SCJ Students Take Honors in ASC Paper Competition

Two SCJ students received accolades from the Division of International Criminology of the American Society of Criminology.

Cassandra Rohme, BA ’07 took first place in the Undergraduate Student Paper competition. Her paper, originally written for Professor Janet Stamatel’s Cross-National Crime class, was called “The Effects of Globalization on Sex Trafficking in the United States and Russia.”

Nate Meehan, an advanced doctoral student, won an Honorable Mention in the Graduate Student Paper competition. His paper was titled “Human Rights Imprisoned: Institutional Human Rights Non-Compliance in Council of Europe Member States” and was originally written for his comprehensive exam.

SCJ Graduate Student Activity

SCJ graduate students are making names for themselves nationally and internationally. Following are a few examples of recent accomplishments.

Naomi Freeman and Jeff Sandler have been particularly productive, reporting three recently published journal articles.


After surviving a lengthy and rigorous review process, papers written by Alicia Altizio, Diana York and Todd Keister for a class on Problem Oriented Policing were published in the series Problem Oriented Guides for Police in 2007. Todd Keister authored Guide No.46 “Thefts of and from Cars on Residential Streets and Driveways,” and Alicia Altizio & Diana York wrote Guide No.49 “Robbery of Convenience Stores.” The guides are published in hard copy by the U.S. Department of Justice COPS office and are available online at the Center for Problem Oriented Policing (www.popcenter.org).

Following a successful presentation of their research in late 2006, Andy Davies and Professor Alissa Worden were invited to London to present their work on indigent defense at a meeting at the British Library on the Federal Nations of North America last March. Their presentation is expected to result in a book chapter due for publication in early 2008. They are also revising two manuscripts on the same topic which have received favorable reviews from Law and Society Review and Studies in Law, Politics and Society.
**Faculty Publications & Presentations**

Our faculty continue to make key contributions via their research publications and presentations.

**Professor Bob Apel** has a few upcoming publications:

Apel, R., & Kaukinen, C. On the relationship between family structure and antisocial behavior: Cohabitation and blended households. Forthcoming in *Criminology.*

Burrow, J., & Apel, R. Youth behavior, school structure, and student risk of victimization. Forthcoming in *Justice Quarterly.*

**Professor David Bayley** reports activity at home and abroad.

In June, Dr. Bayley wound up his participation on the staff of the Oversight Commissioner for the reform of the police in Northern Ireland. The first Oversight Commissioner was Tom Constantine, MA ‘71, former Superintendent of the New York State Police.

Professor Bayley spent ten days in Britain studying the impact of counterterrorism on uniformed police operations in the London Metropolitan Police (Scotland Yard).

Prof. Bayley also lectured on the future of policing at the National Police Command College held annually at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville.

Currently, Dr. Bayley is engaged in three projects: (a) Joint US-Israeli study of the future of policing in the “age of terrorism”; (b) Problems of selling human rights to police; and (c) Foreign assistance to police in countries afflicted with on-going insurgencies.


Dr. Peterson also has an upcoming publication:

**Major CDC Grant Awarded**

Professors Marv Krohn, Alan Lizotte, and Shawn Bushway recently received word that their proposal, “Examining Protective Factors for Youth Violence Within A Developmental Framework,” has been approved for funding by the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. This two-year (9/2007-8/2009) project deals with protective factors for youth violence utilizing data from the Rochester Youth Development Study (RYDS).

The project has four specific aims: 1) to identify protective factors that interact with risk factors for violence from childhood through adulthood; 2) to identify protective factors that can deflect individuals from various violent behavioral trajectories during adolescence and early adulthood; 3) to determine the role of protective factors in violent offending; 4) to study the intergenerational impact of family and environmental protective factors on violent behavior.

**International Visitors**

Shu-Ping Tzeng, PhD ‘06 visited the School earlier this semester from Taiwan. Dr. Tzeng is currently an assistant professor in the Department and Graduate Institute of Criminology at National Chung Cheng University.

Do you have an international scholar visiting this semester? If so, please share the details with Diana so we can feature the visit in an upcoming newsletter!
**Moot Court Competition Included in Homecoming Weekend Events**

Once again, SCJ students will stage a Moot Court Competition during Homecoming Weekend festivities. Garrett Barmore and Megan Cowles will face off against Rose Bellandi and Daniella Keller on Friday, October 12 at 3:30 pm in the Alumni House. A panel of judges, some SCJ alumni, will score the competition to determine the winner.

