Criminal Justice Research at Rand

by Joan Petersilia, Senior Researcher, The Rand Corporation

I am frequently asked by my ASC colleagues, "What is The Rand Corporation—and what do I, as a criminologist, do there?" At the invitation of the editor of The Criminologist, I would like to try and address those questions.

What is The Rand Corporation?

RAND (an acronym for Research and Development) is a private, nonprofit institution, incorporated in 1948, which engages in nonpartisan research and analysis of problems of national security and the public welfare. That broad charter allows us to engage in a wide range of research and educational activities.

Rand was originally created by the Air Force, and designed to function independently and deal with military problems objectively. Today, with an annual budget of about $65 million, Rand addresses a wide-ranging agenda of research on problems of national security and domestic affairs. Rand also operates the Rand Graduate School for Policy Studies, which offers a program of research and study leading to a doctoral degree in public policy analysis.

Today Rand has 984 employees (about 10% are housed in Washington D.C., and the remainder in Santa Monica, California). The research staff has 520 members, 42% of whom have Ph.D.s and another 31% have master's degrees. The staff includes mathematicians, operations researchers, lawyers, physicians, economists, engineers, educators, psychologists, sociologists, historians, physicists, and others.

What do these people do? Rand calls itself a "research institution" rather than a "think tank," and does "systems analysis" for its sponsors. In practice, that usually means that a team from several academic disciplines tackles each research problem. Moreover, we attempt to place the problem in perspective by studying its relationship to the system from which it springs.

Some of the questions currently being studied at Rand are: What specific measures can be taken to combat terrorists and protect American citizens around the world? How strong is the Soviet economy? How best can people combat career criminals in American cities? How can health care costs be kept under control without diminishing the quality of health care? How does the medical system deal with older people? Are the best qualified schoolteachers quitting their jobs? Are juries handing out excessive awards in civil lawsuits?

These, and some two hundred other research projects are currently being conducted with support from federal, state and local governments; from foundations and other private philanthropic sources; and from Rand's own funds drawn from fees earned and endowment income.

In 1957, Rand established the Domestic Research Division, where the Criminal Justice Program is housed. The Domestic Division is organized into seven programs that focus on particular areas of policy concern. They are: criminal justice, health sciences, energy, labor and population, education, housing and urban policy, and regulatory policies. Each Program is headed by a director, who decides issues such as staffing, research priorities, and dissemination strategies. The Domestic Research Division now conducts a third of Rand's research activities with the equivalent of 150 full time professional staff.

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AROUND THE ASC

Michael Agopian writes that he has moved from the Claremont Graduate School to become Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at California State University at Long Beach.

Stephen Blake, President of Advocates Advisory Systems of San Diego, California, is the author of a self-help guide to the criminal justice system for those in trouble with the law. (One hopes that ASC members will have no need to use it!) Published by Self-Counsel Press, Inc., the book is aptly titled, Arrested: Now What?

Albert G. Hess, Emeritus Professor of Criminology at SUNY-Brockport, now residing in Winter Park, Florida, has been awarded the Beccaria Gold Medal from the German Society of Criminology (Deutsche Kriminologische Gesellschaft) in Frankfurt, West Germany. Although retired, Hess is still active as a representative of the International Society for Criminology at the United Nations.

Stuart Hills, Professor of Sociology at St. Lawrence University, has edited a new anthology titled Corporate Violence: Injury and Death for Profit (Rowman and Littlefield, April, 1987). The book focuses on the serious physical harm inflicted on consumers, workers, and the general public.

Richard Knudten, Professor of Sociology at Marquette University, writes that he is authoring a book on The Victim in Democratic Society: The Search for Equity and Balance in the System of Justice under a grant from the Bradley Institute. Knudten is interested in any contributions from colleagues of ideas or work on this broad subject. Please contact him at (414) 224-6838 for more information.

Michael Maltz, Acting Director of the Center for Research in Law and Justice of the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, has received yet another award for his book Recidivism (Academic Press, 1984). Maltz has been named recipient of the Lancaster Prize for the best English language contribution to operations research. The award is given annually by the Operations Research Society of America.

LETTERS

Editor's Note: The following letter was received from Howard Abadinsky, and I thought it should be shared with the membership. It seems to me that if prospective employers wish to notify applicants of their department's ideological leanings this is a form of truth in advertising. What do you think?

The CRIMINOLOGIST provides valuable service to criminology/criminal justice education by publishing employment opportunities for those institutions that subscribe to equal employment standards.

In the January-February 1987 edition, an announcement [p. 11] for a position with Northeastern Illinois University includes the following statement: "The Criminal Justice Department encourages critical analyses of crime and justice issues, and maintains a pro-defense, advocacy position."

Should THE CRIMINOLOGIST publish ads for positions that have doctrinaire qualifications? Would THE CRIMINOLOGIST publish an ad with the statement: "The Criminal Justice Department encourages conservative analyses of crime and justice issues, and maintains a pro-law enforcement, advocacy position?"

I believe that any ad stating qualifications that conflict with equal employment standards or academic freedom should be rejected.

Yours truly,
Howard Abadinsky, Ph.D.

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Apologies to Dr. Frank Schmaleger, Editor of The Justice Professional for stating in the last issue of The Criminologist that manuscripts sent to him for review should be accompanied by a $100 fee. The fee is actually $10.

Authors wishing to submit a manuscript to The Justice Professional should send three copies of it, along with the $10 fee, to Dr. Frank Schmaleger, Editor, The Justice Professional, Department of Sociology and Social Work, Pembroke State University, Pembroke, NC 28372.
The School of Criminal Justice
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Michael J. Hindelang was a member of this faculty from 1970 until his death in 1982. During his brilliant career as a researcher and teacher, he pioneered new areas of criminological research, advanced theoretical and methodological frontiers of our field, and helped educate a generation of students who shared his zeal and enthusiasm for criminal justice research. This Fellowship program is established to continue the tradition of excellence he began by providing financial support for outstanding new doctoral students.

Further information about the Hindelang Fellowship and the School can be obtained from:

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Application Deadline
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Rand's Criminal Justice Research Program

Rand established The Criminal Justice Program in 1976, and I joined the Corporation at that time. The program's principal purpose is to help make the criminal justice system more efficient and more equitable by supplying policymakers with the results of empirically based, analytic research.

I can honestly say that I have enjoyed my career at Rand immensely. There are a number of positive aspects to the job—not the least of which is its location, which is a frisbee toss from the Santa Monica beach! In terms of environment, Rand seems like a small university where the atmosphere is quite informal. Many staff ride bicycles to the office, and they dress casually. I also enjoy the diversity of work I am able to do. I have studied policing, prosecution, juvenile and adult court processing, racial discrimination, probation, and parole. The sponsors and the sites change frequently, meaning there is always a new cast of characters and new questions to answer. Most important, however, is that I believe the research I have conducted has impacted criminal justice policy. It is not that my recommendations are followed to the letter, but the issues my studies have raised usually find their way into the public policy debate. I find that quite gratifying.

How do we become involved in particular projects? Like researchers in universities, we often respond to requests for proposals. We also initiate research that we would like to do, develop a proposal, and attempt to interest potential clients. Sometimes sponsors come to us, asking us for help in a particular area.

Our major criminal justice sponsors are: The National Institute of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Bureau of Justice Statistics, The National Institute of Corrections, The Conrad Hilton Foundation, and the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. To ensure that the research remains relevant and useful, we maintain regular (often intense) contact with these sponsors as well as other researchers and practitioners in the criminal justice community.

Rand tries hard to remain independent and neutral. And Rand's policy dictates that all domestic research findings will be reviewed by outside experts, and disseminated to the general public. In instances where the research findings are deemed of particular interest, Rand's Public Information Office will issue a press release to accompany publication of the final report. My experience shows that Rand press releases usually receive extensive media coverage.

Sometimes that gets us in trouble. For example, in the mid-1970s, the U.S. Dept. of Justice was confident that it could make a serious dent in curbing crime, if budgets for detectives were increased. It asked Rand to calculate the increased volume of solving crimes that could reasonably be expected to result from bigger budgets for detectives. But what we found was that the detective budget was actually rather irrelevant because the detective force had only a minuscule effect on the solution of crime.

