

# CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As the Chair of the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, I welcome you to the Fall 2011 issue of the departmental newsletter. Amanda Porterfield, Administrative Assistant in the Department, has produced an informative newsletter that highlights a number of activities and achievements of the past year.

The Department has experienced some transition this past year. Professor Andres Rengifo left us effective spring semester, 2010 for a new position in the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers University. We wish Andres well in his new position and thank him for his years of service to the department and university. Professor Dave Curry retired effective May 2011 following 16 years of service. To honor him for his contributions to the Department, Dave was approved to receive the designation as Professor Emeritus. To compensate for these vacancies, we are very pleased to welcome Dr. Stephanie DiPietro (Ph.D. University of Maryland) as Assistant Professor and Dr. Dena Carson (Ph.D. University of Missouri-St. Louis) as Assistant Research Professor. And, we will be hiring two additional faculty members during the course of this year.

The Department continues to expand its undergraduate online course offerings. By the beginning of next academic year, all courses needed to complete the CCJ degree will be available via online instruction (although not every semester). We hope these online offerings provide students with additional flexibility as they juggle their educational, familial, and occupational roles.

**Finn Esbensen, Ph.D.**  
**E. Desmond Lee Professor of Youth Crime and Violence**  
**Chairperson**

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Faculty Awards and Special Appointments

**Stephanie DiPietro** and Bianca Bersani received the 2011 W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship for their proposal "An Examination of the 'Marriage Effect' on Desistance from Crime among U.S. Immigrants."

**Richard Wright** received the 2011 Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Service from the University of Missouri-St. Louis.

### New Faculty

After a nationwide search, we are delighted to announce that **Stephanie Di Pietro** is our new Assistant Professor (PhD, University of Maryland). Dr. Di Pietro joined us in Fall 2010 as a Visiting Assistant Professor.

After completing her doctorate in Summer 2011, **Dena**

**Carson** joins the department as an Assistant Research Professor. We're pleased to have the opportunity to continue working with Dr. Carson.

### A Note of Appreciation

Special thanks to our adjunct faculty members. Without their continued cooperation and support, it would not be possible for us to offer the variety and number of courses that we do.

**John Cosgrove, Gabe Crocker, Michael Guzy, Mason Keller, Shannon McAllister, Kim Rensing, and Gary Young.**

### Dedication

This newsletter is dedicated in memory of **Eugene Schwartz**, the founder of our department. Mr. Schwartz passed away on May 31, 2011. Please see his obituary on page 6.

## DOCTORAL PROGRAM NEWS

### New Ph.D. Students

Welcome to **Jaclyn Cwick**, **Amber Freitas**, **Shytierra Gaston**, **Jordan Pickering**, and **Maribeth Rezey**.

### New Ph.D.s

Congratulations to **Dena Carson** for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is "Examining the Effect of Changes in the Peer Group on Attitudes: A Longitudinal Approach." The chair of her committee is Finn Esbensen.

Congratulations to **Kimberly Martin** for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is "A Multilevel Analysis of County and State Variation in the Severity of Sentences Imposed in Large Urban Courts." The chair of her committee is Beth Huebner.

Congratulations to **Brian Oliver** for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of his work is "Recidivism: A Multi-Level Explanation." The chair of his committee is Richard Rosenfeld.

Congratulations to **Nicole White** for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is "The Economy-Crime Relationship Revisited: The Significance Of Recent Macroeconomic And Social Policy Changes For Child Poverty And Youth Violence Trends." The chair of her committee is Janet Lauritsen. Dr. White's dedication to her research and determination to complete her degree despite serious health issues is an inspiration to the entire department. You can read more about Dr. White in this UMSL News profile: <http://blogs.umsl.edu/news/?p=10550>

### New ABDs

Congratulations to **Andrea Nichols** for successfully defending her dissertation proposal. The title of her work is "Feminist Advocacy in Community Based Responses to Domestic Violence." The chair of her committee is Kristin Carbone-Lopez.

### Ph.D. Awards and Accolades

**Dena Carson** was awarded \$500 for the Graduate School Dissertation Award in October 2010.

**Dena Carson's** paper, "Examining the Effect of Peers on Changes in Delinquent Attitudes: A Longitudinal Study", was selected as co-third place in the American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Award competition

**Andrea Nichols** received a number of awards, including: Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award, Midwest Sociological Society 2011  
Public Policy Research Center Dissertation Fellowship, University of Missouri St. Louis 2011

Students Appreciating Teachers Award, St. Louis Community College 2011

Teacher of The Year, St. Louis Community College 2011

**Brian Oliver** received a grant to support his dissertation from the Bureau of Justice Statistics and American Statistical Association.

