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## August 2007 New York ASA 102nd Meeting

Please join us at the American Sociological Association's 102nd Annual Meeting, to be held August 11-14, in New York City.

**Opening Plenary Session**  
Plan to be in New York City on August 10 at 7:00pm for the Opening Plenary of the 2007 Annual Meeting, "Democratic Transition: The Example of Chile," featuring Ricardo Lagos, former President of Chile, with an introduction by Alejandro Portes.

**Scheduling Information**  
The online preliminary program, including the sessions governed by the Crime, Law, and Deviance Section will be available late May. ASA Members will be notified when the program is available online.



## Conferences of CLD Interest

**Social Sciences Conference, 2007**  
International Conference on Interdisciplinary Social Sciences. In 2007, this annual conference is to be held at the University of the Granada, in the southern Spanish province of Andalusia from 10 to

13 July 2007. The conference will address interdisciplinary practices across the social sciences, and between the social sciences and the natural sciences, applied sciences and the professions. Main speakers will include some of the world's leading thinkers in the social sciences, as well as numerous paper, colloquium and workshop presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. All are encouraged to [register](#) and attend this significant and timely conference. A range of [accommodation](#) options is also available.

Participants are also welcome to submit a presentation [proposal](#) either for a [30-minute paper](#), [60-minute workshop](#), or a jointly presented [90-minute colloquium](#) session. Parallel sessions are loosely grouped into streams reflecting different perspectives or disciplines. Each stream also has its own talking circle, a forum for focused discussion of issues. For those unable to attend the conference in person, virtual participation is also available.

We encourage all presenters to submit written papers to [The International Journal of Interdisciplinary Social Sciences](#), a fully refereed academic journal. Virtual participants may also submit papers for consideration by the journal. All conference

participants who have finalized their registration will receive a complimentary online subscription to the journal. This subscription is valid until one year after the conference end date. If you would like to know more about this conference, bookmark the Social Sciences Conference Site: (<http://socialsciencesconference.com/>) The site is regularly updated. You might also wish to subscribe to the conference and journal newsletter.

For all inquiries, please contact the conference secretariat. [info+I07@commongroundconferences.com](mailto:info+I07@commongroundconferences.com)

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**International Terrorism and Organized Crime Conference**

The Asian Gang Investigators' Association of California (AGIAC) has elected to host its conference in the City of Anaheim. "2007 International Terrorism and Organized Crime Conference" with the central theme of "Sharing to Protect" will be presented by nationally and internationally recognized experts in the field of Terrorism and Organized Crime. The conference venue will be at the Disneyland Hotel, 1150 Magic Way, Anaheim, California, 92802 on August 27-31, 2007. The conference will provide networking, training, and education on combating and preventing the rise of terrorism, organized crime, and street gangs. We are estimating over 600 attendees from over ten

different countries will be attending this conference. The five law enforcement agencies that will be co-hosting the conference are: Orange County District Attorney's Office, Anaheim Police Department, United States Postal Inspection Service, Internal Revenue Service/Criminal Investigation Division, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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**The Stockholm Criminology Symposium, June 4-6, 2007**

The Swedish Government has commissioned the Swedish National Council for Crime Prevention to arrange the Stockholm Criminology Symposium and to make it an annual event. It is arranged in conjunction with The Stockholm Prize in Criminology, June 4-7, 2007. Further details may be seen at: <http://www.crim.upenn.edu/Symposium2007.pdf>



**Graduate Program in Criminology at Bowling Green State University**

The Department of Sociology at Bowling Green State University has a long established concentration in Criminology, one that benefits from the

synergy of active collaboration with scholars in Demography, Social Psychology and the Family—other major areas of concentration within the department. A recent external review committee noted that "the department of sociology has all the qualities of a PhD granting department one would find in a university two or three times the size of Bowling Green." Senior scholars in Criminology have national reputations, consistently publishing in the top journals in Criminology (Criminology, Journal of Quantitative Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency) and in Sociology (American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review and Social Forces). In addition the department has an impressive grant portfolio: thirteen faculty members have been principal or co-principal investigators on externally funded grants with a total of over \$11,000,000.

