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FROM THE SECTION CHAIR

Dear CLD Members:

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to all members of the CLD section. I am honored to assume the position of Chair, and I look forward to working with many of you in the months ahead.

We face some important challenges. The encouraging increase in membership that Rob Sampson noted in his message last fall has not been sustained. As reported at the business meeting, our membership level as of July had fallen below 600. Normally, this would result in a decrease of our allocation of sessions at the annual meeting from last year from a total of four to three. However, because virtually all sections experienced a drop in membership this past year, the Executive Office has decided to allocate the same number of sessions as last year. At its annual meeting in August, the CLD Council discussed efforts to bring back some of those who did not renew membership from the previous year. Val Jenness, our Chair-elect, and I plan to send out a targeted mailing shortly. Please join us, and do what you can to encourage colleagues and students with research interests in the field to consider joining or re-joining.

Despite the slight decline in membership, our section continues to be a center for exciting intellectual activity. The quality of the CLD sessions at the 2001 meetings was uniformly high. I

commend the presenters, organizers, presidors, discussants, and attendees for making the sessions a success. Also, our graduate student members continue to contribute to the vitality of the section. We were fortunate once again to have a highly deserving winner of the student paper competition - Brian Johnson. A brief summary of his paper appears in this Newsletter. Alex Piquero has agreed to serve as Chair of the selection committee for next year's student paper competition. He will be accepting nominations in the near future.

As reported in previous newsletters and discussed at the business meeting, next year the section will give out a new award - the James F. Short, Jr. Award for a distinguished article. I am pleased to announce that George Bridges will Chair the selection committee for this award. The Council decided on an eligibility period of three calendar years prior to the presentation of the award. Thus, articles published in 1999, 2000, and 2001 are eligible for consideration. Please begin to think about important work that warrants such special recognition.

Plans are now underway for next year's sessions at the meetings. I have been discussing with Rob Sampson and Val Jenness a special invited session on future directions in the sociology of deviance. The plan is to have four speakers give their thoughts on what changes, initiatives, new developments,

etc. would most help move the field forward. This will be followed by a formal "responder," and, then, commentary and exchange from the floor. More details about this special session will be forthcoming. The tentative topics for the other sessions are "Crime and Deviance in Comparative Perspective," "Terrorism and Social Responses," and "Open Topics for Roundtables." Please consider submitting papers for these sessions.

Let me alert you to a proposed change in section bylaws. As some of you may recall, Rob Sampson brought up the problem of lack of continuity of CLD leadership at the Council meeting in Anaheim and raised the possibility of extending the term of the Chair to two years. The resulting discussion highlighted a drawback of such an extension: By changing the election cycle from one to two years, it would reduce opportunities for involvement in leadership positions.

After conferring with Rob and Val, I have proposed to the Council that a formal office of "Past-Chair" be created. This is the current structure for major offices (e.g., President) at ASA and other professional societies (e.g., ASC). Some sections of ASA also have such an office. This arrangement would provide for greater continuity but not require any change in the election cycle. Each year, a Chair-Elect would be elected, who would become Chair the following year and Past-Chair the next year. The Council has approved the proposal in principle (the exact wording is being crafted), which will be included in the ballot for the next elections. We hope that the membership will approve the proposed change in bylaws. If

approved, the change could be implemented beginning with the new Chair-Elect next year.

Finally, please think about items of interest for the Newsletter and send them to Gary Jensen. Gary does an excellent job managing the Newsletter, and he is always looking for material (**See the back page for information on the next issue**).

Steve Messner, Chair, 2001-2002

New Student Editor Appointed

Jeremy Kerr, ABD, University of Kentucky, will be the student editor for 2001-2002. Jeremy was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana in 1972. After completing high school he studied for two years at McNeese State University in Lake Charles. In 1993 Jeremy moved to New Orleans, Louisiana to attend the University of New Orleans (UNO). In May of 1995 Jeremy completed a multi-disciplinary bachelor's degree and graduated with honors from UNO. Jeremy began attending the University of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky in the fall of 1995. After graduating with an M.A. in sociology in May of 1997, Jeremy went on to teach college courses on a part-time basis at the University of Kentucky during the 1997-1998 academic year. In the 1998-1999 academic year Jeremy taught sociology full-time at Prestonsburg Community College in Prestonsburg, Kentucky. In the fall of 1999, Jeremy returned to graduate school to complete a doctoral degree in sociology. Jeremy is currently in ABD status at the University of Kentucky. His dissertation research involves an investigation of the possible link

