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INTRODUCTION

The ongoing justice-related activities conducted by the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno reflect the University's continuing commitment to research, education, and outreach on justice related issues. Over the past year the Center has completed several important research projects, collaborating with organizations both within and outside the University. The number and scope of the research projects currently underway at the Center have allowed us to increase the number of graduate research assistants on staff from six to nine, thereby providing invaluable experience and financial support for doctoral students in the unique Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program in Social Psychology at the University of Nevada, Reno, as well as to continue our outstanding contributions to the body of knowledge related to justice issues.

The Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies continues to collaborate regularly with The National Judicial College, UNR's Judicial Studies Program, and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. Working cooperatively with these prestigious organizations, the Center has brought to campus renowned experts from many justice-related fields for public addresses, colloquia, and symposia on such topics as fairness in sentencing, the application of the death penalty, jury reform, anti-discrimination and equity for indigenous peoples, hate crimes, eyewitness testimony, and court-annexed mediation.

The Center also collaborated on research projects with outside organizations, such as Washoe County Court Services, the Fulton County, Georgia, pretrial services program, the Federal Judicial Center, and Judge David Lass of the Colorado District Court and members of the Standing Committee on the Effective and Efficient Use of Juries. The Washoe County Court Services project was designed to identify variables that predict non-compliance with conditions of release. If such factors can be identified, then it might be possible to reduce the number of prisoners held in the Washoe County Detention Center by releasing low-risk individuals to the supervision of Court Services, consequently lowering the costs incurred by incarcerating only those individuals who pose the greatest risks.

Working with David Bennett, consultant to the Fulton County, Georgia pretrial services program, the Center analyzed information about individuals charged with crimes to try to identify what factors are related to successful early release, what factors are related to failure to appear in court, and what factors are related to the increased likelihood of re-arrest.

The Federal Judicial Center sponsored a national survey of science education programs available to the state and federal judiciary between 1992 and 2000. The Center collected data from such sources as the JERITT project, state Bar Associations, State Court Administrator Offices, national organizations such as The National Judicial College, the State Justice Institute, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and all ABA accredited law schools in the United States. The final report is a compilation of the diverse science education offerings available to judges at all levels and in all parts of the country, organized in several different formats which allow the reader to locate programs by provider, by state and organization, and by

science topic or field. The report also provides more detailed information about a number of programs which regularly offer consistently high-quality judicial education opportunities.

The Center offered project assistance and conducted data analyses for a survey project by Colorado District Court Judge David Lass, a member of the Standing Committee on the Effective and Efficient Use of Juries and a current student in the Judicial Studies Program at the University of Nevada, Reno. This project, in which judges, attorneys, and jurors responded to questions after participating in a jury trial, was designed to assess some of the consequences of permitting jurors to ask questions to witnesses in criminal cases.

The Center also supported the doctoral dissertation research of several graduate research assistants. The dissertation projects, several of which were funded by the National Science Foundation, included content analysis of actual venue surveys in order to develop a model of pretrial prejudgment of capital murder defendants, the adequacy of voir dire for selecting an impartial jury, prosecutorial discretion in seeking the death penalty, and a laboratory experiment examining the effect of a computer animation on comprehension, memory, and decision-making and its application to the legal arena.

The Brown-Bag Colloquia and Distinguished Speaker Series provided students, justice professionals, and the community with excellent educational opportunities. Among the justice scholars we brought to campus were Joel D. Lieberman, Ph.D., Dept. of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Hon. David R. Lass, District Court Judge, Colorado, Hon. Harold Albright, Reno Justice Court and Trip Barthel, M.A., Executive Director, Neighborhood Mediation Center, Anne Waters, J.D., Ph.D., President, American Indian Philosophy Association, Dr. Phillip Tahmindjis, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia, and Dr. Gary Wells, Professor of Psychology, Iowa State University. In addition to enriching the knowledge of students and community members, our colloquia and public lectures provided a valuable service to the legal community by offering opportunities for legal professionals to earn continuing legal education credits. We are pleased to have the opportunity to serve the community by providing high-quality and practical learning experiences.

The Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies and The National Judicial College co-sponsored the Nevada Criminal Law Symposium. The symposium addressed two major themes: sentencing, and racial issues in Nevada. Hon. Robert Rose of the Nevada Supreme Court presented the keynote address, and among the distinguished panelists were Jackie Crawford, Department of Corrections; Frankie Sue Del Papa, Nevada Attorney General; Hon. William Dressel, President of The National Judicial College; Lonnie Feemster, President of NAACP; Richard Siegel, President of ACLU, and Maizie Pusich, Washoe County Assistant Public Defender. These panelists represented some of the viewpoints of religion, civil liberties, law enforcement, the prosecution and defense, and the judiciary, presenting a unique opportunity to examine further the issue of capital punishment from many diverse perspectives. Panelists discussed the appropriateness, fairness, effectiveness, morality, and law surrounding the application of the death penalty, and raised issues regarding racially biased practices throughout the process of adjudication of minority individuals. Following the sentencing and racial issue

panel discussions, symposium participants participated in round table meetings and open discussion of the issues to increase awareness of the many different perspectives represented and to identify possible future directions for improving the quality and fairness of the administration of justice in Nevada.

The strategic planning process at UNR required every educational and research unit to submit to the University Planning Council an assessment of the current status of the unit and plans for the future. Director Ron Dillehay and Center staff prepared such a document for the Center, and Dillehay also served as coordinator for the area of justice and judicial studies at the second level of planning, which involved University units as well as the judicial bodies on the campus. Faculty from across the campus, including the Criminal Justice Department, and leaders and administrators from the National Judicial College and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges participated in the process. Dillehay submitted planning documents at the Phase I level for the Center and at the Phase II level for programs included in the ambit of justice and judicial studies. The University Planning Council did not endorse the proposals for immediate development, but that body did eventually invite another proposal--one of only three on the campus--for justice and judicial studies for the second year of strategic planning. Considerable interest remained among adherents of the area.

RESEARCH PROJECTS AT THE CENTER

Prosecutorial Discretion and the Death Penalty: The Perspectives of Nevada's District Attorneys

Project Personnel: Ron Dillehay, Project Director
 Veronica Dahir, Project Coordinator

On May 8, 1997 the Center submitted a final report to the Nevada Supreme Court Task Force on Racial and Economic Bias in the Justice System on its Discretionary Death Project. This study examined procedures used by district attorneys in Nevada in deciding to pursue the death penalty in eligible cases. Center staff conducted structured interviews with DAs in Nevada about the Procedures they use to reach a decision in such cases as well as a number of related areas, each with potential relevance to the exercise of discretion. The information obtained from these interviews provided insight into both the formal and informal procedures that DAs use in making their decisions. The research also provided information about the potential role of racial and economic factors in that process, and resulted in three recommendations to the Task Force for their consideration. Currently, Roni Dahir, a graduate research assistant at the Center, and Center Director, Ron Dillehay, are conducting a more in-depth analysis of these existing data. This analysis will provide information on targeted questionnaire items and variables not previously analyzed or discussed in the prior report. The goal of this project is to determine what factors, as reported by Nevada's DAs, influence their decisions to seek or forego the death penalty in a technically eligible case. The factors include statutory aggravators and mitigators as well as other variables.

Adequacy of Voir Dire for Selecting an Impartial Jury

Project Personnel: Ron Dillehay, Project Director
Steve Son, Project Coordinator

Steve Son, a graduate research assistant at the Center, with the Director, Ronald Dillehay, received a dissertation improvement grant of \$14,237 from the National Science Foundation's Law and Social Sciences Program. This award will be used to support research designed to analyze the form of questioning that takes place by attorneys and judges during voir dire in capital trials. Results of the analyses would then be compared to the standards of interviewing set forth in the social sciences.

Washoe County Office of Court Services Project: Difficulties in Collecting Administrative Data in a Local Justice System

Project Personnel: Ron Dillehay, Project Director
Bryan Edelman, Project Coordinator

The Center collaborated with the Washoe County Office of Court Services on a project titled, "Washoe County Office of Court Services Project: Predictors of Failure to Appear." The original purpose of the project was to explore predictors of successful release into the community of those arrested and awaiting trial in Washoe County, Nevada. Of 19,000 arrests in 1999, approximately 5,000 were released under some form of pretrial supervised release. By determining which variables are predictive of success, the County could reduce its jail population by increasing the number of pretrial releases without significantly increasing the number of pretrial re-arrests and failure to appears (FTAs). This project is conducted by Bryan Edelman, research assistant, and Ronald Dillehay, Center Director, with guidance provided by Carl Hinxman of Washoe County Court Services and David Bennett, Washoe County consultant. Due to unforeseen difficulties with obtaining information from the various courts in Washoe County, the original project goal was not realized. These problems were discussed in a progress report submitted to Washoe County justices and government officials and in a presentation at the annual meeting of the *Pacific Sociological Association* in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, in April 2002. Some of these administrative roadblocks include: differences in record keeping practices between agencies; incorrect coding of FTAs; and no data collection of pre-trial re-arrests by justice system agencies.

