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History

The Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ) was organized in March, 1977 (under the name of Western and Pacific Association of Criminal Justice Educators) as a result of a decision of its parent organization, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), to regionalize in order to better serve its members. The official name of the organization was changed at the 2008 annual meeting to increase the range of scholarship beyond educational goals. WACJ is the Region V affiliate of the ACJS. It draws members from the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, the Pacific Territories and Possessions, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

Goals and Services

The WACJ is working to promote communication and dissemination of information among members, other associations of educators, and agencies of the criminal justice system.

The WACJ’s aim is to develop standards of quality education and training in the administration of justice.

The WACJ encourages both limited and long term planning and research in the criminal justice system.
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2016 Program at a Glance

Wednesday, October 12, 2016

10:30am-3:30pm  Registration/Hospitality Desk

12:00pm-12:30pm  Opening Remarks: Outgoing/Incoming WACJ Presidents

ACJS President; Peregrine Academics

12:30pm-1:30pm  Event # 1: Drugs, Society, and Transnational

Issues in Criminal Justice

1:30pm-1:45pm  BREAK

1:45pm-2:45pm  Event # 2: Corrections and Criminal Justice

Reform

2:45pm-3:45pm  Event # 3: Roundtable: Facilitating Partnerships

Between Academic Departments and Community Agencies

3:45pm-4:00pm  BREAK

4:00pm-5:15pm  Event # 4: Contemporary Issues in Policing and

Law Enforcement

5:15pm-6:15pm  Event # 5: Set-up and Judging for Student Poster

Competition

6:30pm-8:00pm  Event # 6: President’s Reception and Student Poster

Competition

Thursday, October 13, 2016

8:00am-10:00am  Registration/Hospitality Desk & Sponsored Continental

Breakfast (Peregrine Academics)

9:00am-10:00am  Event # 7: Roundtable: Use of Force Analysis from

the Police Shooting of Alton Sterling
10:00am-10:45am  Event # 8: Roundtable: The Supreme Court and Criminal Justice: 2015-16 Term

10:45am-11:45am  Event # 9: General Business Meeting

12:00pm-1:30pm  Event # 10: WACJ Luncheon: Keynote Address by Emily J. Salisbury, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

1:30pm-3:00pm  Registration/Hospitality Desk

1:45pm-2:45pm  Event # 11: Roundtable: Publish or Perish: Navigating the World of Scholarship

2:45pm-3:45pm  Event # 12: Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice

3:45pm-4:45pm  Event # 13: Student Retention and Student Learning

5:00pm-6:30pm  Event # 14: WACJ Quiz Bowl Team Competition

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Friday, October 14, 2016

9:00am-10:00am  Event # 15: Roundtable: Violence on College Campuses: Best Practices

10:00am-11:00am  Event # 16: Workshop: Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes with Customizable Comprehensive Exam Solutions

11:00am-12:00pm  Event # 17: Roundtable: Creating & Maintaining Student Clubs: The Nevada State College Cannabis Awareness Network (C.A.N.) Club

12:00pm  Closing Remarks: Lane Gillespie, WACJ President
Wednesday, October 12

10:30am-3:30pm  Registration/Hospitality Desk  Lobby /Hallway

12:00pm - 12:30pm  OPENING REMARKS  Tuscany Room
Alison Burke, Outgoing WACJ President
Lane Gillespie, Incoming WACJ President
Lorenzo Boyd, ACJS President
Christina Perry, Peregrine Academics

12:30pm-1:30pm  Event #1  Tuscany Room
PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Drugs, Society, and Transnational Issues in Criminal Justice
Chair: Marilyn J. Jones, California State University, Sacramento

Meth is Like Water on the Mountain: General Strain Theory, Inmate Re-entry, and Substance Abuse
Dana Rasch, Americorps Vista

A needs-assessment was completed in a rural Appalachian jail in order to develop a comprehensive re-entry program that would serve the needs of inmates and reduce recidivism. In-depth interviews were completed with forty-eight incarcerated individuals. Correctional staff, jail administration, and local elected officials were also interviewed. Overall, the data indicated that drug and/or alcohol abuse was the primary reason for incarceration as 95.8% of participants described lengthy histories of substance abuse. Based on the findings, which included extensive exposure to crime-conducive strain, General Strain Theory (GST) was employed to understand the results and provide recommendations for an effective re-entry program.

