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# CJPRI

## NEWSLETTER

CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

### OUR MISSION

To facilitate informed decision making by engaging in and disseminating the results of applied research studies that help build knowledge about effective approaches to preventing and controlling crime.

The Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute, CJPRI, is housed within the Division of Criminology and Criminal Justice, CCJ, in the College of Urban and Public Affairs' Mark O. Hatfield School of Government.

The CJPRI fulfills this mission through several major activities:

- 1 Serving as a research resource for the Oregon Legislative Assembly and other units of state and local government as outlined in Senate Bill 240.
- 2 Seeking funding support for and administering research projects conducted by CCJ Division faculty.
- 3 Disseminating the research of the CJPRI and the broader CCJ faculty.
- 4 Providing through its homepage a compilation of links and information on crime and criminal justice issues relevant to Oregon. This web-based resource is designed to provide policy makers throughout the state with a forum in which issues of policy and practice may be explored, using objective, performance-based criteria.

## What's Inside

- Full updates on the Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute
- Recent Presentations
- Research Roundup
- Articles Highlighting Criminology and Criminal Justice Today

### National Corrections Expert Honored



CJPRI and CCJ faculty nominee, Ed Latessa, was selected to receive the Mark O. Hatfield Scholar Award. Dr. Latessa has led a distinguished career in the field of Criminal Justice and is currently a Professor and Head of the Division of Criminal Justice at the University of Cincinnati. He has co-authored seven books including *Corrections in the Community* and *Corrections in America*. Additionally, Dr. Latessa has directed over 100 funded research projects, including studies of juvenile justice programs, drug courts, and intensive supervision programs.

The Hatfield Scholar Award, named for the distinguished former Oregon Governor and Senator Mark O. Hatfield, is offered to exceptional scholars whose careers best exemplify

the Hatfield ideals of public interest, scholarship, public service, civil and human rights, social justice, and peace. The award is given annually by the combined faculties within the Hatfield School of Government at PSU. In commenting on this year's receipt, Senator Hatfield said "I admire [Dr. Latessa's] dedication to public service. Oregon is a state that values new ideas that serve the cause of social justice and consequently, we are proud that he would accept this award."

In addition to his extensive research contributions, Dr. Latessa's intrepid perspective on academic practice has inspired the creation of two highly reputable online Criminal Justice degree programs. In 2001, the University of Cincinnati launched a Master of Science in Criminal Justice to great success. When approached about the possibility of launching a Bachelor's degree, Dr. Latessa recommended our own Division of Criminology and Criminal Justice as the ideal candidate and in 2005 this recommendation came to fruition here at Portland State.

### New Study Nationally Ranks the CJPRI and CCJ



CJPRI Director, Dr. Brian Renauer

A study in the March 2009 Journal of Criminal Justice Education ranked Portland State as one of the top 10 "rainmaker" institutions among those offering Masters-level degrees in Criminal Justice. CJPRI ranked in the top 10 nationally for both total award size and for total number of grants between the years 1997 and 2007. These awards have supported activities ranging from assessing federal investment in the

"Weed and Seed" program to examining the impacts of "Project Safe Neighborhoods" program to examining public perception of a local community prosecution program.

CJPRI Director, Dr. Brian Renauer, was also nationally ranked as one of the top 10 individual researchers based on the total number of federal awards from which he has secured awards. In acknowledging the ranking, Dr. Renauer commented, "Of course it's nice to be personally recognized, but I'm most proud of the great research opportunities these awards have brought here to Portland State." Dr. Renauer added that the CJPRI-affiliated faculty and staff are not resting on their laurels. "It's becoming harder to win research dollars because of the economic downturn, but we won't let that discourage us."

### Welcoming Our New Faculty Members

This academic year, the CJPRI proudly welcomes Dr. Jody Sundt to the CCJ Division faculty. Her research focuses on the effectiveness of correctional policy, religion in prison, and public attitudes toward crime and punishment. In 2006, Dr. Sundt was named "Distinguished New Scholar" by the American Society of Criminology's Division of Corrections and Sentencing.

Her groundbreaking research on super-max prisons has garnered considerable attention within both academic and practitioner communities. Dr. Sundt also serves as a Research Fellow with the Kinsey Institute for the Study of Sex, Gender and Reproduction. This unique position affords her a rare opportunity to study the effects of incarceration on sexual behavior. Dr. Sundt's research experience and creden-

tials represent a significant addition to the CCJ Division faculty and the CJPRI looks forward to sharing with Oregon policymakers the results of her ongoing research in the area of corrections.