Study of Science-Based Educational Programs for Judges

Project Personnel: Ron Dillehay, Principal Investigator
Mara Merlino, Project Director
Veronica Dahir, Project Assistant
Dionne Maxwell, Project Assistant

The Center has recently completed a report titled "Science Education Programs for the State and Federal Judiciary at Year 2001." The Center received \$15,000 from the Federal Judicial Center to update the findings of the 1992 survey conducted by the Carnegie Commission Task Force on Science and Technology in Judicial and Regulatory Decision Making. Research assistants Mara Merlino (Project Coordinator), Roni Dahir, and Dionne Maxwell, under the direction of Director Ron Dillehay, were responsible for this project. The final report provides an organized inventory of offerings on science education available to judges during the period 1992 through 2000. The report brings together in one place offerings from diverse providers of judicial education (e.g., national education organizations, law schools, institutes, State Court Administrator Offices) that contain at least some component of science in courses, seminars, workshops, or other instructional formats. The report identifies these providers, locates them by state and organization, and classifies their offerings according to the major realm or field of science covered in their educational programs. The report also lists multiple judicial science education offerings for some providers, making it possible to identify institutions or organizations that engage in more substantial judicial education activities. The report was submitted to the Federal Judicial Center in May 2001, and two manuscripts based on these data have been produced. One, titled, "Science Education for the State and Federal Judiciary, 1992-2000: What, Where, When, and by Whom?" is currently under Review by *Judge's Journal*, and the other, titled "Science Education for Judges: Trends and Directions," is currently in progress.

Minimization of Jurors' Knowledge of Pretrial Publicity During Voir Dire

Project Personnel: Ron Dillehay, Principal Investigator
Andre Walton, Project Director
Steve Son, Project Assistant
Craig New, Project Assistant

Previous research has shown that some prospective jurors minimize their exposure and knowledge of information gleaned from the media before the onset of the trial in highly publicized cases. It is important for the court to have an accurate comprehension of prospective jurors' knowledge in order to determine if that knowledge constitutes prejudice that would obstruct a prospective juror's requirement to be fair and impartial. This project involves a content analysis of actual capital voir dire transcripts to determine the amount of minimization that prospective jurors employ during questioning on pretrial publicity. Research assistants Steve Son, Craig New, and Andre Walton are working with Director Ron Dillehay on this project.

A Model of Pretrial Prejudice in a High Profile Case

Project Personnel: Ron Dillehay, Principal Investigator
Craig New, Project Coordinator
J. Scott Shonkwiler, Ph.D., Department of Applied
Economics and Statistics

Progress is being made on an ongoing project using data from venue surveys in capital cases to develop a model of pretrial prejudgment of defendants. The model is tested using variables available from venue surveys, such as media use habits, attitudes toward crime and the criminal justice system, amount of information known about the defendants and the crime, and social/demographic characteristics. Craig New and Ronald Dillehay are heading the project. Preliminary results of this project were presented by New and co-authors Dillehay and Scott Shonkwiler, of UNR's Department of Applied Economics and Statistics, in a paper titled "The Mass Media's Influence of Judgments of Defendants" at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association in Vancouver, B.C., Canada in April 2002. We are currently analyzing additional data sets to test the generalizability of the model to other cases and circumstances.

Fulton County Early Release Project

Project Personnel: Ron Dillehay, Project Director
Dionne Maxwell, Project Coordinator

The Fulton County Early Release project was brought to the Center in October 2000 and supported by David Bennett, an independent consultant to criminal justice systems. The goals of the project were to evaluate the pretrial services program currently in place in the county and to identify those factors relating to successful early release and, conversely those factors related to increased likelihood of re-arrest or failure to appear at later court dates. Approximately 250 hours of Center time were devoted solely to the analysis of information collected throughout 2000 that tracked individuals charged with crimes through Fulton County's pretrial services program.