The Rand analysis showed three main sources—none attributable to detective work—in solving crimes. Crimes were solved when a policeman on the scene found particular types of evidence; when the victim identified the offender; and when the offender, apprehended for a different crime, admitted to previous crimes. Those widely publicized findings did not set well with police officials at the time—although years later many of our recommendations have made their way into practice.

A more recent example is a project I directed on felony probation. Los Angeles and Alameda counties cooperated extensively in the study allowing me complete access to their performance data. My analysis revealed that a majority of those who supervised were rearrested. News headlines covering the story concluded that these probation agencies were "ineffective." More often than not, our analyses fail to reveal that a particular operation is as effective as its proponents believe it is. To me, being the "bearer of bad news" is one of the more difficult aspects to this job. We are often forced to tell a story that we know will offend the very groups that assisted us in collecting the data.

Rand's Criminal Justice Program currently supports the equivalent of 25 full-time researchers (many staff divide their time between various program areas). We spend about $2.5 million per year, which is significantly above the $300,000 available to us in 1980. About half of our financial support comes from the U.S. Department of Justice, and the other half from private foundations.

Our current research projects are more diversified than in the past. Some of the projects now underway include:

- an analysis of the economics of organized crime, including illegal gambling, to gain insights into the underground world of finance and its effect on the nation's economy;
- a large scale project to address the drug abuse among youths, where staff are testing the effectiveness of a social-influence model for teaching children methods of resisting pressures to use drugs;
- a nationwide survey of "intermediate-level" sanction programs, including house arrest, intensive probation supervision, electronic monitoring, and community service sentencing;
- an evaluation of private sector corrections initiatives for serious juvenile offenders;
- an assessment of how various police and prosecution procedures affect case attrition rates in Los Angeles County;
- a study of the structure of the drug market;
- a review of the influence of federally-funded research on criminal justice policy over the past decade;
- further development and testing of selective incapacitation models;
- collection of a database that will allow improved investigation of the relationship between criminal justice policies and their outcomes.

Rand also operates The Institute for Civil Justice, which since 1979 has performed objective policy analysis on the American civil justice system. Much of their research is directed toward the problems of delay, cost, and equity as they apply to the process of dispute resolution. They also conduct studies focused on specific types of disputes, such as medical malpractice.

As I begin my eleventh year at Rand, I question whether I should be moving on. For me, right now, the answer is no. I find that there is un-
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The VI International Symposium on Victimology will be held in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem, Israel, during August, 1988. ASC members interested in participating should contact Sarah Ben David, Secretariat, P.O. Box 50006, Tel Aviv, Israel.

APA Dissertation Award

Division 41 of the American Psychological Association will present prizes of $300 and $150 for outstanding doctoral dissertations in psychology and law. The competition is open to those who have obtained their degrees between January 1, 1986, and December 31, 1986. One copy of the dissertation should be sent to William C. Thompson, Program in Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, CA 92717. Deadline for submissions is June 1, 1987.

Clearinghouse Established

A Clearinghouse on Elder Abuse and Neglect is now operative at the University of Delaware. The Clearinghouse conducts informational searches and provides, at cost, copies of materials in the Clearinghouse archives. C.A.N.E. Exchange, the bulletin of the Clearinghouse, offers information on acquisitions by the Clearinghouse and abstracts recent research, legislation, policy and educational materials. The Clearinghouse and bulletin were funded by the Administration on Aging. To submit materials to the Clearinghouse and to obtain the bulletin free of charge contact: C.A.N.E. Exchange, College of Human Resources, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware 19716.

