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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Kaplan
San Diego State University

Dear Colleagues,

I write to you in the afterglow of our fantastic 40th anniversary conference in Berkeley. One hundred eighty-one of us came together, and by all accounts the meeting was a huge success. We kicked off with the open-bar President's Reception, featuring some delicious food and refreshments and a friendly welcome from 2012-2013 President Hank Fradella. The conference began in earnest Friday morning with Frank Zimring's stimulating Plenary Breakfast address about some of the contradictory aspects of New York City's crime rate decline. Later, we enjoyed a warm and inspiring awards luncheon—including the inaugural winners of the Meda Chesney-Lind award for significant contributions to scholarship or activism on the intersection of women and crime, and the Richard Tewksbury award for significant contributions or activism on the intersection of sexuality, crime and justice (Drs. Chesney-Lind and Tewksbury were themselves the awardees). This year's conference also saw the very first Presidential Panels—two panels hosted by the WSC President and 'curated' by the aforementioned Meda Chesney-Lind (focusing on the future of feminist criminology) and Richard Tewksbury (focusing on intersections of sexuality and crime). These were a great success. For our Keynote Brunch address, John Hepburn inspired us with his rousing call to embrace the 'dirty work' of getting out in the field and collecting real data. And let's not forget the open-bar poster session, showcasing some exciting research by WSC student participants and offering a fun opportunity to make new friends and catch up with old ones.

Aside from these wonderful featured events, this year's conference showcased a remarkable array of outstanding research panels. The depth and breadth of knowledge presented impressed every participant I spoke with over the course of the weekend. Indeed, several people told me that they thought the quality of the research equaled or surpassed presentations at larger conferences. They were also very well attended, in spite of the Bay Area's many attractions. This is a testament to the continued commitment to rigorous and cutting edge criminological research by our incredible membership. Thanks to you all! (*cont'd on next page*)

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Such a successful conference could not have taken place without the generous support of the WSC's many institutional sponsors. I would like to enthusiastically thank our Diamond Sponsor: Simon Frasier University; our Platinum Sponsors: Arizona State University, San Diego State University, University of California Press, and the University of Missouri, St. Louis; our Gold Sponsors: California State University, Long Beach, California State University Sacramento, and the University of California Irvine; and our Silver Sponsor: the Sierra Health Foundation. I hope you all realize how essential this financial support is to the WSC. Without it, the Society would struggle to exist on membership dues alone.

The current top priority for the WSC is to seal the deal with the University of California Press as publisher of the *Western Criminology Review*. Under the visionary leadership of Editors Stuart Henry, Christine Curtis, and Nicole Bracy, as well as Hank Fradella, the journal has continued to excel. The *WCR*'s acceptance rate oscillates between 15% and 18%, marking it as highly selective, and the Review enjoys a solid, workman-like (and WSC-size appropriate) second tier status in the SJR journal ranking database. In 2012 Hank Fradella worked with the Editors to develop and submit a formal proposal to UC Press. I am pleased to report that we have received three blind reviews of the carefully crafted proposal for the newly constituted journal; taken together, these reviews are very strong. UC Press is currently studying these reviews and attempting to identify a feasible business model for publishing the *WCR*. I am confident that I will be able to report on the results of this process in the next issue of *The Western Criminologist*. On a sadder note, the current Editorial team is in its final year of its 3-year commitment cycle, so please read and disseminate the call for Editors listed in the pages to follow.

One of the great things about the WSC is its leadership's commitment to democratic governance. Since my first involvement, I have been impressed with the attitudes of transparency, shared governance and general good will for the Society exhibited by members of the Board. In that spirit, I welcome the following new Board members: Penny-Bee Bovard (University of Hawaii), Nicole Bracy (San Diego State University), Dena Carson (University of Missouri, St. Louis), Joshua Chanin (San Diego State University), John Hepburn (Arizona State University) Keremet Reiter (UC, Irvine), and Samantha Smith-Pritchard (Defense Personnel Security Research Center). Thanks also to Board members currently serving multiple year terms. I extend an especially grateful welcome to Kim Richman (University of San Francisco), our new Vice President. Many thanks and a fond farewell to the following for their recent service to the Board: Becky Nash (CSU, Long Beach), Mary Maguire (CSU,

Sacramento), Kristy Matsuda (University of Missouri, St. Louis), Dina Perrone (CSU, Long Beach), Jenny Singer (CSU, Sacramento), and Jill Rosenbaum (CSU, Fullerton). It is our good fortune that Hank Fradella (CSU, Long Beach), our outgoing President, will remain on the Board in several capacities; Hank has been instrumental in all facets of the WSC's upgrades, and we shall call on him for continued advice and leadership. Finally, thanks to Yvette Farmer (CSU, Sacramento), for her continued commitment as editor of *The Western Criminologist*.

