

# CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

As the Chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, I welcome you to our Spring 2015 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 past summer, we said goodbye to two colleagues, Richard Wright and Dena Carson. After 30 years of service to the department, Curators' Professor Richard Wright retired at the end of the 2013-2014 academic year in order to tackle a new challenge: Chair of the Criminal Justice and Criminology Department at Georgia State University. Dena Carson earned her doctorate with us in 2011 and continued working with us as an Assistant Research Professor. She is now an Assistant Professor at Indiana University—Purdue University Indianapolis. We are sad to see Richard and Dena leave but we wish them well in their new endeavors. As we say goodbye to these colleagues, we are excited to welcome two new assistant professors to our faculty: Adam Boessen (University of California, Irvine) and Kyle Thomas (University of Maryland). We are extremely pleased to be joined by these two scholars.

The Department continues to increase its online course offerings for students enrolled in the undergraduate program. We now offer 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 year.

Finn Esbensen, Ph.D.

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

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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Faculty Awards and Appointments

**Adam Boessen** was awarded second place for the 2014 Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. The paper is entitled "The Spatial Footprint and Daily Crime Patterns: Situating Guardianship in 23 Cities."

**Michael Campbell** and Heather Schoenfeld's article, "The Transformation of America's Penal Order: A Historicized Political Sociology of Punishment," received the ASA Law Section Distinguished Article Award and honorable mention for the Law and Society Association Article Award. The article was published in the *American Journal of Sociology* in 2013.

**Elaine Doherty** and **Lee Slocum** were awarded the College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Development Grant to design and implement an interdisciplinary course using HBO's "The Wire" as a lens to explore issues related to crime and the justice system in Baltimore, an urban environment that has many similarities to St. Louis. This course is being offered in Spring 2015.

**Finn Esbensen** was named a Fellow of the American Society of Criminology. The honorary title "Fellow" recognizes persons who have made a scholarly contribution to the intellectual life of the discipline.

**David Klinger** was promoted from Associate to full Professor.

**Janet Lauritsen** has been named a member of the National Academies of Sciences' Panel on Modernizing the Nation's Crime Statistics. The purpose of this multi-year project is to assess and make recommendations for developing a modern set of crime measures for the United States. More details about the panel and its project are available at: <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=49591>.

**Dan Isom** was appointed by Governor Jay Nixon to serve as Missouri's Director of Public Safety. Dr. Isom will be on leave from UMSL until January 2017.

**Matt Vogel** spent two weeks as a visiting fellow at the Chinese Academy of Social Science in Beijing.

Istanbul Aydin University in Turkey invited our faculty to collaborate on an International Symposium on Crime and Guilt in Turkish and USA Law. **Kristin Carbone-Lopez, Dena Carson, Finn Esbensen, Beth Huebner, David Klinger, Lee Slocum, and Matt Vogel** presented at the symposium in March.

## New Faculty

After an international search, we are delighted to announce that **Adam Boessen** and **Kyle Thomas** have joined us as Assistant Professors. Dr. Boessen received his PhD in Criminology, Law and Society from the University of California-Irvine in 2014 and joined us for the Fall 2014 semester. Dr. Thomas received his PhD in Criminology & Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland in 2014 and joined us for the Spring 2015 semester.

After completing her doctorate in Summer 2014, **Stephanie Wiley** joined the department as an Assistant Research Professor. We're pleased to have the opportunity to continue working with Dr. Wiley.

## 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.

**Gabe Crocker, Michael Guzy, Mason Keller, Brenda Loftin, Shannon McAllister, and Kim Rensing.**

## DOCTORAL PROGRAM NEWS

### New Doctoral Students

Welcome to **Aaron Levin** and **Kristina Thompson**.

### New PhDs

Congratulations to **Ethan Amidon, Ekaterina Gorislavsky, Kimberly Kras, Hyon Namgung, Mike Vecchio, and Stephanie Wiley** for successfully defending their dissertations:

**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: Richard Rosenfeld. Dr. Amidon is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice at Missouri State University.

**Ekaterina Gorislavsky**, "Racial-Ethnic Differences in Rape and Sexual Assault Victimization: A Pooled Analysis of NCVS Data, 1994-2010." Committee Chair: Janet Lauritsen.

**Kimberly Kras**, "Redemption or Condemnation? A Long-Term Follow-up of the Desistance Patterns of Sex Offenders." Committee Chair: Beth Huebner. Dr. Kras is now a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence (ACE!) at George Mason University.

