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This issue's feature:
Criminology at Ohio State

Ohio State has played a major role in the intellectual and organizational development of the field of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

WELCOME to Spring Quarter 2008!!! It will be another exciting term for CJRC. We begin right away with the 2008 Walter C. Reckless and Simon Dinitz Memorial Lecture on April 7th. This year's lecture will feature *Honorable Paul Cassell* (Quinney College of Law, University of Utah). We anticipate a stimulating presentation and lively discussion on the role of victim impact statements in the criminal justice process. We will round out the academic year with three other important seminars featuring: *John Hipp* (University of California-Irvine) on April 25th, *Harry Weiss* (Ohio State University) on May 9th, and *Creasia Finney Hairston* (University of Illinois-Chicago) on June 6th for the Institute for Excellence in Justice Symposium. Please mark your calendars for each of these events. (Details are presented below.)

Looking back, CJRC moved forward on a number of fronts during Winter 2008. Four sets of activities stand out to me. First, were the three outstanding seminars. We began the quarter with *Hillary Potter's* (University of Colorado) dynamic assessment of Black women's views of and responses to battering. This was followed by the jointly-sponsored (with the Initiative in Population Research's Social Interaction Working Group) talk by *Andrew Papachristos* (University of Massachusetts-Amherst) on relational aspects of gang homicide. We ended the quarter with an IEJ Symposium which assessed the role of evidence-based practice in community corrections. This symposium featured *Edward Latessa* (University of Cincinnati), *Judy Sachwald* (National Institute of Corrections), and *James Wilson* (Fordham University). Despite ice and snow conditions, 170 people made it to the Correctional Best Practices Center for this symposium.

Another major accomplishment of CJRC during winter quarter was the development of a new web site. If you have not visited our site recently (<http://cjrc.osu.edu/>), please do so and let us know what you think. The site was designed by *Robin Oatts* of "gencreative.com," configured for OSU and set up by *Rob Feldman* (webmaster for Sociology), and is being maintained by *Jason Whitesel* (CJRC graduate research associate). Jason welcomes any suggestions that you have. You can e-mail him at whitesel.10@sociology.osu.edu).

Our third major accomplishment is related to our efforts to secure grant funds. I wish to congratulate CJRC's "Spatial Crime Research Working Group" (<http://cjrc.osu.edu/researchprojects/spatialcrimeworkinggroup.html>) as a recipient of one of NSF's coveted Human and Social Dynamics awards. **WAY TO GO Chris, Kate, Laurie, and Mei-Po.** (I also get a little of the credit for this project.) Finally, I wish to congratulate *Derrick Bryan* on his first edition of *CJRC News*. From my read, our newsletter continues to be in very capable hands. *Mark Davis* we also thank you for working with Derrick and especially for your work on "This Issue's Feature."

--Ruth

UPCOMING CJRC EVENTS OF INTEREST

April 3-4, 2008

Juvenile Law Symposium 2008

Juvenile law experts will discuss cutting edge issues pertaining to delinquency, abuse, neglect, dependency, and termination of parental rights cases at this two-day symposium. The symposium, sponsored and hosted by The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law's Justice for Children Project, will examine several juvenile law topics, such as Senate Bill 10 and the Adam Walsh Act; Blakely and Foster issues in serious youthful offender proceedings; the use of testimonial evidence pursuant to Crawford; how to try abuse and neglect cases; case law and legislation updates; and recent developments in neurological and socio-scientific research. The symposium will be held at the Barrister Club at the Moritz College of Law. For more information about the symposium please visit the following link:

<http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/jfc/symposia/index.php>><http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/jfc/symposia/index.php>

Monday, April 7, 2008

Walter C. Reckless-Simon Dinitz Lecture

Lecturer: Paul Cassell (Quinney College of Law, University of Utah and Judge, U.S.

District Court for the District of Utah). Professor Cassell's lecture will focus on the role of victim impact statements in criminal justice proceedings. It will be held at 6:30 at the Barrister Club.

Friday, April 25, 2008

John Hipp (Criminology, Law and Society, University of California-Irvine).

"Inter- and Intra-group Interactions: The Case of Everyday Violent Crime as an Expression of Group Conflict or Social Disorganization." **Journalism 243, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee, juice and refreshments will be served.**

Friday, May 9, 2008

Harry Weiss (Sociology, Ohio State University).

