



American Society of Criminology Annual Conference - Los Angeles, CA

This year, faculty and graduate students will be flying across the country to present papers at ASC's annual conference, which will be held in Los Angeles, California. The department boasts a number of interesting presentations, some of which are highlighted below. The conference runs from November 1st until November 4th, 2006.

Lorna Rivera-Alvarez & Wesley Jennings: *"The Effects of Parental Attachment on Self-Control: A Look at Attachments Among Puerto Rican High School Students."*

Carrie Schrage & Jodi Lane: *"Legislator Ideology and Corrections and Sentencing Policy in Florida"*

Jodi Lane & James Meeker: *"Do General Fear of Crime Questions Gauge Perceived Risk, Fear of Crime or Behaviors? An Exploration into a Nagging Question"*

Ron Akers: *"Social Learning Theory and Life Course Criminology."*

Stephanie Hays, Amy Stauffer, & Karen Parker: *"Female Offending in the Aggregate: A Within-Gender Study and Comparison of Female Offending."*



Tasha Youstin: *"Supporting Capital Punishment: The Relationship between Death Penalty Approval and Confidence in the Justice System."*

Christine Driver & Eve Brank: *"Improving Comprehension of the Juvenile Justice Process."*

Matt Nobles: *"Philadelphia's Gun Court: A Preliminary Analysis."*

Christine Driver & Eve Brank: *"An Evaluation of One State's Attempt to Improve Juvenile Comprehension of the Court Process."*

Kate Fox & Angela Gover: *"In Pursuit of Factors that Predict Stalking Victimization among College Students."*

Jeff Ward: *"Attitudes toward and Perception of Police in Rural 'Speed Trap' Towns."*

Lonn Lanza-Kaduce, Jodi Lane, Ron Akers, Carrie

Schrage, Erin Lane, & Jessica Perry: *"Implementing 'Thinking for a Change' in Florida's Juvenile Institutions."*

Nicole Piquero & Alex Piquero: *"Control Balance and Exploitive Change' in Florida's Juvenile Institutions."*

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American Society of Criminology Conference Chair



Our very own **ALEX PIQUERO** is serving as a co-chair with Doris Mackenzie for the 2006 ASC Annual Conference held in Los Angeles, CA. Alex will also be playing the bass guitar during an evening performance. The name of his band is *The Hot Spots*.



State of the Gator Criminology, Law and Society Syndicate Address

September 25, 2006

The Syndicate is the graduate student organization for Criminology, Law and Society. Its mission is to support the academic and professional development of graduate students in the program. This fall, the Syndicate is poised for its finest year of service to date.

The Syndicate's September meeting featured two insightful sessions with guest speakers:

- Graduate Assistants United co-President Bret Seferian offered an update on UF's comprehensive new health care plan for graduate employees. He also contributed information on GAU's collective bargaining efforts to secure graduate assistants this year's annual pay raise. Bret concluded by describing GAU's efforts on behalf of graduate students working under the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, which is presently addressing budgetary shortfalls and strategic planning for the upcoming five years.
- Lonn Lanza-Kaduce addressed the group to provide further detail on the CLAS five-year plan and its implications for the graduate program in Criminology, Law and Society. Lonn explained the nature of potential budget cuts and reassured everyone that the CLAS budgetary uncertainty would not hamper the extraordinary growth and productivity that our program currently enjoys.

In other news:

- Efforts to improve the graduate student office facilities are ongoing. New computer equipment, including a robust workgroup printer, promises to make the shared basement offices more productive. Thanks largely to the initiative of Jeff Ward, graduate students now also have access to a full-sized refrigerator and freezer unit and new desks.
- Several CLS graduate students are pursuing external fundraising activities. Tasha Youstin will head up the Syndicate's fundraising committee, in conjunction with Jessie Perry and Becky Hayes.
- The Syndicate would like to recognize Saskia Santos and Krissy Tennyson for their efforts as social coordinators for the Graduate Student Council in 2006-07. GSC has reported record attendance at social events this fall, thanks largely to the enthusiasm and energy that Krissy and Saskia bring to the organization.
- The Syndicate will again support graduate student travel to the American Society of Criminology's annual conference in Los Angeles. We are pleased to supplement travel grants available to conference presenters from organizations such as the Graduate Student Council and the Graduate School. The University of Florida will be well-represented at ASC in 2006, with more than 20 graduate students presenting papers or posters.
- Carrie Schrage has been elected as Syndicate Treasurer for 2006-07. She replaces former Treasurer Erin Lane, who graciously agreed to fill the vacated position during the spring 2006 semester. In addition to handling regular treasurer duties, Carrie is serving as the program's official representative to the Graduate Student Council.

Sincerely,

President: Matt Nobles
Vice President: Jeff Ward
Treasurer: Carrie Schrage
Secretary: Kate Fox

Introducing the 2006 Criminology, Law and Society Cohort

M.A.

