

# CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As the Chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, I welcome you to our 2012 Newsletter that has been masterfully produced by Amanda Porterfield, Administrative Assistant in CCJ. To familiarize yourself with the Department, I encourage you to visit our website (<http://www.umsl.edu/ccj/>) and to review prior newsletters available on the website. These informative newsletters highlight departmental activities and achievements each year.

This fall we welcome two new faculty members: Professor Michael Campbell (Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine) and Professor Matt Vogel (Ph.D. from the University at Albany). We are extremely pleased to be joined by these two young scholars. We also welcome a third new faculty member who will join us in January: Chief Dan Isom of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department will assume a new role and the title of Professor Isom (Ph.D. from UMSL) in time for the spring semester. While we welcome these three new colleagues, we say goodbye to another; Dr. Kristy Matsuda completed her three-year research professorship and has returned to California.

The CCJ faculty continues to publish in the leading journals, receive federal research grants, and garner awards. Professor Janet Lauritsen is this year's recipient of the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Creativity, becoming the fifth member of the Department to receive this prestigious award. Professor Kristin Carbone-Lopez was recognized by the Missouri House of Representatives for her outstanding contributions to raising awareness of domestic partner violence.

The Department continues to increase its online course offerings for students enrolled in the undergraduate program. With the scheduled development of CRIMIN 2220 Statistics, we will reach our goal of offering online all courses required to complete the BS degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Please see the list of online courses under Bachelor's Program News on page 3.

Best wishes for a productive and informative academic year.

Finn Esbensen, Ph.D.

E. Desmond Lee Professor of Youth Crime and Violence and Chairperson

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Faculty Awards

The Missouri House of Representatives passed House Resolution No. 1544 to recognize **Kristin Carbone-Lopez's** research and education in the field of domestic violence.

**Kristin Carbone-Lopez** was selected as the recipient of the 2011 American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime's New Scholar Award.

**Finn Esbensen** received the 2012 Gerhard O. W. Mueller Award for significant contributions to international/comparative criminal justice from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

**Janet Lauritsen** received the 2012 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and Creativity.

**Janet Lauritsen** and **Rick Rosenfeld** were named National Associates of the National Research Council in 2011 in recognition of extraordinary service to the National Research Council.

**T.J. Taylor** tied for 12th place with Chris Melde (UMSL Graduate) for most productive assistant professors in the May 2012 publication, "Criminology and Criminal Justice Hit Parade: Measuring Academic Productivity in the Discipline," conducted by Heith Copes, David N. Khey and Richard Tewksbury. The article was published in the Journal of Criminal Justice Education.

### New Faculty

After a nationwide search, we are delighted to announce that **Michael Campbell** and **Matt Vogel** have joined us as Assistant Professors.

Dr. Campbell received his PhD in Criminology, Law, & Society from the University of California-Irvine in 2009. Prior to joining the faculty at UMSL, he worked as an Assistant Professor at Northern Illinois University.

Dr. Vogel received his PhD in Sociology from the University at Albany in 2012. Prior to joining the faculty at UMSL, he worked as a research scientist at the Center for Human Services Research in Albany, New York.

## 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.**

## DOCTORAL PROGRAM NEWS

### New Doctoral Students

Welcome to **Jennifer Lorentz, Christopher McDaniel, Sherri Schaefer, Sandra Trujillo, and Joshua Williams.**

### New PhDs

Congratulations to **Breanne Pleggenkuhle** for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is "The Effect of Legal Financial Obligations on Reentry Experiences." The chair of her committee is Beth Huebner. Dr. Pleggenkuhle has accepted an Assistant Professor position at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale.

Congratulations to **Andrea Nichols** for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is "Feminist Advocacy in Community Based Responses to Domestic Violence: Gendered Identity, Ideology and Practices." The chair of her committee is Kristin Carbone-Lopez. Dr. Nichols continues to work as an Associate Professor at St. Louis Community College.

### New ABDs

Congratulations to **Ethan Amidon, Jennifer Owens, and Mike Vecchio** for successfully defending their dissertation proposals:

**Ethan Amidon**, "Lightning Strikes Twice: An Examination of the Political Factors Associated With State-Level Death Sentences and Executions in the United States, 1930-2012." Committee Chair: Rick Rosenfeld.