**Hyon Namgung**, "How Do Specialized Units Affect the Outputs of Police Organizations?: Investigating the Effect of Community Policing Units on Community Policing Activities in Local

Police Departments." Committee Chair: David Klinger. Dr. Namgung is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at the Metropolitan State University of Denver.

**Mike Vecchio**, "The Role of Violence within and across Self-identified Gang Youth." Committee Chair: Finn Esbensen. Dr. Vecchio is now an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology at Loyola University-Chicago.

**Stephanie Wiley**, "The Amplification of Deviance Following Police Contact: An Examination of Individual and Neighborhood Factors among a Sample of Youth." Committee Chair: Finn Esbensen. Dr. Wiley is now an Assistant Research Professor in our department.

### New ABDs

Congratulations to **Tim Dickinson, Mikh Gunderman, and Allen Shamow** for successfully defending their dissertation proposals:

**Tim Dickinson**, "Talk and Deterrence in Drug Markets." Committee Co-Chairs: Richard Wright and Richard Rosenfeld.

**Mikh Gunderman**, "Consequences of Methamphetamine use in a Sample of Incarcerated Women." Committee Chair: Kristin Carbone-Lopez.

**Allen Shamow**, "An Unholy Union? The Relationship between Protestantism and Homicide". Committee Chair: Richard Rosenfeld.

### Doctoral Student Awards and Accolades

**Jaelyn Cwick** won the 2014 Graduate Student Paper Competition for the American Society of Criminology's Division on Women and Crime.

**Michael Deckard** was nominated to represent UMSL at the inaugural Graduate Student Leadership Development Program hosted jointly by the University of Missouri System and the UM Graduate School. Mike completed the program with 19 fellow graduate students from the four sister campuses in November 2014.

**Kimberly Kras** received a Chancellor's Graduate Scholars Dissertation Fellowship.

**Tim Dickinson** received the Charles F. Huber dissertation fellowship.

### Dissertation Deadlines

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 in May 2015 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.**

## MASTER'S PROGRAM NEWS

### Welcome to the 2014 M.A. Cohort

Casey Cowhey, Melanie Fagerlin, Alysson Gatens, Kaylin Haff, Samantha Homes, Kimberly Huhmann, Karen Jones, Meryl Jooste, Katie Kratzer, Marc Laury, Anthony Michalka, Abigail Ross, Kristin Seering, Aimee Soukenik, Casey Whalen, and Abbey Wilson.

### Congratulations

The following students received their Master of Arts degree during the 2013-2014 school year: Emily Armstrong, Albert Arocha, Chelsea Bailey, Vivien Clark, Samuel Gilman, Joan Hollensbe, Brett Kimmel, Laken Kuntz, Aaron Levin, Robert Mackenzie, Jennifer Parker, Sherri Schaefer, and Derek Strauser.

### Scholarship

The Edward G. Longinette Scholarship:

**Ann Kneib and Eva Roeder**

### Reminder

Students who plan on graduating in **May 2015** 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 online: 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. We now offer online all courses required to complete the BS degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

The following courses are available for online instruction:

1100 Introduction to Criminology & Criminal Justice; 1110 Theories of Crime; 1120 Criminal Law; 1150 Violence in America; 2130 Criminal Justice Policy; 2210 Research Methods; 2220 Statistics; 2240 Policing; 2251 Youth Gangs; 2260 Courts; 3230 Crime Prevention; 3270 Juvenile Justice and Delinquency; 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 117 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree during the 2013-2014 school year. We also had 20 students graduate with a Minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice.

Special congratulations to our students who graduated with Latin honors: Gregory Burch, Dominic Bates, Esteban Becerri, Eric Blessing, Kevin Cantrell, Erin Conley, Robert Conway, Sarah Coughran, Rachel Donaby, Wanda Ford, Alan Frank, Kyle Hampton, Dustin Hotz, Karen Jones, Kevin Jones, Katie Kratzer, Brianne Kreidler, Anela Krijestorac, Andre McFadden, Eric Messmer, Melissa Mosley, Emily Nahn, Amra Omerovic, Courtney Radford, Jessica Sutton, Cory Wegman, and Kelsey Woemmel.

### Awards and Accolades

**Kristina Linden** received a \$1000 research grant from the College of Arts & Sciences to study racial disparities in local drug arrests.

**Josiah Perkins** received the Student Leader of the Year award for his "tireless service to UMSL and the wider St. Louis community."

