



# 2011 Newsletter

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Welcome to our first annual edition of the Department of Criminology Newsletter! It was an exciting 2010. Dr. Wesley Jennings and Dr. Michael Leiber were hired as faculty members. The department experienced another productive year in terms of publications and grant activity. In addition, both faculty and graduate students attended meetings at the Academy of Criminal Justice Association, the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association, the Southern Criminal Justice Association and the American Society of Criminology. There were over 30 people from the department who presented at the ASC meeting.

This will be the last year that Dr. Tom Mieczkowski will serve as Chair of the Department. We thank Tom for his excellent leadership and service. Particularly, we will miss his ability to fix things – putting together cabinets, book shelves, etc. Candidates are currently being interviewed to replace Tom and we hope to have someone in that position by July of 2011.

Whoever it will be will have difficult shoes to fill. After a one year sabbatical, Tom will rejoin the

Department as a faculty member.

We continue to attract students both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. We have over 1,200 undergraduate majors and more than 50 graduate students. The Department continues by most rankings to be among the top 10 criminology and criminal justice programs. The Department also houses the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) program which is a specialized area of study specifically designed for practitioners with an emphasis on administration and management within the criminal justice system. The undergraduate major coordinator is Ms. Lisa Landis, [llandis@usf.edu](mailto:llandis@usf.edu). The graduate coordinator is Dr. Lorie Fridell, [lfridell@usf.edu](mailto:lfridell@usf.edu). Dr. Max Bromley is coordinator of the MACJA program: [mbromley@usf.edu](mailto:mbromley@usf.edu).

We welcome your feedback with regards to the Newsletter and encourage you to contact us at anytime. Please do let us know what you are up to!

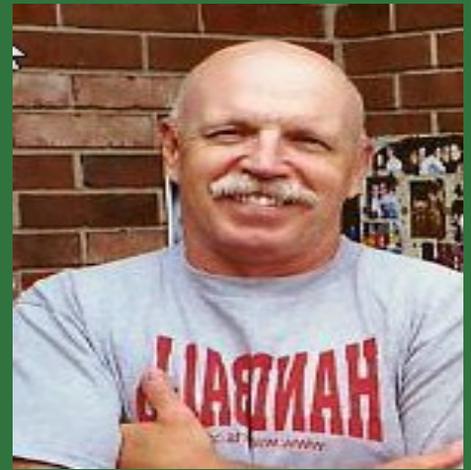
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Jennifer Peck, Assistant Editor  
Carl Root, Assistant Editor



## Faculty in Focus >>>

### Dr. Tom Mieczkowski

Tom Mieczkowski has been at USF for 21 years, first spending about 10 years running the criminology program at the St. Pete campus. Tom transferred over to the Tampa campus when Dwayne Smith joined the faculty as chair. A couple of years later Tom became graduate director. When Dwayne moved to the Provost office, Tom assumed the role of chair – a position he will vacate at the end of the summer 2011 semester.



Tom came to academics a little later than many, first spending a good deal of his twenties wandering around the Caribbean working on commercial boats, both freighters and tugs. He received his Ph.D. in 1985 from Wayne State University in Detroit. He was inspired to become a criminologist by his mentor and friend Dr. Joe Albini, who served a long term as a faculty member at Wayne State. Tom's earliest research work was ethnographic and focused on criminal enterprise and its organizational structure and operation methods – primarily organized street drug sales. This interest led him to more work in the area of drug epidemiology and ultimately to being a member of the Drug Use Forecast system, as director of the Detroit site – one of the original 8 NIJ DUF sites. That work was continued with funding support from NIJ here in Florida with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department, where Tom created a three year DUF-emulation study in 1990, incorporating hair analysis.

This was the first time hair assays were used in an epidemiological evaluation of drug use among arrestees. Eventually Tom received further NIJ support in establishing a similar system in New Orleans, where he worked with Harry Connick, the then-DA for Orleans Parish, along with the late Rosemary Mumm, in assessing the use of hair analysis, urinalysis, and IMS technology in a prosecutorial diversion program. In that program Tom also received additional research funding to assess the use of ion mobility spectrometry – the so-called “electronic dog” – as a drug detection technology. And in 2004 Tom received funding to operate the Hillsborough-Pinellas ADAM site (successor to the DUF program) which he did until NIJ terminated the program nationally in 2006. Out of all this activity Tom has published three books, more than 100 articles, numerous book chapters, reports, and related academic material. He has also testified before congress, lectured internationally, and acted frequently as an expert in assessing drug detection technology. Currently he is working with a research group in Germany which is developing metabolic markers in hair to assess alcoholic consumption. He is also working with a consortium of major trucking companies in reviewing and assessing the use of hair analysis to detect drug use in long-haul drivers and driver-applicants. Additionally, along with his friend and colleague Eric Beauregard at Simon Fraser University, he has developed an interest in the analysis of violent sexual assaults using a criminal event perspective and applying some novel analytic techniques to this issue, recently publishing several articles on that work including one this past year in JQ.

For fun Tom is an avid (if rapidly aging) competitive handball player in both singles and doubles competition. In 2009, he and his doubles partner Dave “Wildman” Wilderman made it to the Florida State Championship Finals for their age division, losing in a tiebreaker. His time at home is spent with his wife Sue who has a medical practice in St. Petersburg. When not enjoying her company, you are likely to find him in the garage laying underneath his old Lotus swearing loudly and fixing this and that on a car that demands more attention than Lady Gaga. Or you may find him working on his even older BMW motorcycle. Being born in Detroit he cannot stay away from internal combustion engines for more than few days before he gets extremely grumpy and stops eating solid food.

He is the lucky husband of the most wonderful wife in the world, the lucky father of a great son (Alex) a Marine Corps veteran and now student in California and a daughter, Sara, who is an attorney and practices as a public defender in Pinellas County.

# Dr. Richard Dembo

Richard Dembo is a Professor of Criminology at the University of South Florida in Tampa. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from New York University. He has conducted extensive research on the relationship between drug use and delinquency; has published three books and approximately 200 articles, book chapters and reports in the fields of criminology, substance use, mental health, and program evaluation; and has guest edited five special issues of journals addressing the problem of drug misuse.



He is a member of the editorial boards of *The International Journal of the Addictions* (renamed *Substance Use and Misuse*), *Violence, Aggression and Terrorism*, the *Journal of Drug Issues*, the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, the *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, and *Neurobehavioral HIV Medicine*. He has served as a consultant to the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the National Institute on Drug Abuse, the National Institute of Mental Health, the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, and the National Science Foundation; and is a reviewer of manuscripts for numerous professional journals.

He is Past-Chair of the American Sociological Association Section on Alcohol and Drugs. He has extensive experience working with troubled youths in a variety of settings and in applying research technology to social problems. He recently completed a NIDA funded experimental, longitudinal service delivery project designed to implement and test a Family Empowerment Intervention involving high risk youth and their families. He is currently involved in: (1) a NIDA funded truancy intervention project, (2) a Research Center as part of the NIDA, National Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Research Studies (CJDATS-2) Cooperative Agreement initiative, and (3) a NIDA-funded multidisciplinary Research Core Center (P30 grant) focusing on research into co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders within the justice system.

He is also involved in the Casey Foundation, Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative in Hillsborough County; and with the Hillsborough County, Juvenile Justice Task Force. He is currently assisting the Office of Justice Programs evaluate intervention programs for its (under development) Crime Solutions Resource Center. He helped develop the Hillsborough County Juvenile Assessment Center in Tampa, and supports JAC operations by: (1) completing special research studies, and (2) developing, implementing and evaluating the impact of innovative service delivery projects for youth processed at the JAC and their families. He has been a major party in the flow of millions of dollars in federal, state and local funds into the University of South Florida and the Tampa Bay area for various research and service delivery projects addressing the needs of high risk youth, their families and their surrounding communities.