**Jennifer Owens**, "The Relationship between Stalking Victimization and Other Forms of Violent and Property Victimization: An Analysis of NCVS Data." Committee Chair: Janet Lauritsen.

**Mike Vecchio**, "The Role of Violence within and across Self-identified Gang Youth." Committee Chair: Finn Esbensen.

## Doctoral Student Awards and Accolades

**Michael Deckard** has been serving as the Graduate Research Assistant embedded with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department as part of the St. Louis Public Safety Partnership. The project will continue to be funded through 2013 under a new National Institute of Justice grant secured by Dr. Rosenfeld.

**Shytierra Gaston** has been awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Grant Fellowship. Under the three-year fellowship, she will receive an annual stipend and cost-of-education allowance to conduct research on the effects incarceration has on relatives of the incarcerated. The NSF grant is one of the most prestigious research fellowships and Shytierra is the first in our program to receive the award. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Jennifer Owens** and **Kimberly Kras** for placing in the UMSL Graduate School Research Fair on April 23rd. Jennifer won 2nd place and Kimberly was honored as a semi-finalist.

**Shytierra Gaston, CheyOnna Sewell, and Stephanie Wiley** had their graduate school doctoral fellowships renewed for the 2012-2013 school year.

## Dissertation Deadlines

In order to receive the PhD 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 PhD by May 2013 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

## MASTER'S PROGRAM NEWS

### Welcome to the 2012 M.A. Cohort

Albert Arocha, Kyle Beck, Andrew Bonnel, Candra Burnett, Trevor Edwards, Cynthia Garcia, Jessica Graham, Jennifer Hessel, Laken Kuntz, Aaron Levin, Robert Mackenzie, Derek Meyer, Jesse Parrett, Erica Preiss, Corinne Seckinger, Derek Strauser, and Meghan Taylor.

### Congratulations

The following students received their Master of Arts degree during the 2011-2012 school year: Michael Barker, Lenetta Brown, Tiffany Choi, Rebecca Cory, Mark DeBarr, Michael Deckard, Colleen Finn, Ashley Gilpin, Shanicia Goston, Trish Herron, Teresa Koebe, Amanda Mullins, Meghan Nelson, Regina Reed-Henderson, Ashleigh Reuter, CheyOnna Sewell, Emily Smith, Allison Welch, William Werner, Elaine Wilson, and Charles Wyatt.

## Scholarship

The Edward G. Longinette Scholarship:

**Matthew Besch and Katie Stephens**

## Reminder

Students who plan on graduating in **December 2012 or May 2013** 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."

## BACHELOR'S PROGRAM NEWS

### Online Degree Program

We continue to increase our online course offerings for undergraduate students. With the scheduled development of CRIMIN 2220 Statistics in Spring 2013, we will reach our goal of offering online all courses required to complete the BS degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

The following courses will be available for online instruction by the end of Academic Year 2012-2013:

1100 Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice; 1120 Criminal Law; 2130 Criminal Justice Policy; 2210 Research Methods; 2220 Statistics; 2240 Policing; 3230 Crime Prevention; 3345 Rights of the Offender; 4320 Forms of Criminal Behavior; 4325 Gender, Crime and Justice; 4335 Probation and Parole; 4390 Seminar in Criminology & Criminal Justice

## Congratulations

Congratulations to the 92 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree during the 2011-2012 school year. We also had 13 students graduate with a Minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice.

Special congratulations to our students who graduated with Latin honors: Christie Bernsen, Lauren Boston, Gwendolyn Chissem, Charlie Corpening, Daniel Duddleston, Zachary Fritz, Jennifer Hessell, Andrew Jackoway, Nicholas Kanteres, Justin Lewis, Gina Marino, James McDonald, Smither Merrill, Lindsay Moser, Amela Mulalic, Thu Nguyen, Krista Poeschl, Erica Preiss, Aleshia Reese, Desiree Scheulenburger, Jericah Selby, and James Waronjo.

## Scholarships

Doris Fishman Scholarship:

**Katie Kratzer**

Jennings Do-Dads Scholarship:

**Erika Stasiak and Vanessa Mixco**

## CCJ Chair's List

Eight undergraduate students were nominated to the CCJ Chair's List. Students on this list must be CCJ majors, meet a cumulative grade-point average threshold, and be nominated by a member of the CCJ faculty. Congratulations to Raed Abuhamda, Kieran Flanery, Daniel Frey, Sheree Harris, Jennifer Hessell, Nicholas Kanteres, Lindsay Moser, and Audra Phillips.