In March, the CJPRI also proudly welcomed Dr. Jennifer Connor-Smith, its first faculty member in an exclusively research position. Dr. Connor-Smith's research interests focus on violence and victimization, particularly its impacts on children and youth. She has experience working on a number of federally-funded research grants and her numerous publications span a range of topics focusing on the functioning and well-being of young people.

Through the CJPRI, Dr. Connor-Smith will collaborate with CCJ Division faculty on a variety of existing research projects as well as seeking funding opportunities to support the creation of new research projects. Dr. Connor-Smith's experience in seeking external funding and her strong ties with the community promise to yield great returns for CJPRI's ongoing research program.



## First Annual Criminal Justice Forum Kicked Off

The first annual Criminal Justice Forum was successfully launched this spring at Portland State. Developed to increase communication between academic researchers and practitioners, the Forum brings together a diverse audience of both groups for a two-part series on a single criminal justice topic. The inaugural Criminal Justice Forum focused on "What Works in Juvenile Justice" and featured presentations by two nationally-known experts.

In March, Dr. Meda Chesney-Lind, professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, discussed current trends in female delinquency as well as a review of "what works" with female delinquents, in a presentation entitled, "Mean Girls, Bad Girls, or Just Girls: Gender Matters in Delinquency Prevention." Dr. Chesney-Lind is a distinguished juvenile justice scholar who has published six books, numerous research articles and received several distinguished criminology awards, including the Bruce Smith, Sr. Award "for outstanding contributions to Criminal Justice" from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, the Donald Cressey Award from the National Council on Crime and De-



linquency for "outstanding contributions to the field of criminology," and Michael J. Hindelang Award for the most Outstanding Scholarship to Criminology from the American Society of Criminology for her book *Girls, Delinquency and Juvenile Justice*.

In April, Mr. Vincent Schiraldi, Director of the District of Columbia's Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services, discussed how traditionally deficit-based juvenile justice agencies can be more effective in helping troubled young people by reorienting their activities around identifying and building on strengths and assets of these youths instead. Mr. Schiraldi has built a national reputation as an innovative practitioner, with nearly 30 years of experience working with troubled youth and juvenile justice systems. He was a founder and former executive director of both the Justice Policy Institute and the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice. He also served as the founder and director of the Western Regional Office of the National Center on Institutions and

Alternatives. Mr. Schiraldi has also served as a consultant to a number of organizations and government agencies, including the National Institute of Corrections.

Response to the Criminal Justice Forum event exceeded expectations and confirmed the commitment to establish it as an annual event. According to lead Forum organizer Annette Jolin, "The overwhelming response to our invitations really underscores how eager both practitioners and researchers are to just sit down and listen to each other."

The topic and dates for the next Criminal Justice Forum will be announced by Fall 2009. Requests for an invitation and suggestions for future topics and speakers can be sent to Kathy Perrin in the CCJ Division at (503) 725-4014 or [perrin@pdx.edu](mailto:perrin@pdx.edu). The Forum was jointly sponsored by the CCJ Division, its online degree program, Criminology and Criminal Justice Online, and the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government.



## Award-Winning Public Service



It is an uncommon distinction for researchers to be recognized by agencies for their public service contributions. It is remarkable when they receive such recognition twice in one year! Kudos to Dr. Kris Henning for the tireless dedication that has led to this unique accomplishment.

One award came after Dr. Henning devoted countless volunteer hours to developing an automated risk assessment tool to help the Police Bureau use the information it already collects to more efficiently and effectively respond to cases of domestic violence.

In recognition, Dr. Henning received a 2008 Commendation Medal from the Portland Police Bureau. "These awards are a way we can acknowledge individuals' exceptional efforts in the community," said Portland Police Chief Rosanne Sizer. "People do amazing things every day, but these Bureau and community members really went above and beyond and made lasting impressions."

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Land Management also presented Dr. Henning with a Certificate

of Appreciation for his contributions to their analysis of local crime data. The data had been difficult for local agency staff to access and systematically review. Dr. Henning volunteered his time and energies to make this access and analysis more feasible.

## Professor Invited to Join National Immigration Workshop

Due to her recent high profile publications on immigration and crime, Dr. Laura Hickman has been invited to participate in a National Science Foundation-funded workshop entitled "Social Science Research on Immigration." She was one of just 25 scholars, both national and international, invited to attend this event. In September, Hickman will travel to Arizona State University in Tempe to present a paper focusing on the methodological challenges of studying immigration and crime. The workshop will culminate in the development of plans for next steps in advancing the field of immigration research and for developing a report to the National Science Foundation on the work presented.

