

CCJ GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS Winter 07

Welcome! The purpose of this newsletter is to keep students, instructors, and faculty informed about the CCJ department by providing news of departmental changes, upcoming events, recent research grants, 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Farewell

After 25 years of service, Cathy McNeal has retired from the university. As an employee of UMSL, Cathy was awarded the Chancellor's Award for Service, the highest award given to an employee. Good luck Cathy.



(Rick Rosenfeld, Janet Lauritsen, Cathy McNeal, Dave Curry, and Richard Wright)

Faculty Awards

Richard Rosenfeld was awarded the University of Missouri-St. Louis Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Creativity. This annual award is given to faculty members who have demonstrated superior achievement in a program of research and creativity.

Special Projects and Events

Youth Violence Prevention Conference

The 6th Annual Youth Violence Prevention Conference will be held on Thursday, April 19, 2007 at the J.C. Penny Conference Center. The title of the conference is *Prevention Strategies, Minority Perspectives, and Juvenile Justice System Response*. Presenters include: Marvin Berkowitz (UMSL), Peggy Giordano (Bowling Green State University), James C. Howell (U.S. Department of Justice), David Huizinga (University of Colorado-Boulder), Eric Stewart (UMSL), and Geoff Ward (Northeastern University).

Finn Esbensen, E. Desmond Lee Chair in Youth Crime and Violence, is organizing the conference. For more information, contact Finn at esbensen@umsl.edu

Guest Speakers

The department is hosting two guest speakers this semester: **Allen Beck** (Deputy Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics) will make a presentation on February 23rd; **Joan Petersilia** (University of California-Irvine) will visit on April 13th.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the 46 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree in Winter 2006.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to Rachael Birmingham, Erin Carrell, Jillian Collins, Jane Gehrs, Katie Krankel, Katherine Long, Ronald Middleton, Cassidy Renick, Una Sammons, Brooke Suda, and Andrew Zugmaier who graduated with Latin Honors.

M.A. PROGRAM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received their M.A. degrees during the Fall semester: Gabriel Crocker, Laurie Lombardo, Crystal Patterson, Ryan Renieri.

Students who plan on **graduating in May 2007 or August 2007** 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 David Klinger to confirm their graduation date. 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.s

Congratulations to **Timothy Maher** for successfully defending his dissertation. Dr. Maher's dissertation is entitled, "Police Sexual Misconduct: An Examination of Its Nature, Extent, and Control". The chair of his committee is Richard Wright.

New Ph.D. Candidates

Congratulations to **Brad Brick** for successfully completing the comprehensive exams. 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. Students who plan to receive the Ph.D. by May 2007 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.**

Comprehensive Exams

The Winter 2007 comprehensive exams will take place on May 2-4. Students who plan to take their exams should confirm their place with Rick Rosenfeld, the new chair of the Ph.D. program. The committee consists of Professors Miller, Stewart, and Huebner.

Professional Development Seminars

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenters</u>
3/2	<i>The Grant Proposal</i>	Esbensen
3/9	<i>Future of Criminology</i>	Baumer, Wright & Rosenfeld
3/16	<i>Crime and Rationality</i>	John Brunero
4/13	<i>Criminology & Social Change</i>	Miller & Curry

OUR INFLUENCE

Publications

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since August 2006 ("*****" indicates graduate student, "******" indicates alumni graduate student):

Research Articles

Baumer, Eric P. (2007). Untangling Research Puzzles in Merton's Multilevel Anomie Theory. *Theoretical Criminology*, 11:63-93.

Berg, Mark T.* and Matt DeLisi (2006). The Correctional Melting Pot: Race, Ethnicity, Citizenship, and Prison Violence. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 34:631-642.

Rod K. Brunson and **Eric A. Stewart**. (2006). Young African American Women, the Street Code, and Violence: An Exploratory Analysis. *Journal of Crime and Justice* 29:1-19.

Copes, Heith and **Michael Cherbonneau*** (2006). The Key to Auto Theft: Emerging Methods of Auto Theft from the Offenders' Perspective. *British Journal of Criminology*, 46(5): 917-934.

Huebner, Beth M. and Timothy S. Bynum. (2006). An Analysis of Parole Decision Making Using a Sample of Sex Offenders: A Focal Concerns Perspective. *Criminology*, 44(4) 961-991.

Lauritsen, Janet L. (2006). Problematic Research: How Can Academic Researchers Help Improve the Quality of Anticrime Program Evaluations? *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 2(3): 363-373.

Melde, Chris*, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, and **Karin E. Tusinski***. Addressing Program Fidelity Using Onsite Observations and Program Provider's Descriptions of Program Development. *Evaluation Review*, 30(6).

Oliver, Brian E.* (2007). Preventing Female Perpetrated Sexual Abuse. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 8:19-32.