**Hannah Perryman**, UMSL softball pitcher, received many accolades, including Second Team All-American by National Fastpitch Coaches Association.

**Cameron Roark** was elected President of UMSL's Student Government Association.

**Gwen Smith** received a \$1000 research grant from the College of Arts & Sciences to study Missouri's incarceration rates.

Doris Fishman Scholarship:

**DeAnn Porter**

Jennings Do-Dads Scholarship:

**DeAnn Porter and Cara Sampson**

### CCJ Chair's List

Fifteen 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 Greg Burch, Kyle Hampton, Dustin Hotz, Karen Jones, Jonas Jones, Danyelle Kirkorian, Eric Messmer, Felicia Moorehead, Emily Nahn, Jerrell Norman, Sara Richter, Cameron Roark, Cara Sampson, Nicholas Santangelo, and Jacquelyn Winford.

## OUR INFLUENCE

### Research Grants and Awards

**Kristin Carbone-Lopez** (Principal Investigator). "Domestic Violence Courts and Repeat Victimization." University of Missouri Research Board Grant.

**Elaine Eggleston Doherty** (Principal Investigator). "Exploring Violent Careers over the Life Course: A Study of Urban African American Males and Females." Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

**Elaine Eggleston Doherty** (Principal Investigator) and **Lee Ann Slocum** (Co-PI). "Crime, Justice, and Urban Life as Seen

through HBO's *The Wire*." UMSL Curriculum Development Grant.

**Beth M. Huebner** (Principal Investigator). "Sex Offender Absconder Research Study – Phase I." Missouri State Highway Patrol.

**Beth M. Huebner** (Research Consultant). Principal Investigators: Edmund McGarrell, Natalie Kroovand Hipple, Mallory O'Brien. "A Tale of Four Cities: Improving Our Understanding of Gun Violence- Phase I." National Institute of Justice.

**Lee Ann Slocum** (Principal Investigator). "The Effect of Prior Police Contact on Victimization Reporting: Results from the Police Public Contact and National Crime Victimization Surveys." National Institute of Justice.

**Lee Ann Slocum** (Principal Investigator). "The Potential 'Dark Side' of Help Seeking for Victims of Violence: Exploring the Effects of Seeking Assistance on Re-Victimization Using a Sample of Criminally-Embedded Women." UMSL Office of Research Awards.

**Matt Vogel** (Principal Investigator). "Spatial Dimensions of Neighborhood Effects on Adolescent Offending." UMSL College of Arts & Sciences research grant.

## Publications

Department members published the following articles and book chapters from September 2013 to September 2014.

\* indicates student, \*\* indicates alumni

### ARTICLES

**Adam Boessen**, John R. Hipp, Emily J. Smith, Carter T. Butts, Nicholas N. Nagle, and Zack Almquist. 2014. "Networks, space, and residents' perception of cohesion." *American Journal of Community Psychology* 53:447-461.

**Michael C. Campbell**. 2014. "The Emergence of Penal Extremism in California: A Dynamic View of Institutional Structures and Political Processes." *Law & Society Review* 48:377-409.

Marieke Liem and **Michael C. Campbell**. 2014. "Punishment for Homicide in Europe: Research Challenges and A Roadmap for Progress." *International Criminal Justice Review* 24:285-297

Jody Miller and **Kristin Carbone-Lopez**. 2013. "Gendered carceral regimes in Sri Lanka: Colonial laws, post-colonial practices, and the social control of sex workers." *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society* 39:79-103.

Richard Wright, Erdal Tekin, Volkan Topalli, Chandler McClellan, Timothy Dickinson\*, and **Richard Rosenfeld**. 2014. "Less cash, less crime: The impact of subsidy digitization on street crime (Working Paper No. 19996)." National Bureau of Economic Research: <http://www.nber.org/papers/w19996>.

**Stephanie DiPietro**, and Jaclyn Cwick\*. "Gender, Family Functioning and Violence across Immigrant Generations." *Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency* 51:785-815.

**Elaine Eggleston Doherty** and Margaret E. Ensminger. 2014. "Do the Adult Criminal Careers of African Americans Fit the 'Facts'?" *Journal of Criminal Justice* 42:517-526.

Rebecca Evans-Polce, **Elaine Eggleston Doherty**, Margaret E. Ensminger. 2014. "Taking a Life Course Approach to Studying Substance Use Treatment among a Community Cohort of African American Substance Users." *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* 142:216-223.

