SCJ Students Take IFW Awards

The Initiatives For Women (IFW) program presented its 2008 awards over the summer break. Three of our current PhD students were among the recipients: Gina Penly Hall, Giza Rodick, and Jeanna Mastrocinque (as seen to the right).

Gina was presented with the Initiatives For Women Endowment Award. She is investigating the gap between the understanding of offender motivations and traditional explanations for the spatial distribution of crime. The award will partially cover travel expenses so she can present her preliminary findings at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology.

Jeanna and Giza received Presidential Awards. Jeanna will use her award to defray travel costs associated with her dissertation research, which deals with crime victims’ experiences in the criminal justice system and strategies for forming better U.S. policing policy. Giza will also use her award to cover travel costs to Colorado and Oregon. She will collect data from aid-in-dying organizations for her dissertation, which addresses the legal framings of the Right-to-Die movement in the United States between 1906 and 2006.

SCJ has a long history of IFW award recipients. In 2007, Yumi Suzuki received the Initiatives For Women Endowment Award. Christine Englebrecht, Ryang Hui Kim, and JoAnne Malatesta all took Presidential Awards in 2006. Elizabeth Brown, Lisa Sacco, Maria Tcherni, H. Catherine Bailey, Marie L. Balfour, Ellen Hauschen, and Myla Valor were 2005 IFW awardees.

The Initiatives For Women program has supported the educational and professional goals of University at Albany women in a variety of ways since its inception in 1993. For additional information on the Initiatives For Women program and awards dating back to 1996, please visit http://www.albany.edu/ifw.

Xie & McDowall Publish Lead in Criminology

Min Xie, Ph.D. ‘07 and Professor David McDowall published the lead article in the August 2008 issue of Criminology (volume 46, number 3). “The Effects of Residential Turnover on Household Victimization” can be read at http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/117996443/home?CRETRY=1&SRETRY=0.

Bushway Book Selected for Princeton List

Barriers to reentry? The labor market for released prisoners in post-industrial America, co-edited by Professor Shawn Bushway, has been included on Princeton University’s 2007 list of Noteworthy Books in Industrial Relations and Labor Economics. Additional information can be found at http://www.irs.princeton.edu/pubs/SR/306.pdf.
Publications & Presentations

Apel & Bushway in Journal of Quantitative Criminology


Bayley Gives Keynote in Melbourne

Professor David Bayley gave the keynote address on the relation between police and academic researchers to the Nexus Conference in Melbourne, Australia on May 27. He also gave seminars at Australian National University in Canberra and to the senior leadership team of the Queensland Police in Brisbane.

In addition, as a member of the UN’s International Police Advisory Council, he attended its semi-annual meeting in Stockholm, Sweden in late August.

Stamatel Shares Research on Post-Communist Europe

Professor Janet Stamatel reports an upcoming publication: Stamatel, Janet P. (2009) “Correlates of National-Level Homicide Variation in Post-Communist East-Central Europe” Social Forces. She also presented “Regime Change and Property Crime Variation in Post-Communist Eastern Europe,” at the American Sociological Association’s annual meeting in Boston, MA in August.

Loftin & McDowall Cited in Supreme Court Opinion

“Effects of Restrictive Licensing of Handguns on Homicide and Suicide in the District of Columbia,” an article co-authored by Professors Colin Loftin and David McDowall (with B. Wiersema and T.J. Cottey), was cited by Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer in his dissenting opinion on District of Columbia et al. v. Heller, decided in June.


Newman & Berg Publish on Identity Theft

Professor Graeme Newman edited Perspectives on Identity Theft (Crime Prevention Studies) with Megan McNally. The book explores theory, research, and preventive measures. Professor Newman’s chapter considers the opportunity perspective as it relates to the study of identity theft. PhD student Sara Berg addresses the use of information technology in the fight against identity theft.

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

New Addition

PhD student Sara Berg and her husband, Eric Schumann, welcomed their son Gabriel in August. Gabriel weighed in at 8lbs even and was 20.5” long.
Tcherni Kicks Off GSA Brown Bag Series

On Friday, September 26, PhD student Maria Tcherni presented this semester’s first Brown Bag Seminar on Student Research-in-Progress. The seminar series, sponsored by the Graduate Student Association, is open to the SCJ community. Faculty and graduate students packed Draper 217 for the first event.

Maria’s presentation, titled *A Path from Research Design I to Comp to Prospectus: Developing “My Theme,”* took a path she outlined as Fascination with Theory, Getting the Facts to Speak for Themselves, and Return to Theory: What Science is All About. After leading her audience on a journey from class project to dissertation prospectus, Maria opened the floor to comments and questions.

The next seminar in this series will be presented by Carter Rees. He will deliver “Adolescent Peers and Delinquency: The Interactive Influence of the Best Friend and the Friendship Group.” The talk will take place on Friday, October 31 from 12:30 to 1:30 in Draper 217.

If you would like to present a seminar, please contact Nicole Schmidt at nicolemschmidt@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Events

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