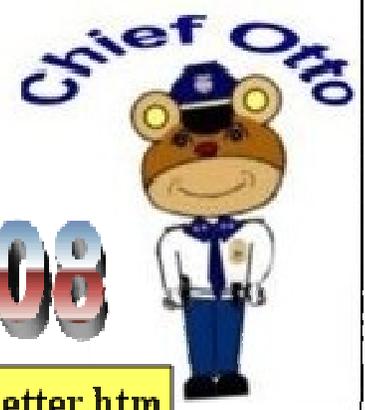


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**TWO 3 DAY FORENSIC DNA
LAB COURSES**
Spring/Summer 2009
Cost: \$1,500

One is specifically for *Law Enforcement*
and the other for *Criminal Attorneys*

The two separate “hands on” courses will be offered by Dr. Kevin Miller, formerly with the FBI Crime Lab.



Dr. Kevin Miller

The courses are arranged so that each course participant will extract DNA from their cheek cells, develop a DNA profile, interpret the results, and write a report on their findings (previous lab experience is not required, and the point of the course is to *continued on next page...*



Global News



● Ore Ore...It's me It's me! ●

Criminals in Japan use a scam that is now also being practiced in other countries around the world. In the U.S. this has been called the “nephew scam.” They call and convince the elderly that they are a relative in dire straights and ask the victim to transfer money to them. The victim proceeds to an ATM, and then the criminal calls the victim’s cell phone to provide money transfer instructions.

Japanese police have started a nation-wide campaign to inform the public, particularly the elderly, of this scam. In conjunction with this, Japanese police posted a uniformed officer at every ATM nationwide for one day in October. Some ATM users are also greeted by a full sized uniformed police officer made of cardboard who warns them of the scam as they approach the ATM.

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CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT CHANGE

With the hiring freeze imposed on the California State University system, the posted opening for Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology is not being filled until further notice.

Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology

Presentations given by Criminology faculty:

Dr. Emma Hughes - "Mirror, Mirror": Reflecting on the Role of Others in Reinforcing Prisoner-Students' Changing Sense of Self

Dr. Jason Kissner - Remediating Logical Inconsistencies in Akers' (1998) and Hirschi's (2004) Accounts of Self-Control. Akers was in the audience and told Jason that he reminded him of a young Travis Hirschi.

Dr. Bernadette Muscat - Students' Attitudes about Sexual Violence

Dr. Candice Skrapec - The Macdonald Triad: Predictor of Violence or Urban Myth? Candice co-presented with Graduate Student Kori Ryan.

Dr. Barbara Owen -

1) Gendered Violence and Safety: A Contextual Approach to Improving Security in Women's Facilities;

2) Exploring the Links Between a Female Offender Taxonomy and Pathways Theory (co-presenters were Barbara Bloom and Tim Brennan)

3) Preliminary Findings of "Gendered Violence and Safety: A Contextual Approach to Improving Security in Women's Facilities" (co-presenters were Joycelyn Pollock and James Wells)

Tom Dull - Attended sessions to do research for his upcoming sabbatical.

Tyson DeWitt – (Grad Student) Different Responses to Violence: A Partial Replication



On 8 November 2008, an induction ceremony was held for the new cohort of criminology honor students at the Smittcamp Alumni house on the campus of Fresno State. The ceremony was attended by the honor students and their family and friends.

Faculty members of the honors program committee were also there to greet and mingle with the attendees.



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Criminology Honors program continued...

Dr. Dull, the program coordinator, Dr. Luz Gonzalez, the Dean of the College of Social Sciences, and Dr. Ruth Masters, the chair of the Criminology department, gave short speeches in which they lauded the academic and personal achievements of this new group.



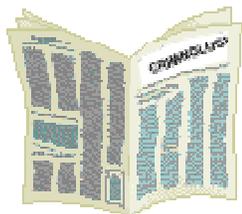
Dr. Gonzalez



Dr. Masters

The inductees were introduced by honor students from the prior cohort and all received a formal certificate signifying their status as criminology honor students.

THE CRIMINOLOGY NEWSLETTER



New logos and graphics are continually being developed by the author to improve the appearance or attractiveness of this newsletter. While criminology journals typically abhor anything in color (helps to make them more boring), the focus of this newsletter is both to inform, educate and intelligently entertain.

**Criminology Newsletter
in German**

On 15 November 2008, the first Fresno State German language criminology newsletter was published and distributed by Dr. Schweizer. This German newsletter contains some of the same information as the English version and additionally carries articles or information that is of particular interest and use to German police. The newsletter is the result of Dr. Schweizer's presentations to German police in June 2008 and the subsequent collaboration with Peter Herwig, a police official and president of the Karlsruhe section of the International Police Association (IPA), which is co-sponsoring the German language newsletter. The newsletter will be distributed to IPA members and German police in general. Below is a screen shot of the cover page of the German newsletter:



Tech-Bits



HACK PROOF COMPUTER NETWORK (LAN) COMMUNICATION

A team of European scientists in Vienna, Austria, developed a new approach to making computer network based communication hack proof. This new mechanism, however, does not use conventional encryption technology, but photons. The data is carried in a light wave through fiber optic cable. Any intrusion automatically modifies the physical characteristics of the photons and would be detected immediately.

The system is undergoing further development, since the transmission speed is very slow and the quality of the photons deteriorates rapidly with distances longer than 100 km of fiber optic cable. The technology is already being used for internal communication not involving great distances and promises to be very useful for banks, government ministries, and other organizations needing a high level of security for their communications.

Frankfurt am Main, Germany: Attendees at the international book fair in October noticed the presence of a wireless internet provider with the name Hisbollah (Hiz bollah). There was no public access to the server and Hisbollah was using the latest encryption technology.

EMPLOYMENT NEWS

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPT.

Las Vegas "Metro" is currently recruiting both police and correctional officers. In order to assist new employees, the department has implemented a H.I.R.E. Program (Household Inclusion Recruitment and Employment) which provides family guidance, housing assistance (finding temporary or permanent housing), local activities, and social interaction.

First year salaries reach over \$53,000.

Other benefits include:

1. Annual merit and COLA increases
2. Shift differential pay
3. College reimbursement
4. Assignment differential pay
5. Full pay and benefits during academy
6. Longevity pay
7. Uniform cleaning allowance of \$1,500
8. No state employment tax
9. No social security tax

VETERANS:

You receive preference points on initial testing

GI Bill benefits paid in Academy

30 paid military days annually

For additional information call:

702-828-5601 or check the website at:

<http://www.ProtectTheCity.com>

You can also email the H.I.R.E. desk at:

HIRE@LVMPD.com

San Mateo County Sheriff:

<http://www.co.sanmateo.ca.us> (NOTE:

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