RAND, (continued from page 4) preceded by public examination of the strengths and weaknesses of the criminal justice system. This development is encouraging, for I believe that public understanding and debate of issues will impact favorably on the justice system. I hope this examination will focus simply on matters of ideology, legal jurisprudence, and economics. To me, the problems we are witnessing are symptoms of a much deeper problem: that of our society's inability to articulate the purposes of sanctions, whether they be rehabilitations, deterrence, or incapacitation. That ongoing debate is forcing policymakers to deal systematically with these choices, and quantify the effects each sanction is presumed to produce. Policymakers need to be both informed and rational in such an important debate. I hope that the research that I and my RAND colleagues conduct will continue to contribute rigorous, empirical analysis to assist this process.
NIJ Research Agenda for 1987

The 1987 NIJ research agenda emphasizes policy-oriented research that promises practical benefits. ASC members looking for funding in their research areas should know that second cycle proposals can still be submitted in the following areas:

**Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime**

The objectives of the drug, alcohol, and crime program are to increase the understanding of the nature and extent of drug-related criminality. Some examples of relevant issues are: Assessing the nature and extent of drug abuse, reduction of demand for illicit drugs, control of drug supply and evaluation of local interventions, measuring drug-related crime and its social costs, and patterns of drug/alcohol use and relations to development and cessation of patterns of delinquency and crime.

Funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $1,500,000. The deadline for second cycle proposals in no later than 5:00 p.m., May 27, 1987. Contact Dr. Bernard Gropper at (202) 724-7631 for further information.

**Crime Control Theory and Policy**

The program for crime control theory and policy supports research on the extent to which crime is, or could be, affected by alternative sanctioning policies. Some examples of relevant issues are: policy experiments or quasi-experiments that offer empirical evidence as to the success or failure of new approaches to sanctioning, crime career research directed at a better understanding of the onset, length and nature of criminal careers, national-level studies aimed at measuring the relative gains in the reduction of crimes as generated by different levels of sanctioning in U.S. jurisdictions, policy analysis that is designed to stimulate the effects of untried sanctioning approaches that are based on the present knowledge of criminal behavior, and perceptions research that investigates why the assessment of sanctions risk or sanction cost differs among various sub-populations.

Funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $700,000. The deadline for second cycle proposals is May 13, 1987. Contact Joel Garner or Winifred Reed at (202) 724-7635.

**Victims and the Criminal Justice System**

The objective of the victims and the criminal justice system program is to develop improved systematic responses to the critical problems related to action in support of crime victims. Some relevant issues are: assessing the impact of victim rights initiatives, more objective determination of victim impact, promoting victim involvement in the criminal justice process, and protecting the victim of child sexual abuse in court.

Funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $750,000. The deadline for completed proposals is 5:00 p.m. on April 24, 1987. Contact Dr. Lawrence Bennett at (202) 724-2956 for further information.

**Public Safety and Security**

The public safety and security program requests proposals that will build on the progress of past research to develop a more integrated approach to reducing crime, increasing public safety and improving community security. Some relevant issues are: police as public safety leaders, public and private security, and improving the quality of urban life.

Funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $1,000,000. The deadline for second cycle proposals is May 15, 1987. Contact Dr. Lawrence Bennett at (202) 724-2956 for further information.

**Apprehension and Prosecution of Criminal Offenders**

The apprehension and prosecution of criminal offenders program requests proposals in order to develop improved systematic responses to critical problems in the apprehension and prosecution of serious criminal offenders. Relevant topics are: early identification of serious or chronic offenders, improved police-prosecutor interaction and coordination, development of prosecutorial alternatives for handling serious repeat offenders, improved determination of public dangerousness, and increased understanding of key criminal justice decision-making issues.

Funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $750,000. The deadline for second cycle proposals is May 22, 1987. Contact Dr. Fred Heinzelmann at (202) 724-2949.

**Offender Classification and Prediction of Criminal Behavior**

The objective of the offender classification and prediction of criminal behavior is to accumulate a body of research on the classification of offenders and the prediction of their future dangerousness. The following is an illustrative list of relevant topics: development of improved analytic methods for classification or prediction of criminal behavior, further development and testing of correctional classification systems, and criminal career forecasting. The funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $700,000. The deadline for second cycle proposals is 5:00 p.m., on May 6, 1987. Contact Dr. Richard Laymon at (202) 724-7635 for further information.

