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NOTES FROM THE CHAIR

First, on behalf of the Division let me thank Stacy Burns for her many contributions as past Chair. Thank you, Stacy!

My first duties as incoming Chair kept me away from some Division sessions I would have liked to attend during the Summer 2011 conference (my apologies), and kept me out of trouble in Vegas (remember Vegas?), but as they involved planning for the 2012 conference, my first duties provided

much reason to look forward to our sessions next Summer. Certainly check them out, starting with a sketch in this newsletter, and I hope to see you at some of these sessions in Denver.

Of the various resources and services the Division can offer to its members, I believe we as a Division have justifiably focused on the annual conference, and also I think we should be proud to have successfully institutionalized our own life-time achievement award recently, on top of our important graduate student paper award. It has been great to provide this collective focus on the deserving and fascinating contributions of senior colleagues, starting with Val Jenness (2010) and Gary Marx (2011).

In addition to our annual conference activities and awards, we also have our newsletters (twice yearly per standard practice), and our own division web-page (a standard division resource sponsored by SSSP), and occasional e-mails from the Division. One of my interests as incoming Chair is to pose the question (and encourage dialogue on) whether Division members would like to receive something more or something different in the way of the newsletters, web content, and e-mails, potentially involving a division listserv.

We're producing engaging and relevant scholarship, teaching important topics, and performing valuable services to our institutions and the public...but whether it is because we're idealistic, ambitious, stretched thin at work, or just stubbornly progressive—perhaps all of these—we often don't see the degree of public impact we'd like to see. And sometimes we have good news which should be widely distributed. To me, that speaks to room for more communication and cooperation among like-minded colleagues, and the Division could certainly assist in that. Feel free to contact me about any potential changes or contributions, and I look forward to addressing these issues at our business meeting this Summer. I hope to see you there.

I'm sure we've all deserved a good Winter break... Best Wishes for the Holidays.

Tim Berard

**CALL FOR DIVISION AWARD
NOMINATIONS**

**Graduate Student Paper Competition
Submission Deadline: March 15, 2012**

The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division announces its 2012 Graduate Student Paper Competition. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may be on any aspect of crime or delinquency, including related issues of social control. Eligible papers must have been written during 2011, and at the time of submission may not be published, accepted for publication, or under review for publication. Papers presented at a professional meeting or accepted for presentation are eligible. Papers must be student-authored; in the case of co-authorship, all authors must be students. Recommended

length is under thirty pages, including all notes, references, and tables; length is a criterion of evaluation. Submissions should use 12-point font, one inch margins, and double spacing throughout. Send paper and a cover letter confirming eligibility and nominating the paper to Dr. Tim Berard. Papers should be submitted electronically, by e-mail attachment in MS Word 2007, sent to: tberard@kent.edu. Winner will be announced in Spring, 2012. Winner will receive a plaque, a stipend, and compensation covering registration for the 2012 annual meeting and the awards banquet.

**CJDD 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award in Crime and Juvenile Delinquency
Nomination Deadline: December 15, 2011**

The Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Lifetime Achievement Award is intended to honor individuals for their distinguished scholarship in the field of crime and delinquency and/or for the positive impact of their actions/activism addressing problems of crime, delinquency and justice. In submitting a nomination, please provide the following supporting materials: a statement surveying the nominee's relevant contributions, and the nominee's vitae (short version preferred). Please submit your nomination and supporting materials electronically to Tim Berard at tberard@kent.edu. The submission deadline is December 15, 2011. Previous nominations have no bearing on eligibility.

**NOTEWORTHY CONFERENCE
SESSIONS FOR 2012**

Please plan to attend SSSP in Denver next Summer! Here is a peek at division-sponsored and co-sponsored sessions, seven of which have open calls for submission. Submission deadlines and a link/web address for further information are provided below the session information.

Division of Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Lifetime Achievement Award
Featuring invited speakers
Co-organizers: Bob Garot (rgarot@yahoo.com) & Tim Berard
(tjberard@alumni.reed.edu)

Dilemmas of Societal Response to Juvenile Offending
Featuring invited speakers
Organizer, Presider and Discussant: Jack Spencer (jspencer@purdue.edu)

Intersections of Gender, Race, Class, Sexuality & Crime
Featuring invited speakers
Organizer: Tim Berard (tjberard@alumni.reed.edu)
Presider & Discussant: James Messerschmidt

Scholarly Activism & Activist Scholarship on Law, Crime & Deviance (Thematic)

Co-sponsored by: Crime & Juvenile Delinquency; Social Problems Theory

Organizer: Tim Berard (tjberard@alumni.reed.edu)

Presider & Discussant: JoAnn Miller

Please consider submitting a paper

Socio-Political Dimensions of Criminal Law from Legislation to Law Enforcement

Co-Sponsors: Crime & Juvenile Delinquency; Law & Society; Social Problems Theory

Organizer: Gray Cavender (Gray.Cavender@asu.edu)

Please consider submitting a paper

Death Penalty

Co-Sponsors: Law & Society; Crime & Juvenile Delinquency

Organizer: Kim Cook (cook@uncw.edu)

