

CCJ GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS Fall 2004

WELCOME

Welcome to the start of the 2004-2005 academic year. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep graduate students, instructors, and faculty informed about the CCJ department by providing news of departmental changes, upcoming events, recent research grants and publications, and news about alumni. Published each semester, the newsletter also reminds graduate students of important Graduate School deadlines for completing the M.A. and Ph.D. in a timely manner.

ANNOUNCEMENT

New CCJ Faculty



Eric Stewart

The department is very pleased to announce the addition of a new tenure-track Assistant Professor. **Eric Stewart** received his Ph.D. in 2000 from Iowa State University in Sociology. Dr. Stewart's research interest focuses on contextual and individual dimensions of crime and violence. Specifically, he explores

community, school, peer, and family factors that are predictive of delinquency and violence.

Other Faculty News

Janet Lauritsen has been appointed Chair of the CCJ Department. Previous Chairpersons include Richard Rosenfeld, Richard Wright, and Scott Decker.

To better serve the needs of students, the department has two faculty directors to help manage the growing graduate program. The Director of the Ph.D. program is Eric Baumer. The Director of the M.A. program is David Curry. Undergraduate students have their own director as well. Jody Miller serves as the Director of the B.S. program. If you have questions about our programs, please check the website first! Nearly all program details can be found on our website.

Assistant Professor **Rod Brunson** was awarded the 2003-2004 Meritorious Service Award from the Students with Disabilities Association.

Professor **Dave Curry** was awarded the 2004 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Service.

Assistant Professor **Beth Huebner** was awarded the Gitner Excellence in Teaching Award.

Tim Maher* was awarded the 2003-2004 Arts and Sciences Lecturer of the Year Award.

Professor **Richard Wright** was awarded the 2004 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Creativity.

Employment News

Dennis Mares (ABD) has accepted a position as Project Director at the Latino Drug Abuse Research Center (LDARC) at Florida International University. Best wishes to Dennis as he begins his new career.

Steve Schnebly (ABD) has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at Arizona State University-West. Best wishes to Steve as he begins his new career.

GREETINGS FROM THE GSA

Special welcome to graduate students from the CCJ GSA President, Regan Gustafson.

As President of the CCJ Graduate Student Association (CCJ GSA), it is my pleasure to welcome new and returning students to our department. It has been a delight to see the Department offices buzzing with new semester activity once again and filled with familiar faces and many new ones. This promises to be an exciting year, with an impressive cohort of new PhD students to work with and get to know, more guest speakers than ever before, new brown bag lunches and professional development seminars with faculty, great social events, the annual meetings of the ASC in nearby Nashville, and so much more! I look forward to good times with friends new and old, learning and working together in a dynamic research community, and serving you as a GSA officer over the coming year. Welcome once again! - Regan

The CCJ Graduate Student Association (GSA) is a university organization headed by the graduate students in the Department. Our primary objectives are to facilitate the professional development of students seeking a career in criminology and criminal justice; to encourage an active graduate student culture in which students can grow, learn, and develop long-lasting relationships with fellow students and faculty; and to contribute to the discipline

through service and scholarship. For more information on the CCJ GSA, including event announcements, please visit our website at www.umsl.edu/~ccj/gsa/gsavehome.htm, which we will continue to update over the coming weeks.

M.A. PROGRAM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received their M.A. degrees in May 2004: **Darren Boehlje, Victoria Bowen, Christopher Melde, Cory Schroeder, Matthew Stumpf, Laura Westhoff, and Allison Worthy.**

Students who plan on **graduating this semester (ceremony in December 2004)** should have already filed an M-1 Form (Program for Master's Degree) with the Graduate School. MA students should contact their faculty advisor if they have any questions about anticipated graduation dates. Students should contact M.A. Graduate Director Dave Curry immediately to confirm their December 2004 graduation date.

Students who plan on **graduating in May 2005 or August 2005** should fill out an M-1 Form and submit it to their advisor by October 15th. The M-1 Form (and all other Graduate School Forms) are available on-line. Go to "Rules and Regulations" under the UMSL Graduate School web page to find the forms.