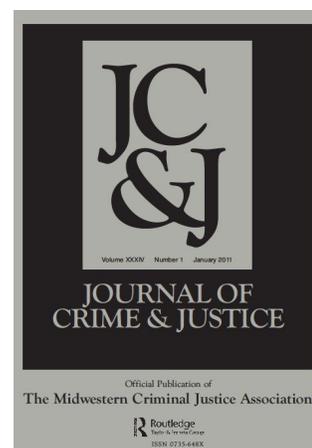
*Journal of Crime & Justice*

Michael Leiber, editor

*International Journal of Drug Testing*

Tom Mieczkowski, editor

## Home to Journals



# Student Spotlight

## Monica Landers

### Masters Student

Monica Landers is currently a Master's student in the Criminology program here at the University of South Florida. She also received her bachelor's degree at USF in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences with criminology and psychology as her areas of study. After completing her Master's degree she intends on pursuing another advanced degree in Social work. Monica intends on utilizing her degrees in order to advocate for youth as a social worker serving in a school or in a residential correctional facility for juvenile offenders.



Currently, Monica is working on completing her thesis on adolescent fatherhood as a potential turning point in the lives of delinquent youth. She also intends to submit for publication a couple papers on infanticide committed by juvenile offenders and a qualitative paper on victim-offender reconciliation in murder cases. Monica also assists Dr. Max Bromley as a teaching assistant for American Law Enforcement Systems.

Aside from her academic endeavors, Monica is committed to helping others. Just recently, she went to Atlanta and supervised a group of teenagers in providing lunch for the homeless population at a large shelter in the downtown area (out of her own pocket!). She is also involved in collecting and getting school supplies to youth in need in a St. Petersburg community and in a local community in need.

Above all, Monica enjoys raising her 4-year old son. She also enjoys swing dancing, running, and has competed in 5k races and a 1/2 marathon.



## Congratulations 2010 Graduates!



**MA:** Amy Eggers

Lane Kirkland Gillespie

Casey Williams

**PhD:** Melissa Harrison, "The Influence of Narcissism and Self-Control on Reactive Aggression"

Janice Kremling, "An Analysis of the Drug Use Estimates Contained in the DUF and ADAM Data: Implications for Research and Policy"

Joan Reid, "A pathway to child sex trafficking in prostitution: The impact of strain and risk-inflating responses"

Co-Chairs: John Cochran and Kristine

Chair: Dr. Mieczkowski

Chair: Dr. Sellers

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Committee: S. Jones, C. Sullivan, T.

Committee: M. Lynch, S. Jones,,

R. Borum

Lersch, S. Fogel

Mieczkowski, R. Borum

# Brian Sellers

Doctoral Student



*Brian Sellers* is currently a PhD student in Criminology, whose research focuses on justice studies, juvenile justice, psychological jurisprudence, and ethical dilemmas within the criminal justice system. He received both his bachelor's degrees in History and Political Science and his master's degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. While at UNC at Charlotte, Brian served as a graduate assistant to the Department of Criminal Justice, an intern to the District Attorney's Office of Union County, NC, and the managing editor of the *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*.

As a graduate student, he has carried out legal exegeses, qualitative analyses, and secondary data analyses examining justice-related issues in the processing, sentencing, and treatment of perpetrators of violence who exhibit mental health and substance use problems. His current research is guided by a law, psychology, and justice perspective, which promotes social change and action through theory-sensitive psychological jurisprudence. Psychological jurisprudence endeavors to secure what is best for offenders, victims, and the public at large via principles and practices represented by therapeutic jurisprudence, restorative justice, and commonsense justice. Collectively, these practices represent an inherently virtue-based philosophy that seeks to utilize more salubrious responses from both mental health entities and the criminal justice system.

Brian has served as a teaching assistant to Dr. Kathleen Heide and continues to work closely with her on publications regarding gender differences among juvenile homicide offenders. While working as a graduate assistant for Dr. Lorie Fridell's USDOJ Office of Community-Oriented Policing Service grant, he gained valuable knowledge in the development of curriculum aimed at training police officers on fair and impartial policing practices. Brian also teaches American Correctional Systems within the Criminology Department as an adjunct professor. Trained in psycho-physiological assessment, Brian currently conducts numerous assessments of adult offenders under the supervision of Dr. Jason Hall for the NIMH-funded "Trait Fear and Disinhibition in Impulse Control Disorder" study, which works in conjunction with the Psychology Department at FSU.

Additionally, he works under Dr. Sarah Desmarais in the Department of Mental Health Law & Policy at FMHI, where he collaborates on publications, grant writing, and plans to work with her on future grant-funded research that will utilize the Short-Term Assessment of Risk and Treatability (START) to at risk adolescent populations.

In addition to five peer reviewed journal articles, Brian is the co-author of a book that will be published this summer by Oxford University Press. This collaborative book project included Dr. Bruce Arrigo and Heather Bersot, and it is entitled *Ethics of total confinement: A critique of madness, citizenship, and social justice*. The book examines the phenomena of captivity and risk management whereby key insights are derived from psychological jurisprudence which is understood as a novel and experimental theory, method and type of praxis. Thus, degrading punishments and practices to which our increasingly distorted risk perception obligates us are critiqued, and future paths for justice policy are delineated from an enlightened reflection on the ethical and psychological roots surrounding the issues of security and justice.

## Featured Alumni

### Dr. Denise Paquette Boots

Denise Paquette Boots received her Ph.D. from the University of South Florida in Criminology in May 2006, M.A. in Criminology from USF in May 2001, and B.A. in Criminology from USF in August 1995. She joined the University of Texas at Dallas Program in Criminology in August 2006 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in April of 2010. She is the President and a Charter Member of the new chapter of Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at UTD. In addition, she serves as the Honors Faculty Mentor to the Terry Scholars Program, Affiliated Faculty with the UTD Center for Children and Families, and has served as Associate Chair/Graduate Director for the Program in Criminology for 2009-2010. Her research agenda relates to interpersonal violence, with a specific emphasis on topics such as mental health and violence, life-course criminology, neuropsychological vulnerabilities, domestic and intimate partner violence, capital punishment, youth crime, and parricide.



To date, Dr. Boots has published seventeen peer-reviewed articles, two technical reports, one book chapter and another in press, and has several other works in development for 2011. In 2008, she published an academic monograph with LFB Scholarly Publishing entitled “Mental Illness and Violent Youth: A Developmental/Lifecourse Perspective,” which examines the relationship between mental health problems and violent offending in boys over the life course using multiple waves of longitudinal data from the Pittsburgh Youth Study (PYS). In 2010, Dr. Boots and her colleague Dr. Jennifer Wareham (another USF alumna) were awarded a grant from the National Institute of Justice to replicate and extend her initial work off the PYS by exploring the multi-level relationship of selected mental health, familial and community variables on youth violence using restricted data from the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods. With her expertise in violence and homicide, she is an invited keynote speaker and consultant to various agencies and organizations in the Dallas area, having recently appeared on the nationally-syndicated Dr. Phil Show. In 2009, Dr. Boots was one of nine assistant professors across the University of Texas system to be awarded the prestigious UT Regents’ Outstanding Teaching Award for excellence in the classroom.

In her free time, Dr. Boots spends as much time as possible with her adorable three year-old daughter named Genevieve and her 120-pound golden retriever named Roman. She looks forward to escaping from the heat of Texas and getting away each summer to where her family lives near Glacier Park in Montana for fly fishing, hiking, and white water rafting. She enjoys cooking, traveling to new destinations, and experiencing different foods and cultures.

## MACJA Alumni

At the recent meeting of the Tampa Bay Area Chiefs of Police Association three graduates of the MA in Criminal Justice Administration Program (MACJA) were recognized. Chief *Dave Romine* of St. Pete Beach (the outgoing Association President) was recognized for his excellent leadership over the last year. Assistant Special Agent in Charge of the Tampa region of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, *Rick Ramirez*, was installed as the Association President for 2011. Finally, Chief *Bob Vincent* of the Gulfport Police Department, received the President’s Award for 2010 and was reelected Secretary- Treasurer of the Association. The Tampa Bay Area Chiefs Association includes representation from 9 counties and includes local, state and federal agencies. These three individuals represent the MACJA program and their agencies in exemplary fashion.

