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From the President

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Many universities and colleges across the United States have recently been faced with making deep cuts to their budgets. These reductions are affecting both students and faculty. The cancellation of summer classes, reductions in student enrollment and class offerings for the upcoming academic year, and increasing class sizes, are in several states being countered by increases in student tuition and fees. Campuses are reducing or freezing new faculty hires, faculty teaching loads are increasing and department budgets for supplies and travel are being eliminated. Many of our colleagues are being confronted with furloughs, pay cuts and layoffs.

California is being hit especially hard by the economic crisis. Of our 2009 WSC members, 36 percent are employed by the California State University System, and they are dealing with not just a few, but all of the above issues.

	Regular Members (%) (N=82)	Student Members (%) (N=56)
California	53.7	53.6
Arizona	8.5	21.4
British Columbia, CA	7.3	7.1
Washington	7.3	1.8
Missouri	4.9	1.8
Nevada	1.2	3.6
All other US States & CA Provinces	14.7	10.7
Over Seas	2.4	-
Total (percent)	100	100

Over the last couple of years the WSC has also been making efforts to streamline our budget to keep membership and conference costs at a minimum for members. One of the most expensive conference expenditures is the rental of audio/visual equipment from hotels so in 2009 we decided against renting overhead projectors. WSC board members have been volunteering their own laptop computers and borrowing their department's LCD projectors for the meeting rooms for

several years. We have also been transitioning to a paperless organization, to increase efficiency, reduce printing and postage costs, and promote environmental responsibility. In 2008, we implemented online membership, conference registration and payment through our website. Early this year we set up an email announcement list called "WSC News" to allow the timely dissemination of information to members regarding the WSC conference call for participation, nominations for elected offices and awards. By next year, we hope to have all of our members receiving their issues of this newsletter, *The Western Criminologist*, in an online format.

Of course transitions rarely proceed smoothly, and we have encountered a few complications that we have been working to resolve: For membership renewal and/or registration/payment for the 2010 conference we request that members complete all transactions in the same manner. Either a) renew your membership, register and pay for the conference ALL online, OR b) print a Membership & Conference registration form from our website, complete it, and mail it with a check or money order to the WSC address at the bottom of the form. Membership and conference registration materials for 2010 will be made available in October at <http://www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/wsc/conference.htm>.

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If you have not subscribed to our email announcement list "WSC News" at <http://wsc.pacificcrime.org/wscnews/>, we urge you to do so. We are limiting our post mailings to distributing: the slates and ballots for elected offices, and information regarding proposed amendments to the constitution and ballots. We will use this list only to disseminate WSC announcements and *The Western Criminologist* to members (as a subscriber you will not be able to respond to or post messages). We want to ensure that all of our members have a way to receive information regarding the organization.

We have also been working to keep the expense of serving on the WSC Executive Board at a minimum. The WSC does not provide stipends to board members, and board meeting expenses (travel, accommodations, etc.) are at the expense of the member. In 2007 the board elected to conduct one of the four annual meetings by conference call to reduce board member travel expenses. In 2008 and 2009 we reduced the number of annual meetings to three by extending the scheduled meeting times, and conducting more business online. I would like to thank the members of the WSC Executive Board, the majority of whom are facing the challenges of reduced paychecks due to furloughs and the elimination of travel funding, for their continued service to the WSC. If you would like to become more involved in the WSC, please contact any one of our Board members about elected or appointed positions.

Over the last couple of years many of our conference expenses have been defrayed by donations from our members' institutions/organizations. Donations have paid for printing the conference programs, President's receptions, Meet the Author receptions, and continental breakfasts. In 2008 the Board discussed methods by which the WSC could better express appreciation and recognition for these contributions and created "Annual Supporting Institutional Memberships." We are pleased to recognize The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University and the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Missouri, St. Louis, as the WSC's first Institutional Members! Information for 2010 Institutional Memberships will be available in October at <http://www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/wsc/aboutus.htm>.

