



# THE CAMPBELL COLLABORATION

## CRIME AND JUSTICE GROUP NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to the New CCJG Newsletter!

Welcome to the new monthly newsletter from the **Campbell Collaboration Crime and Justice Group**. We look forward to sending you more regular updates about our work and other news relevant to our mission: *to coordinate, facilitate, assist and encourage the production, updating and accessibility of high quality systematic reviews on the effects of criminological and criminal justice interventions.*

For more information about the Group, please visit [http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/crime\\_and\\_justice](http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/crime_and_justice)

### New CCJG Committee Members

The international Steering Committee of the Campbell Crime and Justice Group Steering Committee welcomes two new members: **Jianhong Liu (China)** and **Catherine Gallagher (USA)**.

Professor Liu is the Dean of the School of Law and University Chair Professor at Southwest University of Political Science and Law, China, and a Professor at the University of Macau. As a highly respected Asian criminologist, he is well-placed to raise the profile of CCJG in a part of the world currently under-represented on the Steering Committee.

Catherine Gallagher is Associate Professor of Administration of Justice at George Mason University. She is already closely involved with CCJG's work, and has developed links between Campbell and the Cochrane Collaboration through her work on the interface between the justice and healthcare systems.

For the full list of Steering Committee members, see: [http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/crime\\_and\\_justice\\_our\\_group/Who\\_s\\_involved\\_CJ.php](http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/crime_and_justice_our_group/Who_s_involved_CJ.php)

### David Weisburd wins Stockholm Prize

The CCJG Steering Committee congratulates its Co-Chair **David Weisburd** on winning the 2010 Stockholm Prize in Criminology.

Professor Weisburd is recognized for his contribution to bridging the gap between criminology and police practice, particularly through his work on spatial displacement, which shows that focusing police patrol at crime hotspots does not just push crime 'around the corner.'

Professor Weisburd joins two other CCJG Steering Committee members who have also won the Stockholm Prize: **Friedrich Lösel** (2006) and **Jonathan Shepherd** (2008).

For more information, please visit [http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/news/Weisburd\\_wins\\_Stockholm\\_Prize.php](http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/news/Weisburd_wins_Stockholm_Prize.php)

### New Book from CCJG Members draws on Systematic Review Results

A forthcoming book by Steering Committee members **Brandon C. Welsh** (Northeastern University) and **David Farrington** (Cambridge University) draws on the findings from their two C2 systematic reviews.

*Making Public Places Safer: Surveillance and Crime Prevention*, (Oxford University Press, September 2009)

The U.K. has more than 4.2 million public area closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras—one for every fourteen citizens. Across the U.S., hundreds of video surveillance systems are being installed in town centers, public transportation facilities, and schools at a cost far in excess of \$100 million annually. And now other Western countries have begun to experiment with CCTV to prevent crime in public places. In light of this expansion and the associated public expenditure, as well as pressing concerns about privacy rights, there is an acute need for an evidence-based approach to inform policy and practice.

Drawing on the highest-quality research, the authors assess the effectiveness and social costs of not only CCTV, but also improved street lighting, security guards, place managers, and defensible space. Importantly, the book goes beyond the question of "Does it work?" and examines the specific conditions and contexts under which these surveillance methods may have an effect on crime as well as the mechanisms that bring about a reduction in crime.

## CCJG Systematic Reviews: Progress Report

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### Recently Approved Titles

#### **The effect of tax letters on taxpayers' compliance behaviour**

Barak Ariel (Cambridge University, UK) & Lawrence W. Sherman  
Approved April 9, 2009

#### **Population level interventions for improving health outcomes in ex-prisoners\***

Stuart A. Kinner (Macfarlane Burnet Institute for Medical Research and Public Health, Australia), Catherine Gallagher, & Kate van Dooren  
Approved May 16, 2009  
*Co-registered with the Cochrane Public Health Group, which has primary editorial responsibility*

### Recently Approved Protocols

#### **Motivational interviewing for substance abuse\***

Geir Smedslund (Norwegian Knowledge Centre for the Health Services), Kjetil Karlsen, Karianne Thune Hammerstrøm, Helene M. Dahl, Asbjørn Steiro, and Kari Ann Leiknes  
Approved March 2, 2009

#### **Risk assessment strategies for the prevention, treatment, and management of violent behaviour by adults in contact with the forensic mental health services or the criminal justice system\***

Richard Whittington (University of Liverpool), Wally Barr, Juliet Hockenhull, Maria Leitner, and James McGuire  
Approved March 10, 2009

#### **Programs designed to improve self-control up to age 10 among children and adolescents\***

Alex R. Piquero (University of Maryland, USA), Wesley Jennings, and David Farrington  
Approved July 4, 2009

See a list of our 19 completed full systematic reviews at [http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/reviews\\_crime\\_justice/index.php](http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/reviews_crime_justice/index.php)  
Browse or search the new, improved Campbell Library at <http://www.campbellcollaboration.org/library.php>.

\* Not yet posted to the Library, but will be coming soon. Please contact us (see below) for further details.

## Upcoming Events

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#### **European Society of Criminology Conference**

Ljubljana, Slovenia  
September 9-12, 2009  
<http://esc.sazu.si/>

#### **American Society of Criminology Conference**

Philadelphia, PA, USA  
November 4-7, 2009  
<http://www.asc41.com/annualmeeting.htm>

#### **Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology Conference**

Perth, WA, Australia  
November 22-25, 2009  
<http://www.anzsoc2009.org/>

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