# Student Organizations

## CGSO

The Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSO) is a student-led organization committed to professional development and community service. In 2010, the CGSO organized and promoted a Comprehensive Exam Preparation Workshop and a Publication Workshop during the spring semester, as well as two Graduate Student Research Symposiums in both the spring and fall semesters. In addition, fifteen CGSO members participated as volunteers in the October 2010 Ironman Ironkids Triathlon in St. Petersburg, FL. The CGSO also spearheaded the Criminology Department's holiday service project by collecting and then contributing over 90 pounds of food, 20 toys, and \$140 to the "Boxes of Hope" food drive associated with the Metropolitan Ministries in Tampa, FL. The current CGSO officers include Stephen VanGeem (President), Jon Maskaly (Vice President), Lane Kirkland-Gillespie (Secretary), and Jen Peck (Treasurer).

## APS

Alpha Phi Sigma is the only Criminal Justice Honor Society for Criminal Justice Majors. The society recognizes academic excellence of undergraduate, graduate students of criminal justice, as well as juris doctorate. The Mission of Alpha Phi Sigma is to promote analytical thinking, rigorous scholarship and life long learning; to keep abreast of the advances in scientific research; to elevate the ethical standards of the criminal justice professions and to sustain in the public mind the benefit and necessity of education and professional training. In order to become a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, undergraduates must be a declared Criminology Major or Minor and have a 3.2 overall and major GPA; have completed at least 4 courses in Criminology; rank in the top 35% of their class. Graduate students must be enrolled in a graduate program; have completed four courses; have a minimum GPA of 3.4 on a 4.0 scale or rank in the upper 25% of their class. To apply go to [www.alphaphisigma.org](http://www.alphaphisigma.org) and click Membership Applications. Complete the application and bring it to the advising office for certification of grade point average.

## Welcome New Graduate Students!

### PhD

Gerald Banfield  
Jason Dobrow  
Amy Eggers  
Brandy Henderson  
Carl Root

### MA

Melissa Barham  
Stephanie Bramm  
Nicholas Branic  
Jocelyn Camacho  
Sarah Ehlke  
Averi Fegadel  
Markia Jennings  
Caridad Jimenez  
Charles Stickler



# Student Activities



Above: Dr. Wesley Jennings at the "Back-to-School Gala"

Amy Eggers, Chris Donner and Dr. Jennifer Lanterman



Jon Maskaly, Dr. Lorie Fridell and Jennifer Peck



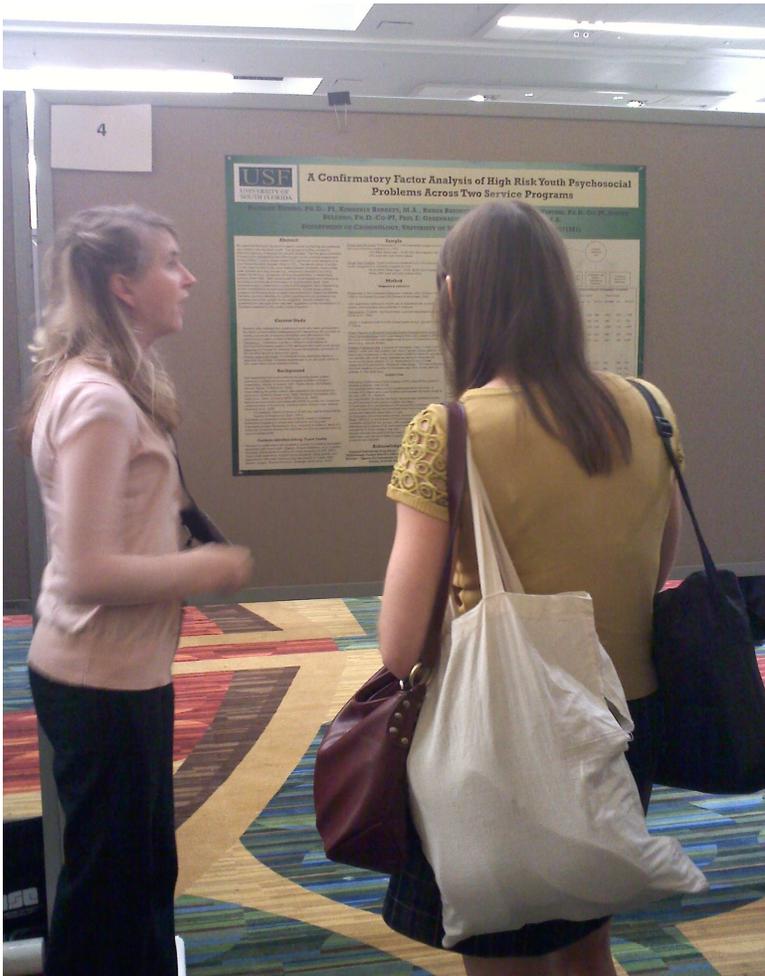
Drs. Christine Sellers and Michael Lynch



Michael Caudy at the USF Research Symposium



ASC (left to right): Nick Branich, Jennifer Peck, Chris Donner, Brandy Henderson, Dr. Kathleen Heide, Brian Sellers, Monica Landers and Oliver Chan



Kimberly Barrett presenting her research at ASC



Rhissa Briones-Robinson at the USF Research Symposium

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Jerry Banfield** is a first year doctoral student. He has worked as a US Census Crew Leader in Starkville, Mississippi. Jerry is a Graduate Assistant to USF's Criminology Graduate Office Director, L. Fridell. He was also a Teaching Assistant for Dr. D. Agresti, in the undergraduate course "Crime and Justice in America." He was elected as the First Year Representative for USF's Criminology Graduate Student Organization. He is also a research assistant for the National Police Platform Research Project with Dr. Fridell and others.

**Kimberly Barrett** is a research assistant to Dr. R. Dembo. She assists in enrollment, interviewing, and data collection at Tampa's Juvenile Assessment Center for the NIDA funded, "Brief Intervention for Drug Use and HIV/STD Risk Prevention Among Truants." She presented a research project entitled, "Youth Fear of Crime in School and Academic Experience," at the Southern Criminal Justice Association's annual conference in Clearwater. She was also a co-presenter on, "A Confirmatory Factor Analysis of High Risk Youth Psychosocial Problems Across Two Service Programs," at the ASC Annual Meeting in San Francisco, and a co-presenter on, "A Longitudinal Analysis of Risky Sexual Behavior and Alcohol Use Among Truant Youths in a Brief Intervention Study: A Preliminary Interim Report," at the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE) Annual Conference in Baltimore.

**Raleigh Blasdel** is a doctoral student who is a Visiting Instructor in the Criminology program at the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, where she teaches the following classes: Survey of the Criminal Justice System, American Law Enforcement Systems, Critical Issues in Law Enforcement, Research Methods in Criminal Justice, Victimology, Crime Statistics, Juvenile Justice, and Human Trafficking. She has also taught the American Correctional System at USF Tampa and Research Methods for Criminal Justice at St. Petersburg College. Raleigh is an active member of both the American and World Societies of Victimology and has three victimology-related manuscripts prepared for submission on the topics of co-occurring forms of intimate partner violence (IPV), healthcare workers as victims of IPV, and the portrayal of prostitutes in the media. Raleigh's research was presented at the following conferences: ACJS (San Diego, CA), Southern Criminal Justice Association (Clearwater, FL), ASC (San Francisco, CA), and the International Conference on Violence in the Health Sector (Amsterdam, The Netherlands). Raleigh and Dr. M. Bromley are also continuously conducting evaluation research for USF's MACJA program and have two manuscripts near completion for submission. Raleigh is very active as a mentor to the USFSP's Criminology Student Association where she organizes service activities, arranges for guest speakers, and assists in fundraising activities.

**Stephanie Bramm** is a first-year's Masters student in the Criminology program. Currently, she is involved with two research projects headed by Dr. A. Cohn and Dr. B. Hagman, a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy. Dr. Cohn's study focuses on explaining help-seeking behaviors among female victims of sexual assault and the role of alcohol and substance use among these females. Dr. Hagman's research focuses on alcohol use and self-regulation of drinking among college-aged students.

**Nick Branich** is currently a first-year Master's student. Since arriving at USF, he presented a poster on community members' perceptions and attitudes towards ex-offenders at the Southern Criminal Justice Association conference in the Fall. Currently, he is a GA working under Dr. Sellers.

