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Faculty Accomplishments
December 2016 – February 2017

DECEMBER 2016

Brian Renauer conducted an audit for TriMet in 2016. The results of his audit were mentioned in The Oregonian/OregonLive.com on December 14.

> *The finding, that black riders caught without a ticket on a MAX train are significantly more likely to be banned from TriMet than whites and other groups* was statistically significant but too small to indicate systemic disparity in the transit agency's fare enforcement practices. TriMet hired Renauer to conduct the audit as part of a broader review.
> http://www.oregonlive.com/commuting/index.ssf/2016/12/black_max_riders_more_likely_t.html#incart_river_home

Ryan Labrecque and Megan King* contributed two encyclopedia entries to Lockdown Nation: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends in American Prisons

> *Prison Escapes* and *Typologies of Correctional Officers* were encyclopedia entries co-authored by Megan King, one of our second-year graduate students.

Kelsey Henderson & Lora M. Levett published in Law and Human Behavior, 2016, vol 40, No.6, pp 638-649

> *Can Expert Testimony Sensitize Jurors to Variations in Confession Evidence?* Confession evidence can be extremely damaging in the courtroom; jurors are more willing to convict based on the presence of a confession than eyewitness evidence and character testimony (Kassin & Neumann, 1997). To date, no research has examined whether jurors notice variations in confession evidence based on whether the confession is consistent or inconsistent with the crime evidence (an inconsistent confession would be a characteristic of a likely low quality confession). In a series of three studies, we explored the phenomenon further. Overall, jurors used the consistency of the confession and case facts in making some legal decisions, and expert testimony sensitized jurors to variations in the content of confession evidence on the verdict measure (in study 3). Findings suggest jurors notice variations in confession evidence and expert testimony shows

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promise for educating jurors about characteristics of confessions. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/lhb0000204

Kathryn Wuschke, Presentation, Oregon Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Conference, Salem, OR, November 30-December 1, 2016

Crime Mapping Made Easy with Google: Dr. Wuschke was an invited speaker within the Crime Analysis workshop portion of the conference. She led a workshop on crime mapping using publicly available, internet-based software.

Kris Henning, Presentation, Oregon Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Conference, Salem, OR, November 30-December 1, 2016

Dr. Henning gave two invited presentations at the 2nd Annual Oregon POP conference: 1) *Community surveys for crime analysis*, and 2) *Getting more out of Microsoft Excel: Introduction to Pivot-tables*.

Jason Jones and Mingus Mapps, Ph.D., presentation, Second Annual Oregon Problem-Oriented Policing Conference, Salem, OR, November 30-December 1, 2016

Parkrose Paradigm Shift: New Approaches with the Houseless: This presentation highlighted the issues and frustrations of businesses and neighbors in the Parkrose Neighborhood of Portland around the growing issue of houselessness. The presentation described the evolution of the initiative, including basic data gathering, analysis and inclusion of segments of the community in problem identification and developing solutions. A steering committee of community leaders representing diverse interests created the Parkrose Alliance to provide a road map for the initiative. Among the activities were listening sessions with businesses, residents and the houseless. Through the use of Venn diagrams, the Parkrose Alliance focused on areas of agreement from these community groups. This approach emphasized the need for community and organizational collaboration to identify and solve problems. A critical component was developing relationships and buy-in from members of the Parkrose houseless community.

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Brian Renauer, Presentation, Oregon Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Conference, Salem, OR, November 30-December 1, 2016

Dr. Renauer gave an invited presentation at the 2nd Annual Oregon POP conference: *Analysis of Traffic Stop Data: Approaches and Limitations.*

Greg Stewart* & Christian Peterson*, Presentation, Oregon Problem-Oriented Policing (POP) Conference, Salem, OR, November 30-December 1, 2016

Greg Stewart, a CCJ alumnus and adjunct faculty member, and Christian Peterson* gave an invited presentation at the 2nd Annual Oregon POP conference: *Introduction to Crime Mapping.*

Kris Henning, Mauri Matsuda, Kelsey Henderson, Arnold Foundation: Improving Prosecutorial Outcomes Grant Proposal, December 2016

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion versus Drug Court: Comparison of Two Approaches to Substance Involved Offenders: Drs. Henning, Matsuda, and Henderson partnered with the Multnomah County District Attorney (MCDA) on a letter of interest for the Laura and John Arnold Foundation. The project would track substance-involved offenders entering the county's new Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and assess the program's impact on reoffending. Comparisons would be made to a similar group of offenders entering the county's long-standing drug court. The CCJ/MCDA team was invited to submit a full proposal due March 15th.

Danielle McGurrin, CUPA Online Course Development Grant (Awarded Summer 2016—Workshop Activities to be Performed Fall 2016/Winter 2017) CUPA Online Course Development Grant (Workshop Series) December

Workshop to allow faculty to develop or revise new/existing online courses using best practices in pedagogy, technology, and innovation. Each of the three categories above contained discussions, exercises, and opportunities to explore in depth how to create more meaningful and useful online learning experiences for students.

