Greetings CJDD team!

Hopefully everyone is starting to enjoy some warm(er) weather as we approach the first official day of spring (March 20th). For this “Notes from the Chair,” I have a few things I would like to share with our members.

Legislative Highlight (I am a bit delayed in relaying this highlight.): In 2018, Congress passed the first major criminal justice reform legislation in nearly a decade – The First Step Act. If you would like to read up on this Act, see: https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/5682/text

New CJDD Award Highlight: Our division created a new award for our members. Beginning in 2020, we will launch the “Scholarly Achievement Award.” The Award committee will select up to two winners for this award annually. Nominees will be able to apply to one of three award categories: research/scholarship, teaching/mentoring, or leadership/activism. Look for the upcoming call for nominees on SSSP’s CJDD webpage and in our newsletter.
Last but not least, please be a meeting mentor at this upcoming annual meeting in New York City (NYC). I have been a meeting mentor in the past, which gave me the opportunity to meet our wonderful CJDD graduate students at various stages in their academic careers. It is a fun and rewarding experience. If you are interested in being a meeting mentor in NYC, please e-mail Dr. Louis Edgar Esparza at lesparz5@calstatela.edu by June 30, 2019.

All my best,

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Chair, SSSP Division on Crime & Juvenile Delinquency (2017-2019)
The Chair for the 2019-2021 cycle is Kelley J. Sittner!

Kelley Sittner (Ph.D., University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 2011) is an associate professor at Oklahoma State University in the department of sociology and studies substance use and mental health among understudied populations. She is particularly interested in North American Indigenous youth and adults, as well as homeless women. Her work has appeared in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Research on Adolescence, and Society & Mental Health. Recently, she co-authored Indigenous Adolescent Development: Psychological, Social and Historical Contexts (2014, Routledge/Taylor & Francis), which details the first half of an 8-year study of Indigenous youth and their families.

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The Chair-Elect for 2019-2021 (to rise to Chair in 2021-2023) is Robert L. Peralta!

Robert L. Peralta (Ph.D., University of Delaware) is an associate professor at the University of Akron in the department of sociology. The overarching aim of Dr. Peralta’s current research is to examine sources and correlates of substance use behavior, interpersonal violence, and other forms of health-risk and criminal behavior via both qualitative and quantitative methods using sociology of gender and feminist perspectives to frame his work. Specifically, Dr. Peralta’s past and current work relies on testing criminological and sociological theories to better understand heavy episodic drinking behavior, prescription drug use, other forms of substance use-behavior, intimate partner violence and other forms of interpersonal violence. Dr. Peralta’s long term research goals include conducting gender-informed research to inform and enhance substance use prevention, treatment and interventions targeting at-risk adolescents and young adults.

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The Associate Chair for 2019-2021 is Sarah Jane Brubaker!

Sarah Jane Brubaker (Ph.D., University of Delaware) is an associate professor at Virginia Commonwealth University in the L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs. She is also the Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs. Her research interests include sexual and domestic violence, adolescents at risk, social justice and social policy, reproductive and sexual health, and intersectionality. Her work has been published across the sociological spectrum, including The Journal of Marriage and Family, The Journal of Gender Studies, Feminist Criminology, and Race, Gender and Class.

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Member News and Accomplishments

Recent Publications


*A Previous SSSP CJDD Graduate Student Paper Winner!*


Accomplishments

Ting Wang, Ph.D., has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of North Carolina Greensboro in the department of sociology.

Kristen M. Budd, Ph.D. and chair of our division, earned tenure and promotion to associate professor at Miami University in the department sociology and gerontology. She has also won the prestigious E. Phillip Knox Distinguished Teacher Award: https://miamioh.edu/news/top-stories/2019/03/kristen-budd-receives-knox-award.html

Sharon K. Davis, Ph.D., has been elected to the position of President-Elect of the Pacific Sociological Association (PSA).

Job Openings

Visiting Scholar, Virginia Commonwealth University

Virginia Commonwealth University’s Institute for Inclusion, Inquiry, and Innovation is searching for a visiting scholar for the Disrupting Criminalization in Education Transdisciplinary Core for one year. The core aims to promote educational excellence through examining the criminalization of trauma and exclusionary discipline that prevent African American and Latinx children from engaging in learning. The core’s strength-based, community-informed research has the potential to inform the school, family and community level interventions that promote healing and decrease the criminalization of trauma. The core aspires to be an inclusive environment in which faculty, students, and community members, including those from historically underrepresented groups, contribute towards meaningful change. For more information, use the following link: https://www.vcujobs.com/postings/86872

Lecturer, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northern Arizona University (Multiple Positions Available)

Northern Arizona University is seeking multiple Lecturer positions in the department of criminology and criminal justice. These positions are teaching focused and non-tenure eligible. Lecturers will teach courses related to a BS in Criminology and Criminal Justice, a minor in Law, Rights and Justice, and an M.S. in Applied Criminology. The Lecturer appointment is a valued position within the NAU Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, with full participation in faculty governance and service. To apply: https://hr.peoplesoft.nau.edu/psp/h92prta/EMPLOYEE/HRMS/c/HRS_HRAM.HRS_APP_SCHJOB.GBL?FOCUS=Applicant&Siteid=2&FolderPath=PORTAL_ROOT_OBJECT_HC_HRS_CE_GBL2&IsFolder=false&IgnoreParamTempl=FolderPath%2cIsFolder
CJDD Members on the Job Market

Genevieve D. Minter, advanced to candidacy in the Department of Sociology at University of Nevada Las Vegas, has single authored and co-authored papers in review with the journals Environmental Education and Ecopsychology. She is currently on the job market with an expertise in criminology, environmental sociology, and ecopsychology. Her dissertation, “From Deviant Subculture to Mainstream: The Pit Bull Pariah” explores modern day pit bull ownership as a subculture to understand the experience and negotiation of social stigma. Here is a link to her professional website:

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