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THE CJ CHRONICLES

Hindelang News



7th Annual Hindelang Lecture to Feature Expert in Adolescent Problem Behavior

Peggy Giordano, a Distinguished Research Professor at Bowling Green State University, received her Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Minnesota in 1974. Her interests lie in adolescent problem behavior, the nature of peer influence in adolescence and its specific role in the etiology of problem outcomes. Dr. Giordano is also interested in the ways in which adolescent social processes and emotional and behavioral health are affected by gender and ethnicity.

She is currently completing two long-term follow-up studies. The first is with a neighborhood sample of 942 adolescents and the other with a sample of incarcerated male and female delinquents. Both groups were originally interviewed in 1982. The current round of interviews are designed to develop a better understanding of the factors associated with the success of their adult transitions.

Dr. Giordano has numerous awards and honors to her name. In 2004 the Crime, Law and Deviance Section of the American Sociological Association presented her with the James F. Short, Jr. Distinguished Article Award. The honor was given for "Gender, Crime and Desistance: Toward a Theory of Cognitive Transformation," a work she completed with Stephen A. Cernkovich and Jennifer L. Rudolph. It was published in the January 2000 volume of the *American Journal of Sociology*.

Meehan Focus of Times Union Article

Nate Meehan, Ph.D. student, was featured in a December 17, 2007 article in the Times Union.

The article focuses on Meehan's work as a crime analyst with the Schenectady Police Department, using advanced computer technology and data patterns to fight crime. To read more about this fascinating area of police work, check out the article at <http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=647932>.

Ph.D. Student Profiles Enhance SCJ Web Site

Several students have already hopped on board. More are joining every day!

Check out the new Profiles page at www.albany.edu/scj/PhDStudentProfiles.htm.

Then, if you'd like to be included, send an e-mail to Diana at mancini@uamail.albany.edu for more information.

SCJ Celebrates Ph.D. Visiting Weekend 2008

The School of Criminal Justice was delighted to welcome thirteen prospective PhD students to Visiting Weekend 2008!

Catherine Bonventre

Graduate Program
University at Albany; Forensic Molecular
Biology
Albany Law School; Juris Doctor
Undergraduate Program
Minot State University; Biology

Christopher Dum

Graduate Program
American University; Justice
Undergraduate Program
American University; Law & Society

Edward Gauthier

Graduate Program
Western New England College; Juris Doctor
Undergraduate Program
University of Connecticut; Law & Society
Thomas Edison State College; Liberal Arts

John Hansen

Graduate Program
University of South Carolina; Criminology
Undergraduate Program
University of South Carolina; Criminology

Laura Kane

Graduate Program
University of Pennsylvania; Criminology
Undergraduate Program
Bryn Mawr College; Math & French

Matthew Phillips

Graduate Program
University of North Carolina - Charlotte;
Sociology
Undergraduate Program
Winthrop University; Sociology

Anthony Salpino

Undergraduate Program
Notre Dame; Sociology

Benta Samuelson

Undergraduate Program
Temple University; Criminal Justice

Jeremy Shifton

Undergraduate Program
William and Mary; Sociology & Psychology

Beau Shine

Undergraduate Program
Western Michigan University;
Communications

David Warren

Undergraduate Program
University at Albany; Criminal Justice

Douglas Weiss

Graduate Program
University of South Carolina; Criminology
Undergraduate Program
Illinois Institute Of Technology; Psychology

Andrew Wheeler

Undergraduate Program
Bloomsburg University; Criminal Justice

International Student

Siyu Liu

Undergraduate Program
Peking University; Biomedical English &
Psychology

Research & Publications

Newman Headed to Turkey

Professor Graeme Newman will visit Ankara, Turkey in March 2008 to participate in a workshop on crime analysis and counter terrorism for mid-level officers of the Turkish National Police. His workshop will include how to identify and protect vulnerable targets, including exercises based on scenarios reflecting local needs and conditions, prepared by Turkish National Police.

Stamatel Awarded FRAP Grant

Professor Janet Stamatel received a 2008-09 Faculty Research Award Program grant for a project called "Registered Sex Offenders and the Spatial Context of Crime Control." Ph.D. student Kelly Socia will be working on the grant with her.

Toch's Recent Publications

Professor Hans Toch has three new publications to report.

"Punitiveness as 'Behavior Management'" *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, March 2008, pp. 388-397.

"Police Officers as Change Agents in Police Reform" *Policing & Society*, March 2008, pp. 60-71

(with Terry A. Kupers) "Violence in Prisons, Revisited" *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 45 3/4, 2007, pp. 1-28.

New SOAR Project Publication

The SOAR Project's article entitled "The Meaning and Measurement of Client Engagement in Youth Residential Treatment" was recently accepted for publication in *Research on Social Work Practice*. The article's authors are **W. Scott Cunningham** (SCJ alumnus), **Professor David E Duffee**, PhD students **Yufan Huang** and **Camela M. Steinke**, and Toni Naccaratto (Social Welfare faculty).

