

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Newsletter
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From the Editor:

Please consider submitting essays, fliers, photos, conference participation, etc. I hope you enjoy and please note, any omissions or errors are solely mine.

Dawn

From the Chair:

Well, another academic year is behind us and a beautiful, hopefully quiet, summer is before us. So much has happened this past semester and there is so much to look forward to. The past semester seems a whirl-wind of events, and there is no way I will be able to include all of them so here are a few highlights. Thanks largely to Karen, Lou and In Support of Children we heard talks by the celebrated family violence researcher Murray Straus on the negative consequences of corporal punishment, Robert Anda from the CDC who discussed his research on the effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and Brian Post who discussed strategies to avoid corporal punishment. Ruth was instrumental in bringing an old friend of mine and rising star scholar Charis Kubrin from Georgetown University to talk about Immigration and crime and being successful following graduate school. All three gave intellectually motivating talks and met directly with graduate students. Melvina, Ingrid and NABJA brought in Chezia Thompson Cager for a poetry reading. Dawn and Scott just finished their first year as assistant professors at ODU and both received internal grants to support them over the summer. Finally, Xiushi gave the senior scholar lecture on Migration, Gender, and Risky Sexual Behaviors. It was a very busy semester, to say the least.

The faculty and graduate students were also a success in the classroom. We are teaching more students than ever in a variety of formats. Our online program was terribly successful thanks to Don and the many full and part-time faculty members who teach in that venue. Thanks to Dianne and Mona, our MA and PhD programs are flourishing as well. Finally, we have a great many adjunct faculty to thank, for their hard work and motivation, with so little rewards except the joys they receive from teaching our students.

Next semester is going to be exciting too. We have several new people to welcome to our program and others to welcome to new positions. We have two new assistant professors, Brad Brick and Kimberly Martin, from University of Missouri St. Louis. Daniel O'Leary will join us as a full-time lecturer and continue as Director for Work and Professional Studies. Finally, Kideste Wilder-Bonner from John Jay University will also be visiting us as a full-time lecturer for the year. The semester has truly tired me (and I am sure most of you) but I am as excited as ever for the coming year. Cheers!!!!

Randy

MA Program Update:

2009 MA Graduates (Spring)

2009	
Pamela Hooper	Media exposure and women's fear of crime (Carmody)
Victoria Collins	Domestic violence: Criminal justice responses to high lethality cases (Carmody)
Pamela Hooper	Media exposure and women's fear of crime (Carmody).
Tracie Johnson	An examination of the combined impact of exposure to intimate partner violence and child abuse or neglect on juvenile delinquency (Carmody)
Sara Baker	Retaining Employees: The relationship between organizational loyalty and commitment and employee retention (Sumter)
Lisa Parron	Retention and job satisfaction among local law enforcement (Sumter)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES

We will also have a group graduating in August.

PhD Program Update:

We are entering our 3rd cohort in the Fall of 2009 with some very promising students and it looks to be another great year for those already in the program. Our first year cohort will soon be taking their comps and will be starting their dissertations, some have already formed their committees—good luck to all of them.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS and TOOTS SPRING 2009

Town Hall meeting organized by the Institute for Social Justice and the city of Norfolk, January 24th
(Thanks to Allison)

We had career fair January 28th (Thanks to Melvina and members of NABJA)

February 12th, Candlelight Vigil—Save the Children (Thanks to Lou and Karen)

The Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity sponsored a Panel Discussion on the Obama Presidency.
February 19th (Thanks to Ingrid and Melvina)

Xiushi, presented at the senior scholar lecture, “Migration, Gender and Risky Sexual Behaviors”, February 24th

Bryan Post was brought in and presented in support of Save the Children, “Perspectives and Strategies to Avoid Corporal Punishment of Children”, February 25th (Thanks to Lou and Karen)

Murray Strauss was brought in and presented in support of Save the Children, “Spanking and How It Affects Children Worldwide” March 19th (Thanks to Lou and Karen)

Chezia Thompson Cager participated in a poetry reading, April 1st (Thanks to Melvina, Ingrid and ODU- NABJA)

Robert Anda was brought in and presented in Support of the Children, “Childhood Matters: Connecting Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adult Health” April 16th (Thanks to Lou and Karen)

Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice for Research Day, April 21st (Thanks to Libby)

Department Spring Party, April 25th (Thanks to Ruth)

FACULTY

Scott Maggard—recipient of University Summer Research Grant

Dawn L. Rothe-recipient of College Summer Research Grant

Dawn L. Rothe Faculty Proposal Preparation Program (FP3) for the Fall, 2009

Daniel O’Leary was hired as a full time lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice and as Director of the Work and Professional Studies Program Di-

STUDENTS

Kara Hoofnagle, named as favorite teacher for one of the outstanding CJ student award

Kara Hoofnagle received nomination from the College of Arts and Letters for outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistance

Chris and Barb (two of our MA students) have been instrumental in making the Save the Children events successful

Picture of Celebrating Children Fair in Virginia Beach on April 23



Picture of Robert Anda presenting



Picture of Murray Strauss w/ Graduate Students



Department Spring Party



New Graduate Student Organization

In the past few years, the number of graduate students in our department has increased considerably given the growing PhD program and MA program: there are more graduate students than ever. As we have grown, the need for a sense of cohesion and graduate culture has also grown. In response to this, we have formed an informal graduate student organization to bring the group together, share common problems, concerns, support and to give each other guidance. As an informal organization, it will serve to organize social activities and increase participation in the department. This will hopefully also contribute to a better linkage between PhD and Masters level students. Our first "gathering" was a birthday party in celebration of four students that fell within the same week. Our primary goal is social in nature, however, we are also planning on organizing a group of students to attend the ASC conference in November. As very few MA students participate in conferences, this will be a big change. As the graduate programs grow, the GSO will exist to ensure that the cohesion among the students also continues to grow.

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GSO Birthday Celebration

