

University of Missouri-St. Louis

Criminology & Criminal Justice Newsletter

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WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRPERSON,

Richard Wright

As chair, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our department's annual newsletter. The past year has been one of substantial change. Eric Baumer has moved on to face new challenges as Al Liska Chair of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida State University and Callie Rennison has taken up residence in Boulder, Colorado, where she is indulging her passion for rock climbing and all things outdoors. Both Eric and Callie will be sorely missed, but we are proud to count them among our faculty alumni. You never really say goodbye to people in this business and we are looking forward to seeing them at this year's meetings of the American Society of Criminology (ASC), which take place in St. Louis this coming November. This is an exciting event for the department, especially because the current ASC President is a member of our faculty (Bob Bursik) as is ASC President-Elect (Rick Rosenfeld).

Compensating for the loss of Eric and Callie is the arrival last autumn of three assistant professors, Kristin Carbone-Lopez, Andres Rengifo, and Lee Slocum. As you will see, these new colleagues are off to an excellent start and it is a pleasure to have them in the department. We are hiring another assistant professor this year, which is part of our effort to ensure that we continue to build for the future and remain a powerful force in criminology and criminal justice for many years to come. It often is said that all change creates opportunity and it is in that spirit that we have faced the challenges that all departments confront. As you read about the department's accomplishments over the past year, I think that you will agree that this strategy has paid off handsomely for faculty and students alike.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

US News and World Reports Rankings



A 2008 article by *U.S. News and World Report* ranks the UMSL CCJ doctoral program among the top five in the nation.

Faculty Awards and Special Appointments

Richard Rosenfeld was elected President of the American Society of Criminology for 2009-2010.

Jody Miller was promoted to full professor. She was also Elected Executive Counselor, American Society of Criminology, 2009-2011.

Beth Huebner was awarded the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Juvenile Justice Section, Tori Caeti Award.

Richard Wright was named the new editor of the *British Journal of Sociology* in April, 2007. The editorial term is six years. The journal was ranked #3 out of 96 Sociology journals in the latest ISI rankings.

Andres Rengifo has been appointed by the Colombian Office of the Census to serve in a 3-member independent commission seeking to assess the quality of crime and police statistics compiled by the Colombian Government.

Employment News

Regan Gustafson, ABD, accepted an Assistant Professor position at Georgia Southern University.

Janice Hill Ph.D. accepted an Assistant Professor Position at Illinois State University.

Karin Tusinski, ABD, accepted an Assistant Professor Position at University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the 121 undergraduate students who received their Bachelor of Science degree during the 2007-2008 school year.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to Todd Bakula, Daniel Bonnebrake, Jeffrey Bogue, Sharon Breeden, Jason Bright, Laura Buckner, Daniel Chambers, Tyler Crews, Kathleen Gardner, Jeremy Gleiforst, Seth Gregg, Amy Haile, Stephanie Lagermann, Ann Lornson, Jamie Main, Robyn Mason, Elizabeth McKenna, Kristin Montgomery, Mary Mugan, Katie O'Shaughnessy, Wesley Pierce, Jaimie Pitterle, Marissa Poschel, Nicole Pulido, Chad Reed, Vincent Rojano, Laura Schrewe, Candy Sipes, Benjamin Voss, Nathanael Skosky, Cassandra Suchara, Eric Tipsword, and Michael Zika who graduated with Latin Honors.

CCJ Chair's List. Eleven 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. Recipients include: Jared Armstrong, Jeffery Bogue, Krystle Carroll, Jessica Cowan, Kyle Cottner, Tyler Crews, Teagan Ellis, Seth Gregg, Candace Ozanic, Elizabeth Stout, and Sarah Whittington.

Scholarships. Three students, **Kyle Cottner, Heather Callahan, and Jessie Cowan** were awarded the *Doris Fishman AOJ Scholarship*. Three students were given the *Jennings Do-Dads Juvenile Justice Scholarship* - **Matthew Schamburg, Heather Cowan, and Ashley Patterson.**

Congratulations to Nicole Pulido who presented her research, "Crime across generations" at the 2008 Undergraduate Research Day and at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meetings in Cincinnati, Ohio.

