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Giordano book studies legacies of crime

As teenagers, they were locked up in an Ohio juvenile facility. Now adults and parents, many of these juvenile offenders continued traveling a criminal path.

The effect of their lifestyles on their children is the focus of a new book from Dr. Peggy Giordano, Distinguished Research Professor of sociology. Published by Cambridge University Press, *Legacies of Crime—A Follow-up of the Children of Highly Delinquent Girls and Boys* follows a group of juvenile delinquents over a 20-year period. Giordano interviewed them at 16, 30 and 39 years old, and in the last stage of the study also interviewed their adolescent children.

Giordano says this study stands apart for several reasons—the length of time involved, the focus on women offenders and the realization that the incarceration of a parent, while an extremely negative event in the life of a child, is only one part of bigger problems that must be addressed.

Her research team traveled all over the state and beyond to catch up with the initial study group. She says some were in prison, while others were living in deplorable conditions. “While many studies show most kids mature out of crime, that was not the case with many in this group of serious offenders,” said Giordano.

“It jumped out how much difficulty their children had. You really want to think there are resilient kids, and some kids manage to handle stress and do well, but our interviews reveal fewer success stories and more difficulties than we would have predicted.”

Giordano says there has been increased interest in the situations children of incarcerated parents face. Yet her research showed problems such as unstable housing, stress and performing poorly in school often predate the parent’s time in jail, and continued once the parent is released. A boy interviewed for the book reinforces this point:

“Every time she comes she always gets mad at my grandma ... like she choked my grandma before she went to jail. I’m always like, I don’t want to hit her and stuff, but like I have a hammer and I sit it right next to my bed. ‘Cause I know if my mom comes in messed up on drugs, she gets real violent ...”

Giordano felt this “longer lens” on the families studied was important, as programs focused on issues the child faces when a parent is incarcerated may not alleviate the child’s problems if the parent’s underlying drug problems or criminal lifestyle are not themselves fully addressed.

Giordano says it’s also important to place a high priority on the needs of young women who may enter the juvenile justice system. She says these women are the next generation of mothers whose own children often face a variety of formidable risks.

“The mothers we interviewed were very economically disadvantaged, often partnered with highly antisocial men, and the pattern of continued drug involvement created a family climate of extreme unpredictability and stress for their children. This highlights the importance of intervening early to interrupt this tendency for intergenerational continuity in the experience of violence, drug use and other forms of criminal activity.”

Giordano doesn’t rule out continuing her study down the road. “I would like to see what happens when these kids begin to form their own families, and learn more about what factors work to break the cycle.”

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Symposium to honor work of Jaak Panksepp

Famed neuroscientist Dr. Jaak Panksepp, Distinguished Research Professor Emeritus, will return to BGSU this month for a symposium in his honor. The University will host a "Festschrift"—a German term for a gathering of scientists to celebrate the career of another scientist—from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday (May 22) in 101B Olscamp Hall.

Now the Baily Endowed Chair of Animal Well-Being Science and a professor of veterinary and comparative anatomy, pharmacy and physiology at Washington State University, Panksepp spent most of his career at BGSU. He is known worldwide for his groundbreaking work into affective neuroscience, the neural bases of emotion. He played crucial part in developing the field of study, and his landmark book, *Affective Neuroscience*, on the foundation of animal and human emotions, is studied by neuroscientists around the world.

His work, particularly his discovery that rats engage in laughter, has been widely covered in the popular media. While he was on the faculty at BGSU, the campus was visited by such media outlets as People magazine, the British Broadcasting Company and the Discovery Channel. In 2008, a crew from CBS news came for a story on the ongoing research of Dr. Howard (Casey) Cromwell, psychology, who is following up on some of the work begun by Panksepp.

Participating in the Festschrift will be BGSU faculty, Panksepp's son Jules (a postdoctoral student at Oregon Health Sciences University) and neuroscientists from Europe and the U.S. whose work has been influenced by Panksepp's ideas.

IN BRIEF

Deadline nears for Summer Music Institute

The College of Musical Arts will offer music camps for students in grades 7-12 during its Summer Music Institute, which begins June 6. The deadline to register for all camps is Thursday (May 20).

