

Franklin Zimring: Beto Chair Lecture Scheduled for October 17, 2008

Franklin Zimring will be the speaker for the Beto Chair Lecture scheduled for Friday, October 17, 2008 from 9:30 to 11:00am in the CJ Courtroom. Franklin Zimring was a member of the University of Chicago law faculty as Llewellyn Professor of Law and director of the Center for Studies in Criminal Justice. He joined the Boalt faculty in 1985 as director of the Earl Warren Legal Institute, where he continues to teach today.. He was appointed the first Wolfen Distinguished Scholar in 2006.

Zimring's major fields of interest are criminal justice and family law, with special emphasis on the use of empirical research to inform legal policy. He is best known for his studies of the determinants of the death rate from violent attacks; the impact of pretrial diversion from the criminal justice system; and criminal sanctions.

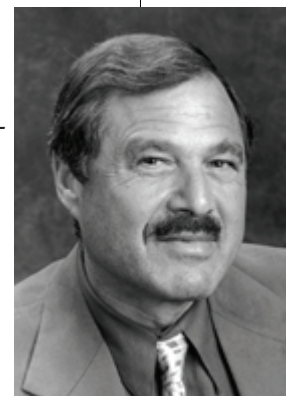
He has been a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Yale University, and a fellow of the Center for Advanced Studies in Behavioral Sciences. He is a fellow of the American Society of Criminology and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Since 1998, he has been an expert panel member for the U.S. Department of Education Panel on Safe, Disciplined and Drug-Free Schools and an advisory member for the National Research Council Panel on Juvenile Crime: Prevention, Intervention and Control. He is the principal investigator for the [Center on Culture, Immigration and Youth Violence Prevention](#).

Zimring is the author or co-author of many books on topics including

deterrence, the changing legal world of adolescence, capital punishment, the scale of imprisonment, and drug control. Recent books include *The Contradictions of American Capital Punishment* (2003), *American Youth Violence* (1998), and *Crime is Not the Problem: Violence in America* (with Hawkins, 1997) .

Other recent publications include "The 1990s Assault on Juvenile Justice: Notes from an Ideological Background," in the *Federal Sentencing Reporter*; "Marking Time on Death Row," in *The 1999 World Book Year Book*; and "The Executioner's Dissonant Song: On Capital Punishment and American Legal Values," in *Killing State: Capital Punishment in Law, Politics, and Culture* (1999) and *Institute for Philosophy and Public Policy Report* (1999).

An informal colloquium with doctoral students will be held from 11:00 to 12:00pm in the Flag Room. For more information about the Beto Chair Lectures, please visit <http://www.betochair.com/>.



By the numbers

11 new PhD students
10 MA students
11 Forensic Science
7 Security Studies
8 MS online
18 MS Weekend

From the Assistant Dean for Graduate Studies Dr. Larry Hoover

Welcome to the first edition of the College's Graduate Program Newsletter for 2008-09. I am serving as Interim Graduate Dean this year while Dr. Titterington "takes a break" for medical reasons. We hope to see her able to once again assume the Assistant Dean's role next year. Several notes of interest:

Admissions. Fall Admissions saw 10 new Ph.D. students join us, 10 new M.A. students, 11 aspiring forensic scientists, 7 in the M.S. in Security Studies, 8 in the "on-line" master's program, and a new weekend cohort of 18 students. Our strong mix of international scholars was reinforced. Six of the seven continents are represented among current graduate students (we tried to get a penguin from Antarctica to make it all seven continents, but couldn't get Dr. Mullings to fly down there to recruit).

Financial Awards. An excess of \$600,000 in scholarships and assistantships is being provided to Criminal

Justice graduate students this year. The Provost's Office funds about half of that amount, approximately 30% comes from the College's academic budget to support Doctoral Teaching Fellows, and the Institutes provide close to 20%. We made an effort to notify students of awards and assignments a bit earlier than in the past – July instead of August, and although a few assignments had to be adjusted, the early notification worked well.

