Greetings from Northern California! I hope that this newsletter finds you all well, and having safely returned from the beautiful environs of our record-breaking 2014 meetings in Honolulu. On behalf of the board, I thank you all for taking the trip to the islands and helping to make this year’s conference one of our most successful and well attended yet. In all, we had 240 registered participants and 45 fascinating panels, not including roundtable sessions, the keynote address by Dr. Richard Leo, Tappan Award Recipient, and plenary addresses by Drs. David Johnson and Rosann Greenspan, Fellows Award Recipients.

One distinguishing feature of this year’s conference was the integration of Critical Criminology panels throughout the program. In the past, a Critical Criminology mini-conference has taken place immediately preceding the start of the WSC meetings. This year, organizers decided to instead integrate this component throughout the program. Without exception, these panels were stimulating and well attended--a very welcome addition to the general conference program. Feedback from participants indicates that while it was a great success to integrate the Critical Criminology panels into the program, some continuity was lost by spreading the panels out. For next year’s meetings, organizers decided to try scheduling two back-to-back Critical Criminology sessions on each day to increase flow and continuity, and work closely with the program co-chairs to integrate papers in the Critical Criminology tradition into these sessions. I wish to thank Stuart Henry, Christine Curtis, Paul Kaplan and Nicole Bracy for their hard work and thoughtful planning in organizing these sessions.

The success of this year’s conference is thanks in no small measure to our generous institutional sponsors, who have made possible the delicious spreads and lively receptions that have now become a proud feature of the WSC meetings--not to mention supporting and making possible the existence and re-birth of our journal. We extend our most sincere thanks to Diamond Sponsors Simon Fraser University, San Diego State University, and California State University, Long Beach; Platinum Sponsors Seattle University and University of Missouri- St. Louis; and Gold Sponsors University of California at Irvine, California State University, Sacramento, and Routledge/Taylor & Francis. There is simply no way we could function as a vibrant organization without the indispensable support of these sponsors.
Which brings me to perhaps the most exciting recent development of the WSC: the launch of our newly rebranded journal, the Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society (CCJLS). After two years of ultimately unsuccessful negotiations with University of California Press to take over publication of the journal, and the close of an extremely productive and successful 3 year term for outgoing Western Criminology Review Editors Stuart Henry, Christine Curtis and Nicole Bracy, the society came to a crossroads as to what to do with the journal. To our great delight and undying gratitude, Dr. Hank Fradella and California State University, Long Beach came to the rescue with a proposal to edit and host the rebranded journal via the online service, Scholastica. The new editors of the journal, Dr. Fradella along with Dr. Christine Scott-Hayward and Dr. Aili Malm, have assembled an exceptionally impressive editorial board of distinguished scholars, and as of February’s meetings had already received ten submissions in the first few weeks of the journal’s existence. I cannot emphasize enough how thankful I am for both the visionary leadership of Stuart Henry, Nicole Bracy and Christine Curtis in the last three years of the WCR, not to mention the generosity of San Diego State University in hosting the WCR, as well as for the outstanding energy and dedication we have already seen from Hank Fradella, Christine Scott-Hayward and Aili Malm, along with the generosity of CSULB, in launching our new journal, CCJLS. We encourage all members to seriously consider CCJLS as a venue for publication of future scholarship.

I could not complete this greeting without acknowledging the outstanding service of my colleagues on the WSC Executive Board. I feel extremely fortunate to work with such a thoughtful, intelligent, generous and friendly group. I wish to thank the following outgoing members for their years of dedicated service: Penny-Bee Bovard, Nicole Bracy, Dena Carson, Chris Curtis, Yvette Farmer, Marie Griffin, and John Hepburn. I want to extend a warm welcome to incoming board members Jennifer Sumner, David McAlister, Aili Malm, Christine Scott-Hayward, and Mike White; and I thank the following continuing board members (many taking on new responsibilities) for their ongoing hard work: Ryan Fischer, