

**Critical Analysis of Justice Administration
CJ 530-03
Wednesday 1500-1750
Fall 2007**

Location: CJC A-181

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Course Description: An analysis of the criminal justice system in the United States; role of justice agencies as part of societal response to crime; the knowledge base of criminal justice; issues, problems, trends.

Goals

& Objectives:

1. Develop an overview of the Criminal Justice system
2. Develop a working knowledge of seminal research in CRJU
3. Develop a working knowledge of contemporary research in CRJU
4. Introduce concepts for other CRJU courses
5. Develop an understanding of research and CRJU policy
6. Enhance reading comprehension and both oral and writing skills
7. Develop understanding of research design

Textbooks:

Required:

Losing Legitimacy. Gary LaFree. Westview Publishign.

Theorizing Criminal Justice; Eight Essential Orientations. Peter B. Kraska. Waveland.

Academic Politics and the History of Criminal Justice Education. Frank

Morn. Greenwood.

It's About Time. 3rd Edition. Austin/Irwin. Wadsworth.

The Crime Drop. Blumstein & Wallman. Cambridge.

Sense and Nonsense About Crime and Drugs. 6th edition. Samuel Walker.

Recommended:

Fulfilling a Mandate. Mitchel Roth. SHSU Press.

The Mismeasure of Crime. Mosher, Miethe, & Phillips. Sage.

The Craft of Research. Booth, Colomb, and Williams. U. of Chicago Press

Readings: All of the readings are available through electronic reserve via the SHSU Library homepage. Access electronic reserves, CJ 530, Oliver and utilize the password "lawandorder" The articles are organized by the appropriate numbered week (see below).

Attendance & Punctuality: As it is a graduate course this should go without saying.

E-mail Etiquette: While I encourage your contacting me via e-mail, all correspondence in this manner must meet standard guidelines of professional writings. Formality, punctuation, capitalization, etc., must all be properly observed.

Class Etiquette: The class room is for learning, please do not bring food (drinks are acceptable). Turn off all cell phones, pagers, etc. upon entering class. If life outside of the classroom is more important than the class, please do not attend class.

Class Preparation & Participation: It should also go without saying that, *students are required to have read assigned material before coming to class and to participate in classroom discussions or small group activities.* As this is a substantial part of your grade and the premise of the class, discussion, you must come prepared.

Assignments: Throughout the semester, each week, on a rotating basis, each student will have due in my office by 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday each week

either a 3-5 page paper (DS) or 1 page list of questions (SS). The paper should quickly review the weeks reading then reflect on the writing and pose questions, alternative hypotheses, and or question underlying assumptions. The questions should consist of five well thought out questions that probe deeply into issues presented within the readings (in other words, one sentence questions won't cut it). They may be e-mailed as an attachment. Please scan for viruses on your computer. I will not acknowledge individual receipt, but you may program your computer for me to click on "OK" in an acknowledged receipt e-mail through your e-mail software.

Research Design: A research design paper, providing a title, introduction, literature review, and methodology section will be due by the end of the semester. The design must be theory based, must consist of a hypothesis or hypotheses, and it must be feasible. The paper is due Dec. 5, 2007.

Final Exam: As this is a seminar course, there will be no final examination. However, we will meet during final exam hours (Weds. Dec. 12, 2007 from 1500-1750) for paper presentations.

Grade Weights: Participation = 20%
Research Design = 40%
Assignments = 30%
Presentation = 10%

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Course Outline:

Week 1 - Introduction - August 22

Introductions

Syllabus Review

Discuss Research Design

Assignment for Sep. 26th - UCR & NCVS

Week 2 - Criminal Justice the Discipline - August 29

Morn, Frank. 1995. *Academic Politics and the History of Criminal Justice Education*. Greenwood. - all

Gilbert Geis. 1990. "Crime and Criminal Justice: Where Have We Been, Where are We Going?" *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* December: 254-263.

Donna Hale. 1998. "Criminal Justice Education: Traditions in Transition." *Justice Quarterly* 15(3): 385-394.

Finckenauer, James O. 2005. "The Quest for Quality in Criminal Justice Education." *Justice Quarterly*, 22(4): 413-426.

Frank Cullen. 1995. "Fighting Back: Criminal Justice as an Academic Discipline." *ACJS Today* 13(4): 1-3.

Freda Adler. 1995. "Who are We?" *ACJS Today* 14(1): 1-21.

Todd Clear. 2001. "Has Academic Criminal Justice Come of Age?" *Justice Quarterly* 18(4): 709-726.

Southerland, M.D. 2002. "Criminal Justice Curricula in the United States." *Justice Quarterly* Vol. 19 No. 4

Roth, Mitchel. Chapter 2. "In the Beginning." *Fulfilling a Mandate*. SHSU Press.