Travel Support. Sam Houston State University provides a generous graduate student travel allowance, and I urge you to take advantage of the awards. Graduate students presenting papers at conferences are provided one award of up to \$1,000 for a national association meeting, and a second award of up to \$500 for either a national, regional or state meeting. If you need details, contact Ms. Karen Eads.

Comps vs. Portfolios. Most "incumbent" doctoral students are pondering whether to complete the legacy



comprehensives or go the new qualifying examination (portfolio) route. I have met personally with a couple of students with questions about individual circumstance, and would be happy to answer questions – to the extent that I can. We have formed the first two Qualifying Examination Committees. As the initial committees make decisions regarding individual cases, "what is expected" will become more tangibly clear. Again, the key expectation is publishable manuscripts.

Dean's Advisory Committee

Natalia Tapia, Joshua Balay and George Day have all been appointed to the Dean's Advisory Council Committee. If you have any graduate concerns, please contact one of these students with your issue. They will be happy to bring the matter to the dean's attention during their monthly meeting.

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting will be held November 12-15, 2008 in St. Louis, Missouri at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront. This year's theme is "Reinvigorating Theory Through Diversity and Inclusiveness." The meeting starts on Wednes-

day, November 12, 2008. Regular sessions will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday and extend through the morning of Saturday, November 15, 2008. The meeting will end at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday with a closing brunch. For more information, please visit their website at <http://www.asc41.com/>.

In the News

Congratulations to the following doctoral students who graduated in August 2008 and have accepted positions with the following institutions/agencies:

Vidisha Barua, Assistant Professor in the Division of Education, Human Development and Social Sciences, at Pennsylvania State University Altoona.

Katherine Brown, Assistant Professor with Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences at the University of New Haven, West Haven Connecticut.

Ahmet Ekici, Chief Superintendent/Chief of Training and Education Department in Malatya Province Security Directorate in Turkey.

Hyun Seok Jang, Assistant Professor with the Criminal Justice Legal Studies

Department at Missouri Western, St. Joseph, Missouri.

Matthew Johnson, Assistant Professor with the Department of Criminal Justice at East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

Bitna Kim, Assistant Professor with the Department of Criminology at Indiana University Pennsylvania, Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Shih-Ya Kuo, Staff Associate I with the Crime Victims Institute, Huntsville, Texas.

Chang-Bae Lee, Assistant Professor with the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at the University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida.

Hyeyoung Lim, Research Specialist with the Bill Blackwood Law Enforce-

ment Management Institute (LEMIT), Huntsville, Texas.

Aziz Ozmen, Chief Superintendent with the Police Aviation Department in Ankara, Turkey.

Murat Sever, Superintendent with the Police Aviation department in Ankara, Turkey.

Congratulations to **Hector Esparza Jr.** who won 1st place in the graduate student paper competition at the Soutwestern Association of Criminal Justice Annual Meeting held October 2-4, 2008 in Denver, Colorado. His paper was entitled, "The Importance of Marital Status in Predicting Occupational Stress of Law Enforcement Officers."

Fall 2008 Master/Doctoral Degree Candidates

October 10, 2008	Submit draft thesis/dissertation (at least one full chapter) to Library for format and style review.
November 7, 2008	Last day to complete a public defense of the thesis/dissertation.
November 19, 2008	Last day to obtain signatures from the thesis/dissertation committee on the title page and abstract of the thesis/dissertation and signature of thesis/dissertation chair on route sheet. Submit route sheet and complete, defended and signed thesis/dissertation to the appropriate academic dean's office.
November 21, 2008	Last day to submit final thesis/dissertation (defended and signed) and Route Sheet to the Director of the Library.
November 25, 2008	Last day to make all final copies of thesis/dissertation and submit to the NGL for binding. Last day to submit Route Sheet to the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Upcoming Events

October 17	Beto Chair Lecture, Franklin Zimring Informal Colloquium w/Doctoral Students	9:30-11:00am 11:00am	CJ Courtroom Bates Room
October 31	Practice Runs for ASC	9:00-5:00pm	Bates Room
November 3	Thesis/Dissertation Preparation Workshop	3:00pm	Friel Room
November 12-15	ASC Annual Meeting		St. Louis, Missouri
November 24	ASC Post-Conference Round-table	3:00-5:00pm	Friel Room

