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FROM THE PRESIDENT



DR. DAVID MACALISTER

Simon Fraser University

Vancouver, Canada has a population of around 2.4 million residents. That makes it the third largest city in Canada after Toronto and Montreal. Up to the end of July of this year, there had been nine recorded murders in Vancouver for 2022. Only two of the victims were shot to death. The majority die from stabbing. Comparatively speaking, Vancouver is a very safe city. This is part of my pitch to encourage you to attend the WSC's Annual Conference, being held in February 2023 in Vancouver.

I sincerely hope that as many of you as possible manage to make the trip to Vancouver. The odds are fairly good that you will not see a lot of violent crime; however, I can almost guarantee that you will see some rain, and there should be plenty of snow on the local mountains (although we did have to truck some snow in for the local mountains from the BC interior to be used in the 2010 Winter Olympics in February of that year). If you enjoy skiing or snowboarding, you might want to tack on an extra day or two to your visit and head up one of the local mountains, as close as a half hour drive from downtown Vancouver. Alternatively, take the two-hour drive to Whistler where you will enjoy some world class downhill and cross-country adventures.

There are also upcoming changes for current travel restrictions in to Canada. It has been announced that on September 30th the Canadian government will no longer require masks, proof of prior vaccination or a negative COVID test, and will discontinue administering random COVID testing for those traveling in to the country. Keep your eyes on the Canadian travel.gc.ca web site to get up to date information in this regard.

Of course, the real reason to come to Vancouver is to present and receive feedback on your latest research, and to enjoy listening to what your colleagues have been doing on the research front in recent months. It will be a chance to make new connections and reconnect with old colleagues. Hopefully, we will all get a mid-winter rejuvenation through sharing ideas about teaching and research, as well as socializing with friends we only see once or twice a year. We look forward to some exciting panels in areas of interest to us. The abstract submission portal is now open and remains open until October 7, 2022. At the conference, we will be providing awards to several very worthy recipients. I hope to see as many of you as possible in Vancouver in February. In the meantime, please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns or questions about the conference.



DR. VICTORIA TERRANOVA

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Welcome to the Fall 2022 issue of *The Western Criminologist*! I would like to first recognize and thank returning president David Macalister for his service to the association. I am excited to share this issue with you all including important information about the upcoming executive board elections, award nominations, as well as the annual meeting in Vancouver. I encourage you to consider submitting nominations for this years' awards by the deadline, **November 11, 2022**. We will be celebrating WSC's 50th anniversary at the upcoming annual meeting in Vancouver, BC. I echo David's sentiments and hope to see you all in the beautiful and safe city of Vancouver! Don't miss the submission deadline to present at the annual meeting of **October 7, 2022**.

This issue also includes a WSC Student Spotlight of Brandon Bledsoe and Anthony Triola. Be sure to stop by their presentations to say hi at the upcoming meetings. Also check out Mikelle Angiuli's commentary "Gaining Early Experience in the Field and Translating it to Research." In this she reflects on her experience working in victim advocacy and how that has shaped her growing research agenda. As always, a very special thanks to the WSC's institutional sponsors!

AN INVITATION TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

We invite both practitioners, as well as academics in the field of criminology and criminal justice to consider contributing your thoughts on a topic that is of interest to you and the WSC readership to be included in the Spring 2022 issue of our newsletter. Please send your article, or any questions, to:

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Each year, the Western Society of Criminology elects two or three Executive Counselors to serve three-year terms. In addition, each year the Board of the WSC appoints additional members to serve one year terms as Counselors-at-Large. Finally, this year we have a new three-year term position, Director of Social Media, which will be appointed by the Board.

Board Members:

- Form the policies of the WSC;
- Determine the date, location, and general program of the Annual Meeting;
- Ratify the budget for the WSC;
- Review the accounts and disbursements of the WSC;
- Act on resolutions submitted by the Resolution Committee;
- Coordinate a book exhibit to raise scholarship funds for students each year;
- Select editors for our journal, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society; and,
- Select award recipients from the slate of people nominated by the general membership of the Society.

We hope that you will choose to get more involved with the WSC by running for election to the Board! Nominations, including self-nominations, are welcome.

Please contact Dr. Veronica Herrera, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, for more information:

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CALL FOR WSC STUDENT AWARD APPLICATIONS

June Morrison Scholarship Fund: Using money raised from the Book Exhibit, the June Morrison Scholarship Fund provides supplemental funds to help defray the cost of student members' participation at the annual meeting, provided that they are presenting papers at the conference. Typically, one or two awards are made to students attending the annual meeting of the WSC. The amount of the awards varies by year (usually between \$200 and \$300), depending on the sales of books at the Book Exhibit the prior year. Please note that this scholarship is not related to the Student Paper Competition. All students attending the annual meeting are encouraged to apply.

