

# CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As the new Chair of the Department, I welcome you to the Fall 2009 issue of the Departmental newsletter. Professors Janet Lauritsen and Beth Huebner have produced an informative newsletter that highlights a number of activities and achievements of the past year. As you will read, the Department continues to exert a strong presence within the discipline. Bob Bur-sik is the immediate Past President of the American Society of Criminology and Rick Rosenfeld is the President-elect of the ASC. Jody Miller was elected to serve a three-year term as an Executive Counselor of ASC and Richard Wright will be recognized as an ASC Fellow at this year's ASC Annual Meeting in Philadelphia.

On the local front, we begin this new academic year with two new faculty members: Terrance J. (TJ) Taylor (Ph.D., University of Nebraska), joins the faculty as a tenure-track Assistant Professor and Kristy Matsuda (Ph.D., University of California, Irvine) joins the faculty as Assistant Research Professor. We are very pleased to welcome these colleagues. Additionally, Beth Huebner has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Beth has assumed the role of Director of the CCJ Graduate Program and will oversee both the MA and Ph.D. programs.

Lastly, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Richard Wright who just completed his second term as Department Chair. Under his guidance, the Department has prospered and solidified its place as one of the premier CCJ programs in the country.

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### US News and World Report Ranks Doctoral Program Fourth in the Nation

The UMSL CCJ Ph.D. program was ranked #4 among Criminology and Criminal Justice Doctoral Programs in the Nation according to the 2010 *U.S. News & World Report* peer rankings. These peer rankings update earlier rankings in which UMSL was also ranked fourth, tied with the University of California-Irvine, and Rutgers State University.

The 2010 Rankings for the top 10 departments are:

Institution	Mean Assessment Score (5.0=highest)
1. University of Maryland, College Park	4.7
2. State University of New York - Albany	4.4
3. University of Cincinnati	4.1
4. University of Missouri - St. Louis	3.8
5. Pennsylvania State University - University Park	3.7

5. University of California - Irvine	3.7
7. Michigan State University	3.5
7. Florida State University	3.5
7. Rutgers State University of New Jersey	3.3
10. CUNY - John Jay College	3.3

### Faculty Awards and Special Appointments

**Finn Esbensen** received the 2009 President's Award from the Western Society of Criminology, for contributions to the field of criminology.

**Janet Lauritsen** was appointed to the Committee on Law and Justice, Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences. Her term runs from January 2009 to December 2011.

**Jody Miller** has been selected as the winner of the 2009 American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color & Crime, Coramae Richey Mann award for her "outstanding

contributions of scholarship on race, ethnicity, crime, and justice." Professor Miller will receive her award at the 2009 meetings of the ASC in Philadelphia in November.

**Andres Rengifo** was appointed Research Fellow to the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management)

**Richard Rosenfeld** has been appointed to the National Academy of Sciences Panel entitled "Developing Metrics for the Department of Homeland Security Science and Technology Research," Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education, and Division on Engineering and Physical Sciences.

**Lee Slocum** won the Gerald and Deanne Gitner Excellence in Teaching Award which recognizes early career faculty for outstanding teaching. Professor Slocum received her award at the Chancellor's State of the University Address, and was recognized at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Founders Dinner at the Ritz Carlton, St. Louis.

**Richard Wright** was named a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology. He will be honored with this award at the upcoming ASC meetings in Philadelphia in November.

## Graduate Student Awards

**Jena Owens** won the Elton S. Carter Thesis Award for Excellence in a Master's Thesis at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

## Employment News

**Mark Berg** accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

**Bradley Brick** accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Old Dominion University.

**Jennifer Cobbina** accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Michigan State University.

**Kimberly Martin** accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Old Dominion University.

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## UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

### Congratulations

Congratulations to the 104 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree during the 2008-2009 school year.

Special congratulations to our students who graduated with Latin honors: Jared Armstrong, Cheryl Benne, Rachel Bock, Lauren Buschart, David Cattaneo, Kyle Cottner, Jessica Cowan, Christa Curran, Daniel Ellerbusch, Lindsey Eoff, Terry Ford, Lacey Greninger, Tony Hunt, Michael Jaco,

Heather Kellerman, Michelle Melville, Matthew Michel, Chateau Neithamer, Daisy Olson, Candace Ozanic, Ashley Paterson, Matthew Record, Julianna Simpson, Robert Thompson, Jamie Wall, Bradley Walworth, and Sarah Yousaf.