## OUR INFLUENCE

### Research Grants

**Stephanie DiPietro.** "A Qualitative Study of Bosnian Refugees in St. Louis." College of Arts and Sciences, University of Missouri St. Louis (\$12,494 awarded)

**Finn Esbensen** (Principal Investigator). A Multi-method, Multi-site Study of Gang Desistance. National Institute of Justice (2011–2014), \$501,337.

**Janet Lauritsen** (Principal Investigator). Visiting Research Fellow support for research on the National Crime Victimization Survey 2012-2014. Bureau of Justice Statistics.

**Richard Rosenfeld** (Principal Investigator). "Evaluating a Researcher-Practitioner Partnership and Field Experiment." National Institute of Justice (January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2013).

## Publications

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since September 2011.

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

### ARTICLES

**Michael Campbell.** 2012. "Ornery Alligators and Soap on a Rope: Texas Prosecutors and Punishment Reform in the Lone Star State." *Theoretical Criminology* 16(3):289-311.

**Kristin Carbone-Lopez,** Ross Macmillan and Callie Rennison. 2012. "The transcendence of violence across relationships: New methods for understanding men's and women's experiences of intimate partner violence across the life course." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 28:319-346.

**Kristin Carbone-Lopez** and Jody Miller. 2012. "Precocious role entry as a mediating factor in women's methamphetamine use: Implications for life-course and pathways research." *Criminology* 50:187-220.

**Stephanie DiPietro** and Jean Marie McGloin. 2012. "Differential Susceptibility? Immigrant Youth and Peer Influence." *Criminology* 50:711-742.

Brian Johnson and **Stephanie DiPietro.** 2012. "The Power of Diversion: Intermediate Sanctions and Sentencing Disparity under Presumptive Guidelines." *Criminology* 50:811-850.

**Stephanie DiPietro** and **Robert J. Bursik, Jr.** 2012. "Studies of the New Immigration: The Dangers of Pan-ethnic Classifications." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 641:247-267.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen** and **Dena Carson.** 2012. "Who Are the Gangsters?: An Examination of the Age, Race/Ethnicity, Sex, And Immigration Status Of Self-Reported Gang Members in a Seven City Study Of American Youth." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 28:462-478.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen,** Dana Peterson, **Terrance J. Taylor,** and D. Wayne Osgood. 2012. "Results form a Multi-Site Evaluation of the G.R.E.A.T. Program." *Justice Quarterly* 29:125-151.

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

Jennifer Cobbina\*\*, **Beth M. Huebner,** and Mark Berg\*\*. 2012. "Men, Women, and Post-Release Offending: An Examination of the Nature of the Link between Relational Ties and Recidivism." *Crime & Delinquency* 58:331 - 361.

**Beth M. Huebner.** 2011. "Good in Theory: The Challenges of Early Release Decisions." *Criminology & Public Policy* 10: 873-876.

Min Xie and **Janet L. Lauritsen.** 2012. "Racial Context and Crime Reporting: A Test of Black's Stratification Hypothesis." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 28:265-293.

Min Xie, Karen Heimer, and **Janet L. Lauritsen.** 2012. "Violence Against Women in US Metropolitan Areas: Changes in Women's Status and Risk, 1980-2004." *Criminology* 50:105-143.

**Janet L. Lauritsen,** Jennifer Gatewood Owens\*, Michael Planty, Michael R. Rand, and Jennifer L. Truman. 2012. "Methods for Counting High-Frequency Repeat Victimization in the National Crime Victimization Survey." Washington DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, NCJ 237308.

**Janet L. Lauritsen** and **Kristin Carbone-Lopez.** 2011. "Gender Differences in Risk Factors for Violent Victimization: An Examination of Individual-, Family-, and Community-Level Predictors." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 48:538-565.

**Richard Rosenfeld,** Jeff Rojek\*\*, and Scott Decker. 2012. "Age Matters: Race Differences in Police Searches of Young and Older Male Drivers." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 49: 31-55.

