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Violence Prevention and Corrections-related Activities of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Some in the criminology community may be surprised to learn that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is involved in violence prevention and other efforts of interest to criminologists. This article provides a brief history of CDC's involvement in these areas and an introduction to the types of work being done at the CDC with relevance to criminologists. We provide directions for accessing related violence prevention information from the CDC. Public health (and CDC as the nation's lead public health agency), like criminology, is an interdisciplinary field. It is advantageous to enhance intersections between them, an outcome we hope to facilitate through this article.

The CDC is comprised of 11 Centers, Institutes and Offices focusing on a broad range of public health issues. The agency's mission is: "To promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability." While many people visualize "virus hunters" encased in "safe suits" searching for a cure to an "outbreak" of some exotic disease, only a fraction of CDC's workforce is engaged in that sort of work. Much of the work at CDC addresses chronic and preventable diseases, injuries, and disabilities. As the behavioral link to preventable health-related states, conditions, and diseases (e.g., HIV/AIDS, tobacco use, diabetes) has become more evident, the role of social sciences has grown at the CDC. As violence has become an increasingly important issue for public health, the knowledge base provided by criminology has also become increasingly important.

Official public health concern with violence was in evidence as early as 1979, when the control of violence was made an objective by the United States Surgeon General. How a focus on violent behavior fits into the public health arena can be inferred from the definition provided by John Last (1988): "Public health is one of the efforts organized by society to protect, promote, and

restore the people's health. It is the combination of sciences, skills, and beliefs that is directed to the maintenance and improvement of the health of all the people through collective or social actions. The programs, services, and institutions involved emphasize the prevention of disease and the health needs of the population as a whole. Public health activities change with changing technology and social values, but the goals remain the same: to reduce the amount of disease, premature death, and disease-producing discomfort and disability in the population. Public health is thus a social institution, a discipline, and a practice."

The public health sector (e.g. CDC and other agencies in the Department of Health and Human Services, state and local public health, and schools of public health) has been actively concerned with violence and injuries from violence since at least the 1980s. As the impact from a variety of infectious and chronic diseases was reduced, injuries and deaths from violence began to account for a greater share of health-related problems in the United States (Mercy and O'Carroll, 1988: 286). In the public health approach, violence (including self-directed violence) is "the intentional use of physical force, against another person or against oneself, which either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury or death" (Rosenberg, O'Carroll, and Powell, 1992). Because violence often leads to injury, disability, emotional and psychological harm, or death, the CDC is interested in learning about violence and how to prevent it. The public health approach concentrates primarily on prevention, and in this case that means preventing harm or injury due to violence.

In 1983 the Violence Epidemiology Branch was created at the CDC. This represented the first formal approach to vio-

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lence prevention and control at the CDC. Following a few permutations and locations with the CDC, violence prevention efforts are now located in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), established in 1994. The Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), which houses the Family and Intimate Violence Prevention Team (FIVPT) and the Youth Violence and Suicide Prevention Team (YVSPT), is the lead violence prevention program at the CDC. Although main duties relate to Team names, team members (e.g., scientists and practitioners) work collaboratively across topic areas; projects are not strictly separated according to intimate partner or youth violence. This reflects the nature of the overlap among these topics in the empirical world. While sexual assault prevention responsibilities lie with FIVPT, the involvement of youth as both victims and perpetrators of this offense allow members of both teams to work on this issue. There is also overlap in the areas of suicide prevention and intimate partner violence. Similarly, the teams within the DVP also have joint projects with other divisions and teams. For example, the Division of Acute Care, Rehabilitation Research, and Disability Programs within the NCIPC is concerned with traumatic brain injuries, which often are a result of violence. Our relationships with other components of the CDC will be described below.

There is actually a great deal of health promotion and disease prevention work at CDC, though the control of disease outbreaks may be the activity most commonly associated with CDC. However, the CDC does not use an infectious disease model for explaining violence. There is no assertion that there is necessarily anything organically wrong with an individual who acts violently, although in some instances this may be the case. The public health approach to violence is more akin to the public health approach to chronic diseases. This approach seeks to determine what factors in a person's environment contribute to the likelihood of their either engaging in the target behavior, or being a victim of that behavior, and then developing preventive measures to avoid being in the at-risk category. For example, to prevent lung cancer the public health approach encourages reduction or elimination of cigarette smoking behavior, an established risk factor for lung cancer.

Public health practitioners believe that by applying a four-step applied science approach and using epidemiological, social and behavioral science research methods, violent behaviors can be better understood and prevented, much like the chronic diseases mentioned above. Briefly, here is the four-step public health approach: First, for a given problem, there are on-going "surveillance" (monitoring) activities. Second, the risk factors associated with the problem are identified. Third, programs to ameliorate or eliminate the problem by targeting modifiable risk factors or enhancing protective factors are identified and evaluated using scientific research approaches. Fourth, new knowledge about what works, based on rigorous evaluation, is disseminated so that others may employ the knowledge.

Both steps one and two are accomplished by the use of epidemiology, the underlying scientific methodology of public health. In public health, surveillance has a different connotation than it has in criminal justice-related fields. It is the term used to describe the on-going process involved in collecting information

to determine the magnitude and impact of a health problem, describe the characteristics and circumstances associated with the problem, and to monitor trends in the problem behavior or condition. In the case of violence, a variety of data sources are used, including the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports, National Crime Victimization Surveys, vital statistics data (e.g., death certificate data from the National Center for Health Statistics, one of the CDC Centers), hospital data (e.g., National Hospital Discharge Survey), the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), and various state-level health surveys.

#### WHAT DO WE DO?

In this section we provide a brief overview of some of the activities carried out in a variety of the Centers that relate to criminologists. This list is not exhaustive, but will serve as an introduction to what is being done and by which Center. There are many other activities that involve social and behavioral scientists at the CDC, and we will provide a contact point later in this discussion. We will begin with the activities of our home base, the Division of Violence Prevention.

