A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I assumed the leadership of CJPRI about a decade ago and I can’t help but marvel at the status of the Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute at Portland State University today. During my time as Director, the research capacity of CJPRI has more than doubled in our work with agencies and organizations. The work happening within CJPRI is more vibrant, diverse, and innovative than ever. In addition to the substantial advancement of the in-house statistical and methodological skills, the breadth of in-house expertise runs the full gamut of the crime and justice continuum including police, courts, and corrections. CJPRI also houses a variety of subject matter specialties including juvenile justice, corporate crime, human trafficking, and risk assessment, just to name a few. Over the years, CJPRI has maintained strong research partnerships with a variety of state and local agencies, as well as developed many new ones at all levels of government. I have no doubt these partnerships will continue to grow and expand as the role of evidence-based decision-making grows within agencies and organizations. In short, CJPRI is better than ever and I am really looking forward to the future.

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Areas of Expertise: The intersection between criminal justice and community covering a variety of topics. These topics include public trust in criminal justice, fear of crime, community policing, and racial/ethnic disparities. Specific research includes examining racial disparities in traffic stops and searches across a number of Oregon cities and understanding how experiences with criminal justice agencies impact perceptions of trust and procedural justice.
Research Skills: Survey research, community/neighborhood-level studies, research design and implementation.

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Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy
Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office
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Deschutes County District Attorney’s Office
East-West Management Institute
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Indiana Office of Court Services
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Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department
Mercy Corps
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Mult. County District Attorney’s Office
Mult. County Domestic and Sexual Violence Coord. Office
Mult. County Domestic Violence Reduction Team (DVRT)
Mult. County Sheriff’s Office
Mult. Defenders Inc.
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North Dakota Department of Corrections
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Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
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Oregon Department of Human Services
Oregon Department of Transportation
Oregon Dept. of Public Safety Standards and Training
Oregon Innocence Project
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MISSION
CJPRI strives to promote informed decision-making on the complex issues related to crime prevention, crime control, and the criminal justice process. Its goal is to provide policymakers and the public with research and empirical guidance that is objective, practical, rigorous, and evidence- and theory-based to advance efficient, effective, and equitable policy and practice in the field of criminal justice. Faculty from the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department at Portland State University comprise the core research and expertise of CJPRI. CJPRI is housed within the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government in the College of Urban and Public Affairs. CJPRI researchers employ a wide variety of methodological and statistical approaches that deliver advanced analyses of important program and policy questions.

FACULTY EXPERTISE

Christopher Campbell, Ph.D. Washington State University (Criminal Justice and Criminology) 503 725-9896  lcm22@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Evaluation of correctional strategies within adult and juvenile and community and institutional corrections settings. Specific research includes evaluating the use of “swift and certain sanctions” on recidivism in probation/parole cases, and study of the connection between institutional treatment programs and prison violence. Current projects are exploring “holistic defense” strategies by public defenders that can address mass incarceration and using genomics research of defendants and their perceptions of procedural justice. Research Skills: Literature reviews, case study, mixed methods approach to research questions. Examples include quantitative data analysis with administrative/agency/office data, quasi-experimental designs using propensity score matching, interviews, focus groups, and survey research.

Christopher Carey, Ph.D. Arizona State University (Communication) J.D. Southern Illinois University (Law) 503 725-4902  icarey@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Expertise in law with an emphasis on human rights, environmental advocacy, human trafficking, and community engagement in local governance. Specific projects have explored the social impacts on vulnerable groups and indigenous peoples involving issues of migration, human trafficking, and environmental sustainability, with a focus on community engagement in these processes. Recent research has examined the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Portland in partnership with the U.S. Attorney’s office. Research Skills: Mixed methods and interdisciplinary research with a focus on action-based research to assist partners in the development of policies and programs.

Kelsey Henderson, Ph.D. University of Florida (Criminology, Law and Society) 503 725-5238  khender2@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Courtroom policy, processes, and decision-making. Specific research includes examining how courtroom processes (e.g., expert testimony, cross examination, role of attorney) may influence juror decisions (e.g. evaluation of evidence strength) and plea decisions (acceptance of a plea bargain vs. going to trial). Additional research interests include best practices in the interrogation room and subsequent evaluation of confession evidence, sentencing and diversion, and investigation of processes/policies related to wrongful conviction. Research Skills: Use of experimental and quasi-experimental research designs to collect survey data for testing policy questions.