**Lee Ann Slocum,** Andres Rengifo, and **Kristin Carbone-Lopez.** 2012. "Specifying the strain-violence link: The role of emotions in women's descriptions of violent incidents." *Victims and Offenders* 7:1-29.

Nancy A. Morris and **Lee Ann Slocum.** 2012. "Estimating country-level terrorism trends using group-based trajectory

analysis: Latent class growth analysis and general mixture modeling." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 28:103-139.

Scott Jacques\*\* and **Richard Wright.** 2012. "Ironies of Crime, Control, and Criminology." *Critical Criminology* 20 (2):153-167.

Trevor Bennett, Scott Jacques\*\*, and **Richard Wright.** 2011. "The Emergence and Evolution of Drug User Groups in the UK." *Addiction Research and Theory* 19(6):556-565.

## **BOOKS**

**Finn-Aage Esbensen** and Cheryl L. Maxson. 2012. *Youth Gangs in International Perspective: Results from the Eurogang Program of Research.* New York, NY: Springer.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Jean Marie McGloin and **Stephanie DiPietro.** 2012. "Girls, Friends, and Delinquency." In *The Oxford Handbook of Criminological Theory*, edited by Francis T. Cullen and Pamela Wilcox. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen.** 2012. "Foreword – Gangs and Gang Members: Some Definitional Issues." In *Panther: The Stockholm Gang Model*, edited by F. Leinfelt and A. Rostami. Stockholm, Sweden: Erlanders Sverige.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen** and Cheryl L. Maxson. 2012. "The Eurogang Program of Research and Multimethod Comparative Gang Research: Introduction." In *Youth Gangs in International Perspective: Results from the Eurogang Program of Research*, edited by F.-A. Esbensen and C.L. Maxson. New York, NY: Springer.

Cheryl L. Maxson and **Finn-Aage Esbensen.** 2012. "The Intersection of Gang Definition and Group Process: Concluding Observations." In *Youth Gangs in International Perspective: Results from the Eurogang Program of Research*, edited by F.-A. Esbensen and C.L. Maxson. New York, NY: Springer.

Chris Melde\*\* and **Finn-Aage Esbensen.** 2012. "The Onset of Gang Membership as a Turning Point in the Life Course." In *Youth Gangs in International Perspective: Results from the Eurogang Program of Research*, edited by F.-A. Esbensen and C.L. Maxson. New York, NY: Springer.

Kristy N. Matsuda, **Finn-Aage Esbensen,** and **Dena C. Carson.** 2012. "Putting the 'Gang' in Eurogang; Characteristics of Delinquent Youth Groups by Different Definitional Approaches." In *Youth Gangs in International Perspective: Results from the Eurogang Program of Research*, edited by F.-A. Esbensen and C.L. Maxson. New York, NY: Springer.

**Richard Rosenfeld** and Steven F. Messner. 2012. "Unemployment, Homicide, and the Welfare State." In *Master Criminologists on the Science of Crime Control, Vol. 2*, edited by Jianhong Liu and Cheng Jin. Beijing, China: People's Publishing House.



**Richard Rosenfeld**, Helene R. White and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2012. "Special Categories of Serious and Violent Offenders: Drug Dealers, Gang Members, Homicide Offenders, and Sex Offenders." In *From Juvenile Delinquency to Adult Crime: Criminal Careers, Justice Policy, and Prevention*, edited by Rolf Loeber & David Farrington. New York: Oxford University Press.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Awards and Projects

**Mark Berg** (PhD 2009) was a 2012 recipient of the *Trustees Teaching Award* in the College of Arts and Sciences at Indiana University

**Ann Dirks-Linhorst** (PhD 2003) received an Excellence in Undergraduate Education grant from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. She was instrumental in leading the creation of a new Pre-Law Interdisciplinary Minor at SIUE, which became effective Fall 2012. She now serves as Coordinator for that Minor, and Pre-Law Mentor. She entered her second year as Chair of SIUE's IRB.

**Andrea Nichols** (PhD 2011) received the 2012 State of Missouri Governor's Award for Teaching Excellence and the 2012 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Teaching Excellence Award.

**Lynn Urban** (PhD 2005) organized a one day Global Human Trafficking Awareness Symposium at the University of Central Missouri on January 11, 2012. The keynote speaker was Deb Hume, the co-chair of the Central Missouri Stop Human Trafficking Coalition. The event was sponsored by the Greer-Oppenheimer General Education Presentation Series.