- **Eligibility:** Any student currently enrolled full-time or part-time in an academic degree program at either the undergraduate or graduate level is eligible to apply for this award, provided that they are presenting a paper at the annual conference. Conference registration and student membership dues must be paid prior to the scholarship being awarded.
- **Submission Requirements:**
 - A résumé or curriculum vitae
 - A cover letter, indicating your intent to apply for the award, including the following information:
 1. your full contact information, including your name, address, phone number, and email address;
 2. the name of your school, department, and whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student;
 3. the title of your paper presentation;
 4. a summary of other funding sources available to you, if any;
 5. a brief explanation of how conference attendance will be valuable to your career development (including how it will relate to future career plans); and,
 6. a brief summary of how your presentation fits into your larger research trajectory (i.e., what, if any, are your plans for the project you plan to present at the conference, such as use in project, thesis, or dissertation; submission for publication to a specific journal; etc.).
 - An e-mail message from a faculty sponsor from your school to the Chairperson of the Awards Committee, Dr. Alyssa Chamberlain, indicating their support of your request for travel funds.

**Email the information to [Dr. Alyssa Chamberlain](#)
by 5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, November 11, 2022.**

Winners will be notified in writing by December 9, 2022.

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition: Students are invited to compete in the Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition sponsored by WSC each year. Appropriate types of papers include, but are not limited to, policy analyses, original research, literature reviews, position papers, theoretical papers, and scholarly commentaries. Please note that papers co-authored by faculty will not be considered.

- **Eligibility:** Any student currently enrolled full-time or part-time in an academic degree program at either the undergraduate or graduate level is eligible to submit a paper. Students from all majors are eligible, however, all entries must be related to criminology, criminal justice, or criminal law and society. Papers must not exceed 30 pages, including abstract, text, references, tables and figures, notes, et cetera. Papers exceeding this limit will not be considered. Papers must be double-spaced, typed in 12-point font on pages using one-inch margins, and conform to a standard format for the organization of papers and citation (e.g., APA, ASA, Bluebook). The WSC Awards Committee is responsible for evaluating papers meeting the guidelines described above.
- **Award Prize:** Students selected for this award will be recognized at the WSC's annual conference; will receive a reimbursement of student conference fees (less membership dues); and will receive a cash award of between \$125 and \$250 for first place, depending on whether the paper was sole-authored or co-authored. Additionally, if the award recipient desires, the best paper will be submitted for review to the journal of *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*. In rare circumstances, a cash award of up to \$100 may be awarded to a second place paper. Please note that the cash award must be used to fund travel or hotel expenses for the award recipient to attend the WSC conference. An award winner who does not attend the conference will not receive the cash stipend.
- **Please Note:** The paper that students submit to compete in Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition need not be the same paper that they present at the conference. We recognize that conference presentations may be works in progress or may be a result of joint efforts with faculty mentors. In contrast, papers submitted for the Student Paper Competition must be completed papers that were written by a student (or co-authored by two or more students) without the assistance of faculty. Papers are welcome from students matriculated at any college or university anywhere in the world.

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WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY



2023 Annual Conference
February 3–4, 2023

The Sheraton Wall Centre
Vancouver, B.C.

1000 Burrard St
Vancouver, BC, V6Z 2R9 Canada
(604) 331-1000

People wishing to present at the conference will be able to submit proposals through our online [abstract submission system](#) between August 1 and October 7, 2022. We encourage the submission of complete panels of three (3) to four (4) papers.

Panel Topics

- COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCESSES
(INCLUDING SENTENCING)
- CORRECTIONS
- CRIME ANALYSIS
(INCLUDING GEOGRAPHY & CRIME AND SOCIAL NETWORKS & CRIME)
- CRIMINOLOGICAL THEORY
- CYBERCRIME
- DRUGS/SUBSTANCE ABUSE & CRIME
- FORENSIC SCIENCE
- SEX, GENDER, SEXUALITY, & CRIME
- JUVENILE JUSTICE
- LEGAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
(CRIMINAL LAW, CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, & EVIDENCE)
- ORGANIZED CRIME & GANGS
- PEACEMAKING CRIMINOLOGY
- POLICING
- SEX CRIMES
- TEACHING & ASSESSMENT IN JUSTICE EDUCATION
- TERRORISM
- WHITE COLLAR CRIME

All proposals must be electronically submitted through the WSC's online Abstract Submission System
<http://westerncriminology.org/conference-3/abstract-submission-gateway/>.

The portal will open on August 1, 2022 and close on October 7, 2022, the deadline for submissions.

In deciding the most appropriate topic area for your abstract, think about the main focus of your paper or presentation and how it might fit within a panel organized around a larger topical theme. 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 submit it to the topic area in which you think it fits best.