**Joy Camacho** is new to the master's program this semester. She received her undergraduate degrees in Political Science and Communication from Ohio University. She has worked in various fields and industries such as finance, entertainment and information technology, but looks forward to her future in the area of criminology. Although new to criminology where everything is of interest, some specific areas include theory, corrections, public policy, deviant behavior, violent crime and victimology.

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**Michael S. Caudy** is a doctoral candidate in the Criminology department at USF who is currently working on his dissertation entitled “Assessing racial differences in offending trajectories: A life-course view of the race-crime relationship”. Michael co-authored an article entitled “Exploring the Utility of an Estimation Procedure to Reveal Drug Use among Arrestees: Implications for Service Delivery” in *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research* with Dr. Shayne Jones. Michael currently has two manuscripts under review in collaboration with Dr. O. Mitchell as well. In November, Michael presented preliminary results from his dissertation work at the ASC meeting in San Francisco. Michael has also collaborated on a number of research projects at the Florida Mental Health Institute where he is employed as a graduate research assistant. These projects include an evaluation of a discharge planning program for offenders with co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders and an assessment of the effects of witnessing domestic violence on young children.

**Jason Dobrow** is a first-year Criminology doctoral student. Currently, he is working with Dr. W. Jennings on a variety of research and curriculum development activities. He is also currently a Group Facilitator for the Ophelia Project Boys Initiative working with at-risk boys in various Hillsborough County Middle Schools. He recently received his school guidance counselor certification in the state of Florida and hopes to return to school counseling on a part time basis this coming fall.

**Christopher M. Donner** is a 2nd year doctoral student. He is a Grad Assistant to Dr. L. Fridell, working on the National Police Research Platform (funded by NIJ) – a longitudinal study of new police officers and police supervisors. Major agencies include Los Angeles PD, Chicago PD, Boston PD, Houston PD, and Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office. Christopher has also worked with J. Maskaly and Dr. M. Bromley on a community project with Gulfport, FL Police Chief R. Vincent (a MACJA graduate). He has also worked with two other graduate students, A. Eggers and A. Madias, on a gambling study (“Gambling, Problem Gambling, and Criminality in an Arrestee Population”) funded by the Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling. Christopher interviewed recent arrestees at the Orient Road jail about their past/current gambling habits. Data analysis and the final report were prepared by Dr. L. Lieberman and Dr. M. Cuadrado, both at the University of Texas El Paso. Last, he is a co-author of two papers that were presented at ASC in San Francisco. “Longitudinal Study of Police Supervisors” (with L. Fridell, S. Mastrofski, G. Cordner, and J. Maskaly) and “The Effects of Moonlighting on Modern Law Enforcement Officers Decision Making and Performance” (with J. Maskaly). He has one article in press.

**Judith Kavanaugh-Earl** is a student in the Criminology Ph.D. program, currently preparing to take the comprehensive exam in the Fall of 2011. Recently she completed a long term project assisting Dr. M. Smith to compile the comprehensive database for the North Carolina Capital Jury Project for the post-Furman period, 1978 through 2008. She has continued to teach CJL 3110 [Substantive Criminal Law] and CJL 4410 [Criminal Rights and Procedures] and is working with Dr. J. Cochran to complete two manuscripts examining racial invariance in the application of the North Carolina death penalty statute. She is also a former prosecutor and a trial attorney of more than 25 years, whose areas of legal specialty include complex state and federal litigation involving environmental enforcement and civil rights issues such as police excessive force and race and gender discrimination in law enforcement employment practices.

**Amy Eggers** is a first-year doctoral student in the Criminology program. She received her Master’s in Criminology last year from USF. While working on her thesis, she worked for a short time as an interviewer at a local jail for a gambling project. She also attended and presented at her first ASC Conference and is now working to get her thesis published. As part of her assistantship, she has been working on a meta-analysis of drug courts with Dr. O. Mitchell.

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**Autumn Frei** is a fifth year Doctoral candidate in the Criminology program who passed her comprehensive exams in Spring 2010. Currently, she is a Graduate Research Assistant at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) working on three Federal grants evaluating evidence based practice models in the community (medication assisted drug court treatment, treatment for homeless, & jail diversion focusing on trauma recovery for Veterans). She has presented results of her ongoing research with FMHI at the SAMHSA National GAINS Conference (The United States Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration). She also teaches 1-2 courses each semester in the Criminology Department (senior seminars on criminal profiling, sex offenders, and victimology as well as a special topics course on sex offenders). Autumn also serves as the student representative of the Graduate Committee in the Criminology Department and has served as a student representative for the College of Behavioral and Community Sciences Grievance Committee. She is an active member of the Criminology Graduate Student Organization and the Graduate Assistants Union at the University of South Florida. She is currently working on her dissertation prospectus examining gender differences in incarcerated sex offenders in the State of Florida.

**Gena Givens** completed her comprehensive exams and was admitted to doctoral candidacy. She co-authored the following journal article: Constantine, R.J., Petril, J., Andel, R., Givens, E.M., Becker, M., Robst, J., et al. "Arrest trajectories of adults with a serious mental illness." *Psychology, Public Policy, & Law*, 16 (4), 319-339. Gena also presented the following work at ASC: Givens, E., Gillespie, L.K., Richards, T.N., & Smith, M.D. "A comparative frame analysis of femicide in news coverage," which is also currently under review. Presently, Gina is working as a research assistant at USF's Florida Mental Health Institute on two grant-funded research projects. The first is funded by the FL Agency for Healthcare Administration and focuses on antipsychotic prescribing practices, and the influence of co-occurring disorders on offending. The second is funded by SAMHSA and is considering the effectiveness of judicial interventions for prescription drug abuse. As part of this research, she also participates in a working group that focuses on prescription drug issues in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Gena has taught Media and Crime, Survey of the Criminal Justice System, and Research Methods. She also served as a committee member on two undergraduate honors theses, one of which resulted in a paper currently under review pertaining to the use of mass media in assisting criminal investigations.

**Brandy B. Henderson** is a first year Ph.D. candidate in the Criminology program at the University of South Florida (USF) and an active member of USF's Criminology Graduate Student Organization (CGSO). For the last year, she has taught an undergraduate class, titled, "Survey of Criminal Justice Systems," where she teaches her students the inner workings of the police, court, and correctional components of the justice system. She also taught "Introduction to Criminal Justice" while she was a Master's student at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga (UTC), where she was the assistant editor for the *Journal of Feminist Criminology*. She graduated from UTC with her Master's degree Spring 2010, and her thesis has been accepted for publication. Her research interests focus on multiple homicide offending, corrections, and drugs. She is currently working with another doctoral student at USF, C. Root, to publish an article on Drug Myth Acceptance.

**Lane Kirkland Gillespie** is a first year doctoral student who graduated with her M.A. in Criminology from the University of South Florida in May. Her thesis was entitled "Is There An "Innocent Female Victim" Effect in Capital Punishment Sentencing?" She presented two papers in 2010, one at ACJS Richards, T.N., Gillespie, L.K., & Smith, M.D. "Exploring news coverage of femicide: Does reporting the news add insult to injury?"; and a second at ASC: Givens, E., Gillespie, L.K., Richards, T.N., & Smith, M.D. "A comparative frame analysis of femicide in news coverage." Lane currently is the program assistant for the M.A. in Criminal Justice Administration and has served two terms as Secretary for the Criminology Graduate Student Organization.

**Jessica Mitchell** is a doctoral student who works full time at the Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) at USF in the Department of Mental Health Law & Policy as a Graduate Research Assistant on several grants. She is currently working with Dr. A. Cohn on a NIDA-funded study that examines alcohol-dependent women who have experienced sexual assault in the past year and will be the lab manager for the research lab. Subsequently, she is also working with Dr. Cohn on two peer-reviewed articles; the first focusing on ecological Momentary assessment and the second on

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drinking restraint and impulsivity among college students. Additionally, she has been an assistant to the Criminal Justice, Mental Health, and Substance Abuse Technical Assistance Center (CJMHTA Center) for nearly three years. Finally, she is the interviewer on an evaluation of a local treatment for homeless program funded through SAMHSA. In addition, she presented “An Examination of Recidivism Rates Among Mentally Ill Arrestees in Florida” at the annual ACJS conference in San Diego, CA.

