Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
2006 Annual Meeting Program

Theme: “Learn From the Past: Looking to the Future in Criminal Justice Education”

The Fort Worth Stockyards
Fort Worth, TX • September 28th – 30th
WELCOME TO FORT WORTH!

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Fort Worth, it is my pleasure to welcome the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice Annual Meeting on September 28, 2006 at the AmeriSuites Stockyards Hotel. It is our hope that you enjoy the unique mix of cowboys and culture found only in the city “Where the West Begins.”

Fort Worth is the 19th largest city in America. In 2004, our city received the prestigious designation of a Most Livable City, an honor we hold for 10 years. These distinctions are based on criteria ranging from revitalization to attractions. Fort Worth is home to a wide variety of sports, arts facilities and businesses – including the Texas Motor Speedway, the world-renowned Bass Hall and a $43-million, 230,000-square-foot Cabela’s. We have exciting plans on the drawing board, such as the Trinity Uptown river project that will stretch from downtown to the northside – showcasing world-class restaurants, outstanding hotels, plenty of festivities, and prestigious office buildings like Pier 1 and RadioShack.

While you’re in Fort Worth, we hope you get a chance to visit:

- Our downtown area … a nationally noted model of successful urban renaissance filled with restaurants, museums, art galleries, theaters and an abundance of retail shopping. The Sundance Square area of downtown is a “must-see” for everyone visiting the city.
- The Cultural District … recognized as the “museum capital of the Southwest,” is home to world-class museums. We are proud to be home to the Texas Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and we have an outstanding Equestrian Center, one of the country’s top-ranked zoos, and a multitude of beautiful parks and gardens.
- Northside’s historic Stockyards area … a delightful journey into the city’s western heritage. You are sure to enjoy the area’s many shops and restaurants while finding a real-life cowboy or two outfitted with horses and even the cattle drive of the Fort Worth Herd of longhorns!

One of our most valuable assets is our people. Visitors often cite the “Fort Worth Friendly” spirit of our citizens and businesses as the top reason they plan a return visit.

We are pleased you chose Fort Worth for your annual meeting and hope you enjoy your time in Cowtown.

Sincerely,

Mike Moncrief
Mayor

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On behalf of the SWACJ officers, I'd like to welcome you to Fort Worth and the 2006 SWACJ annual meeting. We have an exciting program lined up and I'm sure you'll enjoy yourself in Cowtown. The Undergraduate Bowl kicks things off Thursday afternoon, followed by the Past President's Reception in the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame from 6:00-8:30 PM. Feel free to visit, free of charge, the Hall of Fame during the reception. Performer Amanda Graves (www.amandagraves.com), whose CD Nobody's Fool will soon be released, will provide entertainment.

Presentations begin Friday morning at 8:30 AM and continue through Saturday morning. We have four panels during each of the allotted time slots, providing you plenty of options to hear about a variety of issues and exchange ideas on numerous topics. While it is expected that all panels will be enlightening, I do wish to direct your attention to the roundtable discussion with a title that also serves as the theme for this year's meeting: "Learn From The Past: Looking To The Future In Criminal Justice Education." The roundtable, which takes place at 1:00 on Friday, consists of respected individuals well-suited to comment on the past, present, and future of criminal justice education.

Be sure to update your membership as we will vote on the proposed Constitutional amendments at Friday's General Business Meeting. Hopefully, you've perused the proposed Constitutional amendments. If not, copies are available at the Registration desk and on the SWACJ Website (www.swacj.org). Depending on the number of candidates, we may also vote with regard to the two available SWACJ officer slots.

You'll find there's much to do in Fort Worth. For instance, the Fort Worth Stockyards has something for everyone, while Downtown Fort Worth (aka Sundance Square) and the Cultural District offer even more options. Please see the Dining and Entertainment Guide provided in this program for an extensive list of restaurants and entertainment ideas.

We will have a fund set up at the Registration table for Tory Caeti's children. As many of you know, Tory, a former SWACJ officer and good friend to many, passed last month. Attendees can purchase tickets for a series of prizes, or simply donate to the cause. All proceeds will go to the family fund. Also, consider stopping by the Thomas Kinkade Gallery while in Sundance Square to register for your chance to win one of several prizes they've generously donated (see the postcard in your registration packet for details). Winners for both drawings will be announced in the Stampede Room during the break on Saturday morning. No need to be present to win.

I'd like to thank you all for your patience in March as we were forced to relocate the meeting. The unexpected closing of our original meeting hotel was actually a blessing in disguise as our current, non-traditional arrangement seems preferable. Finally, I'd like to extend appreciation to the many sponsors of this year's meeting and all who have contributed, particularly Pam Spelce. Your generosity undoubtedly contributes to the success of SWACJ.

Here's to an enjoyable, productive meeting....

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2006 SWACJ Annual Meeting
Fort Worth Stockyards

E. Exchange Avenue

North Main St. (take south to Downtown FW)

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Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 28

3:00p – 6:00p  
Registration  
AmeriSuites Meeting Room

4:00p – 5:30p  
Undergraduate Quiz Bowl  
AmeriSuites Meeting Room

6:00p – 8:30p  
Past President’s Reception  
Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame  
Performance by Amanda Graves (www.amandagraves.com)

Friday, September 29

7:00a – 8:00a  
Continental Breakfast  
AmeriSuites Meeting Room

8:00a – 5:00p  
Registration  
AmeriSuites Meeting Room

SWACJ WILL PROVIDE OVERHEAD PROJECTORS ONLY  
ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PROCURED BY PRESENTERS

8:30a – 9:50a  Panel #1  “Institutional Corrections”  Stockman’s Club

Chair/Discussant: Georgen Guerrero, Stephen F. Austin State University

The Impact Of Solitary Confinement On Its Prisoners: A Review Of The Literature, Legal Cases And  
Future Policy Implications
Virginia Kilby Erwin-Raptopulos, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Communicable Diseases In Correctional Facilities  
Tusty Zohra, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Geriatric Inmates: A Growing Concern In The Criminal Justice System  
Karly Watson, Texas State University

A Preliminary Examination Of Job Satisfaction Among Texas Wardens  
Alicia Deal, Sam Houston State University

Deaths In Custody In Texas, 2002-2004  
Laura Barrett, Sam Houston State University

8:30a – 9:50a  Panel #2  “Issues In Law Enforcement”  Stampede Room A

Chair/Discussant: Jeffrey Bumgarner, Texas Christian University

Determinants Of Organizational Commitment For The Korean Law Enforcement Officers  
Hyunseok Jang, Sam Houston State University  
Chang-Han Lee, University of Ulsan, Republic of Korea  
Chang-Yun Kim, Youngsan University, Republic of Korea

Role Identity And Role Development Among Law Enforcement Officers  
A. Steven Dietz, Texas State University
### Perceptions And Attitudes Of University Students Toward The Police

**Won-Jae Lee**, Angelo State University  
**Randolph D. Hicks**, Angelo State University

**Policing The "Third Wave"**

**George Eichenberg**, Tarleton State University

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**The Evolution Of A Right: Texas CHL Law, From Whence It Came And Where It Is Headed**

**James Phelps**, Sam Houston State University

**The Americans With Disabilities Act And How It Affects Prisons**

**Jennifer Hutchinson Smith**, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**Un-Convicted Jail Inmates And Their Right To Vote**

**Monica Jones**, Wiley College  
**Tracy Andrus Jr.**, Wiley College  
**Latoya Hampton**, Wiley College  
**Alphonzo Spurlock**, Wiley College

**Behind Texas' Paternity Laws**

**Jodie Scott**, Prairie View A&M University

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**Mayela Hernandez**, Texas A&M International University  
**Claudia Beltran**, Texas A&M International University  
**Humberto Salinas**, Texas A&M International University  
**Gabriela Chapa**, Texas A&M International University  
**Amalia Rios**, Texas A&M International University

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**Are Terrorism And Homeland Security Courses Really Necessary For Degrees In Criminal Justice And If So, What Must Be Considered When Developing This New Curriculum?**

