

CCJ GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS FALL 06

CHAIRPERSON'S WELCOME

Having just become the CCJ Department's new chair, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our newsletter. As you will see, we are a very active bunch; we publish a lot, generate substantial external funding, serve on many local, state, national, and international panels, committees, and boards, and teach over 400 undergraduates, 75 MA students, and 25 PhD students. It is not an exaggeration to say that the CCJ Department at U.M.-St. Louis is one of the most respected criminology and criminal justice programs in the world. (If you don't believe me, just pick up any major textbook in criminology and criminal justice; you'll see that the work of our faculty is prominently featured throughout.) And with a strong cohort of bright, young faculty members and a stellar group of PhD students, our impact on criminology and criminal justice looks set to grow further still in the years ahead. If this isn't reason enough to be proud of your association with the department, there is more; it is a friendly and collegial place in which to study and work. Like any organization, we have our ups and downs, but 22 years on, I'm still eating lunch with my colleagues most weekdays. Long may that continue! Here's wishing you a great year----Richard Wright

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. The award ceremony will be held on Thursday, September 14th in the JC Penny Conference Center. Rick will also be honored at the [Annual Founders Dinner](#) on September 21st.

Elected Positions

Robert J. Bursik, Jr. was elected **President** of the **American Society of Criminology**. His term begins in November 2007.

Other Faculty News

Curator's Professor Scott Decker has left the UMSL CCJ department to take a new position as Director of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University. Dr. Decker had been with the department since 1977 and served as the Departmental Chairperson from 1983 to 1998 and from January to June 2006. Good luck Scott.

Employment News

Rob Fornango, Ph.D. candidate, accepted an Assistant Professor position at Arizona State University.

Toya Like, a recent Ph.D. recipient, has accepted an Assistant Professor position at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

Adam Watkins, a recent Ph.D. recipient, joins the faculty of the University of North Carolina-Wilmington as an Assistant Professor.

Guest Speakers

The department is hosting **Richard Felson** (Penn State University) this semester: He will make a presentation in the Jim Short conference room on Friday, October 20th.

Undergraduate PROGRAM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were nominated to the Chair's List during the Winter semester: Lisa Austin, Daniel Bonebrake, Elizabeth Elliott, David Havicon, Michelle Klingel, Milton McDaniel, Alexis Thornton, and Brooke Wernsman.

CONGRATULATIONS to Christina Stephan who won the Doris Fishman CCJ Scholarship and to Sandra D. Warren, Kyan McCoy, Mark Koupal, and Una Sammons, the Jennings Do-Dads Scholarship Recipients.

M.A. PROGRAM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received their M.A. degrees during the Winter semester: **Andrea Burch, Jennifer Cobbina, Allison Deutsch, Lindsey Green, Jessica Johnston, Kathleen Kueck, LaShai Love, Jamin Palmer, Timothy Smith, and Nicole Wolf.**

WELCOME to the 2006 MA cohort: **Kristi Beall, Ellen Decker, Timothy Grapperhaus, Adrienne Grillo, Natig Gyseynov, Ashlee Guy, Sara Hoover, Theron Jackson, Tamara Johnson, Tiffanie Jones, Connie Kopp, John Kuykendall, Krystle Leugoud, Timothy Minden, Nicholas Miofsky, Breanne Pleggenkuhle, Clark Porter, Forest Roberts, Branden Rosenfeld, Shanita Straub, Brooke Wernsman, Andrea Whitaker, and Nicole Wollbrink.**

Students who plan on **graduating in December 2006 or May 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. Graduate Students

WELCOME to **Dan Duplantier** and **Brian Oliver**. **Dan** earned his B.S. in Sociology from the University of Texas - Austin in 2005. His primary research interests are white collar crime and public criminology. **Brian** began his studies at UMSL as a Masters student. Before this, he earned a Bachelor of Liberal Studies from the University of Iowa in May, 2000. His research interests include crime prevention initiatives targeting at risk individuals, prisoner reentry and sexual abuse issues.