The case before the two teams involves a couple who homeschool their three children. The father also runs a gun manufacturing and repair business from the home. At the heart of the case is the Gun Free School Zone Act of 1997, which bars possession of a firearm on school grounds or while within 1000 feet of a school. Oral arguments will address the following issues: Does the Gun Free School Zone Act of 1997 apply to homeschooled children? Does it violate the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution? Does Congress have authority under the Commerce Clause to enact the law?

This case will also be argued at the American Collegiate Moot Court Association Eastern Regional Tournament at Fitchburg State College. SCJ teams will compete at the regional event for an opportunity to participate in the ACMA National Tournament at Drake University Law School in Des Moines, Iowa in January.

SCJ teams, coached by Distinguished Teaching Professor James Acker, have a history of success at both the regional and national competitions. Over the last two years, SCJ students have brought home national All-American honors four times. Matthew Laroche, MA ‘07 and Patrick Chamberlain, BA ‘06 earned the distinction in 2006 and 2007, respectively, while Alison Bain-Lucey, BA ‘07 achieved the designation in both years, making her a rare two-time honoree.

The Moot Court Competition is free and open to the entire University community - students, faculty and staff.

Sincere thanks to the UAlbany Alumni Association for their participation in the Homecoming competition, and the support they have given the Moot Court team over the years in helping defray expenses so students can travel to the regional and national competitions.

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**Hindelang Center Averages $2.2 Million in Annual Funding**

*Contributed by Arleen deGonzague*

The Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center has a long-established tradition of excellence in conducting research on a variety of criminal justice topics. Over the past ten years, annual funding for the Center has averaged nearly $2.2 million.

The Center’s research mission is broadly construed. Over the years, the Center has sponsored research projects on a wide range of basic and applied criminal justice research topics. A variety of federal & state agencies, local organizations, and private foundations that sponsor criminal justice-related research have supported Center projects.

**Brief Overview of the Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center**

The Criminal Justice Research Center was originally incorporated as a private, non-profit research institute in 1972 and located off-campus. In 1982, it was renamed the Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center following the untimely death of its founder, Michael J. Hindelang, who had been a Professor at the University at Albany’s School of Criminal Justice since 1970. In 1984, the Center moved to the University at Albany to become the primary research unit for the School of Criminal Justice.

Dr. Alan J. Lizotte is the Executive Director of the Center. Arleen deGonzague and Beth Garabedian provide administrative support to all projects through the Hindelang Center. The Center’s main office is located in Draper 241.

**Current Research Projects at the Hindelang Center**

A list of research projects currently being conducted through the Hindelang Criminal Justice Research Center is included on page 4. These projects cover a wide range of topics and sponsors. Numerous graduate research assistants and staff are being supported by this research.

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¹Key to Sponsor Abbreviations:

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics
CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Gimbel – Bernard F. and Alva B. Gimbel Foundation
LaSalle – LaSalle Institute
NICHD – National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
NIDA – National Institute of Drug Abuse
NIJ – National Institute of Justice
NIMH - National Institute of Mental Health
NSF – National Science Foundation
OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
St. Anne – St. Anne Institute
UCB – University of Colorado at Boulder
UMSL – University of Missouri at St. Louis
Norma Herrera is the sister of Leonel Herrera, who the State of Texas executed following the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in Herrera v. Collins (1993). In that case, the Supreme Court considered Leonel Herrera’s claim that newly discovered evidence demonstrated that he was innocent of the crime for which he was executed, but the justices rejected the claim and allowed the execution to go forward.

Ms. Herrera has written a book about this famous case and her brother’s life and death, entitled Last Words from Death Row: The Wall Unit (Nightengale Press 2007). She will sign books in connection with her speaking engagement. She also will be donating materials to the UAlbany National Death Penalty Archive.

This appearance is free and open to the public. Students and other interested members of the School of Criminal Justice community are especially encouraged to attend to hear Ms. Herrera’s perspectives on capital punishment, her brother’s case, and issues of criminal justice.

Upcoming Events

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Get to Know the GSA!
Contributed by Sara Berg, GSA President

On behalf of this year’s elected reps, welcome to another great year with the School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association!

We are a student-run organization that holds a number of social and professional development activities during the year. We organize various career and research brown bags, an annual spring dinner, and many other events.