### CCJ Chair's List

Thirteen 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 Shelia Anderson, Cheryl Benne, Rachel Bock, Joshua Boyd, Krystle Carroll, Jessica Cowan, Ashley Lytton, Abigail Melchior, Sanela Planic, Curtis Schneider, Matthew Shamburg, Michael Shamburg, and Jessica Toledano.

### Scholarships

Gay Carraway N.O.B.L.E. Memorial Scholarship  
**Tavia Hinton and Stephanie Thomas**

Doris Fishman Scholarship  
**Ethan Chou and Clair Regnier**

Jennings Do-Dads Scholarship  
**Samantha June Brooks and Rashonda Thornton**

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## M.A. PROGRAM NEWS

### Congratulations

The following students received their M.A. degrees during the 2008-2009 school year: Ethan C. Amidon, Kristi Beall, Matthew A. Durbin, Amanda Gendon, Laura M. Herman, Tamara S. Johnson, Tammy Meyers, Kaitlin J. Rayne, Michelle Stacey, and Brandon Rosenfeld.

### Welcome to the 2009 M.A. Cohort

Michael Barker, Erica Brooke, Eunjin Chae, Patricia Collins, Spencer Cooper, Jessica Cowan, Michael Deckard, Tim Dickinson, Susan Edelman, Samuel Gilman, Lacey Greninger, Trish Herron, Sarah Hoertel, Jongha Kim, Vadim Krinitskiy, Lacy Lefere, Raymond Lin, Sherry Lohr, Jason Love, Elizabeth Matoushek, Matthew Michel, Ivana Milicevic, and Eye-Liza Scott.

### Reminder

Students who plan on graduating in **December 2009 or May 2010** 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."

## PH.D. PROGRAM NEWS

### New Ph.D. Students

Welcome to **Mark Debarr**, **Robert Domiano**, **Mikh Gunderman**, **Kimberly Kras**, and **Stephanie Wiley**.

### New Ph.D.s

Congratulations to **Mark Berg** for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of his work is "Understanding the Persistence of the Victimization-Offending Relationship: Modeling Causal Mechanisms Across Place and Time." The chair of his committee is Janet Lauritsen.

Congratulations to **Jennifer Cobbina** for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is "From Prison to Home: Women's Pathways In and Out of Crime." The chair of her committee is Jody Miller.

### New Ph.D. Candidates

Congratulations to **Scott Jacques**, **Brian Oliver**, and **Michele Stacey** for successfully completing the comprehensive exams. Graduate students are designated "Ph.D. Candidates" after they have completed coursework and exams.

### Ph.D. Grant Awards and Accolades

**Amanda Gendon** has been named one of the recipients of the 2009 Graduate Minority Fellowship by the American Society of Criminology.

The Graduate School has awarded **Scott Jacques** a dissertation fellowship for the 2009-2010 school year.

**Tiffany Polk** and **Allen Shamow** have been selected for the 2009 ICPSR Summer Course on Quantitative Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice Data on fellowships by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

### 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 2010 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.**

## OUR INFLUENCE

### Publications

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since September 2008.

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

### Articles

**Mark T. Berg\*** and **Andres F. Rengifo**. 2009. "Rethinking Community Organization and Robbery: Considering Illicit Market Dynamics." *Justice Quarterly* 26:211-237.

**Brick, Bradley T.\***, **Terrance J. Taylor**, and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2009. "Juvenile Attitudes toward the Police: The importance of subcultural involvement and community ties." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 37 (5): 488-495.

Rod K. Brunson and **Jody Miller**. 2009. "Schools, Neighborhoods, and Adolescent Conflict: A Situational Examination of Reciprocal Dynamics." *Justice Quarterly* 26:183-210.

**Robert J. Bursik Jr.** 2009. "The Dead Sea Scrolls and criminological knowledge: 2008 Presidential address to the American Society of Criminology." *Criminology* 47:5-16.

**Dena C. Carson\***, Christopher J. Sullivan, John C. Cochran, and Kim M. Lersch. 2009. "General strain theory and the relationship between early victimization and drug use." *Deviant Behavior* 30:54-88.

Karen Heimer, **Janet L. Lauritsen**, and James P. Lynch. 2009. "The National Crime Victimization Survey and the Gender Gap in Offending: Redux." *Criminology* 47:427-438.

**Beth M. Huebner** and Timothy S. Bynum. 2008. "The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Parole Decisions". *Criminology* 46: 907-938.

**Scott Jacques.\*** 2008. Review of "How Drug Dealers Settle Disputes: Violent & Nonviolent Outcomes" by Angela P. Taylor. *Criminal Justice Review* 33(4):577-8.