Graduate Student Association

As president of the Graduate Student Association of the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department it is my honor to welcome new and returning students to our department. The upcoming school year should be exciting with new department t-shirts, new speakers, brown bag lunches, professional development seminars, and the annual meeting of the ASC in Los Angeles. I look forward to seeing everyone, and I hope you all have a wonderful school year.

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/gsa_home.htm, which we will continue to update over the semester.

---Michelle Stacey

New Ph.D.s

Congratulations to **Adam Bossler** for successfully defending his dissertation entitled, "Testing Fundamental Control Balance Theory Propositions: Examining the Causes/Correlates of General Control Ratios, General Deviance, and Deviant Acts within Ranges of Control Balance Desirability". The chair of his committee was David Klinger.

Congratulations to **Toya Like** for successfully defending her dissertation entitled, "Separate and Unequal Risks for Victimization? An Examination of City-Level Conditions on Victimization Risks". The chair of her committee was Janet Lauritsen.

Congratulations to **Adam Watkins** for successfully defending his dissertation entitled, "Isolating Student, School, and Community Effects on School Weapon Carrying". The chair of his committee was Scott Decker.

New Ph.D. Candidates

Congratulations to **Regan Gustafson, Kim Martin, and Nicole White** 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 defended and completed by **April 1st**. Finally, students who plan to complete their degree by the end of this academic year must have defended completed the dissertation by **July 1st**. Remember, *you must be enrolled in the semester in which you defend your dissertation.*

Comprehensive Exams

The Fall 2006 comprehensive exams will take place on December 6-8. Students who plan to take their exams should confirm their place with Eric Baumer. The committee consists of Professors Stewart, Rennison and Miller.

Professional Development Seminars

| Date | Topic |
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| 9/8 | Comprehensive Exams |
| 9/29 | The Academic Conference |
| 10/6 | ASC Practice Talks |
| 10/27 | Succeeding in Graduate School |
| 11/10 | Future Directions in Criminology |

OUR INFLUENCE

Publications

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

Research Articles

Brunson, Rod K. and Jody Miller. 2006. "Gender, Race, and Urban Policing: The Experience of African American Youths." *Gender & Society.* 20:531-552.

Brunson, Rod K. and Jody Miller. 2006. "Young Black Men and Urban Policing in the United States." *British Journal of Criminology.* 46:613-640.

Kubrin, Charis E. and **Eric A. Stewart.** 2006. "Predicting Who Reoffends: The Neglected Role of Neighborhood Context in Recidivism Studies." *Criminology* 44:165-197.

Messner, Steven F., **Eric Baumer**, and **Richard Rosenfeld**. 2006. "Distrust of Government, the Vigilante Tradition, and Support for Capital Punishment." *Law and Society Review* 40: 559-590.

Messner, Steven F. and **Richard Rosenfeld**. 2006. "The Present and Future of Institutional-Anomie Theory." *Advances in Criminological Theory* 15:127-148.

Schafer, Joseph A., **Beth M. Huebner**, and Timothy S. Bynum. 2006. "Fear of Victimization among Women: A Study of "In Group" Variation," *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 34(3) 285-301.

Schmidt, Christopher J. and **David A. Klinger**. 2006. "Altering the Posse Comitatus Act: Letting the Military Address Terrorist Attacks on U.S. Soil," *Creighton Law Review*, 39(3):667-693.

Stewart, Eric A. and Ronald L. Simons. 2006. "Structure and Culture in African-American Adolescent Violence: A Partial Test of the Code of the Street Thesis." *Justice Quarterly* 23:1-33.

Winfrey Jr., L. Thomas, **Terrance J. Taylor**, Ni He, and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2006. "Self-Control and Variability over Time: Multivariate Results using a Five-Year, Multi-Site Panel of Youth." *Crime and Delinquency* 52:253-286.