All presenters are asked to submit an abstract of 1,100 characters or fewer 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.

Please note that all presenters are required to preregister and prepay the nonrefundable conference fees no later than Friday, December 23, 2022. Failure to do so will result in presentations being removed from the final program.

WSC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Brandon N. Bledsoe

M.A. Criminal Justice - Seattle University



Micro-Community Policing Plans

In a collaboration between Seattle University and the Seattle Police Department (SPD), the Micro-Community Policing Plans (MCP) research team has distributed the Seattle Public Safety Survey since 2015 and have facilitated weekly virtual community-police dialogues from mid-May through the end of August 2021 and 2022, led by Dr. Jacqueline Helfgott. The goal of these dialogues is to provide space for community members to discuss public safety concerns and build connections with police and civilian SPD employees who serve their neighborhoods. Brandon was hired as the South and Southwest precinct Research Analyst (RA) in May 2022 along with two other Seattle U graduate students and one undergraduate student. Brandon and the accompanying MCP RAs are currently working on the 2022 Community-Police Dialogue report which highlights the key themes that were discussed in the 2022 dialogues across all five SPD precincts. Brandon is co-authoring a paper with Dr. Jacqueline Helfgott and MCP alum, Shannon Christensen, discussing the results of the 2021 and 2022 community-police dialogues which they will also be presenting at the 2023 Western Society of Criminology Conference.

Additionally, the research team is currently preparing for a new set of dialogues with new SPD recruits to facilitate discussion around the future of policing in Seattle, as well as preparing for distribution of the 2022 Seattle Public Safety Survey. MCP has provided valuable experience for work in the criminal justice system for nearly 40 Seattle University students who have worked as RAs since 2015. Students have moved on to work in numerous police departments as police officers and civilian employees. Others have entered PhD programs as MCP provides a mix of quantitative and qualitative analysis, offering valuable research experience for PhD program applicants.

Other Involvement

Brandon is involved in several other roles as he will be serving as the 2022-2023 President for the Seattle U Arts & Sciences Graduate Council, Vice President of Alpha Phi Sigma – Pi Delta Chapter, and Managing Editor for the Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society. In addition to co-presenting at the 2023 WSC conference, he also plans on presenting at the 2022 American Society of Criminology conference on active shooter protocols. He is currently in the process of co-authoring a paper connected to this presentation with Dr. Brooke Gialopsos. Utilizing the valuable experience from MCP and his other work, Brandon intends on entering a Criminal Justice PhD program following his graduation from Seattle U in June 2023 with a continued focus on policing.

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WSC STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Anthony Triola

**Ph.D. Candidate – Criminology,
Law & Society**

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My name is Anthony Triola and I am a PhD candidate in Criminology, Law & Society at University of California, Irvine. The bulk of my research establishes a theoretical

account of legal reasonableness in the United States as it relates to several varieties of “use of force” by the State. My dissertation analyzes this logical current not only through contemporary use of force jurisprudence, but also through ostensibly divergent issues such as the utilization of prisoners as objects of knowledge through experimentation and carceral institutions as sites of environmental injustice. In doing so, I track the inconsistent evolution of “legal reasonableness” and supplement socio-legal theories, such as legal endogeneity, to engage more thoroughly the incapacity of legal reasoning to quell state violence. The first part of this project, which examines U.S. Supreme Court jurisprudence from *Graham* and *Garner* to our contemporary moment has been published as sole-authored article in *Social and Legal Studies* entitled “Reasonably Unreasonable: American Use of Force Jurisprudence and Police Impunity.”

Another area of interest for me is theoretical debates around police culture. Josh Chanin and myself have an article forthcoming on this topic to be published in the *International Journal of Police Science and Management*. This piece explores the degree to which officer perceptions of departmental transparency and civilian oversight differ along demographic lines and analyzes how these differences cluster.

I have presented on both these topics several times at both the WSC and ASC conferences. This year, I will be participating in a roundtable at the ASC meeting with my colleagues Amanda Petersen, Justin Strong, Ernest Chavez and Navjyot Kaur Gill entitled “Humanistic Methods in the Study of the Carceral State

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“Gaining Early Experience in the Field and Translating it to Research”

As a sophomore in college, I applied for a highly competitive internship position at the police department local to the University of Northern Colorado. In this role, most of my days were filled with tedious office work, however every couple of weeks I was afforded the opportunity to go on a ride-along and shadow different practitioners in the criminal justice system. I rode along with officers and gang detectives on different shifts, witnessed traffic stops, arrests, and bookings into the county jail, and even observed a death investigation (D.O.A) while still just beginning of my criminal justice education. The service I shadowed which meant the most to me at this time was a with the city’s mobile mental health crisis ambulance.

