

## New & Noteworthy

### Global Meeting to Discuss Prevention and Treatment

Since 1955, the UN Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders has met once every 5 years so that world delegates from all criminal justice fields can learn from one another and formulate recommendations and strategies. The Congress will convene its 10th international meeting in Vienna on April 10–17, 2000.

Previous meetings of the UN Crime Congress have had important impacts on the policies and practices of the member nations by sharing and disseminating relevant expertise and experience, formulating international guidelines, facilitating collaboration among States and practitioners, fostering innovative and viable approaches to criminal justice problems, and paving the way for more humane and effective methods of crime prevention and management.

Planned activities for the April meeting of the Congress include four workshops:

- Combating Corruption,
- Crimes Related to the Computer Network,
- Women in the Criminal Justice System, and
- Community Involvement in Crime Prevention.

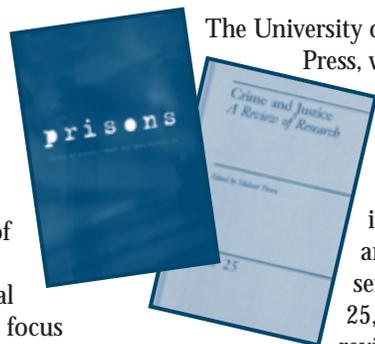
NIJ is assisting in preparations in several ways. Staff from NIJ's

International Center are coordinating a panel presentation entitled "Women as Victims and Survivors" as part of the third workshop, Women in the Criminal Justice System. Panel members, who will come from India, the Philippines, and the United States, will discuss the issue of women as victims within the larger context of transnational crime. The presentations will focus on local solutions, or "best practices," for dealing with women who are victims of trafficking and forced prostitution. The goal will be to formulate model strategies, recommendations, and policy guidelines.

NIJ also is assisting with planning for the workshop on Community Involvement in Crime Prevention, by helping to formulate a set of guidelines for handling new and emerging issues such as organized and transnational crime, and participating in plans for the computer crimes workshop.

The globalization of crime has made international cooperation against it, especially against transnational organized crime, an urgent priority. NIJ is pleased to contribute to the UN Crime Congress. Its efforts promote the formal linkages and informal networking that provide the groundwork for strengthened international collaboration against expanding crime.

### New Crime and Justice Volumes Released



The University of Chicago Press, with NIJ support, has just published two new volumes in the Crime and Justice series. Volume 25, an annual review of research, contains five essays on legal and philosophical issues.

Volume 26, a special theme volume, focuses on prisons.

Titles in Volume 25, the Annual Review of Research, are:

- "Restorative Justice: Assessing Optimistic and Pessimistic Accounts," by John Braithwaite
- "Cosa Nostra: The Final Chapter?" by James B. Jacobs and Lauryn P. Gouldin
- "Murder in America: A Historian's Perspective," by Roger Lane
- "Crime and Work," by Jeffrey Fagan and Richard B. Freeman
- "The Self-Report Methodology in Crime Research," by Josine Junger-Tas and Ineke Haen Marshall



Titles in Volume 26, Special Issue on Prisons, are:

- “American Prisons at the Beginning of the 21st Century,” by Michael Tonry and Joan Petersilia
- “Population Growth in U.S. Prisons, 1980–1996,” by Alfred Blumstein and Allen J. Beck
- “Understanding Prison Policy and Population Trends,” by Theodore Caplow and Jonathan Simon
- “Collateral Consequences of Imprisonment for Children, Communities, and Prisoners,” by John Hagan and Ronit Dinovitzer
- “Prison Management Trends, 1975–2025,” by Chase Riveland
- “Interpersonal Violence and Social Order in Prisons,” by Anthony E. Bottoms
- “Prison Suicide and Prisoner Coping,” by Alison Lieblich
- “Adult Correctional Treatment,” by Gerald G. Gaes, Timothy J. Flanagan, Laurence L. Motiuk, and Lynn Stewart
- “Medical Care in Prisons,” by Douglas C. McDonald
- “Parole and Prisoner Reentry in the United States,” by Joan Petersilia

To order copies, contact the publisher, the University of Chicago Press, Journals Division, P.O. Box 37005, Chicago, IL 60637; voice: 773–753–3347; fax: 773–753–3347; e-mail: orders@journals.uchicago.edu.

### **Program to Prevent Domestic Violence in Indian Country Rewarded for Innovation**

Cangleska, Inc., a program that addresses domestic violence among the Oglala Sioux Tribe of Kyle, South Dakota, captured 1 of the 10 Innovations in American Government Awards sponsored by the Ford Foundation and Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. The program, chosen from 25 finalists in October, 1999, will receive a grant of \$100,000 to replicate and expand its work.

In addition to Cangleska, Inc., three other criminal justice-related programs were named among the 15 finalists in the competition. Each received an award of \$20,000.

