

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK**

Welcome to Autumn Quarter and the first of the 2003-2004 CJRC News editions. I hope that all of you have enjoyed both relaxation and productivity during the summer. I also wish you well in getting fall quarter off to a good start. Our law school colleagues have been underway for several weeks now, and I hope that things are going well for them. At CJRC, the year will be helped by the addition of Rita Van Buren as an administrative associate. Rita is a returning OSU employee having already served as a sponsored program officer for the Research Foundation. She has returned to the University on a part time basis and will be in the office (Journalism 231) on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. (Rita can be reached by phone at 247-6379, and her e-mail address is vanburen.2@sociology.osu.edu.) Rita's experience at OSURF and knowledge of the University are added bonuses for CJRC. For certain she will oversee our administrative work, and plan and organize our seminars, meet and greets, and the like. But we are also fortunate that Rita may be able to offer advice as we interact with University offices and apply for grants. Please join me in welcoming Rita Van Buren to CJRC.

As we start the year, we also want to extend our congratulations to two CJRC members whose promotions were approved at the July 11, 2003 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Stephen M. Gavazzi and Lauren J. Krivo will start the year as Full Professors of Human Development and Family Science and Sociology, respectively. CONGRATULATIONS STEVE AND LAURIE!!! Your promotions are well deserved.

Looking ahead to activities during the year, please mark your calendars for our fall seminars, the spring Reckless Lecture (April 14), and the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's (ODRC) Criminal Justice Research Conference (April 20). We are fortunate that the fall quarter seminar series will feature Dana Haynie, OSU Sociology (October 3), Ralph Taylor, Temple University Criminal Justice (October 17), and Kenneth Steinman, OSU Public Health (November 14). We are working on an equally interesting line up of speakers for the winter and spring. Marc Mauer of the Sentencing Project has agreed to be this year's Reckless Lecturer. Also in mid-April is the ODRC conference. For the past several years, OSU and CJRC has had good representation at this conference, and I hope that we will continue this tradition. In previous years, CJRC has requested your participation in sessions of this conference that featured only or mainly OSU panelists. This year, we will ask you to participate but not in separate OSU sessions. Rather, your papers will be placed in appropriate substantive sessions with researchers from around the state. See the "Upcoming Events" section below for more details on CJRC's calendar of events.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

Please mark the following dates for CJRC's 2003-2004 Seminar Series on your calendar:

Friday, October 3, 2003, Dr. Dana Haynie, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Ohio State University, will present a talk entitled "Residential Mobility and Adolescent Violence Evaluating the Mechanisms" in Journalism Room 106 (the Hall of Fame Room) from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Friday, October 17, 2003, Dr. Ralph Taylor, Professor of Criminal Justice, Temple University will present a talk entitled, "Design, Crime, and Fear" at the Fawcett Center.

Dr. Taylor's talk is being held in conjunction with a day long event on "Creating a Safer Physical Environment through Design," sponsored by the City and Regional Planning Program. CJRC is co-sponsoring Dr. Taylor's talk and therefore it is open and free. However, there are additional interesting talks and events that you may wish to attend, in which case a registration fee is required. To learn

more about this event please visit <http://knowlton.osu.edu/ped/crimeprevention.htm>.

Friday, November 14, 2003, Dr. Kenneth Steinman, Assistant Professor of Public Health, Ohio State University, will present a talk entitled "Drug Selling Among High School Students in Franklin County, Ohio" in Journalism Room 106 (the Hall of Fame Room) from 9:00-10:15 a.m.

Wednesday, April 14, 2004, Marc Mauer, Assistant Director of The Sentencing Project, will be the 2004 Reckless Lecturer. Additional information on the topic, time, and place of this event will be reported in future issues of CJRC News.

Tuesday, April 20, 2004, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's 7th Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn East in Columbus. A call for papers in Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Community Corrections, Policing, Sentencing and the Courts, and Mental Health in Criminal Justice has been issued. (See section on "Calls for Papers" below.) Note also that this year, ODRC will hold a Graduate Student Paper Award competition.

### **WHAT CENTER PARTICIPANTS ARE DOING**

Professor Walter DeKeseredy (Sociology, Ohio University) has a paper that will be appearing in *The Handbook of Studies on Men and Masculinities*, edited by R.W. Connell, J. Hearn, and M. Kimmel [Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage (in press)]. Walter's paper with Martin D. Schwartz is entitled: "Masculinities and Interpersonal Violence in North America."