Dr. Hickman says that she is "honored to be invited to join such a well-known group of researchers" and looks forward to learning from them as well as discussing her own work. Hickman's

immigration and crime work has focused on examining the relationship between immigration status and repeat offending among foreign-born men released from the Los Angeles County Jail. In a series of studies with a RAND Corporation colleague Marika Suttorp, Hickman found that immigration status was not related to repeat offending overall but that a record of previous deportation was a significant risk factor for repeat offending. "Overall," Hickman says, "our work suggests that focusing on this group makes more sense from a public safety perspective than policies that target deportable aliens in general."

## Helping the State Monitor Police Activities & Community Relations

The CJPRI plays a significant role in the activities of Oregon's legislatively-mandated Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee (LECC). Established through Senate Bill 415 in 2001, this body of Governor-appointed members is tasked with collecting and monitoring law enforcement activities to ensure that they are executed without regard to race or national origin.

The LECC is also charged with assessing public perceptions of race-based bias in law enforcement traffic stops and has issued several reports on its findings to

date. CJPRI faculty and staff have worked closely with the LECC throughout most of its existence and recently assumed formal administration of the LECC, which is now codified in state statute (ORS 131.905 et seq). This involves a variety of activities, including housing and maintaining the website and public information archive of the LECC.

The strong partnership between the CJPRI and the LECC was rewarded with two grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration which will support the continuing activities of the collaboration through 2011. These grants would not be possible without the tremendous support of the ODOT - Traffic Safety Division which manages the grants from NHTSA. The involvement of Oregon law enforcement in the LECC effort, particularly the Oregon State Police, Hillsboro Police Department, Corvallis Police Department, and Portland Police Bureau, along with DPSST support, illustrated to NHTSA the strong partnerships that exist in Oregon.

CJPRI Director Brian Renauer has served as key staff for the LECC since 2006. In this capacity, Dr. Renauer has lead several data collection efforts, developed regional trainings for law enforcement officers, and authored key reports on behalf of the LECC. For more information about the LECC and to access its published reports, data and meeting minutes, please visit:

<http://cjpri.cj.pdx.edu/LECC/>



# RESEARCH ROUNDUP

## What's in Print

SUNDT, J. L. (in press)

*Maruna, shadd: Redemption scripts and desistance.* In F. T. Cullen and P. Wilcox (eds). *The Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

HARTMAN, J. L. & SUNDT, J. L. (in press)

*The rise of feminist criminology: Freda Adler.* In F. T. Cullen, C. L. Jonson, A. J. Myer, and F. Adler (eds.), *The Origins of American Criminology: Advances in Criminological Theory.* New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

SUNDT, J. L., CASTELLANO, T. C. & BRIGGS, C. S. (2008)

*The socio-political context of prison violence and its control: A case study of supermax in Illinois.* *The Prison Journal* 88: 94-122.

SALISBURY, E. J., & VAN VOORHIS, P. (in press)

*Gendered pathways: A quantitative investigation of women probationers' paths to incarceration.* Accepted for publication in *Criminal Justice and Behavior.*

VAN VOORHIS, P., WRIGHT, E. M., SALISBURY, E. J., & BAUMAN, A. (in press)

*Women's risk factors and their contributions to existing risk/needs assessment: The current status of a gender-responsive supplement.* Accepted for publication at *Criminal Justice and Behavior.*

SALISBURY, E. J., HENNING, K., & HOLDFORD, R. (in press)

*Fathering by partner-abusive men: Attitudes on children's exposure to interparental conflict and risk factors for child abuse.* Accepted for publication at *Child Maltreatment.*

HICKMAN, L. J., EISMAN, M., & DAVIS, L. (2008)

*Evaluation Design for the District of Columbia Department of Corrections' Use of Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Technology for Jail Inmates.* PM-2502-RFID. Santa Monica, CA: RAND Corporation.

HICKMAN, L. J. & SUTTORP, M. J. (in press)

*The recidivism patterns of previously deported aliens released from local jails: Are they high risk offenders?* *Crime & Delinquency*, June 2008, OnlineFirst edition, forthcoming print publication.

HICKMAN, L. J. & SUTTORP, M. J. (2008)

*Are Deportable Aliens a Unique Threat to Public Safety? Comparing the Recidivism of Deportable and Nondeportable Aliens.* *Criminology & Public Policy*, 7(1): 59-82.

HELZER, E. G., CONNOR-SMITH, J. K., & REED, M. A.