Begun in 1986, the Innovations in American Government Award program recognizes creative and successful problem solving in local, State, and Federal government programs across the country. The Kennedy School of Government administers the program in partnership with the Council for Excellence in Government. The winners were chosen by a selection committee chaired by David R. Gergen, editor-at-large of *U.S. News and World Report*, and made up of former members of Congress, former mayors, and public policy specialists.

The 1999 criminal justice winner and finalists are:

- **South Dakota’s Cangleska, Inc.**, launched in 1987, provides

prevention and intervention services for domestic violence within the Oglala Sioux Tribe. One of the program’s primary objectives is to provide a path for abusers to return to traditional tribal beliefs and spirituality, both of which preach respect of the family. In 1997, Cangleska, Inc., opened a battered women’s shelter that has provided assistance to more than 650 Oglala women and children and sponsored a domestic violence training workshop specifically aimed at tribal police officers. Cangleska, Inc., has received funding in part from the U.S. Department of Justice, Violence Against Women Office.

- **Florida’s Domestic Violence Internet Program**, which is housed within the Largo Police Department, provides a venue for quickly disseminating domestic violence case evidence. This information, which is placed online the day after it is collected, is available to the State Attorney, the courts, and the Domestic Violence Center, enabling each of these parties instant access to information on any domestic violence case.
- **California’s “No Diploma, No Parole” Program** requires all juvenile wards to complete their high school education or attain a GED before being recommended for parole. This is the only correctional system in the Nation to mandate education as a requirement of parole. The basis of the program, which was



organized by the California Department of Youth Authority, is the belief that education prevents crime.

- **Philadelphia's Program Development and Evaluation System, ProDES**, is a database system that helps evaluate Philadelphia's juvenile justice programs and services while supporting further development of these services. Created by the Criminal Justice Research Institute, ProDES monitors the programs available to delinquents, their families, and their community. Because this is an outcome-based system, it also looks at recorded new offenses, in-program behavior, attitudinal and perceptual pre- and postmeasures, and postdischarge self-reports of community adjustment.

To learn more about this year's winner and finalists, visit the Innovations in American Government Web site at <http://www.innovations.harvard.edu> or call 617-495-0558.

## New & Noteworthy Science & Technology

### Paint Database Helps Identify Cars Used in Crimes

Through an international collaboration, the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory soon will acquire the Royal Canadian Mounted Police's (RCMP's) paint database of automotive finishes, called Paint Data Query (PDQ).

Acquisition of the database will improve the capabilities of the FBI and other U.S. crime laboratories to conduct forensic analyses on paint from cars involved in crimes. The database allows forensics examiners potentially to differentiate vehicles based on the chemistry, color, and number sequence of the paint layers and thereby to identify the make, model, and year of vehicles used in the commission of a crime, such as a hit-and-run fatality.

The National Institute of Standards and Technology's Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) is working, with NIJ funding, on a 5-year effort that began in 1995 to formalize the forensic paint analysis protocols and accreditation requirements of the FBI Laboratory.

The goals of the 5-year effort include making PDQ current with the production year of the North American automotive industry and training national law enforcement agencies to use the database.

The database, which was worth approximately \$7 million in 1995, has become an important forensic trace evidence tool in North America. RCMP has worked closely with automotive manufacturers to obtain their specifications and has collected thousands of actual paint samples per year to verify the manufacturers' data.

PDQ is a searchable database that contains analytical data on more than 30,000 paint layer samples from more than 9,000 domestic and foreign vehicles marketed in North America from 1973 to the present. In January 1998, RCMP agreed to share the database with the European Economic Community and the Japanese National Police Agency in exchange for data and samples collected from those countries' automotive manufacturers. As a result, an additional 1,500 samples per year will be added to PDQ.

For more information about this project, contact Wendy Howe at NIJ at 202-616-9794 or Al Fatah at OLES at 301-975-2757.

### CrimeStat Spatial Analysis Program Now Available



CrimeStat, a spatial statistics program to assist in computerized crime mapping applications, is now available.

CrimeStat has a collection of statistical tools for the analysis of point/incident locations and includes a range of diagnostic spatial statistics, including statistics for measuring spatial distribution, examining distances between incident locations, detecting hot spots, and interpolating smooth one-variable and two-variable density surfaces using kernel density estimation.

Among the many applications for which CrimeStat is useful are:

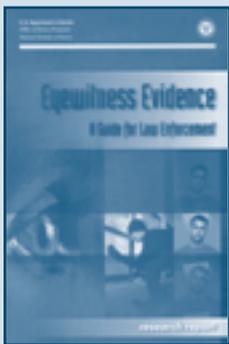
- Detecting changes in crime incidents by time periods.
- Examining the distribution of crimes in particular areas or along particular roads.
- Identifying concentrations of incidents within small areas (hot spots).
- Assessing where crime incidents are high relative to a baseline population (risk analysis).