Nations’ Socio-Economic Development and Human Rights Violations: Do State-Sponsored Social Controls Signify Internal Political Struggles?
Tereza Trefjbalova, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Terance Miethe, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

The international community has increasingly recognized and responded to human rights violations within and across state borders. However, some nations still employ repressive measures against its citizens, violating global standards protecting their human rights. Given this wider international context, the current study explores the relationship between nation’s social, economic, and political conditions and their use of capital punishment and other type of state-sponsored social control mechanisms that violate these evolving global standards on human rights. Based on an analysis of 200 world nations, significant relationships were observed between a nation’s death penalty status and several social, economic, and political conditions (e.g., ratings of government’s legitimacy, regime type). The results of this study are then
discussed in terms of their limitations and implications for future research.

SDG 16: The UN Post-2015 Development Agenda for Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions by 2030  

*Marilyn J. Jones, California State University, Sacramento*

In preparation of its post 2015 agenda, the United Nations (UN) transitioned to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which established targets to be achieved by 2030. The 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice explored the importance of integrating the rule of law and criminal justice within the (SDGs). SDG 16 seeks to promote peace, justice and strong institutions and to enhance access to justice and legal aid. By so doing, SDG 16 integrates crime prevention and criminal justice in the Post 2015 United Nations agenda. Several international reports have identified the impact of violence on national development. Impact of violence on the Caribbean region, has been significant. This presentation draws on a 2016 Baseline Study of Crime and Violence in Jamaica to explore the crime prevention arena against which Jamaica’s progress towards SDG16 can be assessed.

1:30pm-1:45pm    BREAK

1:45pm - 2:45pm    EVENT # 2    Tuscany Room
PAPER PRESENTATIONS:  Corrections and Criminal Justice Reform

*Chair: Dave Carter, Southern Oregon University*

**The Risk Factors that Predict Felony Revocation**  
*Amy Ng, Columbus State Community College*

This paper will address the limitations of the previous validation study of the Ohio Risk Assessment System Community Supervision Tool (2010), which includes the extend follow up time to fulfill the survival principle developed by (Eisenberg, Fabelo & Bryl, 2009), and the ability to predict revocation of specific offender types (violent, chemical dependent/mental health/dual diagnosis). The quantitative, correlational design will provide an analysis of which prediction variables within the tool had statistical significance, and what can be improved upon.

**Using Data to Reform Jail Pretrial Release Decisions**  
*David Carter, Southern Oregon University*

Jail capacity management (overcrowding) is an important issue for many counties in Oregon. The number of forced releases continues to grow annually. However, pretrial release is a complex issue, incorporating concepts of offender-risk, FTAs, and physical space allocation. Therefore, optimizing pretrial release is an important issue for many jails. One way to help this
complex decision process is with the use of an evidence-based actuarial pretrial screening release instrument, or pretrial risk assessment instrument [PRAI]. Using data collected from a PRAI may help to address these complex issues. Data from the norming process of a PRAI for a county in Oregon are discussed.

Navigating Macro- and Micro-Levels in Search of Criminal Justice Reform: A Discussion
Ronald Helms, Western Washington University
Ricky Gutierrez California State University, Sacramento

Rahm Emanuel spoke clearly on the matter of change, saying "You never let a serious crisis go to waste. And what I mean by that is an opportunity to do things you think you could not do before." Emergent developments globally and domestically both suggest that drivers of institutional change will likely be shaped by antagonist forces as well as idealist impulses. As corruption of the economy, global finance, and politics reaches new heights those with ambition to catalyze reforms in the field of criminal justice must work to channel the forces of structural contradiction and economic contraction to their advantage.

Thinking pragmatically, it is a surprisingly optimistic time to advocate for change. This paper draws on several basic principles and the opportunities they afford for meaningful redirection in criminal justice as the effects of globalization mount and as national anxieties grow.

2:45pm-3:45pm EVENT #3 Tuscany Room
ROUNDTABLE: Facilitating Partnerships between Academic Departments and Community Agencies
Moderator: Lisa Bostaph, Boise State University
Discussants: Lane Gillespie, Boise State University
Cody Jorgenson, Boise State University
Marc Ruffinengo, Boise State University
Marianne Hudson, Boise State University

A focused discussion of what academic departments can do to cultivate, maintain, and possibly repair relationships with community agencies for both research and problem-solving purposes. Additionally, what academic departments can do to make sure that the needs of both the agency and the department are served will be explored.