Rosenfeld, Richard, Eric P. Baumer, and Steven F. Messner. (2007). Social Trust, Firearm Prevalence, and Homicide. *Annals of Epidemiology*, 17:119-125.

Rosenfeld, Richard. (2006). Connecting the Dots: Crime Rates and Criminal Justice Evaluation Research. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 2:309-319.

Christopher J. Schreck, **Eric A. Stewart**, Bonnie Fisher. (2006). Self-Control, Victimization, and their Influence on Delinquency and Delinquent Friends: A Longitudinal Analysis Using Panel Data. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 22:319-340.

Ronald L. Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons, Callie Harbin Burke, Holli Drummond, **Eric A. Stewart**, Gene H. Brody, Frederick X. Gibbons, and Carolyn Cutrona. (2006). Supportive Parenting Moderates the Effect of Discrimination upon Anger, Hostile View of Relationships, and Violence among African American Youth. *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 47: 373-389.

Eric A. Stewart, Christopher J. Schreck, and Ronald L. Simons. (2006). I Ain't Gonna Let No One Disrespect Me: Does the Code of the Street Reduce or Increase Violent Victimization among African American Adolescents? *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 43:427-458.

Tusinski, Karin E.* (2006). Book Review: Firearms and Violence. A Critical Review. By The National Research Council. *Homicide Studies*, 10(3): 221-224.

Book Chapters

Rennison, Callie Marie, and Michael Rand. (2006). Introduction to The National Crime Victimization Survey in James P. Lynch and Lynn A. Addington (eds.) *Understanding Crime Statistics: Revisiting the Divergence of the NCVS and the UCR*. New York: New York. Cambridge University Press.

Rosenfeld, Richard. (2007). Explaining the Divergence Between UCR and NCVS Aggravated Assault Trends. Pp. 251-268 in *Understanding Crime Statistics: Revisiting the Divergence of the NCVS and the UCR*, edited by James P. Lynch and Lynn A. Addington. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Research Grants

Huebner, Beth M. Evaluation of the PSN Anti-Gang Initiative. \$32,046. *Bureau of Justice Assistance*.

Special Appointments

Eric Baumer was elected as Vice President (and President-Elect) of the Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Janet Lauritsen will serve on the National Research Council's Committee on National Statistics, Panel to Review the Programs of the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Karin Tusinski* was elected President of the UMSL Graduate Student Council. The purpose of the GSC is to serve as an organized representative body for the graduate students on matters of academics, student welfare, and campus policy.

Pernell Witherspoon, ABD* has been promoted to the position of Dean of the Human Services Division of Lindenwood University.

ALUMNI NEWS

Awards and Publications

Catalano, Shannan M. (Ph.D. 2005) (2007). The NCVS Redesign and Its Effect on Divergence in *Understanding Crime Statistics: Revisiting the Divergence of the NCVS and UCR*. James P. Lynch and Lynn A. Addington, eds. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Holt, Thomas J. (Ph.D. 2005) (2007) Subcultural Evolution? Examining the Influence of On and Off-Line Experiences on Deviant Subcultures. *Deviant Behavior*.

Holt, Thomas J. and Kristie R. Blevins. (2007) Examining sex work from the client's perspective: Assessing johns using on-line data. *Deviant Behavior*.

Pratt, Travis C., Jean Marie McGloin, and **Noelle E. Fearn** (Ph.D. 2003) (2006). Maternal Cigarette Smoking During Pregnancy and Criminal/Deviant Behavior: A Meta-Analysis. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 50(6): 672-690.

Ruddell, Rick (Ph.D. 2002) and **Noelle E. Fearn** (2006). Simplistic Explanations are Part of the Problem: Crime, Homicide, and the Zimring-Hawkins' Proposition. *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law, and Society*, 19(4): 323-336.

Ruddell, Rick, and L. Tom Winfree (2006). Setting aside criminal convictions in Canada: A successful approach to offender reintegration. *The Prison Journal* 86: 452-469.

Other

Ann Dirks-Linhorst (Ph.D. 2003) was appointed to Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville's Institutional Review Board.

Noelle E. Fern (Ph.D. 2003) has accepted a position at Saint Louis University.

Tom Holt (Ph.D. 2005) was recently awarded a research grant through UNC- Charlotte for a research project titled "A Qualitative Examination of Computer Hackers and Hacking." University of North Carolina at Charlotte COAS Small Grants Program.

Rick Ruddell (Ph.D. 2002) has accepted a position at Eastern Kentucky University.

Congratulations to **Alli Rojek** and (formerly Allison Deutsch – MA 2006) **Jeff Rojek** (Ph.D. 2005) who were married on 10/21/06 in Iowa. They are enjoying South Carolina and recently purchased a home and adopted a puppy.

GOT NEWS?

We would like to hear from you. The newsletter welcomes news from alumni of our graduate program. Keep us posted on your professional activities! Send your information to Beth Huebner (Huebnerb@umsl.edu).