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# OFF CAMPUS PROGRAM RECEPTION



All persons who have attended, are currently attending, or are interesting in enrolling in the off campus criminology B.S. degree program, are invited to an informal reception in the office suite of the Criminology Department from 1230-1600 on Saturday, 8 May 2009.

This invitation extends to all faculty who have taught, are currently teaching, or who will be teaching courses in the downtown criminology degree programs. The informal reception will be preceded by a general information session about the program, including a discussion of

coming courses and an introduction of the faculty teaching those courses. A general overview of degree requirements, including the GE transfer requirements for students applying for university undergraduate admission, and the on-line GE course offerings at West Hills College, will be part of the informational session. Attendees are encouraged to bring their families to the reception. Food and refreshments will be provided free of charge. More details will be in the April Newsletter.

# **UNDERGRADUATE B.S. PROGRAM**

Two new classes are scheduled to be offered in April/May as indicated below:

# **CRIM 109 (Comparative C.J.)**

Saturday Meetings (0800-1430): April 4, May 2\*

\*Class meets on campus with reception for all students and their families at 1230.

Mondays (1800-2200):

April 6\*, 13, 20, 27, May 4. 11, 18, 25

\*Web based assignment and quiz in lieu of class. Contact the instructor, Dr. H.O. Schweizer for additional information (haralds@csufresno.edu)

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#### UNDERGRADUATE B.S. PROGRAM...

## **GEOG 115**

Saturday Meetings (0800-1430): April 18, May 16

Wednesdays (1800-2200): April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

Contact Dr. S. Omolayo for additional information. (samuelo@csufresno.edu)

## JOINING THE OFF CAMPUS B.S.PROGRAM

To those interested in joining the off-campus program, most students with 50 or more transferable lower division junior college units qualify for the program, as long as they are employed by any unit or level of government. Registration and payment for classes is usually submitted during the first or second class meeting, but these may also be submitted or sent directly to the Division of Continuing and Global Education at CSU Fresno. New students should also read program information and complete the off campus program application

linked to the program website at:

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtownd egreeoverview.htm

If pressed for time, new applicants can simply attend the first new classes beginning in April and bring along copies of transcripts showing prior college coursework.

The total cost for each 3-unit cost is \$570, not including any required textbooks. Faculty teaching the courses have a flexible approach to accommodate students who experience work related issues which preclude them from attending every class session. Blackboard and other on-line based work assignments and research is used extensively by faculty. Internet use is essential.

## **OFF CAMPUS GRADUATE PROGRAM**

All 17 students in the Off-Campus Criminology graduate program cohort have successfully completed their first 9 graduate units and are currently taking the Advanced Criminological Theory course with Dr. T. Dupont-Morales.





# **Police Mascots**

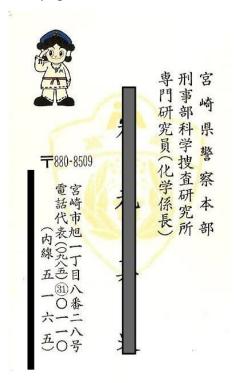


Mascots provide an ideal medium for conveying trust between police and the public, and are used by agencies across the globe to develop or maintain a positive image. Above a montage of a German police mascot from the state of Baden-Würtemberg meeting a police mascot from Miyazaki prefecture, Japan. The Geman mascot is already wearing the new "blue" uniform mandated for all police in the European Union. The Japanese mascot is wearing the traditional police uniform from 1900.

The emblem between the mascots consists of the official insignia for the Karlsruhe, Germany section of the International Police Association (IPA). NOTE: Germany has more IPA members than any other country in the world.

## **POLICE MASCOTS...**

The Japanese mascot is ever present when dealing with police and the mascot is seen on police business cards, recruitment posters, police web pages, etc.



Above a police business card from Miyazaki, Japan. The name of the official is crossed out



Recruiting announcement outside a Koban.

Below a keyholder from the Nagasaki Prefectural Police alien mascot "catchikun" which is a take-off on the English word CATCH.



This mascot also adorns plastic carrying bags, notebooks, document covers, rulers, coffee cups and related items.



Below the sign next to the entry doors to the Headquarters of the Nagasaki Prefectural Police.



You can visit all of the Japanese prefectural police websites via Dr. Schweizer's webpage for police homepages in Japan:

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/nipolicehomepages.htm



# The future is here!

The Carbon Motors Corporation has recently made headlines with its prototype futuristic police vehicle that is "purpose built" to withstand the physical abuse and wide range of operational law enforcement activities. The corporation breaks with the tradition of simply modifying an existing passenger vehicle to meet law enforcement needs by designing it from the ground up.