M.A. PROGRAM NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who received their M.A. degrees during the 2007-2008 school year: Matthew Degarmo, Daniel Duplantier, Danielle Fry, Timothy Grapperhaus, Patricia Hall, Ashlee Guy, Sara Hoover, Julie Lanasa, Timothy Lancaster, Krystle Leugoud, Nicholas Miofsky, Alison Parmenter, Breanne Pleggenkule, Katherine Taylor, and Brooke Wernsman.

WELCOME to the 2008 MA cohort: Erica Allen, Joseph Bell, Mark Debarr, Yon Dugger, Lisa Goldman, Mary Hueter, Stephanie Langerman, Brooke Mayfield, Nichole Meier, and Catlyn Rizzo.

Students who plan on **graduating in December 2008 or May 2009** 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) is 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. Students

WELCOME to Amanda Gendon (University of Minnesota), **Hyon Namgung** (University of Exeter), **Jennifer Owens** (University of Nebraska), **Tiffany Polk** (Howard University), **Allen Shamow** (Washington University), and **Mike Vecchio** (Bowling Green State University).

New Ph.D.s

Congratulations to **Janice Hill** for successfully defending her dissertation. The title of her work is, "Prosecuting Child Sexual Abuse Offenders: A Case Study of Victim, Family, Offender, Evidentiary, and Case Characteristics." The chair of her committee is Janet Lauritsen.

Congratulations to **Daniel Isom II** for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of his work is, "Effects of Constituent Influence on Police Policy Decisions: A Case Study of the St. Louis Police Department Policy". The chair of his committee is David Klinger.

Congratulations to **Robin Schaum** for successfully defending his dissertation. The title of her project is, "The Marriage Certificate as a Shield? The Role of Marital Status and Violent Victimization". The chair of her committee is Janet Lauritsen.

New ABDs

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

Congratulations to **Mark Berg** for successfully defending his dissertation proposal. Mr. Berg's project is entitled, "Understanding the Relationship between Victimization and Offending: Modeling Causal Mechanisms across Place and Time". The chair of his committee is Janet Lauritsen.

Congratulations to **Bradley Brick** for successfully defending his dissertation proposal. Mr. Bricks's project is entitled, "Race, Social Context, and School Punishment: An Examination of Disparity in School Discipline". The chair of his committee is Finn Esbensen.

Congratulations to **Kimberly Martin** for successfully defending her dissertation proposal. Ms. Martin's project is entitled, "The Social Context of Felony Criminal Processing in U.S. Courts: The Role of Public Sentiment, Conservatism, and Sentencing Reform". The chair of her committee is Eric Baumer.

Congratulations to **Karin Tusinski** for successfully defending her dissertation proposal. Ms. Tusinski's project is entitled, "The Causes and Consequences of Bullying". The chair of her committee is Richard Rosenfeld.

New Ph.D. Candidates

Congratulations to **Brendon Dooley** 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

Ekaterina Archakova was awarded a fellowship by the Bureau of Justice Statistics to attend the ICPSR course "Quantitative Analysis of Crime and Criminal Justice Data" at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Mark Berg has been awarded a Harry Frank Guggenheim dissertation fellowship.

Jennifer Cobbina has been awarded a dissertation fellowship by the National Institute of Justice to support the completion of her dissertation.

Brendan Dooley was awarded a Humane Studies Fellowship. The funding granted by the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS) at George Mason University supports dissertation research.

Mike Vecchio was the winner of the Graduate Student Paper Competition at the 2008 Meetings of the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association.

