



CENTER FOR CRIMINAL
JUSTICE RESEARCH
CAL STATE SAN BERNARDINO
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To: Dr. Schram, Associate Dean

CC: Drs. Larry Gaines and Rafik Mohamed, Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

1. THE DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

During the 2019-20 AY the Center for Criminal Justice Research (CCJR) remained dedicated to servicing local community partners and providing research opportunities for faculty and students. Of note, CCJR was not permitted to remain open during the Spring and Summer terms due to COVID-19 safety protocol. Reported research activity occurred offsite.

Principal Lines of Research

Funded Research

We completed one ongoing funded research initiative, launched 1 new initiative with a community partner, and secured a new multi-year NIJ funded research initiative. Grants/contracts yielded an estimated **\$58,585 external funds for future research.**

Student/Faculty Research Collaborations

- We provided **55 student research opportunities** (grad/undergrad).
- Faculty/student research collaborations generated 3 external grant proposals and 3 technical and progress reports. Publications are no longer reported here, see note below; however, at least 5 peer review journal articles were published, four of which involved student co-authors.

The remainder of this report documents details the accomplishments of the CCJR, as well as the ongoing initiatives.

2. DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PRESENT AND PROJECTED ACTIVITIES.

A. **DALE K SECHREST MEMORIAL FUND.** We are still waiting for this fund to generate enough funds to distribute: UEC assumed the funds generated to manage the account.

B. **MARKETING INITIATIVE**

1. **Web Site Redevelopment and Expanded Digital Footprint**

Online Research Archive. To extend the citation counts and publicize our research, Dr. Fujita continues to work with faculty to develop briefs (1 page) and short reports (2-10 pages) to post online.

2. **External Collaborations.** Three external grant proposals submitted. Two were not funded and the third was (described under principal lines of research).
 - 2020 National Science Foundation, Research Experiences for Undergraduates, NSF 19-582. Title: Scientific Approaches to Crime and Justice: A Research Experience for Undergraduates, Target Amount: \$349,795
Partnership: Principal Investigators: Grant Drawve, Ph.D., Casey Harris, Ph.D., & Jeffrey A. Gruenewald, Ph.D., (University of Arkansas); Consultant, Gisela Bichler, Ph.D. (California State University, San Bernardino)
 - 2020 **California Board of State and Community Corrections, Youth Reinvestment Grant.**
Project title: **Local Evaluation Proposal for the ATOL Foundation Youth Reinvestment Project**
Partner: Timothy Forrest, Access To Optimal Leadership (ATOL) Foundation
Target amount: CSUSB sub-award \$136,945 (over two years)

C. PRINCIPAL LINES OF RESEARCH

COMPLETED PROJECTS

WEB OF VIOLENCE (assessment of gang injunctions). This study examines the networked violence of serious gang violence and the effects gang injunctions have on the contagion of violence.

Research Team:

Dr. Gisela Bichler (PI), Dr. Alexis Norris (Co-PI), and Citlalik Ibarra (graduate student) were principally involved in this study. In addition, 32 other people were directly involved in generating products and deliverables, bringing the total number of people involved to 35. Six staff were paid employees for part of or for the duration of the project (3 were students), 21 people volunteered their services (mostly data coding for course credit), and 8 non-CSUSB affiliated persons involved with developing deliverables.

Scholarly Products:

- *Bichler, G., Norris, A., & Ibarra, C. (2020). Evolving Patterns of Aggression: Investigating the Structure of Gang Violence During the Era of Civil Gang Injunctions. *Social Sciences*, 9(11):203-221. DOI: 10.3390/socsci9110203.
- *Bichler, G., Norris, A., and Ibarra, C. (accepted pending minor revisions). Explaining the Directionality of Gang Violence with Court Records. *Journal of Aggression, Conflict and Peace Research*
- *Bichler, Gisela, Alexis Norris, and Citlalik Ibarra (September 2020). Untangling the Web of Violence: The Network Effects of Civil Gang Injunctions [Final Technical Report] U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (2017-JF-FX-0043)
- *Bichler, G., Norris, A., and Ibarra, C. "Crossing Lines: Investigating the Markers of Homophily-Heterophily in Street Gang Violence" Status: under review.
- Fujita, S., Bichler, G., Norris, A. & Ibarra, C., "Spatial Proximity: Turf Borders and the Dispersion of Networked Conflict Post-CGI." Target completion date: Dec. 2020.