**Violent Criminal Behavior**

The objective of the violent criminal behavior program is to gain a better understanding of the essential factors that produce a potential for criminal violence in individuals. Some examples of relevant issues are: studies of nonlethal assaults, studies of domestic violence, violent crime and mental disorder, and biological factors in violent crimes. The funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $700,000. Second cycle proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m., May 20, 1987. Contact Dr. Helen Erskine at (202) 724-7631 for further information.

**Punishment and Control of Offenders**

The punishment and control of offenders program is requesting proposals that will provide important policy guidance based on research and the evaluation of innovative operational strategies. The proposals should be based on current theory and practice and should be responsive to the needs of the practitioner. Relevant topics are: the use of various sentencing sanctions, the incarceration of offenders, jails, police lockups, and other short-term facilities, and control of offenders in the community.

Funding for this program has been tentatively set at a maximum of $750,000. The deadline for second cycle proposals is May 29, 1987. Contact Dr. Fred Heinzelmann at (202) 724-2949 for further information.

For each of these research areas, ten (10) copies of fully executed proposals should be sent to the appropriate program, National Institute of Justice, 633 Indiana Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20531.
CALL FOR PAPERS


The Midwest Criminal Justice Association Annual Conference
Sept. 30th, Oct 1 & 2, 1987
Chicago, Illinois

The Midwest Criminal Justice Association (MCJA) will hold its annual conference September 30th and October 1st and 2nd, 1987, at the Americana Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. The 1987 conference will focus upon the interchange of knowledge and ideas between criminal justice scholars and policy makers. Topical areas will include policy development, program evaluation, and training, as well as the traditional areas of police, courts, corrections, juvenile justice and criminology. Structured student activities, including a student paper competition, and job development programs will also be part of the program.

MCJA is a growing organization. Last year, over 350 participants registered for our annual conference. In addition, MCJA publishes biannually The Journal of Crime and Justice, a refereed journal.

The 1987 conference promises to provide a congenial social event as well as a sound format for discussion, debate, and interchange on current issues in criminal justice and administration. We would urge our colleagues to join the Midwest conference in Chicago, Illinois next fall.

Call for papers will be mailed out in the spring. For information, contact: David Kalnich, MCJA Program Chair, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan 48824-1118.

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Third World Congress of Victimology to be Held at Ramada Renaissance Hotel in San Francisco, California
July 7-11, 1987

The theme of the Congress is: “Victims of Crimes, Accidents and Disasters: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Research, Treatment, and Intervention.” Papers and presentations on victims of crime, terrorism, accidents, and disasters and on related themes are invited from all professionals (medicine, psychiatry, law, psychology, social work, sociology, nursing, law enforcement, criminal justice, emergency and crisis intervention, victim & witness services, prevention and treatment etc.) and from all perspectives.

Among the themes to be discussed are: crisis intervention, child abuse and neglect, sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, compensation, restitution, legal reform, mediation and conflict resolution, victim rights, victim services, witnesses and bystanders, adult survivors, the disabled victim, the justice system, trauma and its sequelae, dissociative states, emergency preparedness, prevention, intervention and treatment models.

Registration: $95 ($65, presenters; $40, spouses) until April 1; $125 ($95, presenters; $55 spouses) April 2-June 1; $175 ($75 spouses) afterwards. Includes full access to program; two receptions; one dinner; subscription to Victimology (1987). Presenters must be pre-registered to be listed in the program.

Hotel: A deluxe 4-diamond hotel, the Ramada Renaissance is located in downtown San Francisco next to the airline terminal, Union Square, the cable cars and the subway (BART). Rates are $80 per night, single or double room, and are available 2 days before and after the conference. Children stay free in room with parents. Deadline for hotel reservations at the special rate: June 15; tel. (415) 392-8000; telex 755982.

Abstracts & proposals: Deadline for receipt: May 15. Inquire about format. Proceedings will be published.

Continuing education credits will be awarded to psychologists and social workers. CME credits have been applied for.

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New Correctional Education Publication Editor Sought

Beginning in 1988 the Correctional Education Association will initiate publication of a Yearbook of Correctional Education. This annual publication will include selected manuscripts presented at the Association's convention, proceedings from the CEA's various meetings and other submissions relevant to the field.