Moderator: **J. Eric Coleman**, Hardin-Simmons University

**Lorie Rubenzer**, Sul Ross State University  
**Steve Mardock**, Palo Alto College  
**Quint Thurman**, Texas State University  
**Willard Oliver**, Sam Houston State University

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Elizabeth M. Green, Oklahoma City University

The Contribution Of Criminal Profiling To Professional Law Enforcement  
Jeffrey Bumgarner, Texas Christian University

Analyzing Crime From An Integrated Social Science Perspective  
Shari Julian, University of Texas at Arlington

Broken Windows: “No One Cares, Or Do They?”  
Ferris R. Byxbe, Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College

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MAUPing Up Crime: An Investigation Of The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem In Criminological Data
Janis L. Schubert, University of Texas at Dallas

Contagious Sentences? An Analysis Of The Spatial Patterning Of Federal Sentencing Practices
Karen Hayslett-McCall, University of Texas at Dallas
Cliff Lightfoot, University of Texas at Dallas

A Framework For Understanding Organization(s): Lessons For Management In Criminal Justice
A. Steven Dietz, Texas State University
Keith O. Owens, Somerset Consulting Group

Minutemen: One Man’s Vigilante Is Another Man’s Nativist
John Marks, Jr., Sam Houston State University
Wes Johnson, Sam Houston State University

1:00p – 2:20p  Panel #11  “Minority Issues and Hate Crimes”  Stampede Room B

Chair/Discussant: Vincent J. Webb, Sam Houston State University

Dual Punishment: How The War On Drugs Created A Public Health Crisis In The African American Community
Artemesia Stanberry, Prairie View A&M University

Racism: A Social Construct
Tarrence E. Rawls, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Hate Crime In America
Allison Bailey, Texas Christian University

Hate Crimes And Service Learning: Monitoring Extremism And Hate On The Internet
Julie Cowgill, Oklahoma City University

1:00p – 2:00p  Panel #12  “Police Issues”  AmeriSuites Meeting Room

Chair/Discussant: James Blair, Texas Youth Commission

Distance Learning And Law Enforcement Training: Exploring Alternatives
Steve Springer, Texas State University
A. Steven Dietz, Texas State University

Rural West Texas Law Enforcement: A Study Of Perspectives Between Community And Law Enforcement Leaders
Won-Jae Lee, Angelo State University
Steve Reames, Angelo State University

Where’s The Calvary Following The Natural Disaster?
David Perkins, Texas State University

Determining Optimal Police Patrol And Administrative Areas With Maximal Covering And Backup Covering Location Models
Kevin M. Curtin, University of Texas at Dallas

2:20p – 2:30p  Break/ Snack
2:30p – 3:50p  Panel #13  “Crime Issues”  Stockman’s Club

Chair/Discussant: Gerald Piechocki, Tarleton State University – Central Texas

Mass Victimization And Terrorism
Shari Julian, University of Texas at Arlington

House Of Flying Daggers: A Typological Analysis Of State Terrorism
Hua-Lun Huang, University of Louisiana – Lafayette

Offences And Offenders In Texarkana, Arkansas In The Years 2001 & 2003
Lonnie Booker, Texarkana (AR) Police Department
Godpower O. Okereke, Texas A&M University – Texarkana

A Geospatial Investigation Of The Relationship Between Part I And II Crime Rates And The Distribution Of Same-Sex Households
Karen L. Hayslett-McCall, University of Texas at Dallas
Melinda Kane, University of Texas at Dallas

The Victim Satisfaction Model Of The Criminal Justice System Or Another Way Of Looking At The Kobe Bryant Case
John W. Stickels, University of Texas at Arlington

2:30p – 3:50p  Panel #14  “Community Corrections”  Stampede Room A

Chair/Discussant: Marilyn McShane, University of Houston – Downtown

Sitting Halfway Houses
John C. Kilburn Jr., Texas A&M International University

Assessment Of The Polygraph In The Monitoring Of Paroled Sex Offenders
J.P. Blair, University of Texas at San Antonio
Frank Horvath, Department of Defense Polygraph Institute
Thomas Combs, Michigan Department of Corrections

A Management Tool: Probationer Surveys
Philip W. Rhoades, Texas A&M University

A Qualitative Assessment Of Registered Female Sex Offenders: Judicial Processing Experiences And Perceived Effects Of A Public Registry
Donna M. Vandiver, Illinois State University
Robert Worley, University of Texas – Permian Basin

A Micro-Analysis Of Ex-Convict Rights To Seek Public Office In Eight Southern States
Latrinka Hicks, Wiley College
Sharnell Harris, Wiley College
Lawrence Flowers, Wiley College
Melvina Lucien, Wiley College
Jeremy McCray, Wiley College

2:30p – 3:50p  Panel #15  “CJ Education: Preparation For Graduation”  Stampede Room B

Chair/Discussant: Wes Johnson, Sam Houston State University
Criminal Justice Education And Vocationally Oriented Students: An Examination Of Agency College Degree Requirements.
Stephen W. Verrill, Southeastern Oklahoma State University

One More Time, The Dangers Of Teaching Criminal Justice Without Justice?
Sam Souryal, Sam Houston State University

Integrating the Arts And Process Into Criminal Justice Courses
Jody Horn, Oklahoma City University

The Future Of Criminal Justice Education: An Academic's Paradise And A Student's Hell Or "We Are Here For Your Educational Preparation In The Real World?"
M.L. Dantzer, University of Texas – Pan American

2:30p – 3:50p  Panel #16  "Regulating And Preventing Crime"  AmeriSuites Meeting Rm

Chair/Discussant: Clifford Tidwell, University of Texas at Arlington

Evaluating Gun-Violence Reduction Programs In North Texas: A Four-Year Study
O. Elmer Polk, University of Texas at Arlington
David A. Armstrong, McNeese State University

Addressing Check Fraud
Monique Bienemy, Prairie View A&M University
Anna Gonzalez, Prairie View A&M University
Jazmyn Norman, Prairie View A&M University

Law Enforcement Response To Burglar Alarms In Texas
Sean Blackwell, Texas Christian University
Ronald Burns, Texas Christian University

Target's Assets Protection And Law Enforcement Partnerships
Joe Gonzales, Target Corporation
Matthew Sabolchick, Target Corporation

Texas Department of Public Safety, Private Security Bureau Private Security Officer Commission Licensing Course: August 2005 through July 2006 Data Analysis
Sergio Olivares, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

4:00p – 5:20p  SWACJ Business Meeting  Stockman's Club

Welcome, Trustee's Report, Treasurer's Report, Site Selection, Constitution Amendments Vote, Officer Elections, Journal Update, Other Business

5:30p – 6:30p  State Meetings

Arkansas (Stockman's Club)
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Texas (Stampede Room B)
Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado (AmeriSuites Meeting Room)
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"Illicit Drugs: The Pros And Cons Of Legalization"

Moderator: Ferris R. Byxbe, Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College

Wesley Wynn, Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College
Lorie Rubenser, Sul Ross State University
William Stone, Texas State University
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Abstracts

Panel 1 – Institutional Corrections

The Impact Of Solitary Confinement On Its Prisoners: A Review Of The Literature, Legal Cases And Future Policy Implications
Victoria Kilby Erwin-Raptopoulos, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
This paper examines the physical, psychological, and mental influences solitary confinement has on inmates. It proposes that solitary confinement has potential economic and safety advantages; however, when abused, solitary confinement can have severe psychological and mental implications, including mental deterioration by inmates with prolonged exposure to isolation. Further, the legal evolution and cases that have shaped this correctional policy into a constitutional practice among penal systems are addressed. Future policy implications and a model super-max facility that has taken into consideration total isolation’s negative influence on psychological and mental health are discussed.

Communicable Diseases In Correctional Facilities
Tusay Zohra, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Many people want offenders to be put away and become invisible to the general population. What these individuals do not realize is that the majority of these offenders will resurface into the general population and bring their troubles and illness with them. Upon entering the prison system, offenders are exposed to many types of illness that could be eliminated if the proper testing and other precautions were maintained by all correctional systems. Although various illnesses are causes for concern, lately three primary diseases have generated severe distress in the prison settings: Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV), Tuberculosis (TB), and Hepatitis C (HCV). These three diseases have had the heaviest impact in correctional facilities and have raised many debates regarding how to control the situation. This presentation examines the types of diseases and the implications of having an infected inmate, and stipulates on possible resolutions of maintaining and controlling this problem.

