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CLD Awards at the August 2006 Montreal ASA 101st Meeting

James F. Short Award Winners for 2006 were announced at the CLD business meeting by Steven Messner, on behalf of John Laub, Chair of the award committee. Award Committee members included: Charis Kubrin, Steven Messner, and Jeffrey Morenoff.

The winners of the James F. Short Award are: Bruce Western (Princeton University) and Becky Pettit (University of Washington) for their 2005 article "Black-White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration." *American Journal of Sociology* 111: 553-578.

The CLD 2006 Student Paper Award Winner was announced by Richard Rosenfeld, on behalf of the Committee consisting of Ronald Akers (chair), Roland Chilton, Beth Huebner, and Brian Stokes.

The winner of the 2006 Student Paper Award is: Katherine A. Johnson, Department of Sociology, the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, for her paper "Predicting the Acquisition of Self-Control Over Time: Stability and Change."

The CLD Student Paper Runner-Up was also announced: Derek Kreager, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, for his paper entitled "Unnecessary Roughness? Youth Sports, Peer Networks, and Male Adolescent Violence."

Nominations for Awards for the ASA 102nd Meeting

Nominations are now being accepted for the Crime, Law, and Deviance section's Albert Reiss Award for the best recent book in the subject area of Crime, Law and Deviance. For information about nominations, contact committee chair Joachim Savelsberg (savel001@umn.edu).

Submissions are now being accepted for the Crime, Law, and Deviance section's Graduate Student Paper Award. For information about the award and submission process, contact committee chair Jody Miller. (jodymiller@umsl.edu).



The results of the CLD council membership elections were announced in Montreal by outgoing chair Richard Rosenfeld, noting that Robert Bursik was the incoming chair, and that the chair elect was Candace Kruttschnitt. Dana Haynie and Holly Foster were the new council members. He also noted that Richard Felson and Christy Visher had or would rotate off Council, as would Ruth D. Peterson, the Secretary-Treasurer. It was also announced that Wayne Osgood would serve as the new Secretary-Treasurer.



Richard Rosenfeld, CLD Chair, announced that for the 2007 Annual ASA Meetings, the Crime, Law, and Deviance section is sponsoring four panels, to be announced at a later date.

News from the 2006 CLD Business Meeting: Membership Near 700!

The 2006 Business Meeting of the Crime, Law, Deviance Section of the American Sociological

Association was held at 1:30pm on Sunday, August 13, 2006 in the Palais des Congres de Montreal, with approximately thirty attendees present at the business meeting.

Ruth Peterson, CLD secretary-treasurer, gave the membership and treasurer's reports.

Membership was at 675, including 254 (38%) students, 401 (59%) faculty, and 20 (3%) low income members. Members are encouraged to be sure to pay dues by September 30 of every year as that is the usual date for determining the allocation of sessions for the following year.

Members are asked to encourage others to join the section!



Spatial Approaches to Understand Crime & Demographics, Developing Methods for Research and Practice

March 28 - March 31, 2007

Omni William Penn Hotel in

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

About the conference

The use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and spatial data analysis techniques have become prominent tools for analyzing criminal behavior and the impacts of the criminal justice system on society. Classical and spatial statistics have been merged to form more comprehensive approaches in understanding social problems from research and practical standpoints. These methods allow for the measurement of proximity effects on places by neighboring areas that lead to a multi-dimensional and less static understanding of factors that contribute to or repel crime across space.

The Ninth Crime Mapping **Research Conference will focus** on the use and development of methodologies for practitioners and researchers. The MAPS Program is anticipating the selection of key accepted presentations for further development of an electronic monograph on GIS, Spatial Data Analysis and the Study of Crime in the following year. Its purpose will be to demonstrate the fusing of classical and spatial analysis techniques to enhance policy decisions. Methods should not be limited to the use of classical and spatial statistics but also demonstrate the unique capabilities of GIS in preparing, categorizing and visualization of data for analysis.

The Crime Mapping Research Conference is about more than mapping crime locations. Participants will discuss a range of issues including policy decisions, research methods to identify and dispel hot spots, and other applied practice solutions. The conference is about the study of society and elements of mapping technology that contribute to both crime and justice.