Proposals to edit and publish this document in 1988 and 1989 are now being accepted. It is anticipated that the publication will be approximately 100 [8½ x 11 inch] pages in length with a circulation of 2000 copies. Proposals should include the following:

1. Letter of Interest
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4. Time Line for Publication
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   Printing
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All proposals should be submitted by June 1, 1987. Direct all proposals and inquiries to: Bruce Wolford, 202 Perkins Building, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475. (606) 622-1497.

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The Criminal Justice Research Bulletin invites the submission of manuscripts. Entering its third year, this refereed publication emphasizes current topics in criminal justice and criminology. Now published in 12 issues a year with a distribution of 1500 copies, CJRB features a single article in each issue, thus assuring the undivided attention of readers. Manuscripts of up to 45 pages in length, focusing on any criminal justice-related topic, are suitable. A series of biographical articles on important people [and their work] in the criminal justice field is also planned, thus CJRB is especially interested in manuscripts of that type. The only rigid expectation of submitted manuscripts are that they be original (not submitted for review elsewhere), of good quality and eminently readable. Since the readership encompasses practitioners, legislators and academics alike, all manuscripts must be in plain English. Co-editors are Frank P. Williams and Dennis R. Longmire. Forward four copies of manuscripts to: Editor, Criminal Justice Research Bulletin, Criminal Justice Center, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas 77341.

LATE ADDITION POSITIONS

MEMPIS STATE UNIVERSITY, Dept. of Criminal Justice announces a one year temporary position for an asst. prof. beginning Sept. 1, 1987, with the expectation that this position will be advertised as a tenure-track vacancy during 1988-89. The preferred candidate will be able to teach graduate courses in criminal justice administration, management, and planning, as well as undergraduate courses in criminal justice/criminology. Agency experience, microcomputer expertise, and a strong commitment to high quality research and teaching are desirable. The department has 8 faculty both B.A. And M.A. degrees and plans to begin a M.S. with concentration in criminal justice administration/management in the 1987 academic year. Ph.D. or DPA preferred with consideration given to strong ABD or Master's candidates if their academic training and experience have prepared them to teach and conduct research in the area of criminal justice. Send letter of application with a statement describing current/future research, vitae, and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of at least three referees to: Search Committee, Dept. of Criminal Justice, Memphis State University, Memphis, TN 38152. Closing date is April 10, 1987.
POSITIONS—VACANCIES—OPPORTUNITIES

THE CRIMINOLOGIST will regularly feature in these columns position vacancies available in organizations and universities, as well as positions sought by members of the Society. There will be no charge for placing such announcements. For those agencies or persons not wishing to have their identities known, arrangements can be made for a box number and all appropriate inquiries will be forwarded accordingly.

It is the policy of ASC to publish free of charge position vacancy announcements only from those institutions or agencies which subscribe to equal educational and employment opportunities and those which encourage women and minorities to apply.

Institutions should indicate the deadline for submission of applications.

The Professional Employment Exchange will be a regular feature at each Annual Meeting. Prospective employers and employees should register with the Society no later than three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting of the Society. Appropriate forms may be obtained by writing to the ASC offices in Columbus, Ohio.

To place announcements in The Criminologist, send all materials to: Hugh Barlow, Editor, THE CRIMINOLOGIST, Dept. of Sociology/Social Work, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL 62026.

SANGAMON STATE UNIVERSITY. The Social Justice Professions Program announces a tenure track faculty opening for an Assistant Professor in Law Enforcement Administration/Management and Electives starting Fall 1987. Qualifications include: Ph.D. in criminal justice or closely related discipline (ABDs will be considered), college level teaching experience, and interest in research and applied scholarship. Professional law enforcement experience, including such activities as collaborative research, training, and contractual consultation, is desirable. Sangamon State University is located in the state capital, where state law enforcement agencies and statewide training academies are located. Will hold administrative positions in a variety of state and local law enforcement agencies. The SJP Program offers a B.A. degree and cooperates with other programs to provide graduate criminal justice studies. Review of applications will begin on March 30, 1987 and continue until position is filled. Send vata, three letters of reference, and samples of publications (optional) to: S. Burkett Miller, Search Committee Chair, Social Justice Professions Program, Sangamon State University, Springfield, IL 62794-9243.

SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY. The College of Criminal Justice announces a tenure-track, Assistant Professor position to begin in the Fall, 1987 semester. Qualifications: Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent terminal degree. The Criminal Justice Center is a multi-faceted program engaged in teaching, research, field service, and other scholarly activities. A full academic program of study is offered including the Ph.D. in Criminal Justice. Applicants are expected to be able to participate in all aspects of the Center's programs. Salary is competitive and negotiable. Apply to: Faculty Search Committee, c/o Dr. Rolando V. del Carmen, College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas 77341. Send a copy of your vita and the name, address, and telephone number of three references the Search Committee may contact. Application deadline — March 1, 1987 or until the position is filled.

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY, Department of Criminal Justice, invites applications for a full-time, tenure track, Assistant Professor position to begin August, 1987. Responsibilities include teaching courses in research methods, deviant social behavior and criminal justice planning, which serve majors in criminal justice and sociology. Field experience required, doctorate or ABD required. Salary competitive. Application deadline is March 30, 1987 or until position is filled. Send vata, three letters of reference, and a transcript of graduate and undergraduate work to: Dr. Duane Davis, Chair, Search Committee, Criminal Justice Department, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723.

CONCORDIA COLLEGE, Edmonton, Alberta invites applications for permanent-statement positions in the following areas:

Physics: Undergraduate teaching in classical mechanics, E & M, quantum mechanics and calculating.

Psychology: Undergraduate teaching in social work, personality, learning and instruction.

Sociology: Undergraduate teaching in criminology, social psychology, quantitative methods.

Philosophy: Undergraduate teaching in introductory philosophy, medieval and 20th century philosophy, and logic.

French: Undergraduate teaching in beginning and intermediate French, modern French literature.

Religious Studies: Undergraduate teaching in introductory Christianity and Old Testament Literature.


Qualifications: Ph.D. and teaching experience required.

Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Assistant Professor starting salary $30,000 — subject to budgetary approval.

For information: Concordia is a small Lutheran college, affiliated with the University of Alberta, which offers programs in liberal arts and science.

CURRICULUM VITAE, 3 names and addresses of references should be sent to Dr. Judith Meier, Dean of Academic Affairs, Concordia College, 7128 Ada Blvd., Edmonton, Alberta, T5B 4E4. In accordance with Canadian Immigration requirements this advertisement is directed to Canadian citizens and permanent residents.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON, Criminal Justice Program. Assistant Professor in Criminal Justice (tenure track). Duties include teaching the following courses: Introduction to Corrections; Management and Treatment of Offenders; Victimology, Community and Public Relations; and Contemporary Issues in Justice Administration. The accepted candidate is also responsible for academic counseling and serving as advisor to the Zeta Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma (the National Criminal Justice Honor Society). Candidates must have a Ph.D. in criminal justice or a related field, demonstrated competency both as a teacher and a scholar and be familiar with current career placement practices in corrections. Preference will be given to candidates who specifically have the Ph.D. in criminal justice with practical experience. Starting salary is at assistant professor rank and commensurate with credentials and experience. Send resume plus three letters of recommendation to: Faculty Selection Committee c/o Dr. James Adamitis, Criminal Justice Program, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH 45469-0001.

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, Dean, College of Social Science. Michigan State University is a land-grant institution with fourteen colleges enrolling approximately 40,000 students. The College of Social Science consists of six departments [Anthropology, Geography, Political Science, Psychology, Social Science, and Sociology], two professional programs in Urban Planning and Landscape Architecture, three schools [Criminal Justice, Labor and Industrial Relations, and Social Work], two centers [Center for Advanced Study of International Development, Social Science Research Bureau], an interdisciplinary program [undergraduate social science] and the Women's Studies Program [jointly administered with the College of Arts and Letters]. The College has some 275 faculty and 3,800 majors, 80 percent undergraduate and 20 percent graduate students. The College provides liberal education in the social sciences for undergraduates throughout the University, and offers bachelors, masters, masters, professional, and doctoral degrees.