During 1999, the YVSPT was involved in a variety of research activities in areas such as the reduction of injuries from firearms, school violence prevention, and suicide (self-directed violence) prevention. A replication of the School-Associated Violent Deaths Study (Kachur, et al., 1996) covering 1994 - 1999 is on-going, examining factors associated with violent deaths on school grounds or associated with school activities. Several research programs have also been on-going to evaluate a variety of school- and community-based youth violence prevention efforts (e.g., Powell and Hawkins, 1996; or [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/res-opps/ythviolc.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/res-opps/ythviolc.htm) and [www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/hirisky.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/hirisky.htm)), as well as early childhood intervention programs and interventions that address high-risk youth in alternative schools and in hospital emergency departments.

We have recently embarked on a multi-site, multiple level youth violence prevention project. This effort will involve four university-based program delivery and research teams, as well as YVSPT staff. Congress has funded us to develop several National Academic Centers of Excellence on Youth Violence, as well as a Resource Center for information related to our Division activities. The Centers of Excellence will support the development and use of effective interventions, promote interdisciplinary research, foster collaboration between researchers and communities, and empower communities to address youth violence. The Resource Center will provide a single point of access for information about youth violence, including suicide. As another component of our information dissemination mission, *Best Practices to Prevent Violence Among Youth and Adolescents: A Sourcebook* will be published in 2000. The strategies described in the *Best Practices* document include: (1) social-cognitive development-teaching social and problem-solving skills through school-based training and other forums, (2) parent skills training, (3) nurse home visits, and (4) mentoring programs. Staff from the YVSPT are also working with staff from the National Institute

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of Mental Health (NIMH) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to produce the Surgeon General's Report on Youth Violence.

The FIVPT funded the National Violence Against Women Prevention Research Center in 1999, a collaborative effort with a consortium of the Medical University of South Carolina, Wellesley College, and the University of Missouri - Saint Louis. The monitoring of injuries to women as a result of intimate partner violence continues with three states completing pilot projects in 2000, and two new public health surveillance projects being initiated with new funding in 2000. Uniform definitions and recommended data elements for intimate partner violence surveillance that were developed through a consultative process (Saltzman, et al., 1999) are being pilot-tested in all five states, and replication guidelines are being developed to guide intimate partner violence surveillance in other locations. Six "coordinated community response" (CCR) projects were completed in 1999. The six and four new projects were funded in 2000 to evaluate CCR models to prevent intimate partner violence and provide services to abused women.

Sexual assault is another area where monitoring and policy analysis continue as program concerns in 2000. This includes the development of recommended uniform definitions and recommended data elements for surveillance purposes. In addition, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center project has been awarded to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape to: (1) strengthen the existing support system serving sexual assault survivors; (2) provide leadership in the prevention of sexual violence; (3) provide comprehensive information and resources, policy analysis and development; and (4) provide technical assistance and professional consultation to sexual assault programs, national, State and local organizations, community volunteers, and the media, designed to enhance community response to and prevention of sexual violence.

As noted above, not all CDC activities of potential interest to criminologists are handled by the NCIPC. Staff of the YVSP share concerns in the area of school violence prevention with the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH; in the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion [NCCDPHP]). Current school and youth violence activities led by the Division of Adolescent and School Health include the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System which was developed to monitor priority health risk behaviors that contribute to the leading causes of mortality, morbidity, and social problems among young people in the United States. The YRBSS consists of national, state, and local school-based surveys of representative samples of 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, a national household-based survey of 12- through 21- year olds, and a national mail survey of college students. The school-based surveys are conducted biennially and provide information on a variety of violence-related behaviors both on school property and in general. In addition, the national Alternative High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey, conducted in 1998, measures health risk behaviors among students at alternative high schools. YRBSS data are available to the general public (see below). Several violence-related measures are included in the survey (MMWR, 1998).

A focus on violence and reproductive health is a topic area shared by FIVPT and the Division of Reproductive Health (DRH) in the NCCDPHP. A national conference addressing violence and reproductive health was held in 1999 featuring speakers from inside and outside the CDC representing a variety of disciplines. The Division of Safety Research in the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH; another CDC Center) is involved in workplace violence prevention, sometimes in collaboration with the NCIPC.

NCIPC staff participate in the CDC-wide Cross-Center Corrections Working Group (CCCWG) which addresses health care issues in the corrections setting. The CCCWG is increasingly involved with a variety of governmental (e.g., National Institute of Justice) and non-governmental organizations (e.g., American Correctional Association), work which has grown out of the prevalence of HIV, various hepatitis strains, and tuberculosis in correctional facilities. Current corrections-related projects include monitoring sexually-transmitted diseases (STDs) in both adult and juvenile detention facilities. The economic benefits of early STD screening are among the areas of interest to both public health and the corrections community, as is increasing the efficacy of treatment to reduce the spread of diseases among these institutional populations. The CCCWG has also developed a CDC-wide six-part training series titled "Why Public Health Must Go To Jail" to introduce public health researchers to aspects of correctional health care and conducting research in correctional settings. This follows publication of an internal briefing book outlining corrections-related projects and interests across the CDC. Another corrections-related project is a \$7 million award to seven health departments which, in conjunction with correctional systems and community-based organizations, will develop HIV prevention programs with both prevention and treatment services that first reach high-risk individuals while in prison, and then provide links to necessary services to sustain the continuity of care once inmates are released.

Some of our work brings CDC scientists into regular contact with other government agencies like the Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools Program, the National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. Over the past several years there have been joint publications, such as NIJ's "Research in Brief" documents, co-sponsored by the NIJ and the CDC. There are also co-funding arrangements among these various Federal governmental agencies (e.g., the National Violence Against Women Survey, the National Consortium on Violence Research). We often work with university-, non-profit-based, and commercial researchers in areas of program development and evaluation, as either technical advisors or collaborators.

In keeping with the interdisciplinary nature of public health, a variety of disciplines and professions work in the violence prevention area (and across other Centers of CDC). Some of us are criminologists, others from the core disciplines of anthropology, education, psychology, and sociology, as well as physicians and public health graduates. We employ a broad

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range of techniques to address the epidemiology, etiology, social and behavioral factors associated with violence and resulting injuries. The Behavioral and Social Sciences Working Group (BSSWG) is an internal association of behavioral and social science staff within the CDC. The BSSWG addresses five major areas: (1) To further the understanding and use of social and behavioral science at CDC; (2) To promote and ensure excellence in social and behavioral science research at CDC; (3) To facilitate communication, collaboration, and partnerships among CDC social and behavioral scientists and with scientists and organizations outside CDC; (4) To facilitate recruitment and retention of social and behavioral scientists at CDC; and, (5) To further the professional development and advancement of social and behavioral scientists at CDC.

#### WHAT THIS COULD MEAN TO ASC MEMBERS

The CDC provides opportunities for academically- and community-based researchers to compete for resources that support research in areas of violence prevention. The extramural grants are traditional grants where researchers initiate and conduct the research with CDC funding, but minimal CDC involvement. Cooperative agreements are generally based around specific requests from CDC and involve both outside researchers and CDC staff in the research process. Requests for proposals are generally released in the Spring, and can be found in the Federal Register and on Internet sites listed below.

There are opportunities for employment at the CDC as regular Federal employees, as well as Fellowship positions for fixed periods. One does not have to have prior public health experience to work in many of the Centers. For more information about the CDC employment opportunities, please see the Internet site below.

#### CONCLUSION AND DIRECTIONS:

We hope this brief overview orients criminologists to violence prevention and corrections-related activities at the CDC. Research efforts are increasingly demonstrating linkages between public health and public safety in areas such as violence prevention and the disease burden carried by incarcerated populations. Bridging the gaps that exist between the public health and criminology communities can advance the goals of both. Sharing perspectives and information is part of this process. To assist in this effort, we list several web sites below where you may find more detailed information about topics of interest to you. We will also be happy to communicate with individuals who have an interest in the work being conducted at CDC, and direct you to those with more detailed knowledge about subject areas outside our Division.

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- Please note that the Meeting is in **NOVEMBER**. Program participants are expected to pre-register for the meetings. Pre-registration materials will be sent to you by September of 2000. Failure to pre-register may result in the removal of a paper from the program.
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- The meetings are Wednesday through Saturday. Participants should expect to be in attendance the entire time as we cannot guarantee any particular day and time for panel presentations.
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- Please remember to submit only papers that are original and have not been published or presented elsewhere.

The 2000 Meeting will include panel sessions, table sessions, "author meets critic" sessions, thematic sessions, and plenary sessions. We welcome suggestions for any of the above as we strive to organize a program that cuts across criminology disciplines, professions and approaches.

We look forward to seeing you in San Francisco.

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## IN MEMORIAM

### SIR LEON RADZINOWICZ (1906 – 1999)

Sir Leon Radzinowicz, one of the leading figures in twentieth century criminology, known for his powerful intellect and acid wit, died at his home in Haverford, Pennsylvania on December 29, 1999. He was 93 years old. As a young man Radzinowicz had studied criminology at the Institute of Criminology in Rome, where Lombroso and Ferri (his teacher) had more or less invented modern positivist criminology. He was 22 years old when he completed his doctorate. Sixteen years later, just before the outbreak of World War II as it happened, Radzinowicz went to England on behalf of the Polish Ministry of Justice to study the English penal system. He became an English citizen and helped to establish a Department of Criminal Justice Science at Cambridge University in 1941. He went on to found the Institute of Criminology at Cambridge, of which he was the first Director. He was Wolfson Professor of Criminology, a Fellow of Trinity College and was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 1970 in recognition of his contributions to scholarship and public policy. He had served as a member of the Royal Commission on Capital Punishment, as Chairman of the Home Office Committee on the Treatment of Maximum Security Prisoners, as the first Director of the United Nations Section on Social Defense, and as a principal consultant to President Lyndon Johnson's Commission on Violence. Over the years Sir Leon enjoyed academic affiliations with several American institutions including Columbia University, Yale University, University of Virginia, University of Minnesota, and most recently at Florida State University to which he made a gift of his personal papers.

Radzinowicz's extensive publications include the five-volume History of the English Criminal Law and Its Administration, In Search of Criminology, The Growth of Crime, Ideology and Crime and most recently (at the age of 92) Adventures in Criminology. A festschrift, Crime, Criminology and Public Policy: Essays in Honour of Sir Leon Radzinowicz, edited by Roger Hood, was published in 1974.

Sir Leon received the Thorsten Sellin & Sheldon and Eleanor Glueck Award of The American Society of Criminology in 1976. He addressed the Society for the second and last time in 1994 expressing concern about the extent to which the discussion of criminal justice policy in the United States was becoming politicized. He concluded this talk by observing that:

There is no particular merit in longevity as such. It comes to one like so many other episodes in life. Moreover, aging inevitably brings with it inconveniences, failings, indignities. One should accept them without grudge or despair but with firm humility. Nevertheless, I cannot help but remain fascinated by the subject which has gripped my imagination and determined the course of my scholarly life. I wish you all as much satisfaction from it as I have gained.

Daniel Maier-Katkin  
Florida State University

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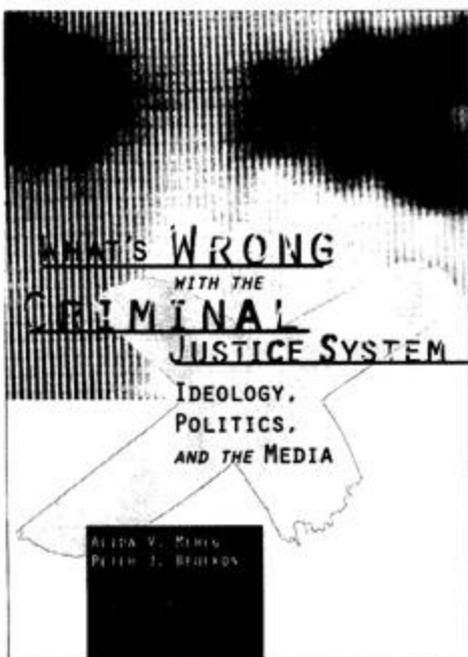
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## **COSSA WASHINGTON UPDATE**

### **Congress Returns: Limited Schedule and Modest Goals**

by

**David Hess, Associate Director for Public Affairs**

Congress is back from its winter hiatus and leaders from both political parties have begun to lay out their visions for the second session of the 106<sup>th</sup> Congress. Members from each side have called for action on a limited number of priorities; it is unclear, however, how much will actually get done this year since elections are in November and there are only 60 legislative work days. One leading Republican, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott (R-MS), actually noted that Congress would get very little done this year, leaving the responsibility for major legislation to the "next president and the next Congress."

### **Legislative Leftovers from 1<sup>st</sup> Session**

This pessimistic outlook for the legislative session does not bode well for several issues of importance to criminologists and other social scientists. The reorganization of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) was a key issue in the first session. The subject of several House and Senate hearings, and much discussion between Members of Congress, their staffs, and researchers, the reorganization received little real action. According to some "insiders," the plan, which consolidates all OJP research functions within the National Institute of Justice, consolidates all statistical functions within the Bureau of Justice Statistics, and downgrades the directors of each OJP agency to appointees of the Assistant Attorney General from presidential appointees, will receive quick approval in the House and the Senate. This might be an overly optimistic outlook given Congress' usual intransigence to undertake major initiatives in an election year.

Aside from OJP reorganization, juvenile crime and gun control legislation also await congressional action. The House and Senate are currently "in conference" in attempts to reconcile differences in their separate versions of juvenile justice and gun control legislation. Despite passing bills last summer in each house, and naming conferees, the House-Senate conference met only once last session and left for the holiday break without taking any action. Some Republican and Democrat leaders have placed juvenile crime and gun control legislation on their short list of priorities for this session, but House and Senate Republicans appear far from agreement on several different issues contained within the House bill (H.R.1501) and the Senate bill (S.254), including gun control.

What type of action these issues will receive is anybody's guess, but Republican leaders appear poised to work on several broad issues: reforming the nation's education system, tax cuts, preserving Social Security, and keeping a balanced budget.

### **OJP Head Announces Resignation**

It is conventional wisdom that in the eighth and final year of an administration federal officials bid farewell to their positions. After serving as Assistant Attorney General for the OJP longer than any of her predecessors, Laurie Robinson announced on January 3 that she would be leaving her position at the end of February. During Robinson's tenure, OJP went from and \$800 million, 300 staff agency to a \$4 billion, 900 staff agency. She has overseen the production of the agency's reorganization plan, otherwise known as the "Robinson plan."

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
November 16, 1999, Tuesday, 3:00 PM  
Board Room — Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario Canada

Meeting brought to order by President David Farrington, 3:00PM. Attending David Farrington, President, Margaret Zahn, Past President, Roland Chilton, President-Elect, Robert J. Bursik, Jr., Editor, Criminology, Doris MacKenzie, Executive Secretary, Chris Eskridge, Executive Director/Treasurer, Bob Crutchfield, Vice President, Ruth Peterson, Vice President Elect, Executive Counselors Julie Horney (2000), Candace McCoy (2000), Cathy Widom (2001), Steve Messner (2001), Lynne Goodstein (1999) and Simon Singer, Deborah Baskin, Todd Clear, Ron Huff, Robert Nash Parker.

AGENDA.

1. April 30-May Executive Board Minutes accepted (Doris MacKenzie).
2. Final comments on 1999 Toronto Meeting (David Farrington, Simon Singer). Thanks were expressed to Sarah Hall and Chris Eskridge. The administration of the annual meeting and suggestions for the future annual meetings were discussed. There were some difficulties with the new computer program. This year, staff at the ASC offices had to learn the program and this was time consuming. **The Board voted to continue with this computer system for another year. The Board discussed the possibility of a review system for papers, the issue of last minute cancellations and pre-registration fees.** This discussion was tabled until the Saturday Board Meeting so Sarah will be able to consider the impact of a pre-registration fee. In general the rule of one presentation per person worked except many people didn't want to present on Saturday morning. A letter was received asking us to consider whether to extend our meeting until Sunday. The problem is that we could not do this until 2006 because the hotels are already scheduled. Discussion of Guardsmark/Wolfgang Award. Guardsmark will present the award to Gerhard Mueller. They will have three minutes to make the presentation. It will be presented at the Sutherland plenary on Wednesday at this year's meeting. Discussion on how and when this award will be given in the future. Discussion that we had voted not to allow other awards at the official ASC award ceremony. **The Board voted to accept the proposed arrangement for this year only.**
3. 1999 Nominations Committee Report (presented by David Farrington). Nominees are: President-elect, Michael Gottfredson and Lawrence Sherman; Vice-Present-elect, Daniel Nagin and Christy Visser; Executive Counselors: Sally Hillsman, Kenneth Land, Wayne Osgood, and Richard Rosenfeld. **Slate accepted by Board.** The Board discussed whether the Chair of future Nominating Committees has permission to contact potential nominees to ask if they are willing to be nominated. **The Board voted to give the Chair of the Nominating Committee the authority to contact its slate of nominees to assure their willingness to be nominated. The Chair will have permission only to ask if the nominees are willing to be nominated, the potential nominees should be told that the final decision is the responsibility of the Board. The potential candidates should not be told who else is being considered.**
4. ASC Executive Director (David Farrington). Chris Eskridge was appointed for three years. **The Board requested that Chris Eskridge write something for *The Criminologist* announcing his appointment.**
5. Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report (Chris Eskridge). The books were audited by the accountant and there were no problems. **The Board approved the budget as presented.** There were discussions on the new website, investment of money, and pay raises and how decisions would be made. There was some concern that ASC should wait a year or two to see how our additional expenses for the webmaster, Executive Director, and other staff work out before making decisions about investing assets. **The Board decided that the Executive Director should conduct an annual evaluation of each ASC staff member prior to making recommendations for pay raises to the ASC Board.** There was a discussion of raising the price for library subscriptions of *Criminology* for 2001. We are lower than many other journals. Chris Eskridge presented comparisons with other journals. **The Board voted to increase the institutional / library subscriptions to \$120/year beginning in 2001.** The Board requested that Chris Eskridge provide five year comparisons in future budget reports. Discussion of how the procedures will be put in place to insure that there is sufficient oversight and assistance for the budget preparation and planning now that Chris Eskridge is Executive Director. There were questions about how do other associations handle this issue. **The Board voted to table this discussion un-**

- til the Mid-winter meeting and to ask the Finance Committee to investigate options and how other organizations handle the budget issues.
6. 1999-2000 Committee Appointments (revised committee appointments submitted by President-Elect Roland Chilton).
  7. THE CRIMINOLOGIST (report submitted and reported by Robert Nash Parker). Update on editorial policies.
  8. Progress on 2000 San Francisco Meeting (Roland Chilton).
  9. Proposed Division on Sentencing & Corrections (Doris MacKenzie). The Division meeting is scheduled. The Division will vote on Constitution and By-Laws and this will be presented to the Board at the Saturday Board Meeting.
  10. Site Selection — 2006 Site (report submitted by Ronald Huff). Report submitted to the ASC Board; 2000, San Francisco; 2001 Atlanta; 2002 Chicago; 2003, Denver; 2004 Nashville; 2005, Toronto. Plans for 2006 were discussed; San Francisco would not be cost effective, Los Angeles and Vancouver were considered. Vancouver should be reconsidered for 2009. Review of Los Angeles as proposed site. **The Board voted to accept Los Angeles as site for 2006.** Several funding options can be decided upon later and an attempt will be made to get prices lower than the listed price.
  11. ASC Code of Ethics (Lynne Goodstein). The Code of Ethics has been presented to the members, comments have been made. The Town Meeting at the Annual Meeting was not well advertised. The plan was to use the comments received in the Town Meeting to revise the code of ethics.
  12. Oral History Project (David Farrington). Charles Wellford has expressed some interest in assisting with the project. **David Farrington will talk with Charles about continuing the project.**
  13. ASC Committee/Representative Reports.
    - A. AAAS (Jeffrey Fagan). The new representative will be Colin Loftin.
    - B. COSSA (report submitted by Michael Buckley). We pay COSSA something for each member so whether students are counted as members is an important issue. We do not consider student members as full ASC members. The Board voted to ask COSSA to always submit a report for the Criminologist. Two representatives will be appointed by the president for staggered three-year appointments. **The Board voted to accept the appointment of Michael Buckley for three years beginning with President Farrington's appointment in 1998 and Marge Zahn's appointment by President Chilton in 1999.**
    - C. Advertising (Chris Eskridge).
    - D. Constitution & By-Laws (Julie Horney). ASC charges to committees document was distributed to Board members for their review. Chris Eskridge proposed a change in the By-Laws: "Payment from society funds up to \$1000 may be approved by the President, the Treasurer, the Executive Director, or the Administrator. Payments in excess of \$1000 but that still fall within the Executive Board approved line-item budget may be approved by the President, the Treasurer, the Executive director, or the Administrator. Payments that are in excess of \$1000 AND in excess of the Executive Board approved line-item budget must have the approval of both the President and the Executive Director." **The Board voted to accept the proposed change in the By-Laws.**
    - E. Hindelang Book Award (report submitted by Scott Decker). The Board requested that future committees describe the procedures for selecting the winning books. There is a problem with the requirement that books must be nominated by current members. This limits the number of books that are considered. Previously, publishers and others could nominate their books. There are two problems — getting the nominations and getting the books sent to all members of the committee. Another issue is how much work this is for the committee (e.g., number of books to read). **The Board voted to change the requirement that books can only be nominated by current members; books can be nominated by members, publishers or others.**
    - F. Inter-Organizational Relations (report submitted by Ineke Haen Marshall). The committee recommended that ASC pursue the application of the ASC for membership in the American Council of Learned Societies. The decision was deferred until the Saturday Board meeting until members receive information about the ACLS.

14. ASC Division Reports.

- A. Critical Criminology (report submitted by Gregg Barak).
- B. International Criminology (report and copies of newsletters submitted by Elizabeth Stanko). The Board asked President -Elect Roland Chilton to write a letter commending the Division for the excellent newsletters.
- C. Women and Crime (report submitted by Nicki Rafter).

15. Media Relations and Registry of Members' Interests (reported by Candace McCoy). In previous Board meeting it was decided that Media representatives have to pay registration fees. Chris Eskridge is working on getting a list of member interests, this will be put on the web but it will take several years. Chris can send the media to this computerized list of members' interests when they call for information.