**Mike Vecchio** received Honorable Mention in the 2010 Midwest Criminal Justice Association Graduate Student Paper Competition.

**Niquita Vinyard** graduated from the Federal Judicial Center's Leadership Development Program for Probation and Pretrial Services Officers in Washington, D.C. in June 2011. The three-year program teaches and develops leadership skills through a combination of formal instruction, project-based learning, and one-on-one interaction with faculty mentors. Niquita was one of five participants featured in a documentary produced by the Federal Judicial Center highlighting her experiences in the program.

**Nicole White** received the Criminology and Criminal Justice Scholarship and the E. Desmond Lee Endowed Professorship in Youth Crime and Violence Scholarship.

**Stephanie Wiley** was awarded a Doctoral Fellowship for 2011-2012 by the Graduate School.

### 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. Students who plan to receive the Ph.D. by May 2012 must have their dissertation completed by **April 1st**. Finally, students who plan to complete 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.**

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## MASTERS PROGRAM NEWS

### Welcome to the 2011 M.A. Cohort

Emily Armstrong, Stephanie Benson, Matthew Besch, Shanna Blank-Parmeley, Jonathan Bratcher, Samantha Brooks, Brianna Cable, Erica Candela, Jessica Dennis, Katherine Dombroski, Cassandra Hamm, Caitlin Higgins, Joan Hollensbe, Brett Kimmel, Jennifer Lorentz, Kathryn McKanna, Elise McPherson, Andrew Morrow, Kristin Palmer, Katherine Stephens, Monica Summers, Miranda Wiley, Dominique Williams, and Shaunna Willams.

## Congratulations

The following students received their M.A. degrees during the 2010-2011 school year: Eunjin Chae, Patricia Collins, Eye-Liza Conner, Timothy Dickinson, Robert Domiano, Nichole Funk, Lacey Greninger, Adrienne Grillo, Mary Hueter, Theron Jackson, Lacey Lefere, Brooke Mayfield, Matthew Michel.

## Scholarships

The Edward G. Longinette Scholarship

**Michael Deckard**

## Reminder

Students who plan on graduating in **December 2011 or May 2012** 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 Graduate Director Beth Huebner to confirm their graduation date. The M-1 Form (and all other Graduate School Forms) is available on-line: on the UMSL Graduate School web page, go to "Current Students," then "Forms."

## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the 125 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree during the 2010-2011 school year. We also had 21 students graduate with a Minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice.

Special congratulations to our students who graduated with Latin honors: Sheila Anderson, Chelsea Bailey, Daniel Belics, Stephanie Benson, Amelia Bevirt, Joshua Boyd, Sherrie Brown, Eric Callaway, Gabriel Cantoni, Samuel Christiansen, Amy Congdon, Sean Danker-Smith, Jennifer Harris, Jonathan Hartzler, Rebecca Kaelin, Laura King, Alycia LaMartina, Benjamin Lawrence, Ryan Lawrence, Justin Legge, Lindsay Mabry, Matthew Manley, Megan McGeorge, Elise McPherson, Craig Noe, Stephanie Powers, Tiffany Prather, Erin Richey, Brittney Roethler, Alysyan Shutek, Casey Ann Simmons, Cortney Steinmann, Karla Thompson, Jessica Toledano, Michael Walker, Dominique Williams, Marina Yevrayeva-Hermann, and Andrea Zeilman.

### CCJ Chair's List

Eleven undergraduate students were nominated to the CCJ Chair's List. Students on this list must be CCJ majors, have a GPA of 3.2 or above, and be nominated by a member of the CCJ faculty. Congratulations to Kyle Beck, Amelia

Bevirt, Gwendolyn Chissem, Sarah Lipinski, Lindsey Mabry, Matthew Manley, James Lawrence McDonald, Jericah Selby, Jessica Toledano, Nickolas Woepke, and Marvin Wright.