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 2009 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.**

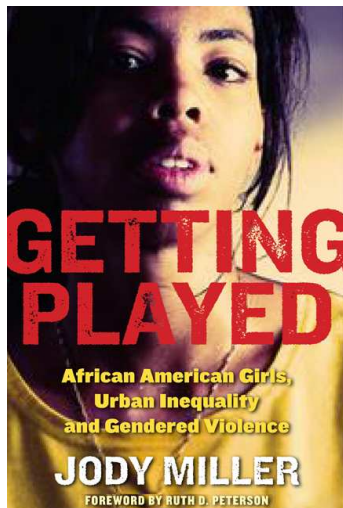
OUR INFLUENCE

Publications

Department members published the following articles, chapters, and books since September 2007

“*” indicates graduate student, ** indicates alumni graduate student):

Books



Jody Miller. 2008. *Getting Played: African American Girls, Urban Inequality, and Gendered Violence*. New York: New York University Press.



Allen E. Wagner. 2008. *Good Order and Safety: A History of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, 1861-1906*, St. Louis, MO, Missouri History Museum.

Research Articles

Jennifer E. Cobbina.* 2008. “Race and Class Differences in the Portrayals of Crack-Cocaine and Methamphetamine in Print Media.” *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, 16 (2).

Jennifer Cobbina*, Jody Miller and Rod K. Brunson.** 2008. “Gender, Neighborhood Risk, and Risk Avoidance Strategies among Urban African American Youth.” *Criminology*. 46: 501-537.

Finn-Aage Esbensen. 2008. “In-school Victimization: Reflections of a Researcher.” *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 24:114-124

Finn-Aage Esbensen, Chris Melde, Terrance J. Taylor,** and Dana Peterson. 2008. “Active Parental Consent: How much is enough and how do we get it?” *Evaluation Review* 32 (4): 335-362.

Finn-Aage Esbensen, Bradley T. Brick*, Chris Melde, Karin Tusinski*, and Terrance J. Taylor.** 2008. “The Role of Race and Ethnicity in Gang Membership.” Pp. 117-139 in Frank van Gemert, Dana Peterson, and Inger-Lise Lien (Eds.), *Street Gangs, Migration, and Ethnicity*. Uffculme, Devon, UK: Willan Publishing, Inc.

Adrienne Freng and **Finn-Aage Esbensen.** 2007. “A Comparative Analysis of Race and Gang Affiliation: Is Race a Marginalizing Factor?” *Justice Quarterly* 24:600-628.

Beth M. Huebner and Jennifer Cobbina*. “The Effect of Drug Use, Drug Treatment Participation, and Treatment Completion on Probationer Recidivism.” *Journal of Drug Issues*, 22, 619-642.

Ingram, Jason, Justin W. Patchin, **Beth M. Huebner,** John McCluskey, and Timothy S. Bynum. 2007. “Parents, Friends, and Serious Delinquency: An Examination of Direct and Indirect Effects among At-Risk Early Adolescents.” *Criminal Justice Review*, 32, 280-400.

Scott Jacques*. 2008. "Unfair statistics take the bloom off St. Louis (Correspondence)." *Nature* 452(27 March): 409.

Scott Jacques* and **Richard Wright**. 2008. "The Relevance of Peace to Studies of Drug Market Violence", *Criminology*, Vol. 46, No. 1, 221-253.

Scott Jacques* and **Richard Wright**. 2008. "Intimacy with Outlaws: The Role of Relational Distance in Recruiting, Paying, and Interviewing Underworld Research Participants", *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, Vol. 45, No. 1, 22-38.

Janet L. Lauritsen and **Ekaterina Archakova***. 2008. "Advancing the Usefulness of Research for Victims of Crime," *Journal of Crime and Criminal Justice*, Vol. 24: 91-102.
Guest Editor of special issue on Victimology.

Janet L. Lauritsen and Karen Heimer. 2008. "Gender and Violent Victimization, 1973-2004," *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, Vol. 24: 125-147.

Janet L. Lauritsen and John H. Laub. 2007. "Understanding the Link Between Victimization and Offending: New Reflections on an Old Idea," *Crime Prevention Studies*, Vol. 12, (Surveying Crime in the 21st Century): 55-76.