16. Recent Election Results (reported by David Farrington). Ron Huff, President-Elect, Todd Clear, Vice-President Elect, Executive Counselors, Cheryl Maxson and John Braithwaite.

17. Funding for International Evaluation Survey (Chris Eskridge). In an attempt to get more international members the ASC International Membership Sub-Committee has distributed a questionnaire to all international attendees at the Toronto meeting. They requested \$700 from ASC for data processing of the questionnaire. **The Board voted to grant funds for this project and to ask Heather Strang to complete a report on the results of the survey.** Chris has asked all international associations to include information about ASC in their newsletters and also to include conference sessions for ASC at their meetings.

18. History of ASC (Chris Eskridge). There is an interest in finding someone to write a history of ASC. The Website has three articles that discuss the history of ASC. **The Board requests Chris to investigate the possibility of having someone to write a history of ASC. They would be willing to pay \$1,000 to a qualified person who would be willing to write the history.**

19. ASC Coffee at BSC Conference in Liverpool (David Farrington). There was an ASC Coffee at the BSC conference in July, 1999.

20. Five-year plan by Vice Presidents. Committee of vice presidents will report on the process of developing the five-year plan at the Saturday meeting.

21. Next ASC Executive Board Meetings. Saturday, November 10, 1:30-5:00 — Toronto; April 28-29, 2000 San Francisco.

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES  
 ASC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
 Saturday, November 20, 1:30-5:00  
 Board Room — Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario Canada

Attending: Roland Chilton, President, David Farrington, Past President, Ronald Huff, President-Elect, Doris MacKenzie, Executive Secretary, Chris Eskridge, Executive Director/Treasurer, Ruth Peterson, Vice-President, Todd Clear, Vice-President Elect, Julie Horney, Cathy Widom, John Braithwaite, Steve Messner, Candace McCoy, Cheryl Maxson, Executive Counselors, Robert Bursik, Editor, Criminology, Sarah Hall, Nancy Wonders, Chair, Division on Women and Crime, Willie Edwards, reporting for Division on People of Color and Crime.

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and introduction of new Board members (Roland Chilton).

2. Final comments on 1999 Toronto Meeting (David Farrington/Simon Singer). The Board discussed a problem with one large room holding two panel sessions, providing abstracts on the web, a room with computers where attendees could consult the abstracts, the costs of providing computer rooms and the possibility of a survey of members to find out their opinions on various issues related to Annual Meetings (needs, reason for cancellations and no shows at panels, cancellation of hotel rooms, extending the meeting through Saturday and Sunday). We could inquire what members think about extending but we can't change until 2006 because of the current contracts. **The Board voted to refer the idea of extending the meeting through Saturday and Sunday to the Site Selection Committee to consider. The Board voted to include a survey in the program materials to ask the membership questions about the annual meeting.**

3. 2000 Annual Meeting, San Francisco (Debbie Baskin). There are many small rooms or large ballrooms so it will be difficult to schedule the appropriate size panels. There may be problems putting everyone in the rooms and they are somewhat worried about having panels in two hotels. It was noted that the moderate size Ontario room worked well for plenaries at this meeting. Guardsmark-Wolfgang Award was discussed. If the award is going to be given at the next Annual meeting it has to be an official ASC selection committee. **Chris Eskridge will contact the Guardsmark people to explain this policy to them.** The Program Committee will be asked to be sure that participants are notified that they should show up for panels.

4. Division Reports.

- A. People of Color and Crime (report submitted by Stephanie Bush-Baskette and reported by Willie Edwards).
- B. Women and Crime Report (Nancy Wonders). Nancy Wonders reported on the activities of the Division at this Annual Meeting. Two resolutions were submitted to the Board: (1) Overcrowded Jails and (2) Good Practices for Tenure and Promotion. The resolutions had been presented last year at the Board meeting and the Division did not know what had been decided. The Board had referred the resolution to the National Policy Committee but the committee had not responded. **The Board voted to refer the Resolution on Overcrowded Jails to this years National Policy Committee with a request that they respond.** The resolution on Good Practices Tenure and Promotion was referred to the Ethics Committee. It was discussed in the town meeting but the decision was that it was inappropriate for the Code of Ethics. **The Board voted to refer the Good Practices Resolution to the Ethics Committee.**

5. American Council of Learned Societies. The Interorganization committee investigated the American Council of Learned Societies and recommended that we join it. **Roland Chilton will contact the American Council of Learned Societies and ask to join.**

6. ASC Constitution, By-Laws, and Policies (Julie Horney/ Chris Eskridge). Chris Eskridge will put the revised policies and procedures on web. This will be an item on the agenda for the Mid-winter meeting. **Roland Chilton will remind Chris Eskridge to remind Board members to review the charges to committees before the Mid-winter meeting.** The job description for the Executive Director has been written. Chris Eskridge, the current Executive Director and Treasurer recommended that ASC keep the Treasurer position with Executive Director until the next Fall meeting at which point Ron Huff should be ready to appoint a Treasurer as in the ASC Constitution. The relationship between the Finance Committee, the Executive Director and the Treasurer should be clearly defined at that time.

7. By-Law Expenditure prevision. **The Board voted to approve the following change in the By-Laws:** "Payments from society funds up to a sum of \$1000 may be approved by the President, the Treasurer, the Executive Director, or the Administrator. Payments in excess of \$1000 but that still fall within the Executive Board approved line-item budget may be approved by the president, The Treasurer, the Executive Director, or the Administrator. Payments that are in excess of \$1000 AND in excess of the Executive Board approved line-item budget must have the approval of both the President and the Executive Director."