3:45pm-4:00pm BREAK

4:00pm-5:15pm EVENT #4 Tuscany Room
PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Contemporary Issues in Policing and Law Enforcement
Chair: Karen Clark, Auburn University, Montgomery
Making and Breaking Careers: Reviewing Law Enforcement Hiring Requirements and Disqualifiers.

McKenzie Wood, College of Western Idaho

With an increasing number of students entering criminal justice programs across the country, the majority of students are looking to pursue a career in law enforcement (Finkenhaur, 2005; Tartaro & Krimmel, 2003). While many students graduate college equipped for the law enforcement job market, some are unprepared for the scrutiny and depth the law enforcement hiring process requires. Using content analysis, this article reviews local and federal law enforcement agency websites and investigates specific job requirements, as well as noted disqualifiers, for both local and federal law enforcement positions. Furthermore, this article offers suggestions to criminal justice educators for assisting students in being prepared for realistic employment opportunities in the criminal justice field upon graduation.

Racism in American Policing? Or, Building a Race War? A Discussion

Jake Gobielle, Western Washington University

Misinterpretation of data on police-citizen contacts often result in claims that police are “racist”. This conclusion is further confounded due to issues concerning the logic of police management and the geography of crime. This paper challenges simplistic conclusions of racism by detailing the logic of policing calls for service in minority jurisdictions. Police as a scarce resource are often deployed intentionally to best serve those areas with the greatest demand for social control services. Minorities, as disproportionate consumers of police services, are also the focus of enhanced police surveillance. These and related claims concerning the backdrop of unequal social organization form the basis for a discussion of the complex reality of racism in contemporary US policing.

Community Factors and Trust in Police in the US, China, and Korea

Hyon Namgung, Metropolitan State Denver

Policing studies have looked into the effect of neighborhood contexts on trust in police and we now know that communities with higher level of social capital, social ties, or collective efficacy are more likely to have positive attitude towards the police. However, it needs to be remembered that neighborhood dynamics may not operate in the same manner in different countries. In fact, perceptions of police can depend on numerous historical and organizational factors as well. That is, findings on trust in police in some Western countries may not be applicable in some other settings. Thus, more research in different culture and societies with different history and policing system is required to fill the gap in the understanding of trust in police. In this context, this research examines the effect of community factors on trust in policing in three different countries (i.e., the US, China, and South Korea).
Use of Private Security to Police Native American Protests

Karen Clark, Auburn University, Montgomery

Large-scale construction of extraction projects near or on American Indian lands has led to legal filings, collective protest and political conflicts. Private security forces employed by the extraction companies have taken on the role of policing property instigating violence and disruption. This paper explores the role of private police forces employed against Native American collectives and their access to lawful protests, civil rights and treaty rights. The jurisdictional issues of policing Native Americans confounds normative law enforcement practices allowing private companies to assert a leading but legally ambiguous role.

EVENT # 6
President’s Reception & Student Poster Competition

6:30-8:00 pm, Siena Room

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Understanding Law Enforcement Officer Perspective in the Development of Policy and Practice Associated with the Body-Worn Camera: A Qualitative Study
Katy Cathcart, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Police officer use of the body-worn camera is a contemporary topic that has received substantial attention in recent years. Research associated with the implementation of the body-worn camera by law enforcement agencies has focused primarily on follow-up analysis of its use subsequent to agency implementation or during controlled trials. This paper contributes to the body of literature through consideration of the use of the body-worn camera prior to agency implementation and during ongoing agency use. Samples were drawn from law enforcement agencies located in southern Colorado, the Pueblo Police Department (PPD) and the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD), which provide a unique opportunity for data collection prior to implementation (CSPD) and after (PPD). The study employs qualitative methods drawing from the communicated perspective of officers and agency supervisors, as well as through review of relevant departmental records and policy. The research further considers law enforcement efforts to develop organizational policy on the use of the body-worn camera through the lens of the Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) framework. The IAD framework helps with perception of complex social phenomenon through consideration of smaller, practical functions. This study provides an essential viewpoint for future policy development and implementation of policing technology.

