

CSU Fresno Dept. of Criminology Newsletter X



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CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. Ruth Masters has been selected as the new chairperson for the department of Criminology. Dr. R. Thomas Dull, the interim chair, will return to his duties as the coordinator of the graduate program and the criminology honors program.



Dr.Ruth Masters (ruthm@csufresno.edu)

Dr. Masters has been with the department since 1970, and her expertise is in the area of criminal justice counseling. She has published a textbook on counseling criminal offenders, and also acquired practical experience by providing counseling to both adults and juveniles in the CJ system, along with having been a parole agent for the California Department of Corrections and the California Youth Authority. Criminology Dept. news continued on page 2.



The Global Minute



Swedish Cartoonist threatened with Death



Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, leader of the so-called Islamic State in Iraq, has announced a reward for the murder of Swedish cartoonist Lars Vilks over his drawing depicting the prophet's head on the body of a dog. Al-Baghdadi offered \$100,000 for his murder and \$150,000 if Vilks is slaughtered like a lamb. The Swedish newspaper Nerikes Allehanda had published the drawing to defend the right to freedom of speech.

(Source: Al Jazeera)

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Dr. K. J. Ryan has written an article on Federalism, Inter-governmentalism, and Intelligence for Oxford University's Journal on Public Policy. The article will be published in the October issue of the journal.

Criminology department faculty and students are encouraged to submit abstracts criminology for department paper presentation panels at the annual meeting of the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences on 7 and 8 February, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV. The deadline for submission to Dr. Schweizer is 1 October 2007. Costs other conference information accessible at: http://www.aabss.org

The Fresno State chapter of LAE, the national Criminal Justice Association, is traveling to Portland, OR for the annual meeting from 8-10 November.

FRAUD EXPERT COMING TO FRESNO



Kriminalhauptkommissar Michael Böhl of the Fraud Division (*Dir 6VBIII4*) of the Berlin, Germany Police Department will be sharing his experiences, insight, and current challenges in fraud investigation.



KHK Michael Böhl

The two hour presentation will be held at the Fresno Police Department in March 2008, and is open to law enforcement only. Additional details will be announced by December 2007.

KHK (CPT) BÖHL has been with the Berlin police for more than 25 years and experienced the transition from two police departments in a divided city to a unified police for one Berlin. Berlin is the capital city of Germany and has more than 18,000 police officers, including 3,525 detectives.



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KHK Böhl is also the BdK representative for Berlin. The BdK is the federation of German Criminal Police (Kriminalpolizei). In addition to representing police criminal investigators (Kriminalpolizei) country-wide, the Bund deutscher Kriminalbeamter (BdK) also advises the federal government in legislative matters dealing with crime and criminal law. (https://www.bdk.de/index.php)

Berlin is a major hub for transnational organized crime and KHK Böhl has extensive experience in the investigation of criminal groups from the former Soviet Union. Last year KHK Böhl was featured in an article on transnational crime and the circumvention of immigration laws, published in the German news magazine FOCUS.

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Spotlight Japan

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

Japanese Police are first assigned to a Koban after graduation from the police academy. These neighborhood police posts are the backbone of policing in Japan, and typically serve 8,000-15,000 residents. Another type of police post is the Chuzaisho, which combines a police office with the officer's residence. All Chuzaisho officers are married and many have children. With only one officer responsible for a community, the spouses also assist in the functioning of the police post. Below is such a Chuzaisho on Iō Island in Nagasaki Prefecture.



Chuzaisho officers are integrated into the community and participate in all community activities. Dr. Schweizer interviewed the officer in the above police post and found that the 40 year old officer loved his assignment and thrived on the daily interaction community members.

Circumventing gambling laws in Japan

Betting or playing games of chance to win money is against Japanese law. At the same time, any visitor to Japan will see Pachinko parlors in nearly every prefecture and every city. Pachinko is a game involving steel balls in something that looks like an upright pin pall

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machine. Pachinko parlors are frequent by heavy smokers and the noise level from the machines is deafening.





Players can win points that can be changed into goods such as cigarettes, candy, electronic items, etc., in the Pachinko parlor.



To be continued in the October newsletter...



DOWNTOWN CRIMINOLOGY DEGREE PROGRAM

Two new classes are scheduled to begin this October. Any employee of city, county, state, or federal governments with about two years of prior college coursework can join the downtown degree program any time new classes begin. The program is designed to allow students to complete all of their upper division degree requirements for the B.S. degree in Criminology with an emphasis in law enforcement, within two years from the time they begin classes. Classes are held at the Fresno Police Department Annex downstairs training room on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and two Saturdays per course.

Dr. Schweizer, the coordinator of the downtown program, will have an information table in the lobby of the Fresno City Hall Annex at 2326 FRESNO STREET between M and N street on Wednesday, 26 Sept. from 1600-1800.

New classes are as follows:

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Phil 120 Contemporary Conflicts of Morals taught by Dr. Barbara La Bossiere (blabossiere@csufresno.edu)
Mondays Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Nov 5, 12, 19
from 1800-2200; Saturdays Oct 6, Nov 3 from 0800-1430.

Crim 117 Criminal Legal Process taught by Dr. Jason Kissner (mkissner@csufresno.edu) Wednesdays Oct 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov 7, 14, 21 from 1800-2200; Saturdays Oct 20, Nov 17 from 0800-1430.

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After the above courses, classes resume again in February, 2008.

Feb/Mar 2008

Crim 113 Forensic Science Crim 174 Ethnic and Gender Issues

Apr/May 2008

Crim 127 Advanced Crim Legal Process Upper division GE COURSE in area ID

Students register for the courses in class during the first or second meeting. Students must apply for admission to the university as soon as possible but can register for downtown classes without first having been admitted to the university, as long as they first meet with Dr. Schweizer to ensure that the degree program is appropriate, given their prior academic work.

For more information on the degree program contact Dr. Schweizer at 559-278-8880 or via email (best) at: haralds@csufresno.edu

Additional information on the program is also accessible at:

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtow ndegreeoverview.htm

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

ASSISTANT PROFESSORS (Tenure Track) Dept. of Criminology at CSU Fresno with the following special qualifications:

Legal Scholar (1 opening)
Victimology (1 opening)
Law Enforcement (2 openings)
You can review additional position details
and information on the application process at:
http://www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/socials
ciences.shtml