Moriarty, Laura J. (2006). "Investing in Quality : The Current State of Assessment in Criminal Justice Programs." *Justice Quarterly*, 23(4): 409-427.

Owens, Steven. (2005). "The Death of Academic Criminal Justice." *ACJS Today*, September/October, pp. 10-12. Available on-line at <http://www.acjs.org/pubs/uploads/ACJSSeptemberOctober2005.pdf>

Academy of Criminal Justice Website. <http://www.acjs.org/>

South Western Association of Criminal Justice. <http://www.cj.swt.edu/swacj/intro.htm>

Week 3 - Criminal Justice Theory - September 5

Kraska, Peter B. *Theorizing Criminal Justice; Eight Essential Orientations*. Waveland. All.

Kraska, Peter B. 2006. "Criminal Justice Theory: Toward Legitimacy and an Infrastructure." *Justice Quarterly* 23(2): 167-185.

Thomas Bernard and Robin Engel. 2001. "Conceptualizing Criminal Justice Theory." *Justice Quarterly* 18(1): 1-30.

John Hagan. 1989. "Why is There So Little Criminal Justice Theory?" *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 26: 116-135.

C. Ronald Huff. 1978. "Historical Explanations of Crime: From Demons to Politics." *Crime and the Criminal Justice Process*. Kendall Hunt Publishing, pp. 208-220.

Francis T. Cullen and Lawrence Travis. 1982. "Criminal Justice: Theories and Ideologies." *Reaffirming Rehabilitation*. Anderson, pp. 27-88.

Moynihan, Daniel Patrick. 1994. "Defining Deviancy Down." *The American Scholar*. 17-30.

James Q. Wilson and George L. Kelling. 1983. "Broken Windows." *The Atlantic Monthly*.

Piquero, Alex R. and Jeff A. Bouffard. (2007). "Something Old, Something New: A Preliminary Investigation of Hirschi's Redefined Self-Control." 24(1): 1-27.

Week 4 - Criminal Justice Research - September 12

Alpert and MacDonald's *Understanding Social Science Research: Applications in Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Waveland. Chapter 1 & 3.

Lawrence Sherman and David Weisburd. 1995. "General Deterrent Effects of Police Patrol in Crime 'Hot Spots': A Randomized, Controlled Trial." *Justice Quarterly*. 12 (4): 625-648.

- John M. MacDonald and Geoffrey P. Alpert. 1998. "Public Attitude Toward Police Pursuit Driving." Vol. 26: 185-194.
- Ronald Weitzer. 2000. "White, Black, or Blue Cops?" Journal of Criminal Justice. Vol. 28: 313-324.
- Lisa Maher and Kathleen Daly. 1996. "Women in the Street-Level Drug Economy." Criminology. Vol. 34 (4): 465-491.
- James Marquardt. 1986. "Doing Research in Prison." Justice Quarterly. 3(1): 15-32.
- Steven Chermak. 1997. "The Presentation of Drugs in the News Media." Justice Quarterly. 14 (4): 687-718.
- Roh and Oliver. 2005. "Effects of Community Policing Upon Fear of Crime." Policing: An International Journal of Police Strategies and Management. 28 (4): 670-683.
- Oliver, Willard M. 1998. "Presidential Rhetoric on Crime and Public Opinion." Criminal Justice Review. 23 (2): 139-160.
- Police Executive Research Forum. 1996. Themes and Variety in Community Policing: Case Studies in Community Policing. Chapters on "Community Policing in Savannah, Georgia" and Appendix.
- Frankie Bailey and Donna Hale. "Popular Culture, Crime, and Criminal Justice." In *Popular Culture, Crime, and Justice*. Edited by Bailey and Hale. Wadsworth, pp. 1-23.
- Stark, S.D. 1997. "Dragnet." From *Glued to the Set*. Delta Books.
- Belinda McCarthy. 1998. Chapter 22 - "Ethics and Criminal Justice Research." In *Justice, Crime and Ethics*. Anderson.

Week 5 - Research Design - September 19

The Craft of Research. Booth, Colomb, and Williams. U. of Chicago Press, Part 2, chapter 4, and Part 4.

Also bring: *Theorizing Criminal Justice: Eight Essential Orientations*. Kraska.

Week 6 - Crime - (Note: Assignment due this day) - September 26

Bureau of Justice Website - NCVS Data

Federal Bureau of Investigations - UCR Data

Mosher, Miethe, and Phillips. *The Mismeasure of Crime*. Sage Publications. Chapter 3 and 5.

The Crime Drop in America. Edited by Blumstein and Wallman. Cambridge Press, ALL.

John Hagan. 1985. "Defining Crime: An Issue of Morality." *Modern Criminology*. New York: McGra Hill, pp. 33-61.