***Bichler, G., Norris, A.,** Dmello, J.R., & Randle, J. (2019). The Impact of Civil Gang Injunctions on Networked Violence between the Bloods and the Crips. *Crime and Delinquency*, 65(7): 875-915. DOI: 10.1177/0011128717739607 [online first: November 24, 2017]

***Bichler, G., Norris, A.,** and Ibarra, C. (2019). "Mapping the Evolving Structure of Gang Violence in Los Angeles—A question of observation periods", Montreal, Canada (June 27-28).

***Bichler, Gisela, Alexis Norris,** Citlalik Ibarra, and Boyd, Britney (2019). "Finding the Trigger Modeling Change in Networked Gang Violence." (Honolulu, HI: Feb. 7– 9).

Bichler, G., (2019). "Adding a Network Orientation to Intelligence-Led Approaches to Gang Violence," Gang Violence Symposium, San Bernardino CA (September 11).

Bichler, G., and Norris, A. (2019). "Mapping the Long-term Impacts of CGI on Gang Violence," Gang Violence Symposium, San Bernardino CA (September 11).

Gisela Bichler and Alexis Norris (June 30, 2020). *Untangling the Web of Violence: The Network Effects of Civil Gang Injunctions*, 2017 Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program (**OJJDP-2017-10960**)' *Category 2: Small Studies and Analyses*, **2017-JF-FX-0043**. Progress Report. Submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. [Semi-annual Progress Report]

Gisela Bichler and Alexis Norris (Jan. 30, 2020). *Untangling the Web of Violence: The Network Effects of Civil Gang Injunctions*, 2017 Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program (**OJJDP-2017-10960**)' *Category 2: Small Studies and Analyses*, **2017-JF-FX-0043**. Progress Report. Submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. [Semi-annual Progress Report]

Note that prior bi-annual reports associated with this project are not listed.

Funding:

2017 - 2019 **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) FY 2017 Field-Initiated Research and Evaluation Program, *Category 2: Small Studies and Analyses* [OJJDP-2017-10960]**

Project title: Untangling the Web of Violence: The Network Effect of Civil Gang Injunctions.

PI: Gisela Bichler, Co-PI: Alexis Norris.

Grant period: 2 years.

Awarded: \$120,108. (2 years funding: Est. \$60,000 annually)

NEW AND CURRENT PROJECTS

(NEW) 2020-2022 US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE. Gun Wars and Community Terrorization: Investigating Longitudinal Gang Violence in New Jersey from a Networked Perspective
Partnership: Principal Investigator: Jared Romeo Dmello, Ph.D. (Texas A&M International University) and Co-Principal Investigators: Gisela Bichler, Ph.D. (California State University, San Bernardino); Arie Perliger, Ph.D. (University of Massachusetts Lowell).
Awarded: September 2020. **Amount: \$435,020.** Award # 2020-75-CX-0009

(ONGOING) 2019-2021 BARCELONA TOURIST VICTIMIZATION. This project originates from a partnership with the City of Barcelona (Spain) using crime data provided by Mossos

d'Esquadra (regional Catalan police) and observational data gathered remotely through Google Earth, Travelocity, and Walkability.com. The project is being led by Drs. Nerea Marteache and Gisela Bichler. Thus far, 27 students have been involved (5 students from CJUS 550, and 22 students from CJUS 570). Additional student involvements are ongoing.

The primary objective of the current study is to test a supposition derived from studies of crime concentration, namely that high crime places are materially different from low crime places on several observable factors that reflect land-use (e.g., presence of crime facilitators (e.g., ATMs), adjacency to other crime generators, or presence of transit hubs), urban design (e.g., narrow alleys and blind corners), and place management, as reflected in site reputation and presence of crime facilitators (i.e., alcohol, ATMs on site). If material differences exist by crime classification, we aim to continue the investigation by comparing crime classification by place type (nightlife, transit, and street locations) to see if substantive differences emerge within place types. Results will inform tourism policy.

Scholarly Products:

Marteache, N. (2020, July 22). Invited presentation in the round table on "Intelligence, Security, and Tourism: the need to anticipate and address problems". Workshop "La importancia de la seguridad para el turismo. Nuevos aspectos que afrontar", NUEVOS HORIZONTES XXI, Desarrollo sostenible, seguridad, turismo e inmigración, Universidad de Málaga, Spain.

(ONGOING) SAN BERNARDINO POLICE DEPARTMENT, SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECT. This year 5 students from CJUS 550 worked on an assessment of the accessibility of local homeless services. A report is in development.

D. FACULTY SCHOLARSHIP

This activity will no longer be reported as SBS/CSUSB mechanisms now collect notable accomplishments by department.

E. Professional Development & Community Service

See above. Also note that student involvements were restricted due to COVID-19 protocol.

F. Budget

We did not receive funding for operations from the College and the director's course release was canceled for the coming year.