The Dean is the chief executive officer of the College and is responsible to the Provost and the President for the general administration of the College. The Dean promotes academic excellence, provides administrative leadership, and is responsible for the quality and effectiveness of the instructional, research, professional, extension, and public service programs of the College both on and off campus.

Applicants must have earned a Ph.D. or its equivalent, and be able to provide evidence of strong academic scholarship, and significant successful administrative experience. Candidates must have tenure at the rank of full professor [with tenure] in an academic department or school of the College. Expected starting date is January 1, 1988 or as soon as possible thereafter.

Applications and nominations should be submitted preferably by May 15, 1987 to: Chairperson, Search Committee for the Provost, 432 Administration Building, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1046.

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THE CLAREMONT GRADUATE SCHOOL

Criminal Justice Department has a position in criminal justice with an emphasis on criminology/corrections. Candidates must have a strong methodological background. A Ph.D. is required, with teaching, research, and publication experience. The Claremont Graduate School's criminal justice department offers masters and doctoral degrees only, with 95 percent of criminal justice students working towards a Ph.D. Application deadline will remain open until the position is filled. Send materials to Dan Mazmanian, Claremont Graduate School, 160 E. 10th St., Harper East Room 209, Claremont, CA 91711-6165.

BJS Releases Fourth Report on the Prosecution of Felony Arrests

Barbara Boland and Ronald Somes are the authors of a fourth Bureau of Justice Statistics Report on the prosecution of felony arrests, this one covering 37 jurisdictions circa 1981.

In 1981 almost 1.6 million felony arrests were made. Of these only 10 percent resulted in a prison sentence. The purpose of this latest study was to describe what happened to the other 90 percent. The authors found that:

- 6% are referred to diversion programs or other courts for prosecution
- 23% are rejected at initial screening
- 1% are acquitted at trial
- 48% are convicted. Of these:
  - 94% plead guilty
  - 27% are incarcerated for 1 year or less
  - 23% are incarcerated for more than 1 year
  - 50% are sentenced to probation or other condition

Pre-trial attrition varies considerably from jurisdiction to jurisdiction, however, with some jurisdictions screening out as many as 75 percent of all felony arrests prior to indictment. In general, the more rigorous a jurisdiction's screening and rejection policies, the lower the subsequent dismissal rates. The authors concluded that a high rate of rejections at screening is the result of a conscious policy on the part of the prosecutor to weed out weak cases before they enter the court system (p. 6).

Sentencing also varies substantially from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. However, the authors warn that comparisons must take into account differing policies in the use of felony trial courts. "The data suggest, for example, that both Los Angeles and Manhattan sentence a higher fraction of convicted defendants to terms of more than 1 year than does New Orleans" (p. 8). Yet, it turns out that the L.A. and New York data represent a subset made up of the most serious felony crimes; those from New Orleans represent all felony convictions.

This BJS study is available through the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20850 or call 1-800-732-3277 to order. Refer to NCJ-101380.
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Survey Shows New Jail Beds Cost More Than $80,000 Each

One third of U.S. jails recently surveyed are operating under court orders monitoring jail conditions. Forty-four percent of these same jails are building or renovating facilities at an average cost per bed of $80,000.

The jail survey was initiated in early 1986 by Contact Center, Inc., in cooperation with the American Jail Association. One hundred fifty-four randomly selected jails provided usable response data. Results of the survey were published in the November and December issues of Corrections Compendium, the National Journal for Corrections Professionals.

Fifty-one jails reported that they are operating under court supervision. In addition, more than half of the responding jails have lawsuits pending. Most of the pending suits are federal civil rights claims.

Jails responding to the survey are spending $1.1 billion to build new jail facilities. The nearly 15,000 new beds built by these jails cost an average of more than $80,000 each. Applying these results to jails nationwide, the survey suggests that as much as $22 billion may be being spent to build about 300,000 new jail beds.

The jail survey also compiled information on daily operating costs, inmates and facilities. For information on how to obtain more complete survey results, call: Corrections Compendium, P.O. Box 81826, Lincoln, NE 68501. 402-464-0602.