Geriatric Inmates: A Growing Concern In The Criminal Justice System
Kerby Watson, Texas State University
This paper addresses the growing problem of the elderly in the prison system, with an emphasis on rising elderly prison populations, medical problems associated with old age, special needs, special programs, the costs associated with elderly inmates, housing the elderly inmate population and moral quandaries surrounding the issue of elderly inmates.

A Preliminary Examination Of Job Satisfaction Among Texas Wardens
Alicia Deal, Sam Houston State University
In the past, wardens exerted great control and power over their institutions, but their role within the penal system has become obfuscated in recent years. Public opinion, legislative scrutiny, and judicial intervention (e.g., Ruiz v. Estelle) have aided in the changing role of wardens. This study addresses Texas wardens’ perceptions of job satisfaction, specifically the role of managerial autonomy. Demographic characteristics yielded no significant relationship to job satisfaction. However, the analysis indicates a significant positive relationship between job satisfaction and managerial autonomy. Hence, the greater the perceived control over their units, the higher the level of reported job satisfaction.

Deaths In Custody In Texas, 2002-2004
Laura Barrett, Sam Houston State University
This paper addresses the significant findings of research conducted on deaths in custody in Texas from 2002 to 2004. The research was composed of secondary data analysis of the custodial death report available through the Attorney General’s Office. The findings include descriptive statistics of the demographics of the deceased, manner of death, and type of custody. Finally, policy implications and suggestions for future research are identified.

Panel 2 – Issues In Law Enforcement

Determinants Of Organizational Commitment For The Korean Law Enforcement Officers
Hyunsuok Jang, Sam Houston State University
Chang-Han Lee, University of Ulsan, Republic of Korea
Chang-Yun Kim, Yongsan University, Republic of Korea
This research examines the determinants of the organizational commitments for Korean law enforcement officers. Previous research on the officers found that managerial factors better explain the organizational commitment than do demographic factors. This research validates the previous findings using Korean police data.

Role Identity And Role Development Among Law Enforcement Officers
A. Steven Dietz, Texas State University
Steven Springer, Texas State University
Police officers both individually and in a collective sense are under intense scrutiny. Use of force, profiling and dealing with citizens during a confrontation have dramatically affected public expectations and perceptions of departments. Coupled with the issue of recruitment of new officers, especially women and minorities, it remains difficult for officers to develop and maintain consistent roles for the different social systems in which they function. Officers are taught to enforce and apprehend yet they may see ambiguity in this role since society also desires less confrontational behavior and more problem solving. This presentation focuses on the development of police officer role beginning in police academies and offers suggestions for the refinement and maintenance of role post-academy. Also addressed is reduction of the ambiguous nature of what is “taught,” “what is “in actual practice,” and what is “expected.”

Perceptions And Attitudes Of University Students Toward The Police
Won-Jae Lee, Angelo State University
Randolph D. Hicks, Angelo State University
There exists a substantial literature on citizens’ perceptions and attitudes about the police and their performance in inner city and metropolitan areas, however, absent from the literature is an empirical examination of perceptions and attitudes of university students toward the police in non-urban settings. In response, by using survey data from Angelo State University (TX) students, this research addresses the question of the perception of involuntary/voluntary contact with police, police service/performance, and feelings of safety on citizen willingness to accept responsibility for sharing in crime control measures. Interrelations and causal links among major variables are discussed.

Policing The “Third Wave”
George Etchenberg, Tarleton State University
Futurist writer Alvin Toffler developed a theoretical framework for predicting future social trends. Toffler’s framework is based on the idea that society has undergone three major paradigm shifts or “waves.” We are currently in the midst of the third wave; the information revolution. Using Toffler’s theoretical framework, this paper discusses the future of policing in terms of community policing, crime, and asymmetric warfare.

Panel 3 – Legal Issues

The Evolution Of A Right: Texas CHL Law, From Whence It Came And Where It Is Headed
James Phelps, Sam Houston State University
The history of handgun laws in Texas reaches back to the beginning of the Republic. In 1996 the Texas Concealed Handgun Licensing (CHL) Law went into effect. During the past decade Texas maintained approximately 2.2 sworn law enforcement officers per 1,000 residents. This proportion remained steady since 1991. During the same period Texas armed 247,345 citizens. More simply put, one in every 66.8 Texans age 18 and older are licensed to carry concealed handguns. This paper delves into and clarifies the evolution of and current issues associated with the Texas CHL Law, offering suggestions to smooth the relationship between criminal and civil statutes regulating the use of deadly force by CHL holders.

The Americans With Disabilities Act And How It Affects Prisons
Jennifer Hutchinson Smith, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
This paper addresses the manner in which the ADA affects how prisons are run and prisoners are treated. It deals specifically with inmates who are quadriplegic, paraplegic, wheelchair bound, blind, deaf and a small section of the prison aging population.

Un-Convicted Jail Inmates And Their Right To Vote
Behind Texas' Paternity Laws

Jodie Scott, Prairie View A&M University

Not unlike other states Texas' paternity laws clearly favor women. Many men are ignorant of paternity matters and often cry foul when confronted with legal obligations. The paper describes the history of Texas' paternity laws and makes an argument for change by raising questions of gender fairness.

Panel 6 – Police Practices

The Investigative Relevance And Implications Of Victimology In Criminal Profiling

Elizabeth Green, Oklahoma City University

This article advocates the use of criminal profiling as an investigative technique. Its focus is the importance of victimology in criminal profiling. First, the history of victimology, several dominant victimization theories, and more recent advances in victim participation in the criminal justice process are discussed. Next, the birth of criminal profiling is examined, deductive and inductive techniques explained, and evidence of offender personality characteristics in crime scenes proffered. Finally, the integration of victimology and profiling is analyzed, and its impact on criminal investigations is discussed. Suggested ways of implementing the importance of this investigative technique into criminal investigations and police practice are also provided.

The Contribution Of Criminal Profiling To Professional Law Enforcement

Jeffrey Bungarner, Texas Christian University

In this presentation, I explore the question of whether or not the technique of criminal profiling actually belongs in the category of a professional subspecialty to criminal investigation – and therefore contributes overall to the notion of policing as a profession. Some have argued that criminal profiling is more properly placed in the professional family of medical and psychiatric sciences. Others say that profiling constitutes a profession of its own. In any case, given the relative scarcity of criminal justice coursework available on the subject, one would have to conclude that criminal profiling has not been mainstreamed into criminal justice education and that it contributes very little to law enforcement's professional status.

Analyzing Crime From An Integrated Social Science Perspective

Shari Julian, University of Texas at Arlington

The CSI effect has created the myth that all crime has some measurable physical evidence that will ultimately reveal an irrefutable conclusion. Since most criminal acts do not have irrefutable physical data, or the data do not point to an absolute culprit or can be interpreted several ways which may lead to a wrongful conviction, criminal justice students must learn to build a social science context. This context serves as a mathematical proof or another layer of check and balance. If the social science context of a crime does not fit the physical data, there is reason for a second look. For the past twenty years, I have worked as a social science forensic expert throughout the world. In the course of that work, I have developed an integrated social science model to analyze the milieu of a crime. I present a case study.

Broken Windows: "No One Cares, Or Do They?"

Ferris R. Bybee, Sal Ross State University – Rio Grande College

Determined to combat high levels of crime in two neighborhoods, a south Mississippi municipality implemented the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET), a community-oriented policing program similar to those in Charleston, South Carolina and San Diego, California, to focus on gang and drug activity through a combination of foot and bicycle patrol. With the support and assistance of the community and its various agencies, the program's initiatives and outcomes have been successful. Compared to arrest rates before the implementation of NET, the communities experienced declining arrest numbers far surpassing those of
national trends. The total number of arrests for these two communities over the first five years of NET implementation declined by 40%. Furthermore, annual arrest numbers are continuing their downward trend.