**Jennifer Peck** is beginning her third year as a graduate student in the criminology program. Currently, she is collaborating with Dr. M. Leiber and Dr. N. Rodriguez (ASU) on a manuscript for publication involving the macro-level predictors of gender juvenile justice outcomes. She has recently presented one paper (with Dr. Leiber) at the Midwest Criminal Justice Association annual meeting dealing with race and juvenile court decision-making and another at the ASC meeting (with Dr. K. Heide), relating to juvenile fratricide and sororicide offenders. She is a coauthor of a technical report for the state of Iowa on race and juvenile justice decision-making in six jurisdiction (Dr. M. Leiber and M. Fields). Jen also became the Assistant Managing Editor for the *Journal of Crime & Justice* this year. She is graduating in May with her Master’s, and hopes to continue onto the doctoral program this upcoming Fall.

**James V Ray** is a Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of New Orleans working with Dr. P. Frick. Project Coordinator for the McArthur/OJJDP funded Crossroads initiative which is a three-year longitudinal study comparing youths who have been formally processed to those who have been informally processed on a variety of social and individual outcomes. James has three articles that are in press. James is also defending his dissertation and is planning to graduate in the spring semester of 2011.

**Tara Richards** is a first year doctoral candidate. She had the following articles published: “Personal and political: Exploring the feminization of the American homeless population.” *Journal of Poverty: Innovations on Social, Political, and Economic Equalities*, 14, 97-115; “But I am not a counselor: The nature of role strain experienced by female professors when a student discloses sexual assault and intimate partner violence.” *Enhancing Learning in the Social Sciences*, 3(2) and “Victims hidden in plain sight: The reality of victimization among the homeless.” *Criminal Justice Studies: A Critical Journal of Crime, Law and Society*, 23(4), 285-301. She also co-wrote a book chapter with fellow USF Criminology graduate student, J. Reid titled “Girl power? The purchase of sexual fantasies by female sex tourists” in K. Cameron, E. Daniel, & S. Marcus-Mendoza (Eds.), *Violating women: Gender and female criminality*, and wrote two encyclopedia entries: “Corporal punishment” and “Peacemaking: Alternative court remedies” in B. S. Fisher & S. P. Lab (Eds.), *The encyclopedia of victimology and crime prevention*. Additionally, Tara co-authored a report for the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration: “Examining Florida’s Medicaid methadone maintenance programs.” Tara also presented 5 papers at ASC in San Francisco.

**Rhissa Briones-Robinson** is a student in the second year of the Doctoral program and is currently preparing for the comprehensive examination. Since the Fall of 2007, she has been under the mentorship of Dr. R. Dembo at the Juvenile Assessment Center and has assisted with various research projects that primarily involve delinquency and associated behaviors such as substance use, truancy, and sexual risk. She presented at several meetings related to these studies including a paper detailing preliminary findings on a longitudinal analysis of risky sexual behavior among truant youth, presented at the Biennial Meeting of the Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA), a poster presentation of a confirmatory factor analysis of high risk youth and their psychosocial problems across two service programs and a paper utilizing multigroup latent class analysis examining the problem profiles of at-risk youth in two service programs at the annual ASC meeting, a paper reporting the interim findings from a study of a brief intervention among truant youth involved in alcohol use and risky sexual behavior, which was presented to the Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE). She was also a co-author for a poster project addressing innovative approaches to juvenile offender STI issues for the International AIDS conference in Vienna, Austria. Additionally, with the assistance of Dr. K. Heide, she presented the results of her thesis entitled “Rape attitudes and beliefs: A replication study” at the annual meeting of the ACJS. During this year she also co-authored two manuscripts with Dr. Dembo: “Enrolling and engaging high-risk youth and their families in community-based, brief intervention services” and “Stress, mental health and substance abuse problems in a sample of diversion program youth: An exploratory latent class analysis,” both of which are published in the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*.

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**Carl Root** is a first-year doctoral student and was awarded the Kreplick Fellowship. He is currently working on a project with Edward Green entitled "Late Modern Moonshining: An Ethnographic Exploration of Illicit Industry and Innovation" with the help of a Program of Distinction grant from Eastern Kentucky University. This was presented at the ASC Conference in San Francisco, and he and Green have submitted an article on "Moonshine" for the SAGE Social History of Crime and Punishment in America. He also presented "Cultural Criminology is Decadent and Depraved: Hunter S. Thompson's Savage Quest for Justice" at the Second Annual International Crime, Media and Popular Culture Studies Conference at Indiana State University. This paper is currently under review.

**Brian Sellers** is a third-year PhD student who currently works under Drs. S. Desmarais and J. Hall in the Department of Mental Health Law & Policy at FMHI. He is helping Dr. Desmarais on several publications and research projects, while also serving as a psychophysiological technician on Dr. Hall's research team conducting personality and brain response research at DACCO. Brian had the following article published: Sullivan, C.J., Dollard, N., Sellers, B. & Mayo, J. "Rebalancing Response to School-Based Offenses: A Civil Citation Program." *Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice*. 8(4), 279-294. Additionally, he presented papers at the annual ASC, ACJS, and International Association of Forensic Mental Health Services conferences.

**Stephanie Smith** is a 2nd-year Master's student in the Criminology program. She is currently working on her Master's thesis and working as a Graduate Research Assistant at Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. She coordinates the logistics of the Implementation Science Committee and aids in the development and execution of a series of behavioral health services research conferences.

**Carol L S Trent** is a PhD student in the Criminology program. Carol published the following journal article: Pridemore, W.A. & Trent, C.L.S., "Do the invariant findings of Land, McCall, and Cohen generalize to cross-national studies of social structure and homicide?" *Homicide Studies*, 14(3), 296-335. Her current projects include a test of institutional-anomie theory as a explanation for political corruption cross-nationally and a qualitative analysis of recreational drug discussions on Internet message boards. She is also the instructor for Special Topics: Crimes of the Powerful - State Crime and serves as an assistant to the Graduate Director.

**Stephen VanGeem** is a second year Doctoral student in Criminology at the University of South Florida. Currently, he is the President of the Criminology Graduate Student Association (CGSO), after serving as the CGSO First-Year Representative from Fall 2009 to Spring 2010. In 2010, he taught courses for both the Criminology Department (Criminological Theory both face-to-face and online) and the Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Department (Introduction to Statistics) at the University of South Florida, as well as a week-long summer workshop on Life-course Offending at Utah State University. In addition, he gave a presentation entitled Temperament and Formation of Secondary Psychopathy at the annual Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) meeting in February, and the results of a related study conducted with Dr. Shayne Jones entitled Broad Indicators and Narrow Factors that Unify Psychopathy and Low Self-Control Theory at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) meeting in November. He is currently working on a research piece for publication with Dr. W. Jennings that examines marital attachment and criminal desistance, as well as a conceptual article with Dr. E. Kimonis of the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI) on trauma and callous-unemotional traits.

**Douglas Wholl** is a second year PhD student in the Department of Criminology. He has been working as a teaching assistant for the undergraduate course 'Crime and Justice in America'. In addition, he has been developing a manuscript with Dr. Palacios involving a new qualitative approach for the investigation of criminological phenomena, specifically the application of a meta-synthesis to the study of professional criminals. While working with Dr. Palacios on additional manuscripts involving meta-syntheses, he is also preparing for the comprehensive exams and developing the foundation of his dissertation.