"The Intergenerational Transmission of Social Capital and Its Meaning for Delinquency."

Journalism 243, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee, juice and refreshments will be served.

Friday, June 6, 2008

Institute for Excellence in Justice

Symposium on "Family and Corrections: The Role of Family during Incarceration and

Reentry" Featured Speaker: **Creasia Finney Hairston (Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago)**; Discussants: Steve Gavazzi (Human Development and Family Relations, Ohio State University), Kim Hettel (Ohio Department of Rehabilitation & Correction), and Rachael Waldoff (Sociology, West Virginia University). **Location TBA, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Coffee, juice and refreshments will be served.**

WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING

Laurie Krivo (Sociology) gave the Sherry Corbett Memorial Lecture at Miami University (Ohio) on Tuesday, February 26 on Race, Residence, and Crime: A Structure of Inequality. Also, she and a group of fellow scholars began a 3-year research project funded by NSF's Human and Social Dynamics Program. The project is titled "Dynamics of Space and Time Use: Patterns, Causes, and Consequences for Crime and Problem Behaviors."

This project seeks to increase understanding of how criminal and other problem behaviors are affected by the different neighborhood environments that people move through during the course of their daily lives, and to determine whether these influences operate in the same manner for individuals of different ages. Investigators for the project are Christopher Browning, Catherine Calder, Lauren Krivo, Mei-Po Kwan and Ruth Peterson. Lori Burrington is currently the graduate research associate for the project.

More information on this project can be found at: <
<http://cjrc.osu.edu/researchprojects/dynofspaceandtime.html> >
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Walter DeKeseredy (University of Ontario Institute of Technology) has several upcoming publications. The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice is set to publish his article entitled "Interpersonal Violence against Women: The Role of Men" of which he and Martin D. Schwartz of Ohio University are coauthors. Walter also has a book chapter with coauthor Judith Grant entitled "Violence against Women" coming out soon in N. Mandell (Ed.), *Feminist Issues: Race, Class and Sexuality*. Toronto: Pearson.

Joshua Dressler (Moritz College of Law) was appointed to the Thomson West Law Advisory Board. He also presented a paper called "Reforming Complicity Law: Trivial Assistance as a Lesser Offense?" at the University of California, Davis Law School on February 21, and the following day gave a lecture entitled Provocation: Justification or Excuse? at the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law.

CALLS FOR PAPERS, CONFERENCES, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice has announced two special issues. The first special issue is on Empirical Research on the Impact of Sentencing Reforms. The issue will focus on the impact of sentencing reforms that have been enacted over the last 25 years. The journal is particularly interested in empirical research that investigates whether reforms have resulted in more punitive sentences, less crime, or reductions in disparity and discrimination. Also of interest are studies on sentencing outcomes in the post-reform era. Direct questions to one of the two guest editors: Cassia Spohn, Arizona State University (<
<mailto:cassia.spohn@asu.edu>>cassia.spohn@asu.edu, 602-543-0023); Pauline Brennan, University of Nebraska at Omaha (<
<mailto:pkbrennan@mail.unomaha.edu>>pkbrennan@mail.unomaha.edu, 402-554-2205). Please send four manuscript copies, along with the manuscript on disk, to Cassia Spohn, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, PO Box 37100, Phoenix, AZ 85069-7100. **Deadline: April 1, 2008.**

The second special issue of the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* is on the topic Firearms and Violent Crime. Appropriate topics include the impact of firearm availability on violent offenses at the individual and aggregate levels, differential lethality of types of firearms, evaluations of interventions designed to reduce the supply of firearms or to change gun carrying behaviors, the use of firearms for self-defense, changes in the demographic characteristics of firearm owners, and methodological issues in researching the area of firearms and violent crimes. Direct questions to guest editors Jay Corzine (<<mailto:hcorzine@mail.ucf.edu>>hcorzine@mail.ucf.edu) or Tom Petee (<<mailto:peteea@mail.auburn.edu>>peteea@mail.auburn.edu). Please send four manuscript copies, along with the manuscript on disk, to Jay Corzine, Department of Sociology, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL 32816-1320. **Deadline: June 1, 2008.** All manuscripts will be peer-reviewed. For each special issue, manuscripts should be no more than 25 typed, double-spaced pages including tables, figures and references.