Professor Joshua Dressler (Moritz College of Law) has two recent publications: *Criminal Procedure: Principles, Policies, and Perspectives* (2nd ed. 2003) (Thomson West), and *Cases and Materials on Criminal Law* (3rd ed. 2003) (Thomson West). In addition, Professor Dressler encourages submissions to the *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law* (see the notice in the Calls for Papers section, below, for more details).

Professor Seth Feinberg (Sociology, now at Montana State University) successfully defended his dissertation entitled: "Death Around the Corner: Explaining the Linkages Between Community Social Organization and Preventable Mortality." Congratulations, Seth!

Brandy Ethridge (School of Public Policy and Management; Sociology) recently presented the results of her analysis of the 2002 Columbus Citizen Satisfaction Survey at Ohio State. Her paper is entitled: "How Safe Do you Feel? Predictors and Policy." Brandy recently received her Master's Degree in Public Administration, and has decided to enter the graduate program in Sociology this fall to continue her academic pursuits.

Professor Alan Michaels (Moritz College of Law) presented a paper entitled: "Imposing Constitutional Limits on Strict Liability: Lessons from the American Experience," at the Centre for Penal Theory and Penal Ethics of The Institute for Criminology, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England in May. In addition, his article entitled: "Trial Rights at Sentencing" will be published in the *North Carolina Law Review*. The cite for the article is 81 N. Carolina Law Review 1771 (2003). Professor Michaels will be a visiting professor of law at the University of Michigan for the Autumn 2003 semester.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences is seeking presentations for its 41st annual Meeting,

March 9-13, 2004 in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year's theme is "Crime Prevention: One Goal, Multiple Approaches." Persons interested in participating should contact Lawrence Travis, III, University of Cincinnati Division of Criminal Justice, P.O. Box 210389, Cincinnati, OH 45221-0389 or lawrence.travis@uc.edu.

\*\*\*Deadline: October 1, 2003\*\*\*

The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences has issued a call for articles and papers to be included in an edited volume entitled Public Policing in the 21st Century: Comparative Issues and Dilemmas. This collection of articles is intended to provide a cross-cultural opportunity to critically assess and evaluate current American and Canadian public police institutional responses, policies, and practices in providing police services within a community context. For more information, see the ACJS website at: [http://www.acjs.org/public\\_policing.htm](http://www.acjs.org/public_policing.htm).

\*\*\*Deadline: October 31, 2003\*\*\*

The Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law continues to seek commentary essays on any criminal justice topic. Commentaries should be no longer than 5,000 words and should be lightly footnoted. Although there are no rules relating to the Commentaries (except those stated above), we are especially looking for provocative and thoughtful Commentaries written less formally than traditional scholarly articles. The Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law publishes twice a year, beginning in Fall 2003. It contains solicited scholarly articles as well as Commentaries. The editors are currently considering Commentaries for the Volume 1, Number 2 (Fall 2004) issue. Commentaries should be submitted to: [crimlaw@osu.edu](mailto:crimlaw@osu.edu). Please also see the new website for the Journal at <http://moritzlaw.osu.edu/osjcl>.  
Deadline for submission: December 31, 2003

Space for the issue, however, may be filled before that date.

The Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice is seeking manuscripts for a planned peer-reviewed special issue on the Criminal Event Perspective. Both theoretical and data-based papers which focus simultaneously on offenders, victims, and the context/situation will be considered. Papers cannot exceed 25 typewritten, double-spaced pages. Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics should be directed to Ineke Haen Marshall, JCCJ Guest Editor, via e-mail ([imarshall@mail.unomaha.edu](mailto:imarshall@mail.unomaha.edu)) or telephone (402-554-3898). Four copies of each manuscript should be sent, along with a copy on disk, to: Ineke Haen Marshall, University of Nebraska-Omaha, Department of Criminal Justice, Omaha NE 68182-0149.

Deadline: January 15, 2004

As noted above, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction would like to invite all Criminal Justice Scholars to present papers at the 7th Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference which is to be held on April 20, 2004, at the Holiday Inn East in Columbus, Ohio. The program consists of several areas, which include Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Community Corrections, Policing, Sentencing and Courts, and Mental Health in Criminal Justice. Abstracts should not exceed 150 words, and should be submitted to: Kelly Ward, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Bureau of Planning and Evaluation, 1050 Freeway Drive North, Columbus, Ohio 43229, or [kelly.ward@odrc.state.oh.us](mailto:kelly.ward@odrc.state.oh.us). Please see the conference website at <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/conference.htm> for more details.

