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SCJ at ASC

More than 30 SCJ students and faculty headed to Atlanta, GA in November to present research and participate in panel discussions during the 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Check out the variety of presentations involving SCJ students...

Student Names

Presentation Titles

Christine Englebrecht & Aaron Scherer	"I Don't Belong Here": An Analysis of Youths' Statements about Placement as Predictors of Early Treatment Engagement
Yufan Huang	"I Knew it was going to be Fun, Chilling Here": A Qualitative Analysis of Youths' First Impressions of Juvenile Residential Treatment Centers
Heidi Bonner & Sarah McLean	\$45 Million Later - The Police Knew What They Were Doing All Along
Matthew Fetzer	A Comparison of the NVSS and SHR Homicide Estimates for Large U.S. Cities
Heidi Bonner & Sarah McLean	A Multi-Site Evaluation of RICO Prosecutions against Gangs
Leigh Bates	A School-Based Test of the Sanctions-Perceptions Link in Deterrence Theory
Carter Rees	Age, Peer Effects, and Antisocial Behavior
Heidi Bonner & Sarah McLean	Capturing Crime Displacement and Diffusion of Benefit Effects during/after Police Interventions
Maria Tcherni	Determinants of Violence in the South: A Historical Perspective
Kim Kujanek & Aaron Scherer	Extending Changes in Police Notification for Rape, 1992-2005
Camela Steinke	Gender Differences in Youth Treatment Engagement and Outcomes
Leona Jochnowitz	Investigating, Enforcing and Trying a Criminal Financial Exploitation Case against Elderly Victims
Andrea Kordzek	Legislating Compassion: An Analysis and Comparison of Anti-Animal Cruelty Law in the United States
S. Matthew Pate & Nicole Schmidt	Modeling the Effect of Racial Threat on Social Control
Andrew Davies	Modeling the Effects of Criminal Victimization
Elizabeth Brown	Perception, Assessment and Use of Public Opinion in Penal Policymaking in New York State
Susan Ehrhard	Plea Bargaining and Death Penalty: An Exploratory Study
Nicole Schmidt	Predictors of Early Sexual Activity in Adolescents
Kelly Socia	Social Disorganization, Collective Efficacy, and the Distribution of Registered Sex Offenders in Chicago, Illinois
Kelly Marsh	The Advantages of Population-centered Interventions for Troubled Youth
Andrew Davies	The Evolution of Due Process in an Era of Punishment: Indigent Defense Policy
Sara Berg	The Impact of Demographic and Incident Characteristics on the Reporting Behaviors of Identity Theft Victims
Naomi Freeman	The Public Safety Impact of Community Notification Laws: Re-Arrest of Convicted Sex Offenders
Christine Englebrecht	The Victim Impact Statement: Narrative Creations within the Criminal Justice System
Craig Dunton	Transgendered Persons' Decision to Contact Police
Jeanna Mastrocinque	Using NIBRS to Understand Financial Exploitation of the Elderly
Jing Liu	Utilizing Geographic Masking to Preserve Victim Privacy in Crime Mapping

Student Highlights

SCJ Moot Court Teams

Invited to Nationals

Two SCJ Moot Court Teams - **Heather McKay & Laura Covey** and **Garrett Barmore & Megan Cowles** - made it to the final 16 at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association (AMCA) Eastern Regional Tournament in Fitchburg, PA. Each team was bested in a close match during the opening round of arguments on the second day of the tournament. Both teams received an invitation to participate in the National AMCA Tournament to be held Jan. 18-19 at Drake Law School in Des Moines, IA.

Stay tuned to the School of Criminal Justice website (www.albany.edu/scj) for the complete story.

Ph.D. Student Article in

Criminal Law Bulletin

Ph.D. student **Leona Jochowitz**' article, "Missed Mitigation: Counsel's Evolving Duty to Assess and Present Mitigation at Death Penalty Sentencing," based on her comprehensive I literature review, was published in the Criminal Law Bulletin, 43-1, January-February 2007. The initial draft of the article was presented as a paper at the 2005 American Society of Criminology conference in Toronto, Canada.

GSA Book Sale

The Graduate Student Association is still collecting book donations for the GSA Book Sale that will take place in the spring.

Donated books can be dropped off to Jeanna or Giza at the Sourcebook office, DR 306 or DR 314.

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.

Merchandise photos can be found at
www.albany.edu/~crjgsa/merchandise.html.

Orders can be placed through the site too.

Hindelang News

Hindelang Center Holds Elections

The Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center Board of Directors elected **Dr. Alan Lizotte** as Executive Director of the Center and **Dr. Kathleen Maguire** as Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Lizotte is a Professor of the School of Criminal Justice and Co-Principal Investigator of the Rochester Youth Development Study research projects. Maguire is a Co-Principal Investigator of the Sourcebook of Criminal Justice Statistics project. Lizotte has been with the Center since 1985 and Maguire since 1984.