Ph.D. PROGRAM NEWS

New Ph.D. Graduate Students

Eight new graduate students will join the Ph.D. program this fall. They include: **Brad Brick** (M.A., Georgia State University); **Jennifer Cobbina** (B.A., Indiana University); **Theodore Darden** (M.A., University of Wisconsin-Platteville); **Allison Deutsch** (B.A., University of Northern Iowa); **Brendan Dooley** (M.A., Loyola University); **Lindsey Green** (B.S., Georgia State University); **Jessica Johnston** (B.A. University of Denver); and **Andrea**

Nichols (M.A., SIU-Edwardsville). Good luck to the new Ph.D. students as they begin their studies.

New Ph.D. Recipients

Congratulations to **Shannon Catalano** for successfully defending her dissertation in July 2004. Dr. Catalano's dissertation was entitled "An Examination of the Convergence Between Police Recording and Victim Reporting of Serious Violent Crime, 1973-2002." The chair of her committee was Janet Lauritsen.

Congratulations to **Christopher Mullins** for successfully defending his dissertation in April 2004. Dr. Mullins's dissertation was entitled "Masculinities, Streetlife and Violence: A Qualitative Secondary Examination." The chair of his committee was Jody Miller.

New ABDs

Congratulations to **Tom Holt** for successfully defending her dissertation proposal. Mr. Holt's project is entitled "Hacks, Cracks, and Crime: An Examination of the Subculture and Social Organization of Computer Hackers." The chair of his committee is Jody Miller.

New Ph.D. Candidates

Congratulations to Dan Isom for successfully completing his comprehensive exams in February. Graduate students are designated "Ph.D. Candidates" after they have completed coursework and exams.

Dissertation Deadlines

In order to receive the Ph.D. by the end of this semester, ABDs must be ready to submit a copy of their dissertation in "essentially final form" to the Graduate School six weeks prior to the end of the semester (i.e., by **November 1st**). Students

who plan on receiving the Ph.D. by May 2005 must have their dissertation completed by **April 1st**. Finally, students who plan on completing their degree by the end of this academic year must have completed the dissertation by **July 1st**. Remember, *you must be enrolled in the semester in which you defend your dissertation*. Also, be aware that summer graduations are much more difficult to coordinate because of faculty research obligations. **Be sure to plan ahead.**

Comprehensive Exams

The Fall 2004 comprehensive exams will take place **October 6th-8th**. Students who plan on taking their exams should confirm their place with Eric Baumer. The committee consists of Professors Bursik, Klingler, and Lauritsen.

OUR INFLUENCE

Publications

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since January 2004 ("*****" indicates graduate student):

Research Articles

Finn-Aage Esbensen (2004). "Evaluation of G.R.E.A.T.: A school-based gang prevention program." *Research in Policy*, USDOJ.

Beth M. Huebner, Joseph A. Schafer, and Timothy S. Bynum (2004). "African American and white citizens perceptions of police service: Within-and-between group variation." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 32(2): 123-135.

Janet L. Lauritsen (2004). "Searching for a better understanding of race and ethnic differences in violent crime." *Criminal Justice Ethics* 23:68-73.

Janet L. Lauritsen and Robin Schaum* (2004). "The social ecology of violence against women." *Criminology* 42:323-357.

Mary Layne, **Scott H. Decker**, Margaret Townsend, and Caben Chester (2002). "Drug smuggling." *Trends in Organized Crime* 7 (3): 66-87.

Steven F. Messner and **Richard Rosenfeld** (2004). "'Institutionalizing' criminological theory." *Advances in Criminological Theory* 13: 83-105

Dana Peterson and **Finn-Aage Esbensen** (2004). "The outlook is G.R.E.A.T.: What educators say about school-based prevention and the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program." *Evaluation Review* 28: 218-245.

Jeff Rojeck*, **Richard Rosenfeld**, and **Scott Decker** (2004). "The influence of driver's race on traffic stops in Missouri." *Police Quarterly* 7: 126-147.

Richard Rosenfeld (2004). "The case of the unsolved crime decline." *Scientific American* (February):82-89.

Books

Stephen E. Brown, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, and Gilbert Geis (2004). Criminology: Explaining Crime and Its Context. 5th Edition. Cincinnati, OH: Anderson Publishing Co.

Finn-Aage Esbensen, Stephen Tibbets, and Larry Gaines (2004). American Youth Gangs at the Millennium. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press.

