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DISPATCHES

The Criminal Justice Department is excited to bring you the first edition of the bi-annual MACJ newsletter! The MACJ newsletter will include the following features: upcoming events; upcoming courses; a Faculty Spotlight; a Student Spotlight; Alumni News; Dept. Research; and Student Updates.

I do hope that you are having a great quarter. As Graduate Director of the MACJ program, I am always available to meet with you if you need advising in the form of course selection or career advice. Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. All new MACJ students admitted in Fall of 2008, should be making an appointment to meet with me for formal advising.

If you have any contributions that you would like to make to the MACJ newsletter or have ideas about features for upcoming editions, please send them to me at gunnison@seattleu.edu or Devin at mackrell@seattleu.edu.



GUEST SPEAKER

Joycelyn M. Pollock will be at Seattle University on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 to give two presentations. Her first presentation will be Ethics in Crime and Justice: Current Issues where she will review major ethical systems and how they can be applied to current issues in criminal justice.



After touching on important ethical dilemmas for professionals in law enforcement, the courts, and corrections; current issues in the war on terror will be identified. The discussion will illustrate how these issues impact local law enforcement and court systems.

Her second presentation will be in the evening in the Feminist Criminology course where she will present current findings on a gendered violence study done in prisons in three states by Barbara Owen (PI, NIJ grant), James Wells, and Joycelyn Pollock. The discussion will cover how these findings are important to our understanding of other issues concerning female offenders. If time permits, she will also discuss current research on women as crim-

inal justice professionals and any other topic concerning women in the criminal justice system desired by the students. Don't miss the opportunity to see presentations from a well known and well respected criminal justice scholar!

APB

* **MACJ Info Sessions** ~
1st Thursday every month

* **SPEAKER: Kahlil Osiris** ~
March 3, 2009 (Casey Atrium)

* **ACJS Conference** ~
March 10-14, 2009 (Boston, MA)

* **MACJ Comprehensive Exam**
April 11, 2009 @ 8:30 a.m.

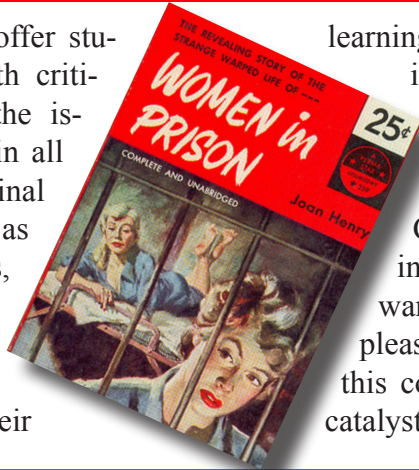
* **National Victims' Rights Week** ~
April 27th – May 1st, 2009

* **SPEAKER: Jocelyn Pollock** ~
May 27, 2009
@ 1:30 pm (Pigott 204)
@ 6:00 pm (Location TBA)

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FEMINIST CRIMINOLOGY – CRJS 521

This course will offer students an in-depth critical exploration of the issues facing women in all aspects of the criminal justice system (i.e., as offenders, victims, and workers). Additionally, students will have the opportunity to apply their



learning to the real world in the form of field trips including one to the Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor. If you want to be inspired, please consider taking this course. After all, the catalyst for Dr. Gunnison's

research on female offenders began in a graduate course similar to this one. The course is taught during Spring Quarter on Wednesdays from 6-9 p.m.

If you have any questions please direct inquiries to:
gunnison@seattleu.edu.

STUDENT PROFILING: THE GLASGOW CASE

Kelli has always been interested in law enforcement. She graduated with an AAS degree from Everett Community College in 2000, an ATA certificate in Paralegal studies from Edmonds Community College in 2005, and then a B.A. degree in Law and Justice from Central Washington University's Lynnwood Campus in 2007. She was named Student of the Year at Central Washington University (CWU) in 2007. As a member and Vice-President of the Law and Justice Club at CWU, she learned about the graduate program at Seattle University and was excited to apply. Kelli began the MACJ program in Fall of 2007 and never thought that when she went back to school, she would have gone this far in her education.

While in the MACJ program, Kelli completed an internship with the U.S. Marshal Service. She also attended the Law Enforcement Ca-

reer Fair in 2008 where she found out about a job with the F.B.I. where she could do research and analysis in the Seattle area-her hometown. She was offered a position as a Staff Operations Specialist (SOS). After completing her background and polygraph, she left for 4 weeks of training in the DC area in August 2008. As a SOS, she conducts analysis and research on various programs within the FBI. With her current position, it allows her to do a little bit of everything and when the time comes, she will make a decision whether to go on to be a Special Agent or Intelligence Analyst.

