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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

Dear members of the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems:

Greetings colleagues! I hope that this newsletter finds you in good spirits and enjoying your summer. 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. However, there are four things I would like to highlight:

- First, congratulations to **Stacy Burns** of Loyola Marymount University who was elected 2009-2011 chair of the Division. Congratulations Stacy, and thank you for your willingness to serve the Division.
- Second, the **C&JD Divisional business meeting** will be held Friday, August 7th from 10:30am to 12:10pm in the SCH-Stanford West room. Please plan to attend, especially if you are interested in helping to serve the division. This is a good opportunity to engage in professional service, and to get to know colleagues in the division.
- Third, as last year, many of the special problems divisions have agreed to join forces and hold one large reception. **The division-sponsored reception** is scheduled for Friday, August 7th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm in the Nob Hill room. Join your friends and colleagues for some **free drinks and food**.
- Finally, the members of our division will make a significant scholarly contribution to this year's annual meetings. I am proud to announce that our division is sponsoring or cosponsoring **17 sessions** at this year's meeting—check inside for a listing of those sessions.

I wish you all a pleasant July, and I am very much looking forward to seeing you all in San Francisco for the annual meetings this August. Viva!

Glenn W. Muschert

**CJDD Sponsored Sessions
2009 Annual Meeting
August 7-9th**

CCJD is sponsoring or co-sponsoring the following sessions at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Hope to see you there!

Friday, August 7th

Session 2: Surveillance, Policing, and Social Control

Session 3: Gender, Race, Class, and Law

Session 18: Race and Social Control

Session 30: Wrongful Convictions and False Confessions

Session 38: Mass Killings at Universities and Schools

Session 40: Developments in Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Justice

Saturday, August 8th

Session 48: Crime and the Color Line

Session 63: Author Meets Critics: Stephen Morewitz, *Death Threats and Violence* (Springer 2008)

Session 69: Adolescent "Problem" Behavior: The Intersection of Criminology and Health

Session 74: Offender Reentry

Session 83: Victims and the Law

Sunday, August 9th

Session 87: Inequality and Crime

Session 93: Juveniles and Education: Symbolic Frameworks and Institutional Issues

Session 97: Contemporary Issues in Crime and Delinquency

Session 107: Crime and Sexuality

Session 117: Criminal Justice and Mental Health Treatment

Session 128: Theorizing Crime Stories

**CJDD Student Paper Competition
WINNER
Allison Hicks**

The 2009 Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division student paper award goes to **Allison Hicks** (Dept. of Sociology, University of Colorado), "*Strategic Conversion: The 'Work Safe' Culture of Prison Chaplaincy.*" Let us join together in congratulating this up-and-coming scholar for the outstanding quality of her work.

We also congratulate the following students for their fine work:

Second-place: Kristen Budd (Dept. of Sociology; Purdue University): "What Lies Beneath: Unmasking Predictors of Sex Crime Recidivism Using Criminal Arrest Histories of Sex Offenders."

Honorable Mention: Diane Therese M. Veloso (Dept of Sociology, Loyola University (Chicago)/University of the Philippines Diliman), "From Fetters to Freedom: An Ethnographic Study of a Residential Facility for Formerly Incarcerated Women."

Honorable Mention: Lincoln Sloas (Dept of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminology, Morehead State University), "The Current State of Treatment for Adult Sex Offenders under Community Supervision in Kentucky."

Thanks in particular go to Paul Colomy and Tamara Leech who served on the award selection committee. We thank them for their service to the division, and for their help in recognizing our outstanding student scholars.

CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS

One of the important ways that our division can have some impact on social problems solutions is by proposing a resolution for the approval of the general SSSP membership. The SSSP will then circulate the resolution to the appropriate legislative, administrative, or NGO bodies that you specify.

