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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings everyone! I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits and enjoying the beginnings of Spring. We have lots of announcements and news from our members to share in this issue, so please read on. And stay posted- in our Summer newsletter we'll have details on the numerous Crime and Juvenile Delinquency sponsored and co-sponsored sessions that will occur at the annual meeting in New York City. Best of luck with the end of your semesters!

Cheers,

Charis Kubrin

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.

CALL FOR PAPERS AGENDA FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE--- 2008

Dear SSSP Member:

In 2004, the SSSP and the Justice 21 Committee published the first **Agenda for Social**

Justice—2004. That report contained chapters on poverty, education, unemployment, environmental health risks, global economic change, capital punishment, surveillance technologies, civil unions, domestic violence, cosmetic genital surgery, and domestic security and the Patriot Act.

We are now beginning our work on the second publication--**Agenda for Social Justice---2008.** This publication is designed to inform the public-at-large about the nation's most pressing social problems and to propose a public policy response to those problems. This project affirms the commitment of SSSP to social justice, and enables the members of the association to speak on public issues with the sponsorship of the corporate body. Every four years, coinciding with the national presidential elections, SSSP will issue a report on the nation's social ills. This report will be an "agenda for social justice," in that it will contain recommendations for action by elected officials, policy makers, and the public. The report will be distributed to national progressive organizations, policy centers, national labor organizations, members of Congress, state governors, mayors of large cities, national newspapers, and political journals.

The quadrennial report will be a product of the most valid and reliable knowledge we have about social problems and it will be a joint effort of the members and Divisions of SSSP. We invite you to consider preparing a "chapter" for the 2008 publication. We ask you, individually or with colleagues, to consider submitting a brief proposal (1-2 pp) identifying a problem of concern to members of SSSP, and respond to the questions: *What do we know? How do we know it? What is to be done?* As the coordinating committee for **Justice 21**, we will consider all the proposals and invite members to prepare a draft statement, following specific guidelines, for inclusion in the 2008 publication.

Please submit a copy of your 1-2 page proposals to each of the members of the

committee by May 30, 2007, and contact us if you have questions or would like additional information.

Sincerely,

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P.S. For an expanded discussion of **Justice 21** see the May 2001 issue of *Social Problems* ("Inventing Social Justice"). To see the 2004 publication, check the SSSP website (<http://www.ssp1.org>).

**THEMATIC SESSION:
MAKING RESEARCH MATTER IN
CRIME AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE
SSSP ANNUAL MEETINGS
NEW YORK**

I'd like to bring to the attention of the division members a session that I have organized for the SSSP meetings in NYC. It is a Thematic Session, sponsored by the Program Committee, entitled Making Research Matter in Crime and Criminal Justice. This was an attempt on my part to come up with a session consistent with our President Val Jenness' theme for the conference. Panelists for the Session are:

Valerie Jenness, University of California Irvine and President of SSSP.

Jeremy Travis, President of John Jay College/CCNY and past Director of the National Institute of Justice.

James Lynch, Distinguished Professor at John Jay College/CCNY.

Henry Brownstein, Director of the Crime and Substance Abuse Division, National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago.

Michael Jacobson, Director, Vera Institute of Justice.

I will serve as Presider and Discussant. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call. Thanks for including this in the newsletter!

Best regards,
Paul Steele

MEMBER NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Bruce A. Arrigo recently had the following coauthored book released:

Williams, C. R., & Arrigo, B. A. (2008). Ethics, crime, and criminal justice. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Pollak, Jessica and **Charis E. Kubrin**. 2007. "Crime in the News: How Crimes, Offenders and Victims are Portrayed in the Media." *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture* 14:59-83.

Kubrin, Charis E., Gregory D. Squires, and Eric A. Stewart. 2007. "Neighborhoods, Race and Recidivism: The Community Reoffending Nexus and Its Implications for African Americans." *Sage Race Relations Abstracts* 32:7-37.

Shannon, Sarah K.S. and Laura S. Abrams. 2007. "Juvenile Offenders as Fathers: Perceptions of Fatherhood, Crime and Becoming an Adult." *Families in Society* 88(2):183-191.