North Carolina Highway Traffic and Patrol Study: ‘Driving While Black’

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Discretionary decision making within the criminal justice system has received widespread attention in the criminal justice community for the past several decades. Since law enforcement routinely affects fundamental principles such as privacy and liberty, as well as the very lives of citizens, the attention is well warranted. In a free and democratic society, law must not disadvantage any specific segment of society.

Recently there has been considerable interest in discretion exercised by police in their decisions to stop motorists. Many minority drivers believe that their privacy is invaded when they are stopped and often searched at rates that surpass reasonable levels of expectations (American Civil Liberties Union, 1999). “Driving While Black” is an expression that many use to describe this phenomenon of racial profiling (Gates, 1995). A recent Gallup poll (1999) found that 59% of adult Americans believe that the practice in which “police officers stop motorists of certain racial or ethnic groups because the officers believe that these groups are more likely to commit certain types of crimes” is widespread. African Americans are more likely to believe the practice is widespread and are generally less trusting of the police than whites. Interestingly, some recent research suggests that mistrust of the police is particularly high among middle class African Americans (Weitzer and Tuch, 1999).

The research literature lacks a consensus on the issue of the extentiveness of discrimination in police stops, searches and arrests. Some argue that racial discrimination by police is extensive (Mann, 1993) while others that “systematic racism” is largely a myth (Wilbanks, 1987). Systematic racism is defined by Walker, Spohn and Delone as “discrimination occurs at all stages of the criminal justice system, in all places, and at all times” (2000:17). While terms such as disparity and discrimination seem to be used interchangeably by the general public, most researchers define disparity as a difference in the aggregate counts or rates of interventions involving African Americans, and define discrimination as the propensity of police officers to unfairly and unjustly select African Americans for punitive criminal justice interventions (such as stops, searches, use of force and arrests). There could be disparity in statistics on the race of citizens stopped for speeding if more African Americans than whites are stopped relative to the racial distribution of licensed drivers. This disparity would be interpreted as discrimination if African Americans actually speed less that whites.

So-called extra-legal factors, such as the race, gender, ethnicity, and social class of citizens are widely recognized as an inappropriate basis for police interventions. Legal factors, of course, are appropriate, such as the seriousness of the act or the past criminal behavior of an individual. For stops initiated by police, the seriousness of the act may be indicated by the number of miles per hour over the speed limit, or the degree to which the citizen is jeopardizing others’ lives through reckless driving or the failure to maintain a safe vehicle.

One of the most comprehensive recent treatments of the issues of race in the criminal justice system is The Color of Justice, by Samuel Walker, Cassia Spohn and Miriam Delone (2000). In it they define what they call the discrimination-disparity continuum. At one end of the continuum is the situation of systematic discrimination, as defined above. At the other end is what they call pure justice, in which there is no discrimination based on extra-legal factors. Close to the systematic discrimination end of the continuum is institutionalized discrimination, which is defined as racial disparities in outcome due to established or institutionalized policies not

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directly involving race. For example, if state troopers were allocated to areas near large urban centers with relatively large African American populations because of a past legacy of overt discrimination against African Americans, then one could speak of institutionalized discrimination in deployment decisions, even if current officer allocation is not sensitive to race. Institutionalized discrimination is similar to what is called “statistical discrimination” in employment discrimination research. Employers know or believe that there are average productivity differences between groups and therefore discriminate against all or many members of the lower productivity group (Tomaskovic-Devey, 1993). Similarly, police may stop minorities at higher rates to maximize on the perceived likelihood of locating illegal drugs and making more arrests. It is precisely this type of discrimination which has been highlighted in recent controversies around the Driving While Black phenomena (American Civil Liberties Union, 1999).

Walker, Spohn and Delone also discuss contextual discrimination, or discrimination in certain situations or contexts. African Americans being stopped while driving types of automobiles associated with stereotypes of drug dealers would be a case in point. Finally, there are individual acts of discrimination by officers, but such acts are not the result of organizational policy or institutionalized racism. Individual acts of discrimination may be among the most important in explaining public perceptions of police discrimination, as stories of such acts are often reported to and by the media. Most individual acts of discrimination are likely to result from cognitive processes based on stereotypes and attribution errors, rather than explicit self conscious racism (Allport, 1958; Bielby, 2000; Johnson, Rush and Feagin, 2000).

Another form of discrimination is reverse discrimination. Here the mechanism of discrimination is avoidance. For example, police may choose to avoid stopping African Americans who violate the law, perhaps because police expect to be treated with less respect or to receive “more hassle” relative to encounters with whites. Contextual factors also may be important to reverse discrimination, as in the case of African Americans outnumbering the police officer (Reiss, 1971).