Typical everyday police activities such as get in and out of the police car with a literal supply and equipment chest hanging on your Sam Browne belt, securing prisoners in the rear seat, bracing for rear end collisions (drunk drivers are attracted to flashing lights and have a habit of running into the rear of police vehicle), exposure to flying projectiles such as bullets, running into curbs at high rates of

speed, dealing with bodily discharges of arrestees in the rear seat, and a host of other challenges faced by motorized police officers around the world, were all considered in the design and construction of this police vehicle. An important safety feature is the rear impact protection up to 70mph, which compensates for drunk drivers who are attracted to flashing lights and have a habit of running into the rear of police cars. (I witnessed just such an event while working as a police officer)

Following are additional photos of the vehicle interior. Carbon Motors was gracious enough to permit the use of their web based photos in this newsletter. It is also recommended that readers access the company's website for a more extensive and detailed description of the Carbon Motors Police Vehicle. http://www.carbonmotors.com/

# Carbon Motors Police Vehicle...

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The vehicle's performance features are extraordinary, to say the least, and together

with the innovations in design, appear to address every major and minor complaint I have ever had about my police unit (vehicle) while working as a patrol officer.

# **PERFORMANCE**

0 - 60 mph 6.5 seconds Quarter Mile 14.5 seconds @

98.0 mph

Top Speed 155 mph
Braking 60 - 0 mph 125 feet
Lateral Acceleration 0.85 g
Combined City/Hwy Fuel 28 - 30 mpg

Economy

A short excerpt from the performance data:

# EMPLOYMENT



The Medford POLICE DEPARTMENT has opened up recruitment for police officer will be accepting applications until 4/23/09. A medium sized organization of 103 sworn officers. the department provides extensive training opportunities, job opportunities, and has the top pay of the region. Our officers spend a minimum of one day (8 hours) a month assigned to training in the various KSAs they need to effectively maintain their skill set. The officers earn between \$3,964 and \$5,260 per month, with up to an additional 10% based on accrued college credit

# Medford Police Employment...

probation. Info about the department at:

http://www.ci.medford.or.us/SectionIndex.asp?Se ctionID=7

Web Based Police Application:

http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Employment.as p?SectionID=ALL&JobID=122

Frequently Asked Questions on Hiring at MPD:

http://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=14 <u>46</u>

# **Events in History**



Chicago gang wars during the American Prohibition resulted in the now infamous execution style slaying of six members of the Bugsy Moran gang on Valentine's Day in 1929. These murders were dubbed the "Valentine's Day" massacre, and while there was little doubt that Al Capone was responsible for the

killings, there was a lack of evidence to connect him to the massacre. Valentine's Day last month and DPSST certifications after completion of (February) was the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the While everyone involved is since massacre. deceased, the event in which six gang members and a seventh person were murdered, part of Chicago's history. The killings resulted in the supremacy of Al Capone's rule in Chicago's underworld.

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> The massacre led to different legends about the warehouse where the killings occurred, and the bricks from the wall where the men were lined up for execution were sold for \$1000 each. The new owners, however, were said to suddenly experience all kinds of personal disaster, including divorces, serious illnesses and premature death. The bricks were thought to contain a curse and the owners quickly passed them on to others to avoid personal tragedy.

> Al Capone was ultimately arrested and convicted for tax evasion, due to a meticulous investigation by Eliot Ness, a Prohibition Agent under the Department of the Treasury. You can view a photocopy of the original Chicago police report of the Valentine's Day massacre on Dr. Schweizer's web page at:

## http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/Valentine.html

This photocopy is not accessible anywhere else on the Web until, of course, it is copied from Dr. Schweizer's website and posted elsewhere.

#### VALENTINE'S DAY MASSACRE...

While the FBI did not have jurisdiction in the Chicago Valentine's Day massacre, the Bureau provided some investigative assistance. You can view some of the related documents at the FBI's website using the links below:

http://foia.fbi.gov/stvalen/stvalen1.pdf
http://foia.fbi.gov/stvalen/stvalen2.pdf

It is interesting to note that in a TV series about the FBI, Robert Stack played agent Eliot Ness, even though Ness was never an FBI agent.

Following is a copy of Eliot Ness' original ID card, more commonly referred to as "credentials." The ID is opened up reveals the credentials consisting of two sections as can be seen.



# **CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS**



Professor Barbara Owen was invited by the Thai Ministry of Justice to participate in an expert panel meeting designed improved to create international rules for the treatment of women prisoners. Held in Bangkok, February 2009, this meeting examined critical issues relating to the imprisonment of women around the globe. Participants from over 10 countries, the United **Nations** and other non-governmental organizations discussed and debated the content and the shape of the rules.

