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# **Important Announcements**

On Friday, October 2nd, President Barack Obama announced his intent to nominate John H. Laub as Director, National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice. John Laub is the Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is also an Affiliate Faculty Member in the Department of Sociology at the University and a Visiting Scholar in the Institute for Ouantitative Social Science at Harvard. He has served as the President and as a fellow of the American Society of Criminology, which awarded him the Edwin H. Sutherland Award. He was also named a Distinguished Scholar-Teacher at the University of Maryland for the 2006-2007 academic year. Dr. Laub was the Editor of the **Journal of Quantitative** Criminology for five years and currently serves as an Associate Editor of Criminology. From 2002 to 2008, Dr. Laub was a member of the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Academies of Science. He has published two award winning books and many research articles in the areas of crime and the life course, juvenile delinquency and juvenile justice, criminal victimization, and the history of criminology. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Illinois, Chicago, and his M.A.

and Ph.D. in criminal justice from the State University of New York at Albany.

# Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute:

Broadening Perspectives & Participation
July 12 – 30, 2010
The Ohio State University

Faculty pursuing tenure and career success in research intensive institutions, academics transitioning from teaching to research institutions, and faculty members carrying out research in teaching contexts will be interested in this Summer Research Institute. Organized by Lauren J. Krivo and Ruth D. Peterson and funded by the National Science Foundation and Ohio State University, the institute is designed to promote successful research projects and careers among faculty from underrepresented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. During the institute, each participant will complete an ongoing project (either a research paper or grant proposal) in preparation for journal submission or agency funding review. In addition, participants will gain information that will serve as a tool-kit tailored to successful navigation of the academic setting.

The Summer Research Institute will provide participants with:

- Resources for completing their research projects;
- Senior faculty mentors in their areas of study;
- Opportunities to network with junior and senior scholars;
- Workshops addressing topics related to publishing, professionalization, and career planning;
- Travel expenses to Ohio, housing in a trendy Columbus neighborhood, and living expenses.

The institute will culminate in a research symposium where participants present their completed research before a scholarly audience.

Completed applications must be postmarked by February 5, 2010. To download the application form, please see our web site <a href="http://cjrc.osu.edu/rdcj-n/summerinstitute">http://cjrc.osu.edu/rdcj-n/summerinstitute</a>

Eligibility: All applicants must hold regular tenure-track positions in U.S. institutions and demonstrate how their participation broadens participation of underrepresented groups in crime and justice research. Graduate students without tenure track appointments are not eligible for this program. Please direct all inquiries to: cjrcinstitute@osu.edu.

# Collective Transformation: Building Just Communities from the Inside Out

A Special ASC Pre-Conference Event to be Held at Graterford Prison

On Tuesday November 3, 2009

Anyone interested in reentry, crime prevention, community building, social justice, grassroots change or experiential learning should plan to attend this special pre-conference to the American Society of Criminology annual meetings that will be held at Graterford Prison outside Philadelphia, PA, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event provides an excellent opportunity to explore the innovative anti-crime strategies of the L.I.F.E.R.S. Inc., Public Safety Initiative (PSI) and the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program's powerful approach to pedagogy. PSI members work to achieve cognitive transformation through positive peer intervention, to equip men returning to the community with the skills necessary to help prevent youth from being drawn into the culture of street crime and to empower those currently involved in crime to give up those activities. The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program works across the country to bring incarcerated men and women together with college students to learn as peers in the same classrooms. Pre-registration is required and attendance will be limited.

Additional information about this event can be found at <a href="https://www.asc41.com/Annual Meeting/2009/Temple\_seminar.pdf">www.asc41.com/Annual Meeting/2009/Temple\_seminar.pdf</a> For

questions or information on how to register, please email <a href="mailto:prisonworkshop@temple.edu">prisonworkshop@temple.edu</a> or call 215-204-5163.

# Law and Social Science Dissertation Fellowship & Mentoring Program

The Law and Society
Association, in collaboration
with the American Bar
Foundation and the National
Science Foundation, seeks
applications for the Law and
Social Science Dissertation
Fellowship and Mentoring
Program (LSS Fellowship).

# **Awards**

Fellowships are held in residence at the American Bar Foundation in Chicago, IL, where Fellows are expected to participate in the intellectual life of the ABF, including participation in a weekly seminar series. LSS Fellows will receive a stipend of \$27,000 per year beginning fall 2010 and are eligible for up to two years of support. Fellows will attend LSA annual meetings in both years of the fellowship and the Graduate Student Workshop in the first year of the fellowship. Fellows will receive up to \$1,500 for research and travel expenses each year. Relocation expenses up to \$2,500 may be reimbursed one time.

#### **Eligibility**

Third-, fourth-, and fifth-year graduate students who specialize in the field of law and social science and whose research interests include law and inequality are invited to apply.

Fellowship applicants should be students in a Ph.D. program in a social science department or an interdisciplinary program. Humanities students pursuing empirically-based social science dissertations are welcome to apply. Only U.S. citizens and permanent residents are eligible to apply.