ABOUT THE DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

The dissemination of knowledge about justice-related issues is an important goal for the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies. The public lectures, seminars, and colloquia offered by the Center are an opportunity for students, legal professionals, and interested members of the community to hear lecturers who are invited to speak in response to the expressed interest of university faculty, graduate students, and others. The invited speakers, who include scholars, professionals, and members of the judiciary and government from the United States and abroad, address current and compelling justice issues. From July, 2001 to June 2002, the Center sponsored the following events:

Oct. 4, 2001: Hon. David R. Lass, District Court Judge, Colorado, "*Jury Reform: Questioning by Jurors in Criminal Cases – A Pilot Study in Colorado*"

After presenting a brief overview of jury reform efforts, Judge Lass discussed information about the Colorado Jury Reform project, which examines the consequences of permitting jurors to ask questions to witnesses in criminal cases.

Judge Lass is an original member of the Colorado Supreme Court Committee on the “effective and Efficient Use of Juries” and is currently a member of the standing committee. He received his J.D. from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and is presently working on his Masters Degree in Judicial Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno. He is co-author of the “Colorado DUI Benchbook” and is active in judicial education.

Nov. 7, 2001: Dr. Phillip Tahmindjis, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia, “Developments in Anti-Discrimination and Equality Laws in Australia: A Personal View”

Dr. Tahmindjis discussed the delivery of equality in the context of Australian law. Australia has extensive laws dealing with discrimination, but remains one of the few countries in the common law world without a Bill of Rights. Dr. Tahmindjis focused on issues of gender, sexuality, and race from the point of view of a teacher, consultant, and member of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal. He also presented an illustration of the advantages and disadvantages of the system as it attempts to cope with new problems, such as discrimination on the basis of genetic information.

Dr. Tahmindjis received degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Sydney, a Master of Laws from the University of London, and a doctorate from Dalhousie University, Canada. He is a barrister of the Supreme Court of New South Wales and a member of the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Tribunal. Dr. Tahmindjis’s work focuses on anti-discrimination and human rights issues.

Feb. 11, 2002: Anne Waters, J.D., Ph.D., President, American Indian Philosophy Association, “Indigeneity, Self-Determination and Sovereignty”

Dr. Waters discussed the meanings and relationships among these three concepts, and explored the ways in which American Indian Nations can benefit through their use in political theory and government relations.

Dr. Waters has taught and lectured at many institutions around the country. A Native American feminist theorist with links to several native peoples, she has been an active voice in both philosophy and law. She is founder and president of the American Indian Philosophy Association, and she chairs the American Philosophical Association Committee on American Indians in Philosophy, as well as co-editing its newsletter. In addition to authoring many journal and encyclopedia articles, Waters is editor of *American Indian Thought: A Philosophy Reader*, and co-editor of *American Philosophies: An Anthology*. She also co-edited a special issue of *Hapatia: A Journal of Feminist Philosophy on American Indian Women and Feminism*.

May 1, 2002: “The Challenges of Social Justice in Rwanda, Africa”

This panel discussion by visiting Rwandan judges addressed the genocide of over 800,000 Tutsis in a 3-month period and the consequent issues regarding the human rights of the more than 100,000 prisoners awaiting trial for various genocide-related charges. Among the victims of the genocide were more than 75 percent of the judges in Rwanda. The judges were in

the United States to learn about judicial training in order to facilitate the instruction of the new Rwandan judiciary.

ABOUT THE BROWN BAG COLLOQUIA

The purpose of the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies colloquia series is to provide an opportunity for those outside the university, such as legal professionals and other community members, to hear invited speakers address diverse justice-related topics. These colloquia are frequently held during the noon hour, and lunch is often provided to accommodate the work schedules of those in the community. We therefore refer to these noon lectures as our “brown bag” colloquia series. The series included the following for 2001-2002:

Sept. 24, 2001: Joel D. Lieberman, Ph.D., Dept. of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, “*Understanding Evil: Terror Management Theory and Perceptions of Hate Crimes*”

Dr. Lieberman discussed his investigations of perceptions of hate crimes. Research has found that reminding participants of their mortality creates a need for individuals to maintain and defend subjective cultural world views. Hate crimes present a unique class of crime where both the perpetrator and victim may be viewed as world view violators. Dr. Lieberman discussed the implications of these findings in relation to terror management theory.

Dr. Lieberman received his Ph.D. in Social Psychology and Law from the University of Arizona in 1997. His work focuses on the application of psychology to criminal justice issues. His recent research has been in the areas of jury decision-making, aggression, and inter-group conflict. Dr. Lieberman has experience in professional consultation, authored numerous publications, and is a member of the editorial board for the law review and APA journal, *Psychology, Public Policy and Law*.