Chris Melde\*\* and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2014. "The Relative Impact of Gang Status Transitions: Identifying the Mechanisms of Change in Delinquency." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 51:349-376.

Dena C. Carson\*\* and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2014. "The Mediating Effects of Delinquent Attitudes on Race, Race Heterogeneity, and Violent Offending." *Journal of Crime and Justice* 37:23-41.

Dena C. Carson\*\*, Dana Peterson, and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2013. "Youth Gang Desistance: An examination of different operational definitions of desistance on the motivations, methods, and consequences associated with leaving the gang." *Criminal Justice Review* 38:510-534. Recipient of the 2013 James L. Maddex, Jr. Paper of the Year Award.

**Finn-Aage Esbensen**, D. Wayne Osgood, Dana Peterson, **Terrance J. Taylor**, and Dena C. Carson\*\*. 2013. "Short and Long Term Outcome Results from a Multi-site Evaluation of the G.R.E.A.T. Program." *Criminology and Public Policy* 12:375-411.

Dena C. Carson\*\*, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, and **Terrance J. Taylor**. 2013. "A Longitudinal Analysis of the Relationship between School Victimization and Student Mobility." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice* 11:275-295.

**Beth M. Huebner**, Jason Rydberg, Eric Grommon, Breanne Pleggenkuhle\*\*, Kimberly Kras\*, and Timothy S. Bynum. 2014. "The Effect and Implications of Sex Offender Residence Restrictions: Evidence from a Two State Evaluation." *Criminology & Public Policy* 13:139-168.

Jason Rydberg, Eric Grommon, **Beth M. Huebner**, and Timothy S. Bynum. 2014. "The Effect of Statewide Residency Restrictions on Sex Offender Post Release Housing Mobility." *Justice Quarterly* 31:421-444.

**Beth M. Huebner**, Peter Wood, and Stephen Belenko. 2013. "The Growth and Development of Correctional Research: Introduction to Special Issue." *Justice Quarterly*, online first.

Kimberly R. Kras\*, Breanne R. Pleggenkuhle\*\*, and **Beth M. Huebner**. 2014. "A New Way of Doing Time on the Outside: Sex Offenders' Pathways In and Out of a Transition Housing Facility." *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, online first.

**Janet L. Lauritsen**, Marybeth L. Rezey\*, and Karen Heimer. 2014. "Violence and Economic Conditions in the U.S., 1973-2011: Gender, Race, and Ethnicity Patterns in the NCVS." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 30:7-28.