### Research Grants

**Mark Berg** was awarded a \$426,000 National Institute of Justice grant with Dr. Richard Felson (Pennsylvania State University) entitled "Situational Factors and the Victim-Offender Overlap."

### Publications

#### Articles

**Mark T. Berg**, Eric A. Stewart, Christopher Schreck and Ronald L. Simons. 2012. "The victim-offender overlap in context. Examining the role of neighborhood street culture." *Criminology* 50: 359-390.

Rolf Loeber, David Farrington and **Mark T. Berg**. 2012. "Young men who kill: A prospective investigation." *Homicide Studies* 16: 99-128.

**Mark T. Berg**, Eric A. Stewart, Rodney Brunson and Ronald L. Simons. 2012. "Neighborhood cultural heterogeneity and adolescent violence." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 28: 411-435

**P. Ann Dirks-Linhorst** and D. Kondrat. 2012. "Tough on crime or beating the system: An evaluation of Missouri Department

of Mental Health's not guilty by reason of insanity (NGRI) murder acquittes." *Homicide Studies* 16(2):1-22

**P. Ann Dirks-Linhorst** and D.M. Linhorst. 2012. "Recidivism outcomes for suburban mental health court defendants." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 37:76-91

**Chris Melde**, Chelsea Diem, and Gregory Drake. 2012. "Identifying Correlates of Stable Gang Membership." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 28:479-495

**Chris Melde**, Stephen M. Gavazzi, Edmund F. McGarrell, and Timothy Bynum. 2011. "On the Efficacy of Targeted Gang Interventions: Can We Identify Those Most At Risk?" *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 9:279-294

Jody Miller and **Andrea Nichols**. 2012. "Identity, Sexuality, and Commercial Sex Among Sri Lankan Nachchi." *Sexualities* 15(6): 554-569.

**Jeff Rojek** (PhD 2005), Hayden P. Smith and Geoffrey P. Alpert. 2012. "The prevalence and characteristics of police practitioner-researcher partnerships." *Police Quarterly* 15:241-261.

Robert J. Kaminski, **Jeff Rojek**, Hayden P. Smith, and Geoffrey P. Alpert. 2012. "Correlates of foot pursuits in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department." *Police Quarterly* 15:177-196.

**Jeff Rojek**, Geoffrey P. Alpert, and Hayden P. Smith. 2012. "Examining officer and citizen accounts of police use of force incidents." *Crime and Delinquency* 58: 301- 327.

Richard Rosenfeld, **Jeff Rojek**, and Scott H. Decker. 2012. "Age matters: race differences in police searches of young and older male drivers." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 49:31-55.

**Lynn S. Urban**, J. Markway, and K. Crockett. 2011. "Evaluating VOD for Serious Cases Using Umbreit's Handbook: A Case Study." *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* 29(1) 3-23.

#### Book Chapters

**Mark T. Berg** and Eric A. Stewart. 2012. "Street Culture and Crime." In *The Handbook of Criminological Theory*, edited by Frank Cullen and Pamela Wilcox. New York: Oxford Press.

**Lynn S. Urban**. 2012. "School policy." In *Faulty criminal justice policies: At the intersection of public fear, the media and legislative response* edited by L.Bonham & F. Reddington. Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press.

#### Books

G. Larry Mays and **Rick Ruddell** (PhD 2002). 2012. *Do the crime, do the time: Juvenile criminals and adult justice in the American court*. Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger.

### Personal News

**Mark Berg** and his wife, Michelle, became the proud parents of a new baby boy, Parker Thomas, in December of 2011.



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Finn Esbensen and Dan Isom with Mayor Francis Slay at the Oct. 1 press conference. Photo by August Jennewein.

### ST. LOUIS POLICE CHIEF TO JOIN CCJ DEPARTMENT

In a press conference on October 1st, Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Chief Daniel Isom announced that he will retire from the police force and join the UMSL Criminology & Criminal Justice faculty. This will be a return to the department for Chief Isom, who earned his bachelor's (1994), master's (2003) and doctoral (2008) degrees from UMSL. His appointment begins January 1st as an Associate Teaching Professor; he is scheduled to teach two courses in Spring 2013: 1100 Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice and 2240 Policing.

### 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](mailto:porterfielda@umsl.edu)**