Panel 7 – Crime Theory

Cultural Criminology, Crime And Justice
Jeff Ferrell, Texas Christian University
Under the liquefied circumstances of late modernity, collective meaning is made primarily in motion; under such circumstances crime and criminal justice resemble not so much entities or domains as flows—circulating fluidities of image, perception, and interpretation. For criminologists, this movement is in many ways the message; the constant flow of collective meaning is itself meaningful, opening possibilities of crime and crime control unavailable under more solid circumstances. A critically engaged cultural criminology can account for this contemporary cultural motion, and can track collective meaning as it circulates through the politics of crime and criminal justice.

Chaos Theory And The Nature Of Contemporary Criminal Justice Agencies
Marilyn McShane, University of Houston – Downtown
Frank P. Williams, III, University of Houston – Downtown
Technological developments over the last 50 years can be characterized as not only cumulative, but dynamic. The ability to store, retrieve and conduct multivariate analysis of data in our criminal justice agencies has given us sophisticated management information systems yet, current theorists still favor an administrative model that assumes the random nature of crime and crisis and the attractiveness of explanations based on chaos. While criminal justice managers may take refuge in the comfort of unpredictability and unintended consequences, their indecisiveness belies the advantages of modern information management. This paper argues that it is not surprising that criminal justice administration theorists have chosen to bypass the evolution of more mathematical models of systems theory and the micro-evaluation of inner networks in order to develop their own interpretation of chaos involving macro-levels of blame.

Biological Trait Theory: The Biochemical And Genetic Perspectives On Nutrition
Donna Salazar, University of Texas at Arlington
This presentation reviews evidence that reinforces the possibility that violent acts may be a result of biological factors that can be directly related to nutritional deficiency. As we approach maximum globalization through exponential population growth, it is critical that we apply available resources to understanding deviant behaviors, specifically violence. In order to maintain a sense of order, we must discover the root cause of violent behavior and treat the problem in a constructive manner before we cannot. The use of modern technology might be the key to unlock the studies of the past and change the shape of our perspectives in criminal justice systems of the future.

The Applicability Of General Strain Theory To The Latino Population
John Jacob Rodriguez, Prairie View A&M University
Strain perspective has always played an important role in criminological literature. However, this perspective, specifically General Strain Theory (GST), still lacks empirical support for minority ethnic groups such as Latinos. In this study I examine the applicability of GST to the Latino population by testing the hypothesis of whether GST applies to Latinos as it does to their White and Black counterparts. The hypothesis was tested by using multiple regression analysis to examine the impact of social and economic conditions affecting Latino delinquency. A second statistical technique, MANOVA, was used to test the mean differences of multi-ethnic groups. Secondary data analysis was the primary method of this study. Data used for this study are from the National Survey of Adolescents.

Panel 10 – Issues And Trends In Crime And Justice

MAUPing Up Crime: An Investigation Of The Modifiable Areal Unit Problem In Criminological Data
Janis L. Shubert, University of Texas at Dallas
This paper focuses on the impact of the Modifiable Areal Unit Problem (MAUP) on the results of criminological research. Geographic Information System (GIS) technologies and spatial regressive modeling techniques are now frequently used in the study of crime data. By analyzing a sample of crime and Census
data from Dallas at a variety of different geographic aggregations, we demonstrate that the MAUP is still a problem to contend with. We also review methods advanced in the literature to remedy the problem.

Contagious Sentences? An Analysis Of The Spatial Patterning Of Federal Sentencing Practices
Karen Hayeslett-McCell, University of Texas at Dallas
Cliff Lightfoot, University of Texas at Dallas
Studies of federal criminal sentencing under United States Sentencing Commission guidelines have largely focused on examining disparities in sentence departures in terms of the defendant’s demographic characteristics. While studies of departures based on race, gender, income and other factors have produced admirable work, they have, for the most part, examined departure phenomena in the context of the nation as a whole, without considering local and regional variance in sentencing practices. In this paper, the authors propose a model for examining regional variance in sentencing practices employing geospatial analysis techniques to identify regional differences in sentencing practices. The results provide a framework for focused examination of sentencing variance on a regional and district level.

A Framework For Understanding Organization(s): Lessons For Management In Criminal Justice
A. Steven Dietz, Texas State University
Keith O. Owens, Texas State University
Organizations are created to accomplish a purpose. In the history of organizations, however, only a relatively few achieve great success, many just get by, and perhaps the majority fail. We believe a major reason for this lies in the way we have been trained to think about organizations — as an assemblage of parts that can be managed and predicted. The purpose of this paper is to underscore the shortcomings of the traditional ways of viewing organizations and of the adaptations and permutations of these ways to include more arcane strategies, such as those discussed by Garth, and present what we believe is a more meaningful way — to view organizations as complex adaptive living systems. We introduce you to the key concepts relevant to this point of view and present a case as to why they provide a more fruitful way for managers to think about their organizations.

Minutemen: One Man’s Vigilante Is Another Man’s Nativist
John Marks, Jr., Sam Houston State University
Wes Johnson, Sam Houston State University
This paper outlines a synopsis of vigilante and nativist literature. In April 2005, Minutemen Project volunteers gathered in Tombstone, Arizona to protest an alleged failure of the federal government to secure the southwest border. President Bush at that time labeled the Minutemen vigilantes, although, they might also be labeled nativists. The issues regarding the interface between Minutemen volunteers and local and federal law enforcement are examined. Possible research strategies are discussed.

Panel 11 – Minority Issues And Hate Crime

Dual Punishment: How The War On Drugs Created A Public Health Crisis In The African American Community
Ariemesta Starnberry, Prairie View A&M University
Since the 1980s, the United States’ “War on Drugs” policy has led to a large inmate population rate with African Americans being the largest group impacted. As the prison population began to rise, so has the rate of HIV/AIDS among the African American community. It is argued that there is a correlation between the increased prison population and the increased rate of HIV/AIDS among the African American community. The “War on Drugs” has led to a public health crisis in the African American community. This paper explores the nationwide trend of prison incarceration and HIV/AIDS among African Americans.

Racism: A Social Construct
Terrence L. Rawls, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
The topic of racism is not hidden; it is a very ugly thing, which is very much still alive today living in many Americans around the world. This presentation addresses racism through two case studies: The use of a blacklist by a police investigator who claims he is not a racist, and former Education Secretary William Bennett’s racist comment that “aborting every black baby in this country would reduce the crime.” These two displays of racism are both different and similar at the same time. The following concepts pertain to these cases: Social construction, personal prejudice, ideological, institutional, petit apartheid realities,
intersectionality, powerlessness, cultural imperialism, stereotyping, ethnocentrism, role expectation, primary groups, behaviorism, opinion leader, hegemony, dominant ideology, norms, mores, and folkways.

Hate Crime In America
Allison Bailey, Texas Christian University
Hate crime has become an increasingly popular and complex issue in America. Its effects are far reaching within the United States. Although hate crime is a familiar term used widely in our country, its definition remains cloudy. While most maintain an idea or conceptual meaning of what hate crime is, there is no standard definition of the term. This research examines how hate crime is defined within the law enforcement community and other interested parties, and how the manner in which hate crime is defined largely affects the results and measures of hate crime activity. Further, differences in how individual states define hate crime are addressed.

Hate Crimes And Service Learning: Monitoring Extremism And Hate On The Internet
Julie Cowgill, Oklahoma City University
During the spring 2006 semester, students in my Hate Crimes class worked on a service learning project monitoring hate crimes and extremism. In a collaborative project with Oklahoma City's Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT), we compared current material posted on the Internet to archival information from 1990-1999 maintained by MIPT. This presentation describes the research and the experiences of students participating in the project. The findings suggest that more extreme groups (e.g., Army of God, Christian Identity groups) continue to overtly promote hate and violence. Other groups (e.g., the national office of the Ku Klux Klan) have used the Internet to promote racial purity and a revised image (e.g., as a political party).