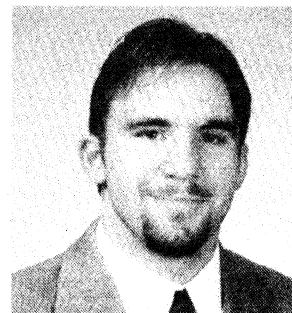
between the increasing use of information and entertainment technologies such as TV, VCRs, video games, and computers and decreasing violent and property crime rates. Jeremy's research interests also extend into an examination of the prevalence and incidence of new forms of Internet and Computer-based deviance and crime. In addition to his academic pursuits Jeremy enjoys playing billiards and web-mastering commercial and non-commercial websites including boastore.com - his mother's online retail store featuring Colombian boa constrictors.

Jeremy will be working with our 2000-2001 editor, Sarah Goodrum (now on a post-doc at the University of Kentucky) to further develop the site and to find the best location for it.

Graduate students with ideas or items for the Graduate Student Issues column should e-mail Jeremy at: bullfrog118@home.com

Brian Johnson, a graduate student in the Crime, Law, and Justice Program at Penn State University won this year's CLD Student Paper Award for "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Sentencing Departures across Modes of Conviction."

Brian prepared the following



In summary, the Department of Sociology at the University at Albany has successfully drawn upon various Departmental and University resources to foster a dynamic program in crime and delinquency, based upon extensive collaboration of researchers within and beyond the Department.



Graduate Certificate in Forensic Services at UMass Boston - Update

In its second year, the 16 credit Forensic Services Certificate Program in the sociology department at UMass, Boston, continues to thrive. The program provides professionals in the Commonwealth graduate courses bundled as both a stand alone Graduate Certificate program and Masters Concentration to enhance applied knowledge and service provision for multi-problemled populations.

The program is interdisciplinary, interdepartmental, and intercollegiate with ongoing collaborations between Sociology, Psychology, the Graduate College of Education, and UMass Medical's Department of Psychiatry. More recent collaborations include initiatives with the Nursing graduate program at UMass Boston and the Masters in Criminal Justice at UMass Lowell.

Fourteen students graduated June 2001 with a grounding in basic science, mental health counseling principles, and social theory as well as practical skills and competencies in mental health and criminal justice appropriate for careers in a variety of social service environments. Currently, the program has 17 students enrolled who will visit field locations sites such as the Boston Crime Lab, Boston Police, the Salvation Army, Long Island Shelter, Brockton District Court, Probation, Eric Lindemann Mental Health Center, North Cottage, the Sex Offender Treatment Center in Bridgewater for their capstone experience.

Any questions regarding the Graduate Certificate Program in Forensic Services or Forensic Services at UMass Boston can be directed to the program coordinator Carina Medeiros at forensic.services@umb.edu or call (617) 287-6276. The program director, Dr. Stephanie Hartwell can be reached at Stephanie.Hartwell@umb.edu or (617) 287-6271.

The Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences (MSASS), Case Western Reserve University, is soliciting applications for the **Dr. Semi J. and Ruth W. Begun Professor in Violence Prevention**. The position involves primary responsibility for leading the newly established Begun Center for Violence Prevention, Research and Education, with secondary responsibility for teaching and service in the Master's and Doctoral programs. The goals of the Begun Center include: (1) forming interdisciplinary academic partnerships to research and analyze the causes and effects of violent behavior; (2) combining advanced research methods and state-of-the-art technology to create a system of identifying "at-risk" populations; (3) establishing active networks among parents, educators and key community constituencies so as to effectively intervene in the cycle of violence; and (4) building on existing interventions and curricula that address the persistent and emerging social stressors associated with youth violence. The Professorship will be co-terminus with the Directorship of the Begun Center. Requirements will include a M.D. or Ph.D. in Social Work, Public Policy, Psychology, Criminology, Anthropology, or a related science. The Director will lead and manage all Center activities, including research, training, advocacy, and technical assistance. The Director must be considered an expert in the field of violence prevention and have made significant contributions to scholarly literature. As such, candidates should possess a record of scholarship, teaching, and service for a tenure track or tenured appointment at the School. The Director will be responsible for securing ongoing funding for the center's programs and initiatives. The ideal candidate must also have a firm understanding of the funding community and be able to identify new opportunities. Applicants must submit a curriculum vita and five references. Please send applications or nominations to: Darlyne Bailey, Ph.D., Professor and Dean Dr. Semi J. and Ruth W. Begun Professorship Search Committee, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, 10900 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106-7164. E-mail: msassdean@po.cwru.edu Applications will be accepted until the position is filled CWRU is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer

