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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings from sunny Washington D.C.! Yes, even though it's mid-January we have yet to see the temperature drop below 50 degrees here. I hope we're not in for the worst winter of D.C. history.

Getting down to business, first, congratulations are in order for **Glenn W. Muschert** of Miami University's Department of Sociology and Gerontology, the new Chair-elect of the division. My sincere congratulations and warmest wishes for a great two years. Please join me in offering him your support to ensure that his tenure is successful and enjoyable.

Second, like last year, our division will be well represented at the annual conference. As reported in the last newsletter, in all we are sponsoring or co-sponsoring 17 different sessions this year. So please check out the SSSP website to find out what topics may be of interest to you:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/267>.

And finally, I'd like to bring everyone's attention to this year's student paper competition, which is described in detail on page two of the newsletter. In years past we've received only a handful of submissions so please encourage your students to submit papers. The winner will receive a \$300 stipend.

There's not much else to report from my end so just enjoy the rest of the newsletter and all the best in '07!

Charis E. Kubrin

**CCJD 2007 STUDENT PAPER
COMPETITION
DEADLINE: 3/15/07**

The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division announces its 2007 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of crime, deviance, and/or social control. To be eligible, a paper must have been written during 2006, and it may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers which have been presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation at a professional meeting are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; they can be single-authored or co-authored by students, but may not be co-authored with a faculty member or other non student. There is a 25-page limit, including all notes, references, and tables. Send papers and a cover letter specifying that the paper is to be considered in the SSSP Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Graduate Student Paper Competition to: Kristin A. Bates, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Cal State University San Marcos, San Marcos, CA, 92096-0001; email: kbates@csusm.edu. Include a letter from your advisor certifying your graduate student status and incorporating some comments about the paper. The winner will be announced in Spring 2007 and will receive a \$300 stipend.

**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>).

CALL FOR PAPERS
ON THE EDGE: TRANSGRESSION AND
THE DANGEROUS OTHER
AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE
AUGUST 9 & 10, 2007

JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE and CUNY GRADUATE CENTER

On August 9 & 10, 2007 at the City University of New York we will hold a celebratory conference of intellectual and artistic transgression. The conference will involve presentations, art and photographic exhibits, music, spoken word performances and film screenings centered around the concept of a new criminology for the 21st century. The conference's orientation is summarized in the following quote taken from our manifesto:

"Criminology at the moment is dominated by positivism and by rational choice theory. With the first lens all one can see is determinism and misery, with the second only pallid choice and the mundane. What is needed is a criminology which can grasp the phenomenology of everyday life, its experience of joy, humiliation, anger and desperation, the seductions of transgression and the appeal of the vindictive, the myriad forms of resistance and the repressive nature of acquiescence. What is needed, in short, is a

criminology of energy and tension rather than one of listlessness and inertia."

We are calling for interested participants from all disciplines to send us their ideas and concepts in any of the above forms to: Transgression Conference, c/o Department of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 899 10 th Street, New York, NY 10019 or email the conference organizers at ontheedge2007@gmail.com.

Deadline for Submissions is March 1, 2007

Organizing Committee : Carla Barrett (John Jay, Sociology), Luis Barrios (John Jay, Puerto Rican and Latin American Studies), David Brotherton (John Jay, Sociology), Jeff Ferrell (Texas Christian University), Michael Flynn (Center on Terrorism, John Jay), Jock Young (John Jay College)

Conference Sponsors : John Jay College, Sociology; John Jay College, Anthropology; Center on Terrorism; John Jay College , Puerto Rican and Latin American Studies; CUNY Graduate Center , Sociology; Crime, Media and Culture: An International Journal

Suggested topics areas for possible conference submissions:

Cultural Consequences of the American Gulag
Othering and the Shape of the New Terrorism
Youth Culture and Resistance
The Rise of Celebrity and the Occlusion of Class
The Seductions of Violence and Terror
War and Imperialism as Metaphor
What is Cultural about Cultural Criminology?
War, Genocide and Questions of Criminality
The Culture of Cool
New Media and the Re-Emergence of the Public Sphere

Cultural Explanations for the Enigma of the Crime Drop
Cultural Globalization and the Lottery of Geography

Abstracted Empiricism in the 21st Century:
Revisiting C. Wright Mills
Elsewhere and the New Media: The Sundering of
Place and Culture

Call for Materials

ASA Instructor's Resource Guide on Social Problems

Walter F. Carroll (Bridgewater State College) and Lutz Kaelber (University of Vermont) are compiling the fourth edition of the *ASA Instructor's Resource Guide on Social Problems*. They welcome course syllabi, class exercises and assignments, online resources, examinations and evaluation instruments, computer software and film reviews, and essays on pedagogical challenges and opportunities involved in teaching Social Problems courses. Please send pertinent materials, as attachments in MS Word format, to Walter Carroll at wcarroll@bridgew.edu.

Member News and Accomplishments

Laurie Schaffner was promoted to associate professor with tenure in August 2006. She is in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Her new book is now available: *Girls in Trouble with the Law* (Rutgers, 2006).