Please consider submitting a paper

Violence and the Law

Co-Sponsors: Law & Society; Crime & Juvenile Delinquency

Organizer: Stephen Morewitz (morewitz@earthlink.net)

Please consider submitting a paper

Assessing Stereotypes of Immigrants as Offenders

Co-Sponsors: Crime & Juvenile Delinquency; Global; Race & Ethnic Minorities

Organizer & Presider: Peter Ibarra (pibarra@uic.edu);

Discussant: Amir Marvasti

Please consider submitting a paper

Roles for Social Problems Theory in Teaching on Crime & Delinquency

Co-sponsors: Crime & Juvenile Delinquency; Teaching Social Problems; Social Problems Theory

Organizer, Presider and Discussant: Joel Best (joelbest@udel.edu)

Please consider submitting a paper

Alcohol, Drugs, Offending, and Rehabilitation

Co-sponsors: Crime & Juvenile Delinquency; Drinking & Drugs; Health & Health Policy

Co-organizers: Matt Vogel (mvogel@albany.edu); Tim Berard

(TJBERARD@ALUMNI.REED.EDU)

Please consider submitting a paper

Paper proposals for open sessions should be submitted by Jan. 31

For more info on available sessions and submission procedures, see:

<http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/478/fuseaction/sspsession2.publicView>

**NOMINATIONS FOR SSSP OFFICES
WELCOME**

If you are interested in nominating yourself or someone else for one of the many SSSP offices, please see: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/pageid/1082/>

***In Memoriam:* EGON BITTNER**

Egon Bittner was born in 1921 in Silesia, a part of central Europe which was then in Czechoslovakia, but which at different moments in Egon's youth had been Polish and German. Egon was from a Jewish community decimated by the Holocaust, and he was a rare survivor. It is hard to know whether his extraordinary generosity, compassion, modesty, and ability to recognize and live with difference and diversity came from this upbringing or this horrible experience, but these were among the qualities that family, friends, and colleagues cherished. These were also the qualities that made him an extraordinary social scientist. Egon loved books, ideas, reflecting on the complexity of human behavior, and [displayed] the skepticism of received wisdoms that truly probing minds must possess.

Egon was active in the sociology profession and served, among other positions, as president of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Among sociologists he was best known for studies of the relationships between police and society. These studies, which elegantly bracketed conventional stereotypes of the police, including those of the social sciences, proceeded from, but were not limited by ethnomethodological premises and led Egon and many of his students to cruise about in squad cars and hang out in police stations to gather data. Among his many publications on police-society relationships are *The Functions of the Police in Modern Society* (1970), *Aspects of Police Work* (1990), *The Capacity to Use Force as the Core of the Police Role* (1985), *Florence Nightingale in Pursuit of Willie Sutton: A Theory of the Police* (1974), and *The Police on Skid Row* (1967)... Egon knew that the use of force was the unavoidable basis of most police work and that professional discretion and sensitivity were essential for this to be acceptable. His research sought the behavioral bases of the uses and abuses of this application of force. The results were profoundly humanist as well as empirically useful. His new ways of understanding how police roles might be better conceived were

recognized by scholars and police professionals themselves. His contributions to police scholarship earned him the Police Executive Research Forum Leadership Award, for example. Egon also served as commissioner in the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) from 1979 to 1988. In recognition of the importance of his work, CALEA established the Egon Bittner Award, annually presented to leading police executive officers in recognition of distinguished service in law enforcement. Egon's sociological writings on police work remain a benchmark for today's scholars researching the police.

Egon retired from Brandeis in 1991 and then moved, with his beloved wife Jean, to the Bay Area to be closer to his children Debora Seys and Tom Bittner and enjoy life in a corner of the world that he loved. He died there May 7, 2011. Egon was a profound scholar from whom many learned by reading his work, in his classes, and conversing. Oftentimes, after engaging him on the simplest of issues, one emerged, after reflection, with new ways of apprehending and understanding very large parts of the world. He was also modest, an attribute which probably kept him from becoming one of paramount stars of contemporary sociology, a status reserved for more aggressive individuals. It was this modesty that made him all the more approachable and attractive, however. He was a renowned and beloved PhD advisor and a terrific colleague. He will be deeply missed. Our sympathy goes first to Jean and his family, but we are all bereft at his loss.

Excerpted from: <http://www.sssp1.org/index.cfm/m/362/obituaries/>

MEMBER NEWS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Michael Adorjan has a new article (Fall 2011): “The Lens of Victim Contests and Youth Crime Stat Wars,” *Symbolic Interaction*, 34(4):550-571.

Ronald J. Berger published a new book, *White-Collar Crime: The Abuse of Corporate and Government Power*, with Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Walter S. DeKeseredy has a new book, titled *Violence Against Women: Facts, Myths, Controversies*, published by University of Toronto Press. See: <http://www.utppublishing.com/Violence-Against-Women-Myths-Facts-Controversies.html?page=1/>. In addition, he and Molly Dragiewicz have a new co-edited book: *Routledge Handbook of Critical Criminology*. See: <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415779678/>.