## Scholarships

Doris Fishman Scholarship

**Matthew Manley and Dominique Williams**

Gay Carraway N.O.B.L.E. Scholarship

**Sherrie Alice Brown and Tiffany Prather**

Jennings Do-Dads Scholarship

**Sheila Anderson, Danielle Kelley and Tiffany Prather**

## Who's Who

Congratulations to **Claire Regnier** and **Kristen Weber** for being selected to Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges 2010-2011.

## OUR INFLUENCE

### Publications

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since September 2010.

\* indicates graduate student, \*\* indicates alumni

#### ARTICLES

Andres F. Rengifo and **Amanda Bolton\***. Forthcoming. "Routine Activities and Fear of Crime: Specifying Individual-Level Mechanisms." *European Journal of Criminology*.

**Kristin Carbone-Lopez, Finn-Aage Esbensen**, and Bradley T. Brick\*\*. 2010. "Correlates and Consequences of Peer Victimization: Gender differences in direct and indirect forms of bullying." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 8:332-350.

Michelle Stacey\*\*, **Kristin Carbone-Lopez**, and **Richard Rosenfeld**. 2011. "Demographic Change and Ethnically Motivated Crime: The Impact of Immigration on Anti-Hispanic Hate Crime in the United States." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 27: 278 - 298.

Gottfredson, Denise and **Stephanie DiPietro**. 2011. "School Size, Social Bonding, and Student Victimization." *Sociology of Education* 84: 69-89.

Chris Melde\*\* and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2011. "Gang Membership as a Turning Point in the Life Course." *Criminology* 49:513-552.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen, Kristy Matsuda, Terrance J. Taylor,** and Dana Peterson. 2011. "Multi-method Strategy for Assessing Program Fidelity: The national evaluation of the revised G.R.E.A.T. program." *Evaluation Review* 35:14-39.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen,** Dana Peterson, **Terrance J. Taylor,** Adrienne Freng, D. Wayne Osgood, **Dena Carson,** and **Kristy Matsuda.** 2011. "Evaluation and Evolution of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program." *Journal of School Violence* 10:53-70.

Mark Berg\*\* and **Beth M. Huebner.** 2011. "Reentry and the Ties that Bind: An Examination of Social Ties, Employment, and Recidivism." *Justice Quarterly* 28(1): 382 - 410.

Sean P. Varano, **Beth M. Huebner,** and Timothy S. Bynum. 2011. "Correlates and Consequences of Pre-Incarceration Gang Involvement among Incarcerated Youthful Felons." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 39: 30-38.

**Beth M. Huebner** and Mark Berg\*\*. 2011. "Examining the Sources of Variation in Risk for Recidivism." *Justice Quarterly* 28(1): 146-173.

**Janet L. Lauritsen** and Karen Heimer. 2010. "Violent victimization among males and economic conditions: The vulnerability of race and ethnic minorities." *Criminology & Public Policy* 9:665-692.

**Janet L. Lauritsen.** 2010. "Advances and challenges in empirical studies of victimization." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 26:501-508.

**Andrea Nichols\*.** 2011. "Gendered Organizations: Challenges for Domestic Violence Victim Advocates and Feminist Advocacy." *Feminist Criminology* 6: 111-131.

Jody Miller and **Andrea Nichols\*.** Forthcoming. "Identity, Sexuality, and Commercial Sex Among Sri Lankan Natchi." *Sexualities.*

**Jennifer G. Owens\*** and **Lee Ann Slocum.** Forthcoming. "Moffitt's developmental taxonomy of abstainers: An exploration of characteristics that distinguish abstainers from offenders." *Crime & Delinquency.*

**Richard Rosenfeld.** 2011. "The Big Picture: 2010 Presidential Address to the American Society of Criminology." *Criminology* 49: 1-26.

**Richard Rosenfeld.** 2011. "From Mass Incarceration to Targeted Policing: Introduction to the Special Issue." *Criminology and Public Policy* 10: 3-7.

**Richard Rosenfeld.** 2010. "Sociology: A View From the Diaspora." *British Journal of Sociology.* 61: 666-670.

**Lee Ann Slocum, Terrance J. Taylor,** Bradley T. Brick\*\*, and **Finn-Aage Esbensen.** 2010. "The Effect of Neighborhood Structural Characteristics and Individual-Level Attitudes and Experiences on Youth's Crime Reporting Intentions." *Criminology* 48: 1063-1100.