A final note about our next conference in Honolulu—it's gonna be great! Working with the Board, I fully intend to maintain the superior level of substantive knowledge dissemination, as well as the gracious level of hospitality services we so enjoyed in Berkeley. So plan on making the trip next February, and please see the calls for papers and awards nominations announcements in the pages to follow.



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 in *Miki's Reflections* about how well graduating seniors are able to find meaningful and relevant employment. I appreciate the contributions to the newsletter and if an article motivates 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.



THOUGHTS FROM THE PLENARY SESSION

Crime in New York City: The Inversion of Two Pieces of Conventional Wisdom

Franklin Zimring, our plenary speaker, is a Law Professor from the University of California, Berkeley. He is also a Fellows Award recipient recognized for the important contributions that he has made to the field of Criminology. He discussed one of his recent projects which is published in a book entitled, *The City that Became Safe: New York's Lessons for Urban Crime and Its Control*.

Professor Zimring points out the drastic decline in a variety of New York (NY) crimes including homicide, rape, robbery, burglary, and auto theft. He also mentions that the population change in New York City (NYC) was approximately 10% so that this factor doesn't explain the reduction in crime. Instead, he discusses a few important changes that occurred in NY policing as follows:

1. NY expanded its police force;
2. NY adopted a zero-tolerance strategy targeting hot spots in the city; and
3. NY police became more aggressive.

Although it's difficult to sort out which change produced the decline in crime, Professor Zimring claims that *more police led to the decline in crime, but the increase in police officers interacts with other changes*. He also mentioned evidence of hyper-aggressiveness in terms of monitoring hot spots and police officers engaging in stop & frisks.

The conventional criminological wisdom reflects the idea that police can't prevent crime. According to Zimring, people with criminal impulses are not as persistent as originally thought. Instead, criminal impulses and intent are "situational and contingent" so temporary and localized efforts are successful. Most crime is variable rather than fixed—which means that police presence can work well and enormous crime reductions don't require increased imprisonment.

In NYC, the hot spots policing strategy allowed law enforcement to target and treat high crime areas. Such strategies worked in NYC, but they may not work in other locations. The methodological point made by Zimring is that there is a way of studying fundamental crime in human settings—*one needs to study the circumstances that lead to crime reduction*.



THOUGHTS FROM THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

"Getting Dirty"

John Hepburn from Arizona State University was the keynote speaker and Paul Tappan Award winner in Berkeley, CA. For most of his career, Dr. Hepburn conducted original research. His research has included projects involving Chicago's homicide files as well as Joliet prison files. He has conducted research with prisoners at Attica and Bedford Hills prisons in New York, which resulted in an Inmate Grievance Resolution System. Dr. Hepburn has also worked on the issue of indeterminate sentencing where he collected data from inmates, officers, and administrators. Given all of this experience, he has learned a lot about collecting data from correctional institutions.

Dr. Hepburn knows that it is time-consuming to conduct original research, but the experiences have enriched his life. He has learned that textbook methodologies evaporate when conducting prison research and recent scholarship has identified such issues in trying to conduct correctional research. Collecting original research in correctional settings has both challenges and limitations providing opportunities to learn and gain both insight and understanding. Getting one's hands "dirty" by conducting research in prisons gives the researcher an opportunity to see, hear, and smell the world of prison.

According to Hepburn, we should relish the opportunity to "get dirty" by having direct contact with institutions and people in various settings. He cautions us that getting dirty is not the same as being dirty—we still need to conduct good research in settings that others view as dirty. Original data collection may require researchers to get dirty, but this process forces us to operationalize concepts and provides the basis for evidence-based policies. The idea of getting dirty should not be misconstrued as dirty work.

The concept of "dirty work" has been applied to various occupations including morticians and sex workers. Dirty work is socially stigmatized and people in those occupations cannot distance themselves from the work resulting in a social hierarchy. Dr. Hepburn mentions that according to Goffman, people are tainted by dirty work and they can be overlooked for promotion. Dr. Hepburn points out that we should be aware of values or systems that disadvantage people who engage in original data collection as this work takes time to complete. Still, he encourages us to "embrace the dirt"—in other words, we should value the activity of engaging in original data collection.