Examining Racial Disparity among Women Offenders: The Effects of Sentencing Reforms on Black, Latina, and White Female Imprisonment
Breanna Boppre, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Mark G. Harmon, Portland State University

Female imprisonment in the United States increased substantially over the past forty years, with women of Color representing a disproportionate amount of the prison population. Scholars contend that the increase is likely due to the policies and practices of the “Get Tough On Crime” movement. Among these policies and practices included various sentencing reforms implemented at the state and federal levels. The current study measured the macro-level impact of six main state-level sentencing reforms on racial disparities in female imprisonment through panel regression modeling on 40 states from 1978 to 2008. The model assessed changes in the odds of Black and Latina to White female imprisonment through a Relative Rate Index (RRI). We found that certain reforms significantly increased the odds of imprisonment for Black women while some significantly decreased their odds of imprisonment. However, we found that no reforms significantly increased the odds of Latina imprisonment whereas certain combinations decreased their odds of imprisonment.
The Influence of Rape Myth Acceptance on Self-Reported Perceptions of Prostitution and Human Trafficking Among College Students

Eva Fontaine, Boise State University

Though the scale of prostitution and human trafficking is immense, scant empirical research has been conducted concerning attitudes and perceptions. Quantifying the extent of stigma that applies to both those forced and those who choose to be a sex worker is imperative in identifying victims and creating a safe environment for victims to recover from the trauma they have endured. As perceptions of who qualifies as a rape victim may influence attitudes on whether all sex workers are victims, the hypothesis is as follows: The less an individual subscribes to rape myths, the more likely they are to view sex workers as victims rather than offenders.

Measurement of Implicit Bias in Students Pursuing a Law Enforcement Career

Teresa McCook, Clackamas Community College
Chelsea Vincenzi, Clackamas Community College

Recent United States media coverage has suggested that law enforcement decision-making can be based upon skin color, leading the researchers to question if there exists a higher level of race-related bias in individuals who choose to pursue careers in law enforcement. Using Harvard University’s Project Implicit Association Test, the researchers measured race preferences within a diverse group of respondents. Research is ongoing, but initial results were inconclusive, suggesting that while there are differences in race preference based on the race of an individual, there is not a higher level of race-related bias in individuals who are pursuing law enforcement careers.

Partisan Politics and Post Incarceration Civil Penalties

Tristan DeRochefurt, Western Washington University

This paper focuses on contrasting Conservative and Liberal Ideologies and links these to expectations about patterns of post-incarceration civil sanctions regimes across US states. Conservatives tend to favor individual choice and free market decision making while also emphasizing a consequentialist philosophy regarding rewards and punishments. Liberals take an interventionist approach in many aspects of markets and social policy, favoring a strong regulatory environment and individual level controls to engineer favorable decision outcomes. These contrasting images are useful in deriving a hypothesis that partisan politics will predict variation in post incarceration civil sanctions across the states. The empirical results document a strong inverse association between conservative partisan politics and the level of sanctions across these post incarceration regulatory regimes. These post incarceration results contrast with partisan patterns observed in the sentencing literature and present direct challenges to conventional expectations. The utility of theory is discussed along with policy implications derived from the empirical patterns in this research.
Decriminalization: Harm or Help?

Hena Mustafa, Southern Oregon University

This research takes a qualitative look at six different sex workers working under the legal parameters of Germany’s recently decriminalized prostitution laws. The poster uses the qualitative interviews conducted in Berlin, as well as literature reviews to explore the legality of sex work in Germany. It lays out the advantages and disadvantages, discusses its link to child and human trafficking, and delves into the societal effects of prostitution under a conceptual framework. The conclusion suggests though the intent of decriminalizing was to create a safer work environment for sex workers, it resulted in more harm than help.

Perceptions of Polygraphs by Potential Jurors

Jacob Schiess, Boise State University

In the age of social media and information access, transparency is becoming increasingly necessary. It behooves the justice system to be structured in such a way that proceeding through it does not serve to harden opinions of unfairness. Due to the continual existence and use of the justice system, it is important that each component is understood in its own right. Factors that influence decision-making need to be identified and studied, and if judged improper, should be eliminated. This poster will focus on analyzing potential jurors’ perceptions of polygraphs: quality of evidence, strength, and its utility in a legal context.