Nov. 28, 2001: Hon. Harold Albright, Reno Justice Court and Trip Barthel, M.A., Executive Director, Neighborhood Mediation Center, “*The Softer Side of Justice: Court Annexed Mediation*”

Judge Albright and Mr. Barthel presented findings regarding the interface between the traditional legal system and alternative dispute resolution. Both local and national models of mediation will be discussed as well as the future of dispute resolution processes. Survey results were presented illustrating the overall effectiveness and satisfaction with court annexed mediation.

Judge Harold Albright has been a member of the Reno Justice Court since 1999. He has served many organizations and legal entities including the Nevada Supreme Court on alternative dispute resolution and was the recipient of the 2001 Peacemaker of the Year Award presented by the Nevada Dispute Resolution Coalition.

Trip Barthel has a M.A. in Conflict Resolution. He enjoys conducting imaginative and interactive teaching and training experiences at conferences, schools, and in the community. The

Neighborhood Mediation Center works with courts, prosecutors, law enforcement, schools, and community organizations in providing mediation services for Washoe County.

March 18, 2002: Dr. Gary Wells, Professor of Psychology, Iowa State University, “Eyewitness Identification: Psychological Research Applied to Criminal Justice”

Dr. Wells discussed the effects on eyewitness identification of methods used by crime investigators in conducting lineups and photo spreads.

Dr. Wells, received his Ph.D. from Ohio State University in 1977. His work focuses on scientific psychology and eyewitness memory. Dr. Wells’s findings have been incorporated into standard textbooks in psychology and law and the techniques he developed are increasingly accepted in law enforcement. He was awarded the Distinguished Contributions to Psychology and Law Award by the American Psychology-Law Society in 2001.

April 29, 2002: “Balancing Human Rights and the Need for Justice in Rwanda”

This discussion by visiting Rwandan judges addressed the genocide of over 800,000 Tutsis in a 3-month period and the consequent issues regarding the human rights of the more than 100,000 prisoners awaiting trial for various genocide-related charges. Among the victims of the genocide were more than 75 percent of the judges in Rwanda. The judges were in the United States to learn about judicial training in order to facilitate the instruction of the new Rwandan judiciary.

Symposia and Public Forums

May 8, 2002: Nevada Criminal Law Symposium

Welcoming Address: Dr. Ronald C. Dillehay, Director, Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies, and Hon. Bill Dressel, President, The National Judicial College

Keynote Speaker: Hon. Robert Rose, Nevada Supreme Court

Sentencing Panel, Hon. James Hardesty, Moderator

Panelists:

Jackie Crawford, Director, Department of Corrections
Hon. William F. Dressel, President, The National Judicial College
Franny A. Forsman, Office of the Federal Public Defender
Richard Gammick, District Attorney, Washoe County District Attorney’s Office
Gerald J. Gardner, Chief Deputy Attorney General, Office of Attorney General
Ben Graham, Assistant District Attorney, Clark County District Attorney’s Office
Karen Lorenzo, Department of Parole and Probation
Michael Specchio, Washoe County Public Defender’s Office

Jim Weston, Assistant Police Chief, Reno Police Department

Racial Issues Panel, Hon. Kenn Rohrs, Moderator

Panelists:

Ondra L. Berry, Deputy Police Chief, Reno Police Department

Lonnie Feemster, President, NAACP

Gemma Greene Waldron, Deputy District Attorney, Washoe County District Attorney's Office

Thomas M. Patton, First Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General

Maizie Pusich, Washoe County Office of the Public Defender

Emma Sepulveda, Foreign Languages, University of Nevada, Reno

Richard Siegel, President, Nevada ACLU

B. Grant Stitt, Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Nevada, Reno

Group Reports and Recommendations for Justice System Improvements, Hon. V. Robert Payant, Former President, The National Judicial College, Moderator

Expert panels representing the judiciary, prosecution and defense, law enforcement, corrections, probation, advocacy, and others focused on sentencing and corrections and on racial issues facing the justice system.

Hon. Bob Rose, Nevada Supreme Court Justice, presented the keynote address. The panel on sentencing discussed issues of disparity, sentencing guidelines, mandatory minimum sentences, appellate review, sentencing goals, restitution, indigent defense, and other issues. The panel and group discussion on racial issues included racial profiling, charging decisions, jury selection, bias, illegal aliens, and deportation.

