ethnic Differences in Neighborhood Attainments in the Transition to Adulthood," *Social Forces*. The article will be in print this summer, but currently can be obtained through early access online at the [Social Forces](#) website.



Ramiro Martinez (Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice - Northeastern University; Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Affiliate) was interviewed for a March 8th story on NPR entitled “Does Crime Drop When

Immigrants Move In?”

René Olate (Assistant Professor, College of Social Work - OSU),

along with colleagues Allison Riley, Annahita Ball, and Dawn Anderson-Butcher, presented “Predictors of Social Competence Among African-American Teenagers Participating in a Sport-Based Youth Development Program” at the 17th Annual Society for Social Work Research Conference, San Diego, CA, January 16-20.



Opportunities, Calls for Papers, and Conferences

CJRC is now accepting Faculty Seed Grant Proposals for the 2014 fiscal year – CJRC requests proposals relating to research on Crime and Criminal Justice.

Consistent with our mission of fostering policy-relevant research on these topics, we are inviting proposals for Faculty Seed Grants for proposed periods between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014. We welcome proposals relating to research on a wide range of topics, and from faculty from a variety of disciplines/schools. The Center will award individual grants ranging from \$10,000-\$15,000. Priority will be given to work (1) that is collaborative and interdisciplinary, and (2) has strong potential to compete for external awards from agencies such as NIH, NSF, NIJ, or other entities which embody CJRC’s fostering of collaborative interdisciplinary research on crime/delinquency and justice issues. Grant recipients are required to give a portion of indirects (e.g. 10 to 20 percent) from future, external grants based on CJRC seed grant-funded research. All full-time (OSU) faculty whose appointments will continue in the 2013-2014 academic year are eligible to submit an application. Application Instructions. Each application must include: (1) A completed cover page; (2) an abstract of the project; (3) a full project description with bibliography; (4) a budget and justification; and (5) curriculum vitae for each participant. **Go to our website at <http://cjrc.osu.edu/seedgrants.html>** to get the application form and instructions. Send six (6) copies of the full application to the following address: Criminal Justice Research Center, ATTN: Debbie Flower-Smith,

Ohio State University, 231 Journalism Building, 242 W. 18th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210. **All materials must be submitted by 5:00pm, Friday, April 26, 2013.** Please direct all inquiries to Debbie Flower-Smith: flower-smith.1@sociology.osu.edu.

The Lorain County Reentry Coalition (LCRC) seeks a part-time coordinator – LCRC needs a coordinator for its work with individuals returning to the community after incarceration. Responsibilities: coordinate Coalition meetings; network with community and other coalitions; data collection; facilitate the formulation and implementation of service delivery to offenders. Skills: effective written and oral communication, Word and Excel. Background: BA in human services field or comparable experience. Three years similar experience with knowledge of local human services preferred. A valid driver's license is required. E-mail resume to LorainCountyReentry@gmail.com.

5th Annual International Crime, Media and Popular Culture Studies Conference: A Cross-Disciplinary Exploration is now accepting abstracts – The event will be held September 23, 24, and 25, 2013 at Indiana State University. The conference is sponsored by the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Indiana State University. **Abstracts and presenter registration are due May 6, 2013.** Featured Speakers Include: Gray Cavender, Patricia Adler, Michelle Brown, Pauline Brennan, Rachel Hall, Alyce McGovern, Felicia Miyakawa, and Anita Say Chan. [Click here](#) for further information, abstract submission and registration. Please contact Founding Conference Chair Dr. Franklin T. Wilson at Frank.Wilson@indstate.edu with questions.

Critical Criminology: An International Journal invites original submissions for a special issue, “Queer/ing Criminology: New Directions and Framework” – The issue is guest edited by Matthew Ball, Carrie L. Buist, and Jordan Blair Woods. The issue will be published in March 2014. The goal of the special issue is to begin a discussion on how critical criminology can assist in increasing criminological engagement with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) populations, and sexual orientation and gender identity concepts. The editors are especially interested in contributions that offer critical insight on updating existing and/or developing new conceptual frameworks to address criminological issues involving sexual orientation, gender identity, and LGBTQ populations. Manuscripts should be under 6,500 words (including tables, illustrations, notes and references) and conform to the manuscript style of the *Critical Criminology* journal. Manuscripts for the special issue should be sent electronically in Microsoft Word format to Jordan Blair Woods at jw567@cam.ac.uk by **July 1, 2013** with “Queer Criminology Manuscript” in the subject line. If authors would like to discuss a potential topic for the special issue, please e-mail Jordan at that address.

~Featured Article~

Voices from the CJRC Undergraduate Internship Program – Part I

by Amanda Kennedy

This article is the first in a two-part series about our undergraduate internship program. In this piece, we focus on the work of our interns with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and with Dr. Amy Bonomi and Ph.D. candidate Christin Carotta on their domestic violence research. Our next article will discuss our internships with the Ohio Public Defender and CJRC's Historical Violence Database.