In addition, CrimeStat can write various graphical objects to ArcView®, MapInfo®, Atlas\*GIS™, Surfer® for Windows, and ArcView Spatial Analyst©. The program is designed to run on Windows NT/9x, can interface with most desktop Geographic Information Systems packages, and can read 'dbf,' ASCII, and 'shp' files.

The program's manual explains the background of the statistics and provides examples. The program, the manual, and a sample dataset can be downloaded from NIJ's Crime Mapping Research Center Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cmrc>.

CrimeStat was developed by Ned Levine and Associates of Annandale, Virginia, with the support of an NIJ grant. For questions or additional information, contact the Crime Mapping Research Center at [cmrc@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:cmrc@ojp.usdoj.gov).

## Eyewitness Evidence: A Guide for Law Enforcement



Last fall, NIJ released *Eyewitness Evidence: A Guide For Law Enforcement*, the second in its series of investigative guides. Developed by a technical working group composed of law enforcement professionals, prosecutors, defense lawyers, and psychology researchers from the United States and Canada, the new guide recommends practices for law enforcement use in eyewitness interviewing and administration of identification procedures, including photo and live lineups, showups, mug books, and composites.

The guide's procedures draw upon the overlap between social science research and current law enforcement practices in an effort to provide the criminal justice system with a means of obtaining more reliable and accurate information from eyewitnesses.

An important goal of the guide is to help reduce the number of misidentifications while ensuring that reliable eyewitness evidence is afforded the weight it deserves in legal proceedings.

To obtain copies of this guide or the first publication, *National Guidelines for Death Investigation* (NCJ 178240), contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at 1-800-851-3420, P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, MD, 20849-6000, or visit the NIJ Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>.

## How Much Force Do Police Use?



In a new report issued by NIJ and the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the authors of *Use of Force by Police: Overview of National and*

*Local Data* describe what is known about police use of force and offer suggestions for future research.

Based on the research, the authors can say "with substantial confidence" that police use force infrequently, that relatively minor types of force dominate statistics on police use of force, and that use of force typically occurs when police are attempting an arrest and the suspect is resisting.

It is known "with modest confidence" that use of force appears to be unrelated to an officer's personal characteristics, such as age, gender, or ethnicity, and that a small proportion of officers are disproportionately involved in use-of-force incidents.

The authors found that use of force typically occurs at the lower end of the force spectrum, involving grabbing, pushing, or shoving, but research still is critically needed to determine how often police use force in ways that can be judged as wrongful.

Copies of *Use of Force by Police* (NCJ 176330) are available online at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij> or by calling NCJRS at 1-800-851-3420.

# Events

## New "Perspectives" Volume Now Available



NIJ recently published the third volume of the collected lectures from the "Perspectives on Crime and Justice" series, including lectures by Sissela Bok on violence, free speech, and the media; Felton Earls on men, fathers, and community; James Jacobs on corruption control; and Mark Kleiman on deterrence.

Previous volumes feature lectures by Randall Kennedy, Joan Petersilia, Cathy Spatz Widom, James Q. Wilson, and others.

The three volumes are available instantly at the NIJ Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij> or from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service at 1-800-851-3420, P.O. Box 6000, Rockville, MD 20849-6000.

- Perspectives on Crime and Justice: 1996-1997 Lecture Series, vol. I (NCJ 166609).
- Perspectives on Crime and Justice: 1997-1998 Lecture Series, vol. II (NCJ 178851).
- Perspectives on Crime and Justice: 1998-1999 Lecture Series, vol. III (NCJ 178244).

For more information about the lectures, visit NIJ's Professional Conference Series home page at <http://www.nijpcs.org> and click on "Past Conference Materials."

### Capitol Hill Lecture Series Underway

For the fourth consecutive year, NIJ has invited some of the country's leading scholars to Capitol Hill to discuss major crime and justice issues for the lecture series, "Perspectives on Crime and Justice."

Franklin Zimring, Professor of Law at the University of California at Berkeley, kicked off this year's series on December 8 with his lecture "The New Politics of Criminal Punishment."

The remaining lectures in this year's series are:

- Richard Freeman, Professor, National Bureau of Economic Research, Harvard University, "Crime and the Job Market: Do Rising Wages and Full Employment Reduce Crime?" February 23, 2000.
- William Vega, Associate Director of the Institute for Quality, Research, and Training at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, "A Profile of Crime, Violence, and Drug Use Among Mexican Immigrants," March 15, 2000.
- John DiIulio, Fredrick Fox Leadership Professor of Politics, Religion, and Civil Society,

University of Pennsylvania, "The Case for Zero Prison Growth," April 5, 2000.

- Heather Weiss, Director, Harvard University Family Research Project, "Reinventing Evaluation to Build High Performance Child and Family Interventions," May 3, 2000.