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WSC AWARDS AND RECIPIENTS FOR 2013

-  **June Morrison – Tom Gitchoff Founders Award:**
Jeanne Woodford

-  **Paul Tappan Award:**
John Hepburn

-  **Joseph D. Lohman Award:**
Mary Maguire

-  **Western Society of Criminology Fellows Award:**
Franklin Zimring

-  **President’s Award:**
John Hepburn

-  **Meda Chesney-Lind Award:**
Meda Chesney-Lind

-  **Richard Tewksbury Award:**
Richard Tewksbury

-  **Miki Vohryzek-Bolden (MVB) Student Paper Competition**
Weston Morrow and Lisa Dario
Race, Gender and Age: Examining the Prevalence of a ‘Youth Discount’ in the Juvenile Justice System

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RUN FOR ELECTION TO THE WSC EXECUTIVE BOARD

Each year, the Western Society of Criminology elects two or three Executive Counselors to serve three-year terms. And, each year, the WSC also elects one person to serve three consecutive years in the offices of Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President, respectively.

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, the *Western Criminology Review*; 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. Marie Griffin, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, for more information.

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WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HONOLULU, HI – FEBRUARY 6-8, 2014

We encourage you to mark your calendar for the 41st Annual Conference of the WSC!



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(808) 955-4811

Rate: **\$129*/night in the Kona Tower**
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Book by January 6, 2014. Mention Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference to receive group rate; rate is good 3 days pre and post conference

*Rates are subject to availability.

The Program Chairs are: Dr. Ryan Fischer, Department of Criminal Justice, California State University, Long Beach, 1250 Bellflower Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90840 and Dr. Samantha Smith-Pritchard, Northrop Grumman Technical Service, Defense Personnel Security Research Center, 2411 Dulles Corner Park, Suite 800, Herndon, VA 20171.

The Call for Papers appears in this issue, but you may also want to contact Dr. Fischer, Dr. Smith-Pritchard, or check out our website - www.westerncriminology.org for additional information about the conference.

***Submission Deadline for Abstracts is:
October 4, 2013***

*We look forward to seeing you in Honolulu
where you can always enjoy the Aloha spirit!*



CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

WESTERN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY 41ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 6-8, 2014 • HONOLULU, HI

❖ Please note that the deadline to submit abstracts is October 4, 2013 ❖

PANEL TOPICS

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- CYBERCRIME
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The Abstract Submission System is now online. To access it:

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2. Alternatively, the Abstract Submission System can be accessed directly at the following URL: http://www.westerncriminology.org/abstract_submission_gateway.htm (note the underscores).

In deciding the most appropriate topic area for your abstract, think about the main focus of your paper 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 (on or before October 4, 2013). 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 6, 2014.

All proposals must be electronically submitted through the WSC's online Abstract Submission System:

http://www.westerncriminology.org/abstract_submission_gateway.htm

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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 service contributions 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.
- **Meda Chesney-Lind Award** for significant contributions to the intersection of gender, crime, and justice.
- **Richard Tewksbury Award** for significant contributions to the intersection of sexuality, crime, and justice.
- **Fellows Award** conferred upon individuals generally associated with the Western region who have made important contributions to the field of Criminology.

Nominees do not need to be WSC members.

Nomination letters summarizing why the person is deserving of the award must be sent to Dr. Kim Richman via e-mail to kdreichman@usfca.edu. **Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on May 15, 2013.**

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STUDENT AWARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

June Morrison Scholarship Fund: The June Morrison Scholarship provides supplemental funds (\$200-\$300) to support student member participation at the annual conference. Typically two awards will be made to students attending the annual meeting of the WSC. 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 selected. To complete your application, a faculty sponsor must provide a brief (no more than one page) emailed statement of recommendation for your award. Your emailed indicating that you are applying for the travel award application should include the following information:

1. full contact information: name, address, phone number, and email;
2. the name of your school, department, and whether you are a graduate or undergraduate student;
3. title and abstract for your proposed paper presentation.

Additionally, applicants should submit a one page statement with the following information:

1. how your presentation fits into your larger research trajectory;
2. how conference attendance will be valuable to your career development, including how it will relate to future career plans; and
3. any other funding sources (departmental or otherwise) you have or are eligible for to support conference travel.

Applications and faculty recommendations should be sent via email to Dr. Kim Richman (kdreichman@usfca.edu) and **must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on October 15, 2013.**

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden (MVB) Student Paper Competition: 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 to the Student Paper Competition sponsored by WSC. Papers co-authored by faculty will not be considered. All entries must be related to criminology or criminal justice. Appropriate types of papers include but are not limited to policy analyses, original research, literature reviews, position papers, theoretical papers, and commentaries. 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, 12pt font, one inch margins, and conform to a standard format for the organization of papers and citation. 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 Criminology Review*. Papers should be sent via email to Dr. Kim Richman (kdreichman@usfca.edu) and **must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on October 15, 2013.**

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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.