Residential Stability and Trust in the Police

Christoffer Binning, Weber State University
Heeuk D. Lee, Weber State University
Moonki Hong, Florida State University

Studies have shown that the homeowners of a neighborhood may be a crucial source of stability and social cohesion in a community where they reside. Using community survey data collected from over 400 citizens in a city in one of mountain states, this study explores the importance of residential mobility, public perception and experience with police in predicting trust in the police. The results from the analysis found statistically significant predictor variables in support of the existing literature in regards to public trust in the police. There was a significant relationship between the residential stability and trust in the police. Limitations and future studies are discussed.

Dynamics of Police Killings of Civilians: A Content Analysis of YouTube Videos

Leo Sparenberg, Western Washington University

Use of lethal force is perhaps the most controversial dimension of police discretionary decision making but to date little is known about the nature of the police-citizen encounters producing
these outcomes. Police represent the leading edge of state authority and police-citizen contacts are a key visible feature in state social control. The literature emphasizes warrior v. guardian images but fails to account for the moment by moment sequence of actions and communications that make up these tragic events. This paper seeks to understand the dynamic nature of these events by assessing a series of citizen and police dash-cam videos to dissect patterns that make up these tragic incidents. Content analysis of the videos uncovers the sequence of actions that are most typical and also those that appear exceptional. These insights are assessed using literature linking structural (objective) and psychological (subjective) influences on police behaviors. Together, these provide insight into potential remedies to reduce the risk of deadly violence in police-citizen encounters.

The Role of Social Context in the Scale of Mass Shootings

*Anthony Hoskin, Idaho State University
JoeLene Kuntz, Idaho State University*

Data on 2014-2016 mass shootings in the United States are examined in order to estimate the relationship between social setting and the scale of violence, calculated from the total number of injuries and deaths. Results, theoretical implications, and avenues for future research are discussed.

Justice Reinvestment: Changing the Future of Corrections

*Cassidy Wilson, Southern Oregon University*

The cost of correctional facilities has skyrocketed in the last thirty years. In 1988, correctional facilities cost taxpayers 12 billion dollars and in 2012, the number reached over 53 billion dollars. This is a remarkable amount of money to spend on an institution that has not been proving its ability to fulfill what is was intended for (mainly the safety of society by means of rehabilitation of offenders). There is a 40% chance that an offender will return to prison within the next three years. (O’Brien, 2013). Justice Reinvestment is a movement that is trying to change those statistics. The research will discuss how Justice Reinvestment synthesizes criminal justice data to help policy makers understand what is driving crime, recidivism, and prison populations.

Exploring Blood Analysis

*Sarah Carino, Southern Oregon University*

Blood spatter analysis is an important component when it comes to solving crimes. Blood spatter analysis allows analysts to eliminate groups of peoples as suspects. Very few people are capable of performing this job due its specificity and how time consuming it may be. One problem found with the process of blood spatter analysis is how slow it is to get a result; this often takes weeks. Another problem with blood spatter analysis is sometimes forensic experts are only given a
limited amount of blood and picking out the right text is a very crucial step since they most likely are not given a second chance. This research explores what blood spatter analysis is and examines different cases in which it helped exonerate innocent suspects and ultimately incarcerate guilty murderers. Blood spatter analysis is a huge contribution in the field of criminal justice.
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Thursday, October 13

8:00am-10:00am  Registration/Hospitality Desk  Lobby/Hallway

8:00am-10:00am  Continental Breakfast  Tuscany Room
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9:00am - 10:00am  EVENT # 7  Tuscany Room
ROUNDTABLE: Use of Force Analysis from the Police shooting of Alton Sterling
Moderator: Harrison Watts, Our Lady of the Lake University
Discussants: Ryan Getty, California State University, Sacramento
Lance Hignite, Nevada State College
Ricky Gutierrez, California State University, Sacramento

The panel with discuss police use of force as it was applied in the Alton Sterling Shooting. The discussion will include police training, de-escalation, use of force continuum, intermediate use of force and deadly force. The analysis of this case by lay persons utilizing social media will be examined.