We hold monthly meetings (upcoming: Tuesdays 11/6 and 12/4 at 12:15 pm in DR 147). All graduate students, from all year levels, whether MA or PhD, are encouraged to attend.

Keep an eye out for our annual merchandise sale; including T-shirts (short and long sleeve), polo shirts, mugs, and more! $1.00 from every item sold goes to support the Robert A. Martin, Jr. Fellowship Fund.

You can find out more information at our Website (http://www.albany.edu/~crjgsa), through our Yahoo discussion group (http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SunyAlbanyGSA), or by sending an e-mail to Sara Berg at sb872966@albany.edu.

GSA Fall Picnic
Contributed by Sara Berg, GSA President

The GSA held its fall picnic on Sunday, September 23 in Guilderland’s beautiful Tawasentha Park. The sun was shining, the weather was perfect, the leaves were turning lovely fall colors, and the food was plentiful.

About 30 people came out for the event, including graduate students, faculty, significant others, friends, and kids. A special thanks to everyone who helped purchase supplies, set up, cook, and clean up!

SCJ “On the Run” Hiatus

SCJ’s Team “On the Run” will be on hiatus this fall. The Times Union will not be holding their annual Run for Education 5K run/walk this year. Team Captain Dana Peterson will continue scanning the race calendars to identify a suitable (i.e., education or criminal justice-related) event for On the Run to take by storm in Spring ’08. So, don’t let those running/walking shoes get dusty and stay tuned!

Employment Information

Looking for job opportunities?
Check out the Employment Opportunities binders available in Draper 220.
New job postings are added regularly, so continue to check back often.

The GSA is accepting donations for their Annual Book Sale!

Faculty and students are invited to bring donated books to the SOURCEBOOK office (Draper 314) at any time.
Sharing Data through the Web

Contributed by Janet P. Stamatel

Traditionally, social science data sharing fell within the realm of academic organizations dedicated to the cause (e.g., the National Academy of Sciences or the National Institutes of Health) or those having specialized technical expertise in the area (e.g., the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)). However, Web 2.0 has made data sharing mainstream. It has not only made it easier to do, but it has fundamentally changed the way we do it. Web 2.0 has generated applications that encourage data sharing, allow “everyday people” to do it without a lot of technological savvy, and make sharing data fun. Data sharing has become a social activity. Here are two examples of social data Web sites that can be useful for criminal justice research and teaching.

Del.icio.us (http://del.icio.us/) is a social bookmarking Web site. It has taken Internet bookmarks to a new level by making them portable and shared. Many people use the bookmarking feature of their favorite Web browser to save Web sites that they frequently visit. Within your browser you can organize this information like a filing system. However, you cannot easily access the bookmarks stored on your office computer from your home computer, or vice versa. You also cannot easily share these bookmarks with colleagues or students. Del.icio.us allows you to store your bookmarks on their Web site. With a click of a button you save the Web address of interest and you have the option of including a detailed description of the site and keywords (tags) that allow you to classify and organize various Web sites. Not only does this site allow you to access your bookmarks from anywhere (even from a public computer at a conference hotel), but it also allows you to make your bookmarks public, if you choose, so that friends, colleagues, or students can access them. You can also search all of the bookmarks on del.icio.us to find sites relevant to your interests or to copy bookmarks from other people.

Swivel (http://www.swivel.com) is a Web site that makes it easy and desirable for individuals or organizations to share quantitative data about a variety of topics. “In an era of spin, opinion, and apathy about statistics, Swivel is a Web site that makes it easy for everyone to collaborate and explore data together — because better informed people make better decisions: in voting booths, in corporate boardrooms and at neighborhood meetings. We believe data is most valuable when it’s out in the open where everyone can see it, debate it, have fun, and share new insights” (http://www.swivel.com/about). You can post your own data, download others’ data as simple spreadsheets, view graphs and charts made with the data, and discuss the data online. As with any information that you get from the Web or other media, you should critically evaluate the content that you find on this site, especially if you are uncertain as to the original sources of the data, but many official organizations are starting to share their data via Swivel, including the World Health Organization and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Examples of data in the crime category include, “Top 100 Safest Cities in the U.S.,” “Adult Correctional Population,” “WalMart vs. Target Reported Crime Incidents,” and “Number of Police per Capita,” just to name a few.

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

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E-mail your news to Diana at mancini@uamail.albany.edu.

The deadline for submission to the next issue is Friday, November 9.