New Masters Students

Ashley Peake joins us from the University of North Florida where she received a B.S. in Communication Arts. Ashley also specialized in Public Relations and minored in Criminology. Her main areas of interest include: juvenile delinquency, media effects on crime, and imitative behavior in criminals. When Ashley has free time she enjoys reading, drawing, and painting. Entertaining is also a hobby of Ashley's, as she enjoys acting, dancing, and making people laugh!

Sven Smith brings a great sense of humor to our department! Sven earned his B.A. in Sociology from Stetson University in Florida. Sven often takes a Neo-Weberian approach in his analysis of crime and the criminal justice system. His current research looks at the link between jury information processing and jury verdicts. He enjoys readings, running, and wearing shorts with holes in them!

Jessica Shue has elected to continue her education at the University of Florida. Jessica received a B.A. in Criminology last year from UF. She specializes in corrections research but remains open to new interests. When Jessica is not reading about prisons and prisoners she likes to play sports- especially racquetball. Other hobbies include: hanging out with her friends

and fiancé, playing with her cats, and cooking.

Stacy Burweger earned a B.A. from Flagler College, located in Saint Augustine, Florida. At Flagler, she double majored in Psychology and Sociology. Stacy's main area of interest is sex crime. More specifically, she studies the behaviors of sex offenders. In her limited free time, Stacy trains and rides horses.

Ph.D.

New Doctoral Students

Rebecca Hayes migrated south from the great state of Michigan to join our graduate program. She earned a B.A. from Western Michigan University, where she double majored in Social Psychology and Criminal Justice. Rebecca earned an M.S. in Criminal Justice from Michigan State University. Rebecca's areas of interest include: crime in the media, jurors' perceptions of pretrial publicity, and gender inequality. Rebecca is devoted to community service, which is exemplified by her volunteerism at Alachua County Victim Services. In her free time, she enjoys theatre and sports.

Hayden Griffin comes to the University of Florida from Virginia. Hayden earned a B.A. from Virginia Tech, where he double majored in History and Political Science. Hayden

attended law school at the University of Richmond earning a J.D. He also received an M.A. from Radford University in Criminal Justice. Hayden mainly focuses on drug policy, theoretical perspectives in law, critical criminology, and criminal law. In his free time, he enjoys reading and movies.

Justin Smith also joins the program from Michigan. He received a B.S. in Psychology and an M.A. in sociology. He earned both degrees at Western Michigan University. His current areas of interest include: social control, drug policy, race & crime, gender & crime, and crime in the media. When not studying crime, Justin enjoys the beach, fine dining, live music, and sports.

Alisson Timbs joins our graduate program after holding an instructor position at the collegiate level. She earned a B.A. in Criminology from Arkansas State University. She then attended Florida State University where she received an M.S. in Criminology. Allison also holds an M.A. in Political Science from Arkansas State University. She focuses on criminological theory and gender & crime. She loves to spend time with her dog, read, and partake in craft projects.

**Welcome &
Good Luck!!**

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PH.D. CANDIDATES WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED THEIR COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

PASSED ONE

LYNN LANGTON
WESLEY JENNINGS
AMY STAUFFER

PASSED BOTH

DAVE KHEY
ANDREA SCHOEPFER
STEPHANIE HAYES
MIKE BAGLIVIO



Faculty Update!

The department will greatly miss Brian Stults and Angela Gover, who have joined faculties at other universities. To help fill these voids, the department is pleased to announce that a search is scheduled to be conducted this year for a full professor position to be filled for Fall 2007.

PUBLICATIONS: WHO'S IN PRINT?

Wesley Jennings has a forthcoming publication set for 2007 entitled: "Revisiting Prediction Models in Policing: Identifying High-Risk Offenders." *American Journal of Criminal Justice*

Alex Piquero has a publication forthcoming in the *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* and 3 other journals (see below). Alex also has a forthcoming book, *Key Issues in Criminal Career Research* (Cambridge University Press).

Richard C. Hollinger and Jason L. Davis just published an invited chapter entitled, "Employee Theft and Staff Dishonesty," in *The Handbook of Security* edited by Martin Gill. The book was released by Palgrave Macmillan in July.

MiRang Park has a forthcoming publication in *International Encyclopedia* (Vol. 1&2) entitled: "Drug Trafficking of North Korea."

Brank, E. M., Lane, J., Turner, S., Fain, T., & Sehgal, A. (in press). "An Experimental Juvenile Probation Program: Effects on Parent and Peer Relationships." *Crime and Delinquency*

Schoepfer, Andrea, Nicole Leeper Piquero, and Stephanie Carmichael (forthcoming) "Do Perceptions of Punishment Vary Between White-Collar and Street Crimes?" *Journal of Criminal Justice*

Piquero, Alex R., Leah Daigle, Chris Gibson, Nicole Leeper Piquero, and Stephen G. Tibbetts (forthcoming) "Are Life-Course Persistent Offenders at Risk for Adverse Health Outcomes? A Research Note." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*

Langton, Lynn and **Nicole Leeper Piquero** (forthcoming) "Can General Strain Theory Explain White-Collar Crime? A Preliminary Investigation." *Journal of Criminal Justice*

Piquero, Nicole Leeper, Stephanie Carmichael, and **Alex R. Piquero** (forthcoming, 2007) "Assessing the Perceived Seriousness of White-Collar and Street Crimes" *Crime and Delinquency*, 53(3).

