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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mary Maguire

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I'm pleased to report that the Western Society of Criminology had another very successful conference this year, held at the Four Seasons Hotel in beautiful downtown Vancouver, B.C. Over two hundred attendees were offered a multitude of over 175 papers that provided discussions on a wide array of topics related to emerging scholarship in criminology, criminal justice as well as teaching and research. Henry Pontell delivered the plenary address on white collar crime, entitled *Global Meltdown: Fraud and Financial Crisis*. Samuel Walker delivered the keynote address on race entitled, *Race and Justice in America: A 60, 50, 37 (whatever) Year Perspective*.

The typical "Meet the Author" this year was enlivened by a "Meet the Filmmaker" and a compelling preview of Paul Sutton's, *Prison Through Tomorrow's Eyes*. Sutton provided an insightful and riveting glimpse into the means by which the lives of students are affected by concentrated prison tours, as well as an overview of the state of California's prison system.

The conference was supported this year by generous sponsors. I want to express our gratitude to Arizona State University, Simon Frazer University, and Seattle University. Their support, both financial and instrumental, was critical in making the conference the success that it was.

The WSC also has exciting changes on the horizon.

There are positive and ongoing changes afoot with our journal, the *Western Criminology Review*. I want to extend a

heartfelt expression of gratitude to Leana and Jeff Bouffard who have been tirelessly dedicated to improving the quality of the journal for the past 5 years. Leana and Jeff have assisted with the smooth transition of the WCR to its new editorial team of Chris Curtis, Karen Glover and Stuart Henry. Professors Curtis, Glover and Henry have extensive and proven experience in working together as a team. For the past three years, they have organized and facilitated the critical criminology mini-conference that precedes the annual WSC conference. They have also assembled and published an outstanding special issue for the WCR and are currently working on their second special issue. We are very excited to have their skills, energy and spirit on the journal.

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An equally strong move forward was the election of Dr. Hank Fradella (CSULB) as the Vice President. Hank has taken a lead role in redesigning and updating our website to its current state. He has also been instrumental in the process of streamlining our abstract submission process for next year's conference. The process is still in the development stage, but we are hopeful that by the abstract submission deadline (October 10, 2011) for the 2012 annual conference, you will be able to submit your abstract at a central portal on our new and improved website.

Our 2012 conference promises to be as successful as our last. We will be at The Fairmont Newport Beach in Newport Beach, CA from February 16-19<sup>th</sup>. The property is not only a beautiful place for some R&R, but will also allow us enough room for the growth our conference is experiencing. The hotel has extended the conference rate for three nights before and after the conference. We are adding a poster session for the 2012 conference and are expecting a large number of papers. We encourage you to register early!

The final changes of note are related to the facilitators of the WSC conference: the Board members. I want to extend a special thank you to Cassia Spohn (ASU) and John Hipp (UCI) who are stepping off the Board this year after three years of service. I also want to extend a large scale thank you to Laurie Kubicek (CSUS), our outgoing President, whose energy has added significantly to the quality of the Board over the past 5 years.

We have a wonderful group of new Board members for 2011-12. The membership elected Kimberly Richman (USF) and Marie Griffin (ASU) as Executive Counselors. Doreen Anderson-Facile (CSUB) will fulfill the end of Hank Fradella's Executive Counselor term. Dina Perrone (CSULB), Jennie Singer (CSUS), and Gisela Bichler (CSUSB), a former WSC President, will be serving as Counselors-At-Large. We are thrilled to have Becky Nash (SFU) as our student representative. Returning Board members are Andrea Schoepfer (CSUSB), Christine Gardiner (CSUF), Charles Katz (ASU), Paul Kaplan (SDSU), and Kristy Matsuda (UMSL). Last, but not least, we are thankful to have Yvette Farmer (CSUS) returning as the Editor of our newsletter, *The Western Criminologist*. I am looking forward to working with such a strong and active Board.

I joined the WSC Board in 2006 and am committed to advancing its philosophy of welcoming young scholars, seasoned emeriti, and practitioners alike. I hope that each of you will become more involved with the WSC over the coming year. For the first time, we will have a poster session at the conference. If you are new to presenting your work, I encourage you to submit a poster abstract for the 2012 conference. We also strongly encourage you to submit your

manuscripts to the *Western Criminology Review* or a column to our newsletter. Always feel free to reach out to a Board member with your suggestions or questions. It is the membership that distinguishes the WSC as the unique organization it is. I look forward to your active participation – Here's to a full year ahead!



