March will be a busy month for UF faculty and grad students. Two major conferences dominate the schedule: the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences will meet in Baltimore, while the American Psychology-Law Society holds its meeting in St. Petersburg.

APLS offers a host of opportunities. There will be a “Welcome to Florida” party co-hosted by UF’s Department of Criminology, Law and Society with the Legal Psychology Program at Florida International University, Psychological Studies at Nova Southeast University, University of South Florida Department of Mental Health Law and Policy.

Eve Brank will serve as the APLS Dissertation Awards Committee Chair, and she will be presenting the awards for the best dissertations in this division this year.

Lora Levett is co-chair for two APLS symposiums. Eve Brank is co-chair for one symposium, and the conference will feature papers and posters from several UF faculty and grad students, including Christine Driver, Jodi Lane, Lonn Lanza-Kaduce, Ron Akers, Lora Levett, and Eve Brank. Our very own Chuck Frazier will serve as a panel discussant.

Several other UF faculty and grads will be in Baltimore for ACJS. Alex Piquero, Nicky Piquero, Lonn Lanza-Kaduce, Beth Parker, Jodi Lane, Ron Akers, and Lorna Alvarez are authors on ACJS presentations.
Alex Piquero has articles coming out in Criminology, Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology, Public Health Reports, and Criminal Justice & Behavior.

Karen Parker and Wesley Jennings collaborated on "Threat, Urban Climate and Police Use of Force: Assessing the Direct and Indirect Linkages Across Urban Areas" (with J. MacDonald and G. Alpert) in Justice Research and Policy.


Angela Gover and Eve Brank appear with "A specialized domestic violence court in South Carolina: An example of procedural justice for victims and defendants" (with J. MacDonald) in Violence Against Women (in press).


Wesley Jennings appears with "Regional variations in punitiveness for white-collar offenders: A re-analysis of the crisis in the savings and loan industry" (with J. Miller) in Journal of Crime and Justice (forthcoming, 2006).


Lora Levett contributes three papers: "The effects of voir dire questions on a juvenile waiver case" (with F. Sothmann, M. Rosenthal, S. Greathouse, and M. Kovera); "The Effects of Voir Dire on Juror Decisions in Juvenile Waiver Cases" (with S. Greathouse and M. Kovera); and "The predictive validity of the juvenile waiver scale and its generalizability across participant groups" (with C. Crocker and M. Kovera). All papers will be presented at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida, March 2006.

Stephanie Carmichael and Angela Gover appear with "The Successful Completion of Probation and Parole Among Female Offenders" (with B. Koons-Witt and B. Inabnit) in Women and Criminal Justice, in press.
Recent and Upcoming Presentations

**Angela Gover** presented two papers at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada: “Challenges in a Study Measuring the Impact of No-Contact Order Enforcement in Lexington County, South Carolina” and “The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: A Gender-Based Analysis of Social Learning Theory.”

**Jodi Lane** and Derek Chadee’s paper “Fear of Gang Crime in Trinidad” was presented at the 4th International Conference on Crime and Justice in the Caribbean, February 8-11, 2006.

**Karen Parker** will give a SSS Presentation in March 2006: “The Rise and Decline in Homicide Rates: A Macro-Level Trajectory Analysis” with Patty McCall and Ken Land.

**Nicky Piquero** will present two papers at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Meeting in Baltimore, MD in March 2006: “The Role of Personality in Explaining White-Collar Crime” (with Shelley Johnson Listwan) and “The Effects of White-Collar Crimes on Consumer Consumption: The Steve Madden Story” (with Lorna L. Alvarez).

**Lonn Lanza-Kaduce, Beth Parker, Jodi Lane** and **Ronald Akers** are also presenting "Initiating Faith-Based Juvenile Corrections-Exercising without Establishing Religion" at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Meeting, March 3, 2006.

**Christine Driver** and **Eve Brank** will present a poster as part of Christine’s M.A. thesis work at the American Psychology-Law Society Conference in March entitled "An evaluation of one state's attempt to improve juvenile comprehension of the court process."

**Eve Brank** and **Jodi Lane** (with S. Turner, T. Fain, and A. Sehgal) have a paper accepted for a symposium at the March 2006 annual meeting of the American Psychology and Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida entitled “An experimental juvenile probation program: Effects on parent and peer relationships.”

**Jodi Lane, Lonn Lanza-Kaduce,** and **Ronald Akers** collaborated on "Reflections on Developing and Implementing Florida’s Faith and Community-Based Delinquency Treatment Initiative (FCBDTI) for Incarcerated Juveniles," which will be presented at the American Psychology and Law Society Conference, March 2, 2006.

**Lora Levett** (with S. Greathouse, F. Sothmann, R. Copple, & M. Kovera) will present “When juveniles are tried as adults: Does the juvenile qualification process result in a bias jury?” In E.M. Brank & L.M. Levett (Co-Chairs), Players in the Juvenile Justice Puzzle: From Public Sentiment to Putting it into Practice. Symposium to be conducted at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida in March 2006.

**Lora Levett** and M. Kovera also present "Psychological mediators in the relationship between opposing expert testimony and juror decisions.” In L.M. Levett (Chair), Juror Decision Making about Expert Evidence. Symposium to be conducted at the meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, St. Petersburg, Florida in March 2006.

In May, **Alex Piquero** will be delivering the keynote address to the Dutch Ministry of Justice on demography and crime, and in June he will be giving a plenary on crime and incapacitation at the Crime and Economics Workshop.

** faculty are keeping the Criminal Gator busy with news of many upcoming and current publications.**
Upcoming Conference

The fourth annual training conference, "Serving Youth: Strategies that Work" is scheduled for Friday, March 17th in Gainesville, FL. REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN and is limited to the first 300 people, so please make sure to register before the end of February. Please visit the website for everything you need to know about the agenda, workshop descriptions, etc. You will be able to download a registration form directly from the website:

http://sawww.co.alachua.fl.us/payback/ServingYouthSummit/homepage.htm

Faculty News

Karen Parker will serve as a Minority Affairs Committee Member at the American Society of Criminology's annual conference this November 2006 in Los Angeles.

Nicky Piquero was the 2005-2006 recipient of the University of Florida's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Teacher of the Year Award.

Jodi Lane received the American Society of Criminology Division on Corrections and Sentencing New Scholar Award, November 17, 2005.

Lora Levett tied for third place for the AP-LS Dissertation Award. Her dissertation was entitled "Evaluating and Improving the Opposing Expert Safeguard Against Junk Science."

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Thanks Karen!!

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