Krohn Text Ready for Adoption

Researching Theories of Crime and Deviance, written by Charis Kubrin (GWU), Thomas Stucky (Purdue), and **Professor Marv Krohn** was recently published by Oxford University Press.

Moot Court Team

Goes to Nationals

Just before jumping into another fast-paced semester, CJ majors **Megan Cowles** and **Garrett Barmore** jetted off to the icy plains of Des Moines, Iowa to compete in the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (AMCA) national tournament. The Cowles-Barmore team, along with teammates **Heather McKay** and **Laura Covey**, were invited to compete in nationals following impressive performances at the eastern regional event in Fitchburg, PA. Due to a previously scheduled commitment, the McKay-Covey team was unable to attend the national competition.

This year's moot court case focused on a couple who homeschool their children. The father also runs a gun repair business out of their home. Oral arguments addressed the applicability of the Gun Free School Zone Act of 1997 to homeschools, possible violation of the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, and Congress' authority under the Commerce Clause to enact the law.

Cowles and Barmore argued through three rounds on the first day of competition, but were ultimately bested by their opponents. Distinguished Teaching **Professor James Acker**, the team's faculty mentor and coach, reflected on this year's group of students. "These twelve students invested a tremendous amount of time and showed dramatic improvement as a result. They demonstrated a great deal of camaraderie and team spirit. They

GSA Book Sale

When: Wednesday, April 9

Where: Draper Hall Lobby

Giza and Jeanna are still accepting donations. Bring donated books to the Sourcebook office, Draper 306 or 314.

Girls, Inc. Partnership Update

During the fall semester, participants in the Girls' Inc. program enjoyed a variety of activities including a charity drive during which the girls collected food and clothing donations. In addition, inspired by UAlbany's China Semester, program coordinator **Kaye Callender** invited two Chinese students to meet with the girls and teach them about Chinese culture, language and food. The girls also learned how to say hello and count in Chinese.

In January the girls visited the School of Criminal Justice and toured parts of the downtown campus. The spring semester will also include a tea party to teach proper etiquette and a session on personal safety.

If you would like to get involved with the Girls, Inc. partnership or if you have an idea for an activity, please contact Kaye Callender at bajankmc@hotmail.com.



Ph.D. student Kaye Callender leads a group from Girls, Inc. on a tour of the School of Criminal Justice.

GSA Merchandise For Sale

Short and Long Sleeve T-shirts
Polo Shirts
Sweatshirts
Ceramic Coffee Mugs
Stainless Steel Travel Mugs
Portfolios

All items are imprinted with the School of Criminal Justice logo.

Don't delay!
Some quantities are limited.

If you would like to place an order or suggest a new product, please contact Jennifer Owens at jo631953@albany.edu.

Meet a Few of SCJ's Youngest Family Members



Marc and **Heidi Bonner** welcomed Aidan Conley and Cian Lewis on November 24, 2007 at 5:04 and 5:05 pm.

Nathan Carter DeWitt was born on November 14, 2007 at 1:18 pm to **JoAnne Malatesta** and her husband, Dan DeWitt.



IT News

Useful Web Tools

Contributed by Janet P. Stamatel

CiteULike (<http://www.citeulike.org/>) is a social bookmarking site for academic works that was recently featured on *Inside Higher Ed* (<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/01/31/citeulike>). It combines some of the features of bibliographic citation software (like EndNote) with characteristics of social bookmarking sites (like del.icio.us). You can store, tag, and organize your academic citations and export them into bibliographies. If you find your articles in certain online sources, such as JSTOR, Blackwell, Ingenta, or many others, then the citation information can be stored for you with the click of a button, instead of typing all of the information yourself. Since the citations are stored on a web site instead of your personal computer, you can access them anywhere without any special software. You can also choose to share your bibliographies with colleagues and students. Best of all, it is a free service.

Fleck (<http://fleck.com/>) is a way to annotate web pages. You can add notes to web pages that work like clickable post-it notes. These can be expanded, contracted, and moved around the site at your discretion. You can then save your commented web pages for future reference or share them with others. It's a great way to solicit feedback from students or get input on a work in progress.

Got News?

Submit your news to Diana at mancini@uamail.albany.edu.

**Research
Publications
Awards & Honors
Life Events**

The deadline for submission to the next issue is Friday, April 18.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this issue of The CJ Chronicles!

Calendar of Events

March 21-28	Spring Break	
April 9	GSA Book Sale	Draper Hall Lobby
May 17-18	Commencement Weekend	Various Locations
May 17	4:00 p.m. SCJ Graduate Recognition Ceremony	Milne 200
May 18	1:00 p.m. SCJ Undergraduate Recognition Ceremony	PAC Main Theatre