## FROM THE EDITOR

Yvette Farmer

Our Spring issue includes a message from the new WSC President, shares information from our annual meeting, and solicits your help in nominating individuals for WSC awards. Please take a moment to identify and submit the name of a potential recipient. Your input is definitely appreciated.

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 an article on the politics and practice of exclusion from the Critical Criminology conference. In *Miki's Reflections*, you will see her thoughts about reducing the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation budget and a discussion of the Justice Reinvestment movement. 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 1<sup>st</sup> for the Spring issue and August 1<sup>st</sup> 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.





**THOUGHTS FROM THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS**  
**Race and Justice in America: A 60, 50, 37**  
**(whatever) Year Perspective**

Samuel Walker from the University of Nebraska at Omaha was the keynote speaker and W.E.B. DuBois Award winner in Vancouver, B.C. In reviewing the past 37 years, he discussed the importance of race as a central issue in policing, court processing, sentencing, and the death penalty. He also noted that although race is central in the field of Criminal Justice (CJ) and in American history, research on this topic is not always found in CJ textbooks. Walker contends that progress has been made, but that progress is not complete.

According to Walker, recognition of a racial problem began in the 1960s with a very simplistic understanding of the issue. Since that time, the complexity of racism has become evident in research on topics such as arrests, traffic stops, use of deadly force, plea bargaining, sentencing, and the death penalty. Walker reminds us that racial issues are embedded in the processes of the criminal justice system. Despite the achievement of criminologists, disparate outcomes continue to persist and eliminating racial disparities has been and continues to be extremely difficult.

Evidence of reform and progress can be seen in the following areas: policing (with the use of deadly force and pursuits), prosecution (with bail reform and plea bargaining guidelines); sentencing (by limiting police discretion and establishing punishment guidelines—including use of the death penalty); and improved prison conditions. According to Walker, the primary beneficiaries of these reforms have been people of color and people that live in poverty. Although people have cared, conducted research, and changed policies resulting in notable improvements, racial issues are *deeply* embedded in the social structure and criminal justice processes.

Despite the worsening economic trends and racial climate, Walker encourages criminologists to dig deeper into policies/procedures and the inequalities that exist within the social system. He suggests developing a refined research and policy agenda and he believes that policy makers need first-rate research and contact with academics about outcomes. According to Walker, we must have a focused, concentrated, and persistent effort to foster changes needed to reflect progress.



**THOUGHTS FROM THE PLENARY SESSION**  
**Global Meltdown: Fraud and Financial Crisis**

Henry Pontell, our plenary speaker, is a Professor of Criminology, Law, & Society in the School of Social Ecology and of Sociology in the School of Social Sciences at the University of California, Irvine. He is also one of the WSC 2011 Paul Tappan Award winners. His presentation focused on whether or not the financial crisis/meltdown is related to white collar crime. Pontell identified the key question as “Why haven’t there been any major prosecutions resulting from the current crisis?”

Pontell contends that we trivialize white collar crime by accepting a lunatic rate of such crime. He claims that the following factors contribute to this view of white collar crime:

- White collar crime is rarely dramatic and does not often appear on the news;
- White collar crime affects a large number of people indirectly so victimization is diffused;
- White collar crime refers to paper crimes;
- White collar crime that never comes before a court is not defined as a crime;
- The requisite element of intent in white collar crime is elusive;
- People may have a difficult time seeing captains of industry as “criminals”;
- An organization is used as both a weapon (e.g., a knife or gun) and a shield; and
- There are system capacity issues – not enough resources to investigate problems.

The elements in the definition of white collar crime are not without debate. On the Populist side of the debate, the element of power is emphasized as the perpetrators of white collar crime are identified as persons in prestigious positions. On the Patrician side, scholars argue for the “de-collaring” of white collar crime since these criminal acts may be committed by individuals that do not occupy such prestigious positions. Although the Patrician view allows structural elements to be factored into the explanation of white collar crime, the Populist view focuses on specified actors and does not dismiss the element of power in the explanation of white collar crime.

According to Pontell, the global financial crisis has contributed to the trivialization of white collar crime in a number of ways. For example, there has been a 36% reduction in staff dealing with white collar crime cases; white collar crime cases have dropped; and prosecutions of white collar crime cases have fallen off by fifty percent. There have also been several historical events that contained fraud, but we have failed to learn from them. Instead, we continue to have executive compensation policies that encourage fraud. Mortgage fraud is epidemic and no one is evaluating credit quality. Pontell states that in these “crime facilitative environments” white collar crime can flourish. According to Pontell, we need to re-consider our ideology which consists of the following four dogmas:

- 1) Private market discipline is valued;
- 2) Executive compensation;
- 3) Reputation (less questioning of ‘law-abiding’ companies); and
- 4) Regulation (belief that less is better).