Agenda

The conference will include workshop and panel sessions, as well as some plenary sessions. One plenary session will be about the "Coming Wave of GPS". The conference also includes a map competition, pre-conference workshops, and provides an excellent opportunity for researchers and practitioners to network with each other. Check the NIJ website for more information.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/

Registration? go to:

https://secure.palladianpartners.com/crimemapping/form1.asp

Some Recent NIJ Publications

Asian Transnational Organized Crime and Its Impact on the United States NCJ 214186, January 2007, Special Report, by James O. Finckenauer and Ko-lin Chin

Digital Evidence in the Courtroom: A Guide for Law Enforcement and Prosecutors NCJ 211314, January 2007, Special Report, by National Institute of Justice

Identifying Remains: Lessons Learned from 9/11 NCJ 216527, January 2007, NIJ Journal, by Nancy Ritter

Investigations Involving the Internet and Computer Networks NCJ 210798, January 2007, Special Report, by National Institute of Justice

Making Every Encounter Count: Building Trust and Confidence in the Police NCJ 216524, January 2007, NIJ Journal, by Jake Horowitz

Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains: The Nation's Silent Mass Disaster NCJ 216523, January 2007, NIJ Journal, by Nancy Ritter

Sexual Assault in Abusive Relationships NCJ 216525, January 2007, NIJ Journal, by Lauren R. Taylor, Nicole Gaskin-Laniyan

Research on Violence Against Women

NIJ: Final Reports

Compendium of Research on Violence Against Women, 1993-2006

Leora Rosen and Jocelyn Fontaine (eds.)

This compilation of NIJ-funded research includes a table of contents, index, and descriptions of projects available through the VAW&FV program. Last Updated January 3, 2007.

Violence Against Women, Special Issue: Child Custody and Domestic Violence Volume 11, No. 8

The special issue reports the results from four studies funded by NIJ that used empirical evidence to describe the custody crisis facing battered women in America. The studies compare custody issues and visitation outcomes for battered and non-battered women using information collected from nine States. The volume includes an introduction by guest editors Joan Zorza and NIJ Senior Social Science Analyst Leora Rosen.

Other Notable Final Reports

Supervised and Unsupervised Parental Access in Domestic Violence Cases: Court Orders and Consequences (April 2006 NCJ 213712) Chris O'Sullivan, Lori King, Kyla Levin-Russell, Emily Horowitz

This report examines the conformity of visitation decisions to the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges' 1994 Model Code in New York City children's psychological well-being and their exposure to abuse.

Understanding the Needs of Victims of Sexual Violence in the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

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Community (February 2006 NCJ 212867)

Jennifer Obinna, Sarah Krueger, Constance Osterbaan, Jane Sadusky, Wendy DeVore

This report provides information on service gaps following an examination of service providers assisting victims of sexual assault who are deaf and hard of hearing.

Culturally-Focused Batterer Counseling for African-American Men (August 2005, NCJ 210828) Edward Gondolf

This report documents the results of an experimental clinical trial that examined the effectiveness of culturally-focused batterer counseling against conventional cognitive-behavioral counseling for African-American men.

Intimate Partner Violence Risk Assessment Validation Study (May 2005, NCJ 209731-209732) Janice Roehl, Chris O'Sullivan, Daniel Webster, & Jacquelyn Campbell

This is a report testing four methods currently being used to assess risk of future harm or lethality in domestic violence cases. Findings are detailed in this practitioner summary and full report.

The Greenbook Demonstration Initiative, Interim Evaluation Report (May 2005, NCJ 209733) The Greenbook National **Evaluation Team, Caliber Associates**

This report documents the initial findings of a multi-agency funded demonstration project on the co-occurrence of domestic violence and child maltreatment across six sites.

Rape Prevention Through Bystander Education: Bringing a Broader Community Perspective to Sexual Violence Prevention (February 2005, NCJ 208701) Victoria Baynard, Elizabeth Plante, & Mary M. Moynihan

The authors evaluate an expanded rape prevention program that is grounded in a 'community of responsibility' framework to explain that social and community psychology offers a broader framework from which to expand rape prevention efforts. Findings from the evaluation are detailed in this full report.

Violence Against Women and Family Violence: Developments in Research, Practice, and Policy (2004, NCJ 199701–199732) Multiple Authors, Bonnie Fisher (ed.)

The articles in this final report address the gaps in our knowledge about violence against women and family violence. The report is organized in four sections corresponding to the major areas of concern identified by Crowell and Burgess in their seminal 1996 work, *Understanding Violence*

<u>Against Women</u> (NCJ 162272). The four sections, each preceded by an overview, are:

- Section I: The Extent and Context of Violence Against Women and Family Violence.
- Section II: Antecedents to and Consequences of Violence Against Women and Family Violence.
- Section III: Prevention and Intervention: Collaborations, Policies, Programs, and Services.
- Section IV: Building an Infrastructure to Improve Research Capacity and Practice and Strengthening Researcher-Practitioner Collaborations.