In the current economic situation I know that finding money for travel is difficult, but I do hope that you will be able to join us for the 37th Annual Conference February 4-6, 2010 on the island of Oahu in Honolulu, the capital city of the State of Hawaii. We are returning to the Ala Moana Hotel - Waikiki Tower, which has been recently renovated. The hotel is in a prime location --adjoined to the Ala Moana Shopping Center with over 260 retailers and restaurants, and across the street from the Ala Moana Beach, a half-mile stretch of white sand protected by a fringing reef which results in shallow and calm waters. There is plenty to do and see on the Island, so if you can take advantage of the hotel room rate that is available five nights prior and five nights after the conference, you won't be disappointed. February temperatures range from 68 to 80

degrees Fahrenheit. Within a 30 minute walk from the hotel you can visit: Iolani Palace, the only royal palace on U.S. soil; Honolulu's China Town District; and Waikiki Beach!

Please encourage your colleagues, research associates, practitioners, and students to submit an abstract for a paper presentation before Monday, October 5, 2009.

Executive Board Update

After serving three months as Counselor-at-Large, Andrea Schoepfer (CSU San Bernardino) graciously accepted an appointment to the WSC Secretary/Treasurer position for the three-year term (2009-2012). The WSC Executive Board welcomes Danielle Harris (San Jose State University) to fill the remainder of the Counselor-at-Large term.

Co-Editors of the *Western Criminology Review*, Jeffrey and Leana Bouffard, have relocated to Sam Houston State University. The email address for the editors is now: wcr98@hotmail.com. You can access the on-line journal at the same address <http://wcr.sonoma.edu/>.

The WSC September Board Meeting will be held in Sonoma Wine Country, CA. The Local Arrangements/Site Selection Committee has been researching accommodations and costs in Sonoma and other cities, for the 2013 conference location (2011 will be in Vancouver, Canada, and 2012 in Newport Beach, CA). Some of the items on the agenda for this meeting include: proposed amendments to the WSC Constitution and By-Laws, changes to the WSC office election ballot, nominations for WSC offices, and the open access status of the *Western Criminology Review*. We will also continue with preparations for the 2010 annual conference.

Hope to see you in February, Aloha!

WSC Address

Please note that the mailing address for the WSC has changed effective May 15, 2009:

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From the Editor

Yvette Farmer

Our Fall issue includes an organizational update from the WSC President, information about reduced room rates for our upcoming conference in Hawaii (see the Call for Participation in this issue), a job announcement for Seattle University, and an obituary honoring Carl Pope who passed away in July 2009.

In an effort to see that the newsletter remains informative and continues to challenge its readers to critically evaluate important issues in criminology and criminal justice, you will see some thoughts about the link between academia and criminal justice policy in *Miki's Reflections* as well as results from my search for good news in Criminal Justice. I appreciate all of the contributions to the newsletter and if any of the articles motivate you to share your thoughts in an upcoming issue, please let me know.

This is our newsletter and I would like to encourage all of the readers to take an active role in sharing important ideas and information with our membership. The deadline for receipt of materials will be March 1st for the Spring issue and August 1st for the Fall issue. Ideas should be sent to:

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I look forward to hearing your ideas, answering your questions, or addressing your concerns about the newsletter.



Miki's Reflections Miki Vohryzek-Bolden

As a dyed-in-the-wool criminal justice public policy aficionado, I am always intrigued by the discussions about the link between the academic world and the crime and justice policy sphere. In the July/August 2009 issue of *The Criminologist*, American Society of Criminology (ASC) President Todd Clear described some of the initiatives in place to strengthen the role of ASC in national policy-making, including funding decisions. To that end, ASC formed a consortium of criminology/criminal justice associations in order to focus on three initial areas: strengthened grants-making and publication integrity of the National Institute of Justice, The Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; increased support for basic research on crime and justice; and a strengthened role for scientific advice on research priorities within the Office of Justice Programs. I am going to take a little writer's license to put my spin on his comments.

Dr. Clear notes that these issues "...follow closely the logic of Alfred Blumstein ...about policy advocacy...." This discussion reminds me of when then-President of the ASC Joan Petersilia reminded us of the contributions that criminal justice professionals can make in the policy arena. In a previous reflections article, I also discussed the many rewards and distinct challenges to conducting research in the field and then applying that knowledge in a policy setting where politics often rules the final decisions.