# **2010 – 2011 Research Series**

## **Featured Speakers**

**Dr. Shayne Jones – University of South Florida**  
**“Beyond Baron & Kenny: Assessing Statistical Significance in Mediation Analyses Using SPSS”**

**Dr. Alex Piquero – Florida State University**  
**“What Can Alice in Wonderland Tell Us About Criminal Careers?”**

**Dr. John MacDonald – University of Pennsylvania**  
**"The Role of Race/Ethnicity in Criminal Justice Adjudications"**

**Dr. Kathleen Moore & Mark A. Engelhardt – University of South Florida**  
**“Cross Systems Mapping: Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Criminal Justice”**

**Dr. John Hipp – University of California – Irvine**  
**“Living in Your Own Private Idaho: Ego-Hoods as a New Measure of ‘Neighborhoods’**

**Dr. Gene Paoline – University of Central Florida**  
**“Conducted Energy Devices (CEDs) and Injuries”**

**Dr. Richard Dembo – University of South Florida**  
**“Individual and Community Factors in High Risk Youths' STD Status”**

## **MACJA**

The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) is a specialized program of study specifically designed for practitioners with an emphasis on administration and management within the criminal justice system. The program is a highly concentrated and structured course of study taught on Saturdays over five consecutive semesters. Since 2006, 90 students have graduated from the program. These students represent 45 different criminal justice agencies located throughout the Tampa Bay area. A “Capstone Project” is developed over the five semesters of coursework. It is designed to propose a solution to a problem in the student’s current agency that could potentially be implemented. Dozens of graduates of the MACJA program have been promoted after being in the program and numerous Capstone Projects have been implemented by their agencies. For those interested in the program, contact Max Bromley: [mbromley@usf.edu](mailto:mbromley@usf.edu)

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**Dr. Lyndsay Boggess** published the article, *Violent Crime, Residential Instability and Mobility: Does the Relationship Differ in Minority Communities in the Journal of Quantitative Criminology* (September 2010). Her current research agenda continues to examine neighborhood dynamics, the housing market, and urban crime; she has currently begun researching the relationship between socioeconomic improvement and crime in communities. She presented work on gentrification and crime at the Western Society of Criminology, American Sociological Association, and the American Society of Criminology meetings in the last year. Dr. Boggess (with the assistance of Dr. Max Bromley) is currently forging connections with the Tampa Police Department to begin research on crime trends in Tampa neighborhoods.

**Dr. Max Bromley** continued to administer and teach in the MA in Criminal Justice Administration (MACJA) Program in 2010. Students in the MACJA Program are all criminal justice professionals seeking to advance their careers and enhance their administrative skills. Potential MACJA students are recruited year-around by Dr. Bromley from over 45 criminal justice agencies in the Tampa Bay area. During the Fall and Spring semesters, Dr. Bromley advises and mentors 40-50 active MACJA students. Upon request, Dr. Bromley provides advice and assistance to local criminal justice agencies who have personnel that have graduated from the MACJA program. For example, Dr. Bromley arranged for two PhD students, Jon Maskaly and Chris Donner, to assist the Gulfport Police Chief (a graduate of the MACJA) in the implementation of a community survey. During 2010 Raleigh Blasdell, another doctoral student, assisted Dr. Bromley in the continuing evaluation of exit data collected from MACJA graduates. These data were presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

**Dr. John K. Cochran** (with James D. Unnever, Francis T. Cullen, and Brandon Applegate) had an article published in *Justice Quarterly* entitled, "The Pragmatic American: Attributions of Crime and the Hydraulic Relation Hypothesis, (vol 27(3): 431-457). He is also actively working with a number of graduate students on presentations, projects and publications.

**Dr. Amy Cohn** began her new position as Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology in May 2010, transitioning from a research faculty position at the Center of Alcohol Studies (CAS) of Rutgers University. She was the organizer and speaker of a symposium titled —"Promoting Behavior Change from Alcohol Use through Mobile Technology: The Future of Ecological Momentary Assessment" - at the Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) convention. She published seven peer-reviewed articles in the areas of substance and alcohol use, intimate partner violence, and human aggression in *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs*, *Addictive Disorders and Their Treatment*, and *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*. She has also co-authored seven research presentations for RSA, the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, and the American Psychology Law Society conventions. She was appointed member of the Substance Education Awareness Team (SEAT) at USF and holds a Courtesy Faculty Appointment at CAS. Dr. Cohn and colleagues from Texas Christian University and the Department of Mental Health Law and Policy at USF received funding for a one-year administrative supplement (\$100K direct costs) from the National Institute of Drug Abuse to examine client-level predictors of substance use and recidivism outcomes, using daily diary cellular telephone assessments, in a sample of alcohol-dependent individuals on probation and parole. She has a K-award under review at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to examine predictors of help-seeking among untreated problem drinkers using daily diary approaches and advanced multi-level modeling. Dr. Cohn has an active research lab where she mentors three graduate students from the Department of Criminology—Jessica Mitchell, Stephanie Bramm, and Sarah Ehlke -- all of whom will be pursuing an independent research project this year focused on alcohol use and criminal justice issues.

**Dr. Richard Dembo** published one article: R. Dembo, S. Belenko, K. Childs, P. E. Greenbaum, and J. Wareham, Gender Differences in Drug Use, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and Risky Sexual Behavior Among Arrested Youths, *Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse*, 19, 424-446. Dr. Dembo was involved in five presentations at the Society for Research on Adolescence, Philadelphia, PA, the Minnesota Correctional Health Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, ASC in San Francisco, the XVIII International AIDS Conference, Vienna, Austria, and the 2010 Joint Meeting on Adolescent Treatment Effectiveness (JMATE), Baltimore, MD. He also is Co-Investigator on a new USF Neuroscience Collaborative Grant Award (PI: Dr. Eva Kimonis). Dr. Dembo continued to work on two NIDA funded grant projects: (1) a truancy intervention project (Dr. Dembo, PI), and (2) a Co-Investigator on a CJDATS2 Research Center grant awarded to Temple University (PI: Dr. Steven Belenko). He is also actively working with a number of graduate students on presentations, projects and publications.

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**Dr. Lorie Fridell** passed the \$1 million mark in grant funds acquired since joining USF in 2005. She continues work as a Co-PI on the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) funded National Police Research Platform, which is a multi-component, multi-method pilot project collecting data on law enforcement personnel and agencies at 30 sites around the United States. With the \$387k subcontract from the prime institution, the University of Illinois at Chicago, Dr Fridell is supporting three graduate students (Jon Maskaly, Chris Donner and Jerry Banfield) and 50% of the time of Post Doc, Jennifer Lanterman. Fridell's team is overseeing the national, longitudinal study of first line supervisors and charged with implementing all Platform components in several sites including LAPD, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and several small agencies. The team made presentations at NIJ, ASC, and the annual conference of the International Association of the Chiefs of Police (IACP). Ruth Zschoche's dissertation data are from the Platform project. In 2010, Dr. Fridell closed out a \$370k grant from the USDOJ to develop model curriculums on fair and impartial policing for recruits and first-line supervisors. Based in part on the strong reviews of the curriculums from the pilot audiences (recruits and supervisors) from around the country, she was recently awarded \$200k in additional funding to hold train-the-trainer sessions. She provided two command-level staff trainings on fair and impartial policing in the San Francisco Bay Area, three in Wisconsin, and one in Prince William County (VA). She gave a ½-day training to 70 police and community leaders at Florida Atlantic University and worked with the statewide Racial Profiling Task Forces in both Kansas and Wisconsin. She was invited by the Psychological Services Section of the IACP to provide a plenary presentation on her science-based perspective on racial profiling at its annual conference; she spoke on fair and impartial policing at the annual conferences of both the IACP and Police Executive Research Forum (PERF). Fridell published three chapters: "Deadly force policy and practice: The forces of change," "Use-of-force policy, policy enforcement and training," and "Law enforcement agency responses to racially biased policing and the perceptions of its practice."

