



# CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION NEWS

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## NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings everyone! I hope that this newsletter finds you in good spirits and enjoying your summer “vacations.” There is a lot of information to pass on in this newsletter, the bulk of which pertains to the upcoming SSSP conference in August, so I will keep it short. Two major points of interest though. First, the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency business meeting will be held on **Friday August 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm-6:10pm** in the Sutton Suite. Please stop by to check things out, especially if you are interested in helping to serve the Division. And second, as last year, all of the special problems divisions have agreed to join forces and hold one large reception. The division-sponsored reception is scheduled for **Friday August 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm-7:30pm** in the Vanderbilt Suite. Join your friends and colleagues for some good food, drink, and conversation. I am proud to announce that our Division is sponsoring or co-sponsoring 11 sessions at this year’s meeting—check inside for a listing of those sessions. Finally, my term as Division Chair is coming to an end. Please help me in welcoming Glenn W. Muschert as the new Chair. I have enjoyed serving and look forward to continuing to be involved in the Division’s activities in the future. See you all in August!

Cheers,  
Charis E. Kubrin

**SSSP 2007 ANNUAL MEETING:  
Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Sessions**

**Friday August 10**

- Session 5- Crime Stories: Session One
- Session 13- Crime Stories: Session Two
- Session 22- Terrorism and Public Policy:  
The Aftermath of 9/11
- Session 33- Crime, Justice and  
Incarceration

**Saturday August 11**

- Session 52- Violent Offenders, Victims,  
and Community/Organizational  
Responses
- Session 66- Prisoner Reentry
- Session 76- Law and Sexuality

**Sunday August 12**

- Session 101- Author Meets Critics:  
Ralph Larkin  
(2007 Temple University Press),  
*Comprehending Columbine*
- Session 130- Drugs, Crime and  
Punishment
- Session 137- "Scientists Have  
Discovered..." Disseminating  
Research through Media
- Session 142- Sex Offenders and the  
Legal System

**CCJD 2007 STUDENT PAPER  
WINNER!  
JOOYOUNG LEE**

Congratulations to **Jooyoung Lee**, a graduate student in the Sociology Department at UCLA. His paper, "Rappin' on the Corner: Transforming Provocations of Street Violence into Play" received the Division's 2007 graduate student paper competition award. Jooyoung will be presenting his research at the SSSP meetings this summer in New York City.

**WOMEN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE:  
POLICING, PROSECUTION, AND  
INCARCERATION**

Call for Papers and Creative Submissions  
for a Special Issue of the *National  
Women's Studies Association Journal*

Despite the fact that women constitute the fastest growing segment of the U.S. prison population, the ways in which women encounter and are affected by the criminal justice system remain largely understudied. In an effort to make a significant contribution to the scholarship in this arena, "Women and Criminal Justice: Policing, Prosecution, and Incarceration" is a special issue of the *NWSA Journal* dedicated to exploring the global connections among the many ways in which women experience various aspects of the criminal justice system. This issue will examine the broad range of specific challenges faced by women encountering the courts, police, and prisons. It serves as a means of documenting and bearing witness to the struggles of women whose voices are frequently silenced, while at the same time providing theoretical and analytical frames with which to discuss these issues.

The questions we are interested in exploring include but are not restricted to the following: How have shifts in laws and police procedures contributed to the rapidly rising numbers of women being sent to prison in the U.S. since the 1980s? In what ways do criminal justice systems intervene in, and even sever, legal and emotional ties between mothers and children? How are women engaging criminal justice issues as community leaders and activists? In instances when incarceration displaces significant numbers of women from a single community, how does their absence affect whole communities and also shape the ways in which people perceive and construct individual and group identities? We seek explorations and answers to these questions that engage notions of

gender, place, and culture as well as documentation and analysis of leadership and activism.

