

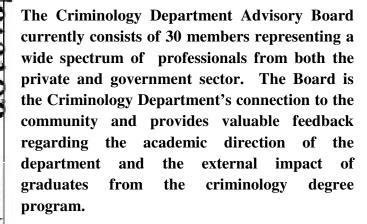
# CSU Fresno Dept. of Criminology Newsletter XXII



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# CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

0700, Thursday, 16 October 2008 at the University Restaurant (Vintage Room)



Police chiefs, Sheriffs, federal and county prosecutors and law enforcement officials, private attorneys, corporate executives, physicians, and other professionals, provide a rich and diverse background that benefits the Department and the criminology program as a whole.

Our current downtown Fresno (Off-Campus) B.S. and M.S. criminology degree programs are the direct result of the collaboration between the Advisory Board and the Department of Criminology.

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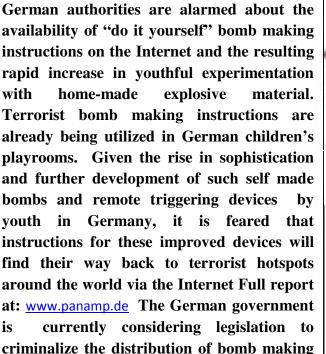


## Global News





## Bomb Making Instructions on the WWW



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#### **CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS**

Dr. Emma Hughes and Dr. Yoshiko Takahashi will be presenting a paper on Who is in Jail? Exploring characteristics of the Fresno County, CA jail population at the March 09 Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences in Boston, Massachusetts.





Dr. Hughes

Dr. Takahashi

The paper is part of an on-going review of the Fresno County Jail population, in order to better understand the nature of the jail population and the dynamics of jail overcrowding. The study/review analyzes inmate demographics, reasons for release of inmates within three days, changes in average length of stay and inmate booking rates, and factors such as persistent offending and mental health issues amongst offender populations.

Dr. H.O. Schweizer's paper on *What is Terrorism?* has been accepted for publication in this Fall's edition of the Journal of the American Association for Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS).

#### CRIMINOLOGY DEPARTMENT STUDENT ADVISING

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#### **DOWNTOWN DEGREE PROGRAMS**

## M.S. IN CRIMINOLOGY (Conclusion of first course)

The first cohort in the downtown graduate program completed its first course on 11 October. Given that students in the cohort come from various C.J. organizations, with some holding supervisory also and management rank, the course on .**Justice** Administration concluded with two guest presentations in areas relevant organizational management.

Dr. Tomasz Wielicki, the Executive Director and Professor of Information Systems (dEc-Digital Economy Center) with Fresno State's Craig School of Business, provided a very useful overview of the principles of Management Information Systems (MIS) and its application within

its application wire organizations.



Dr. Tomasz Wielicki

MIS is very useful in the process of organizational decision making or problem solving. At its core MIS can be conceptualized as follows:

Proper decision making typically requires data. This data is then analyzed in order to generate useful information. The resulting

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#### DOWNTOWN PROGRAM continued...

information is then utilized to generate or outline various alternatives. Decision makers select the alternative or choice that is best for the organization. When decisions are made based on this process, they cannot be bad decisions in and of themselves.

When problems occur with a decision it is because the information they are based on is flawed or incomplete and not because of a "bad" decision made by organizational management. There are exceptions, of course, when the decision maker is either insane or stupid. This part of the presentation generated some serious reflection concerning organizational decisions that are influenced by politics.

Ms. Nancy Myers Sims, the Fresno State Director of Sponsored Programs Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, discussed where and how to find grant opportunities, the application process for government grants, and best practices for ensuring that a grant proposal will be considered for approval.



Ms. Nancy Myers Sims

She also iterated that your grant proposals can end up being rejected, not because they are poorly written or justified, but because it is simply not your time to get a grant. Sometimes the grant approval is more dependent on the geographic location or the

organization of the applicant. This factor has resulted in even poorly written grants being funded.

In addition to the above two guest speakers, Matt Babick gave a thought provoking presentation on the functions of an auditor in government agencies earlier in September. Babick has prior experience with the Los Angeles Police Department's Auditing Unit, he also acquired useful field experience as a Police Reserve officer with LAPD, and he is the current auditor for CSU Fresno.

Students asked a variety of questions about the LAPD experience with auditing after the Rampart scandal, but it became clear that while auditing can result in fewer abuses, it can also result in a demotivating factor for rank and file police officers. The federal consent decree imposed on the LAPD did not explore or examine the negative implications of the rigid controls and extensive record keeping mandated by the decree.

#### **B.S. IN CRIMINOLOGY**

Applied Anthropology (ANTH 105W), a required upper division GE class began in the downtown program earlier this month. The course is taught by *Dr. Mullooly*, who was highly regarded by students when he taught the course downtown in 2006.



Dr. James Mullooly

It takes a special person to smile when surrounded by students carrying guns.

## Polizei Rendőrség Policía Поліція Polizia

B.S. PROGRAM continued...

Current classes in the downtown undergraduate program end in November and a new set of classes begin in February, 2009. A program description is available on line at: <a href="http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtownprogramrequirements.htm">http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtownprogramrequirements.htm</a>

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



**City Of Corcoran** 

POLICE OFFICER I and II \$3,657-\$4,668 Closing Date: 24 Oct 08 559-992-2151 Ext. 268 or 235

http://www.cityofcorcoran.com/emp\_ops.htm



ATF opened two entry level (Grade 5, 7 & 9) special agent announcements this morning.