The proposed rules, entitled, "Draft supplementary rules for the treatment of women prisoners and non-custodial sanctions and measures for women offenders" were introduced at a public meeting in Bangkok and will be discussed at the upcoming UN Crime

Conference to be held in Brazil in 2010. Please contact Barbara Owen if you would like more information about this initiative at <a href="mailto:barbarao@csufresno.edu">barbarao@csufresno.edu</a>

Dr. Dussich, one of the professors in the criminology department, is the current president of the World Society of Victimology (WSV). The

WSV is sponsoring the **13**<sup>th</sup> **International Symposium on Victimology,** Aug 23-28, 2009, at Tokiwa University in Mito, Ibaraki, Japan. The conference program, themes, registration and accommodation information is available at the conference website:

# http://www.isv2009.com/

Dates to Remember (2009):

- Start date for abstract submissions: June 108
- Deadline for abstract submissions: March 31
- Deadline for final paper submissions: May 31
- Early symposium registration period: February 1May 1
- Regular symposium registration period: May 2 -July 31

# **Conference Theme: Victimology and Human Security**

Sub-themes (tentative)

- 1. Theory on Victimology and Human Security
- 2. A Victim Convention in the light of International Instruments and National Norms
- The work of the UNHCR and Victims of Abuse of Power, Refugee Victims and Displaced Persons
- 4. Victims of Human Trafficking, Sexual Exploitation and other Transnational Crimes
- 5. The Development of Victim Issues in the National Justice Systems, especially in Asia
- 6. Responses to Disaster Victimization
- 7. Psycho-traumatological and Psychological Interventions, building a network and coordination of Victim-specialized Interveners (professionals and volunteers)
- 8. Victimization of Indigenous People and other Marginalized Groups
- Special Victimizations: Victims of Family Violence, Torture, Terrorist Attacks, Consumer Fraud, and Cyber Victim

#### **SUMMER 2009 VICTIM SERVICES INSTITUTE**

Another Victim Services Summer Institute will be offered this summer. Students may take anywhere from one to all four of the courses that make up the Victim Services Certificate (CRIM 175: Victimology, CRIM 176: Victim Services, CRIM 177: Legal Policy and Victim Services, and CRIM 140: Family Violence). The courses will be offered everyday for a 4.5 hour time block from May 26 to June 5th (CRIM 175 and 176) and June 8 to 19th (CRIM 140 and CRIM 177). If you are interested in signing up, please contact the CRIM departmental office at 278-2345. A \$100 deposit (money orders only) will be collected to reserve your space for each class that you sign up for. If you have any please contact Dr. Muscat at questions, bmuscat@csufresno.edu.

# FACULTY PRESENTATION AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Dr. Takahashi attended the March 09 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Boston, MA and presented a paper/research on the topic of: Who Is in Jail? Exploring Characteristics of the Fresno County, California, Jail Population. The paper was the result of a collaborative research effort by, Dr. M.J. Kissner, Dr. E. Hughes, and Dr. Takahashi.

# **CALIFORNIA NEWS**



Four Oakland, CA police officers, SGT Mark DUNAKIN, SGT Erv ROMANS, SGT Daniel SAKAI and Officer John HEGE, were shot and killed on 21/22 March 2009 by Lovelle MIXON, a wanted parolee who was also under investigation for sexual assault. The shooting began during a traffic stop during which MIXON killed the first two officers, and later continued in an apartment complex where MIXON shot the other two officers during an exchange of gunfire with a police SWAT team. We mourn for these officers, their families, and the Oakland Police Department.

# **Police Memorabilia Collection**



The above metal insignia is from the Republic of Kiribati, which gained its independence in 1979. The island group in the South Pacific was first discovered by Europeans in the 16th century and later was known as the British colony of the Gilbert Islands. After Independence, the Phoenix Islands also became part of the new republic.

Below an old 1978 photo of Dr. Schweizer during his stop over on a restricted missile site on Canton Island, which is now part of Kiribati.





# 2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week



Fresno County Probation The James Rowland

# Crime Victim Assistance Center

"A Voice For Victims"

On behalf of Crime Victims of Fresno County you are invited to attend the unveiling of the Crime Victims' Memorial Quilt

> April 27, 2009 - 6:00 PM Fresno County Plaza Ballroom 2220 Tulare Street Event Entrance on L Streets

Parking is free after 5:00 pm at the Fresno County Plaza Garage on the corner of Kern and L Street

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