Books

Jacobs, Bruce and **Richard Wright**. 2006. Street Justice: Retaliation in the Criminal Underworld. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Klinger, David. 2006. Into the Kill Zone: A Cop's Eye View of Deadly Force. New York: Jossey Bass. (Paperback Edition)

Messner, Steven F. and **Richard Rosenfeld**. 2006. Crime and the American Dream. Fourth Edition. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth.

Rosenfeld, Richard, ed. 2006. Crime and Social Institutions. Hampshire, England: Ashgate.

Rosenfeld, Richard, ed. 2006. Hidden Assets: Connecting the Past to the Future of St. Louis. Columbia, MO: University of Missouri Press.

Book Chapters

LaFree, Gary, Bob O'Brien, and **Eric P. Baumer**. 2006. "Is the Gap Between Black and White Arrest Rates Narrowing? National Trends for Personal Contact Crimes, 1960-2003." In The Many Colors of Crime: Inequalities of Race, Ethnicity and Crime in America, edited by Ruth Peterson, Lauri Krivo, and John Hagan. New York: NYU Press.

Miller, Jody. 2006. "Global Prostitution, Sex Tourism and Trafficking." Pp. 139-154 in Rethinking Gender, Crime and Justice: Feminist Readings, edited by Claire Renzetti, Lynne Goodstein and Susan Miller. Los Angeles: Roxbury Publishing.

Research Grants

Finn-Aage Esbensen was awarded a grant from the National Institute of Justice for a project entitled, "Process and Outcome Evaluation of G.R.E.A.T." The grant will run from July 1, 2006 – December 31, 2011 and the research team was awarded \$2,497,585.

The Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) program is a school-based prevention program taught to middle school students by law enforcement officers. This multi-site, multi-year evaluation includes both process and outcome components. The outcome evaluation calls for an experimental longitudinal design involving approximately 30 schools in seven cities across the country. This project involves the collaboration of several colleagues including : TJ Taylor, Research Associate, UMSL; Dana Peterson, U at Albany; and Wayne Osgood, Penn State. A number of continuing and new graduate students are involved with this project, including Chris Melde, Karin Tusinski, Brad Brick, Krystle Leugoud, and Sara Hoover.

Teri Gullede, a part-time research assistant, is also a member of the research team.

Jody Miller received an Individual Faculty Grant Award for her project, "Internationalizing Service Learning: The UM-St. Louis Tsunami Reconstruction Project." The grant was funded by the Missouri Campus Compact, 2006-2007.

Terrance J. Taylor (with Volkan Topalli, Georgia State University, and David W. Holleran, The College of New Jersey) was awarded a joint grant from the American Statistical Association and the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The grant is entitled, "Using the National Incident-Based Reporting System to Examine the Extent to Which Police Clearance Rates of Violent Offenses Vary by Victim Race," \$44,592, Project term: January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006),

Technical Reports

Finn, Mary A. and **Terrance J. Taylor**. 2006. "Process Evaluation of Three Day Reporting Centers: Clayton, Macon & Rome." Atlanta, Georgia: Georgia State University.

Taylor, Terrance J., Finn-Aage Esbensen, Chris Melde*, Karin Tusinski*, and Bradley T. Brick*. 2006. "National Evaluation of the Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works (TCC/CW) Training Program: 2006 report to schools and communities." St. Louis, Missouri: University of Missouri – St. Louis.

Service Activities

Dave Curry served as a Member of the Committee on Ethical Considerations for Revisions to DHHS Regulations for Protection of Prisoners Involved in Research. Institute of Medicine, National Academies of Science, 2005-2006.

Jody Miller served as Guest Curator, "Landscapes with Love: Artwork by Sri Lankan Children." Gallery Visio, 2006 (August 8-17).