Empirical studies of the extent of racial discrimination at the “front end” of police-citizen encounters (the stop) are scarce. Statistical analysis prepared for litigation in New Jersey and Maryland (Lamberth, 1996), as well as a recent interim report on racial profiling completed by the New Jersey Attorney General (Verniero and Zoubek, 1999) suggest that the targeting of minority motorists is real. Many questions remain unanswered, however, about the nature and extent of the problem, such that further analysis and explanation is necessary. For example, if vehicular speeding is more prevalent among whites than African Americans, then the reported disparity in speeding actually masks the true imbalance in ticketing. There is little information available, however, that allows one to examine the extent to which racial disparities in police stops are due to differences in citizens’ driving behavior rather than police behavior.

The question of what factors police use to make discretionary decisions such as stopping a motorist is complex due to the variety of outcomes that are possible, as well as to lack of information on what behavior the officers actually see or detect with their electronic devices. After an officer decides to stop a vehicle, he or she then can verbally warn, officially warn (written warning), or issue a citation. Factors varying from the severity of the infraction to demographic characteristics of the driver, as well as a random component, may be involved in determining an officer’s behavior. Official records of written warnings, citations, and searches can be used to identify some patterns of racial disparity. Equally important, however, is the need to gather information on the substantial number of stops that do not become part of the official record (stops that result in verbal warnings or those that can be called “stop and release”). Information on these “lower visibility” events are seldom systematically gathered or analyzed. This situation is quite unfortunate because it is precisely these latter stops that are most prone to charges of harassment and public and legal outcry. Indeed, such “unwarranted” stops are viewed by some to be merely the pretexts for “unwarranted” searches (American Civil Liberties Union, 1999).

North Carolina Senate Bill 76, which was recently passed, addresses this omission in the public record. It requires, in addition to the information currently gathered for all written warnings, citations, searches, and use of force encounters, that all state law enforcement agencies gather, maintain, and make available for analyses information on all highway traffic “stops” in North Carolina. This information includes the reason for the stop, driver age, race/ethnicity and gender, whether a citation or warning was given, whether there was resistance by the driver and/or use of force by the officer, whether a search of the vehicle/driver/passengers was conducted, the justification for the search (probable cause, consent), and whether contraband was found or property was seized.

With support of grants from the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the National Institute of Justice, and with the cooperation of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol (NCSHP), we plan to examine the Driving While Black phenomenon by looking for answers to several essential questions. Among these are: (1) How do NCSHP stops, warnings, citations, searches, and use of force vary by race, ethnicity, gender and age? (2) How does driving behavior vary by race, ethnicity, gender and age? (3) How do NCSHP troopers explain and interpret apparent demographic bias in their own behavior? (4) How does the NCSHP as an organization respond to questions of racial disparity in their citations/warnings? (5) What does the general public in North Carolina, especially African American citizens, think about the Driving While Black phenomenon? (6) On what basis does the average citizen form his/her beliefs about the Driving While Black phenomenon?

The proposed research uses a multi-method research design. In addition to thorough statistical analyses of all official data available for calendar year 1998 through 2000, the research uses methods to establish base-line estimates of driving behaviors, a state-wide citizen survey, focus groups comprised of NCSHP troopers and supervisors, and focus groups with citizens. In sum, the intent of this research is to gain a
better understanding of what NCSHP officers do, why they do it, how the general public perceives the problem, and how African American citizens experience and respond to highway traffic stops. Racial equity in policing is one of the most important social and political issues of the day. It is our hope that the comprehensive approach that we propose will provide more precise answers than those currently heralded by researchers, advocates for the police, or civil rights groups.

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A special issue of Journal of Drug Issues will be published in 2001 on the topic of Drug Courts. Submissions should be sent to: David Shichor and Dale K. Sechrest, Department of Criminal Justice, California State University San Bernardino, 5500 University Parkway, San Bernardino, CA 92407-2397. For additional information call 909/880-5566 or email dksechrest@aol.com. Manuscripts should be received by June 30.
COSSA WASHINGTON UPDATE

Is That Your Final Answer?
President Submits Budget Request, But Congress Has Different Ideas
by
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The Fiscal Year 2001 budget process has truly arrived. President Clinton sent his budget request to Congress in early February. The House Budget Committee passed its budget blueprint on March 15, and the Senate Budget Committee is expected to take up its version at the end of March. The budget resolutions provide guidelines for the House and Senate appropriations committees and subcommittees. The administration’s request, along with the budget resolutions, are the first step in crafting final budgets for Federal operations and agencies, many of which conduct and support social science research. Thus, a look into some of the budget numbers is instructive.