The *Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies (CILPS)* at the Moritz College of Law has created a Lecturers' Bureau to identify faculty at the University who would enjoy giving individual lectures within their areas of specialty in classes elsewhere at the University. The impetus for the creation of the Bureau stems from the Center's mission to promote interdisciplinary teaching and research, from the recognition that students would enjoy lectures from our colleagues in other disciplines, and from experience and belief in the value of cross collaboration.

Faculty who self-identify as interested in and willing to lecture in classes taught elsewhere in the University would be listed in the Lecturers' Bureau as available as their time, interests and schedule permit. Eleven law faculty have already signed up. CILPS will maintain a list of all faculty who indicate an interest in participating on a CILPS website page accessible by members of the University community. CILPS involvement is simply that of facilitator; all requests and arrangements would occur on an informal level between interested faculty members. While no compensation will be provided to those who choose to participate, lecturing is a service activity and creates informal opportunities for cross-disciplinary collaboration.

For more information about the Lecturers' Bureau, please feel free to contact Professor Kate Federle, Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies, at (<<mailto:federle.1@osu.edu>>federle.1@osu.edu) or Mandy Fowler, Office Associate, Center for Interdisciplinary Law and Policy Studies, at (<<mailto:fowler.221@osu.edu>>fowler.221@osu.edu).

The Lecturers' Bureau web page can be seen at the following link:

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This Issue's Feature:

Criminology at Ohio State.

Ohio State has a rich history in criminology.

When we think of universities that have influenced the field of criminology and criminal justice, it is hard to think of one that has been and continues to be as important as Ohio State. Embedding criminology within the context of the Department of Sociology, Ohio State has played a leading role in the genesis of criminological theories, the conduct of ground-breaking research, and the development of criminology as a scholarly discipline.

The roots of this role go back to the 1900's. Ernest W. Burgess, who teamed up with Robert E. Park on the formulation of social ecological theory, was a faculty member in the Department of Sociology at Ohio State before he was called back to the University of Chicago. One of the products of the Chicago School and author of *Vice in Chicago*, Walter Reckless, joined the Department of Sociology in the 1940s and became a leading figure in 20th Century criminology. The great tradition of studying crime and community that began nearly a century ago in Chicago is being carried on today at Ohio State. Notably, Chris Browning took his training at Chicago where he worked with Rob Sampson and others in the Program on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods (PHDCN). As a faculty member at Ohio State, much of Chris's work is in the crime and community tradition (including studies based on the PHDCN and other data). This is also true for Paul Bellair, Lauren J. Krivo, and Ruth D. Peterson.

One of Ohio State's criminology standouts was the late Simon "Sy" Dinitz, who for many years worked with Walter Reckless and became a leading figure in his own right. In 1974 Sy garnered the prestigious Sutherland Award of the American Society of Criminology (ASC). Sy mentored many students throughout his career; among those who went on to distinguish themselves in criminology are Thomas Gabor, C. Ronald Huff, Joan Petersilia, Stephen Pfohl and Diane Vaughn.

While criminology at Ohio State is embedded within sociology, it has long been a multidisciplinary enterprise. Nowhere is this more evident than at the Criminal Justice Research Center. The CJRC has more than 50 affiliated faculty members representing a wide array of disciplines including city and regional planning, economics, geography, history, human development and family science, law, political science, psychology, public health, public policy, social work, sociology, statistics, and women's studies. A number of current CJRC research projects have affiliated faculty working in collaboration.

Another of Ohio State's distinctions is its close alliance with the American Society of Criminology (ASC). For several decades Ohio State has served as ASC's home. This has permitted a close relationship to form between OSU faculty and ASC. OSU has also been well-represented in the leadership of ASC. Walter Reckless, Simon Dinitz, Harry Allen and C. Ronald Huff all at one time faculty members at Ohio State served as ASC Presidents. Other ASC presidents who trained at OSU include Joan Petersilia and Frank Scarpitti. Numerous other faculty and former students have served as officers and section chairs, and as organizers of panels and roundtables.

Ohio State has been and continues to be a leader in the crime and justice field. Overall, Criminology is here in a big way! And has been for a long, long time.

Thanks to all of you who sent your suggestions and announcements. We encourage you to keep us informed about any events that might be of interest to CJRC participants as well as any suggestions that you have for activities or programs. To contact the newsletter editor, please e-mail Derrick Bryan at bryan.127@osu.edu. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Derrick your e-mail address.