We are all basically discussing the same issue: How can we as criminologists/criminal justice professionals promote our research agenda and apply our knowledge in the policy area? Dr. Clear addresses two research approaches that play an important role in the policy field: criminological research designed to "better understand some important aspect of the nature of crime and the limitations of justice" and evaluation research, designed to measure the impact of a particular program. I very much agree with Dr. Clear that we need to understand what we know about crime and justice and what we know about how well our crime and justice programs work. At the national level and to some degree the state level, the available funds are used more for program evaluation than criminological research. Some of this has come about because of the focus on evidence-based practices but it is also tied to scarcity of general funds, where policy-makers are now adding language to legislation that sunsets programs unless they can demonstrate effectiveness.

I, personally, have benefited from this focus on evaluation research. Yet, I agree again with Dr. Clear that there are limitations to this research focus: findings are often inconclusive; one study cannot prove anything; and only a 'body of work' can document the impact of the program over time. Scientific research must play a significant role in our field. I am hopeful that the consortium will be able to work its magic in Washington and convince the policy makers that they need to be more forward thinking in their approach to crime and justice rather than base "...its agenda on whatever program priorities exist in the justice's current program initiatives, or whatever program interest excites the field at the moment." It is a challenge worth engaging in if we want to make a difference in the crime and justice sphere.



Good News in Criminal Justice

With all of the discussions related to budget cuts, furloughs, unemployment, and foreclosures, I went in search of criminal justice information that could be interpreted as positive. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) website includes findings such as:

- Violent crime rates have declined for both males and females since 1994.
- Serious violent crime rates have declined in recent years for both blacks and whites.
- The number of prisoners under sentence of death decreased for the seventh consecutive year in 2007.
- In 2008, 5 fewer inmates were executed than the number of inmates executed in 2007.

I'm ready to take these findings at face value even though they could be examined in more depth resulting in explanations that are less than positive. For the moment, let's just relish in the good news. If you have some good news related to Criminology or Criminal Justice, I would be happy to pass it along to our readers.



An invitation to share your thoughts and words...

The scholarly exchange of ideas and experiences that takes place between academics and professionals in Criminology and Criminal Justice enriches all of us. If you feel strongly about a certain topic, would be willing to write about it, and believe that others would enjoy reading it, please consider sending me an article that I can publish in the newsletter. Your thoughts and words may inspire another person and should be sent to Yvette Farmer at drfarmer@csus.edu.



In Memoriam: Dr. Carl Pope

By: Rick Lovell, John Hepburn,
Julius Debro and John Conley

Carl died on July 27, 2009. After completing his undergraduate degree at CSU-Long Beach, he pursued graduate studies in criminal justice at CSU-Los Angeles and SUNY-Albany, where he received the Ph.D. in 1975. His 33-year academic career was at the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee, where he advanced through the professorial ranks, worked tirelessly and successfully to develop a nationally recognized criminal justice program, and served as Chair of the Criminal Justice department for eleven years.

Carl had an outstanding career. Supported by more than \$3 million in federal, state and foundation grants and contracts, Carl’s research focused on delinquency and youth violence, and especially on the issues of minority overrepresentation in the criminal justice system. The eulogy posted by OJJDP noted that Carl “was an articulate advocate for equitable treatment under the law. A pioneer in our nation’s efforts to reduce disproportionate minority contact (DMC) in the juvenile justice system, he assisted states in identifying decision points where disparity might occur and worked with communities to resolve problems. His extensive writing on DMC-related matters informed initiatives to reduce it and included the seminal Bulletin “Disproportionate Minority Confinement: A Review of the Research Literature From 1989 to 2001,” among other OJJDP publications. Dr. Pope’s life-long efforts on behalf of youth constitute a noble and enduring legacy.” *Minorities in the Juvenile Justice System*, co-authored with Kimberly Kempf-Leonard and William Feyerherm, received the 1997 Gustavus Meyers Award for Outstanding Book on the Subject of Human Rights in America. In 2002, Carl received the Western Society of Criminology’s W.E.B. Dubois Award for significant contributions to the field of race and ethnic issues in criminology.

Throughout his career, Carl was strongly committed to teaching, although his idea of teaching leaned more to tutorials and mentoring than to traditional instructional techniques. He favored no one; he favored them all. Carl’s legacy includes

the many important contributions to criminal justice policy and practice, as well as to academic scholarship, by his former students. Carl also was heavily engaged in service to a number of professional organizations and, in 1996, he was awarded the distinction of becoming a Fellow in the Western Society of Criminology.