In the 2008-2009 academic year, Kelli was awarded the *Eugene Corr Scholarship*. She is also serving as the Graduate Student Council Representative for the Criminal Justice Department. In what little free time she has, she loves to vacation, ski, and hang out with family

and friends. Kelli will graduate in Spring of 2009. Kelli cannot thank enough those who have stood by her and helped to guide her throughout her educational and professional journey.



Kelli Glasgow, 2009

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THE USUAL SUSPECTS: STEPHEN RICE

Dr. Stephen Rice is the newest addition to the Criminal Justice Department. In the MACJ Program Dr. Rice teaches qualitative research methods, organizational theory and analysis, and punishment and social theory. Prior to joining SU in 2008, he was an Assistant Professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a member of the Ph.D. faculty in Criminal Justice for the City University of New York. He received his doctorate in sociology (criminology specialization) from the University of Florida in 2006.

His research interests include procedural and restorative justice, race/ethnicity and justice, terrorism, the social psychology of punishment,

and criminological theory. He has published in journals to include the Journal of Criminal Justice, Criminology, Justice Quarterly, Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance, and Policing. He is lead editor for Black, Brown and Shades of Blue: Exploring Race, Ethnicity and Policing to be published by New York University Press in 2009.

In 2008, as principal investigator, Dr. Rice was awarded a \$290,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to integrate education and research in training the next generation of homeland security experts and scholars. He is a member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and the American



Stephen Rice, PhD

Society of Criminology. In his free time, Dr. Rice enjoys hiking, travel and attempting to remain passably acceptable at tennis.

PAROLED (ALUMNI NEWS): E. NEIDHART

Elizabeth is currently working as the research coordinator for a large scale project empirically investigating the utility of structured sex offender risk assessment instruments and associated data in Washington State for the purpose of gaining improvement in this area. This project is part of a larger multi-agency task force assembled by Governor Christine Gregoire to investigate Washington State's existing policies and practices regarding sex offender risk assessment for offenders leaving the Department of Corrections (DOC). Her work involves interacting with several State agencies including the Department of

Social and Health Services (DSHS), the Special Commitment Center (SCC), the Department of Corrections (DOC), the King County Prosecutor's office, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy as well as



Elizabeth Neidhart,
Alumna 2008

the University of Washington's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences.

Using data from a Washington State offender population, this research is focused on examining the efficacy of the sex offender risk assessment tool that is currently employed in Washington State, its utility compared to other existing actuarial measures, as well as investigating the potential incremental validity of other variables that are unique to Washington or that are hypothesized to be relevant. Assisting her with this study are two Seattle University MACJ students, Matt Willms and Sarah Lindahl.

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UNDER INVESTIGATION (DEPT. RESEARCH)

Pike Pine Belltown Corridor Incident Study

The present research was designed in response to a request by the Seattle Police Department (SPD) to conduct a study aimed at determining the nature of crime in the Pike-Pine-Belltown corridor, the impact of directed (i.e., emphasis) patrol, the contextual factors that increase the likelihood of criminal behavior in the area, and the strategies that can be employed by police, corrections, and community to reduce crime in this area. Thus, this research could have a significant impact on police practices in the area and the use of criminal justice system resources to combat crime.

* Evaluation of the day reporting program of the King County Juvenile and Adult Detention Center.

* Evaluation of the Interaction Transition House, which is a half-way house that assists newly released offenders, primarily sex offenders, in their reintegration back into society.

* **Prof. Alexander** -- several articles under review, including "General Strain Theory and Race."

* **Prof. Gunnison** -- recently published in *Federal Probation* and the *Academic Exchange Quarterly*. An article entitled "Individual and Relationship Factors that Differentiate Female Offenders With and Without a Sexual Abuse History" is forthcoming in the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

* **Prof. Helfgott** -- published an article in *Federal Probation* and a book entitled *Criminal Behavior* with Sage Publications. Currently under contract with Sage for a book entitled *No Remorse: Psychopathy and Criminal Justice* with another article that is accepted pending revision in the *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture* entitled "Criminal behavior and the copycat effect: Review of the literature and theoretical framework for empirical investigation."

* **Prof. Hickman** -- recently published in *Police Quarterly*, *Applied Psychology in Criminal Justice*, and *Crime & Delinquency*. He most recently published the article, "Toward a national estimate of police use of nonlethal force" in *Criminology & Public Policy*.

* **Prof. Rice** -- recently published in *The Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance* and the *International Social Science Review*. Forthcoming articles include: "Emotions and Terrorism Research: A Case for a Social-Psychological Agenda" in the *Journal of Criminal Justice* and "Of Guilt, Defiance, and Repentance: Evidence from the Texas Death Chamber" in *Justice Quarterly*.

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