Timothy Maher. 2008. "Police Chiefs' Views on Police Sexual Misconduct." *Police Practice and Research*, Volume 1, 1-12.

Ramiro Martinez, Jr., **Richard Rosenfeld**, and Dennis Mares. 2008. "Social Disorganization, Drug Market Activity, and Neighborhood Violent Crime." *Urban Affairs Review* 43: 846-874.

David A. Klinger and **Rod K. Brunson****. 2008. "Police Officers' Perceptual Distortions During Lethal Force Situations: Informing the Reasonableness Standard." *Criminology and Public Policy*.

Jody Miller. 2008. "Violence against Urban African American Girls: Challenges for Feminist Advocacy." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*. 24: 148-162.

Christopher W. Mullins** and **Jody Miller**. 2008. "Temporal, Situational and Interactional Features of Women's Violent Conflicts." *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology*. 41: 36-62.

Peterson, Dana, **Finn-Aage Esbensen**, **Terrance J. Taylor**, and Adrienne Freng. 2007. "Youth Violence in Context: The roles of sex, race, and community in offending." *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice* 5 (4): 385-410.

Richard Rosenfeld and Janet L. Lauritsen 2008. "The Most Dangerous Crime Rankings," *Contexts*, Vol. 7, 66-67.

Richard Rosenfeld, Joan Petersilia, and Christy Visher. 2008. "The First Days After Release Can Make a Difference." *Corrections Today* (June): 86-87.

Richard Rosenfeld. 2008. "Recidivism and Its Discontents." *Criminology and Public Policy* 7: 1101-1108.

Richard Rosenfeld and **Janet L. Lauritsen**. 2008. "The Most Dangerous Crime Rankings." *Contexts* 7:66-67.

Richard Rosenfeld and **Robert Fornango****. 2007. "The Impact of Economic Conditions on Robbery and Property Crime: The Role of Consumer Sentiment." *Criminology* 45: 735-769.

Rosenfeld, Richard. 2007. "Transfer the Uniform Crime Reporting Program from the FBI to the Bureau of Justice Statistics." *Criminology and Public Policy* 6: 825-834.

Smith, Margaret, **Andres F. Rengifo**, and Brenda K. Vollman. 2008. Trajectories of Abuse and Disclosure. Child Sexual Abuse by Catholic Priests. *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 35:570-582.

Terrance J. Taylor. 2008. "'The Boulevard Ain't Safe for Your Kids...': Youth gang membership and violent victimization." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 24 (2): 125-136. Special Issue entitled, "Advancing the Usefulness of Research for Victims of Crime."

Terrance J. Taylor, Finn-Aage Esbensen, Dana Peterson, and Adrienne Freng. 2007. "Putting Youth Violent Victimization into Context: Sex, race/ethnicity, and community differences among a multi-site sample of youths." *Violence & Victims* 22 (6): 702-720.

Terrance J. Taylor, Dana Peterson, **Finn-Aage Esbensen,** and Adrienne Freng. 2007. "Gang Membership as a Risk Factor for Adolescent Violent Victimization." *Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency* 44 (4): 351-380.

Terrance J. Taylor, Adrienne Freng, **Finn-Aage Esbensen,** and Dana Peterson. 2008. "Youth Gang Membership and Serious Violent Victimization: The importance of lifestyles & routine activities." *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 23 (10): 1441-1464.

Michael D. White and **David Klinger.** 2008. "Contagious Fire? An Empirical Assessment of the Problem of Multi-shooter, Multi-shot Deadly Force Incidents in Police Work" *Crime and Delinquency*.

Zahn, Margaret A., Darrell Steffensmeier, Barry C. Feld, Merry Morash, Meda Chesney-Lind, **Jody Miller,** Allison Ann Payne, Denise Gottfredson, and Candace Kruttschnitt. 2008. *Violence and Teenage Girls*. Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Book Chapters and Technical Reports

Michael Cherbonneau * and **Richard Wright.** 2008. "Motor Vehicle Theft." In *The Handbook of Crime and Public Policy*, edited by Michael Tonry. New York: Oxford University Press.