But, the measure of one’s life is more than funded research, publications, and professional recognition and awards. As successful as Carl was in the professional arena, he was vastly more successful in his personal relationships with friends and colleagues. Few can equal Carl’s sense of humor and laid-back demeanor, and none can exceed his compassion and concern for others. Carl was a cherished friend and an unwavering colleague. Carl was devoted to his wife, Jane, and son, Brendan. Carl will be missed by all.



Come Join Us!

WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY
37TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ALA MOANA HOTEL – HONOLULU, HAWAII
FEBRUARY 4 – 6, 2010



We encourage you to mark your calendar for the 37th Annual Conference of the WSC. The Program Chairs are Dr. Adrienne Freng and Dr. Christine Gardiner. They can be contacted at:

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The Call for Papers appears in this issue, but you may also want to contact Dr. Freng, Dr. Gardiner, or check out our website - www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/wsc/ for additional information about the conference. We look forward to seeing you in paradise!



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CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

**Western Society of Criminology
37th Annual Conference
February 4-6, 2010 • Honolulu, Hawaii**

❖ *Please note that the deadline to send abstracts to topic chairs is October 5, 2009* ❖

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In deciding the most appropriate place to send your abstract, think about the main focus of your paper and how it might fit with the topic of the panel. For example, if your paper examines both race and juvenile issues, think about whether you would like to be placed on a panel with other papers discussing race issues or other papers dealing with juvenile issues and then send to the most appropriate topic chair. Electronic submissions are preferred to hard copies being mailed or faxed. All presenters are asked to submit an abstract of 150 WORDS OR LESS to only one of the panel topics listed above. In addition to the abstract, please include the name, mailing address, email address, and phone number for all authors on the submission for the participant directory.



Conference Registration!

All conference participants need to make reservations by January 3, 2010. Information about the Ala Moana Hotel can be found on the hotel website (www.alamoanahotel.com) or by calling (800) 367-6025. To receive the conference rate of \$109-139+tax/night, please call the Ala Moana Hotel and indicate that you are with the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Conference rates are not available with online reservations. These rates will be available five nights prior and five nights after the conference, subject to availability.



Students

The Western Society of Criminology provides several opportunities for students in conjunction with the annual conference, including travel money and a paper competition. Please see the following for requirements and application information.

June Morrison Scholarship Fund: The June Morrison Scholarship provides supplemental funds (\$100) to support student member participation at the annual conference. A maximum of five awards will be made to students attending the annual meeting of the WSC. In the event that there are more than five eligible applications, the awards committee will randomly select five recipients. To be eligible for the June Morrison Award, students must present a paper at the annual conference. Conference registration and membership dues must be paid prior to the scholarship being awarded. Please submit your application by October 5, 2009, to Finn Esbensen at esbensen@umsl.edu. Application information can be obtained by consulting *Student Information*, which is in the *Conference* section of the WSC website (www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/wsc/conference.htm).

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden (MVB) Student Paper Competition: Students are eligible to compete in a Student Paper Competition sponsored by WSC. Papers co-authored by faculty will not be considered. Appropriate types of papers include but are not limited to policy analyses, original research, literature reviews, position papers, theoretical papers, and commentaries. Students selected for this award will be recognized at the conference and will receive a cash award (\$125 for first place and \$75 for second place) and registration reimbursement. Additionally, if the award recipient desires, the best paper will be submitted for review to the *Western Criminological Review*. Abstracts should be submitted to the appropriate topical chair by October 5, 2009 and a final paper should be emailed to Finn Esbensen (esbensen@umsl.edu) by January 4, 2010. Award winners will be notified in writing by February 1, 2010. Submission information can be obtained by consulting *Student Information*, which is in the *Conference* section of the WSC website (www.sonoma.edu/ccjs/wsc/conference.htm).

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY

Criminal Justice Department



SEATTLE UNIVERSITY invites applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department starting Fall 2010. The Criminal Justice Department offers BA and BS degrees with specializations in Administration of Justice, Criminology, Forensic Psychology, and Forensic Science, and a MA degree in Criminal Justice with concentrations in Investigative Criminology, Victimology, and Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation. The department also has a Crime Analysis Certificate program, and a joint MA/JD Degree with the Seattle University School of Law. Our faculty is comprised of accomplished teachers and active scholars. Recent faculty publications have appeared in *Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Women & Criminal Justice*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Criminal Justice & Behavior*, Sage, Wadsworth, and New York University Press.

