

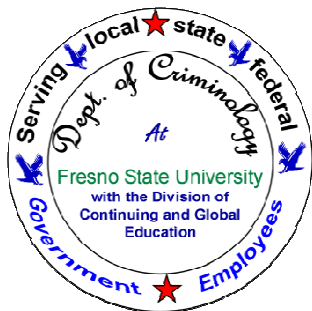


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OFF CAMPUS B.S. PROGRAM



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Fall classes begin at the Fresno Police Department Annex training room at 0800 on Saturday, 2 August 2008. Employees of any city/county/state or federal government agency who have already completed 60 units of college coursework are eligible and can still join. Applications from persons with fewer than 60 units will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Access more information at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowndegreeoverview.htm>

A program application can be submitted on line at:

<http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/deptdocs/Downtown%20B.S.%20Degree%20Program%20Application>

You can also contact Dr. Schweizer, the program coordinator at: haralds@csufresno.edu



The Global Minute



Global Graffiti Gang



An Australian group calling themselves M.O.C. (master of crime) specializes in traveling around the world to paint graffiti in as many public places as they can and who then take and post pictures of the graffiti on the Internet. They see it as a challenge and also use the internet to recruit others worldwide to join their activities. In a recent case, Japanese police detained a group of four Australian MOC members with spray painting equipment who attempted to enter the country for the purpose of painting graffiti.

The four had sprayed graffiti in and around Tokyo in 2007 and later raids of their apartment by police in Australia netted photographs of the graffiti they sprayed around Tokyo. Some of the graffiti of train cars was so extensive that it prompted the shutdown of one of the train lines.

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The Global Minute continued...

Their graffiti is typically signed with their initials MOC. They picked Japan for a second round of graffiti, based on their belief that security agencies are lax there. Australian police was very helpful in alerting Japan to the individuals involved. An interesting note is that Dr. Schweizer was unable to find the names of the four individuals stopped in Japan. Until an individual is convicted of a crime, the custom of publicizing names of suspects, detainees, and other associated with a particular crime appears to be a uniquely American one. A search of graffiti related websites, however, was fruitful. One website which has a "restricted" members section where graffiti artists can upload photos of their activities and which alerts readers to possible police snooping, is located at:

<http://www.12ozprophet.com>

The Forum section of the website has graffiti photos from around the world, even from Merced, CA.

CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS

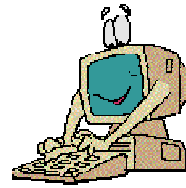
Dr. Keith CLEMENT has assumed the newly created post of Planning Director for the CSU Council for Emergency Management and Homeland Security (CEMHS). He also manages the new graduate certificate in Homeland Security Program in the Criminology Department. Contact Dr. CLEMENT for additional details. (kclement@csufresno.edu)

Dr. CLEMENT co-authored an article with John Barbrey, "Criminal Laws on the Fringe: An Analysis of Legislated Punishments for Morality Crimes in the 50 States," that was published in May 2008 in the Journal of *Critical Criminology* in May 2008.

Dr. Y. Takahashi, the new faculty member joining the criminology department next month, co-authored "Theorizing Community Reentry for Male Incarcerates and Confined Mothers:

Lessons Learned from Housing the Homeless," with Bruce A. Arrigo. The article was published in the Journal of Offender Rehabilitation.

Tech-Bits



Internet Slang (LOL)

Are you attempting to decipher text messages (IM or SMS) or similar communications via email, instant messaging or cell phone? The need for brevity and speed in sending text messages has resulted in thousands of abbreviations used to communicate words, phrases or even sentences. There are now on-line Internet Slang Dictionaries and Translators:

English:

<http://www.noslang.com/index.php>

<http://www.sharpened.net/glossary/acronyms.php>

German:

<http://www.cyberslang.de>

You simply enter the abbreviation, acronym, etc., and it will give you its meaning. I always thought LOL meant "Let Otto Live" until I checked the internet dictionary and found its real meaning.

A search for an on-line Spanish "cyberslang" translator was unsuccessful, however there is a list of slang terms used in SMS, IMs or in Internet communications at:

<http://spanish.about.com/od/writtenspanish/a/sms.htm>

Cell phone hack

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special software used by the business. The “soft” unlock, i.e. using codes or special software is the most common unlock.