Deadline: February 20, 2004

In addition, the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction is pleased to announce its Graduate Student Paper Award in conjunction with the 7th Ohio Criminal Justice Research Conference. Any student enrolled in an academic program at the graduate level is invited to participate. Only papers authored by a single student will be accepted. Papers may be conceptual and/or empirical, but must

be directly related to criminal justice issues. Papers must be typewritten, double-spaced, with a maximum length of 15 pages of text. Students who receive awards will present their papers at the conference on April 20, 2004 at the Holiday Inn East in Columbus, Ohio. For additional information on the procedures for submission, please see the conference website at <http://www.drc.state.oh.us/web/conference.htm>. Submissions should be sent to: Kelly Ward, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, Bureau of Planning and Evaluation, 1050 Freeway Drive North, Columbus, Ohio 43229. Deadline: Papers must be postmarked on or before January 30, 2004. Notification of Awards: Winners will be notified in writing by February 20, 2004.

### **FEATURED STUDENT PARTICIPANT - VALERIE WRIGHT**

Valerie Wright is a second-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Sociology at Ohio State. Although Valerie's travels have taken her all over the world, she is originally from the Columbus area. She graduated from Mifflin High School in Columbus in 1992. Following graduation, she left Columbus to attend Kentucky State University, a historically Black liberal arts university located in Frankfort, Kentucky, where she majored in criminal justice. After three years at Kentucky State, Valerie transferred to Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia, where she received her B.A. in criminal justice in 1996.

Valerie's studies in criminal justice led her to a position as a counselor at a community-based "8 to 8" facility for court-adjudicated juveniles. Though she found her work to be rewarding, she decided to pursue graduate studies at Ohio State to further develop her interest in the policy implications of criminal justice research.

As a result of her experiences in the 8 to 8 program, Valerie became interested in the desistance process. The juveniles in the program were at the ages at which criminal and delinquent activity tends to peak (the mid-teens), but what factors would determine whether they would continue to commit criminal and delinquent acts? As Valerie noted, "Few researchers focus on the other end of the continuum--why some people stop committing crimes."

In her Master's thesis, she considered the predictions of various theoretical perspectives for observed gender differences in both criminal onset and desistance. Her analysis revealed some surprising results. Social bonding theories indicate that marriage is an important factor in desistance from criminal activity. Valerie found this effect for men; yet, the effect of marriage was not as strong for women. Further, although gender theories identify childhood victimization as key in women's onset of offending, victimization was associated significantly only with men's entry into criminal activity. Her results show that different processes may be at work for men and women, and that these processes may be complex. In the future, Valerie would like to explore the association between sanction types and desistance. However, she acknowledges that this task would be methodologically daunting.

In part because of her interest in desistance, Valerie was awarded a 2-year Carnegie Mellon University research fellowship through NCOVR. Also, because of her interest in juvenile desistance and crime prevention, Valerie was selected to attend the Presley Institute's Summer 2002 Institute on Youth Violence Prevention Seminar. This was a multidisciplinary workshop aimed at ways to study and prevent youth violence. The primary missions of the workshop were to advance knowledge on the determinants of interpersonal violence, and to share research findings with policy makers and practitioners. In addition, the workshop included an evaluation component in which participants focused on how to effectively evaluate programs aimed at preventing youth violence. This evaluation component sparked Valerie's interest in "what works" in the prevention of youth crime.

Currently, Valerie serves as a graduate research associate in the Criminal Justice Research Center, working for Professors Ruth Peterson and Laurie Krivo on a project analyzing Ohio Incident-Based Crime Reporting Data (OIBRS). On this project, she uses the OIBRS data to prepare reports on crime in cities and other regions in Ohio. She has also enjoyed teaching criminology and criminal justice courses at Ohio State.

Despite her busy schedule, Valerie tries to make time for pleasure reading, water sports (a challenge in landlocked Columbus), dining out, and travel. Her travels have taken her to Germany, France, Jamaica, and Puerto Rico for an NCOVR conference. As her fellow students in the Sociology Department can attest, she has amassed an enviable collection of very practical souvenirs from around the world while engaging in another of her favorite activities: shoe shopping!

### **CREDITS AND CONTACT**

Thanks to all of you who sent your suggestions and announcements. We encourage you to keep us informed about any events that might be of interest to CJRC participants as well as any suggestions that you have for activities or programs. To contact the newsletter editor, please e-mail Lori at [muccino.1@osu.edu](mailto:muccino.1@osu.edu). If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please send Lori your e-mail address.