- Janet L. Lauritsen** and Nicole White\*\*. 2014. "Seasonal Patterns in Criminal Victimization Trends." Washington DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.
- Richard Rosenfeld**. 2014. "The St. Louis Public Safety Partnership." *Translational Criminology* Issue 7, Fall 2014.
- Richard Rosenfeld**. 2014. "The Strange Career of Immigration in American Criminological Research: Editorial Introduction." *Criminology and Public Policy* 13:281-283.
- Richard Rosenfeld**, Michael Deckard\*, and Emily Blackburn. 2014. "The Effects of Directed Patrol and Self-Initiated Enforcement on Firearm Violence: A Randomized Controlled Study of Hot Spot Policing." *Criminology* 52:428-449.
- Richard Rosenfeld**. 2014. "Crime and the Great Recession: Introduction to the Special Issue." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 30:4-6.
- Richard Rosenfeld**, Karen Terry, and Preeti Chahaun. 2014. "New York's Crime Drop Puzzle: Introduction to the Special Issue." *Justice Quarterly* 31:1-4.
- Richard Rosenfeld** and Robert Fornango\*\*. 2014. "The Impact of Police Stops on Precinct Robbery and Burglary Rates in New York City, 2003 - 2010." *Justice Quarterly* 31:96-122.
- J. Michael Vecchio\*. 2013. "Once bitten, thrice wise: The varying effects of victimization on routine activities and risk management." *Deviant Behavior* 34:169-190.
- Matt Vogel**. 2014. "Mental Illness and Criminal Behavior." *Sociology Compass* 8:337-346
- Matt Vogel**, Katherine D. Stephens\*, and Darby Siebels\*. 2014. "Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System." *Sociology Compass* 8:627-638
- Lauren Porter and **Matt Vogel**. 2014. "Residential Mobility and Delinquency Revisited: Causation or Selection?" *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 30:187-214.
- Stephanie A. Wiley**, **Lee Ann Slocum**, and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2013. "The Unintended Consequences of Being Stopped or Arrested: An exploration of the labeling mechanisms through which police contact leads to subsequent delinquency." *Criminology* 51:927-966.
- Stephanie A. Wiley** and **Finn-Aage Esbensen**. 2013. "The Effect of Police Contact: Does Official Intervention Result in Deviance Amplification?" *Crime & Delinquency*, online first.
- BOOK CHAPTERS**
- Jacob I. Stowell and **Stephanie DiPietro**. 2013. "Crime by and Against Immigrants." In *The Oxford Handbook on Race, Ethnicity, Immigration and Crime*, edited by Michael Tonry and Sandra Bucerius. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Elaine Eggleston Doherty**, Margaret E. Ensminger, and Rebecca Evans-Polce. 2014. "Public Health and Interpersonal Violence." In *Motivating Health Behavior Change in Populations: The State of the Evidence and Roles for Key Stakeholders*, edited by Andrea Gielen, Scott Kahan, and Peter Fagan. Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press
- Finn-Aage Esbensen** and L. Thomas Winfree, Jr. 2013. "Motivations for Gang Joining: Does Context Matter?" In *Criminology, Crime Policy, and Penal Law: Festschrift for Hans-Juergen Kerner on the Occasion of his 70th Birthday*, edited by Klaus Boers, Thomas Feltes, Joerg Kinzig, Lawrence W. Sherman, Franz Streng, and Gerson Trueg. Tuebingen, Germany: Mohr Publishing.
- Finn-Aage Esbensen** and Kristy N. Matsuda. 2013. "Program Evaluation: 'How Do We Know If We Are Preventing Gang Membership?'" In *Changing Course: Preventing Gang Joining* (NCJ 239234), edited by Thomas R. Simon, Nancy M. Ritter, and Reshma Mahendra. National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and National Institute of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice. Washington, DC.
- Finn-Aage Esbensen**, Dana Peterson, **Terrance J. Taylor**, and D. Wayne Osgood. 2013. "Is G.R.E.A.T Effective? Program Implementation Quality and Results from the National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program." In *The Modern Gang Reader*, 4th edition, edited by Cheryl L. Maxson, Jody Miller, Malcolm Klein, and Arlen Egley. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Kimberly R. Kras\* and **Beth M. Huebner**. 2013. "Transitional Housing for Sex Offenders: An Inside Look." In *Sex Offender Law Report, April/May*. New York: Civic Research Institute.
- Janet L. Lauritsen**, Ekaterina Gorislavsky\*, and Karen Heimer. 2013. "Economic Conditions, and Violent Victimization Trends Among Youth: Guns, Violence, and Homicide, 1973-2005." In *Economics and Youth Violence: Crime, Disadvantage, and Community*, edited by Richard Rosenfeld, Mark Edberg, Xiangming Fang, and Curtis S. Florence. New York: NYU Press.
- Richard Rosenfeld** and Steven F. Messner. 2014. "A Social Welfare Critique of Contemporary Crime Control." In *Crime and the Punished*, edited by Douglas Hartmann and Christopher Uggen. New York: W.W. Norton.
- Xiangming Fang, **Richard Rosenfeld**, Linda L. Dahlberg, and Curtis S. Florence. 2013. "The Nonlinear Effect of Neighborhood Disadvantage on Youth Violence." In *Economics and Youth Violence: Crime, Disadvantage, and Community*, edited by Richard Rosenfeld, Mark Edberg, Xiangming Fang, and Curtis S. Florence. New York: NYU Press.
- Richard Rosenfeld**, Curtis S. Florence, Xiangming Fang, and Mark Edberg. 2013. "Introduction." In *Economics and Youth Violence: Crime, Disadvantage, and Community*, edited by Richard Rosenfeld, Mark Edberg, Xiangming Fang, and Curtis S. Florence. New York: NYU Press.
- Terrance J. Taylor** and J. Michael Vecchio\*. 2014. "Youth Gangs: An Overview of Key Findings and Directions for the Future." In *Violent Offenders: Understanding and Assessment*, edited by Christina A. Pietz and Curtis A. Mattson. New York: Oxford University Press.

## ALUMNI NEWS

### Awards and Projects

**Jennifer Cobbina** (PhD 2009) received several accolades in 2014: Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement Award and College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching Award, Michigan State University; Featured as one of the Top 25 Criminal Justice Professors on Forensic Education blog; New Scholar Award, American Society of Criminology Division on People of Color and Crime.