The following topical areas broadly outline the subject matter that we see as most relevant to the documentation and analysis of women's experiences with various criminal justice systems around the world. These can be used as starting points for papers, but authors are not restricted to them:

- The incarceration of women
- How the parole system affects women
- Laws which specifically target women, such as anti-prostitution laws
- Police brutality against women
- Families and criminal justice, including the high divorce rate among prisoners, single parenthood caused by incarceration, and the loss of parental rights because of incarceration
- Social relationships among incarcerated women
- Mothering incarcerated children
- Healthcare in women's prisons
- Women's labor in prisons
- Educational opportunities, or lack thereof, for incarcerated women
- Scholarly neglect and/or institutional exclusion of issues relating to women and criminal justice
- The pedagogy of teaching about or to women prisoners
- Representations of incarcerated women in the media
- Representations of incarcerated women in various art forms
- How women prisoners represent themselves
- Women and the death penalty
- International/transnational struggles and movements connected to women and criminal justice
- The failures of law enforcement and legal systems to effectively respond to crimes against women

- Comparative studies of issues related to women and criminal justice in different parts of the world
- Women prisoners displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and subsequently housed in men's prisons
- International responses to crimes against women, including the on-going murders of women in Juárez, México
- The particular challenges which face women who work as prison guards, attorneys, and police officers

We are interested in both academic papers and creative explorations of the above topics. Creative submissions could include but are not limited to poetry, autobiographical or narrative writings about women and criminal justice, and visual artwork. We encourage currently and formerly incarcerated people and their families to submit.

**Guest Editors:** Jodie Lawston,  
Department of Sociology, California  
State University San Marcos  
Ashley Lucas, Department of  
Dramatic Art, University of North Carolina at  
Chapel Hill

**Submission Process:** Proposals for academic papers and creative submissions, no longer than two pages, should be emailed to Jodie Lawston at [jlawston@csusm.edu](mailto:jlawston@csusm.edu) by October 15, 2007. Author(s) must include all identifying information on the proposal, including name, title, institutional affiliation, address, phone numbers, and email. After the deadline, we will review proposals and contact authors as to which manuscripts we will pursue for the special issue. Manuscripts that we decide to pursue will be subject to blind review and must adhere to the publishing guidelines of the *NWSA Journal*, found at: <http://www.nwsaj.engl.iastate.edu/>.

Feel free to contact either Ashley ([lucasa@email.unc.edu](mailto:lucasa@email.unc.edu); 919-962-2496) or Jodie ([jlawston@csusm.edu](mailto:jlawston@csusm.edu); 760-750-4623) with any

questions or concerns about the submission process.

People without access to email may submit proposals by mail to:

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## **DEADLINE FOR ALL PROPOSALS:**

**October 15, 2007 to**

**Jodie Lawston at [jlawston@csusm.edu](mailto:jlawston@csusm.edu)**

## **NEW CURRICULUM** Capital Punishment in Context

The Death Penalty Information Center (DPIC) recently launched Capital Punishment in Context, an innovative college-level curriculum that uses real-life capital cases to foster the research and analytical skills of college students. Capital Punishment in Context contains two teaching cases of individuals who were sentenced to death in the United States, Gary Graham and Juan Raul Garza. The curriculum provides a detailed narrative account of each individual's legal case, including resources such as the original reports from the homicide investigation, affidavits, and transcripts of testimony from witnesses. Available for free through a simple registration process, Capital Punishment in Context incorporates detailed teaching notes, sample syllabi, and a variety of supplementary materials to support instructors from multiple disciplines such as sociology, criminology, legal studies, literature, writing, statistics, and religion. Register today at <http://www.capitalpunishmentincontext.org>.

## **MEMBER NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**Henry Pontell** and Gilbert Geis, University of California, Irvine, are editors of the recently published *International Handbook of White-Collar and Corporate Crime* (Springer, 2007), a collection of 34 original works from scholars around the world regarding the social, economic and global impacts of occupational and corporate wrongdoing. The first volume in the *International Handbook* series to focus on white-collar crime, it explores the complex factors involved in pushing individual and organizational behavior to unethical and illegal limits.

<http://www.springer.com/west/home/generic/search/results?SGWID=4-40109-22-173660391-0>

Wadsworth, Tim and **Charis E. Kubrin**. 2007. "Hispanic Suicide in U.S. Metropolitan Areas: Examining the Effects of Immigration, Assimilation, Affluence, and Disadvantage." *American Journal of Sociology* 112:1848-1885.