The mission of the BGSU Sociology Department is to provide a strong community of collaborative scholars and teachers. The departmental culture emphasizes cooperation and accessibility; most faculty do most of their work in their offices and are thus available to interact frequently with students. Faculty publish often with one another and with graduate students in the department; since 1999, our faculty has authored 36 articles

or chapters which included current or former students as co-authors. Students also receive intensive training in seminars on the major topics of criminology and deviance as well as excellent training in quantitative methods.

#### Research and Scholarship

Federal, state and foundation funding have provided a strong basis for pursuing research interests and for giving graduate students valuable hands-on experience. Members of the faculty have experience analyzing widely used national data sets, but many of the ongoing projects involve primary data collection efforts, and the resulting mix ensures training across the full spectrum of the research process. Several studies rely on mixed method (qualitative and quantitative) approaches, another methodological strategy that broadens student exposure and expertise.

Steve Cernkovich does research on long term consequences of early involvement in antisocial behavior, race and gender variations in deviant behavior, and the intergenerational transmission of crime. Peggy Giordano is interested in desistance processes, collaborates with Cernkovich on issues of intergenerational transmission, and more generally focuses on ways in which social networks influence delinquency involvement. Joseph Jacoby's research interests include the reentry of mentally ill offenders, public knowledge and opinions

about punishment, and news media coverage of the death penalty. Stephen Demuth does research on the influence of race/ethnicity and gender on crime and criminal justice decision making with an emphasis on how broader societal stratification and inequality contribute to differences in offending and societal reactions to offending. Jorge Chavez's research focuses on life course perspectives on child maltreatment and adult outcomes, race/ethnicity differences in the comorbidity of mental health problems and violent behavior, and understanding development and change in violence within community contexts. Rekha Mirchandani uses contemporary sociological theories to understand criminal justice innovations like specialized domestic violence courts, therapeutic jurisprudence and restorative justice. Danielle Payne does research on neighborhoods and crime, peers and delinquency, and youth social capital, and is interested in rural & suburban crime.

The Department's Center for Family and Demographic Research, an NIH funded popular center, is another asset for faculty and student research activities. In addition to providing infrastructure support for research, the Center offers numerous training workshops on analytic techniques, grant writing, statistical packages, and enhancing the use of criminological data sets, and

augments departmental support for students to attend professional meetings.

#### Policy and Service

In addition to their contributions in basic research, the crime and deviance faculty in the department of sociology lend their scholarly and professional expertise to a number of public service and community engagement endeavors. Faculty members have served on local boards of health, education, and rehabilitation and corrections, advised criminal justice and mental health service agencies at the county and state level, and participated on national panels and commissions.

The scholarly research of crime and deviance faculty members has served agencies interested in addressing racial and ethnic disparity in the criminal justice system, gender differences in juvenile justice services and programming, domestic violence courts, mental health and substance use treatment programs, and criminal justice data archiving. Faculty also participate in national panels for governmental and non-governmental associations: Civic Engagement in Action: The Jury Initiative; the National Science Foundation Study Group on Race/ Ethnicity, Crime and Criminal Justice; and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention "Girls' Study Group."

Crime and deviance faculty are also active in professional and academic groups and associations. Faculty members continue to serve the American Sociological Association, the American Society of Criminology, the Law and Society Association, and regional criminology, mental health, and sociology associations. Crime and deviance faculty members serve as reviewers for major criminal justice, criminology, and sociology journals, and regularly serve on review panels for major agencies and organizations: the American Civil Liberties Union, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, the National Institute of Justice, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Science Foundation, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Thus, the faculty take to heart that scholarly research should not only add to basic knowledge about crime, but should attempt to build connections with policy makers and service providers. Nevertheless, our scholarly emphases and location within sociology reflect our belief that theoretically informed research in the long run may prove most useful as an impetus to policy changes and specific programmatic efforts.