Resolutions should explain why there is a need for the resolution (the “whereas” section), and propose specific actions to remedy the problem (the “now, therefore, be it resolved” section). They should also state to which legislative, administrative, or NGO bodies the resolutions should be sent. Previous examples of resolutions can be viewed here:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/189>

Members who wish to propose resolutions for consideration of the SSSP should submit them to a Division Chairperson or directly to Cheryl Boudreau boudreac@gvsu.edu. According to a requested action from the Council of Division Chairs Report, the Vice President will only accept additional resolutions after the deadline in rare instances and only if such resolutions are thorough and complete.

Resolutions will be presented at a meeting all Division chairs or their proxies should attend on Thursday, July 31 from 12:30pm - 2:10pm. They may be edited at that meeting, and will be voted on for recommendation to the membership. Then those resolutions recommended will be presented at the general SSSP membership meeting.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Special Issue for Contemporary Justice Review:
Policing and Justice: Exploring Alternatives and
Furthering Old Debates

It has become somewhat axiomatic to refer to the police as the “gatekeepers” of the criminal justice system and a mechanism for the provision of “justice”. And yet, when we conceptualize the police thusly, we take for granted the actual empirical nature of the 'gatekeeping' role and its larger social meaning. A number of scholars have argued that democratic policing systems are necessary for the delivery of justice within liberal regimes, but just exactly how and if the various symbolic and operational functions of the police serve the goal of justice remains a question of empirical research and debate. Certainly, we have also witnessed a wealth of critical scholarship that contests the view that public policing serves all citizens equally or serves as a mechanism for accessing justice. The latter perspective raises another series of questions on possible alternatives to existing structures and processes that could make justice more widely accessible. For example, scholarship in this area has been near-exclusively focused on public policing, neglecting the plethora of private or community-based policing forms that operate beyond, below, outside, or parallel to the state. Whether or to what extent such forms assist in providing access to justice (through the state, private, or community means) remains ill-understood.

This special issue will address this deficit by collecting and publishing papers that foreground questions on the role and/or possibilities offered by public, private, or community-based policing forms as they seek justice for various populations. Generally, papers should explore alternative configurations of policing that go beyond the narrowly understood “gatekeeping” role. To this end, we seek papers from various

disciplines and theoretical standpoints that explore the following areas:

- The role of the public police in fostering or limiting access to justice for individuals and/or groups;
- Public policing policies, programs or practices that aim to increase access to justice for marginalized groups or citizens;
- Forms of non-state policing (or policing 'below the state') with the potential to widen citizens' ability to access justice through formal or informal means;
- Community-based and/or activist forms of policing or social control that replace the need for state-based initiatives.
- The general relationship between public or private policing and social justice.

We are also open to other subjects not outlined above that speak to the relationship between policing and justice as a special theme of scholarship. Please contact the guest-editors (Luis Fernandez, Northern Arizona University at luis.fernandez@nau.edu or Laura Huey, University of Western Ontario at lhuey@uwo.ca) in advance to discuss proposed topics. All papers must be completed and submitted electronically no later than February 15th. Please use standard formatting and submit the papers in a Word file format.

MEMBER NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Karen L. Bune was inducted into the Wakefield High School (Arlington, Virginia) Hall of Fame on June 12, 2009. She was recognized by her high school for her many years of service in the criminal justice system and her role in victim services and domestic violence. Specifically, Ms.

Bune was recognized for the positive impact she has made in the lives of many crime victims and, in particular, most recently victims of domestic violence. She was noted for her numerous selfless contributions to the field and for her steadfast dedication and commitment to improving the lives of victims and assisting them with moving forward with their lives. Ms. Bune is a nationally recognized speaker in the victim services field, a world-wide published writer, and an Adjunct Professor at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia and Marymount University in Arlington, Virginia where she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses in victimology. She is a writer for several law enforcement publications and a Citizen Reporter for The Washington Times newspaper.

