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OFF-CAMPUS
GRADUATE PROGRAM
(Downtown Fresno)



The Global Minute



Guyana

17 August 2008 marks the beginning of the new M.S. in Criminology degree program offered off campus at the Fresno Police Department Annex Training Room. More detailed information is located on page 2 of this newsletter. The program is a joint effort of the Dept. of Criminology, the *Division of Continuing and Global Education at California State University*, and the City and County of Fresno. The program is coordinated by Dr. Harald Otto Schweizer (haralds@csufresno.edu) with the assistance of a part time aide, Ms. Kristin McQuillan (kristinilea@csufresno.edu). Kristin is also assisting Dr. Schweizer with administrative duties for the Criminology Law Enforcement Option.

Twelve people were killed during the storming of a police station by unknown gunmen on 17 February in the gold mining town of Bartica, Guyana. This came on the heels of another killing of 11 people by a gang of 25 men two weeks earlier in Lusignan. The crime problem has become so acute that large numbers of Guyanese are fleeing Guyana and contributing to the flow of illegal immigrants in surrounding countries.



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MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY

OFF CAMPUS PROGRAM

15 AUG - 10 JULY 2010

Contact Dr. Schweizer via email at haralds@csufresno.edu tel. # 278-8880 or Kristin McQuillan (kristinilea@csufresno.edu) leave message at 278-2305) for additional information.

Fresno PD personnel can also contact *LT Dennis Montejano* who is the FPD liaison for the Downtown Undergraduate Criminology Degree program, and who will expand his role to also assist FPD personnel interested in joining the graduate program that is set to begin this August.

The downtown (off campus) criminology master of science degree program is sponsored and supported by the City and County of Fresno. It is offered exclusively to city, county, state, and federal government employees. The program provides for 10 graduate level courses leading to the Master of Science in Criminology Degree.

The criminology degree program consists of eight graduate criminology courses, and also three graduate public administration courses taught by political science faculty. Each course is taught every other weekend (Friday evening and all day Saturday) for a period of two months, and instruction is spread over 20 months, not counting the months of December and January, when no classes are held.

All Students must begin the degree program as a cohort, with the first class being held in August 2008. Classes are held in the training room of the Fresno Police Department Annex. **The cost of a three (3) unit course is \$825, and all course costs are calculated at \$275 per unit. The actual cost per unit may be somewhat higher depending on the number of students in the graduate cohort.**

Students registering for downtown graduate classes must qualify for and successfully complete the formal university [admissions process](#) before beginning their course work, **or at the latest** during their first six units of graduate study.

The admission's process also requires applicants to submit test results from the General Graduate Record Examination, which is given at the [Testing Center of CSU Fresno](#) and other locations across the state. It is important to take the GRE as quickly or early as possible.

CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR OFF-CAMPUS GRADUATE PROGRAM

- Admission to the Department
- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a grade point average (GPA) of at least a 3.0 (on a 4-point scale) during the last sixty units of study. Exceptions can be made on a case by case basis after evaluating the applicant's career responsibilities, GRE score, and other relevant information for assessing conceptual thinking skills and writing ability.
- *Downtown graduate program* applicants completing their B.S. or B.A. requirements in Fall 2008 may be permitted to take up to six units concurrently but must complete their four year degree requirements, submit GRE scores, and apply for graduate admission before continuing their graduate coursework in 2009.
- Prior criminology related coursework at the undergraduate level. Exceptions may be possible depending on an assessment of the applicant's career related knowledge and expertise concerning the criminal justice system.

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- Completion of the general aptitude portion of the Graduate Records Examination (GRE). We generally require that the general aptitude portion of the GRE be taken prior to a student being admitted into graduate criminology course work, or graduate status.
- Applicants for the *off-campus program* without GRE scores can be conditionally permitted to enroll for up to six graduate units but cannot be admitted to the university until the GRE scores and all other required documents have been submitted.
- A completed Application for Graduate Study in the Criminology Program at CSUF.
- Three completed recommendation forms for Graduate Study in Criminology.
- A personal essay consisting of no more than 500 words explaining your reasons for wanting to pursue a master's degree in Criminology and what benefits you expect to derive from your studies
- An interview may be required by the Criminology Graduate Committee.

Students must hold a bachelor's degree in a criminology related field from an accredited university recognized by CSU Fresno or receive such a degree by the end of the Fall 08 semester.

Students without prior criminal justice or criminology related coursework but with significant experience in criminal justice organizations, may be considered for the program based on an assessment of their CJ experience by either the criminology graduate coordinator, a graduate program committee, or a representative designated by the graduate coordinator.

