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Downtown Criminology Program Reception

Current and former Downtown Criminology degree program students met after class on Saturday (5 May) in the Criminology office. The students were joined by current criminology and other faculty who have previously taught in the program or who are currently teaching downtown.



Dr. Dull addressing students from the downtown comparative CJ systems class.

Students and faculty took advantage of food and refreshments ordered for the occasion.



The Global Minute



Private Prisons in Japan

Japan just opened its first private prison. It is located in Mine City in Yamaguchi prefecture. The prison was built and is operated by Secom (<http://www.secom.co.jp/>), and Shogakan Production provides training in educational software development for inmates who can then be employed by them upon their release. The prison is strictly for first offenders with short sentences. The movement of inmates within the institution is monitored with IC Tags worn by all inmates.

Japan's Public Security Intelligence Agency recently conducted nationwide raids against Hikari no Wa (*Ring of Lights*), an off-shoot of the Aum Domsday cult that was responsible for the Sarin gas attacks in Tokyo's subway system in 1995. Recent research has shown that the brains of victims of that attack shrunk in size due to the Sarin gas and resulted in lasting damage.

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Criminology Honors Program

The criminology faculty and a representative from the Smittcamp Honors College honored the first group of six honor students graduating with their degrees in criminology at a special honors convocation on 11 May 2007. The event was also attended by many family members of the graduates. Each graduate received a special medallion and a sash to wear with their academic regalia. Their academic and professional achievements were highlighted with brief statements about their grade point averages, their community and public service, and their achievements in special internships arranged through the department of criminology.



The Criminology Honors Program accepts applications by invitation only every spring and a new cohort forms every fall semester. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.4 every semester and having a 4.0 in one semester, followed by a 3.2 in the following semester, would disqualify the student from continuing in the program. Additional information on the program is accessible at: <http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/deptdocs/honors/honorsad.htm>

OTHER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. John Dussich recently participated in and addressed delegates about victimization at a United Nations conference in Vienna, Austria. Dr. Dussich is the president of the International Society of Victimology.

Natividad Mora, the student administrative assistant in the criminology department is graduating and will be leaving the department this August. She has been with the department for two years and will be missed.

Alma Zechman, our full time Administrative Support Coordinator, is back from her extended stay in Belgium and she was ably substituted by Paulette Morrow during her absence.



“Natty” and Alma

Dr. Ruth Masters is again planning a foreign criminal justice system study trip for the period between next fall and spring semesters, this time to Argentina. Interested persons can earn university credit and you can contact Dr. Masters if you are interested. Dr. Masters routinely travels abroad with groups of students to gain personal insights into the criminal justice systems of foreign countries and if you cannot sign up this time, there will be many other opportunities in the future. Such trips will also be announced in this newsletter. (Contact: ruthm@csufresno.edu)

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The City of Fresno Personnel Department recently held an Education Fair at City Hall and at the Municipal Service Center. Dr. Schweizer participated at both locations and provided information on the downtown degree program to various interested city employees.



Spring classes in the downtown program end this month. There are no classes during the months of June and July, which is an ideal time for downtown students to complete some of their lower division requirements at area junior colleges.

The fair also provided an opportunity to meet counselors from Fresno City College and other local junior colleges and to discuss the need for some downtown students to complete their lower division GE requirements.

Two new classes beginning in August are:

Crim 112 Professionalism in Criminal Justice taught by Dr. Schweizer (Begins on Monday night, 6 August 2007).

Crim 170 Research Methods taught by Dr. Clement (Begins on a Wednesday night, 1 August 2007).

On line enrollment forms will be available by end of May. They can be completed on line, printed out, and then turned in during the first class in Fall. Enrollment forms for downtown classes must be turned in during class.

Dr. Schweizer will be available for inquiries via email only from now until the end of July. Emails will be checked at least once a week during vacation travel.



Dr. Schweizer at Fresno City Hall



At the Municipal Service Center

Lower Division General Education Courses

Susan Kincade and Sandy McGlothlin from West Hills College will be at the FPD Annex Training Room from 1700-1800 on Wednesday, 16 May, to answer any question or give advice regarding their Fresno State transferable lower division course offerings. This is a great opportunity for persons interested in joining the downtown degree program who still need to complete additional junior college classes, to plan their academic preparation for the four year downtown criminology degree program.

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Downtown Graduate Program

Dr. Schweizer is currently reviewing and assessing the number of potential applicants for a downtown graduate criminology degree program. The program would offer a blend of all required courses for the graduate criminology degree, along with elective courses in the area of Public Administration.

Anyone with a four year degree or who will have such a degree by Fall 2008, and who is interested in a master's degree in criminology, should contact Dr. Schweizer to determine their eligibility for the graduate program. Prospective students should ideally take the GRE (graduate record examination) this year. The GRE can be taken through the university testing services:

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All applicants to the graduate program must take the GRE. More information on the criminology master's degree can be found at: http://www.csufresno.edu/criminology/degrees_programs/graduate.htm

Dr. Schweizer will maintain a record of everyone who is committed to joining a downtown graduate program and the number of persons completing the GRE will be partially used as an indicator of the level of interest, hence viability, of offering a graduate degree program to area government employees in downtown Fresno. Should the numbers be insufficient, anyone who completed the GRE can then just as easily apply for the on-campus program.

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Note **DOWNTOWN GRADUATE PROGRAM** in the subject of your email.

Persons interested in the criminology graduate degree should review a guidebook on the GRE to assist them in preparing for the exam. While the GRE focuses on both verbal and quantitative (ouch) skills, it is expected that person who have been away from an academic environment for many years, may rusty math/quantitative skills. It is vital, however, that applicants to the graduate program have good to excellent verbal skills.

Newsletter

Have you noticed the words around the frame of this newsletter? If you know the word for police in a language other than what is already shown, email it to Dr. Schweizer, who will add it to the newsletter.

Also let him know if you have any other information you would like included in this newsletter.

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