### THANKS TO CONFERENCE SPONSORS!

We would like to thank Simon Fraser University for their institutional support and for sponsoring the Awards luncheon and the Meet the Filmmaker session. We would also like to thank the Institute for Canadian Urban Research Studies (ICURS) at Simon Fraser University for sponsoring the refreshment break. Thank you to Arizona State University for their institutional support and for sponsoring the plenary session. Thank you also to Seattle University for their institutional support and for sponsoring the student party at the 2011 Annual Conference. Finally, thanks to California State University, Long Beach for their institutional membership and for their support in producing the 2011 conference program.



## WSC AWARDS 2011



**W.E.B. DuBois Award Winner:**  
**Samuel Walker**

Samuel Walker (on right) receiving award from Charles Katz



**June Morrison – Tom Gitchoff Founders Award Winner:**  
**Vincent Webb**



**Paul Tappan Award Winner:**  
**Robert Hare**



**Paul Tappan Award Winner:**  
**Henry Pontell**

Henry Pontell (on left) receiving award from John Hipp



**President’s Award Winner:**  
**Will Vizzard**

Will Vizzard (on left) receiving award from Laurie Kubicek



**Joseph D. Lohman Award Winner:**  
**Christine Famega**



**Miki Vohryzek-Bolden (MVB) Student Paper Competition 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner:**

**David Pyrooz**  
Arizona State University

David Pyrooz (on left) receiving award from Charles Katz



## CRITICAL CRIMINOLOGISTS DISCUSS THE POLITICS AND PRACTICE OF EXCLUSION

Avi Brisman

The third annual Critical Criminology and Justice Studies (CCJS) Mini-Conference was held on February 3, 2011, in Vancouver, British Columbia—prior to the 38th Annual Conference of the Western Society of Criminology. The theme for the CCJS Mini-Conference was “The Politics and Practice of Exclusion.”

The day-long conference began with a panel session on the scope and limits of critical criminology, followed by a panel session devoted to papers on the implications of being both offender and victim. Although the first two panels generated stimulating questions and discussion, the overall mood of the conference was a bit somber after the second panel. Spirits improved, however, with the post-lunch keynote speech by Dr. Gregg Barak of Eastern Michigan University, who was introduced by Dr. Raymond J. Michalowski of Northern Arizona University—the keynote speaker at the first annual CCJS Mini-Conference in San Diego, CA, in February 2009. Dr. Barak’s address, “The Globally Dispossessed, Securitization, and the Struggle for Social Justice,” certainly did not sugarcoat the realities of current social, political, and economic conditions: it contemplated the dialectics of inequality and privilege as they affect the production of crime and crime control at the turn of the twenty-first century, and considered how these contemporary contradictions of global capitalism pit the borderless and globe-trotting flow of capital against a highly regulated and often criminalized movement of un-freed labor. But Dr. Barak’s speech did offer rays of hope for budding and veteran critical criminologists seeking to integrate their scholarship and academic research agendas with goals for social justice.

The third panel session, which was held after Dr. Barak’s address, engaged academic, professional, personal, and theoretical issues of accountability, control, power, and self-exclusion. Papers in the fourth and final panel session centered on images of immigration and exclusionary practices, as well as their consequences. The conference ended with concluding comments by Dr. Karen S. Glover, one of the Mini-Conference founders and organizers (along with Professor Christine Curtis of San Diego State University and Dr. Stuart Henry of the University of Texas-Arlington). Although animated debate in the afternoon panels left Dr. Glover of California State University-San Marcos with little time, she offered specific insights into the issue of racial

profiling, and then encapsulated the theme of the day by speaking about the interface of critical criminological theory and lived experience.

This summer, the *Western Criminology Review* will publish a special issue to the papers presented at the second annual CCJS Mini-Conference in Honolulu, HI. A call for papers for a third special edition of the *Western Criminology Review* will be issued in the coming weeks with a likely deadline in August 2011. Individuals who presented papers in Vancouver are encouraged to submit their work to the new editors—Professor Christine Curtis, Dr. Karen S. Glover, and Dr. Stuart Henry—who began their term in January 2011. (Submissions are accepted at [WCREditor@gmail.com](mailto:WCREditor@gmail.com).)