(2009) *Traits, states, and attentional gates: Temperament and threat relevance as predictors of attentional bias to threat.* *Anxiety, Stress, and Coping*, 22(1), 57-76.

ROLLINS, C. M., NIOLON, P. H., GLASS N., BILLHARDT, K., CONNOR-SMITH, J. K., & BAKER, C. (in press)

*Volunteers of America Home Free Program: A description of a CDC-funded study examining an innovative approach to providing services to IPV survivors.* *Journal of Women's Health.*

HENNING, K., MARTINSSON, R., & HOLDFORD, R.

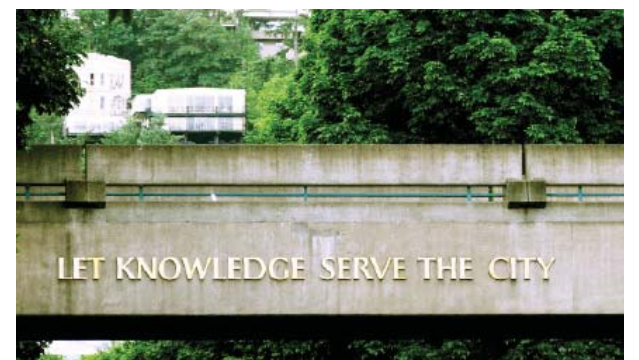
(in press) *Gender differences in risk factors for intimate partner violence recidivism.* *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, & Trauma.*

WANG, M., HORNE, S., HOLDFORD, R., & HENNING, K.

(2008) *Family of origin violence predictors of IPV by two types of male offenders.* *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*, 17(2), 56-174.

McGURRIN, D. (in press)

*White Collar Crimes.* In B. Fisher and S. Lab's (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Victimology and Crime Prevention.* Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.



## Recent Presentations

The faculty have been out and about over the past year, presenting their research across the country and even internationally. This includes ventures such as:

The November 2008 American Society of Criminology conference in St. Louis Missouri. Jody Sundt and colleagues made four presentations, entitled:

- *The Impact of Correctional Work on Officers' Family Lives: Assessing the Negative Spillover Effect*
- *Academic Achievement and Student Intellectual Development: Implications for Teaching Research Methods to Criminal Justice Undergraduates*
- *Fear of Disease and Correctional Officer Well-Being and Work Performance*
- *The Rise of Feminist Criminology: Freda Adler*

Emily Salisbury and colleagues presented "Women on Probation: Lessons from the Gender-Responsive Classification Project"

Danielle McGurrin and criminology graduate student Ryan Arnold presented "OSHA's Inspection and Enforcement Record of Accident and Standard Violations in the Apparel Industry." Dr. McGurrin also participated in a roundtable discussion of "Strategies for Success on the Academic Job Market."

At the March meeting of the Academy Criminal Justice Sciences in Boston, Emily Salisbury served as a discussant for a panel on "Gender-Responsive Risk and Need Factors and the Classification of Women." Brian Renauer and Stephanie Wiley presented a study entitled "Fear of crime as a barrier to physical activity in Portland, Oregon." Dr. Renauer also presented three other studies with Emily Covelli. These were entitled "Predictors of Search Decisions in Traffic Stops," "Future of Fear of Crime Research," and "Interrelationships between fear of crime, collective efficacy, and public social control."

In September in Washington, D.C., Laura Hickman and colleagues made an invited presentation to the National Institute of Justice Institutional Corrections Technology Working Group entitled "Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) in Jail Settings: Concluding Phase I and Launching Phase 2."

Kris Henning delivered several presentations in Europe this past year. At the University of Lausanne, in Lausanne, Switzerland, he presented two studies. One was entitled, "Better now than later: Incorporation of risk assessment strategies in policing of domestic violence." The other, with Annette Jolin, addressed "More female offenders? The unexpected consequence of America's experiment with mandatory arrest for domestic violence." At the European Society of Criminology Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, he delivered a presentation coauthored by Laura Hickman and Greg Stewart of Portland Police Bureau entitled "Enhancing police response to intimate partner violence using an automated risk assessment system."

## What's Underway

The CCJ faculty continue to be busy working on a number of research projects on a variety of policy-relevant topics that span both state and local as well as national settings. Here is a sampling of these ongoing studies.

▶ Annette Jolin and Emily Salisbury are working with the Oregon Department of Corrections on an evaluation of "Better People," a Portland-based program for correctional offenders.

▶ Emily Salisbury is collaborating with University of Cincinnati researchers on revising assessment and classification procedures within the two naval consolidated briggs for the U.S. Navy Corrections.