Donohue, J. and Levitt, S. 2001. "The Impact of Legalized Abortion on Crime." *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. Vol. 116 No.2: 379-420.

Week 7 - No Class SWACJ Conference - October 3

I encourage your attendance at this conference from October 4-6. It will be held in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Week 8 - Criminal Justice - October 10

Gary LaFree. *Losing Legitimacy*. ALL.

Steven Cox and John E. Wade. "Criminal Justice in the United States: A Network of Interaction." Chapter 1. *The Criminal Justice Network: An Introduction*. McGraw Hill, pp. 3-19.

David M. Engel. (1987). "The Oven Bird's Song: Insiders, Outsiders, and Personal Injuries in an American Community." *Law & Society Review* 18:551.

Malcolm Feeley. 1979. "The Process is the Punishment." *The Process is the Punishment*. Sage, pp. 32-60.

John Paul Ryan. 1980. "The Outcome is the Punishment." *Law & Society Review* 15: 79-108.

Malcolm M. Feeley. 1979. "Two Models of the Crime Justice System: An Organizational Perspective." *Law & Society Review*.

Alida Merlo. 2000. "Juvenile Justice at the Crossroads." *Justice Quarterly* 17(4): 639-661.

Charles Silberman. 1978. *Criminal Violence, Criminal Justice*. Vintage Pub. Chapter 6 - "The Inefficiency of Human Institutions - An Introd. to the Criminal Justice System."

Herbert Packer. 1968. "Two Models of the Criminal Process." From the *Limits of Criminal Sanction*.

Bohm, Robert M. (2006). "'McJustice: On The McDonadlization of Criminal Justice.'" 23(1): 127-146.

Week 9 - Policing - October 17

William G. Spelman and Dale K. Brown. 1981. "Response Time."

Chaiken, Greenwood, and Petersilia. 1977. "The Rand Study of Detectives."

John Van Mananen. 1978. "The Asshole." *Policing: A View from the Streets*.

James Q. Wilson. 1968. Excerpts on the Watchman, Legalistic, and Service Styles. From *Varieties of Police Behavior*.

George L. Kelling. 1974. "The Kansas City Preventive Patrol Experiment."

Lawrence Sherman and Richard A. Berk. 1984. "The Minneapolis Domestic Violence Experiment."

Herman Goldstein. 1979. "Improving Policing: A Problem-Oriented Approach." *Crime & Delinquency* 25: 236-258.

Pelfrey, W.V. Jr. 2004. "The Inchoate Nature of Community Policing." *Justice Quarterly*. Vol. 21 No. 3: 579-601.

Kraska, P.B. and Cubellis, L.J. 1997. "Militarizing Mayberry and Beyond." *Justice Quarterly*. 14(4): 607-629.

Willis, J.J., Mastrofski, S.D., and Wesiburd, D. 2004. "Compstat and Bureaucracy: A Case Study of Challenges and Opportunities for Change." *Justice Quarterly*. Vol. 21 No.3: 463-496.

Terrill, W. 2005. "Police Use of Force." *Justice Quarterly* 22(1): 107-138.

Week 10 - Courts - October 24

John H. Langbein. 1992. "On the Myth of Written Constitutions: The Disappearance of Criminal Jury Trial." *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*. 15(1): 119-127.

Alexis De Toqueville. 1831. Excerpts from *Democracy in America*.

John C. Harris and Paul Jesilow. 2000. "It's Not the Old Ball Game: Three Strikes and the Courtroom Workgroup." *Justice Quarterly* 17(1): 185-203.

Bayens, Manske, and Smykla. 1998. "The Attitudes of Criminal Justice Workgroups Toward Intensive Supervised Probation." *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 22(2): 189-206.

Lawrence Baum. 1995. *The Supreme Court*. 5th Edition. Congressional Quarterly Pubs. Chapter 4 - "Decision Making."

Bennett L. Gershman. 1986. "Why Prosecutors Misbehave." *Criminal Law Bulletin*. 22(2): 131-143.

Rodney J. Uphoff. 1992. "The Criminal Defense Lawyer." *Criminal Law Bulletin*. 28 (5): 419-456.

Burrus, G. W. and Kempf-Leonard, K. 2002. "The Questionable Advantage of Defense Counsel in Juvenile Court." *Justice Quarterly*. Vol. 19, No. 1.

Kautt, P. and Spohn, C. 2002. "Crack-ing Down on Black Drug Offenders?" *Justice Quarterly* Vol. 19 No. 1

Kovandzic, Sloqv, and Vieraitis. 2002. "Unintended Consequences . . ." *Criminology and Public Policy*, 1 (3): 399-424.

Week 11 - Corrections - October 31

Austin and Irwin. *It's About Time* - ALL.