Requirements for the position include: PhD in Criminal Justice/Criminology, substantial record or promise of excellence in scholarship and teaching, and ability to teach a range of courses across the curriculum including research methods and statistics. Research specialization is open. JDs (without PhD) and ABDs will not be considered. PhDs in disciplines other than criminal justice/criminology will be considered in cases where the candidate has expertise in relevant areas and demonstrated ability to teach a range of Criminal Justice/Criminology courses.

Applicants should submit a letter of interest including teaching philosophy and scholarship agenda, curriculum vitae, three letters of recommendation, and academic transcripts. Review of applications will begin immediately. Application deadline is October 1st 2009. Submit applications electronically to:

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Seattle University, founded in 1891, continues a more than four hundred and fifty year tradition of Jesuit Catholic higher education. The University's Jesuit Catholic ideals underscore its commitment to the centrality of teaching, learning and scholarship, of values-based education grounded in the Jesuit and Catholic traditions, of service and social justice, of lifelong learning, and of educating the whole person. Located in the heart of dynamic Seattle, the University enrolls approximately 7,200 undergraduate and graduate students in eight colleges and schools. Students enjoy a university ethos characterized by small classes, individualized faculty attention, a strong sense of community, a commitment to diversity, and an outstanding faculty. Seattle University is an equal opportunity employer. A statement of the Seattle University mission can be found at: http://www.seattleu.edu/home/about_seattle_university/mission/.



*Launch of the Website of
The South Asian Society of
Criminology and Victimology (SASCV)*

The South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (SASCV) is an international association founded to nurture criminology and victimology in countries such as Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Pakistan, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Nepal. Academics, researchers and practitioners worldwide have joined hands to establish SASCV and share of best practices in the context of South Asia. Literature, religion and cultural practices of this region demonstrate a traditionally rich understanding of criminology and victimology in this region. South Asian literature is replete with stories of victim justice and restorative practices. Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism, Islam and various Tribal religions played a great role with regard to the concept of justice and non-violence, both at individual and community level. Colonial period introduced a new and formal centralized criminal justice system dismantling the then existing idea of justice. The 20th century saw the establishment of new states where ethnic, religious, linguistic, caste, communal, tribal and other identities played a role in institution of constitutions and in the legal sphere of criminal and victim justice. Today, South Asian countries face acute problems of corruption, criminal violence, terrorism, extremism, poverty, environmental degradation, white collar/cyber crimes, violations of human rights, state sponsored terrorism, crime against humanity, individual and collective victimization. In this context, the South Asian Society of Criminology and Victimology (SASCV) has emerged as a novel initiative to assist countries in criminal justice policy making and support victims of crime and abuse of power. We welcome anyone who shares our goals as members. Please visit us at <http://www.sascv.edu.tf>.



<http://wcr.sonoma.edu>

Call for Papers

The Western Criminology Review is the official journal of the Western Society of Criminology, and we invite all presenters to submit their research to the journal. Published twice a year, WCR is an on-line, peer-reviewed outlet for scholarly research in all matters important to criminology and criminal justice. The journal is intended to reflect local (Western), national, and international concerns. Manuscripts are submitted electronically, and all correspondence is conducted online to speed the review process. Due to the advantages of being an online journal, there are no page, color, or appendix restrictions; therefore, authors can include hypertext links and images at their discretion. Our evaluation process of submitted papers involves a brief internal consideration by editorial staff, followed by a blind assessment by at least two external reviewers. Replies and Comments to previously published articles are encouraged. All submissions should be formatted according to the journal's guidelines for manuscripts, which can be found on the WCR website at <http://wcr.sonoma.edu/>. Persons interested in submitting their work to the WCR should send inquiries to Leana Bouffard and Jeffrey Bouffard, Sam Houston State University. Send all new submissions via e-mail as an attachment to wcr98@hotmail.com.

Please Note: The editorial office for Western Criminology Review has moved to Sam Houston State University. The e-mail address above is new and should be used for all journal submissions and other correspondence.

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