CJDD member **William J. Chambliss** is the first recipient of the SSSP Law & Society Division Lifetime Achievement Award, which is also named after him. William Chambliss is Professor of Sociology at George Washington University. He is a pioneer in the study of law and society and the author of numerous criminal justice or sociology books and articles devoted to the study of such topics as organized crime, state organized crime, corruption, political sociology, and criminal law. The award will be given during the L&S Business Meeting on August 7, 2009, scheduled from 4:30pm-6:30pm.

Mark Pogrebin, Paul Stretesky and Prabha Unnithan have a book being published in August: *Guns, violence, and criminal behavior: The offender's perspective*, Lynn Reiner publisher.

Ronald Berger announces two new books:

- 1) *Juvenile Justice and Delinquency: Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Ronald J. Berger and Paul D. Gregory. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2009.
- 2) *Crime, Justice, and Society: An Introduction to Criminology*, 3rd ed., by Ronald J. Berger, Marvin D. Free, and Patricia Searles. Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2009

DeKeseredy, W.S., & Schwartz, M.D. (2009). *Dangerous Exits: Escaping Abusive Relationships in Rural America.* New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Stephen J. Morewitz's book, *Death Threats: New Research and Clinical Perspectives* (New York: Springer, 2008) is on the Amazon.co.uk Books Bestsellers List: The Most Popular Items in Hate Crimes.

Stephen J. Morewitz, Stephen J. Morewitz, Ph.D., & Associates, IL & CA, and San Jose State University, was interviewed about his book, *Stalking and Violence. New Patterns of Trauma and Obsession* (New York: Kluwer/Plenum, 2003), for an article on new stalker laws in the Chicago Tribune on March 26, 2009.

Cunningham Stringer, Ebonie. Forthcoming. 'Keeping the Faith': How Incarcerated African American Mothers Use Religion and Spirituality to Cope with Imprisonment. *Journal of African American Studies.*

Paul D. Steele, Professor of Criminology and Sociology and Director of the Center for Justice Studies at Morehead State University, presented two invited lectures at Oxford University in the past year. The first, at St. Anne's College, considered the effectiveness of civil and criminal justice systems in protecting children from child sexual abuse and has been published as "Responding to Child Sexual Abuse in the United States: Facing Challenges in the Civil and Criminal Justice Systems," in the FORUM ON PUBLIC POLICY, Vol. 4, No. 3: 41-57. The second, at Lincoln College entitled "Child Sexual Abuse among Socially Marginalized Groups: Cultural and Governmental Influences on the Perpetuation of Maltreatment in American Indian Country," is currently under review. This paper presents a conceptual model for understanding differences in sexual victimization and system participation of children and families from disempowered social groups. Steele will be

presenting this model in four venues in Australia during the Fall and Winter as it applies to aboriginal populations. The first presentation will be in Melbourne at the national conference of the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth, and others will be in university settings in Western Australia.

Claire M. Renzetti, Editor of the journal, *Violence Against Women*, is pleased to announce that the winners of the 2008 Best Article Award are Cathy McDaniels-Wilson (Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH) and Joanne Belknap (University of Colorado, Boulder) for their article, "The Extensive Sexual Violation and Sexual Abuse Histories of Incarcerated Women," which appeared in the October issue of the journal (v. 14, #10, pp. 1090-1127). The VAW associate editors and editorial board chose this article as the winner from among the 13 articles nominated. Drs. McDaniels-Wilson and Belknap received a plaque and a cash prize of \$100 from Sage Publications, publisher of *Violence Against Women*. A list of all the nominated authors and their articles appears in the June, 2009 issue of the journal.

New Publication Announcement from Criminal Justice Press: *The High Life: Club Kids, Harm and Drug Policy*, *Qualitative Studies in Crime and Justice*, Volume 2 by Dina Perrone

SUBMISSIONS WELCOME!

We welcome members to submit editorials, book reviews and other content to the CJDD newsletter! If you would like to submit something, please contact Sarah Shannon, newsletter editor at ster0171@umn.edu.