CRITICAL OUTLOOKS ON THE CARCERAL PROJECT

Michael Coyle

The 5th Annual Critical Criminology and Justice Studies (CCJS) Conference was held February 7, 2013 in Berkeley, CA. Per tradition, the event took place the day before the annual WSC conference. This year's theme was "The Promise of Radical Works and Social Justice: Berkeley Politics in the 21st Century."

The day-long conference consisted of six sessions, a Keynote Address by Jonathan Simon of UC Berkeley, and an Advocate Address by Rose Braz of Critical Resistance. The first session directly engaged this year's theme by exploring three intersections of radical scholarship on social justice with the carceral project. The papers examined the penal system as genocide, the interrelation of prisons and citizenship, as well as California as a site of the Prison Industrial Complex. The second session narrowed the focus to prisons in the U.S., and explored prisons as public vs. private systems, and as a cultural classification site for LGBTQ and "seemingly" LGBTQ persons. Finally a third paper grounded the session with an auto-ethnography of the prison. The third session, after which we headed to lunch, examined the social construction of soldiers and lifers. The two papers in this session were in-depth explorations of women as gendered heroes and villains in wartime, and lifers as products of politics and constructed "criminality."

We began the afternoon with our Keynote Address. Jonathan Simon, of University of California – Berkeley Law, spoke on "A Radical Need for Criminology." Professor Simon analyzed the relational dynamics between criminology and liberalism, and argued that criminology, even in its radical form, is a product of liberalism. In the heated Q&A that followed, discussants explored the connections of state and carceral project, neoliberalism and research, and the use and limitations of studying "crime" and "criminality." Just as we thought things could not possibly get more interesting, we were treated to another fabulous address by this year's winner of the "Advocacy for Justice Award," Rose Braz from Critical Resistance. Esquire Braz reviewed for the audience the remarkable history of the Critical Resistance movement, and the work that it is currently undertaking across the country and abroad. Their latest project is working with students in universities to launch Critical Resistance chapters. Send your students to www.criticalresistance.org!

The three afternoon sessions proved to be as exciting as the morning ones. In session four, "Social Justice Movements against the Carceral," papers explored the abolitionist challenges community movements are bringing to the politics of mass incarceration. In session five, "Educating and Occupying: Politics, Law & Punishment," papers examined how education and radical political movements are responding to the ongoing penal projects of law and policing. Finally in session six, "Bodies in Work, Bodies in Death," one scholar reported on her ethnographic work with human traffickers while another explored how Durkheim's theory of weakening social bonds can be applied to the case of mass murder.

The 6th Annual Critical Criminology and Justice Studies Conference will be held in Honolulu, HI on February 6, 2014 – the first day of the 41st WSC conference. As you can see, this is not a day to be missed! Look for the call for papers later this fall.

Please note that, as in previous years, The Critical Criminology and Justice Studies Conference, free to all students and of low cost to all others, retains an independent abstract submission and paper acceptance process. To be added to the mailing list for the call for participation, please email Avi Brisman at avi.brisman@eku.edu or Michael Coyle at mjcoyle@csuchico.edu.





MIKI'S REFLECTIONS

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden

In Fall 2011, I focused my remarks on two facets of the challenges facing our students – getting a college degree in a timely manner and finding a job related to one's chosen field. We know the following to be true in 2013: our college tuition fees continue to rise at an unprecedented rate, the time to graduation is increased for the majority of our students, and the recession lingers with the most adverse effects experienced by our young adults – 18 to 25. While California's Governor Jerry Brown has indicated that he wants to see the University of California and California State University Systems' improve their graduation rates and create viable fee structures, many of these issues still remain a concern for faculty, students, and families. This article will focus on one issue -how well our graduating seniors are able to find meaningful and relevant employment.

The John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, published a study entitled *Chasing the American Dream: Recent College Graduates and the Great Recession* by Charley Stone, M.P.P., Carl Van Horn, Ph.D., and Cliff Zukin, Ph.D. [May 2012]. This report details the findings of a nationally representative sample of 444 recent college graduates from the class of 2006 through 2011. The goal was to understand how these college graduates were faring in the workforce, specifically looking at those individuals who graduated before [2006-2007] and during the difficult labor market caused by the Great Recession [2009-2011].