Ryan Labrecque, Heidi Scherer, Ph.D.; James T. McCafferty, Ph.D., journal article accepted for Violence and Victims.

Reducing Violence in Correctional Institutions: Revalidation of the Inmate Risk Assessment for Violent, Nonsexual Victimization (RVNSV): Jail and prison administrators are responsible for ensuring institutional safety and order. Recent estimates indicate violence in correctional institutions is pervasive. One promising approach to reduce institutional violence is using a risk assessment to predict the likelihood of victimization. Once corrections officials identify high victimization risk offenders, these authorities can take steps to triage interventions to mitigate such risks. This strategy; however, requires a classification instrument that is available and predictively valid. In 2014, Labrecque and his colleagues created one such tool—the Inmate Risk Assessment for Violent, Nonsexual Victimization (RVNSV). The current study reassesses the predictive validity of the RVNSV on a sample of adult inmates in the United States. The results indicate the RVNSV is a valid predictor of inmate victimization, among males and females.

Christopher Carey, Community Engagement with Landesa and the Government of Myanmar, Myanmar, January 17.

Dr Christopher Carey was invited to Myanmar to assist both Landesa, the Myanmar government, and local groups to provide U.S.-based research and in-country field research and workshop delivery support to the Landesa Myanmar Program. His work focused on community engagement in forest land rights policy and law development to support environmental conservation in Myanmar.

Kelsey Henderson, Third Place Award, American Psychology-Law Society 2016 Dissertation Award

Investigating Predictors of True and False Guilty Pleas won Third Place in the American Psychology-Law Society Dissertation Award Competition. APLS is a division of the American Psychological Association, whose goal is to advance the contributions of psychology to the understanding of law and legal institutions through basic and applied research. The dissertation award is big honor in APLS, and

Kelsey will be recognized at the opening session of the annual conference this year (March in Seattle, WA). She will present a poster in a special section designated for winners of the award.

Danielle McGurrin, New Community Partnerships for CCJ Internship Program

Established new community partnerships with U.S. Marshals Service and Metropolitan Public Defender Services for the CCJ Internship Program. After years of courting both USMS and MPDS for possible CCJ major internship opportunities, both organizations hired new supervisors in their respective positions who were equally as excited about working with PSU CCJ majors. USMS is the federal law enforcement arm of the federal court system. Duties for interns will include: assisting deputies in various aspects of the Operations Section related to court and judicial security, criminal records, asset forfeiture, civil process, and federal prisoner intakes. In the Enforcement Section of the internship, students will assist USMS with fugitive investigations, threat investigations, federal warrant and records management. MPDS is currently compiling their internship duty posting which will be posted in the online CCJ Internship Community Partners listing upon completion.

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Mark Leymon, Nick Budnick, Lee van der Voo, Shasta Kearns Moore, John Schrag, and Kate Willson, Investigate West: Unequal Justice, February 16

Unequal Justice is a joint project of InvestigateWest and the Pamplin Media Group, made possible in part by a grant from the Fund for Investigative Journalism. A project in Oregon parsed more than 5.5 million court records; Mark provided statistical review and analysis. The project found that equal justice remains an elusive goal for the state's more than 650,000 black and Latino residents. Upon hearing the findings, the state senate's president, Peter Courtney, called them "alarming" while Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, who is leading legislative reforms on police profiling, called it "embarrassing" that reporters were first to analyze the state's data.
http://unequaljusticeoregon.org

Ron Louie was interviewed by Kate Willson in a podcast for Investigate West: Unequal Justice, February 9

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Listen: Ron Louie Retired Chief Louie spoke about his experience as Oregon's first official to collect data about the race and ethnicity of drivers his officers stopped.
http://invw.org/2017/02/09/listen-ron-louie/

Brian Renauer and **Chief (ret.) Ron Louie** were also mentioned in the Portland Tribune regarding data collection, February 9, pp A4-A5

Supporters try again to require Oregon police to track who they detain
http://portlandtribune.com/pt/9-news/344287-223561-supporters-try-again-to-require-oregon-police-to-track-who-they-detain

Kathryn Wuschke, Adam Vaughan; Ashley Hewitt; Tarah Hodgkinson, Martin Andresen, Patricia Brantingham, Simon Verdun-Jones, article in press for Policing.

Variations in Mental Health Act calls to police: An analysis of hourly and intra-week patterns. Investigating the day of week and hour of day temporal patterns of crime typically show that (late) nights and weekends are the prime time for criminal activity. Mental health related calls for police service have a distinct temporal pattern for both days of the week and hours of the day. Specifically, these calls for police service peak during the middle of the week and in the mid-afternoon. This is the first analysis regarding the temporal patterns of police calls for service for mental health related calls. The results have implications for police resourcing and scheduling, especially in the context of special teams for addressing mental health related calls for police service.