If you do not want to pay for this service, you can also simply check the Internet if an unlock code is available for your phone, prior to purchasing or selecting your cell phone. Some of those codes can be found free of charge if you are a good internet detective.

There are some phones such as the Sharp 811SH and others, however, without a known soft unlock. This has resulted in the development of a new “hard unlock” i.e., using hardware instead of software to make the cell phone usable with any service provider.

This hard unlock entails the use of a HYPER SIM card, manufactured in the People’s Republic of China or Taiwan. This HYPER SIM card costs about \$125 and is inserted piggy back onto the existing SIM card. This HYPER SIM card fools the locked cell phone into believing it is being accessed by the regular proper SIM card.

It is important to check the laws of the country you are in before doing any such modifications to your cell phone, since such modifications may be illegal in the country you are visiting.

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ISSUE

Since a phone with a foreign SIM card in place can often also be used in the US, a criminal investigators can be misled, since the originating number/location of a cell phone call may be listed as a subscriber in another country, while that person is actually making the phone call here in the U.S.

DVD Region Codes

If you are conducting a criminal investigation and have potential evidence in the form of a DVD but your DVD player strikes if you try to play it, you may be attempting to play a DVD coded for a region other than region 1 (US) or the DVD could be recorded in another television system/format such as PAL or SECAM.

This problem can be resolved using one of the following methods:

Use a desk top computer with TWO functional DVD drives. Set one drive up to play back the PAL format and/or another region. Europe and Japan are region 2, for example. You then leave the other drive set to the “good ole USA” region 1. You can then play back DVDs from both regions using the respective DVD drive. You should be aware, however, that you cannot switch region codes on the computer DVD drives at will. The fourth or fifth time you use a particular region DVD, the drive will lock to that region. Yes, there is a flash hack available, but that may zap your dive.

Another option is to use the internet to see if there is a HACK for your regular free standing DVD player. Since most DVD players are made for sale everywhere around the world, it would not be cost effective to build components that can only be used in some and not all countries. That means that most, but not all, DVD players have the same components/electronics inside but are programmed/set for specific TV systems or regions before they leave the factory. The globe is split into 6 different regions with a separate setting for each one. The programming codes are usually entered via a hidden setup page accessed with a special code entered into the DVD remote control.

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DVD HACKS

Some of the codes can be found on the Internet while others can be obtained at a price from various companies advertising on line.

Once “hacked” you can play back any DVD from ANY region, in both PAL and SECAM.

If you are a law enforcement officer and need assistance involving DVD region codes or TV system (PAL/SECAM) issues, contact Dr. Schweizer at haralds@csufresno.edu

If you are conducting a criminal investigation and have to review a recording on a VHS video tape but are unable to view it, it may be due to having been recorded in PAL or SECAM. While there are private businesses which will convert the tape for a fee, Dr. Schweizer will convert it to a DVD watchable on your computer DVD drive at no charge.



TERRORISM UP CLOSE PART VI



Intelligence and Security Agencies

Meetings with Government officials during a 2006 visit to Israel provided a realistic and somber assessment of Islamic Terrorism in the region and world/wide. To interdict incursions by terrorists from the Mediterranean Sea, the Israeli Navy maintains an elaborate surveillance system. Coastal surveillance and monitoring operations were not only explained during a visit to a restricted site on a secure naval installation, but navy officers also showed real time surveillance operations and videos of actual anti-terror activities. The content of the videos and the surveillance activities observed during the visit, showed that

the Israeli Navy uses an extraordinary level of restraint in the use of armed responses and often risks the lives of Israeli personnel in determining the intentions of a vessel approaching the Israeli coastline.



Israeli Patrol Boat

The Israeli government allowed remarkable access to its facilities and top officials provided briefings at the Prime Minister’s Office. Israeli officials also displayed a great sense of humor, allowing Dr. Schweizer to try out the PM’s lectern.



It is interesting to note that many government officials migrated to Israel from all over the globe and thereby bring with them a broad and diverse knowledge of cultures and language that is undoubtedly of great benefit to the state of Israel.

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