#### Program Description

The BGSU Sociology Department grants B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees. Currently, 36 students

(24 Ph.D. and 12 M.A.) are enrolled in the graduate program. While the program seeks applicants for both M.A. and Ph.D. programs, applicants with a strong desire to continue through the Ph.D. are preferred. Each doctoral student is offered direct experience in both teaching and research. Only doctoral students are assigned full responsibility for teaching courses. Graduate assistants with non-teaching appointments are assigned to faculty members, and are employed in teaching or research activities, or in a combination of both. The curriculum is seminar-intensive, offering students both breadth across areas of specialization and depth within their chosen major and minor areas. All students receive thorough training in sociological theory and quantitative methods.

The teaching and research missions of the department are united by their common focus on four substantive areas of specialization: criminology/deviant behavior, demography, family, and social psychology. Along with theory and research methods, the majority of undergraduate course offerings and the entire graduate curriculum fall into these categories. The four areas also provide an organizing framework for faculty members' research, formation of collaborative research teams, and recruitment of graduate students.

Of the 25 full-time faculty members, 18 are tenured/

tenured track, and 16 are women. The BGSU Sociology Department occupies the entire second floor of Williams Hall on the BGSU campus. The facilities on this floor include, in addition to faculty and staff offices, a computer laboratory, which was fully renovated in 2005, exclusively for the use of sociology graduate students and available to them 24/7.

**Graduate Student Placement**  
Over the past eight years, the department has awarded an average of four PhDs per year. Although many of our graduates pursue nonacademic research positions, about 90% take faculty or research positions at colleges and universities. Recent placements include Iowa State University, University of Central Florida, University of Nijmegen (Netherlands), Quinnipiac University, Miami University, Howard University, Mount St. Mary's University, University of Louisville, University of Idaho, Kent State University, and University of Texas-El Paso.

#### The Application Process

Applicants must have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.2 on a 4 point scale. The Department of Sociology accepts applications on a continuing basis for both Fall and Spring semester entry, but to ensure consideration for financial assistance for Fall semester entry, all application

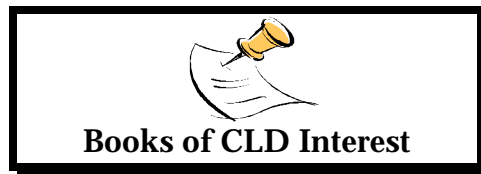
materials should be submitted by January 30. Students are advised to apply for admission at least six months in advance of the semester they plan to enroll. International students should allow more time for the application process. The application for admission may be completed on-line at <https://www.applyweb.com/apply/bgsug/>, Applications for funding are found on the department's website ([http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/soc/graduate/graduate\\_apply.htm](http://www.bgsu.edu/departments/soc/graduate/graduate_apply.htm)). In addition to the application forms, applicants must submit:

- A \$30 non-refundable application fee,
- Two official transcripts from all colleges attended,
- GRE general test scores,
- TOEFL scores (from applicants whose native language is not English), and
- Three letters of recommendation.

Students who have a master's degree in an area other than sociology may be admitted to the Ph.D. program conditionally, subject to the completion of a specified sequence of graduate level courses during their first year in the program. Admission and funding is highly competitive, with 10 to 15 new students (M.A. and Ph.D. combined) funded each year from among 80-100 applicants. In

recent years funded students have had an average combined (verbal, quantitative and analytical) GRE score of 1750 and an average undergraduate GPA of 3.7 (on a 4.0 scale).

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<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

**National Criminal Justice Reference Service**

<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>

**The American Society of Criminology**

<http://www.asc41.com/>

**Bureau of Justice Statistics**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

**Federal Bureau of Investigation**

<http://www.fbi.gov/>

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