Panel 12 – Police Issues

Distance Learning And Law Enforcement Training: Exploring Alternatives
Steve Springer, Texas State University
A. Steven Dietz, Texas State University
Technology has historically had a love/hate relationship with law enforcement. Though most police departments in Texas and all urban police departments in Texas are invested in a variety of technologies to accomplish their mission, there remains a noticeable gap in the use of technology to meet and enhance training requirements. This presentation addresses sourcing, evaluating and using external distance learning opportunities, and developing in-house training based on proven distance learning processes. Further, distance learning opportunities for law enforcement organizations and the impact of distance-based learning on training budgets are discussed.

Rural West Texas Law Enforcement: A Study Of Perspectives Between Community And Law Enforcement Leaders
Won-Jae Lee, Angelo State University
Steve Reames, Angelo State University
In response to the limited scholarly literature on the effects of community policing practices in rural communities, a survey was administered to both community leaders and law enforcement leaders in rural West Texas to rate their perceptions on current and future crime problems, police effectiveness, and police training. Results indicate a prominent mismatch of perceptions by both community and law enforcement leaders regarding current and future crime problem areas and police effectiveness associated with police training needs. It is argued that a more systematic integration between the two sides is essential to implement community policing.

Where’s The Calvary Following The Natural Disaster?
David Perkins, Texas State University
With regard to the first anniversary of the hurricane season of 2005, this presentation examines lingering issues concerning executive power, justifications, and limitations regarding use of federal and state military personnel in post disaster law enforcement functions.

Determining Optimal Police Patrol And Administrative Areas With Maximal Covering And Backup Covering Location Models
Kevin M. Curtin, University of Texas at Dallas

This paper presents a new method for determining the optimal spatial distribution of police patrol and administrative areas. This method employs a maximal covering model and incorporates variations in the priority of calls-for-service. A variant formulation models backup coverage of incidents. Tradeoffs between coverage and backup coverage are presented, and the models are tested with the police geography of Dallas. Optimal solutions are compared with the existing police geography showing substantial improvement in total distance traveled and number of incidents covered. Further results show that substantial backup coverage can be achieved with only minimal reduction in total incidents covered.

Panel 13 - Crime Issues

Mass Victimology And Terrorism
Shari Julian, University of Texas at Arlington

Terrorism within the United States has brought home the reality that criminal acts by a few perpetrators can create thousands of victims. The sheer number of victims means that the traditional concepts of restorative justice cannot be reasonably achieved, which mandates not only new paradigms for analyzing victimology but also a recognition that understanding victimization differently will lead to an entirely different set of constructs about the causes and effects of terrorism. Along with my Ph.D. in Public Administration, I also hold several clinical post-doctoral degrees, accreditations and licenses. I have worked throughout the world as a hospital clinician in various mass criminal and post-terrorism events. I speak several languages and have had the opportunity to work with victims in cultural contexts different from the American experience.

House Of Flying Daggers: A Typological Analysis Of State Terrorism
Hua-Lun Huang, University of Louisiana, Lafayette

Large-scale terrorist acts committed by state managers of the United States and many other countries have been studied by diverse social scientists in the past two decades. Although most of these terrorist movements directed by government officials have been examined in great detail, researchers of state terrorism, at least so far, have not developed a classification system which can help scholars and the public conceptualize the varieties of government-sponsored terrorism. To overcome this problem of theoretical paucity, it is argued that state terrorism can be conceptually characterized as SMR, SMN, SIR, SIN, NMR, NMN, NIR, and NIN types.

Offences And Offenders In Texarkana, Arkansas In The Years 2001 & 2003
Lonnie Booker, Texarkana (AR) Police Department
Godpower O. Okereke, Texas A&M University – Texarkana

According to Human Rights Watch, Americans believe that members of minority groups – especially blacks – commit most of the crimes in the United States. This belief affects law enforcement tactics and arrest figures in most jurisdictions across the country. This study focuses on the number of adults and juveniles arrested in the city of Texarkana (AR) for major felonies in 2001 and 2003 as compared to the number of arrests nationally for the same crimes. Examination of the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Report revealed that overall, whites committed more crimes than other racial groups in Texarkana during the two years under examination. This study shows that crime is anyone’s temptation, and certain social conditions rather than race are better predictors of criminality. It is suggested that authorities in the area create opportunities for all residents.

A Geospatial Investigation Of The Relationship Between Part I And II Crime Rates And The Distribution Of Same-Sex Households
Karen L. Hayslett-McCall, University of Texas at Dallas
Melinda Kane, University of Texas at Dallas

Scholars have begun to pay increasing attention to gay and lesbian residential patterns, particularly in the economics, geography, and urban studies literatures. This research can be divided into two broad categories: Qualitative studies that investigate the historical development of gay and/or lesbian neighborhoods and quantitative studies that examine variations in the distribution of lesbians and gays across neighborhoods or cities to identify the characteristics associated with their concentration. However, few, if any, of these studies investigate the relationship between lesbian and gay space and crime. This presentation uses spatial techniques to investigate the concentration of lesbians and gays in Columbus (OH) and its relationship to
crime, specifically, robbery. Do Census tracts with high levels of gay and lesbian residential and commercial concentration have higher (or lower) robbery rates than other areas of the city?

The Victim Satisfaction Model Of The Criminal Justice System Or Another Way Of Looking At The Kobe Bryant Case
John W. Nicholls, University of Texas at Arlington
Qualitative research methods were used to investigate how the victim in the Kobe Bryant prosecution interacted with the participants in the criminal justice system. Further, the “Victim Satisfaction Model of the Criminal Justice System” is examined. This model proposes that one of the primary purposes of the criminal justice system is to attempt to achieve victim satisfaction during the course of a criminal prosecution. The utility of the “Victim Satisfaction Model” is then compared to Packer’s traditional Crime Control and Due Process models and to the newer victim participation models. The Victim Satisfaction Model is then used to explain how the victim influenced the Kobe Bryant prosecution. Implications of the “Victim Satisfaction Model” for criminal justice policy are discussed.

Panel 14 – Community Corrections

Siting Halfway Houses
John C. Kilburn Jr., Texas A&M International University
The phrases NIMBY (not in my back yard) and LULU (locally unwanted land usage) are commonly used today. I share the stories of people that reside in the halfway houses and residents in the area that blame the halfway houses for many of the town’s problems. There are considerable benefits to having a halfway house for the residents, but those members of the greater community wish to eradicate them, often blaming them for neighborhood problems. I discuss how these competing interests seem irreconcilable and suggest a few possible paths toward reconciling this social problem.

Assessment Of The Polygraph In The Monitoring Of Paroled Sex Offenders
J.P. Blair, University of Texas at San Antonio
Frank Horvath, Department of Defense Polygraph Institute
Thomas Conklin, Michigan Department of Corrections
Sex offenders present unique problems for corrections officials. Some suffer from paraphilia and have difficulty controlling their sexual impulses. Additionally, the behaviors that lead up to new sex offenses and the new offenses themselves are difficult to detect through normal parole monitoring. In response to these problems, many agencies have started to use polygraph as a means of monitoring sex offenders who are on parole. This paper presents an assessment of the use of this type of polygraph testing. The results suggest that polygraph testing does not deter offenders from engaging in prohibited behaviors; however, the testing process provides a wealth of information about precursor behaviors that may help probation officials more effectively supervise sex offenders on parole.

A Management Tool: Probationer Surveys
Philip W. Rhoades, Texas A&M University
Findings are described from a survey of probationers administered in 1999 and 2005 in the same Texas jurisdiction. Questions concerning information transmitted from probation officer to probationer revealed that communication failures discovered in 1999 remained in 2005. Knowledge about evening office hours and support for GED classes was least held by those needing it most. Probationers in the caseload of particular officers had both less information and greater dissatisfaction than all other probationers. A brief discussion of how such information is useful for management planning, personnel evaluation, and training is provided.