**Dr. Kathleen Heide** co-authored with current or former graduate students three refereed journal articles that were published in 2010. These included (with Autumn Frei), *Matricide: A Critique of the Literature, Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 11(1), 3-17; (with Jessica McCurdy), *Juvenile Parricide Offenders Sentenced to Death, Victims & Offenders*, 5(1), 76-99; and (with Oliver Chan – first author-- and Dr. Wade Myers), *An Empirical Analysis of 30 Years of U.S. Juvenile and Adult Sexual Homicide Offender Data: Race and Age Differences in the Victim-Offender Relationship, Journal of Forensic Sciences*, 55(5), 1282-1290. Dr. Heide was an invited speaker at the 2010 International Congress of the High School in Criminological and Investigative Sciences, held in Mantua, Italy, in March 2010. She presented a paper on *Male and Female Juvenile Homicide Offenders: A Synthesis of Three Studies of U.S. Murder Arrests*. Dr. Heide also co-authored with graduate students one paper presented at the 2010 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, (with Brian Sellers – first author) *Preadolescent Child Murderers: An Empirical Analysis of 32 Years of U.S. Arrest Data*, and three papers presented at the 2010 American Society of Criminology, (with Oliver Chan – first author and presenter -- and Dr. Wade Myers, *30 Years of U.S. Juvenile and Adult Sexual Homicide Offender Data: An Empirical Analysis of Racial Differences in Victim-Offender Relationship & Weapon Use*; (with Brian Sellers and Dr. Eldra P. Solomon), *Male Juvenile Homicide Offenders: Portraits of Young Boys, Pre-teens, and Teens Who Kill*; and (with **Jennifer Peck** – first author and presenter), *Juvenile Involvement in Fratricide and Sorricide: An Empirical Examination of 32 Years of U.S. Arrest Data*. Dr. Heide was awarded a one year sabbatical to pursue research on follow up study of parricide offenders, academic year August 2010 through May 2011. Media highlights during 2010 include Professor Heide's research on matricide being featured on *48 Hours* website (<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2010/04/10/48hours/main6383938.shtml>), being interviewed by Ashleigh Banford on female adolescent murderers for a *20/20* episode (<http://abenews.go.com/2020/video/cyberfeud-turns-deadly-info-parents-12191807>), and appearing on *In Session* (formerly Court TV), during the trial of Rachel Wade, 19-year-old girl convicted of murdering 18-year-old female rival. Dr. Heide received the Coast Guard Meritorious Team Commendation Award presented to Division Seven Training and Operations Team for training of "Joint Communications Support Element, a globally deployable communications task force charged with providing communications support to U.S. military combatant commands worldwide," October 2010. Dr. Heide was one of four USF professors to be profiled by the university (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4YEkXKIB7ac>).

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**Dr. Wesley G. Jennings** published 15 peer-reviewed articles in a number of criminological and criminal justice-related outlets. A sample of these publications: Jennings, W.G., Higgins, G.E., Tewksbury, R., Gover, A., & Piquero, A.R. A longitudinal assessment of the victim-offender overlap. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 25, 2147-2174; Jennings, W.G., Maldonado-Molina, M., & Komro, K.A. Sex similarities/differences in trajectories of delinquency among urban Chicago youth: The role of delinquent peers. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 35, 56-75; Jennings, W.G., Maldonado-Molina, M., Piquero, A.R., Odgers, C., Bird, H., & Canino, G. Sex differences in trajectories of offending among Puerto Rican youth. *Crime & Delinquency*, 56, 327-357; Piquero, A.R., Jennings, W.G., & Farrington, D.P. On the malleability of self-control: Theoretical and policy implications regarding a general theory of crime. *Justice Quarterly*, 27, 803-834. He also published a number of book chapters and attended and presented his research at regional and national conferences. In addition, he was the Guest Editor of a special issue in the *American Journal of Criminal Justice* which focused on 'New Directions in Research Examining Crime over the Life-Course.' Finally, he was involved in year one research for his two-year federally funded grant from the National Institute of Justice investigating sex offender recidivism and collateral consequences.

**Dr. Shayne Jones** co-authored two publications: "Illuminating dark figures: Examining an alternative approach for estimating prevalence in drug use", *The Journal of Behavioral Health Services and Research*, 37, 374-384. – and "Does it take a village? Assessing neighborhood effects on children's self-control", *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 47, 31-62. He also had 7 presentations at the ASC and 1 at the Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, both of which were held in San Francisco.

**Dr. Jennifer Lanterman** joined the department as a Post-Doctoral Research Scholar. She is working on the National Police Research Platform with Dr. Fridell and the Sourcebook on Crimes of the Powerful with Dr. Lynch. She co-authored the refereed article Boyle, D.J., Lanterman, J.L., Pascarella, J., & Cheng, Chia-Cherng. The impact of Newark's Operation Ceasefire on trauma center gunshot wound admissions. *Justice Research and Policy*, 12(2) and a book chapter Lanterman, J.L., Boyle, D.J., Pascarella, J., & Furrer, S. Police stress and access to confidential support services. In J.M. Peters (Ed.), *Police Psychology*. Hauppauge, N.Y.: Nova Science Publishers.

**Dr. Michael Leiber** had two publications, Leiber, M. and S.J. Brubaker, Does the Gender of the Intake Probation Officer Contextualize the Treatment of Black Youth?, *Justice Research and Policy* 12 (2): 51-76, Bishop, D., M. Leiber and J. Johnson, Contexts of Decision Making in the Juvenile Justice System: An Organizational Approach to Understanding Minority Overrepresentation. *Journal of Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice* 8 (3): 213-233. He also was a special editor for the *Journal of Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice* on the topic of Race and Social Control. He also provided consulting services related to race and juvenile justice, in conjunction with the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), to the states of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, and Kentucky. Leiber, along with D. Richetelli, also conducted a two-day web training to representatives from over 30 states on the issue of race and overrepresentation in the juvenile justice system. He was the Plenary Speaker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Disproportionate Minority Contact Conference sponsored by Virginia State University and an invited speaker at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Violence Conference sponsored by the department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Leiber also became the editor of the *Journal of Crime & Justice*, a journal of the Midwest Criminal Justice Association.

**Dr. Michael J. Lynch** had a busy administrative year chairing the department's two searches, the Internal and External Program Reviews, the Faculty Annual Review committee, the Ad-Hoc Productivity Report Committee, and the Young Scholar's Award Committee for the National White Collar Crime Research Consortium. In addition, he served on five journal editorial boards, was named coeditor of Ashgate's new book series, *Green Criminology*, and appointed as an Associated Faculty member of USF's new school of Global Sustainability. Lynch published three articles ("Global Warming as a State-Corporate Crime: The Politicalization of Global Warming During the Bush Administration"; "Does Self-Policing Reduce Chemical Emissions? A Further Test of the EPA Self Audit Policy"; and "A Cross-National Study of the Association Between Per Capita Carbon Dioxide Emissions and Exports to the United States"), two book chapters ("Global Warming, Global Crime," and "Does Self-Policing Improve Environmental Compliance?"), two annotated bibliographies ("Critical Criminology," and "Environmental Crime and Justice) in the Oxford University Press On-Line series, and a book review.

**Dr. Tom Mieczkowski** had eight manuscripts appearing in print or accepted for publication, including an article in *JQ* on homicidal outcomes in sexual assaults, as well as one on interrogation of sexual offenders in *Policing*. In the area of drug epidemiology he continues to work with Dr. Pragst in Germany on the use of fatty acid ethyl esters in hair as a diagnostic marker for alcoholism, and also with data from the trucking industry estimating drug use among long-haul truckers. Much of this drug detection work focuses on comparing different test matrices for their relative efficacy as markers of abuse, or as validators of self

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-reported behavior. Also he has published this year in *Forensic Science International* on racial differences in drug testing outcomes, with a focus on quantifying risk for cocaine positive drug test by hair and urine. Most recently he has received a new data set expanding the range of alcoholism markers to include glucuronides in hair, and is currently assessing that data set. He also submitted, with Dr. Kim Lersch, and NIJ grant proposal to assess the impact of foreclosures on demands for policing services which was not funded.