The fourth annual CCJS Mini-Conference will be held in Newport Beach, CA on February 16, 2012—the first day of the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Society of Criminology. The call for papers for the CCJS meeting will likely be announced in summer 2011. Please note that, as in previous years, this will be a separate submission process from that of Annual Conference of the Western Society of Criminology. Please contact Dr. Karen S. Glover at [kglover@csusm.edu](mailto:kglover@csusm.edu) to be added to the mailing list for the CCJS call for participation.



## MIKI’S REFLECTIONS

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden

Last Fall, I spoke about the link between state funding for prisons and state funding for higher education – as prison funding has increased dramatically over the last 20 years, funding for higher education has suffered. While it may be a spurious connection, it is one that many agree needs to be addressed as we attempt to close the deficit that California and many other states are facing.

In California, it appears at this time that our students will take the brunt of the hit, more so than the prisons. On February 28th, students from around the state gathered at the State Capitol to lobby legislators against budget cuts to the UC System. These peaceful protests are an important part of our democratic process. Yet, I am not optimistic that these actions will halt the proposed cuts and increases in tuition and fees. Classes will clearly be harder to get, students will not be assured that they can graduate in four years, and faculty will face increased class sizes and less support for educational technology.

If we agree that there is a link between the two and that the burden should be shared equally by both entities, then we

need to seriously consider how to reduce the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation's (CDCR) budget. There are a number of proposals that are either already in place or on the table: realignment that would shift responsibilities and resources to the local level, including parole; diverting low-level offenders to county jails and sending money to the locals to expand jail space; financial incentives for counties to retain low-level offenders; earned discharge where parolees who comply with conditions can be safely released from supervision; and non-revocable parole that removes low-level offenders from supervision. Our elected officials need to have a serious discussion about these options now.

Nationally, there is a very interesting movement called *Justice Reinvestment*. The Council of State Governments Justice Center, along with the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Pew Charitable Trusts and other private foundations are promoting this concept with the goal of assisting states to develop practical, data-driven, and consensus-based policies that reduce spending on corrections in order to reinvest in strategies that can improve public safety. A key focus is to improve the accountability and integration of resources in 'high-stakes' communities and reinvest a portion of the savings generated from the management of growth in the corrections system to the communities receiving the majority of people released from prison. In my opinion, the concept is simple and yet the potential impacts for our communities are huge – especially in terms of the human costs of incarceration for individuals and our society.

It is my belief that the *Justice Reinvestment* Approach, which requires bi-partisan and bicameral participation and is action-driven, will result in the passage of policies that hold offenders accountable in more meaningful ways, make smarter and more effective use of community corrections, and strengthen the communities that house the majority of our parolees. And, perhaps, as we reinvest some our correctional savings in these high-stakes communities, we also consider the impact that reduced funding can have on our public education and higher education student populations.



## 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](mailto:drfarmer@csus.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 up 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 co-editors Karen Glover, California State University, San Marcos, Stuart Henry, University of Texas, Arlington and Christine Curtis, San Diego State University. Send all new submissions via e-mail as an attachment to Editor [WCR@gmail.com](mailto:WCR@gmail.com).



WCR Editors: Chris, Stuart, and Karen.



## COME JOIN US!

### WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE

NEWPORT BEACH, CA – FEBRUARY 16-19, 2012

We encourage you to mark your calendar for the 39th Annual Conference of the WSC. The Program Chairs are Dr. Paul Kaplan and Dr. Kristy Matsuda: We look forward to seeing you in beautiful Newport Beach!



**Hotel:** Fairmont Newport Beach  
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**Rate:** \$169 +tax/night

**Group Affiliation to Quote for Reservation:  
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Conference\***

\*Rates are subject to availability. This code cannot be used to make on-line reservations.

The Call for Papers appears in this issue, but you may also want to contact Program Chairs Dr. Kaplan, Dr. Matsuda, or our website [www.westerncriminology.org](http://www.westerncriminology.org) for additional information.

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October 10, 2011***



## AWARDS NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Nominations are sought for the following awards bestowed by the Western Society of Criminology:

**Paul Tappan Award** for outstanding contribution to the field of Criminology.

**Joseph D. Lohman Award** for outstanding contribution to the Western Society of Criminology.

**June Morrison – Tom Gitchoff Founders Award** for significant improvement of the quality of justice.

**W.E.B. DuBois Award** for significant contributions to the field of racial and ethnic issues in Criminology.

**Western Society of Criminology Fellows Award** conferred upon individuals generally associated with the Western region who have made important contributions to the field of Criminology. Nominees need not be members of WSC.

**President’s Award** for contributions to the field of Criminology and positive influence on the current president’s career.