The GRE (general) is a fully computer-based test (CBT). Appointments are available Tuesdays through Fridays and some Saturdays throughout the year. To schedule an appointment for GRE, call the CSU Fresno testing center at (559) 278-2457. Appointments can be scheduled over the phone with a credit card number. Credit cards accepted are American Express, Visa, or Master Card. To schedule an appointment using a personal check or money order, you must visit the Test Office in the Family and Food Sciences Building, Room 110.

The test fee is paid at the time you schedule your appointment. The fees are as follows: GRE - \$140.00. The appointment time for the test is 4.0 hours.

There is a \$50.00 rescheduling fee for the GRE. For GRE, the rescheduling and cancellation policy is you must call ETS (1-800-967-1100) no later than ten business days prior to your scheduled appointment or the entire test fee is forfeited. To reschedule an appointment for any of the computer-based tests, call ETS (1-800-967-1100) Selected PRAXIS tests and NBPTS are additional computer tests offered by the Test Office.

Test candidates are responsible for knowing all the information in the information bulletins prior to scheduling their test appointments and taking their test. Information bulletins are available on the internet at the web sites listed below. For more information, contact the Test Office at 559-278-2457 or one of the test companies Phone: 1-800-GRE-CALL (1-800-473-2255) Web Address: www.gre.org

ADMISSION APPLICATION PERIOD
 Graduate study applications for Fall 2008 are now being accepted through April 1. View the Admissions section for additional information. Apply online via <http://www.CSUMentor.edu>

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If an application cannot be completed in time or if an applicant does not qualify until Fall 08, it is still possible to register for and take downtown graduate classes, as long as the admissions process is completed by the end of the first two graduate classes this fall.



FINANCIAL AID: Financial aid is available once students have submitted GRE scores and their application for admission has been approved

CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Annual Meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences
Las Vegas, NV 6-8 February

Three students in the criminology honors program, presented their group's research. Kate Koster discussed the complexity of developing police policy for handling the mentally ill, and David Gallegos and Heather Blair presented their group's research on police web based citizen complaint reporting systems.

The following faculty members presented their research in the area indicated:

Dr. M.J. Kissner- Statistical Analysis of gang membership variables and implications for gang prevention programs.

Dr. K.J. Ryan- Informing the Enemy: Feeding the Counter-Intelligence Needs of our Adversaries.

Dr. H.O. Schweizer- The Bureaucracy: The biggest challenge in the fight against organized crime and terrorism.

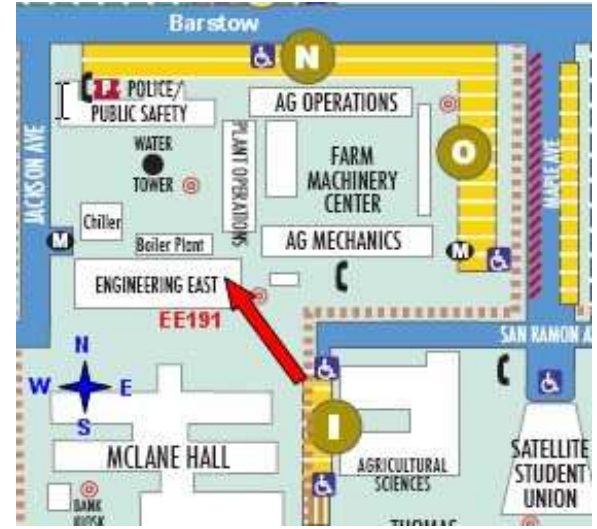
A special presentation on "The Transition of the Berlin, Germany Police after German reunification"
Wednesday, 12 March 2008
Location: EE191 Time: 1300-1500



Presenter: Kriminaloberkommisar (Detective Captain) Michael Böhl, of the Berlin, Germany Police Department.



All faculty, students, and other interested persons are invited. Admission is free.
Location: EE191 Time: 1300-1500



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Assistant Professor

The criminology department is continuing its search for new faculty. One of the positions is general, with a focus on either Corrections or Law Enforcement, and the other position is for a Law Enforcement focus. It is preferred that applicants have a Ph.D. in criminology or a related field. Applicants with a J.D. who also hold a master's degree in criminology or a related field, and applicants who are A.B.D. and working on their doctoral dissertation, will also be considered.

The position announcements can be read at: http://www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/documents/08TSS036_000.pdf

If you are interested in employment in the State of Washington as a correctional officer, police officer, sheriff's deputy or similar capacity, you can access all of their position announcements at:

<https://fortress.wa.gov/cjtc/www/employment/index.htm>

Nevada Department of Public Safety



Photo taken by Dr. Schweizer

Currently recruiting for entry level DPS officer positions

<http://dps.nv.gov/personnel/>

NON-ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT



If you have earned a four year degree and subsequently worked in probation/parole or in a similar non-custodial capacity, and are under 37 years of age, you may qualify for:

U.S. PROBATION OFFICER
(Bilingual)
El Centro, California

U.S. PROBATION OFFICER
San Diego, California

EMPLOYMENT IN OREGON
Interested in working in Oregon?