**Dr. Wilson R. Palacios** is the recipient of National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers (LRP-CR): *NIDA Clinical Research Scholar*: 2010-2012. Dr. Palacios is currently working with Dr. Robert Heimer and Dr. Lauretta E. Grau on the first longitudinal (prospective) cohort study examining multilevel factors in HIV Transmission among suburban injection drug users (IDUs) residing in Connecticut. Dr. Palacios is a visiting associate research scientist at the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA): <http://cira.med.yale.edu/> Yale School of Public Health, Yale University. In addition to his research and training obligations, Dr. Palacios serves on CIRA's Interdisciplinary Research Methods (IRM) Core, Community Research (CR) Core, and Law, Policy, and Ethics (LPE) Core. As a result of his ongoing work with CIRA, Dr. Palacios currently serves as a Co-Principal Investigator on a 12-month NIDA-funded initiative focusing on the nature of drug treatment accessibility across immigrant communities in Connecticut. In July Dr. Palacios was awarded a *travel grant* from NIDA for: "Narrative Data Mining: Applying a Transdisciplinary Framework." presented at the 2010 National Hispanic Science Network, (NHSN) Conference in New Orleans, LA. In addition, preliminary research findings from his ongoing collaborative were presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Harm Reduction Conference. This past November, Dr. Palacios participated in an *Authors Meet Critics* Session at ASC (as a critic of: *Dorm Room Dealers: Drugs and the Privileges of Race & Class*). This past summer, he participated in a CIRA co-sponsored conference by presenting *Analysis of Conference Attendee Survey Results*, at *Responding to Resurgent HIV/STI Incidence Among MSM in CT: Effective HIV Prevention Interventions for Gay Men* and in the spring he was an invited participant for the NIDA-NIH *Special Populations Research Development Seminar Series*. Dr. Palacios co-authored, "Alcohol and Drug Mitigation in Capital Murder Trials: Implications for Sentencing Decisions" *Justice Quarterly*, 24(4), authored an encyclopedic entry, "Glenn D. Walters: Lifestyle Theory." In F. Cullen and P. Wilcox (Eds.). *The Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, a book review, *The High Life: Club Kids, Harm, and Drug Policy* by Dina Perrone. *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, Volume 18:4 and co-authored two federal grant applications; one to the NIJ and one for NIH-NIDA.

**Dr. Christine Sellers** co-authored an article entitled "The Empirical Status of Social Learning Theory: A Meta-Analysis" published in *Justice Quarterly*, Vol. 27(6). She also was senior author on an entry entitled "Ronald L. Akers: Social Learning Theory" published in the *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, edited by F. Cullen and P. Wilcox for Sage Publications. She made presentations at the annual meetings of both the ACJS and the ASC.

**Dr. Dwayne Smith** was co-author of a *Justice Quarterly* (vol. 27, pp. 517-537) article, "Alcohol and Drug Mitigation in Capital Murder Trials: Implications for Sentencing Decisions." In addition, he presented "A Profile of Sentencing in Capital Murder Trials: North Carolina, 1977-2008" at the meeting of the Homicide Research Working Group. At the ASC meeting, he was the co-author of a paper, "A Comparative Frame Analysis of Femicide News Coverage," and co-author of a poster, "The Impact of Number of Jurors on Capital Sentencing." He is also actively working with a number of graduate students on presentations, projects, and publications.

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## The Last Word:

### Dr. Michael J. Lynch



#### Understudied Populations: Focus on Native Americans

In recent years, criminologists have become more interested in examining understudied populations or groups typically omitted from criminological research. This focus has produced research not only on subcultures, but among underserved populations (e.g., Professor Dembo's long-term research agenda or Professor Palacios' work at Yale). Such projects have important policy and theory implications (e.g., service delivery; the epidemiology and causes of behavior among those groups and in comparison to other populations, etc.).

Perhaps one of the most understudied populations in criminology are Native populations – American Indians and Native Alaskans and Hawaiians. It is not unusual to overlook Native populations given their small size and in some locations, their complete absence. I have only recently engaged in work addressing this issue, while Professor Michael Leiber has long been involved in research examining the treatment of American Indians in the juvenile justice system.

Within criminology, there is a very small literature on Native Americans with several studies examining processing effects, a handful of studies that examine the application of traditional theories of crime among Native populations and those which examine Bureau of Indian Affairs processing and regulation of American Indians. Not surprisingly, much of this research has been produced by scholars located in states with significant American Indian populations (e.g., Raymond Michalowski's examination of social justice issues among American Indians in Arizona, or Mark Seis' work on environmental issues facing American Indians).

Environmental problems that affect Native populations in the US are extensive, and are not only understudied in criminology, but in other disciplines as well, though in comparison there is a significant medical literature on these issues. Studies of Native Americans reveal the significant environmental problems they face, and below I provide a few examples of these issues to illustrate the extent and types of these problems. In addition, I briefly address some of the contextual factors that not only produce this neglect, but which also marginalize Native populations and make them targets for environmental crimes committed by corporations and the state.

Native Americans constitute about 1% of the US population, and neglect of the problems faced by these groups is often overlooked based simply on their prevalence in the population. Stereotyping and the history of treatment afforded these groups, however, also plays a role in their neglect. Nearly 80% of American Indians, for example, live outside of reservations, a fact inconsistent with commonly held perceptions of the distribution of this population. But, even those who live outside of reservations experience hypersegregation in small, rural communities. Historically, genocidal practices, hypersegregation and governmental reclamation of lands granted Native Americans under treaties (e.g., it is estimated that American Indian reservation lands now comprise only 2% of the area originally granted them under treaties) have combined to dramatically impact the life course of Native peoples. For example, consider the following facts for American Indians: per capita income is less than one-half the national mean and are significantly lower for those living on reservations; while the average rate of poverty among US households is 9%, it ranges between 27-36% for American Indians; about 19% of American Indians living on reservations have less than a 9<sup>th</sup> grade educational level compared to the US average of 8%, while about 13% of American Indians hold college degrees compared to 31% for the US population; American Indians are more than twice as likely to live in crowded housing (more than one occupant per room) and are 10 times

more likely to live in housing that lacks indoor plumbing; finally, compared to other groups, American Indians have significantly restricted access to health care and as a result tend to present to physicians only at advanced disease stages. Moreover, the combination of lack of access to medical care and extensive levels of pollution found in and around Native American communities produces high cancer, cardiovascular and lung disease rates among these populations.

Research indicates extraordinarily high pollution rates in and around Native American communities. Cohort studies indicate significantly higher rates of birth defects among American Indian populations, a factor linked to environmental pollution. Native American communities are twice as likely to contain a waste processing facility compared to other communities, and are more likely to be located near a Superfund site or military waste site. The Akweasne Reservation located on the New York-Canadian border has elevated levels of several industrial chemicals both in the food supply and among the Akweasne people. Among the Akweasne, these pollutants have been linked to elevated rates of a variety of diseases (cancers, and heart, liver, thyroid disease) as well as the prevalence of birth defects, preterm births, long and short term memory effects, cognitive development, attention deficit disorders, and diminished IQ and verbal skills – with several of the latter outcomes possessing criminological relevance.

In other regions of the country, American Indians have been exposed to toxic pollution through hazardous waste spills, uranium mining, and coal, gas and oil exploration and processing. For example, the largest yet perhaps most neglected nuclear accident in US history occurred in the American Indian community in Church Rock, New Mexico; in Moab, Utah, a 130 acre abandon uranium mine waste site leaks 57,000 gallons of radioactive waste DAILY into the local water supply and the Colorado River; in Ship Rock, New Mexico, a 72 acre uranium mine waste site affects the local American Indian community; the four corners region which contains one of the the largest American Indian Reservations in the US is also home to 1,300 abandon uranium mine and waste sites; in the upper Western Native American reservations in South and North Dakota, Montana and Wyoming extensive pollution from uranium mining, and coal, gas and oil exploration adversely impact the populations. Extensive environmental problems also exist for Native Alaskans related to coal, oil and gas extraction, oil pipelines, and for a number of communities along the Prince William Sound which to this day are still impacted by the aftermath of the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Clearly, given the above, Native American communities and populations experience significant social, health and environmental justice inequities and concerns. These problems have not been adequately examined by criminologists. Native communities can serve as useful sites for the extension of a variety of forms of criminological research related to policy and programming as well as theory testing. Nevertheless, the most significant issue for these communities remains their hypersegregation, and the forms of injustice experienced by Native populations.

The extensive silence on the issue of injustice affecting Native populations in a discipline such as criminology which is directly tied to the study of justice is disconcerting. Such neglect speaks to the low priority given to social justice issues within criminology. This is perhaps due to the tendency to preference scientific views and empirical analysis over concerns with just outcomes. There is no reason, however, that science and humanist concerns cannot coexist, or that scientific analysis cannot be employed to expose inequities and serve as the basis for policies directed at achieving social justice and equity for affected groups. To do so requires viewing the scientific methods as a tool that can be employed in the analysis of justice issues that are related to inequality, and as part of a larger perspective designed to expose, assess and address inequality.