**Lee Ann Slocum.** 2010. "General Strain Theory and the development of stressors and substance use over time: An empirical examination." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 38(6): 1100-1112.

**Lee Ann Slocum,** Sally S. Simpson, Alison E. Hipwell, and Rolf Loeber. 2011. "Young girls' and caretakers' reports of problem behavior: Comprehension and concordance across age, race, and behavior." *Youth & Society* 43(3): 1010 - 1040.

Scott Jacques\*\* and **Richard Wright.** 2011. "Informal Control and Illicit Drug Trade." *Criminology* 49(3): 729-765.

### BOOKS

**Richard Rosenfeld,** Kenna Quinet, and Crystal Garcia, eds. 2012. *Contemporary Issues in Criminological Theory and Research: The Role of Social Institutions.* Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

### BOOK CHAPTERS

**G. David Curry.** 2011. "Gangs, Crime, and Terrorism." In *Criminologist on Terrorism and Homeland Security,* edited by Brian Forst, Jack R. Greene, and James P. Lynch. New York: Cambridge University Press.

**G. David Curry.** 2010. "From Knowledge to Response and Back Again: Theory and Evaluation in Responding to Gangs." In *Youth Gangs and Community Intervention: Research, Practice, and Evidence,* edited by Robert J. Chaskin. New York: Columbia University Press.

**Richard Rosenfeld.** 2012. "Institutional Analysis in Criminology: An Overview of the Current Volume." In *Contemporary Issues in Criminological Theory and Research: The Role of Social Institutions,* edited by Richard Rosenfeld, Kenna Quinet, and Crystal Garcia. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

**Richard Rosenfeld.** 2011. "Changing Crime Rates." In *Crime and Public Policy,* edited by James Q. Wilson and Joan Petersilia. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Richard Rosenfeld** and Steven F. Messner. 2011. "The Intellectual Origins of Institutional-Anomie Theory." In *The Origins of American Criminology: Advances in Criminological Theory, Volume 16,* edited by Francis T. Cullen, Cheryl Lero Jonson, Andrew J. Myer, and Freda Adler. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Timothy M. Maher.** 2011. "Police Misconduct in San Antonio: The Need for More Accountability, Transparency, and Responsiveness." Texas Civil Rights Project.

**Timothy M. Maher.** 2011 "Addressing Sexual Offenses and Misconduct by Law Enforcement: Executive Guide." International Association of Chiefs of Police.

## Research Grants

**Finn-Aage Esbensen** (Principal Investigator), "A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance," National Institute of Justice.

**Janet L. Lauritsen** (Principal Investigator), Visiting Research Fellow support for "National Crime Victimization Survey, Repeat Victimization," Bureau of Justice Statistics.

**Janet L. Lauritsen** (Co-Principal Investigator), "Collaborative Research: Violent Victimization in the U.S.: The Vulnerabilities of Minorities and Women Over Time," National Science Foundation. Co-Principal Investigators include Karen Heimer and Joseph Lang, University of Iowa

**Richard Rosenfeld** (Principal Investigator). "Understanding the Crime Drop in New York." Open Society Institute and Research Foundation of the City University of New York (September 1, 2010 - December 31, 2011)

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Awards

**Pernell Witherspoon** (PhD 2010) received a Southeast Salutes award from the Southeast Missouri State University Alumni Association. This award honors outstanding alumni from the St. Louis area who have brought distinction to themselves and to the University through career and community achievements.

### Employment News

**Mark Berg** (PhD 2009) is now an Assistant Professor at Indiana University-Bloomington. He previously worked at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

### Research Grants

**Adam Bossler** (PhD 2006) was awarded a \$150,669 Bureau of Justice Assistant grant with Dr. Jessie Krienert (Illinois State University) entitled, "Innovative Programs for Special Correctional Populations: Assessing the Current State and Disseminating Program Information in an Innovative Way."

### Publications

#### Articles

Thomas J. Holt and **Adam M. Bossler**. 2011. "Police perceptions of computer crimes in two southeastern cities: An examination from the viewpoint of patrol officers." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. Published online 7/19/2011.

Thomas J. Holt, **Adam M. Bossler**, and David C. May. 2011.. "Low self-control, deviant peer associations, and juvenile cyberdeviance." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*. Published online 6/17/2011.