**Scott Jacques\*** and **Richard Wright**. 2008. "The Victimization-Termination Link." *Criminology* 46: 1009-1038.

**Janet Lauritsen**, Karen Heimer, and James P. Lynch. 2009. "Trends in the Gender Gap in Violent Offending: New Evidence from the National Crime Victimization Survey." *Criminology* 47:361-400.

Chris Melde\*\*, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, and **Terrance J. Taylor**. 2009. "'May Piece Be with You': A typological examination of the 'fear and victimization' hypothesis of adolescent weapon carrying." *Justice Quarterly* 26:348-376.

Chris Melde\*\*, **Terrance J. Taylor**, and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2009. "'I Got Your Back': Examining the protective function of gang membership in adolescence." *Criminology* 47:565-594.

Steven F. Messner, Helmut Thome, and **Richard Rosenfeld**. 2008. "Institutions, Anomie, and Violent Crime: Clarifying and Elaborating Institutional-Anomie Theory." *International Journal of Conflict and Violence* 2:163-181.

**Richard Rosenfeld** and **Brian Oliver\***. 2008. "Evaluating Recent Changes in Homicide and Robbery Rates." *Justice Research and Policy* 10:49-65.

Don Stemen and **Andres F. Rengifo**. 2009. "Mandating Substance Abuse Treatment for Drug Possessors: The Impact of Senate Bill 123 on the Criminal Justice System in Kansas." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 37:296-304.

**Terrance J. Taylor**, David Holleran, and Volkan Topalli. 2009. "Racial Bias in Case Processing: Does victim race affect police clearance of violent crime incidents?" *Justice Quarterly* 26:562-591.

Adam Watkins\*\*, **Beth M. Huebner**, and Scott H. Decker. 2008. "Patterns of Gun Acquisition, Carrying, and Use among Juvenile and Adult Arrestees: Evidence from a High-Crime City." *Justice Quarterly* 25:674-700.

#### Book Chapters

Alfred Blumstein and **Richard Rosenfeld**. 2009. "Factors Affecting Recent Crime Trends in the United States." Arthur Goldberger and Richard Rosenfeld, eds. Understanding Crime Trends. Washington, DC: National Academies Press.

Karen Heimer and **Janet L. Lauritsen**. 2008. "Gender and Violence in the United States: Trends in Offending and Victimization," Arthur Goldberger and Richard Rosenfeld, eds. Understanding Crime Trends, National Research Council. Washington DC: National Academies Press.

**Jody Miller**. 2009. "Prostitution." Pp. 547-577 in Oxford Handbook of Crime and Public Policy, edited by Michael Tonry. New York: Oxford University Press.

**Jody Miller** and Christopher W. Mullins. 2008. "Feminist Theories of Girls' Delinquency." Pp. 30-49 in Delinquent Girls: Findings from the Girls Study Group, edited by Margaret Zahn. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

**Jody Miller**. 2008. "Young Women and Street Gangs." Pp. 207-224 in Delinquent Girls: Findings from the Girls Study Group, edited by Margaret Zahn. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

**Richard Rosenfeld**. 2009. "Homicide and Serious Assaults." Pp. 25-50 in Oxford Handbook on Crime and Public Policy, edited by Michael Tonry. New York: Oxford University Press.

#### Books

Goldberger, Arthur and **Richard Rosenfeld**, eds. 2009. Understanding Crime Trends. Washington, DC: National Academic Press.

#### Technical Reports

**Dena C. Carson\***, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, **Terrance J. Taylor**, and Dana Peterson. 2008. "National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program: Results from surveys and interviews with G.R.E.A.T.-trained officers." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2009. "Final Report: Evaluation of the Teens, Crime and the Community and Community Works Program." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2009. "Evaluation of the Teens, Crime and the Community and Community Works Program: Curriculum review." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen** and **Bradley T. Brick\***. 2009. "Evaluation of the Teens, Crime, and the Community and Community Works Program: Program effectiveness." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen**, Dana Peterson, and **Terrance J. Taylor**. 2009. "National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program: 2009 Report to Schools and Communities: Program implementation quality and preliminary outcome results." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen**, Dana Peterson, **Terrance J. Taylor**, Vanessa R. Panfil, and **Bradley T. Brick\***. 2008. "National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program: 2008 Report to Schools and Communities: Anti-social norms among a sample of middle-school students." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Krystle Leugoud\***, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, **Bradley T. Brick\***, and **Terrance J. Taylor**. 2009. "National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program: Observing the Implementer: Description of findings, recommendations, and conclusions from program implementation observations." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Jody Miller**, ed. 2009. "Evaluation of the Challenges of Women's Re-Entry in St. Louis and the Role and Impact of the Center for Women in Transition." Research report submitted to the Missouri Department of Corrections and the Center for Women in Transition (student authors: Ethan Amidon, Ekaterina Archakova, Dena C. Carson, Daniel Duplantier, Elizabeth Elliott, Amanda Gendon, Krystle Leugoud, Jennifer Owens, Breanne Pleggenkuhle, Kaitlin Rayne, and Meghan Rogers).