A Qualitative Assessment Of Registered Female Sex Offenders: Judicial Processing Experiences And Perceived Effects Of A Public Registry
Donna M. Vandiver, Illinois State University
Robert Worley, University of Texas – Permian Basin
This research includes in-depth personal interviews of nine women from Illinois and Texas who were registered as sex offenders. Questions were asked about the arrest that led to registration and the impact the sex offender registration has had on their lives. Additional questions about their demographics, current living status, and past abuse history were also asked. All of the women reported at least one negative impact
on their lives as a result of the public registry. For example, some of the women experienced problems in interpersonal relationships and most reported some level of difficulty in obtaining a job and maintaining housing. Three women were required to attend an all-male sex offender group therapy session.

A Micro Analysis Of Ex-Convict Rights To Seek Public Office In Eight Southern States
Latrina Hicks, Wiley College
Sharnell Harris, Wiley College
Lawrence Flowers, Wiley College
Melvina Lucien, Wiley College
Jeremy McCray, Wiley College
Certain laws exist in most states that bar ex-felons from seeking public office for a specific time period after their sentences have expired. Several Southern states have no laws banning ex-felons from seeking federal office. This research expands the limited literature available on this subject.

Panel 15 – CJ Education: Preparation For Graduation

Criminal Justice Education And Vocationally Oriented Students: An Examination Of Agency College Degree Requirements
Stephen W. Verrill, Southeastern Oklahoma State University
This research extends the vocational versus academic criminal justice baccalaureate curricula debate. The present study empirically examines the heretofore assumption of vocationally-oriented students and related degree programs that criminal justice employers favor a technically-oriented rather than liberal arts baccalaureate degree. The study examines data from a sample of one state’s criminal justice agencies (N=462), exploring two main questions: Do agencies commonly require a baccalaureate degree for entry-level employment? If so, does the agency specify the type of degree (e.g., BA, BS, discipline)? Implications of the results are discussed.

One More Time, The Dangers Of Teaching Criminal Justice Without Justice?
Sam Souryal, Sam Houston State University
In the vast majority of criminal justice programs, little or nothing is taught about the role of justice in criminal justice. This can make our discipline at least limp, if not all together fail. The arguments in this presentation are: (1) There can be no crime unless there is a benchmark to compare it with, which in our case, is justice. Failure to understand that is critical to understanding who we are and whom do we serve; (2) criminal justice agents are – by definition – agents of justice, therefore, without appreciating the value of justice, they will be unable to effectively interact with the communities they serve; (3) in every society, advanced or not, there are legitimate justification standards (justice-based issues), by which legal action should be suspended in total or in part (e.g., killing in self-defense). Therefore, without understanding these justificatory standards, our practice of law enforcement may be unjust; (4) justice makes peace; it is not the other way around. If so, the decisions by Texas law enforcement agents – constitutionally named Peace Officers – may not be fully consistent with the profession they claim; and (5) the academic degrees our universities offer are explicitly in criminal justice, therefore, without teaching justice, our degrees may be incomplete.

Integrating The Arts And Process Into Criminal Justice Courses
Jody Horn, Oklahoma City University
As a member in an arts integration learning community, I developed pedagogical models to integrate arts and units for process. The course, “Ritual, Symbolism, and Peacemaking,” is about uncovering common rituals and symbols for university and at-risk community youth. A significant part of peacebuilding or breaking cycles of hatred or violence can be the recognition of shared rituals or symbols. As pairs the youth will take hundreds of digital photographs culminating in photo essays to be displayed at an art show. For process I developed a “speak out” unit for a graduate course. This unit involves graduate students organizing three minute undergraduate speak outs on either the pro or con side on civil liberties and terrorism. As organizers, judges, and evaluators the graduate students are in the position of developing a Defining Features Matrix with all levels of pro and con arguments. Both of these courses offer unique interactive methods for higher order learning.
The Future Of Criminal Justice Education: An Academic’s Paradise And A Student’s Hell Or “We Are Here For Your Educational Preparation In The Real World?”
M.L. Dantker, University of Texas – Pan American

From the early beginning of police science courses to the current criminal justice curriculum, debate as to the direction of education for students interested in the field of criminal justice rages. Simply based on the literature the sides of the debate are identifiable: Pure academics (theorists), the academic-applied (theorist practitioner), and applied (pure practitioner). This paper examines the stance of these three positions and discussion implications for the future of students attending colleges and universities with an interest in the criminal justice field.

Panel 16 – Regulating And Preventing Crime

Evaluating Gun-Violence Reduction Programs In North Texas: A Four-Year Study
O. Elmer Folk, University of Texas at Arlington
David A. Armstrong, McNeese State University

This study evaluates the progress and degree of success of gun-violence reduction programs initiated through government funding in the Northern District of Texas. The four-year project focused on reducing gun-violence in two targeted neighborhoods in inner-city Dallas. Data were collected on the number of gun-related crimes committed in the neighborhoods and the rate of change was compared to the variance citywide. Additional data were compiled on the number of prosecutions for gun offenses by federal and state prosecutors, the number of guns confiscated, the number of guns found in schools, the number of parole violations related to gun violence, the number of juvenile referrals involving guns, and the number of reported rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, and murders involving guns.

Addressing Check Fraud
Monique Bienemy, Prairie View A&M University
Anna Gonzalez, Prairie View A&M University
Jazmyn Norman, Prairie View A&M University

This exploratory effort describes the most recent ways that check fraud is committed and perspectives about this type of victimization from persons in retail, banking and law enforcement. Apparently, some believe they can usually tell when they are being victimized, but often feel helpless in preventing their own victimization.

Law Enforcement Response To Burglar Alarms In Texas
Sean Blackwell, Texas Christian University
Ronald Burns, Texas Christian University

False burglar alarms are among the prominent issues facing law enforcement agencies. The literature suggests false burglar alarms cost police departments, and by extension, taxpayers, millions of dollars annually. Such drainage of police resources prevents departments from addressing truly endemic crime problems and further developing community relations. In general, law enforcement agencies adopted a wide array of policies for responding to burglar alarms. Our research contributes to the literature in this area by examining law enforcement responses to residential burglar alarms in Texas. We surveyed all large local police and sheriff’s departments in Texas regarding department policy and perceptions of departmental approaches to burglar alarms. Policy implications are discussed.

Target’s Assets Protection and Law Enforcement Partnerships
Joe Gonzales, Target Corporation
Matthew Sabolchick, Target Corporation

The relationship between law enforcement and retail loss prevention is layered and filled with successes and failures. For years, the loss prevention segment of the retail industry has been perceived as under-equipped and under-qualified. Target Corporation is steadily changing this perception by pioneering cutting edge technology and making those resources available to law enforcement agencies across the country. Target Assets Protection is committed to aggressively addressing all issues of safeness, theft and fraud impacting their guests, team members, shareholders and communities.

Texas Department of Public Safety, Private Security Bureau Private Security Officer Commission Licensing Course: August 2005 Through July 2006 Data Analysis
Sergio Olivares, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi
This paper provides statistical data collected from monthly course rosters and qualification score sheets for a 12-month period on 149 students that were trained and certified for licensing as armed, commissioned security officers. Gender, race/ethnicity, new or re-qualification student status, exam scores, range qualification scores, and company of employment are explored and analyzed. The firearms portion of this report shows that the individuals being licensed as armed, commissioned security officers in the Coastal Bend are very skilled with the firearms they own and carry on duty.

Panel 18 – CJ Education: Assessment And Evaluation

Reading Versus Understanding: A Proposal For Examining The Reading Comprehension Level Of Criminal Justice Students
William T. Jordan, Texas A&M University – Texarkana
A common lament of college instructors is that their students do not read. A common refrain of students is that they do not understand what they are reading. This paper explores the Cloze Procedure as an efficient strategy that instructors can use in the classroom. Without knowing students’ reading comprehension test scores or readability scores of specific texts, instructors can determine how well assigned readings are matched to students’ instructional level.

Rubrics In A Criminal Justice Classroom: A Useful Assessment Tool
Charles Bailey, Prairie View A&M University
This presentation focuses on the use of rubrics as a course embedded assessment tool for the purpose of improving student learning. Rubrics are guidelines that govern the specification of categories (the what) and standards (the quality). They are used to grade essays, papers, and projects. They give students a clearer understanding of teacher expectations. With a clearer understanding of teacher expectations, student learning is more likely to improve. The presentation concludes with a description of how to construct rubrics followed by a discussion on the assessment of the use of rubrics in a criminal justice classroom.