Book Chapters

Scott Decker and Tim Bynum. (2003). "Auto theft problem solving," pp. 119-147 in Police Department Information Systems Technology Enhancement Project (ISTEP): Phase II Case Studies. Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Washington, DC: USDOJ.

Finn-Aage Esbensen, Dana Peterson, Terrance J. Taylor, Adrienne Freng, and D. Wayne Osgood (2004). "Gang prevention: A case study

of a primary prevention program" in **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, Stephen Tibbets, and Larry Gaines (eds.) American Youth Gangs at the Millennium. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press.

Jody Miller and Barry Glassner (2004). "The 'inside' and the 'outside': Finding realities in interviews," in D. Silverman (ed.) Qualitative Research, 2nd ed. London: Sage Publications.

Richard Rosenfeld (2004). "Terrorism and criminology," pp. 19-32 in Mathieu Deflem (ed.) Criminological Perspectives. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Vince Webb and **Scott Decker** (2003). "Prostitution problem solving," pp. 91-117 in Police Department Information Systems Technology Enhancement Project (ISTEP): Phase II Case Studies. Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. Washington, DC: USDOJ.

Presentations at Meetings

From January to August 2004, department members gave the following presentations at professional meetings:

Rod Brunson presented "Who you talking to: African-American males and the police," at the *Tenth Annual Symposium on Youth Gangs and Delinquency*, sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of America in Atlanta, GA (April).

Dave Curry presented "What Makes a Proposal Stand Out?" as part of a panel presentation, "Developing a Winning NIJ Proposal" at the annual meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Las Vegas (March); "Luncheon Keynote: Confessions of an Evaluator: From Children to Little Lines of Numbers and Back Again" at the *Boys and Girls Clubs of America Annual Symposium on Youth Gangs and Delinquency*, Atlanta (April).

Dave Curry and H. Arlen Egley, Jr.(Ph.D. Alumni) presented "Workshop: Gangs 101" at the *Boys and Girls Clubs of America Annual*

Symposium on Youth Gangs and Delinquency, Atlanta (April).

Scott Decker presented: "American gangs and American Gang Policy" to the *Metropolis Group*, Ottawa (Jan); "Responding to Homicide in a Problem Solving Context" to the *Practitioner Workgroup on Violence*, which was convened by the National Institute of Justice, Washington, D.C. (Jan); "Emerging Gangs in Europe and Canada: Parallels to the United States" at the *Centre of Criminology, University of Toronto*, Toronto (March); "Gangs in America: Lessons for Canada" at the *Canadian Broadcasting Company Public Forum on Gangs*, (March); "(Mis)Understanding and Responding to Gangs" at the *Dr. Semi J. and Ruth W. Begun Center for Violence Prevention Research and Education, Community Lecture Series on Violence Prevention and Intervention*, Case Western Reserve University (April). "Routine Crime in Exceptional Times: Crime Patterns During the Salt Lake City Olympics" at the *Societies of Criminology 1st Key Issues Conference*, Paris, France (May); "Promising Gang Strategies" at the *Project Safe Neighborhoods National Meeting*, Kansas City, MO (June); and "Project Safe Neighborhoods in St. Louis" at the *Research and Evaluation Conference (USDOJ)*, Washington, D.C. (July);

Janet L. Lauritsen presented "Family and Community Influences on the Risk for Youth Victimization" at the *Third Annual Youth Violence Prevention Conference*, University of Missouri-St. Louis (April)

Jody Miller presented: "Race, Inequality and Gendered Violence at *Inequality, Crime, and Justice: Challenges and Prospects*, a symposium sponsored by the Department of Sociology at Ohio State University, Columbus (July); "Sex Play, Violent Play: Urban Girls' Negotiation with Gender Violence" at the *Department Sociology and Center of Criminology and Sociolegal Studies Lecture Series*, University of Iowa (Feb); and "Global Violence against Sex Workers: The Sri-Lankan Example" at the *Violence Against Women as a Human Rights Issue Conference*, University of Dayton, Ohio (Feb).

Jody Miller and **Toya Like*** presented "Race, Inequality, and Gendered Violence: A Contextual Examination" at "*Setting a National Agenda for Research on Race and Ethnicity, Crime & Criminal Justice*," a symposium sponsored by Ruth Peterson and Lauren Krivio at Ohio State University (July).