8. ASC received a request from Martin Killias for assistance in helping Europeans start a European Society of Criminology. The Board suggested that Chris Eskridge continue the discussion with those interested in developing a European Society of Criminology. The Board also suggested that Chris Eskridge keep in touch with Larry Sherman who may be

Chair of the International Society of Criminology. There was a discussion on public policy issues, the possibility of starting a foundation that is made up of our members but focuses on public policy, the possibility of funding from a publishing company and general public policy and the position of ASC. There is some possibility that some funding might be available from a publishing company. **The Board voted to ask the National Policy Committee how ASC should interact with the media and political decision makers, specifically, how should they be given information about the expertise of the membership. For example, when the media and/or political decision-makers call the ASC offices how should Chris handle the calls requesting contacts with experts in the field?**

9. Pre-registration fee. A discussion ensued regarding the problems with people who do not show up for their panel sessions. **The Board voted to request President-Elect Ronald Huff to chair an ad-hoc committee to decide how to reduce the no-shows at the Annual Meeting. The Board voted to request program chairs to initiate a count of attendees at panel sessions.**

10. Code of Ethics. The proposed Code of Ethics and the Town Meeting were discussed. The Code has been sent to the committee to review and revise in light of comments from members. There appear to be two parts to the code: (a) informational/educational and (b) sanctioning. There was a concern about how the code will be enforced and that some of the code is very vague so it will be difficult to enforce. **The Board requested Chris Eskridge to ask Lynne Goodstein to mail copies of the revised Code of Ethics to Board Members so they can review the revised Code and discuss it at the next Board meeting.**

11. ASC Committee/Representative reports.

- A. Hindelang Book Award. **The Board voted to change the Hindelang Book Award nomination process so books may now be nominated by individuals, institutions and publishers.**
- B. The Criminology Report (report submitted and reported by Bob Bursik).
- C. The Criminologist/Vice President's role. **The Board voted to ask the Vice-President to provide the lead articles for *The Criminologist* beginning with Todd Clear's term as Vice-President.**

12. Proposal to place an employment exchange on the web (Todd Clear). A proposal was made that ASC place job announcements on the web (the institutions would be charged) and, at no cost to applicants, put the resumes of those seeking employment on the web. The announcements would be removed from the web in after a specific period of time. Applicants and institutions would be required to send a hard copy and a disk copy. Applicants for jobs would have to be members of ASC. The Board requested a written proposal from Todd Clear.

13. Five-year plan (Ruth Peterson). Three Vice Presidents met and discussed areas of concern of members. These will be used as the starting points for the five-year plan. This will be a long-term process, they will deliver a statement of priorities for the Mid-Winter Board meeting. Recommendations about strategies or actions will come later. They will begin by reviewing what is currently in place.

14. Division on Corrections and Sentencing (Doris MacKenzie). The Division on Corrections and Sentencing held their first Division meeting. They elected officers, voted on the name of the division, voted to accept the Constitution and By-Laws, voted on Division dues and formed standing committees. **The Board voted to accept the Division's Constitution and By-Laws.**

15. Site Selection (Chris Eskridge) The Site Selection Committee proposed seven potential East Coast cities for the 2007 Annual Meeting. The Board asked them to consider five cities: Miami Beach, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Montreal, Boston. They will report on these sites at the Mid-Winter Board meeting.

16. Membership. **The Board voted to print a membership directory to send to members.** The membership committee proposed that everyone who completes a Ph.D. degree in Criminology be given a free membership for one year. Letters would be sent to those on our list of Criminal Justice and Criminology degree granting programs and also ASC members could recommend someone with a letter. Motion did not pass.

17. Next Board Meeting Friday and Saturday, April 28, 29 in San Francisco.

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**CALL FOR PAPERS****15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND  
NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY**

You are invited to attend and participate in the 15th Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, February 21-23, 2001, The University of Melbourne, Australia. The theme of the conference is "Criminology in the 21st Century: Public Good or Private Interest?" Closing date for papers is October 30, 2000. For further details, contact:

Professor Arie Freiberg  
a.freiberg@criminology.unimelb.edu.au  
<http://www.criminology.unimelb.edu.au>

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**INTERNATIONAL POLICE EXECUTIVE SYMPOSIUM (IPES)  
July 9-12, 2000  
Traffic Policing: An International Perspective**

An International Symposium for police and other interested professionals as well as scholars working in the area of traffic policing will be organized in Evanston, Illinois, July 9-12, 2000. Please contact the Local Organizer for accommodations and meals. Papers presented at the Symposium will be published as a volume.

Local Organizer: Professor Alexander Weiss  
Executive Associate Director  
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405 Church Street  
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**ASC STUDENTS  
CALL FOR ENTRIES**

**2000 ASC GENE CARTE STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION**

We invite participation in The American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. These awards are given to recognize outstanding scholarly work of students. Following are the procedures for the 2000 competition.

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE**

Any student currently enrolled on a full-time basis in an academic program at either the undergraduate or graduate level. Persons who are previous first place prize winners of this competition are ineligible.

**SPECIFICATIONS FOR PAPERS**

No paper may be submitted to more than one ASC student competition for the same year. Any paper that has previously won any prize in any ASC competition is ineligible for submission to another ASC competition. Papers may be conceptual and/or empirical but must be directly related to criminology. Papers must be typewritten, double-spaced on 8-1/2 x 11 white paper, and no longer than 7,500 words. The CRIMINOLOGY format for the organization of text, citations and references should be used. Authors' names, departments and advisors (optional) must appear ONLY on the title page, since papers will be evaluated anonymously. The next page of the manuscript should include the title and a 100-word abstract. The author must submit EIGHT copies of the manuscript, accompanied by a letter indicating the author's enrollment status and co-signed by the dean, department chair or program director.