Mears, Daniel P. and Jamie Watson. 2006. "Towards a Fair and Balanced Assessment of Supermax Prisons." *Justice Quarterly* 23(2): 232-270.

Beth M. Huebner. 2005. "The Effect of Incarceration on Marriage and Work over the Life Course." *Justice Quarterly*. 22(3): 281-303.

James Unnever, Francis T. Cullen, and Brandon K. Applegate. 2005. "Turning the Other Cheek." *Justice Quarterly*, 22(3): 304-339.

Doris MacKenzie. 1994. "Results of a Multisite Study of Boot Camp Prisons." *Federal Probation* June: 60-65.

Culver. 1999. "Twenty Years After Gilmore: Who Is Being Executed?" *American Journal of Criminal Justice* 24(1): 1-14.

Vollum, S., Longmire, D.R., and Biffington-Vollum, J. 2004. "Confidence in the Death Penalty and Support for its Use: Exploring the Value-Expressive Dimension of Death Penalty Attitudes." *Justice Quarterly*. Vol. 21 No. 3: 521-546.

Kupchik, Aaron. (2007). "The Correctional Experience of Youth in Adult and Juvenile Prisons." *Justice Quarterly*, 24(2): 247-270.

Week 12 - Crime Prevention - November 7

Sherman, Lawrence (University of Maryland). *Preventing Crime: What Works, What Doesn't, What's Promising*. OJP Report. Available on-line at <http://www.ncjrs.org/works/> - ALL

Stewart, E. 2003. "School Social Bonds, School Climate, and School Misbehavior: A Multilevel Analysis." *Justice Quarterly*. Vol. 20 No. 3.

Unnever, J. D., Cullen, F.T., and Pratt, T.C. 2003. "Parental Management, ADHD and Delinquent Involvement." *Justice Quarterly* Vol. 20 No. 3.

Cohen, Mark A., Roland T. Rust and Sara Steen. (2006). "Prevention, Crime Control, or Cash? Public Preferences Towards Criminal Justice Spending Priorities." *Justice Quarterly*, 23(3): 317-335.

Week 13 - Criminal Justice Policy - November 14

Samuel Walker - *Sense and Nonsense About Crime and Drugs*. ALL

Currie, Elliot. 1998. *Crime and Punishment in America*. Introduction, Chapter 5, & Conclusion.

Charles Logan and John J. Dilulio, Jr. "Ten Deadly Myths about Crime and Punishment in the U.S." In *Criminal Justice?: The Legal System v. Individual Responsibility*. Edited by Bidnietto, 1996, pp. 156-178.

Stolzenberg, Lisa and Stwear J. D'Alessio. 1997. "Three Strikes and You're Out." *Crime & Delinquency* 43: 457-469.

James Q. Wilson. 1985. *Thinking About Crime*. Introduction, chapter 3, 12, and 13.

Christopher Z. Mooney. 2001. *The Public Clash of Private Values*. Chapter one by same title. Chatham House.

Reiman, J. 1995. *The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Prison*. Chapter 1 & Conclusion. Allyn & Bacon.

Week 14 - Thanksgiving Break - November 21

Week 15 - Research Design Presentation - November 28

Week 16 - Research Design Presentations - December 5

Research Design Paper is Due.

Week 17 - (Final Exam period) Research Design Presentations - Dec. 12

Electronic Reserves Book Display Note

There are several books whose selections had to be broken up to display at different times, as the amount of material exceeded 10%. This is how I broke them up:

1. Under Week 4, the selections from Themes and Variations in Community

Policing cannot display at the same time. "Community Policing in Savannah, GA" will end Oct. 12, and "Appendix..." will begin Oct. 12. (Oct. 12 is the middle of the semester).

2. Under Week 9, the 5 selections from Classics in Policing have been divided up. The following will display until Oct. 12:

"The Rand Study of Detectives..."

"The Asshole"

The following will display starting Oct. 12:

"The Watchman Style..."

"The Kansas City Preventative Patrol..."

"The Minneapolis Domestic Violence Experiment..."

3. Under Week 13, the Crime and Punishment selections have been divided.

The following will display until Oct. 12:

"Introduction..."

"Conclusion..."

The following will display starting Oct. 12:

"Alternatives III:...(Ch.5)"

Also from Week 13, the Thinking About Crime selections have been divided. The following will display until Oct. 12:

"Introduction..."

"Chapter 3..."

The following will display starting Oct. 12:

"Chapter 12..."

"Chapter 13..."

Also from Week 13, the Rich Get Richer selections have been divided.

They will display as follows:

"Chapter 1...Part 1" - now - Sept. 14

"Chapter 1...Part 2" - Sept. 14 - Oct. 12

"Conclusion..." - Oct. 12 - end of semester