Child Sexual Abuse seminar at Cal State L.A.

The California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children presents “Updates in the Clergy Child Sexual Abuse Scandal”

Even after the 2007 civil settlement against the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, questions regarding the issue of child sexual abuse by persons of trust linger.

The California Professional Society on the abuse of Children has also raised concerns about whether or not the archdiocese of Los Angeles was in compliance with mandatory reporting laws.

Deputy District Attorney William Hodgman, lead prosecutor, will provide insight into the status of the investigation and prosecution. This seminar is free and open to all students on or off campus.

When: Thursday, February 12, 2009  11:40am to 1:20pm
Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Science Center  1800 Paseo Rancho Castilla, Room C238. The Forensic Science building is at the main entrance to Cal State L.A.

Seating is on a first come first served basis. Please RSVP with Emily Middleton at cfsi.administration@gmail.com. Parking available in Parking Structure A or Lot 2.

New faculty at Mission in Administration of Justice

We are happy to announce two new faculty to the AJ program.

Dr. Jessica Hart comes to us from the criminal justice department at Cal State L.A. Dr. Hart’s specialty is Forensic Psychology and currently works with teenagers at risk. Her background also includes working for the District Attorney’s office and other criminal justice agencies. She is scheduled to teach AJ1 on-line this Spring.

The second appointment is Mr. Bob Caughey.

Mr. Caughey is a retired U.S. Secret Service agent with 25 years of experience. Mr. Caughey has worked various assignments in his career including protection of the president and fraud investigations. He is scheduled to teach AJ2 on Fridays.
F.B.I. plans on hiring and filling massive staff vacancies

Wanted by the F.B.I.: agents, language specialists, computer experts, intelligence analysts and finance experts. The F.B.I. has launched one of the largest hiring blitzes in its 100-year history involving 2,100 professional staff vacancies and 850 agents.

Since the September 11, 2001 attacks, the F.B.I. has been criticized for not having enough employees fluent in foreign languages and for not moving fast enough to upgrade its computer system. F.B.I. Assistant Director John Rauci of the Human Resources division said the federal law enforcement agency is seeking to bring more people on board with skills in critical areas, especially language fluency and computer science.

“We’re also looking for professionals in a wide variety of fields who have a deep desire to help protect our nation from terrorists, spies, and others who wish us harm”, Raucci said.

He said the F.B.I., which has been investigating corporate wrongdoing in connection with the current financial crisis, also needs finance and accounting experts, along with those skilled in physical surveillance and various other employers.

Go to their website at fbi.gov for more information.

Writing APA style papers for Criminal Justice courses

In criminal justice programs around the area, more and more professors are requiring their students to submit research papers using the APA format. APA stands for “American Psychological Association” and is the preferred method of writing research papers in the social sciences.

For those students that are familiar with MLA, APA is very similar but with a few differences.

The Learning Center on campus has a writing lab available for students who need to brush up on their writing skills. Tutoring is available for grammar review, APA and MLA styles, organizing essays and brainstorming techniques.

If you need help or feedback on writing assignments, visit the Learning Center, located on the 1st floor of the Library building. Lab hours are Monday thru Thursday 10:00am to 7pm and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

The C.S.I. experience at the California Science Center

You’ve seen the award-winning television drama. Now it’s your turn to put your investigative skills to the test as a crime scene investigator. Created in cooperation with the hit CBS franchise, C.S.I: The Experience invites you to step into the world of cutting-edge forensic science and investigative techniques.

Guided by investigators from the television show and their real-life forensic science counterparts, you’ll formulate a hypothesis, validate your findings based on evidence, and solve the crime!

There are several different crime scenes where visitors learn how to look for clues and solve the crime.

The California Science Center is located in Exposition Park not far from USC. The exhibit is open from January 31, 2009 to April 26, 2009. For more information visit their website at: californiasciencecenter.org