Melvin Levine has recently published: Levine, M., Wallach, L., & Levine, D. I. (2007). *Psychological Problems, Social Issues, and the Law. (2nd Ed.)* Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon. <http://www.ablongman.com/catalog/academic/product/0,1144,0205474543-DS,00.html>
A description of the book and its table of contents may be found on this site. It contains discussions of juvenile courts, competence issues, and death penalty for juveniles among

other topics of interest to those who interested in psychology and law issues. The book may be of interest to those teaching at an undergraduate or beginning graduate level, or to those training interns and residents in psychology, social work, psychiatry and pediatrics among other specialties.

Aaron Kupchik has published a new book, *Judging Juveniles: Prosecuting Adolescents in Adult and Juvenile Courts*, by NYU Press (2006).

Joachim Savelsberg has guest edited the following special issue of *Crime, Law and Social Change*, Volume 46, Numbers 1-2 / September, 2006: *Overcoming Narrow, Distorted and Unconscious Adaption of Theory in Criminology*. Contents of the issue are as follows:

Introduction: against narrow, distorted, fossilized, and unconscious adaptations of sociological theory – gains for criminology
Author: Joachim J. Savelsberg
Pp. 1-2

Differential social organization, collective action, and crime. Author: Ross L. Matsueda
Pp. 3-33

Underused potentials for criminology: Applying the sociology of knowledge to terrorism
Author: Joachim J. Savelsberg
Pp. 35-50

The criminological potential of pure sociology
Author: Mark Cooney
Pp. 51-63

Profiles of punishment and privilege: secret and disputed deviance during the racialized transition to American adulthood. Authors: John Hagan and Holly Foster
Pp. 65-85

Discussion: wrestling with the beast

Author: James F. Short, Jr.

Bruce a. Arrigo received the 2007 Bruce Smith Sr. award for research excellence, sponsored by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

Werner Einstadter announces the publication of the second edition of *Criminological Theory- An Analysis of its Underlying Assumptions* published by Rowman and Littlefield 2006 and co-authored with Stuart Henry. The text covers the major literature in an engaging, comprehensive and accessible way, allowing students to develop a critical understanding of both foundational and contemporary concepts in Criminology. Werner Einstadter is professor emeritus of criminology and sociology at Eastern Michigan University. Stuart Henry is professor of criminology and director of the School of Public Administration and Urban Studies at San Diego State University.

Tim Berard would like to communicate the availability of an on-line bibliography of ethnomethodological and conversation-analytic (EM/CA) works relevant to law, crime, deviance and social problems (including juvenile delinquency). The bibliography includes over sixty authors with institutional affiliations and over three hundred publications. The bibliography can be accessed through Tim's home-page: <http://www.timberard.info/>. Suggestions of additional EM/CA authors or publications relevant to law, crime, deviance, social problems (and juvenile delinquency) would be most welcome, also.

Job Announcements

The **University of North Carolina Wilmington Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice** invites applications for a full-time tenure track assistant professor position beginning August, 2007. The department has over 20 full-time

faculty members, roughly 350 majors, and offers bachelor's degrees in sociology, criminal justice, and a growing concentration in public sociology. Planning is underway for an MA program in Criminology and Public Sociology which will begin in fall 2007. Specialty area is open with preference given to candidates with specialization in criminology. Candidates must have the Ph.D. in sociology by time of appointment. Located on a beautiful 640-acre campus in an historic port city five miles from the Atlantic Ocean, UNCW is a growing comprehensive university committed to teaching, scholarship, and service. The university currently enrolls over 12,000 undergraduate and graduate students. For more information on the department, please see our website, <http://www.uncw.edu/soccrj>. Review of applications will begin February 15, 2007 and the position will remain open until filled. To apply, complete the online application process available on the web at <http://consensus.uncw.edu/>. A letter of application addressed to Dr. Diane Levy, Chair Sociology Search Committee, curriculum vita and contact information (including e-mail address) for three current professional references should be attached to the online application – not e-mailed or mailed. Microsoft Word or Adobe PDF attachments are specifically preferred. Letters of reference will be required for highly ranked candidates. For questions regarding the online application process, contact Sandie Ward at 910-962-3339. Under North Carolina law, applications and related materials are confidential personnel documents and are not subject to public release. Criminal background checks will be conducted on finalists prior to offers of employment. UNCW is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply.

Training Opportunities

“Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute:
Broadening Perspectives and Participation”
Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State
University; July 9-26, 2007

Faculty pursuing tenure and career success in research intensive institutions, academics transitioning from teaching to research institutions, and faculty carrying out research in teaching contexts will be interested in this Summer Research Institute. Organized by Lauren J. Krivo and Ruth D. Peterson and funded by the National Science Foundation and Ohio State University, it is designed to promote successful research projects and careers among scholars from under-represented groups working in areas of crime and criminal justice. The 2007 inaugural institute will be held July 9-26, 2007.

The Summer Research Institute will provide resources for completing a research project, senior faculty mentorship, networking opportunities, professional development workshops, and a culminating symposium. Travel and living expenses will be covered. Applications must be postmarked by February 9, 2007. For more information and to download an application, please see our web site (<http://cjrc.osu.edu/summerinstitute>). If you have any questions, please e-mail cjrcinstitute@osu.edu.