Both announcements are posted on the ATF website and on USAJobs. Both announcements are "all sources" however the first announcement (08-EXC-0580-GWH) is specifically for applicants who speak Spanish as a second language. Interested individuals must apply on-line at the ATF website or USAJobs.

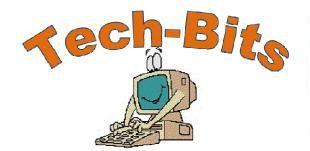
http://www.usajobs.gov/ http://www.atf.gov/careers/index.htm

Please note that the ATF drug policy was revised last month and is posted at <a href="https://www.atf.gov/careers/hiring-process/drug\_policy.htm">www.atf.gov/careers/hiring-process/drug\_policy.htm</a>.

#### CSU Fresno, Dept. of Criminology

Assistant Professor (Tenure Track) of Criminology. Position is for Fall 2009. Additional information can be accessed at: http://www.csufresno.edu/aps/vacancy/docu

ments/09TSS002\_002.pdf



PORTABLE DNA DETECTOR



Size of a briefcase. STR analysis using Lab-On-A-Chip system. Analysis in few hours at the scene and comparison with DNA profiles

#### **TECH-BITS continued...**

in existing databases. The system was recently tested by Palm Beach Florida Law Enforcement officials who used it to generate a DNA profile from trace elements of blood at a crime scene in "real time." Test analysis using the system resulted in usable DNA profiles within 2.5 to 6 six hours, which is faster than conventional crime lab analysis.

The dimensions of the detector are: 30cmX25cmx10cm and it weights ten kilograms. (24 lbs) You can read more about it at:

http://www.technologyreview.com/biomedicine/21415/

#### **Homeland Security**

The U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security is funding a project called "Future Attribute Screening Technology" as part of an ongoing development of technology that can detect and measure a person's physiological data along with

behavioral patterns to identify suspicious persons. Current TSA Personnel has been trained in Screening of **Passengers** Observation Techniques (SPOT) after which they are classified as Behavior Detection Officers, skilled in the detection of fear, anxiety or nervousness on the basis of a person's Once identified, those behavioral pattern. persons are then subjected to secondary This detection method is supposed to be "culturally neutral" but the move towards an automated computer driven system is seen as a technique that would eliminate any possibility of discriminatory selection and screening of passengers.

The five year project to develop a "Hostile Intent Detection Automated Prototype"-is expected to showcase a system that will identify persons having hostile intentions in real time, non-invasively and culturally independent with 75% accuracy later this year.

It is not known if the system would, for example, identify persons who are not nervous or fearful when the particular situation would typically result in fear or nervousness. In other words, what if most people would be nervous or fearful and someone is not?

The DHS Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Human Factors Division has a variety of projects under way. They can be read about at: <a href="http://www.dhs.gov/xres/programs/gc">http://www.dhs.gov/xres/programs/gc</a> 12184 80185439.shtm

#### TELECOMMUTING TIDBIT

Dr. Tomasz Wielicki of the CSU Fresno College of Business related that research has shown that persons working via their computer at home are 20-40% more productive than if they performed their duties at their regular place of work.

This difference is explained by telecommuters being able to work at times when they are most productive, instead of having to generate their best work during fixed office hours. Telecommuting also requires a shift from "hours worked" to work completed, i.e. outcomes, as a measure of performance.

It is unlikely, however, that government bureaucracies would embrace telecommuting for their employees. There appears to be an inherent distrust of olicias

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subordinates by upper level management within government, and being there doing nothing is easier to accept than being out of sight and working towards specific goals or outcomes.



**Definitional Quagmire** (Continued from the Sep 08 newsletter)

What does Islam Permit/Forbid?

The endorsement of suicide bombings on the part of some Muslim clerics is based on their view that they are an act of self defense or a defense of Islam, instead of terrorist attacks. One could then argue that actions seen as religiously legitimate should not be viewed as terrorism. In light of a 7 September 2002 article in the Hindustan Times that Muslim clerics were gathering to celebrate anniversary of the 9/11 attack at a meeting in London, England, it would then follow that the attackers must have been engaged in a justified action and not in a terrorist act.

World-wide, individual governments along with international governmental bodies, avoid the complexity of the issue altogether by showing tacit agreement that:

- 1. Global terrorism has nothing to do with Islam.
- 2. Religion has nothing to do with terrorism

On a White House web page entitled: *Backgrounder: The President's Quotes on Islam* President Bush makes it clear that the terrorists do not follow the great traditions of

Islam ("The President's quotes on Islam," 2006). This, however, does not resolve the

underlying definitional problem of what we mean by the term terrorism, and the lack of agreement among Islamic scholars on what Islam permits and prohibits further increases the semantic quagmire. The question then becomes, how should we interpret it all?

# COLLEGE OF SOCIAL SCIENCES BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Dr. Brad Jones, Department of History, will be serving as Editor in Chief of the first electronic College of **Social** Sciences Newsletter. The first electronic version will be available beginning in December of 2008. Fabiola Alvarez, **Development** Office, is assisting Dr. Jones on this project. If you have any information that you believe would be or is of interest to the college as a whole, or you would like to share information about your research and professional activities, contact Dr. Jones at: brajones@csufresno.edu

### CRIMINOLOGY NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is unique, as it is the only monthly electronic criminology newsletter published by an academic department anywhere in the world, or at least GOOGLE could not find one.

This newsletter is distributed widely, to organizations such as the FBI, ATF, the California Department of Real Estate, the California Dept. of Insurance, area municipal police departments, Sheriff's departments, and a variety of other American and German law enforcement agencies.

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