**Creasie Finney Hairston**, Dean and Professor at the Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago has been appointed Editor of the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*. Now in its fourth decade of publication, the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation* continues to be the primary resource for research on rehabilitation programs and their impact on the criminal population. Information about the *Journal* and submissions may be obtained at <http://www.HaworthPress.com/journals> or by contacting Dr. Hairston at [journal@uic.edu](mailto:journal@uic.edu).

**William Chambliss** Ronald Kramer, Ray Michaloski, Nancy Wonders and Jeffrey Chambliss will be presenting papers on State Organized Crime at the May Workshop for the

Spring term of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Onati Spain.

THE IMPACT OF STIGMA ON COMMERCIAL SEX WORKERS, IDUs, AND THOSE WHO TRADE SEX FOR DRUGS by **R. Terry Furst**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, N. Y, USA and Kirsten F. Hunt, Columbia University, Teachers College, New York, NY, USA. International Journal of Crime, Criminal Justice and Law Vol. 1 • Issue 2 • December 2006

**James F. Rooney** Consumo entre juventud norteamericana: Un dilema paradójico (Consumption of alcohol among Northamerican youth: A paradoxical dilemma). Revista Espanola de Drogodependencias Vol. 31, No. 2, 157-172, 2006.

**Eric L. Jensen**, University of Idaho, delivered the keynote presentation entitled "How the War on Drugs has become Part of Social Policy in the U.S." at The Social Organization of Drug Policies conference at the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research at the University of Aarhus, Denmark in April. Following his stay in Denmark, Professor Jensen presented two invited papers at the Ministry of Justice and the Police in Oslo, Norway. The papers were on his outcome evaluation of therapeutic communities in Idaho prisons and a review of the research on criminal drug courts in the U.S.

**Joshua Meisel** has been hired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Sonoma State University.

**Mike Adorjan's** annual meeting presentation for Friday morning, August 10th, 8:30-10:30am under Crime Stories: Session One has been re-titled: "Representations of Youth Deviance in Canada - Moral Panics and Mass Print Media."

**Michael Pittaro**, MPA is the Legal Studies Department Chair at Lehigh Valley College in Center Valley, Pennsylvania. Professor Pittaro

has authored the nation's first and only Criminal Justice 'Quick Study' Academic Reference Guide. The criminal justice guide was specifically created to be a reference guide (similar to the popular Cliff notes) for undergraduate students enrolled in Criminal Justice; however, it will also appeal to anyone interested in learning more about the criminal justice system. The guide provides an overview of the entire criminal justice system, complete with a unique color-coded flow chart to coincide with the text. The guide literally takes the reader from arrest to disposition and everything in between. It includes the most important terms, figures, concepts, dates, and landmark US Supreme Court decisions found in any introductory criminal justice course. The author has even added examples and explanations of each criminal offense along the way.



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**Michael Pittaro**, MPA, and Frank Schmallegger, PhD are the editors of the forthcoming book, "Crimes of the Internet" (Prentice Hall – February 2008). This edited volume consists of thirty original, previously unpublished cybercrime articles authored by many of the world's leading authorities on cybercrimes.

Crimes of the Internet was expressly created for undergraduate and graduate criminal justice students, but it will undoubtedly appeal to a much wider audience interested in learning more about the growing number of Internet crimes. As of this writing, the research into cybercrime activities has been limited to a few ‘not so well known’ studies, which although often insightful, have unfortunately been confined mainly to academic journals which cater predominantly to college students, faculty, and researchers, yet the research findings seldom reach the desks of law enforcement officials, prosecutors, and policymakers. Outside of academia, cybercrime coverage is often restricted to identity theft and child pornography – a shortcoming that this book seeks to address.

## **SUBMISSIONS WELCOME!**

We welcome members to submit editorials, book reviews and other content to the CCJD newsletter! If you would like to submit something, please contact Sarah Shannon, newsletter editor at [ster0171@umn.edu](mailto:ster0171@umn.edu).