President Clinton’s budget request, the last during his watch, includes increases for three agencies within the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) that perform and conduct social science research — the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). The BJS would receive the largest increase among the three, up 30 percent to $33.2 million from its current level of $25.5 million. The OJJDP would receive the smallest overall increase. Its funding for FY 2001 would reach $289 million, a less than one percent increase from the current FY 2000 level of $287.1 million.

The NIJ would receive a $5.6 million or 13 percent increase in its base funding to $49.2 million from $43.4 million in FY 2000. Of particular interest to social scientists is a provision in the President’s request that would set-aside one percent of all sums appropriated to the OJP for research and program evaluation to be conducted by the NIJ. This provision is similar to the Public Health Service’s (PHS) one percent set-aside for evaluation. Given the large overall budget of the OJP, the set-aside could include as much as $30 to $40 million. It is intended that this significant infusion of funds would be unfettered from congressional earmarks and devoted primarily to extramural research. After a recent hearing of the House Appropriations Committee that controls funding for the OJP, NIJ, BJS, and OJJDP, the fate of this provision appears quite tenuous.

At a March 15 hearing of the House Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary Appropriations Subcommittee, Chairman Harold Rogers (R-KY) criticized the President’s budget request for the OJP on many different levels. Rogers told Acting Assistant Attorney General for OJP Mary Lou Leary to defend the FY 2001 request, that he was “shocked, disappointed,” and “absolutely puzzled” by the administration’s request. The chairman was highly critical of the administration for providing no funds for two block grant programs: the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG) and the Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grant Program (JAIBG). He accused Leary — who recently took the reins from long-time OJP head Laurie Robinson — and the administration of taking crime fighting decisions away from the “locals who know best” and putting in the hands of “Washington bureaucrats.” He proclaimed that the Clinton Administration cut the two block grants to provide funds for “several unauthorized programs,” for which he provided no specific examples. In defending the request, Leary explained that many tough decisions had to be made. The focus of the request, she said, was to direct money to innovative programs that determine what works and what does not work to prevent and fight crime.

Rogers also criticized the fact that a large portion (45 percent, according to Rogers) of the budget for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) is administered by the Office of Justice Programs. “Isn’t this a charade?,” asked Rogers. He suggested that the now-separate COPS office and OJP be merged. Director Thomas Frazier, on hand to defend the COPS budget request, noted that these funds administered by OJP are devoted to COPS-related initiatives. He further noted that the law enforcement community likes the Office’s independence.
Leary explained further that her agency and the COPS office already work collaboratively in many different areas. Rogers left the question on the table, and will likely revisit the issue in future hearings.

Several other Federal agencies would also receive increases in the FY 2001 budget request. The administration has requested an historic increase for the National Science Foundation (NSF) and a large, if not disappointing, increase for the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The NSF would receive the largest dollar increase in its history: a $675 million or 17 percent increase that would bring total NSF funding to $4.6 billion. The National Institutes of Health would receive a $1 billion increase to take its total funding to $18.8 billion. A favorite of Congress, it is expected that the NIH will receive significantly more from congressional appropriators. The budget request also includes an increase for the Department of Education’s Office of Educational Research and Improvement (OERI). OERI would receive $198.6 million (a $30 million increase) to perform its research, improvement, and dissemination function.

**Juvenile Justice: Back on the Table?**

The stalled juvenile justice conference committee, convened after the two bodies of Congress passed separate versions of juvenile crime bills, recently received a much needed kick start. On March 15, the House of Representatives narrowly approved a motion that calls on the conference committee to meet and discuss possible legislative compromises for the competing juvenile crime bills. The major point of contention is gun control. The Senate bill (S. 254), sponsored by Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT) contains gun control language while the House bill (H.R. 1501) contains no such language.

Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, has recently stated that he is considering pulling the gun control language from the Senate bill in order to make some traction on the juvenile crime bills. Instead of keeping the gun language in the bill, and likely destroying any chance to pass juvenile crime legislation in this session of Congress, Hatch has suggested that the House and Senate debate gun control by itself. At this point, however, it is hard to gauge whether the gun control provisions in the Senate bill will be pulled and, even if they are removed, whether the juvenile crime bills will pass Congress and be signed by President Clinton.

As it now stands, S. 254 would reorganize the research function of the OJP. It would "establish a centralized research effort on the problems of youth crime and juvenile delinquency." Specifically, the bill would create a National Institute for Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention within the NIJ to conduct and sponsor juvenile crime research. The OJP has a similar reorganization plan that would consolidate all OJP research functions within the NIJ, and all statistics functions within the BJS. That plan, also known as the "Robinson Plan" after former Assistant Attorney General for the OJP Laurie Robinson, is currently being considered by Congress with no real action expected to occur before the end of the legislative session.