Michael Cherbonneau*. 2008. "Carjacking." In *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, edited by Vincent N. Parrillo. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Jennifer Cobbina*. 2008. Book Review: "War on the Family: Mothers in Prison and the Families They Leave Behind." By Renny Golden. *Criminal Justice Review*, 33 (1): 126-128.

Matt DeLisi, **Brendan D. Dooley***, and Kevin M. Beaver. (2008). "Super-Predators Revisited." In Karen T. Froeling (Ed.), *Criminology Research Focus*. New York: Nova Publishers.

Jody Miller, with Mariaimee' Gonzalez, RaDonna Blake, Eva Sophia Clark, Jessica Cowan, Michael Gibson, Lacey Greninger, Amy Harbert, Anne Lornson, Katie O'Shaughnessy, Jaimie Pitterle, Nicole Pulido, Amy Razeghi, Vena Stevens, and Benjamin Voss. 2008. *Evaluation of the CHAMP Service Dog Training Program at the Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic, and Correctional Center*. Research Report to the Missouri Department of Corrections and CHAMP Assistance Dogs, Inc.

Rosenfeld, Richard and Steven F. Messner. 2008. "Self Control, Anomie, and Social Institutions." Pp. 90-101 in Erich Goode, ed. *Out of Control: Assessing the General Theory of Crime*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Research Grants

Bynum, Timothy S. and **Beth M. Huebner.** The Efficacy of Sex Offender Residency Restrictions in Michigan and Missouri. National Institute of Justice.

Jody Miller, "The Gendered Social Organization of Commercial Sex in Sri Lanka." American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies, 2008-2009.

Andres Rengifo and **Lee Ann Slocum.** "Aggregation Issues and the Association Between Signs of Disorder and Crime," UMSL Research Award. Start Date June 1, 2008.

Andres Rengifo. "Thinking for a Change. The Institutional Transformation of the Departments of Corrections of Kansas and Michigan," JEHT Foundation. Start Date January 1, 2008.

Richard Wright and **Richard Rosenfeld** "The Influence of Respectability on Predation and Social Control." National Science Foundation, Division of Social and Economic Sciences, Law and Social Sciences Program (July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2010).

Outreach Projects

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 remote, impoverished tea estate in the central hills of Sri Lanka.



In spring 2008, Jody was Guest Curator of “What I See: Self Portraits by Sri Lankan Children,” a very successful fundraising exhibition at UMSL’s Gallery Visio. For more information about the project and its efforts, see:

<http://www.umsl.edu/%7Eeccj/faculty/miller.html>

ALUMNI NEWS

Awards and Publications

Rod Brunson has been selected to receive the American Society of Criminology Division on People of Color and Crime's 2008 New Scholar Award.

Rick Ruddell published three new books: *Making sense of criminal justice*. New York: Oxford University Press (with Mays, G. Larry); *Corrections and the criminal justice system*. Boston: Jones and Bartlett (with David C. May, Kevin Minor, and Betsy Matthews); *Issues in correctional health*. Richmond KY: Newgate Press (with Mark Tomita).

Stephen Schnebly has moved to the University of Illinois-Springfield and recently published an article entitled, "The Influence of Community-Oriented Policing on Crime-Reporting Behavior" in *Justice Quarterly*.

Employment News

Adam Bossler accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Georgia Southern University. He will also welcome his second child into the world around October 3rd, 2008

Ashlee Guy accepted a crime analyst position at the Mesa Police Department.

Other

Adam Watkins welcomed a baby boy (Seth) on May 23, 2008.

Jeff and Alli (Deutch) Rojek welcomed a baby girl (Avery Rose) on April 20, 2008.

GOT NEWS?

We would like to hear from you. Send your information to Beth Huebner (Huebnerb@umsl.edu).