Amory Starr, **Luis A. Fernandez**, and Christian Scholl have a new book with NYU Press, titled *Shutting Down the Streets*. See: <http://nyupress.org/books/book-details.aspx?bookId=5011>.

Bob Garot has published *Who You Claim: Performing Gang Identity in School and on the Streets*, with NYU Press. See: <http://nyupress.org/books/book-details.aspx?bookid=4308>.

Bob kindly provides a brief introduction for Division members:

“Vicious thugs.” “Superpredators.” “An infestation.” “A flood.” A common consensus holds that gang members be understood by such terms. This monograph aims to penetrate such metaphors, grappling with the ways young people negotiate with, through and around gangs, not as victims or perpetrators, but by strategically using the rituals and assumptions of gangs as resources. The central question this study asks is, is it possible to see gang members as human? What sort of world, and what sort of research, might we create if we did?

Stephen J. Morewitz is the author of *Chronic Disorders in Children and Adolescents* (with Mark L. Goldstein), published with Springer. The book analyzes research on conduct disorder and oppositional defiant disorder in children and adolescents.

Mark Pogrebin has two forthcoming anthologies: *About Criminals: A View of the Offender's world* (2nd ed.), with Sage, and (with Heith Copes) *Voices from Criminal Justice: Thinking and Reflecting on the System*, with Routledge—Taylor and Francis.

Harland Prechel and **Theresa Morris** received the 2011 Best Published Paper Award for a journal paper published in the previous year that advances our theoretical understanding of organizations, organizing, and management from the Organizational and Management Theory Divisions of the Academy of Management. The paper, titled “The Effects of Organizational and Political Embeddedness on Financial Malfeasance in the Largest U.S. Corporations: Dependence, Incentives, and Opportunities,” was published in the *American Sociological Review*, 75:331-354.

Ronnie A. Dunn and **Wornie Reed** have published *Racial Profiling: Causes and Consequences*, with Kendall Hunt.

The following is a brief description of their new book:

Racial profiling is a phenomenon that has been around for many years.

As of 2007, there had been over 200 court cases involving allegations of racial and ethnic profiling against law enforcement agencies in the United States. Consequently, it is an issue of significant concern.

While racial profiling can affect many aspects of the lives of minorities, including Arab and Muslim Americans, *Racial Profiling: Causes and Consequences* focuses on the “driving while black” (DWB) phenomenon. Among the frequently occurring incidences of racial profiling are traffic stops for minor violations, which often result in vehicle searches for contraband. The concept of “driving while black” is the focus of this book,

which includes several studies of traffic stops, and assesses traffic stops from several perspectives.

Victor Rios has published a new book, *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys*, with NYU Press. See: <http://nyupress.org/books/book-details.aspx?bookId=5194>.

Joachim J. Savelsberg and Ryan D. King have a new book, *American Memories: Atrocities and the Law*, with Russell Sage Foundation. The book investigates how the legal rituals and the institutional logic of legal proceedings color collective memories of atrocities. It focuses on American responses to grave human rights violations, characterized by the promotion of criminal justice proceedings against high ranking officials in other countries. Simultaneously the United States seeks to protect its own citizens from prosecution by international and foreign courts while sanctioning only few front line agents in domestic courts. It protects high-level military and political leaders as well as the organization of the military. As a consequence, some of the benefits of criminal justice intervention, mediated by the cultivation of collective memory of evil, are not achieved. American memories skillfully exempt American institutions from scrutiny, instead glorifying the nation and its military, increasing the risk of future military engagement and crimes committed in the context of war (<https://www.russellsage.org/publications/american-memories>).

Jack Spencer has published a new book, titled *The Paradox of Youth Violence*, with Lynne Reinner.

Ted Thornhill published the following article this past summer: “African Americans and the Marijuana Legalization Paradox: Do Race-Specific Murder Victimization Rates and Race-Specific Drug Arrest Rates Explain It?” *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice* 9(2): 110-135.

Julie B. Wiest has published *Creating Cultural Monsters: Serial Murder in America*, with CRC Press.

The following is a description of her new book:

A unique and comprehensive explanation of serial murder, this book draws on the years of dedicated research of Dr. Julie B. Wiest. The book examines connections between American culture and the incidence of serial murder and draws clear and well-supported conclusions. Dr. Wiest presents six empirically supported arguments that have the potential to revolutionize how serial murder is understood, studied, investigated, and brought to light, including a sociological context as to why most identified serial murderers are white males. This text is suitable as a reference as well as a textbook for serial murder, serial violence, and criminal profiling courses.

CONTRIBUTIONS INVITED

We encourage members to submit news such as publications, new appointments, and other professional accomplishments for inclusion in a future newsletter. Please contact our editor Diana Veloso: dveloso@luc.edu.

Suggestions and inquiries about less conventional content are also welcome—consider editorials, book reviews, teaching notes, department/program profiles, calls for contributions to journals and edited books, obituaries...Please direct such inquiries to the Division Chair (Tim Berard, at: tjberard@alumni.reed.edu), as well as the newsletter editor, Diana Veloso, at: dveloso@luc.edu.