James Patchin, Timothy S. Bynum, **Beth M. Huebner**, John D. McCluskey, and Sean P. Varano presented "An Evaluation of a Community Probation Program aimed at Serious Juvenile Offenders" at the annual meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Las Vegas (March).

Callie Rennison presented "Co-occurrence of Rape and Sexual Assault with Violent and Property Crimes" and "NCVS-Secondary Analysis of National Crime Victimization Survey Data" at *Victimization of Children & Youth: An International Research Conference*, Portsmouth, New Hampshire (July).

Richard Rosenfeld presented: "Inequality, Crime and Punishment" an invited lecture at the *George Warren Brown School of Social Work*, Washington University (Feb); "The Contribution of Ex-Prisoners to Crime Rates" at the meeting of the *American Association for the Advancement of Science*, Seattle (Feb); and "The UCR-NCVS Convergence and Changes in Police Recording of Assaults" at the *National Consortium on Violence Research workshop on relationship between UCR and NCVS crime series*, Washington, D.C. (March)

Lynn Urban* presented preliminary information on her dissertation, "The Deterrent Effects of Curfew Enforcement: Operation Nightwatch in St. Louis" at the annual meeting of the *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Las Vegas (March).

RESEARCH GRANTS

Beth M. Huebner received an *UM-St.Louis Research Award* for a study entitled "Maternal

Incarceration and Delinquency.” She also received an award through the *UM-St. Louis* small grants competition.

Callie Rennison was awarded a post-doc fellowship from the *National Consortium of Violence Researchers*, 2004-2005.

Lynn Urban* was awarded a Graduate Research Fellowship from the National Institute of Justice (July)

IN THE NEWS

Robert Bursik was quoted in an article about home robberies. The article ran June 20th in the *Las Vegas Review-Journal*.

Dave Curry discussed U.S. selective services issues on: June 14 on WKY (930 AM) in Oklahoma City and WILD (1570 AM) in Frankfort, IN; June 15 on KWKZ (1260 AM) in Green County, WI; and June 21 on KWRE in Warrenton, MO.

Scott Decker was quoted in an article on racial profiling by police. The article ran June 9th in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Dave Klinger discussed his book, "Into the Kill Zone: A Cop's Eye View of Deadly Force," on June 9th on KPCC (89.3 FM) in Pasadena, CA.

Richard Rosenfeld was quoted in two articles about homicide rates in the United States. The articles ran June 4th in the *Los Angeles Times* and June 24th in the *Atlanta Business Chronicle*.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dyan McGuire (Ph.D. 2000) published “Models of bias (not justice): Interactive analysis is better than the additive approach for explaining the impact of race and gender on processing decisions in the juvenile justice system,” *Internet Journal of Criminology*,

<http://www.internetjournalofcriminology.com/Articlefrontpage.html>

Rick Ruddell (Ph.D. 2002) published: Ruddell, Rick (2004). “America behind bars: Trends in imprisonment, 1952-2000.” New York: LFB Scholarly Press; and Ruddell, Rick and G. Larry Mays (2004). “Risky behavior, guns, firearms legislation and unintentional firearm fatalities.” *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 2: 1-17; Roy, Brian and Rick Ruddell (2004). Diverting mentally ill inmates from California jails. *American Jails* (May/June), 13-18; and Way, Lori B., Rick Ruddell, and Matthew Thomas (2004). This Bud's not for you: Sponsoring alternative campus events. *Campus Law Enforcement Journal* (May/June), 14-18.

OTHER NEWS & INFORMATION

Jody Miller is a member of the newly formed Girls Study Group, an OJJDP funded project to assess and improve scholarship and policy on girls, delinquency, and juvenile justice. Margaret A. Zahn is the principal investigator.

Tom Holt was initiated into the Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi (April) and received the Founder's Day award from the Delta Zeta Chapter of Sigma Pi Fraternity (May).

Publication Outlets

In 1992, Vaughn and del Carmen noted that there were 133 English language journals that published articles related to criminology and criminal justice issues. Now there are **326** such outlets for publication. For an up-to-date list of these journals, including content and submission policies, see Vaughn et al, “Journals in Criminal Justice and Criminology: An Updated and Expanded Guide for Authors,” in *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, Spring 2004. A copy of the issue is available in the department office, near the fax machine.