Dana Peterson, Vanessa R. Panfil, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, and **Terrance J. Taylor**. 2009. "National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program: School Personnel Report." St. Louis, MO: University

of Missouri-St. Louis.

**Andres F. Rengifo** and Christine Scott-Hayward. 2008. *Assessing the Effectiveness of Intermediate Sanctions in Multnomah Co., Oregon*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice.

**Terrance J. Taylor, Finn-Aage Esbensen,** and Dana Peterson. 2009. "National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program: G.R.E.A.T. Officer Training (G.O.T.) Report." St. Louis, MO: University of Missouri-St. Louis.

## Outreach

**Jody Miller** continues her work as Coordinator of the UM-St. Louis Operation Teardrop Campaign, a project that works to improve the educational opportunities of children at Macaldeniya Tamil Vidyalayam, a primary school on a tea plantation in the central hills of Sri Lanka.



This year, the Campaign opened a school computer center, school library, and Montessori for pre-school aged children on the plantation. December 3-17, 2009, Jody will guest curate the exhibition "Kids with Cameras: Photographs by Macaldeniya Tea Plantation Children in Sri Lanka" at UMSL's Gallery Visio. For more information about the project and its efforts, see: <http://www.umsl.edu/~ccj/faculty/miller.html>.

## Research Grants

**Andres F. Rengifo** and Don Stemen, Co-Principal Investigators. "Context and impact of organizational changes in state corrections agencies: A study of local discourses and practices in Kansas and Michigan." National Institute of Corrections. Start date: Sept 15, 2009.

**Richard Rosenfeld**, Principal Investigator. "The Contextual Relationship Between Individual Level Violence and Macro Level Economic Factors." Centers for Disease Control (October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2010).

## University Grants

**Kristin Carbone-Lopez** and **Jody Miller**, Co-Principal Investigators. "Methamphetamine in the Context of Women's

Lives." Research Board, University of Missouri, 2009.

**Jody Miller**, Principal Investigator. "The Gendered Organization of Commercial Sex in Sri Lanka." Research Award, University of Missouri-St. Louis, 2009.

## Other

**Richard Rosenfeld** is Editor-in-Chief of the Online Bibliography in Criminology series for Oxford University.

**Jody Miller's** book, *Getting Played: African American Girls, Urban Inequality and Gendered Violence*, was named a finalist for the 2008 C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Tenure and Promotion

**Elicka Peterson** was promoted to Associate Professor at Appalachian State University. She also got married this year and is now known as Elicka Peterson-Sparks.

### Grants

**George Burress**, Principal Investigator (with M. Giblin and J. Schafer): "Student Perceptions of Campus Safety Initiative: Assessing Views of Critical Incident Prevention and Response." Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. 2009.

### Publications

**G. W. Burruss**. 2009. "Mapping Criminological Theory." *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 20:1, 4-19.

Noelle E. Fearn and **Rick Ruddell**, eds. 2009. *Understanding Correctional Violence*. Richmond KY: Newgate Press.

M. J. Giblin and **G. W. Burruss**. 2009. "Developing a Measurement Model of Institutional Processes in Policing." *Policing* 32:351-376.

M.J. Giblin, J.A. Schafer, and **G.W. Burruss**. 2009. "Homeland Security in the Heartland: Risk, Preparedness, and Organizational Capacity." *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 20:274-289.

**Rick Ruddell** and Matthew O. Thomas. 2009. "Minority threat and police strength: An examination of the Golden State." *Police Practice and Research* 10:1-18.

**Rick Ruddell** and Tommy Norris. 2008. "The changing role of wardens: A focus on safety and security." *Corrections Today*, October, 36-39.

J.A. Schafer, E. M. Heiple, M.J. Giblin, and **G.W. Burruss**. 2008. "Critical incident preparedness on campus." *Campus Law Enforcement Journal* 39:25-29.

## Other

**Chris Melde** welcomed a baby girl (Elyse Marie) on July 15, 2009. Congratulations!