10:00am-10:45am  EVENT # 8  Tuscany Room
ROUNDTABLE: The Supreme Court and Criminal Justice Reform 2015-2016 Term
Moderator: Mark Denniston, Weber State University
Discussants: Mark Denniston, Weber State University
David Lynch, Weber State University

Panelists will discuss the decisions handed down during the 2015-16 term by the U.S. Supreme Court and the implications for criminal justice policies and practices.

10:45am - 11:45am  EVENT # 9  Tuscany Room
BUSINESS MEETING
Future Directions by Executive Board, WACJ
Financial Report by Andrew Giacomazzi, Secretary/Treasurer
Website Status by Marianne Hudson, Web Developer
Introduction of new officers
Reformulating Risk, Need, and Responsibility for Justice Involved Women

Guest Speaker: Emily J. Salisbury, PhD
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Emily J. Salisbury is an associate professor of criminal justice at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. She also serves as editor-in-chief of Criminal Justice and Behavior, the official academic research journal of the International Association for Correctional and Forensic Psychology. Criminal Justice and Behavior is the leading publication source for research on evidence-based practices in correctional settings. She is also co-author of the book, Correctional Counseling and Rehabilitation with Patricia Van Voorhis, currently in its 9th edition.

Salisbury’s primary research interests include correctional assessment and treatment intervention strategies, with a particular focus on female offenders and gender-responsive policy. She was the project director of two research sites that developed and validated the Women’s Risk/Needs Assessment instruments, which is a series of correctional assessments specifically designed to treat the needs of justice-involved women. Her research publications have appeared in several top academic journals, as well as practitioner-oriented newsletters and book chapters.

Salisbury has consulted with several local, state, and federal correctional agencies on implementing gender-responsive strategies, including Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Missouri, Indiana, Maui, and the Navy Consolidated Brig at Miramar. In 2010, she successfully implemented an identification and diversion protocol for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation in Clark County, Washington Juvenile Detention, which has been implemented with several additional agencies.

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1:30pm-3:00pm  Registration/Hospitality Desk  Lobby/Hallway

1:45pm-2:45pm  EVENT # 11  Tuscany Room
ROUNDTABLE: Publish or Perish: Navigating the World of Scholarship
   Moderator: Andrew Giacoma, Boise State University
   Discussants: Marilyn McShane
               Ken Peak, University of Nevada, Reno
               Trey Williams, California State University, San Bernardino

The purpose of this roundtable is to provide attendees with a guide for navigating the often daunting and complex world of criminal justice research, scholarship, and publishing. Practical information will be provided concerning how to successfully publish books, textbooks, peer-reviewed journal articles, invited book chapters, and technical reports.

2:45pm – 3:45pm  EVENT # 12  Tuscany Room
PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
   Chair: Larry Karson, University of Houston Downtown

Carpet Salesmen and Plea Bargains: A Preliminary Inquiry into the Power of the Prosecutor in Texas “Constitutional” County Courts
   Larry Karson, University of Houston Downtown

Under Texas law a judicial court in each county is granted original jurisdiction for misdemeanors punishable by a jail sentence not exceeding one year as well as appellate jurisdiction over local justice and municipal court decisions. Yet the requirement for sitting on the county court bench is simply being elected as the chief administer of the county government. Few have a legal education and that lack of legal training, found in various Western and rural courts, has the potential to allow a prosecutor to dominate court proceedings. This preliminary inquiry looks at these “constitutional” courts.

A View from the Bench: Stalking Protective Orders
   Lore Rutz-Burri, Southern Oregon University

When a petitioner applies for a stalking protective order in Oregon and the basis for the requested SPO is unwanted contact involving speech, the petitioner is required to prove that the speech involved unequivocal threats of death or serious physical injury. The case of State v. Rangle allowed the stalking protective order statute to survive a freedom of expression challenge under the Oregon Constitution, but has resulted in the denial of stalking protective orders for behavior that is both worrisome and threatening. This presentation examines Oregon's Stalking Protective Order statute and case law interpreting it. The presentation will evaluate several cases that highlight the strain between appellate interpretation and trial court realities, and will discuss
the compromise and inherent difficulties in applying a narrowing construction to a statute to render it constitutional.