The Efficacy Of Non-Cognitive Measures In Predicting Academic Success: Literature Review And Research Agenda
Edward J. Schauer, Prairie View A&M University
Ira J. Schauer, Prairie View A&M University
Victor R. Pendleton, Prairie View A&M University
This paper reviews the scientific literature concerning the use of non-cognitive scales in the prediction of college success for African American students. Having been used as one of the entry requirements for a summer academic enrichment program at a public Historically Black University from 1996 to date, William Sedlacek’s non-cognitive scales are the focus of this study. The authors investigate the predictive accuracy of Sedlacek’s scales in the actual academic successes of participants.

Arrest The Controversy, Convict The Myopic And Parole The Mind
Diana Clayton, Rogers State University
Two widely held societal conventions merge under the criminal justice academic umbrella: Social control personified by law enforcement and the higher education mission to assist students achieve their professional goals. What logically appears as a clear-cut curricular mission dominated by a legal and law enforcement curriculum is, nonetheless, subject to spirited debate questioning the propriety of such an emphasis. Embracing the ACJS Minimum Standards for Criminal Justice Education, we explore the inherent inconsistency in advocating minimal law-law enforcement focus and evaluate the substantive impact on the education vs. training paradigms by shifting the method of delivering criminal justice studies to one more effective with the known personality traits of law enforcement criminal justice students.

Panel 19 – Domestic Abuse

A Comparative Analysis Of Poverty, Wealth And Domestic Abuse
Latoya Haines, Wiley College
Andranita Talley, Wiley College
Devon Sturdivant, Wiley College
Lalonda Hampton, Wiley College
This presentation suggests domestic abuse was prevalent in middle-class neighborhoods but not made known to the public. Alcoholism among the rich and middle class were the leading factors leading to spousal abuse. Family disorganization was the leading cause for abuse among the poor and working poor.

**Domestic Abuse And Prosecutor Discretion**
Jason Hutchens, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Until the end of the 20th century, domestic violence was viewed by law enforcement and prosecutors as a problem better left private and handled within the household. Entering the new millennium, the criminal justice system began addressing violence inside the home like other assaults, and special programs dealing with domestic abuse were created. Initiatives, such as policies that invoke mandatory arrests and convictions, are a step towards addressing this problem. Many outside agencies have also become available to offer information and support to victims. Even though tremendous progress has been made in the particular field, prosecution of a domestic violence case remains a unique and challenging procedure. Filing assault charges on a husband or boyfriend is generally based solely on the prosecutor’s discretion, and battered women frequently behave much differently than other victims of assault. Better investigation techniques that provide sufficient evidence without the cooperation in testimony of a victim are essential in the advancement of domestic violence prosecution.

**Domestic Violence And Death Among Women**
Sheri Davis, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Tiffany Turner, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Domestic violence is among one of the most common causes of death among women. Each day, hundreds of women are victimized by their male counterparts. The issue of domestic violence is multifaceted. For women involved in cases concerning domestic violence, there are lines of defense and governmental services available to provide assistance. Police are the gatekeepers to the criminal justice system, the first line of defense in respect to issues of domestic violence, and the first responders when violations of restraining orders are reported. Analysis of cases (using pattern-matching) dealing with restraining order violations revealed that many violators claimed defenses involving prescription drugs. Our research analyzes offenses ranging from mental attacks to physically violent attacks often resulting in the death of victims. In the fall of 2001, Congress agreed to dedicate the next 10 years to researching prescription drugs and pain control. Examination of prescription drug distribution and patient abuse of prescription drugs are discussed in relation to cases of domestic violence and severity of sentencing between female and male offenders.

**Criminal Justice System, Social Scientists And Sex Crimes**
Clifford P. Tidwell, University of Texas at Arlington
Through my formal education and experience in professional agencies, particularly my volunteer work as a victim’s advocate for a domestic violence agency, I have come to understand that domestic violence must be a higher priority for society. Unless we allocate more financial and professional resources for both the victims and the offsprings of victims and to better programs for the perpetrators, this problem will keep growing. This will result in more damaged people replicating their dysfunctional and dangerous history. My proposal addresses some of the ways that supportive clinical professionals and the criminal justice system can cooperate to develop programs that provide support and address change without putting victims back into danger.

**The Criminal Justice System And The Problem Of Domestic Violence In West Africa**
Godpower O. Okereke, Texas A&M University – Texarkana
Peter Rachotos, Texas A&M University – Texarkana
According to Amnesty International, domestic violence is a worldwide problem that disproportionately affects women. This problem is particularly pernicious in sub-regions where the government is complacent about complaints of abuse. This study suggests that the criminal justice systems in West African countries do not take the problem of domestic violence seriously and as a result, incidents of abuse are high but rarely reported to police. The authors believe that this is mainly due to the lack of gender-sensitive domestic violence legislation; a plethora of discriminatory statutory and customary laws; the prevalence of traditions, beliefs and practices that are prejudicial toward women and the girl child; and governmental unwillingness to check the growing incidence of religious fundamentalism. The authors suggest that attention to these issues will reduce domestic violence within the sub-region.
Panel 20 – CJ Education: Tools & Practices

Updating The Text Since 9/11: DHS And The Publisher’s Paradox Of The “New Edition”
Larry Karson, University of Houston – Downtown
Since the creation of the Department of Homeland Security following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, textbook publishers have had to address the creation and constant reorganization of justice-related organizations and their functions – including the Department of Homeland Security – throughout their catalogs. In many cases, though claiming to offer a “new edition” of a text encapsulating these changes, they have failed students by presenting misleading or inaccurate information, in some cases abysmally so.

Book Em Dano: The Institutional Affiliation Of Authors In Criminal Justice Academic Books
William M. Oliver, Sam Houston State University
Sam Swindell, Sam Houston State University
John Marko, Jr., Sam Houston State University
Ken Balusek, Sam Houston State University
Numerous studies have attempted to assess the status of criminal justice programs through peer review, institutional affiliation in journals, and citation analysis in both journals and textbooks. No study to date has attempted to analyze institutional affiliation of authors in criminal justice textbooks. Through an analysis of books available to criminal justice academics at the 2006 ACIS annual meeting and in criminal justice publisher catalogs, this study assesses the leading criminal justice book authors and ranks their institutional affiliation. Further, it employs weights regarding both the edition of the book and the relative prestige of the publication.

The Evolution Of Distance Learning In Criminal Justice
Harrison Watts, Cameron University
This paper explores the evolution of distance learning in the field of criminal justice, including the advances in technology associated with the delivery of class lecture over the Internet. The different delivery platforms including WebCT and Blackboard are detailed. Grade comparisons made between in-class students to Internet students show similar patterns.

Big Answers, Little Questions
A. Steven Dietz, Texas State University
Suzanne Lewis, Texas State University
Recently, research interest on adult learning, group learning, and industry needs for entry-level employees has increased. The needs of the criminal justice professional industry have prompted us to further research these areas. Preliminary research was performed in statistics courses for the past two academic semesters. This research consisted of having students complete SPSS exercises and the course final in teams rather than individually. Instead of traditional classroom learning methods, group interactions were implemented to expand the students’ ability to obtain and retain statistical processes. Students were randomly assigned to groups each class period during which homework was to be completed. This allowed them to experience group interactions, better understand group dynamics, and overcome problems by working together to find solutions. Using these as a basis, we formulated a research project, slated to begin this semester, which will contain both a control and treatment group to further our understanding of learning and help identify ways to provide better prepared entry-level employees to criminal justice employers.