Advanced Registration Begins

**November 10th and
11th, 2008 for
graduate students**

SHSU's College of Criminal Justice: A Brief History

- Concept the brain child of George J. Beto, then Director of the Department of Corrections, his namesakes are George J. Beto Criminal Justice Center and the Beto Room.
- The Legislative Mandate – 1963. Legislative creation of program at Sam Houston State University to encourage collaboration in education and research with the Texas Department of Corrections, headquartered in Huntsville.
- Institute of Contemporary Corrections and the Behavioral Sciences, First Programming – 1965 (the origin of the icc prefix to many existing e-mail addresses). Initial organizational placement was in the Department of Sociology.
- Special Item, supplemental Legislative appropriation, initiated – 1967. Funded corrections training programs.
- First Dean, George Killinger (namesake, Killinger Auditorium), recruited from Florida State's Criminology Program.
- Doctor of Criminology (D.Crim.) – 1971. Changed to Ph.D. in 1973.
- Beginning of support by the Houston Endowment, doctoral fellowships – 1973. The Houston Endowment funded the Beto Chair in 1979.
- Moved from the Woods Building to the Criminal Justice Center – 1976. Initiated in 1971, the Center was constructed by TDC (TDCJ-ID) inmates.
- The Master of Science "Weekend" program initiated – 1980. Following year the Houston 100 Club announces scholarship support for any area law enforcement officer enrolling in the program. Such support continues to this day.
- Transfer of the Bill Blackwood Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas to SHSU – 1993. LEMIT Building construction completed in 1998.
- Initiation of the Police Research Center, including the CRIMES police information system and TELEMASP Bulletins – 1994.
- Creation of the Correctional Management Institute of Texas – 1997. Consolidated and focused several corrections training programs.
- Creation of Forensic Science Program – 2002
- Legislative transfer of certain victims services functions to SHSU, creation of Crime Victims Institute – 2003.

Academic Calendar Dates

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November 25	TUESDAY. Thanksgiving holidays for students and faculty begin at 9:00 p.m. Residence halls close at 10:00 p.m.
November 26,27,28	WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY. Thanksgiving holidays for students and faculty.
November 28	FRIDAY. Last day to make all final copies of thesis/dissertation and submit to the NGL for binding. Last day to submit Route Sheet to the Dean of Graduate Studies.
November 30	SUNDAY. Residence halls open. Time will be posted
December 1	MONDAY. Classes resume at 8:00 a.m.
December 11	THURSDAY. Last Class Day.
December 12	FRIDAY. Study Day. Last Day to Resign with the mark of a "W" by 5:00 p.m. Last day to drop a course without the grade of "F", before taking any scheduled exams or the last business day, whichever comes first (must be processed by 5:00 p.m.).
December 15,16,17,18	MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY. Final examinations [includes Monday Night (MN), Tuesday Night (TuN), Wednesday Night (WN) and Thursday Night (ThN) final examinations].
December 19	FRIDAY. Residence halls close at 12:00 Noon. Deadline for filing grades with the Registrar's Office.
December 19, 20	SATURDAY. TENTATIVE. Commencement, Bernard G. Johnson Coliseum.
December 22	MONDAY. 9:00 a.m. Fall Semester ends.

Master's Program Congratulations to...

Michael Cavanaugh for defending his thesis entitled, "The Legality of School Searches after New Jersey V.T.L.O." His Committee chair is Dr. Michael Vaughn.

Randa Embry for defending her thesis entitled, "Sentencing Sex: Sentencing Discrepancies Between Male and Female Sex Offenders." Her chair is Dr. Philip Lyons.

Chantal van Reeuyk for defending her thesis entitled, "Subtypes of Psychopath: Examining Personality and Factor Based Approaches & Distinguishing the Subclinical from the Successful." Her committee chair is Dr. Holly Miller and Co-Chair is Dr. Craig Henderson.