ALUMNI NEWS

Awards and Publications

Burruss, George (Ph.D. 2000) and Michelle Hect-Furlow. 2006. "Teaching Statistics Visually: A Quasi-experimental evaluation of teaching chi-square through computer tutorials." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

Burruss, George. 2006. "Crime in 2020" in *Policing 2020: Exploring the Future of Crime, Communities, and Policing*. Joseph Schafer, ed. Washington D.C.: Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Cannon, Kevin D. and **P. Ann Dirks-Linhorst**. 2006. "How will they understand if we don't teach them?: The status of criminal justice education on gay and lesbian issues." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 17(2).

Catalano, Shannan (Ph.D. 2004). 2006. *The Measurement of Crime: Victim Reporting and Police Recording*. New York, NY: LFB Publishing.

Catalano, Shannan. 2006. "Intimate Partner Violence, 1993-2004." Washington, DC: USGPO.

Catalano, Shannan. 2005. "Criminal Victimization, 2005." Washington, DC: USGPO.

Dirks-Linhorst, P. Ann (Ph.D. 2003) and Donald M. Linhorst. 2006. "A description of the design and costs of an insanity acquittee conditional release, monitoring and revocation system." *International Journal of Forensic Mental Health*, 5(1), 55-65.

Dirks-Linhorst, P. Ann. 2006. "Forensic Mental Health". In *Missouri Bar CLE Deskbook on Mental Health in Missouri*. Jefferson City, MO: Missouri Bar Publications.

Green, Lindsey (M.A. 2006) published: Dabney, D., Green, L., & Topalli, V. (2006). "Freshman Learning Communities in Criminology and Criminal Justice: An Effective Tool for Enhancing Student Recruitment and Learning Outcomes." *JCJE*, 17, 40-68.

Mullins, Christopher W. (Ph.D. 2004) 2006. Holding Your Square: Masculinities, Streetlife and Violence. Willian Press.

Mullins, Christopher W. 2006 "Women and Violence on the Streets: Resistance and Empowerment in Streetlife Social Networks." In, Tammy Anderson, editor. Women, Power and Drugs. Piscataway, NJ: Rutgers' University Press.

Mullins, Christopher W. "Blown Tires and Lost Lives: Bridgestone-Firestone, Ford and the FTA." In, Ronald C. Kramer and Raymond J. Michalowski, editors. State- Corporate Crime: Wrongdoing at the Intersection of Business and Government. Piscataway, NY: Rutgers University Press.

Reddington, Frances P., **Lynn S. Urban**, and Melissa Conn. 2006. "A Comparison of the Approach to Juvenile Crime by the United States and Canada" *Journal of the Institute of Justice and International Studies*.

Ruddell, Rick (Ph.D. 2002) 2006. "Jail interventions for inmates with mental illnesses." *Journal of Correctional Health Care*, 12:118-131.

Ruddell, Rick, Scott H. Decker, and **Arlen Egley** (Ph.D. 2003). 2006. "Gang interventions in jails: A national analysis." *Criminal Justice Review*, 31:33-46.

Rothe, Dawn and **Christopher W. Mullins**. 2006. The International Criminal Court: Symbolic Gestures and the Generation of Global Social Control. Lexington Books.

Rothe, Dawn; Stephen Muzzatti; and **Christopher W. Mullins**. 2006 "Crime on the High Seas: Crimes of Globalization and the Sinking of the Senegalese Ferry Le Joola." *Critical Criminology*. 14:3.

Urban, Lynn (Ph.D. 2005) and Sara Burge. 2006. "Victim/Offender Mediation in St. Louis: An Assessment," *Justice Research and Policy*.

Other

Darren Boehlje (M.A. 2004) accepted a position with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Kelli (Dyer) Burmeister (M.A. 2005) was promoted to a Senior Researcher position with the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections.

George Burruss (Ph.D. 2000) his wife Shari and daughter Carol will travel to China later this year to adopt their second daughter, Corrine.

George Burruss (Ph.D. 2000) was also awarded a grant from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority entitled "Evaluation of Cook County Community Based Transitional Services for Female Offenders." He is co-PI with Gaylene Armstrong, Martha Henderson.

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) or Cathy McNeal (Department Administrative Associate).