**Adam M. Bossler**, Thomas J. Holt, and David C. May. 2011.. "Predicting online harassment victimization among a juvenile population." *Youth and Society*. Published online 5/27/2011.

**Adam M. Bossler** and Thomas J. Holt. Forthcoming. "Patrol officers' perceived role in responding to cybercrime." *Policing: International Journal of Strategies and Management*.

#### Book Chapters

**Adam M. Bossler** and George W. Burruss. 2011. "The general theory of crime and computer hacking: Low self-control hackers?" In *Corporate hacking and technology-driven crime: Social dynamics and implications*. Edited by T. J. Holt and B. H. Schell. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Thomas J. Holt, **Adam M. Bossler**, and Sarah Fitzgerald. 2010. "Examining state and local law enforcement perceptions of computer crime." In *Crime on-line: Correlates, causes, and context*. Edited by Thomas J. Holt. Raleigh, NC: Carolina Academic.

### GOT NEWS?

**We would like to hear from you! Please let us know about your professional accomplishments and personal updates. Send your information to Amanda Porterfield, porterfielda@umsl.edu**

### MESSAGE FROM UMSL'S DIRECTOR OF PLANNED GIVING

We all have the power to give, which in turn enriches our lives. For many of us, our most meaningful gifts will come at the end of our lives, when we decide what to do with a lifetime of accumulation. You can invest in a life changing experience for a future student by establishing a planned gift to arrive at UMSL when you are gone. Planned gifts typically cost you nothing while you are alive. But, if you make the appropriate plans now, we can say thank you in a meaningful way while you are still with us and make sure your directives are written and filed accordingly.

There are many options for you to consider in the planned giving world. Some of the more popular options used by our alumni and friends include Wills and Trusts, Gift Annuities, Remainder Trusts, Life Insurance, Retirement Accounts and Real Estate. These gifts may reduce your taxes, increase your deductions, eliminate capital gains taxes and even provide a new life-long income stream! After you have provided for your loved ones, please consider leaving something for UMSL and visit with Kent Krober, our Director of Planned Giving, to see if there is a planned giving option suitable for you. We appreciate all planned gifts, regardless of size. Kent may be reached at 314-516-4115, or [kroberk@umsl.edu](mailto:kroberk@umsl.edu)





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### EUGENE SCHWARTZ, FOUNDER OF UMSL'S DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Every shirt Eugene Phillip Schwartz wore had a front pocket to carry his notebook. Whenever he heard about a forthcoming event, he jotted it down for future reference.

Mr. Schwartz, who founded what is now the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, had boundless interests in people, travel and culture.

"He was constantly on the move," said Ruth Schwartz, his wife of 57 years. "Even in his old age, he always had something in mind."

Mr. Schwartz died May 31, 2011 at Missouri Baptist Medical Center of complications from a fall. He was 95 and a longtime resident of University City.

Mr. Schwartz was born in Milwaukee and went to Milwaukee State Teachers College, where he excelled at wrestling.

In World War II he served in the Army with the 81st Infantry Division and visited schools in Japan to help ease fears about Americans and the war.

He later got a master's degree in social work at the University of Wisconsin and did further graduate work in New York, where he met his wife.

The family moved to St. Louis in 1959 when Mr. Schwartz be-

came head of the Metropolitan Youth Commission to lead efforts in preventing juvenile crime.

In 1970, Mr. Schwartz founded what is now UMSL's criminology department. After retirement, he helped the department by inspiring professors with his philosophy of social justice, colleagues said.

"He just helped lay the foundation of one of the most outstanding departments on campus," said Blanche Touhill, former UMSL chancellor. "He hired really good people interested in research and teaching."

Mr. Schwartz wrote hundreds of letters to politicians and newspaper editors to champion his causes, including universal health care, gun control and human rights.

Robert and Mae Gordon lived next door to the Schwartzes in University City and became friends.

Mae Gordon remembers Mr. Schwartz, then in his 80s, grappling on the floor with her high school-age son, teaching him some vintage wrestling holds.

"He was one of these people who had this energy," Gordon said. "At his 95th birthday, he was dancing."

In addition to his wife, survivors include two daughters, Judith Harmon of Albuquerque, N.M., and Karin Schwartz of Milwaukee; a son, David Schwartz of University City; and four grandchildren.

*Credit Blythe Bernhard, St. Louis Post-Dispatch.*