College of Social Sciences News

Dr. Walker, the chair of the Criminology Department has been appointed the interim/temporary assistant dean of the College of Social Sciences, but will continue to administer the department of criminology on a half time basis.

NEW FULL TIME FACULTY POSITIONS

The department of Criminology is currently recruiting three new law enforcement option faculty members for beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year. One of the position requires a JD and, preferably, a Ph.D. in the area of law, and the other two positions a Ph.D. in criminology or a related field. Applicants with a JD and a master’s degree in a criminology related discipline AND field experience in law enforcement, or those who are A.B.D. and expecting to earn their Ph.D. within the coming year, will also be considered for two of the three positions. The position openings will be posted soon and made available on the CSU Fresno employment web page at:

http://www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/social_sciences.shtml

The Hindustan Times reports that attempts to pass legislation keeping those facing criminal charges from running for public office has met opposition. One of the factors was the suspicion that the police could file charges against people from certain political parties simply to keep them from running for office.

Massacre of 50 policemen

The Indian Naxalite terrorist group attacked a police post in Chhattisgarh, killing 50 policemen. Dr. Schweizer’s research involving terrorism internationally showed that there are more than 97 separatist/militant – terrorist groups in North India alone.
Internship Orientation

All students desiring to enroll for Fall 07 internship units must attend one of two internship orientations this Spring. They are both from 1700-1900 as indicated below:

Tuesday, 24 April in ED 140
Wednesday, 25 April in AG 109

Internship sections are not offered during summer 2007.

Students currently employed full time with criminal justice agencies and who intend to enroll for Fall 07 internship units, should contact Dr. Clement, the departmental internship coordinator, for a possible waiver of part of the internship requirement, depending on the nature and length of their professional experience. kclement@csufresno.edu

US SECRET SERVICE

The Intern Program is not intended to provide the intern with investigative or protective experience.

For an initial screening and referral contact Dr. Schweizer at: haralds@csufresno.edu

Student Assistant Position

Available with the United States Secret Service. This is a paid position with the following eligibility requirements.

- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50.
- Must be a U.S. Citizen.
- Must be able to pass a full background investigation.
- Must be able to work a minimum of 16 hours per week and a maximum of 24 hours per week.
- Must be able to type a minimum of 40 words per minute.
- Experience in Microsoft Word and other software programs.

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OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE US SECRET SERVICE

The U. S. Secret Service is recruiting applicants for the Fall Student Internship. Students must meet the following requirements in order to be considered for an intern position:

- U.S. citizen
- Enrolled or have been accepted for enrollment during the upcoming semester or quarter as a full-time or part-time student in an institution not above the baccalaureate level.
- Obtain an agreement from the institution to participate.
- Must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Students are expected to work a minimum of 12 hours per week, and not less than two semesters.
- Must be able to pass a preliminary background investigation and drug screening is also required.
Downtown Criminology Degree Program

Admissions Update

APRIL 1 DEADLINE FOR FALL 07

Students applying for admission to the university for the Fall 07 semester must do so before 1 April, 2007.

Downtown students applying for admission online must select the first available semester designated for admissions, even though they are already attending classes. Students do NOT have to complete the admissions process before they register for downtown classes, but must apply for admission as soon as possible.

Applications for admission remain in the system only for the semester in which the application is filed. If the admission is denied due to a lack of sufficient transfer units, applicants can make up those units at area junior colleges and then re-apply for admission.

After a recent meeting about the downtown program, admission representatives at CSU Fresno agreed to waive the admission fee for Downtown students who are first denied admission and then later reapply after meeting the transfer requirements. GREAT!!!

Downtown students who have previously been admitted to and completed coursework at CSU Fresno should apply for READMISSION as RETURNING STUDENTS. They will be admitted even if they do not meet the 60 unit transfer requirement.