WEBSITE

The Grant Sawyer Center web site is now online at: <http://www.unr.edu/justicestudies/>.

The web site is updated monthly and features information about the Center, its personnel and activities, links to other justice-related Internet sites, and copies of the Grant Sawyer Center for Justice Studies newsletters and annual reports. The 488 page "Science Programs for the Judiciary-2001" can be accessed from this site, as well.

The site opens with news items of interest to those involved in judicial studies, such as updates regarding particular justice-related legislation or significant court decisions. The site also presents information about upcoming conferences and programs, details about our past public lectures, colloquia, seminars, and symposia, and information about imminent presentations in the Center's colloquium series.

NEWSLETTER

Our Newsletters were distributed in Fall 2001 and Spring 2002. In addition to reviewing the fall and spring semester educational and outreach events offered by the Center, the Newsletters described upcoming events, useful websites, and information about upcoming conferences. The Newsletters also presented information about publication opportunities, and provided a list of justice-related videos available for loan at GSCJS.

The Fall 2001 Newsletter primarily discussed the responses of justice scholars such as Morton Deutsch, Leo Montada, Ervin Straub, and Phil Zimbardo to the terrorist threats following the September 11 attack on the World Trade Center. Also mentioned in this newsletter was the creation of a State of Nevada Subcommittee to study the Death Penalty and Related DNA Testing. The Spring 2002 Newsletter described the upcoming Nevada Criminal Law Symposium, which met on May 8th to examine important aspects of the administration of criminal justice in Nevada. The newsletter also described some of the Center's current research activity. Updates were provided for the *Science Education Programs for the State and Federal Judiciary at Year 2001* project, the *Washoe County Office of Court Services Project on Predictors of Failure to Appear* project, the *Model of Pretrial Prejudice in a High Profile Case* project, the *Adequacy of Voir Dire for Selecting an Impartial Jury* project, and the *Minimization of Jurors' Knowledge of Pretrial Publicity during Voir Dire* project.

Please contact the Center if you would like a free copy of this or any other issue of the Newsletter. The Newsletter is also posted on the GSCJS Web page, and can be viewed at www.unr.edu/justicestudies/.

FOSTERING SCHOLARSHIP ON JUSTICE ISSUES

In addition to the publications and presentations listed above, Center staff have made significant contributions to scholarship on justice issues at UNR through the support of projects by affiliated faculty and research projects within the Center. In the past, faculty associated with the Center have received bibliographic assistance, as well as help in proposal writing and project budget development. Center staff have also facilitated grant proposal processing through the institutional review board, department chairs, deans, and the Office of Sponsored Projects, sometimes doing this processing themselves for principal investigators. Center staff are ready to assist faculty and graduate students with literature searches, LEXIS case law and statute searches, completion of funding agency forms, human subjects' protocols, and other related tasks in the broadly defined area of justice studies.

Center staff are required to "wear many hats." This past year they have been and continue to be responsible for a multitude of duties including:

Research and Development: grant writing; literature searches on the Internet, LEXIS, and library data bases; writing annotated bibliographies; survey design and instrument development; training interviewers; and pilot testing

Survey Management: supervising interviewers; survey tracking; data collection, coding, cleaning, and analysis; report writing.

Editorial Assistance: providing assistance to the Director of the Center, Ronald Dillehay, with the journal *Social Justice Research*.

Public Lectures and Colloquia: coordinating speakers, room availability, audio/visual equipment, and catering; setting up equipment and preparing rooms; scheduling and coordinating all activities relating to speakers (e.g., transportation, lodging, food); publicity for event, including creating flyers, posters, mailing flyers, and advertising on and off-campus.

Center Publications: creating and editing newsletters, the GSCJS Paper Series, Annual Report, Website, and other Center publications.

Clerical: general receptionist activities of the Center, including: receiving visitors, answering phones, typing, filing, data entry, correspondence, and mailing.

In addition to multi-tasking, Center Staff often during the past year worked long days and extra hours to meet the numerous deadlines that the Center is constantly confronted with in its efforts to facilitate and conduct justice research.

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS OF GSCJS STAFF

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Edelman, B., Dillehay, R., Bennett, D., & Hinxman, C. (2002, March). *The difficulties of collecting data in a local justice system*. Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver, Canada.

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-- Albert Camus