Nomination letters and supporting materials should be sent to Charles Katz, via email to [ckatz@asu.edu](mailto:ckatz@asu.edu). Nominations are due by May 13, 2011.

**Student Awards:** Consult the WSC Call for Participation (included in this edition of the newsletter) or the WSC website for submission guidelines for the following three awards:

- 1) June Morrison Scholarship Travel Awards;
- 2) Miki Vohryzek-Bolden (MVB) Student Paper Competition; and
- 3) Libby Deschenes Prize for Applied Research.

To apply for the June Morrison or Miki Vohryzek-Bolden awards, submit materials by October 28, 2011 to Charles Katz at [ckatz@asu.edu](mailto:ckatz@asu.edu).

To apply for the Libby Deschenes award, submit materials by December 15, 2011 to Charles Katz at [ckatz@asu.edu](mailto:ckatz@asu.edu).





# CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY  
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❖ Please note that the deadline to submit abstracts is October 11, 2011 ❖

## PANEL TOPICS

POLICING	COURTS	CORRECTIONS
GEOGRAPHY OF CRIME	RACE/CLASS	GENDER & CRIME
JUVENILE JUSTICE	TEACHING & ASSESSMENT	THEORY

Note: Detailed submission guidelines will be announced soon (check the WSC website: [www.westerncriminology.org](http://www.westerncriminology.org))

In deciding the most appropriate topic for 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. 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. Note that all presenters must pre-register for the conference by January 4, 2012.



## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION!

Discounted conference rates will be honored on a 'space available basis' until January 4, 2012 so make your room reservations early! Information about the Fairmont Newport Beach can be found on the hotel website ([www.fairmont.com/newportbeach](http://www.fairmont.com/newportbeach)). To receive the conference rate of \$169 +tax/night, call 1-800-441-1414 and indicate that you are with the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference. This code cannot be utilized to make on-line reservations. Note: No refunds for registration will be given less than 31 days prior to the conference. For more information see: <http://westerncriminology.org/conference.htm>



## 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. Application and submission information for all scholarships, awards, and competitions can be obtained by consulting "Student Information" section of the WSC website (<http://westerncriminology.org/students.htm>). (continued on next page)

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**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 28, 2011, to Charles Katz at [ckatz@asu.edu](mailto:ckatz@asu.edu). Your email should include the following: 1) a brief statement indicating that you are applying for the travel award and how conference attendance will be valuable to you; 2) full contact information: name, address, phone number, and email; 3) the name of your school, department, and whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student; 4) the title of your paper presentation; and 5) the topic for which you have submitted an abstract for presentation consideration.

To complete your application, a faculty sponsor must provide an email statement acknowledging their support of your request for travel funds.

**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*. Papers should be emailed to Charles Katz ([Charles.katz@asu.edu](mailto:Charles.katz@asu.edu)) by October 28, 2011. Award winners will be notified in writing by December 1, 2011.

Any student currently enrolled full- or part-time in an academic program at either the undergraduate or graduate level is eligible to submit a paper. All entries must be related to criminology or criminal justice. **Papers must not exceed 30 pages** (all inclusive – text, references, tables, notes, etc.). Papers exceeding this limit will not be considered. Papers must be double-spaced, 12 font, one inch margins, and conform to a standard format for the organization of papers and citation. Using these guidelines, all submitted papers will be evaluated by the WSC Awards Committee.

**Libby Deschenes Prize for Applied Research:** Elizabeth Piper Deschenes, a long-time member of WSC and former President, passed away in April, 2008 following a two-year battle with ovarian cancer. Known as Libby to her many friends and colleagues, she was an expert researcher who concentrated on applying rigorous research methods to improving policy and practice. Dr. Deschenes was also a true champion of student research and worked tirelessly to mentor her students. To honor her commitment to students and to continue her legacy of applied research, the Deschenes Prize for Applied Research has been established in her name. The Deschenes Prize for Applied Research may be conferred upon a student who shows documented commitment to improving policy, practice or programs in criminal justice through research or the application of research. Students with an interest in applied research are invited to submit an application for the \$500 award.

To apply: 1) Submit an essay, no longer than 750 words, indicating how you will pursue policy or applied research. 2) Submit a letter of support from a faculty member (must be emailed directly from faculty member to Awards Chair). 3) Application materials should be submitted electronically to the WSC Awards Committee Chairperson Charles Katz ([Charles.Katz@asu.edu](mailto:Charles.Katz@asu.edu)) by December 15, 2011 (please put “Deschenes Prize” in subject line).

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