**DEADLINE**

Papers must be submitted with a postmark on or before April 15, 2000 to:

**STEVEN P. LAB**  
Criminal Justice Program  
Bowling Green State University  
Bowling Green, OH 43403  
419/372-7778      419/372-2897 FAX  
slab@bgnet.bgsu.edu

**PROCEDURES FOR JUDGING ENTRIES**

The Student Awards Committee will rate entries according to criteria such as the quality of the conceptualization, significance of the topic, clarity and aptness of methods, quality of the writing, command of relevant work in the field, and contribution to criminology. The Committee's award determinations will be final.

**AWARDS**

The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place papers will be awarded prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200, respectively and will be eligible for presentation at the 2000 meeting of The American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California, November 15-18, 2000. The 1st prize winner also will be granted a travel award to the meeting. The Committee may decide that no entry is of sufficient quality to declare a winner. Fewer than three awards may be given. Prize-winning students will be acknowledged at the Annual Meeting Awards Ceremony.

**NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS**

The author(s) of entries selected by the judges for awards will be notified in writing by August 1, 2000.

## DIVISION NEWS

### DIVISION ON INTERNATIONAL CRIMINOLOGY

The DIC gives an annual award to an outstanding non-North American criminologist. Nominations should be sent to: Tamar Pitch, Chair, DIC Awards Committee, Via del Colosseo 1/D, 00184, Roma, ITALY.

The DIC provides travel assistance for one foreign scholar who otherwise could not attend the annual meetings of the ASC. Requests for funding should be sent to William J. Chambliss, Chair, DIC, Department of Sociology, The George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052.

The DIC gives an annual award for the publication of an outstanding book or paper by a non-North American scholar. Nominations should be sent to William J. Chambliss, Chair DIC.

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### DIVISION ON PEOPLE OF COLOR AND CRIME

#### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Nominations Committee of the Division on People of Color and Crime is seeking candidates for the following offices: Vice Chair, Secretary, and Executive Counselor. All DPCC terms are for two years. Division members are invited to submit their names or those of others whom they wish to nominate.

**The deadline for nominations is March 15, 2000.** Please forward nominations to: [cnitaheard@aol.com](mailto:cnitaheard@aol.com)

Chinita A. Heard, Chair  
DPCC Nominations Committee

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### DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME

#### 2000 STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION

The American Society of Criminology, Division on Women and Crime announces the 2000 Student Paper competition, which is intended to encourage excellent student writing on matters of feminist scholarship, gender issues, or about women as offenders, victims, or professionals. Any student currently enrolled in school at the graduate level at the time of submission is eligible to enter. Papers must be no longer than 30 pages with an acceptable referencing format such as APA. Papers must contain an abstract of 100 words, be typed double spaced, and submitted on 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. Three copies of the paper must be submitted along with verification of current student status. Include contact information in cover letter. Papers by multiple authors are acceptable as long as all authors are students. Papers must not have been previously published. The committee will judge papers based on significance of the topic, conceptualization, and clarity of writing. The winner will be presented with a cash award at the annual meeting at the ASC. Three copies of the paper **must be received no later than September 8:** Please send all papers to:

Dr. Jana L. Jasinski  
Department of Sociology & Anthropology  
University of Central Florida  
PO Box 25000  
Orlando, FL 32816-1360

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### National Juvenile Detention Association Journal for Juvenile Justice and Detention Services

The Journal for Juvenile Justice and Detention Services is soliciting original practice and policy oriented papers from those who work in the field of juvenile justice and/or with juvenile offenders and from college and university faculty.

The Journal for Juvenile Justice and Detention Services is a peer-reviewed policy and practice-oriented journal intended to disseminate timely information to juvenile justice practitioners and researchers regarding effective juvenile justice practices. In addition to publishing articles that are peer-reviewed, the journal also publishes timely commentaries, commissioned articles, and other invited articles that are felt to be relevant to juvenile justice practice.

The editorial scope includes topics relating to juvenile justice, including effective strategies; the operation of juvenile facilities such as detention, shelter facilities, group homes and other community based and institutional placements for youth; programming (e.g., educational, physical and mental health, life skills); trends in juvenile justice; legal issues affecting juvenile justice practice; ethical issues in juvenile treatment; and leadership and training in juvenile justice.

Papers should be typed, double-spaced, and not exceed twenty pages in length. Citations and references should follow APA format. Title and author's name should be typed on a separate page. Four copies of the manuscript should be submitted, accompanied by an abstract of no more than 100 words, and a brief biographical sketch of the author(s), including affiliation, research interests, and recent publications to:

Preston Elrod, Ph.D. or Irina R. Soderstrom, Ph.D.  
Journal for Juvenile Justice and Detention Services  
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The Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology, the official journal of the Society of Police and Criminal Psychology, seeks original studies or impression pieces for a special issue from practitioners, scholars, and clinicians on criminal profiles/characteristics for its fall issue. This work can include social and/or psychological assessments, suggestions and strategies for interviewing/counseling suspected/known offenders, methods of identifying offenders of special groups such as women, the elderly, incarcerated felons, police officers, and/or police/correctional practitioners. Requirements: Manuscripts must be typed, double-spaced, and not to exceed 30 pages in length (including tables, charts, notes, etc). Three copies of the manuscript should be submitted (or one email attachment as an inquiry) accompanied by an abstract of 125 words and a brief biographical sketch of the author/s affiliation and research interests. Manuscripts should follow the APA style of citations, notes, and references. Disc is also required upon acceptance (Microsoft Word). Deadline April 30, 2000. Interested parties should connect guest editor: Dennis J. Stevens, University of Massachusetts at Boston, College of Public & Community Service, 100 Morrissey Blvd, Boston, MA 02125-3393. [dennis.stevens@umb.edu](mailto:dennis.stevens@umb.edu) (email submission or inquiry is encouraged if Microsoft attachment).

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