The CJRC Undergraduate Internship Program was established in January 2012 and has steadily grown since its founding. To date, twenty-seven OSU students have been placed with a variety of valuable research opportunities on campus and at state agencies in Columbus. Representing seventeen majors including Sociology, Math, and English, our students possess a range of intellectual interests. However, the common thread they share is their passion for learning more about the criminal justice system, first-hand. I spoke with several of our interns and their internship supervisors to hear more about their important experiences working with the program.

While we previously had several undergraduate interns who contributed columns to our newsletter, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC)'s Bureau of Research took on our first students placed outside of CRJC in winter quarter 2012. At that time, Bureau Chief Dr. Steve Van Dine and his research team graciously welcomed two of our seniors - Tianzi Xie, an Actuarial Science major, and Ben Parrish, a Criminology major, who has gone on to the Master's of Criminal Justice Program at the University of Cincinnati. Since then, ODRC has worked with nine CJRC interns in total.

"It has been successful on our part and on their part, judging from the feedback of our interns," Steve explained. All interns read numerous inmate/offender case files so that they can see the various trajectories that lead inmates to crime, and they visit at least one prison during their internships. Researchers at ODRC tackle a range of topics, and interns are given the chance to work on those projects that are most intriguing to them. For instance, Tianzi worked with OSU alumnus and ODRC researcher, Dr. Brian Kowalski. Together, they examined several hundred thousand

inmate rule infractions and created a working SPSS database that can be sorted by institution, infraction, and year. "We produced our first comprehensive summary of inmate infractions with that information. It was the working document for planning several major research projects in the following six to eight months," Steve said. Another ODRC intern, junior Geography major Max Bucher, is currently assisting with geocoding the addresses of parolees in Hamilton County. The hope is that his research will eventually assist in the restructuring of the Adult Parole Authority in the Cincinnati area.

Matt Rumelhart, a senior Criminology major, shared his thoughts about his work at ODRC. He has interned at ODRC for the entire 2012-2013 school year. "The internship has met and exceeded all my expectations. I've worked on a lot of different projects, and it's very cool to approach research from a corrections standpoint," he stated. Matt has worked with the Ohio Risk Assessment Survey, a survey of inmates designed to predict recidivism, as well as an inmate assault database. Importantly, the data he helped code regarding inmate assaults was presented before the Ohio State Senate. In addition, Matt said that the staff is very inclusive and helpful. "They invite me to all staff meetings and they are very friendly." Matt is considering whether or not he wants to go directly into the field of corrections or further graduate studies in Criminal Justice. "No matter what I decide to do, it's been great to see how integral the research is to informing policy and the structure of the correctional system," he said. "I'd recommend the internship experience to anyone who has an interest in learning how to do research. I learned that research has its tedious moments, but you have to put in the hours of work to draw larger, important conclusions."

CJRC interns have also assisted several faculty and graduate student-led projects on campus. Junior Sociology/Criminology major Sara Schiavone, senior Political Science major Julia Sweeney, and senior Economics major Stephanie Blatnik worked with Dr. Amy Bonomi, Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Sciences (HDFS), and Christin Carotta, a Ph.D. candidate in HDFS. As a research team, they analyzed recordings of jail phone calls between perpetrators of domestic violence and their victims. They assessed the expressed hopes of both parties, and how this communication influenced the likelihood of victims to recant charges. The project is a springboard for Christin's impending dissertation research. "Our interns assisted with every phase of the research process," Christin explained. Sara, Stephanie and Julia helped devise the coding scheme, which was "pretty elaborate. We'd meet each week to discuss our findings.

Our interns' critical thinking skills were superior, including their ability to indicate nuances in the data," she said. Amy was equally impressed with the interns, stating, "I've taught probably 2000 students in my time, and these students went above and beyond. They asked sophisticated questions, not just about data itself, but also about other possible research ideas."

The interns helped select meaningful quotes and assisted in the revision of the final manuscript produced by Christin. As a result, Christin, Amy, Julie, Sara and Stephanie are co-authors on the paper, which is currently under review at the *Journal of Family Psychology*. Christin also presented the findings from their work at the HDFS Department brownbag series, at a conference in Washington DC, and at the OSU Hayes Graduate Research Forum, where she won first place in the Education and Human Ecology oral presentation session.

Sara and Julia told me about their experiences being part of the team. "I felt like I was on equal ground with Amy and Christin," Sara said. Julie elaborated on the research process: "It was truly a group discussion. My opinions were respected and seriously considered by Christin in her work." Julia believes that the internship also gave her an edge in landing a position this summer at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights (LCCR) in Washington, DC. "I'm so excited for the opportunity. I'll be working on issues of employment discrimination, an often unnoticed aspect of which has to do with victims of domestic abuse losing work opportunities." Julia also contends that the knowledge she gained from working in the CJRC internship program will enhance her contributions at LCCR. "Most research focuses on why the abuser does what they do, but not on why victims stay with the abuser. Our research focused on the emotional aspect of abuse. I hope it will make people more aware of the complex realities these victims face," she shared. "I really thank CJRC. My internship was truly eye-opening."

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