CITY JOBS can be accessed at: http://www.employment.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/ES/SEEKER/city_govt_jobs.shtml

COUNTY JOBS can be accessed at: http://www.employment.oregon.gov/EMPLOY/ES/SEEKER/county_govt_jobs.shtml

To access complete position description click <http://www.casp.uscourts.gov/> and select "Employment" in the Index.

EMPLOYMENT FOR CONVICTED FELONS

GRADUATING SENIORS

California P.O.S.T. lists most job openings for a wide variety of sworn and non-sworn law enforcement positions in California at: http://www.post.ca.gov/Hiring/Job_Opportunities/

The U.S. Army may be your chance to get the past behind you. If you have only one conviction for an offense such as aggravated assault, robbery, or vehicular manslaughter, you may be eligible for a waiver and qualify for enlistment in the U.S. Army. (<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/2006/02/us-army-enlisting-more-recruits-with.php>)

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USEFUL INFORMATION SOURCES

Want to check if someone you know is or has been an inmate in a federal institution? You can conduct a free internet based inquiry at: <http://www.bop.gov/iloc2/LocateInmate.jsp>

Is it possible that the person who has been writing you bad checks is really dead? Check the Social Security Death Index at: <http://ssdi.genealogy.rootsweb.com/>

Check to see if your bride/groom has been married before after a foggy night in Las Vegas. <http://redrock.co.clark.nv.us/RecSearch/MarriageSearchName.aspx>

Do you believe some unknown relative could have left you some money? Check <http://www.foundmoney.com/>

Above information sources can also be very useful in some criminal investigations.

Tech Corner



Submitted by Kristin McQuillan

Are you worried about someone getting your information from online accounts? When getting on websites such as your banks, phone companies, my.csufresno or some government websites such as the CIA you will notice that the web browser will start with https:// instead of the usual http://. This extra s signifies an extra layer of security which prevents certain kinds of internet attacks like eavesdropping and man-in-the-middle attacks.

Anytime a financial transaction can occur, this layer of security *should* be present before you proceed. Next time you sign onto your bank account look for the s for security and do not give any personal information to any website without it. It might even be worth while to have a different username and password combination for unsecured websites such as MySpace or facebook to protect hackers from attempting to use these combinations on other sites.

To learn more, visit: <http://www.instantssl.com/ssl-certificate-products/https.html>

Dr. Schweizer's helpful hints:

Do you have a computer software or hardware problem and cannot find a solution? You can GOOGLE virtually anything and find the information you seek.

Need to capture the entire screen or part of the display showing on your computer screen?

You can download free screen capture software at:



The program works great, and the image above is a screen capture using Screen Hunter 5.

If you are more ambitious and would like to record any audio/video streaming video or internet radio and televisions stations, you can purchase the necessary "Replay AV" software for \$49.95 from Applian Technologies:

<http://www.applian.com/replay-av/index.php>

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 **Terrorism Up Close** 
Part I

During the summer of 2007, Dr. Schweizer visited various government officials and facilities in Israel. The visits were sponsored by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies (FDD). Access was provided to top levels of government and specialized military units. Impressions and experiences gained from the visit resulted in the recognition that “newspapers don’t tell the whole story.”

It was exceptionally noteworthy that Israeli officials were very open and frank during their discussions and did not hesitate to respond to a wide range of questions.

The trip to Israel included a visit to a special terrorist prison, a naval electronic surveillance facility, a special suicide terrorism unit, a tactical unit trained to “snatch” high profile terrorists from Palestinian territories, an explosives ordinance unit, the West Bank, and the Israeli Prime Minister’s Office.

Presentations by current and former government officials with significant responsibilities in fighting terrorism and visits with the Indian ambassador to Israel, the Charge D’Affair of the U.S. Embassy, and others, filled up the hours not engaged in site visits.

Discussions with Israeli officials made it clear that particularly the threat of Islamic terrorism (goes by many other names, and all are objectionable to some) is underestimated by the West, and that both India and Israel have many years of experience in fighting terrorism in general, and that we can learn from their experiences. Numerous information sessions during the visit lasting multiple hours at a time were replete with critical information and the typical request for “non attribution.”

Heavy security measures throughout the country were common place and may be a harbinger of what the future may bring us here in the United States. Shopping streets were typically cordoned off with armed security controlling access at both ends.



Entrances to shopping malls and even individual shops and restaurants were similarly secured:



To be continued in the March newsletter....