Applications are invited for the position of **Professor and Director of the Center for Studies in Criminology and Law, University of Florida**, to begin August 2002. The Center is a budgeted multi-disciplinary unit in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Center's 12 faculty members are affiliated with

the Departments of History, Psychology, and Sociology and are active in graduate education in those departments. The Center has recently expanded its commitment to research by establishing the Institute for Crime, Justice, and Policy Research. Candidates must have a demonstrated record in some area of Crime and/or Law and Society. They must have a Ph.D. in a related discipline, a distinguished record of scholarly achievement, experience with funded research, and the interpersonal and leadership skills to enhance the Center's research and teaching missions. Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a statement of administrative philosophy, and the names and addresses of three references who can evaluate their administrative potential and scholarly achievements to Professor Richard Hollinger, Chair, Search Committee, Center for studies in Criminology and Law, 201 Walker Hall, P.O. Box 115950, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-5950. The University of Florida is an Equal Opportunity employer with a strong commitment to diversity. Anyone requiring accommodations to make an application should contact the Chair of the Search Committee. The deadline for receipt of applications is January 18, 2002. Applicants may visit the Center's website at WWW.CRIM.UFL.EDU.

College of William and Mary. The Department of Sociology invites applicants for two tenure-eligible positions at the entry level to begin August 2002. PhD in Sociology is required. For Position 1 we seek a sociologist of inequality whose expertise lies in at least one of the following areas: race and ethnicity, (im)migration, or social stratification. For Position 2 we seek a sociologist whose expertise lies within at least one of the two following clusters: medical sociology, public health, or mental health; or deviance, social control, or sociology of law. A strong commitment to productive scholarship and excellence in teaching is essential. Salary and benefits are competitive. Please send a letter of application, curriculum vitae, and three letters of recommendation for Position 1 to Deirdre A. Royster, Department of Sociology, College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795; fax (757) 221-1007; and for Position 2 to: J. Timmons Roberts, Department of Sociology, College of William and Mary, P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187; fax (757) 221-1007. Reviews for each position will begin November 19, 2001 and will continue until the positions are filled. The College of William and Mary is the nation's second oldest institution of higher education and is noted for its excellence in both teaching and research. The College is an Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

CLD Sessions for 2002

Paper Session. Crime and Deviance in Comparative Perspective.

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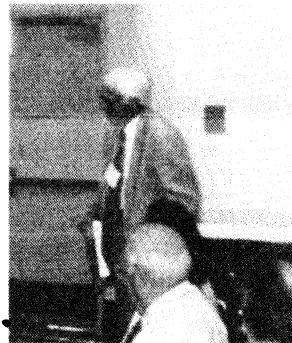
Chair-elect, Steve Messner, and other members of the council discuss changes in policy.



The joint reception with the Sociology of Law section was well attended and the food was unusually good.

Paper Session. Terrorism and Social Responses.

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Jim Short expresses his appreciation for the new award in his name, the James F. Short, Jr. Award for a distinguished article. George Bridges will Chair the selection committee for this award. Which will be selected from articles published in 1999, 2000, and 2001.

Refereed Roundtables on Crime, Law, and Deviance.

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Anaheim Section Activities



Rob Sampson presides over the Council and Business meetings as Chair of the CLD Section.



Henry Pontell and Kitty Calavita accept the Reiss Award for their work with Robert Tillman on **Big Money Crime**.

From the Editor: I received numerous responses from CLD section members to an e-mail query asking for sources for the study of terrorism. **Those responses will be summarized in an insert in the Spring Issue.**

I am soliciting critical dialogue and commentary on **The Relevance of the Study of Crime, Law and Deviance to Understanding Terrorism** for that issue.

If you have covered this topic in your courses, how have you done so? Who among you is doing research on terrorism or related topics? Some of you responded that the paucity of work on this topic by people in our area was "a travesty." Why is such research scarce? What are the major "theories of terrorism?" Are there any good data bases on terrorism as a variable?

E-mail dialogue on terrorism to:

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