Job Announcements

University of Miami. The Department of Sociology continues to seek applications for a tenure-track position in Criminology at the rank of Assistant Professor to begin August 15, 2007. The ideal candidates for the position will also be able to make contributions to overlapping programmatic areas, which include Medical Sociology and

Race/Ethnic Relations. The successful candidates will be expected to sustain an active research and publication agenda, teach in our undergraduate and graduate programs, and show promise for obtaining external funding for their research. The ability to teach statistics/methods at the graduate level is desirable. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Sociology or a closely related field at the time of appointment. Applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vita, and letters from three references who can evaluate scholarly achievement and potential. Applicants for the criminology position should send materials to the attention of Dr. Dale Chitwood, at the Department of Sociology, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248162, Coral Gables, FL 33124-2208. Review of applications will continue until the position is filled. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. The University of Miami is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

Cornell College. The
Department of Sociology and
Anthropology invites
applications for a tenure-track
position in sociology at the
assistant professor level.
Teaching responsibilities include
introductory sociology and a
range of upper-division
undergraduate courses. The
candidate should have expertise
in social organizations with a
focus on one or more of the

following areas: community and urban sociology, crime and criminal justice, and work and economy. Supplementary areas of interest to the department include media, health and medicine, and education. We are particularly interested in candidates who are able to incorporate a social class perspective in their teaching. Ph.D. in Sociology and a commitment to undergraduate education in a liberal arts residential college required. Cornell College has attracted national attention for its distinctive academic calendar under which faculty teach and students take one course at a time in month-long terms. The College is committed to excellence in teaching and encourages interdisciplinary interests among its faculty. Start date is Fall 2007. Screening of applicants will begin immediately and members of the search committee may seek to contact applicants at the ASA annual meeting. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled but to guarantee full consideration a candidate should apply by September 8, 2006. Submit paper copies of letters of application, vita, evidence of teaching ability, and three letters of reference or placement fill to: Ms. Ann Opatz, Assistant Dean of the College, Cornell College, 600 First Street SW, Mount Vernon, IA 52314-1098. Cornell College is an AA/EO employer.

The University of Leeds. Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and

Law, School of Law, Chair in International Criminal Justice

The successful candidate will have an outstanding research profile of international standing in one or more of the following fields: international criminal justice / criminal law or international / comparative criminology. Within these fields we are particularly keen to attract candidates with research expertise in the study of supra-national criminal justice institutions and criminal laws: transnational criminal processes and policing; the international regulation of criminal behavior by non-state institutions; cross-national criminal justice or comparative criminology. Candidates will have a track record of academic leadership and be able to make a significant contribution to the School of Law's developing research agenda. The ability to teach at undergraduate and postgraduate levels is essential.

This post arises out of a major strategic investment by the University of Leeds to enhance the existing research strengths within the School of Law. It represents an exciting opportunity to join an ambitious and dynamic school, rated 5A in RAE 2001. The successful candidate will work within the School's Centre for Criminal Justice Studies (CCJS) "a recognized peak of research excellence™ within the University " and contribute to

its growing international profile and standing. Further details of the School's work are available via the World Wide Web: http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk.

The post is available from 1st February 2007 or as soon as possible thereafter. Salary will be within the Professorial range (£51,094 from 1 February 2007 -£64,723) or subject to negotiation.

Informal inquiries may be made to the Head of School, Professor David Wall, tel (+44) (0)113 343 1881, e-mail d.s.wall@leeds.ac.uk or Professor Adam Crawford, the Director of the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, tel (+44) (0) 113 343 5045, email: a.crawford@leeds.ac.uk, School of Law, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Application packs can be obtained from Susan Alexander, Recruitment and Administrative Co-ordinator, Human Resources, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, Tel: 0113 343 3949, e-mail: s.alexander@adm.leeds.ac.uk



Books of CLD Interest

The Path of the Devil: Early Modern Witch Hunts by Gary Jensen is available through Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc in cloth or paper versions. The work is organized around three fundamental theories: witch hunts as functional sacrificial ceremonies, witch hunts as realistic conflict and strategic persecution, and witch hunts as scapegoat phenomena. All conjectures point to the role of epidemic disease, war, and climactic and economic hardships as factors. However, such crises have to be differentiated: when war is measured as a quantitative characteristic it is found to inhibit witch hunts, while epidemic disease and economic hardship encourages them. The book integrates the sociologies of collective behavior, contentious conflict, and deviance with crossdisciplinary theory and research. The final chapters examine the Salem witch trials as "a perfect storm," and illustrate the general patterns found for early modern witch hunts and "modern witch hunts." which exhibit similarities that are found to be more than metaphorical. Prepublication reviews call it "an interdisciplinary marvel," "a masterful job," and "a fascinating sociological account of early modern witch hunts."

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