**Thou Shalt Legislate: The Controversy over the United States Government’s Control of its Cyberspace**

*Emanuel G. Boussios, Hofstra University*

This research oscillates around a critical issue in the United States, that is, in the name of anti-terrorism the state utilizes sophisticated surveillance machinery to protect its citizens while at the same time promising to protect their civil liberties. The most salient case is that of Edward Snowden revealing the U.S. government’s abuses of this surveillance machinery. This research will discuss the demands of cyber-intelligence reforms put forth by Edward Snowden and whether these demands are in fact practical in modern, high-technology societies such as the U.S.

3:45pm-4:45pm EVENT #13 Tuscany Room

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Student Retention and Student Learning**

*Chair: Alison Burke, Southern Oregon University*

**Cultural Diversity: Classroom to Community**

*Damian Torres, The University of Phoenix*

The University of Phoenix is constantly seeking a diverse student body to fill vacancies in our criminal justice programs and eventually join our law enforcement community. We hope to ensure we have a diverse, well-educated police force, to serve our growingly diverse communities. The U.O.P. roundtable discussion on best practices in the classroom to help practitioners develop the skills needed to be more effective. We will discuss issues associated with recruiting minority students into the criminal justice program at U.O.P. and how successful our students are upon leaving the program and entering the workforce.

**Student Learning, Interaction and Engagement: Tips and Tricks**

*Alison Burke, Southern Oregon University*

Community based learning, collaborative learning, and “flipped” or inverted classrooms are designed to increase knowledge building and critical thinking skills. It is believed that these pedagogical approaches promote student engagement and a deeper understanding of the class material. This presentation will discuss the pros and cons of these methods while suggesting other methods for enhancing course delivery.
Special Presentation: WACJ Faculty Innovative Teaching Award Winner
Corrections Course- Prison Design Assignment
   Katy Cathcart, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

In an effort to present an opportunity in which the students can apply the information learned within an undergraduate corrections course, an assignment is incorporated in which the students are required, as a group, to design a prison environment which reflects recognition of some of the most critical elements of corrections. The assignment involves advanced consideration and application of specific correctional elements presented during the course, including facility security/classification, offender population (gender, special needs, etc.), physical plant (facility layout), daily operations (Security/Housing), and offender programs. Through ongoing group discussion and interaction, the students are afforded the opportunity to advance their learning through continuous application of their ideas to the assignment. The students gain valuable insight into the importance of multi-disciplinary teams, while simultaneously gaining insight into the complexity of prison operations. At the end of the semester, the student groups are afforded the opportunity to present their prison designs to the class. This final element of the assignment allows for a final element of interaction among the different groups, as well as exposure to numerous translations of prison design.

5:00pm-6:30pm   EVENT # 14      Tuscany Room
WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE QUIZ BOWL
   Moderator: Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University

Form a team of three or four! Compete to see if your team will be crowned the 2016 WACJ Quiz Bowl Champs! A prize will be awarded for the winning team. Registration forms for Quiz Bowl available at the WACJ Registration Table!
Friday, October 14

9:00am-10:00am  EVENT # 15  Tuscany Room
ROUNDTABLE: Violence on College Campus: Best Practices
Moderator: David Levine, New Mexico State University Dona Ana Community College
Discussants: David Levine, New Mexico State University Dona Ana Community College
Henry DiMatteo, New Mexico State University Dona Ana Community College

This roundtable addresses the topic of serious violence potential in the college environment. Attendees will learn the scope of potential problems and what faculty/administrators can do about student assessment for prevention and response to incidents of serious violence. This presentation should be very enlightening with this topic being very contemporary and important to all present at the conference. It has been well received at other conferences throughout the United States.

10:00am-11:00am  EVENT # 16  Tuscany Room
WORKSHOP: Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes with Customizable Comprehensive Exam Solutions
Christina Perry, Peregrine Academics
Stephanie Mizrahi, California State University, Sacramento
Ryan Getty, California State University, Sacramento

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As states begin to legalize medical marijuana and consider the legalization of recreational marijuana, students are expressing interest in creating clubs devoted to cannabis culture and awareness. This panel will briefly discuss the creation of student clubs in general, but will primarily focus on social and legal issues related to the creation of the NSC Scorpion C.A.N. Club. The panel will be led by two faculty club advisers and will include discussions by the Dean of Students, the General Counsel of the College and the former president of the first marijuana related student organization at Nevada State College.

12:00pm CLOSING REMARKS Tuscany Room

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