Langton, Lynn, **Nicole Leeper Piquero,** and **Richard Hollinger** (2006) "An Empirical Test of the Relationship Between Low Self-Control and Employee Theft" *Deviant Behavior*, 27: 537-565.

Piquero, Nicole Leeper and Alex R. Piquero (2006) "Control Balance and Exploitative Corporate Crime" *Criminology*, 44(2):397-430.

Brank, Eve, Jodi Lane, Susan Turner, Terry Fain, and Amber Sehgal. (in press) "An Experimental Juvenile Probation Program: Effects on Parent and Peer Relationships." *Crime & Delinquency*

Lane, Jodi. (in press) "Joan Petersilia: A Life of Policy-Relevant Corrections Research." *Women & Criminal Justice*. Volume 17, Number 3

Lane, Jodi and Lonn Lanza-Kaduce. (in press) "Before You Open the Doors: Ten Lessons from Florida's Faith and Community-Based Delinquency Treatment Initiative." *Evaluation Review*

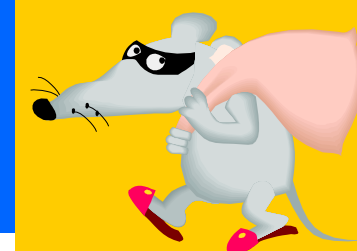
Lane, Jodi, Susan Turner, Terry Fain, and Amber Sehgal (in press). "Implementing 'Corrections of Place' Ideas: The Perspective of Clients and Staff." *Criminal Justice & Behavior*.

Ron Akers has four publications for 2006.

- "Social Learning Theory: Correcting Misconceptions," pp. 89-99 in Stuart Henry and Mark Lanier, eds., *The Essential Criminology Reader*, Westview Press (Christine S. Sellers and Ronald L. Akers).
- "Empirical Status of Social Learning Theory: Past, Present, and Future" 37-76 in Frances T. Cullen, John Paul Wright, and Kristie R. Blevins, eds. *Taking Stock: The Status of Criminological Theory*, Vol. 15 Advances in Criminological Theory. Transaction Publishing. (Ronald L. Akers and Gary F. Jensen).
- "Theory and Research in the Sociology and Social Psychology of Crime and Deviance," in Mathieu Deflem, ed., *Sociological Theory and Criminological Research: Views from Europe and the United States*. Elsevier Science
- "Parental and Peer Influences on Adolescent Drug Use in Korea" *Asian Journal of Criminology* [online] <http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s11417-006-9009-5> August, 2006. (Sunghyun Hwang and Ronald L. Akers)

THE USUAL SUSPECTS?

For the first time, the Department of Criminology, Law and Society is proud to announce that a flag football intramural team has been formed. The team name is The Usual Suspects. Graduate students compete in the 8 on 8 co-ed flag football league here at UF. Regular season games take place at Maguire Field on Sundays at 5pm. Currently, The Usual Suspects have a record of 1-1!



Attention Faculty and Graduate Students:

Be sure to submit your bi-annual activities for publication in *The Criminal Gator*. At the beginning of the fall and spring term you will be asked to submit: recent and forthcoming publications, ongoing research, recent and upcoming paper presentations, grants, and teaching and research awards. You may also submit any other news that you want to share with the department!

Ongoing Research Projects

Carrie Schrage and Jeff Ward: "Re-Evaluating the Effectiveness of Intermediate Sanctions: A Recidivism Analysis with Self Report Data"

Lora Levett and Tina Kelchner: "Jury Perception of Police Expert Testimony"

Tina Kelchner and Ross Wolf: "Educational Incentives for Law Enforcement Officers"

Jeff Ward and Matt Nobles: "Police Quotas: Debunking Myths and Uncovering Truths"

Dave Khey is expanding his dissertation studies (the CSI effect) to include both local level and federal level analysis direct from jurors post trial.

GRANTS: Bringing in the money!

Joe Spillane: National Science Foundation Grant "The Social Organization of a Public Science: Mapping the Changing Topography of Substance Abuse Research"

Eve Brank: The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Grant "Parents' Response to Parental Responsibility Laws"

Eve Brank: American Psychology-Law Society (Interdisciplinary Funding Award) "The Interrelationship between Law, Psychology, and Medicine Regarding the Decision to Care for Elderly Family Members"

Christine Driver: American Psychology-Law Society Grant-in-Aid "An Evaluation of One State's Attempt to Improve Juvenile Comprehension of the Court Process."

Dave Khey: Graduate Student Council Dissertation Grant "Forensics and the Media: The Affects Forensics in Television has on the American Juror."