Due to computer system issues, downtown students may have difficulties applying for admission online, with the online system indicating an HTTP error when applicants attempt to submit the admissions application. This issue was checked and it was determined that the “system” does record the information submitted up to the final data/information entry. Downtown students with this problem should notify Dr. Schweizer who will then identify those students to Admissions. Admissions will then “manually” complete the admissions application process already begun online.

Transfer Evaluation Update

Students with prior activity duty military service of one year or longer may receive up to six general elective units in physical education and/or military science, depending on their branch of service and nature of duties. Students desiring such units must submit a copy of their DD214.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

Are you a frequent visitor to Baja California or Tijuana? Read the area news (in Spanish) before you go at: http://www.frontera.info/

CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT NEWS

Dr. M. J. Kissner is researching the longitudinal association of a measure of depression with a measure of behavioral self-control. The theory tested is that variation in emotional forces explains variation in self-control. We are looking forward to the publication of his research.

Dr. K.J. Ryan and Dr. H.O. Schweizer, participated in a panel discussion of terrorism on 20 March 07. The discussion was attended by students, professionals from the community, other university faculty, and the media.

DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAM

The administrative work on the joint doctoral degree program is progressing and it is hoped that the Department of Criminology will have a doctoral degree program beginning with the Fall 2008 semester.
Fundraiser for the Women of Juarez
a Success!

By John Dussich, Ph.D.

On March 8th, about two weeks ago, a group of about 70 people, mostly CSUF, students and faculty came together at the CAFÉ Info-Shop in downtown Fresno and held a special event in support of the hundreds of women victims and survivors of Juarez, Mexico. There were door prizes, a variety of foods, handouts from a number of community organizations, a film about the continuing horror of the Juarez killings, a question and answer session and a silent auction.

The MC of the evening was, Sylvia Altuñez, a survivor of the Juarez violence who lost her mother to the femicide and who told her poignant story in public for the first time. The President of FAC, Angel Galvez, wearing the “hot off the press” shirt printed just for this event, explained the objectives of FAC and later read off the winners of the silent auction, was very pleased at the turn-out and with the amount of money raised. Kaley Henry, from P. O. W. E. R. (People Organized for Women’s Empowerment and Representation) brought together a group of volunteers to support the efforts of the newly formed FAC (Femicide Action Committee) whose next major project is to provide a special scholarship to a victim advocate from the Casa Amiga program in Juarez.

This person will be brought to Fresno and will take the Victim Services Certificate training at the Criminology Department’s Summer Institute which starts on May 21st and ends on June 22nd. The FAC will coordinate the entire stay of this Mexican victim advocate, to include her preparation-week prior to the institute, the break-week and the program-visiting week after the course is over. All told, Manuela “Nelly” Carrea Mendez will stay in Fresno seven weeks, largely supported by the funds raised this past Thursday.

Also, contributing to this scholarship will be Casa Amiga (who will provide the airline tickets); Lia Chacon who will coordinate her stay and host her in her apartment, and the Criminology Department which will offer her the chance to take the course as a scholarship student. Funding for books, supplies, daily allowances for food, transportation and miscellaneous expenses will be provided by FAC with money from the recent fundraiser. FAC is now searching for a few persons who would be willing to help Nelly by accompanying her at different times during her seven weeks here in Fresno.

We are mostly looking for persons who are fluent in Spanish and who are Victimology majors, especially if they plan to also attend the Summer Institute this summer. Our expectation is that Nelly will be the first of many international scholarship recipients who will take the special knowledge obtained here at CSUF and retrain others in their own countries to fight femicide victimization. If you know of someone who might like to help with Nelly during her stay here in Fresno, please call me at 278-6046.

Dr. Dussich is the current president of the World Society of Victimology. He joined the Dept. of Criminology at CSU Fresno in 2003 and can be reached via email at: jdussich@csufresno.edu

World Society of Victimology: http://www.worldsocietyofvictimology.org

CSU Fresno Victim Services
Summer Institute:
http://www.csufresno.edu/criminology/degre es_programs/VSSI.htm