Panel 21 – Juvenile Justice & Delinquency

Faith Based Juvenile Justice Initiatives
Edward J. Schauer, Prairie View A&M University
Elizabeth M. Wheaton, Temple University
Ha J. Schauer, Prairie View A&M University
This study is an ideographic summary of the historical development, legal status, and types of faith based juvenile justice initiatives and interventions. Foundations of charitable choice are discussed; arguments favoring and against faith based initiatives are compared; and the difficulties facing scientific inquiry and measurement are illustrated. Further, selections of outstanding programs are described.
The Effects Of Anger Management Treatment On Juvenile Delinquency
Jeffery Fencher, Wiley College
Tawana Jackson-Miles, Wiley College
Lashondria Dabbs, Wiley College
Tanjii Fisher, Wiley College
This research indicates that juveniles who are treated for anger management are less likely to commit as many violent acts as delinquents that do not receive anger management.

A Micro-Analysis Of The Effects Of Ritalin On Juvenile Behavior: Cause Or Cure?
Earnest Alford, Wiley College
Aldor Joseph, Wiley College
Randallion Berry, Wiley College
Marian Wallace, Wiley College
In America, pharmaceutical companies make millions of dollars dispensing Ritalin to children, and now adults, deemed to have ADD/ADHD. The present research indicates that Ritalin is not only harmful to the psyche of children but in some cases cause youth to develop addiction and become dependent on the drug for day to day survival.

Texas Youth Commission: The Elephant In The Middle
James Blair, Texas Youth Commission
Much like the old Indian fable of the three blind men and the elephant, recent books about the Texas Youth Commission (TYC) come to very different conclusions, portraying TYC as either a bright beacon of hope on the bleak correctional landscape or the most evil and corrupt entity to ever exist. These books are discussed in light of academic research, articles, and current events the author witnessed while working for TYC, revealing the “elephant in the middle.”

Panel 22 – Contemporary Issues In Criminal Justice

Preventing Teacher-Student Sexual Contacts
Margin Kerry Kemerson, Jr., Prairie View A&M University
Boundary violations in teacher-student relationships have garnered significant media attention in recent years. Most seem to evolve from mentoring relationships which developed at the intermediate or secondary level to assist students to perform specific academic tasks. This presentation describes the literature in terms of how these student-teacher sexual contacts come about, the perspective of teachers in terms of these incidents, and how to prevent such incidents.

Pseudoephedrine Regulation: A Comparative Analysis Of Two States
April Jones, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
David Montague, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
This research focuses on the effects of pseudoephedrine regulations to determine if there are more disadvantages presented to non-consumers of meth as a result of societal enhancement. A comparative analysis of the regulatory policies of Arkansas and Oregon was used to assess the effectiveness and potential societal costs and benefits of such public policies. Results show that over-the-counter pseudoephedrine regulations do present more disadvantages for non-consumers of meth, and current pseudoephedrine regulation efforts to curb methamphetamine production can and have benefited society. However, there is no ultimate infringement on the rights of non-consumers of meth by limiting their access to pseudoephedrine products. Limitations to this research include the time allotted for research and the availability of professional interview subjects. As this research continues to address the pseudoephedrine regulations effect on non-consumers of meth, surveys need to be given to both non-consumers of meth and individuals once addicted to meth to measure the public’s opinions of the regulations.

Intradepartmental Relationships On Police Performance
Manuel Trejo, Prairie View A&M University
Alex Burton, Prairie View A&M University
This paper addresses management issues in terms of horizontal and vertical level relationships among law enforcement officers in small rural departments, with a focus on how external forces and the appearance of
favoritism seem to shape work policies. This is often to the detriment of efficacious and human sensitive practices, thus contributing to officer dissatisfaction.

The "Victimization" In College Rape Victimization
Ebony Hashaway, Prairie View A&M University
Tracy Lewis, Prairie View A&M University
This paper describes the occurrence and effects of rape involving college and university students as victims. Often, there is deep psychological harm which some universities have ineptly addressed. Hence, wounds fester. Ways to assist these victims are described.

Gaps In Victim Services Delivery: A Texas Experience
Ilhong Yun, Sam Houston State University
Glen Kercher, Sam Houston State University
To investigate the extent to which victim service providers, both criminal justice-based and community-based, meet the needs of crime victims in Texas, a survey was conducted by the Crime Victims' Institute. To increase the response rate, a mail survey was complemented by a web-based survey. Based on the responses of 175 survey participants, gaps in service delivery were investigated. A multivariate analysis was conducted to estimate a model that explains the degree to which victim services are delivered or not delivered in victim service networks.

Panel 23 – Misconduct And Injustices

College Football Players And Steroid Use
Samuel Robinson, Prairie View A&M University
Andre Evans, Prairie View A&M University
With large sums of institutional funds on the line and enormous pressure to win – perhaps too much pressure for young athletes – steroid use exists. This paper reveals what one of the authors knows firsthand about the pressures and questionable behaviors of those responsible for collegiate activity at various institutions regarding the covert, but common endorsement of steroid use.

Another One Rides The Bus: A Qualitative Assessment Of Recently Released Offenders' Perceptions Of Inappropriate Staff Behaviors
Georgen Guerrero, Stephen F. Austin University
Robert Worley, University of Texas – Permian Basin
This qualitative research project examines ex-inmates' attitudes, beliefs, and perceptions at the point of release about inappropriate staff behaviors and safety and security issues. The data for this study were collected through face-to-face interviews with inmates upon their release from prison over a six month timeframe.

Buy Organs Cheap, Live Long Time; You Pay Cash Now: Harvesting Organs From Falun Dafa
Donna Salazar, University of Texas at Arlington
The study of the persecution of the Falun Dafa by the Chinese government provides a perspective that offers a unique challenge to social scientists. It questions how a nation industrialized under communism, interprets the values of capitalism and integrates a criminal justice philosophy tailored to expedite profit. Currently, the issue of organ harvesting is one of great importance since the cultural values among global leaders serve to demonstrate the power that divergent ideology wields over legislation that will eventually define the expanse of criminological behavior and its secondary, tertiary and quaternary effects on the world population.

Wrongful Convictions: A Miscarriage Of Justice
Angela Lindley, Texas A&M University – Texarkana
Godpower O. Okeke, Texas A&M University – Texarkana
According to Pybas, a number of problems plague the American criminal justice system as judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, the police, and sometimes juries are more interested in case outcome than in ensuring that justice is served. This emphasis on outcomes results in wrongful convictions. This study sheds light on the factors leading to such wrongful convictions. The study reveals that miscarriages of justice are
mainly due to eyewitness mistaken identification, false and coerced confessions, junk science or forensic errors, systemic racism, etc. Based on these findings, it is argued that wrongful convictions are not only anemic to the basic premise of the American criminal justice system but also constitute a threat to the rule of law. Relative of the above, it is suggested that we revisit the issue of official immunity in cases of abuse of such privilege.

**ROUNDTABLES**

**Panel 4 – Submissive To Powerful: The Evolutionary Role Of Women In Sexual Exploitation**
Jennifer Lee, Texas A&M International University, Moderator
Mayela Hernandez, Texas A&M International University
Claudia Beltran, Texas A&M International University
Humerto Salinas, Texas A&M International University
Gabriela Chapa, Texas A&M International University
Amalia Rios, Texas A&M International University

**Panel 5 – Are Terrorism And Homeland Security Courses Really Necessary For Degrees In Criminal Justice And If So, What Must Be Considered When Developing This New Curriculum?**
J. Eric Coleman, Hardin-Simmons University, Moderator
Lorie Rubens, Sul Ross State University
Steve Mardock, Palo Alto College
Quint Thurman, Texas State University
Will Oliver, Sam Houston State University

**Panel 8 – The Importance Of Universities Partnering With Community Colleges**
Richard Hill, University of Houston – Downtown
Joyce Jakovich, University of Houston – Downtown
Katy Eichenberg, Tarleton State University & Temple College
Lesley Keeling-Olson, Temple College & University of Mary Hardin Baylor
Christine Nix, University of Mary Hardin Baylor, Temple College, & Tarleton State University

**Panel 9 – Learn From The Past: Looking To The Future In Criminal Justice Education**
John P. Harlan, Retired, Stephen F. Austin State University
Patrick Mueller, Stephen F. Austin State University
Wes Johnson, Sam Houston State University
Frank P. Williams, III, University of Houston – Downtown

**Panel 17 – Illicit Drugs: The Pros And Cons Of Legalization**
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