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DOCTORATE IN FORENSIC AND
BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES



The Global Minute



In Fall 2008, the first group of students will become part of a new inter-disciplinary joint UC Davis-CSU Fresno doctoral program. The joint doctoral program is the culmination of many years of preparation and hard work by numerous individuals within the criminology department at CSU Fresno, the College of Social Sciences, the Graduate College, within the California State University System and by the University of California-Davis. The doctoral program offers options in the following areas:

- Forensic Behavioral Science
- Victimology
- Forensic Science

More information can be obtained on line at:
http://www.csufresno.edu/criminology/degrees_programs/joint_doctorate/index.shtml

by accessing the criminology department website:
<http://www.csufresno.edu/criminology>

or by contacting Dr. K.J. Ryan of the CSU Fresno Department of Criminology
(kjryan@csufresno.edu).

The Rising European
Methamphetamine Problem



Of all European countries, the Czech republic has the worst problem, with two thirds of illegal drugs users involved with methamphetamines. In 7 years the number of illegal drug labs producing meth has multiplied more than twenty times to 419. In Eastern Europe, Meth is called PERVETIN, and it is used by two thirds of problem drug users in the Czech republic.

The meth problem is currently at a tipping point, with Europe's open borders and the increased flow of people across all of Europe. The meth problem is expected to quickly spread and expand into other central and western European countries.

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CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS

The American Association of Criminology held its annual meeting from 13-17 November, 2007, in Atlanta.

Dr. H.O. Schweizer presented a paper on The Nexus between Terrorism and Corruption Internationally. Ms. Emma Hughes who joined the department in August of this year, was on a prison innovations panel, and presented a paper with the title: Inside Knowledge: Problems and Perspectives of Prisoner-Students and their Collaboration on an 'Advice Booklet.'

Dr. Schweizer was also the committee chair for the book of the year award presented by ASC's Division of International Criminology. The winning book, Changing the Guard: Developing Democratic Police Abroad, was written by Dr. David Bayley, an internationally renowned expert on crime and justice.

International Activity

Dr. K.J. Ryan has been very busy. He recently lectured on intelligence and intellectual property at John Marshall Law School in Chicago and is currently in London working on a comparative Crim. Justice Course (Crim 109) abroad program with London Metropolitan University. After that he will be at Science Politique in Paris for a few days and then back in London to speak at the ISNR World Terror Conference. Dr. Ryan will be back at CSUF on 9 December 2007.

CRIMINOLOGY HONORS PROGRAM INDUCTION CEREMONY

A new group of criminology students was formally inducted into the criminology honors program on 3 November 2007, at a ceremony held in the Smitcamp Alumni House on the campus of CSU Fresno. The function was also attended by department faculty serving on the honors committee, Dr. Masters, the department chair, Dr. Dull, the program coordinator, and Dr. Luz Gonzalez, the Dean of the College of Social Sciences.

Since early September, members of the current and previous cohort of honors students have been very busy researching the effectiveness of anti-gang programs across the U.S., policies regarding police responses to incidents involving possibly mentally ill persons, and they conducted a study of various mechanisms that can be used by local police to better respond to citizen complaints about identify theft.



Above: Honors students attending the induction ceremony.

Three of the current group of honors students have submitted abstracts for research paper presentations at the upcoming February 08 annual meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences in Las Vegas. They have recently been notified that their papers have been accepted for presentation. We congratulate David Gallegos, Heather Blair, and Kate Koster for their accomplishment.

The Fresno State Mock Trial Club

The Fresno State Mock Trial team, coached by local trial lawyer and part-time Criminology Professor Gordon Park, was host to USC's mock trial team for a practice scrimmage of three rounds of trials. Local attorneys served as trial judges. The trials provided both teams with a chance for their witnesses and lawyers to gain courtroom trial experience.

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Mock Trial Team news continued.....

Co-coach Steve McQuillan then hosted both teams at his house for a backyard BBQ. The scrimmage helped our Fresno State mock trial team prepare for upcoming tournaments at Middle Tennessee State, University of California Irvine and Yale.



The current set of downtown courses end this month. New courses are scheduled as follows:

2 February 2008 through 26 March 2008

Crim 113 Forensic Science (Meets Monday evenings and on two Saturdays)
(Instructor: Deliah Heredia, the director of the State of California DOJ Crime Lab in Fresno)

Crim 174 Ethnic and Gender Issues (Meets Wednesday evenings and on two Saturdays)
(Instructor: Marilyn Herzog)

2 April 2008 through 26 May 2008.

GE Integration D course (Meets Monday nights and on two Saturdays)
(Instructor: Eileen Walsh)

Crim 127 Advanced Crim Legal Process (Meets Wednesday nights and on two Saturdays)
(Instructor: Dr. M.J. Kissner)

More detailed information on the downtown program can be found at:

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

OFF-CAMPUS CRIMINOLOGY MASTER'S PROGRAM

Local government agencies are currently being surveyed to determine the level of interest in such a program, and the number of potential applicants who could qualify for an off campus criminology masters degree program .

A downtown (off-campus) graduate degree program must enroll students in cohorts, which is different from the current downtown criminology degree program in which students can join the program at any point and finish two years later. Also, due to undergraduate GPA and GRE score requirements, not everyone with a four year degree can be accepted to the graduate program.

If you are someone you know has graduated with a bachelor's degree, has earned a minimum of a 3.0 undergraduate GPA, and is interested in obtaining a master's degree in criminology, have them email Dr. Schweizer at: haralds@csufresno.edu

NOTE: They must be employed by any level or unit of government, be it local, state, or federal. They must also take the Graduate Record Exam (GRE), which serves as a basis for determining suitability for the graduate criminology degree program. These GRE scores are also required and used for admission determinations for students applying to a doctoral program.

Spotlight Japan

Part V of a series of articles on Criminal Justice Issues in Japan.



News articles about sex offenders kidnapping children in Japan have heightened awareness of the problem and the need to develop better mechanisms to protect young children. Softbank, one Japanese cell phone company has been marketing a special cell phone for that purpose. (more info at:

<http://mb.softbank.jp/mb/en/product/3g/812t/img/products.jpg>)



When a child feels it is in danger it simply pulls on the ring attached to the cell phone and a predetermined audio message is sent to designated phone numbers and internet addresses, along with a short video and the exact location of the telephone.

Trying to locate an address in Japan? Residences typically do not have a regular street address like in the U.S., and persons not familiar with a neighborhood would have difficult finding their way. When police or police detectives from the main police headquarters need to find a local address, they typically rely on police officers assigned to local Kobans (neighborhood police posts) to help them find a particular address. There is, however, a sign at the periphery of each city block or a set of blocks, with a map of that part of the neighborhood and the names of each family and the location of their house/residence. This lack of anonymity would be problematic here in the U.S.

Below a signpost in a Miyazaki, Japan neighborhood with a map of the housing units and family names.



Running for political office in Japan? It is unlawful to place your election campaign poster in locations other than those officially designed by local government. Special bulletin boards are provided to hold one poster for each candidate. They must all be the same size, and “lies” or incorrect statements about a candidate’s qualifications or background are punishable by law.



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