# **Application Materials Required**

Applicants should submit: (1) a 1-2 page letter of application; (2) a 2-3 page description of a research project or interest that relates to law and inequality (broadly defined) with a statement of how the applicant became interested in the research topic; (3) a resume or curriculum vitae; (4) a writing sample (a paper written for a graduatelevel course or dissertation prospectus); and (5) three letters of recommendation from faculty members (including one from the faculty member who will serve as the departmental liaison - typically the applicant's advisor). If you are also applying for the American Bar Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, please indicate so in your cover letter.

Please send TWO complete sets of application materials by December 1, 2009. One set to Mary McClintock, Law and Society Association, University of Massachusetts, 40 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003-9244; and the other to Allison Lynch, Administrative Associate for Academic Affairs and Research Administration, American Bar

Foundation, 750 N. Lake Shore

Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, IL 60611.

For more information, see www.lawandsociety.org or contact Mary McClintock at LSA, lsa@lawandsociety.org or Laura Beth Nielsen at lnielsen@abfn.org.

# Doctoral Fellowships in Law and Social Science 2010 – 2011

### **Purpose**

The American Bar Foundation is committed to developing the next generation of scholars in the field of law and social science. The purpose of the fellowships is to encourage original and significant research on law, the legal profession, and legal institutions.

# Eligibility

For the Doctoral/Post-Doctoral Fellowships, applications are invited from outstanding students who are candidates for Ph.D. degrees in the social sciences. Applicants must have completed all doctoral requirements except the dissertation by September 1, 2010. Applicants who will have completed the dissertation prior to September 1, 2010 are also welcome to apply. Doctoral and proposed research must be in the general area of sociological studies or in social scientific approaches to law, the legal profession, or legal institutions. The research must address significant issues in the field and show promise of a major contribution to social scientific

understanding of law and legal process. Minority students are especially encouraged to apply.

#### **Awards**

Fellows receive a stipend of \$27,000 for 12 months. Fellows also may request up to \$1,500 to reimburse expenses associated with research, travel to meet with advisors, or travel to conferences at which papers are presented. Relocation expenses up to \$2,500 may be reimbursed on application.

### **Tenure**

Fellowships are awarded for 12 months, beginning, September 1, 2010.

# **Conditions**

Fellowships are held *in residence* at the American Bar Foundation. Appointments to fellowships are full time. Fellows are expected to participate fully in the academic life of the ABF so that they may develop close collegial ties with other scholars in residence.

# **Application Process**

Applications must include: (1) a dissertation abstract or proposal with an outline of the substance and methods of the research; (2) two letters of reference, one of which must be from a supervisor of the dissertation; and (3) a curriculum vitae. In addition, at the applicant's option, a short sample of written work may be submitted.

Applications for this fellowship must be received no later than December 15, 2009. For questions about the terms of the fellowship, contact Victoria

Saker Woeste (Chair, Appointments Committee) at <u>vswoeste@abfn.org</u>

Application materials should be directed to: Allison Lynch, Administrative Associate for Academic Affairs and Research Administration, American Bar Foundation, 750 N. Lake Shore Drive, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Chicago, Illinois

60611, (312)988-6548, <u>alynch@abfn.org</u>
ABF Website:

www.americanbarfoundation.org

12 semester hours. Please apply on-line at the following link: https://walshiobs.simplehire.com

**Member News** 

**Andres F. Rengifo** (University of

Missouri St. Louis) has been

Criminal Justice Policy and

Management).

named Research Fellow at the

Kennedy School of Government,

Harvard University (Program in

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences www.acjs.org

Bureau of Justice Statistics www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs

National Criminal Justice Reference Service www.ncjrs.gov

National Archive of Criminal Justice Data www.icpsr.umich.edu/nacjd

National Institute of Justice www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij

Federal Bureau of Investigation www.fbi.gov

ICPSR (Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research)

www.icpsr.umich.edu

U.S Census Bureau www.census.gov

# Jobs of CLD Interest

Walsh University is seeking a Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology to begin August 2010 (renewable for possible tenuretrack). Walsh University, a Catholic institution located in North Canton, OH, offers a liberal arts undergraduate education and graduate programs at the master's and clinical doctorate level. A commitment to the Judeo Christian tradition, diversity, and service learning is critical to the mission of the University. The Visiting Assistant Professor will teach courses in, sociology and criminal justice and participate in curriculum development. A strong commitment to teaching, scholarship, student advising, and University service is expected. The position requires a Ph.D. in Sociology with concentration in criminal justice; ABDs close to degree completion by time of appointment may be considered. The teaching load is

# **Books of CLD Interest**

Mindy S. Bradley-Engen. 2009. Naked Lives: Inside the Worlds of Exotic Dance. State University of New York (SUNY) Press.

http://www.sunypress.edu/details.as p?id=61808

**Savage, Joanne.** (Ed.). (2009). *The Development of Persistent Criminality*. Oxford University Press.

http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/gene ral/subject/Psychology/Social/?view =usa&ci=9780195310313

#### Web Sites of CLD Interest

American Sociological Association www.asanet.org

Crime, Law, and Deviance Section www2.asanet.org/sectioncld
The American Society of Criminology
www.asc41.com

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