**Andrea Nichols** (PhD 2011) was also honored in 2014: Carnegie Missouri Professor of the Year Award, Carnegie Foundation; Best Article of the Year Award 2013, Feminist Criminology, American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime.

### Research Grants

Merry Morash, **Jennifer Cobbina**, Sandi Smith, and Deborah Kashy (Co-Principle Investigators). "Narrative Identity Theory as a Complement to Needs/Risks, Community Context, and Supervision Experience Explanations of Women's Desistance from Crime." National Science Foundation.

Sheryl Kubiak and **Jennifer Cobbina** (Co-Principle Investigators). "Experiential Learning Opportunities within a Michigan Prison: The Inside/Out Program." Michigan State University - Creating Inclusive Excellence Grant.

**Jennifer Cobbina** (Principal Supervisor). "Provost Undergraduate Research Initiative." Michigan State University's College of Social Science.

**Chris Melde** (PhD 2007) and Edmund McGarrell (Co-Principal Investigators). "Criminal Victimization in Michigan's Secure Cities." Bureau of Justice Statistics

### Career News

**Lynn Urban** (PhD 2005) was chosen Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Central Missouri.

### Publications

Please see "Our Influence" for alumni publications with current department members.

#### ARTICLES

Merry Morash, Deborah A. Kashy, Sandi W. Smith, and **Jennifer E. Cobbina**. 2014. "The Effects of Probation/Parole Agent Relationship Style and Women Offenders' Criminogenic Needs on Offenders' Responses to Supervision Interactions." *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, online first.

**Jennifer E. Cobbina**, Merry Morash, Deborah Kashy, and Sandi W. Smith. 2014. "Coping Strategies to Avoid Victimization among Female Probationers and Parolees." *Race and Justice*, online first.

**Jennifer E. Cobbina**, Merry Morash, Deborah Kashy, and Sandi W. Smith. 2014. "Race, Neighborhood Danger, and Coping Strategies among Female Probationers and Parolees."

*Race and Justice* 4:3-28.

**Jennifer E. Cobbina**. 2013. "Victimization and Resistance Strategies among Female Offenders." *Deviant Behavior* 34: 464-482.

**Jennifer E. Cobbina**, Mahesh Nalla, and Kimberly Bender. 2013. "The Perception of Security Officers." *Security Journal*, online first.

Callie M. Rennison and **Chris Melde**. 2014. "Gender and Robbery: A National Test." *Deviant Behavior* 35:275-296

April M. Zeoli, Jesenia M. Pizarro, Sue C. Grady, and **Chris Melde**. 2014. "Homicide as infectious disease: Using public health methods to investigate the diffusion of homicide." *Justice Quarterly* 31:609-632.

Gregory Drake and **Chris Melde**. 2014. "The Problem of Prediction: The Efficacy of Multiple Marginality in Cross-Sectional Versus Prospective Models." *Journal of Crime and Justice* 37: 61-78.

Edmund, F. McGarrell, Nicholas Corsaro, **Chris Melde**, Natalie Hipple, Timothy Bynum, and **Jennifer E. Cobbina**. 2013. "Attempting to Reduce Firearms Violence Through a Comprehensive Anti-Gang Initiative (CAGI): An Evaluation of Process and Impact." *Journal of Criminal Justice* 41:33-43.

**Andrea Nichols**. 2014. "No-Drop Prosecution in Domestic Violence Cases: Survivor-Defined and Social Change Practices." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 29:2114-2142.

**Andrea Nichols** and Erin Heil. 2014. "Challenges to Identifying and Prosecuting Sex Trafficking Cases in the Midwest United States." *Feminist Criminology* 9:1-30.

Erin Heil and **Andrea Nichols**. 2014. "A Theoretical Discussion of the Potential Problems Associated with Targeted Policing and the Eradication of Sex Trafficking in the United States." *Contemporary Justice Review* 17:421-433.

#### BOOK CHAPTERS

**Lynn S. Urban**. 2013. "A model program: Reentry." In *Missouri's Criminal Justice System*, edited by Frances P. Reddington. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

**Lynn S. Urban** and Frances P. Reddington. 2013. "The Juvenile Justice System." In *Missouri's Criminal Justice System*, edited by Frances P. Reddington. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

#### PROGRAM EVALUATION

**Lynn S. Urban**, W.T. Dent, and J. Markway. 2013. "Missouri Department of Corrections Parenting from Prison Final Evaluation Report." 105 pages.

### 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**