Christopher Campbell with Lane Borg (Executive Director of Metropolitan Public Defenders) and Alex Bassos (Director of Programs and Outreach at Metropolitan Public Defenders) presented at the Justice Reinvestment Summit, in Salem, Oregon, on February 23.

Incentivizing a New Model of Public Defense to Reduce Recidivism and Improve Outcomes. Imagine a public defender that uses its unique relationship and resources to do whatever it can to stabilize and lift its clients out of poverty and crime. Lane Borg, Dr. Chris Campbell and Alex Bassos sketched out a new model for public defense in which positive outcomes are incentivized. Dr. Campbell discussed the literature around measuring positive outcomes in other criminal justice contexts and how that literature and knowledge might apply to public defense.

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Kris Henning and **Ryan Labrecque** presented at the Oregon Justice Reinvestment Summit in Salem, Oregon, on February 23.

> *Risk assessment in criminal justice:* Criminal justice agencies in Oregon are being asked to do more and more with fewer resources, to implement evidence-based practices, and to have greater transparency in managing their caseloads. A strategy that is commonly suggested, sometimes mandated, for helping to achieve these goals is to use objective risk assessment measures to enhance decision-making and prioritize use of agency resources. This presentation provided local administrators with an orientation to formal risk assessment. This included a review of different approaches to assessing risk, an analysis of the benefits and limitations of each strategy, and a brief introduction to the development and validation of new risk scales.

Danielle McGurrin and Debra Lindberg with KJ Kresin* and Megan Opbroek, Explore PSU Majors 2017 at PSU, February 22

> *Debra Lindberg and Danielle McGurrin represented the Criminology and Criminal Justice Department at the Explore PSU Majors Fair.* The event, hosted by Academic and Career Services, brought together high school, transfer, and undeclared major students at PSU for the purpose of learning more about our programs, degrees, and faculty. As one of the largest majors at PSU, Dr. Lindberg and I shared with students information about our CCJ campus and online programs, required coursework for majors/minors, what types of careers students could pursue with a degree in CCJ, and what courses/tracks would be particularly useful for their internships and career paths. Dr. Lindberg and I assisted dozens of students as did our CCJ undergraduate student representative, KJ Kresin, and CUPA Advisor, Megan Opbroek.

Kris Henning, Jason Jones, and **Christian Peterson*** completed a survey and written report for the Portland Police Bureau and the Parkrose Neighborhood Association, February 2017.

> The CCJ/PPB research team mailed survey invitations to all 3,163 households in Portland's Parkrose neighborhood. A total of 349 online surveys were completed. The results, presented in a brief report ("*Community attitudes regarding public safety in Portland's Parkrose neighborhood*") are being used by PPB's North Precinct Commander and PSU alumnus Robert King to develop a Problem-Oriented Policing strategy to address social disorder in the neighborhood.

Danielle McGurrin University of South Florida Department Newsletter, Issue 7, 2017, p 7

Featured Alumni: Danielle McGurrin in USF Department Newsletter Contributed to my doctoral program alma mater newsletter as one of the featured alumni for 2017.
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The Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice (CCJ) emphasizes the generation and practical application of empirical evidence to crime and justice issues. We seek to promote effectiveness, efficiency, and equity in crime prevention and control efforts by (1) providing students with quality educational experiences that prepare them for lifelong professional success, (2) conducting and disseminating research on theoretical and policy-relevant topics, and (3) collaborating with justice-related organizations to assess, evaluate, and improve policy and practice. Our Department values empirical inquiry, access to higher education, diversity, social justice, and community engagement.

Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute (CJPRI) provides multidisciplinary research for criminal justice and community organizations throughout Oregon and nationally.

CJPRI strives to meet the research needs of its diverse clientele and improve the body of literature pertaining to criminology and criminal justice issues through independent research projects with a focus on both theory and practice. The researchers at CJPRI have a diverse set of interests and skills and welcome inquiries for collaboration on a wide range of research issues. CJPRI research projects have focused on urban crime and policing, public perceptions of crime and justice, rehabilitation and correctional best practices, domestic violence, and immigration and crime. Researchers working with CJPRI can provide a wide variety of methodological techniques to answer research questions including complex statistical analysis, database development, GIS mapping, survey research, literature reviews, process evaluations, and policy and program evaluation. CJPRI has also developed and supported training programs to address concerns over race/ethnic profiling in law enforcement.

If you would like to learn more about the Criminal Justice Policy Research Institute (CJPRI), please visit http://www.pdx.edu/cjpri/

You can find information on the **Portland Crime Data Project and the Crime Analysis Team** which seeks to address gaps in public knowledge about crime in Portland through detailed analysis of temporal and geographic patterns in local crime at http://www.pdx.edu/crime-data/

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