For more information or to register for the Perspectives lectures, contact the Institute for Law and Justice (ILJ) at 703-684-5300 or e-mail ILJ at [nijpcs@ilj.org](mailto:nijpcs@ilj.org). There is no charge to attend, but reservations are required, as space is limited.

### Technologies for Public Safety

NIJ will sponsor the third annual Public Safety Technology Conference and Exhibit, called "Technologies for Public Safety in Critical Incident Response Conference 2000," in Denver, Colorado, June 7-10.

The conference will bring together representatives of law enforcement agencies, fire departments, emergency medical services, and other first responders to see and hear about the latest tools and technologies available for incident response and management.

In addition, practitioners will share lessons learned and discuss how technology has helped with critical incident response, such as terrorist incidences and natural disasters.

The conference will take place at the Denver Tech Center Marriott. For more information, visit NIJ's Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij> (click on "What's New") or contact Lisa Hecker at the Center for Technology Commercialization at 703-625-1489.

# Solicitations & Awards

## **NIJ to Seek Proposals on Violence Against Women**

NIJ's Office of Research and Evaluation late this winter expects to release the solicitation "Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women" to request proposals for research in a number of specific issue areas and investigator-initiated research.

NIJ's Violence Against Women program provides funds for research, including research fellowships, in the area of violence against women. The program's objectives are to estimate the scope of violence against women and family violence, identify their causes and consequences, evaluate promising prevention and intervention programs, disseminate research results to the field, and build partnerships among a wide variety of disciplines to accomplish these objectives.

Be sure to visit the NIJ Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij> for more information about the solicitation and other NIJ funding opportunities. Click on "Programs" then on "Violence Against Women and Family Violence" to read descriptions of ongoing NIJ-funded research in this area. The solicitation will be available on the Web site and also from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service by calling 1-800-851-3420.

## **Seattle to Pilot Data-Driven Public Safety Initiative**

NIJ has announced that Seattle will become the first pilot site for a U.S.

Department of Justice initiative that supports and promotes a collaborative, strategic approach to analyzing the nature of public safety problems. NIJ will provide up to \$1 million in financial and in-kind assistance to Seattle for the implementation of the initiative, called COMPASS (Community Mapping, Planning, and Analysis for Safety Strategies). The pilot site is coordinated by Seattle Mayor Paul Schell's office.

In recent years, local policymakers and practitioners have taken this new approach to analyzing problems and developing interventions to reduce them. The approach is supported by timely, accurate, multidisciplinary, automated data with a geographic reference. Jurisdictions that have used such data and collaborative partnerships have experienced great success in reducing crime and addressing public safety problems.

Through COMPASS, Seattle will gather neighborhood-level data to examine the nature of local crime problems, develop strategies to reduce crime, and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies. The effort will be directed by a strong local advisory committee whose members have the knowledge and skills necessary to make full use of the available information.

COMPASS is a collaborative effort among NIJ and the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Bureau of Justice Statistics, Bureau of Justice

Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Executive Office for Weed and Seed.

For more information about the initiative, contact Laura Winterfield at [winterfi@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:winterfi@ojp.usdoj.gov) or Erin Dalton at [daltona@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:daltona@ojp.usdoj.gov).

## **DuBois Fellowships Support Talented Researchers**



In 1899, W.E.B. DuBois published the groundbreaking sociological study "The Philadelphia Negro," one of the first research projects to combine urban ethnography, social history, and descriptive statistics.

In honor of the activist and scholar, NIJ recently created the W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program to advance the field of knowledge regarding the confluence of crime, justice, and culture in various societal contexts.

The DuBois Fellowship provides talented researchers early in their careers with the opportunity to elevate independently generated research and ideas to the level of national discussion. Because the DuBois Fellowship places particular emphasis on crime, violence, and the administration of justice in diverse cultural contexts, researchers may choose from, but are not limited to, the following broad topic areas:

- Immigration, crime, and victimization.
- Transnational crime.
- Ethnographic studies investigating crime, violence, substance abuse, and justice system interactions in particular cultural settings.
- Police-community relations.
- Courts, sentencing, and corrections.
- Civil rights.

The Institute will review each application for significance and timeliness of the topic, relevance to NIJ's mission, applicant's research and academic track record and accomplishments, and the quality and viability of the projects proposed.

Each year, NIJ will fund as many as two successful applicants from up to \$50,000 each (subject to available appropriations). Because of the focus of this Fellowship, NIJ strongly encourages applicants from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds to apply.

NIJ will award Fellowships in June for a period of between 6 and 12 months. Applications are due February 1, 2000. To obtain further information about the W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship Program, prospective applicants should contact Rhonda Jones at 202-616-3233. A full description of the application process can be found on the NIJ Web site at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>.