Some of the significant findings include, but are not limited to, the following:

- About three-quarters of the respondents reported at least one full-time job since graduation;
- Only half were employed full-time at the time of the survey;
- Individuals who graduated in the years 2006 and 2007 earned slightly more on average[\$30,000] than those who graduated in 2009, 2010, and 2011 after the start of the Great Recession [\$27,000];
- Students who completed an internship while in college earned nearly 15% more on average—\$30,000 versus \$26,000—than those who did not undertake an internship;
- Male college graduates made more than female graduates on average. The median annual salary for men was \$30,000, compared to the median salary for women of \$28,000;

- The vast majority (80%) of those who found employment landed their first job either while they were still in college (44%) or within the first six months after graduating;
- 39 percent reported their first job was closely related to their degree while 24 percent said it was not at all related to their degree;
- 36 percent believed their current job was just a job to get them by and one-third believed that their current job is a stepping stone to a career and 30 percent said they have found a job that is firmly on their career path;
- Over two-thirds were very or somewhat satisfied with their jobs, including a third that were very satisfied and less than 20 percent reported dissatisfaction with their current job;
- Half of the sample reported that they felt less prepared to enter the workforce than the generation before them, and almost two-thirds felt they will need to get more education;
- Students completing an internship while in college felt more prepared to enter the workforce;
- Nearly two-thirds reported that they would have done something differently in college if they had to do it over; and
- Almost 4 in 10 said they would have been more careful when selecting their major, including choosing a professional degree, like education, nursing, or social work.

There are some positive and some disturbing implications of these findings. Let's focus on the positive first – the findings confirm the importance of internships while in college both in terms of preparation for the workforce and salary [see also the National Association of Colleges and Employers' *2012 Student Survey* - found that 60 percent of college graduates who had paid internships received at least one job offer; 40 percent who held unpaid internships received job offers, while 36 percent of graduates without internships received offers of employment]; and the timing of the job search is critical - looking for work should begin while still in school rather than waiting until the degree is in hand.

The more disturbing findings indicate that women still earn less than their male counterparts; many graduates do not have the opportunity to apply in the workforce the knowledge, skills, and abilities gained from their degree; and a vast majority of students felt they were not adequately prepared for the workforce.

These findings have implications for our colleges and universities in terms of student achievement and student outcomes. My hope is that there are discussions at colleges and universities across the nation with all stakeholders about these critical issues and need to set goals and identify measures of achievement.



CALL FOR PAPERS

The *Western Criminology Review* is the official journal of the Western Society of Criminology, and we invite scholars to submit articles to the journal for publication. *WCR* provides a forum for publication and discussion of theory, research, policy, and practice in the rapidly changing and interdisciplinary fields of criminology and criminal justice. Historical and contemporary perspectives are encouraged, as are diverse methodological approaches.

Published three times a year, *WCR* is an on-line, peer-reviewed outlet for scholarly research. The journal, which currently has a 17.9% acceptance rate for submitted articles, is intended to reflect U.S. regional (Western), national, and international concerns. Indeed, 33% of submissions come from the West, 27% from the South, 11% from the Midwest, 10% from the Northeast and 20% of submissions to the journal are from International scholars. The following are titles from a recent issue of *WCR*, Volume 13, No. 3 November 2012:

Feature Article

[Characteristics of Internationally Trafficked Stolen Vehicles along the U.S.-Mexico Border](#)

Steven Block

Critical Criminology & Justice Studies Articles

[Keynote Address, 4th Annual Conference, February 2012: Rethinking Intervention: Consciousness, Solidarity, and Hope as Criminological Principles](#)

Elliott Currie

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Gilbert Geis

Because *WCR* is an online journal, there are no page, color, or appendix restrictions; therefore, authors can include hypertext links and images at their discretion. Manuscripts are submitted electronically, and all correspondence is conducted online to speed up the review process. Our evaluation process for submitted papers involves a brief internal review by editorial staff, followed by a blind

assessment by at least two external reviewers. The time from submission to acceptance for published articles averages 3.8 months and the time from acceptance to publication is approximately 4.4 months, making the total time from submission to publication of approximately 9 months.

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>. Authors interested in submitting their work to the *WCR* should send inquiries to co-editors Stuart Henry, Christine, Curtis, and Nicole L. Bracy, San Diego State University. Send all new submissions via e-mail as an attachment to Dr. Nicole L. Bracy, Co-editor and Managing Editor, *Western Criminology Review*: EditorWCR@gmail.com.



NEW EDITOR SOUGHT FOR WESTERN CRIMINOLOGY REVIEW

The Western Society of Criminology (WSC) invites applications for the position of Editor(s) of *Western Criminology Review*, its official journal. It is anticipated that new manuscript submissions will transfer to the new Editor around January 2014 who will serve for a three year term.

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Applications must be received by **July 15, 2013**.

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