Kris Henning, Ph.D. University of Vermont (Clinical Psychology) 503 725-8520  khenning@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: A focus on helping criminal justice agencies improve decision-making through evidence-based practices and database development to better track cases. Specific projects have included testing the impact of focused community engagement at the University of Cincinnati and using an experimental design in Portland, validation of risk assessment tools, implementing interactive crime analysis tools for the web, and community surveys. Research Skills: Quantitative evaluation of new programs, community surveys, data analysis, database design, and data management.

Laura Hickman, Ph.D. University of Maryland (Criminology & Criminal Justice) 503 725-9194 lhickman@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Evaluating and improving criminal justice policy and practice as well as the impacts of violence and victimization. Interested in a range of program and policy evaluation topics. Specific research projects have entailed the effects of promising interventions designed to serve children who have been exposed to violence in a multi-site design and studying the interface of criminal justice processing and interior immigration law enforcement. Research Skills: Study design and implementation, including multi-site and experimental evaluation. Helping practitioners and policy makers apply empirical knowledge to policy questions and effectively communicate research findings.

Ryan M. Labrecque, Ph.D. University of Cincinnati (Criminal Justice) 503 725-5164 rml@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Evaluation of correctional interventions in institutional and community corrections settings, the effects of prison life, and the transfer of knowledge to practitioners and policymakers. Specific research includes the use and effects of restrictive housing (i.e., solitary confinement), Effective Practices in Community Supervision (EPCS), inmate victimization risk, and justice reinvestment strategies. Current projects are developing a standardized inventory for imprisonment and estimating the potential effects of restrictive housing, and evaluating the effects of probation officer use of incentives and sanctions. Research Skills: Study design and implementation, quantitative data analyses, meta-analysis, using institutional and community databases to answer important policy and research questions.

Mark Leymon, Ph.D. University of Oregon (Sociology) 503 725-8070  mleymon@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Quantitative research (methodology and statistics) and policy evaluation with a social justice lens. Specific research has explored the drivers (e.g. arrest rates, crime seriousness, sentencing policy, socioeconomic factors) of disparities in prison admissions and sentence length for women of color. Examination of the impact of “justice reinvestment” approaches on black and Latino populations in California. Research Skills: Statistical analysis and modeling, working with clients to identify the most appropriate methods (i.e. quantitative, qualitative, or both) to answer research questions, statistical analysis using large databases and panel designs.

Mauri Matsuda, Ph.D. University of Maryland, College Park (Criminology and Criminal Justice) 503 725-6256 mmatsuda@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Research centering on children, youth, and families including juvenile justice and delinquency prevention. Specific research includes adolescent peer behavior and delinquency, how the use of “swift and certain sanctions” impact recidivism, and evaluating the effects of probation officer use of incentives and sanctions. Research Skills: Study design and implementation, quantitative data analyses, meta-analysis, using institutional and community databases to answer important policy and research questions.

Danielle McGuirr, Ph.D. University of South Florida (Criminology) 503 725-8356 dmcguirr@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: White collar crime with an emphasis on the intersections of corporate and governmental law-violating behavior. Broad focus comprises the manner in which U.S. regulatory agencies monitor and enforce laws and regulations against corporate mal-affairs/missfeasance. Specific research has included an examination of U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration’s enforcement strategies and penalty assessments in the appliance industry. Research Skills: Content analyses, case studies, secondary data and event history analyses, white-collar crime theory.

Kathryn Wuschke, Ph.D. Simon Fraser University (Criminology) 503 725-8002 kwuschke@pdx.edu Areas of Expertise: Specializing in Geographic Information Systems and spatial patterns of crime, with a focus on crime analysis and mapping. Specific research includes examining how crime concentrations change over time as urban areas develop. Particular emphasis is placed on land use planning, like the location of new shopping malls, parks, or highway arterials/connectors, and its potential impact on crime hot spots. Research Skills: Using geographic information systems for spatial and descriptive crime analysis, crime mapping, spatial statistics, spatial network/analysis distance.