The institute, taught by experienced faculty, staff and alumni from the college, provides musicianship and enrichment classes, clinics and performances by guest artists intended to engage students of different age and experience levels in a compact, focused music curriculum. With the sessions' limited enrollment, participants will receive personalized attention that includes private lessons and master classes as well as large and small ensemble participation.

The program is separated into four-, five- and six-day camps for high school and junior high school music students.

The first session, to be held from June 6-11, offers the Brass Camp, led by Dr. William Mathis, trombone and chair of music performance studies, and Vocal Arts Camp, led by Christopher Scholl, vocal studies.

The second session includes the new Percussion Camp, led by Dr. Roger Schupp, percussion, and Super Sax Camp led by Michael Holmes, a BGSU alumnus, which will run from June 13-18. The popular Musical Theatre Camp, held from June 13-19, will be led by Todd Schriber, another alumnus of the University.

The Double-Reed-Making Boot Camp is scheduled from June 13-16 and will be led by Dr. Nathaniel Zeisler, bassoon, and Dr. Jacqueline Leclair, oboe.

The third session, from June 20-25, will offer the Recording Studio Camp led by Mark Bunce, director of recording services, and the Piano Camp led by Dr. Robert Satterlee, piano. These



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camps will run from June 20-25. In addition, the String Orchestra Camp led by Dr. Megan Fergusson, viola, will be held June 20-26.

The Honors String Quartet is a new addition to the String Orchestra Camp this year. Students accepted into the quartet will arrive on June 19 to work with BGSU string faculty members.

Registration costs vary depending on the camp attended. The deadline for all camps is May 20. Space is limited, but late registrations will be accepted based on availability and assessed an additional \$25 fee.

Additional Summer Music Institute information, camp registration and scholarship information can be found at <http://www.bgsu.edu/smi>.

CALENDAR

Monday, May 17

First Six-Week Summer Session Begins.

Tuesday, May 18

Baseball vs. Youngstown State University, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Wednesday, May 19

Classified Staff Council, 10 a.m. to noon, 136 Perry Field House.

Thursday, May 20

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Socratic Circles," 9:30-10:30 a.m., 210 University Hall. Register online at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page11755.html.

Baseball vs. University at Buffalo, 3 p.m., Steller Field.

Friday, May 21

Baseball vs. University at Buffalo, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

Saturday, May 22

Festschrift, symposium in honor of Dr. Jaak Panksepp, Distinguished Research Profes-

sor Emeritus, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 101B Olscamp Hall. Hosted by the J.P. Scott Center for Neuroscience, Mind and Behavior.

Baseball vs. University at Buffalo, 1 p.m., Steller Field.

Monday, May 24

Center for Teaching and Learning Workshop, "Deep Learning: Can you make it happen?" 9-10 a.m., 201 University Hall, register online at www.bgsu.edu/ctl/page75113.html. **Radiation Safety Training**, with George Bullerjahn, 1-3 p.m., 2 College Park. Register online at www.bgsu.edu/offices/envhs/page23277.html.

Continuing Events Through June 8

Art Exhibit, "Grids," Union Art Gallery. Gallery hours are 8 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Sundays.

JOB POSTINGS

FACULTY

Telecommunications. Instructor. Call the department, 2-8349. Deadline: June 7.

Music/Composition/Theory. Instructor (two positions). Call Marilyn Shrude, 2-8508. Deadline: June 7.



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<http://international.bgsu.edu/index.php?x=facinfohires>

Contact the Office of Human Resources at 419-372-8421 for information regarding classified and administrative positions. Position vacancy announcements may be viewed by visiting the HR Web site at <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/>.

Employees wishing to apply for these positions must sign a "Request for Transfer" form and attach an updated resume or data sheet. This information must be turned in to Human Resources by the job deadline.

CLASSIFIED

On-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/BGSU_only/page11151.html

Off-campus classified:

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/c/_staff/page11145.html

ADMINISTRATIVE

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ohr/employment/adm_staff/page11137.html

OBITUARY

There were no obituaries this week.