▶ Laura Hickman, collaborating with RAND Corporation researchers, is conducting the national evaluation of Safe Start Promising Approaches, a 15-community federally-funded initiative involving the implementation and evaluation of promising interventions for children exposed to violence.

▶ Jennifer Connor-Smith is working with Multnomah County and Oregon Health Science University researchers on a federally-funded longitudinal study of housing instability among women victimized by intimate partner violence and their children.

▶ Emily Salisbury is working with a criminology student on the development of a screening instrument designed to measure the prevalence of juvenile human trafficking in Multnomah County.

▶ Laura Hickman is collaborating with RAND Corporation researchers on a study of the use of radio frequency identification technology for tracking the real-time location of inmates in U.S. correctional settings.

▶ Danielle McGurrin has just submitted for publication an article analyzing the role of corporate malfeasance in creating and sustaining sweatshops in the U.S. and abroad.

▶ Kris Henning and Jennifer Connor-Smith are conducting an analysis of the factors that influence relationship continuity and satisfaction among male domestic violence offenders.

▶ Danielle McGurrin is working on a study examining OSHA's enforcement strategies and penalty assessments in the apparel industry.

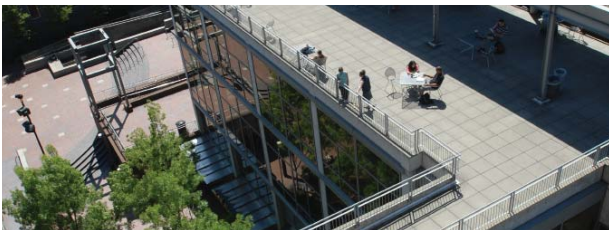


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## Criminology & Criminal Justice at Portland State University



The Criminology & Criminal Justice (CCJ) Division at Portland State University is a multi-disciplinary unit in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government, College of Urban and Public Affairs. We offer undergraduate degrees through our campus based program, with a current enrollment of 350 majors, and our growing online program (Criminology and Criminal Justice Online), currently enrolling 250 students. We also offer a postbaccalaureate certificate, a Master of Science degree, and participate in the doctoral programs offered by PSU's Public Administration and Policy Division and Urban Studies Division.

The CCJ faculty include eight tenure-track faculty, two full-time research assistants, and several adjunct lecturers with academic training as well as years of experience in the criminal justice field. For information on CCJ, visit us at:

► [www.pdx.edu/hatfieldschool/criminology\\_criminaljustice.html](http://www.pdx.edu/hatfieldschool/criminology_criminaljustice.html)

### What's On the Web

Provided as a service to policymakers and all Oregonians, the CJPRI homepage is a portal to sources of criminal justice-related information about Oregon in the broad categories of:

*Law Enforcement, Courts, Corrections, Other Government Offices and Agencies*

In a "Key Issues" section, the site provides access to a host of reports and data sources relevant to crime prevention and control in Oregon.

To access the website, please visit:

► <http://cjpri.ccj.pdx.edu>



## Meet the CJPRI staff



### Brian Renauer

Director

*Dr. Renauer's newest research and community service interests involve his work with Oregon's Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee (LECC). The LECC is charged by the Oregon Legislature to explore community concerns over racial/ethnic bias in law enforcement practices, to offer technical assistance to agencies that desire to collect traffic stop data, to improve training for the state, and monitor public perceptions of law enforcement. Dr Renauer became the Director of the Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute in 2006 and Chair of the Division in 2008.*



### Laura J. Hickman

Assistant Director

*The focus of Dr. Hickman's research is on evaluating and improving criminal justice policy and practice. Her work covers a range of topics including capital punishment, domestic violence, corrections, and immigration. Currently, she is co-leading the National Evaluation of Safe Start Promising Approaches, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. This 15-site evaluation examining the effects of promising interventions is designed to ameliorate the harms of children's exposure to violence.*



### Jennifer Connor-Smith

Research Associate

*Dr. Connor-Smith's research interests involve understanding how external factors, such as stress and poor access to resources, interact with internal factors, such as personality and coping, to influence risk for youth behavior problems and distress. Current research focuses on better understanding causes and consequences of intimate partner violence.*



### Emma Covelli

Research Associate

*Emma works under Dr. Brian Renauer as the project manager for Oregon's Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee (LECC). Her interests include research methods, statistics, the impact of oppression and the strategies to reduce its presence in society, neighborhood structure and well-being, human trafficking, and the impact of stress on law enforcement professionals.*