Through riding along with the mental health ambulance and talking with my supervisor, I became increasingly more interested in programs that helped special populations in criminal justice. The next semester, I had secured a position as a volunteer crime victim advocate. Early on as an intern, I often felt like I was watching helplessly when I came into contact with victims; I had no training and was just starting to gain on-the-job experience. Since then I have worked with countless victims of crime from burglaries to domestic violence to homicide and have become confident in my ability to show up on-scene and provide support, resources, and a shoulder to cry on.

Much like many local criminal justice systems, many victims and offenders in my city suffer from mental illness. The department I worked with addressed this intersection of mental health programming and justice-involvement via its mental health co-responder program. In my role of victim advocate, I often wondered about its effectiveness and outreach to their target population. This has translated to my own research interests about co-responder programs and their impact on those that interact with law enforcement and the courts.

My early experience in the field has shaped my perspectives on how to better serve the community and those coming into contact with the criminal justice system but it also has taught me how to better think like a researcher. Witnessing the complex relationships between victims, offenders, the criminal justice system, and the community that surrounds them has further solidified my interest in exploring community partnership services as a means of addressing social problems within and around the criminal justice system. I began asking myself questions like “Where are the cracks and gaps in our services?” “What are our services doing well?” “Where can we improve” or “who isn’t being reached by services?”

Translating this to my graduate thesis, I realized I had to first define effectiveness and then explore all the variety of outcomes of the program. Even when it seems straightforward, there are so many different potential outcomes and moving parts to be considered. As a victim advocate, I have learned the importance of having appropriate resources to refer victims to, making sure those services are accessible, and how mental health co-responder programs operate within a dual system of law enforcement and program resourcing. I have also observed how these components play a major role in the daily lives of the justice-involved.

Taking these perspectives with me into research has allowed me to get a better picture of the populations I want to work with and the social problems that afflict my community. In my thesis, I examine how my local police department's co-responder program divert mental health calls away from conventional arrest, detention and conviction. I have relied on my practical experience to ask important questions about diverse law enforcement responses. This experience has also enabled me to conduct a useful evaluation in collaboration with local criminal justice agencies and mental health professionals.

My experience working with agencies has helped prepare me for my thesis and showing me early about the value that a program evaluation could be. The experience and perspectives I gained as both an intern and continue to have as a volunteer crime victim advocate have helped me not only in my academic journey but also prepared me to be learn and grow as a researcher. While I am still early in my research journey, I am incredibly excited to take my knowledge and experiences into completing my thesis research, evaluating a program close to my heart, and continuing to build my research skillset.

Bio: Mikelle Angiuli is a second-year master's student at the University of Northern Colorado in the Criminal Justice & Criminology Department. She has assisted conducting county-level re-entry program evaluation in northern Colorado, as well as served as a teaching assistant for criminal justice statistics and corrections. Ms. Angiuli is currently completing her master's thesis evaluating Greeley Police Department's mental health co-responder program. Upon completing her degree Ms. Angiuli plans to pursue her doctoral degree and continued research with a focus on the relationship between community programs and criminal justice agencies that work to reduce recidivism, crime and poverty.

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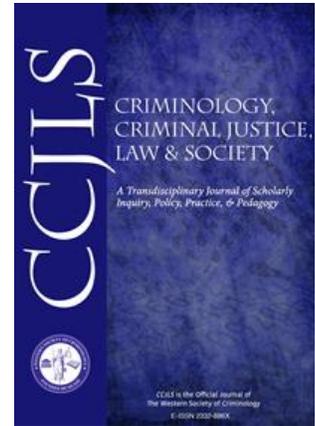
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CCJLS invites all of the following:

- theoretical and empirical research on criminology, criminal justice, and criminal law and society;
- practice-oriented papers (including teaching/pedagogical issues);
- essays and commentary on crime, law, and justice policy;
- replies and comments to articles previously published in *CCJLS* or *WCR*;
- book, film reviews, and scholarly article reviews;
- historical and contemporary perspectives are encouraged, as are diverse theoretical and methodological approaches.

Manuscripts must be submitted electronically through the journal's portal on [Scholastica](#). Submissions should be formatted according to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, Sixth Edition* (2009). All correspondence is conducted online to speed the review process. There are no page, color, or appendix restrictions, although a 30-page upper limit for the body of papers is recommended. Additionally, authors may, at their discretion, include images (in .jpg. or .gif formats), as well as hyperlinks to web pages, source documents, YouTube videos, and similar multimedia materials on the Internet to take full advantage of the digital nature of the journal. Our evaluation process involves an internal review by editorial staff, followed by a blind assessment by two external reviewers. Inquiries about *CCJLS* should be directed to the editors—Jacqueline Helfgott and Elaine Gunnison—via email at CCJLS@WesternCriminology.org.



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