Faculty Highlights

Bailey Named Author of the Year

Professor Frankie Bailey was honored as Author of the Year for 2007 by the The Friends of Albany Public Library at their annual Book & Author Luncheon on Saturday, December 1. Her most recent book, *You Should Have Died on Monday*, was released in April 2007. It continues to weave the tale of African American university professor and crime historian Lizzie Stuart.

Bayley Wins ASC Book Award

Professor David Bayley won the American Society of Criminology Division of International Criminology Distinguished Book Award for his book called *Changing the Guard: Developing Democratic Police Abroad*. He accepted the award during the ASC Annual Meeting in November.

Faculty In Press

Professor Megan Kurlychek published "Prosecutorial Discretion and the Imposition of Mandatory Minimum Sentences" with Jeff Ulmer and John Kramer. The article appears in the November issue of the *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

Dr. Kurlychek also formalized a contract with Oxford University Press for writing the Second Edition of the *Cycle of Juvenile Justice* with coauthor Tom Bernard. The book is due out late next year.

The new Oxford University Press' Criminal Justice & Criminology 2008 catalog lists a forthcoming book by Charis Kubrin (George Washington U.), Thomas Stucky (Purdue U), and **Professor Marv Krohn** titled *Researching Theories of Crime and Deviance*. It is scheduled for release in February 2008.

Professors Graeme Newman and **Janet Stamatel** are editing a multi volume set of books entitled *Crime and Punishment Around the World* for Greenwood Publishers. There are still about 30 countries without authors.

Call for Contributors

If you are interested in contributing a chapter to *Crime and Punishment Around the World*, please contact Professor Newman or Stamatel. Authors receive a free set of books upon publication. Countries for which authors are still needed include:

Volume 1: Africa

Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Mayotte (Fr.), Niger, Rwanda, Saint Helena (UK), Sao Tome and Principe, Togo, Western Sahara (Admn. by Morocco)

Volume 2: Americas

Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, St. Kitts and Nevis, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Montserrat, St. Pierre and Miquelon, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Panama, French Guiana, Dominica, Paraguay

Volume 3: Asia

Afghanistan, American Samoa, Azerbaijan, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Cook Islands, Cyprus, French Polynesia, Guam, Iraq, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Melanesia, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Palestinian Territory, Palau, Pitcairn, Samoa, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Tokelau, Tonga, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uzbekistan, Wallis and Futuna Islands.

Volume 4: Europe

Andorra, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Channel Islands, Faeroe Islands, Georgia, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Holy See, Isle of Man, Jersey, Latvia, Monaco, Montenegro, Norway, San Marino, Shetland Islands, Svalbard and Jan Mayen Islands, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

SOAR Team Participates in Evidence Based Practice Conference

contributed by Dr. David Duffee

The Service Outcomes Action Research (SOAR) team participated in a conference on “Involving Practitioners in Gathering Evidence about Their Own Practices” on November 2, 2007 in the Life Sciences Building on the uptown campus. The conference was co-sponsored by the SOAR partner agencies, St. Anne Institute and LaSalle School, and the New York State Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA). The conference was attended by 100 people from a variety of child and family service agencies in the Capital Region, as well as members of the UAlbany community, representatives from the county social service departments, representatives from COFCCA, and representatives from the New York State Office of Children and Family Services.

The SOAR research team is headed by David Duffee, professor of Criminal Justice, and includes Assistant Professors Dana Peterson and Megan Kurlychek in Criminal Justice, Associate Professor Brenda Smith and Assistant Professor Heather Larkin from the School of Social Welfare, and Assistant Professor Amanda Nickerson from the School of Education. SOAR has recently completed a pilot study of youths going through residential treatment at LaSalle and St. Anne. Findings from this study provided the material to illustrate how practitioners can be involved in developing evidence based practices (EBP) that are based on evidence about their own practice. This form of EBP is known as a “developmental approach,” an alternative to the more well known “research and disseminate” approach to EBP. It is the goal of SOAR to develop the program theory and measurement plan with which to guide the recording of client progress in all St. Anne and LaSalle programs.

At the conference, Duffee, Peterson, and Smith, and criminal justice doctoral students Cam Steinke, Yufan Huang, and Aaron Scherer made presentations on the developmental process, residential outcomes, the causes of client engagement, and the effects of engagement on service provision and outcomes. Joanne Schneider and Nicolette Davis, both of St. Anne Institute, and Austin Byrnes, Bonnie Slater, and Mark Silverbush of LaSalle School responded to the presentations and led spirited discussion with members of the audience. Agency Executive Directors Bill Wolff of LaSalle and Rick Riccio of St. Anne, and Jim Purcell, executive director of COFCCA, opened and closed the conference emphasizing the value to the state of both SOAR findings and the participatory, developmental process that SOAR has established to involve researchers and practitioners together in the improvement of youth and family services.

Thanks to All Who Contributed to this Issue of the CJ Chronicles.

Do you have news to share?

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The deadline for submission to the next issue is Friday, February 8.