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For information on Law & Policy, submission details, and style guidelines contact the Managing Editor, Laura Mangan, at lmangan@acsu.buffalo.edu
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The 1999 DWC New Scholar Award goes to a woman who has been, according to all her letters of nomination, an enthusiastic, dedicated, and energetic participant in the Division since joining it in 1991. Since that time she has served as member and Chair of various committees including the Student Affairs Committee, The Social Hour Planning Committee and the 15th Anniversary Committee.

Outside of the Division she has brought that same high level of energy and commitment to her scholarship and community service, frequently combining her interest and concern for women and children’s issues with her research agenda. For the most part, her research has been in the area of child homicide and domestic violence, and she recently completed a three-year project which was funded through the Violence Against Women Act, that involved putting together a multidisciplinary domestic violence assessment, referral and treatment team in her community.

Currently, she is directing research for a project funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration titled “Violence, Addiction, Mental Health and Prevention Services for Female Offenders and their Children.”

In short, her research choices have demonstrated the same level of dedication to the cause of women and children that she has demonstrated since her graduate school days at Northeastern University, from which she graduated in 1995.

For her enthusiasm and commitment to the discipline, the Division and scholarship on issues related to women and children and crime, the 1999 DWC New Scholar Award goes to DEBRA STANLEY.
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 ½ 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 NOMINATIONS FOR INTERNAL DWC AWARDS

The DWC Awards Committee invites nominations for the Division’s New Scholar Award and Distinguished Scholar Award. All nominations should be received by May 31st. Criteria for submitting a nomination should be based on the nominee’s membership in the ASC and/or the Division, and their outstanding contributions to either:

(1) the development of knowledge about feminist scholarship, gender issues, or women as offenders, victims, or professional in the criminal justice system; or
(2) the enhancement of women’s status within criminology and criminal justice through contributions to professional organizations, academic institutions, and/or the criminal justice system.

Eligibility for the New Scholar Award is restricted to individuals who have held the Ph.D. for no more than 8 years. The Distinguished Scholar Award has no eligibility restrictions. For each individual nominated, please submit a nomination letter stating the reasons for your nomination and a copy of the nominee’s curriculum vita. Please send materials (by mail, e-mail, or fax) to:

Debra L. Stanley  
Chair, DWC Awards Committee  
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice  
Central Connecticut State University  
1615 Stanley Street  
New Britain, CT 06050  
E-mail: stanley@ccsu.edu  
860/832-3142  Fax: 860/645-7745

Awards will be presented at the annual meetings in November. If you have any questions please direct them to the chair of the committee.

THE DIVISION ON WOMEN AND CRIME IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, DivisiONews IS NOW ONLINE AT:  
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DIVISION ON CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGY

DIVISION AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Critical Criminology Division of The American Society of Criminology is calling for nominations for the 2000 awards. Nominations should include supporting documentation such as vita, samples of work (if relevant), and a detailed statement justifying the nomination.

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Signifying singular contributions to the development of critical criminology scholarship or pedagogy over time; or, contributions of an exceptional recent accomplishment (major scholarship or something exceptionally innovative).

CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD: Recognizing a scholar who has symbolized the spirit of the Division in some combination of scholarship, teaching, and/or service within the past year.

STUDENT PAPER RECOGNITION: Recognizing graduate and undergraduate papers that best exemplify the spirit of the Division. Student papers may be sent via email on disk (MS-DOS compatible), or hard copy (FOUR COPIES REQUIRED).

All nominations should be sent to: David Friedrichs, Department of Sociology/Criminal Justice, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA 18510-4605 <friedrichsd1@uofs.edu>

DEADLINES: OCTOBER 1, 2000

DIVISION ON PEOPLE OF COLOR AND CRIME

Committee Assignments for 2000

The following assignments have been made for the Division's committees. If you have an interest in serving on any of the committees, please contact me at: sbushbas@garnet.acns.fsu.edu or 850-894-0364.

Good Practices - Evelyn Gilbert (Chair), Lee Ross
Program - Marjorie Zatz (Chair)
Outreach - Charles Crawford and Everette Penn (Co-chairs), Delores Jones - Brown, Zina McGee
Student Affairs - Angela Taylor, Calvin C. Johnson
Research - Evelyn Gilbert and Zina McGee (Co-chairs), Kaylene Richards - Ekeh
Awards - Willie Edwards (Chair), Zelma Henrique, Zina McGee
Membership - Becky Tatum (Chair), Donald Yates, Zina McGee
Nomination - Chinita Heard (Chair)
Communication - Ruth Peterson (Chair), Julius Debro
Resolutions - Ramona Brocket (Chair), Delores Jones - Brown, Lee Ross
Constitution and By-Laws - Kaylene Richards - Ekeh (Chair)
Fundraising - Marcus E. Martin (Chair)

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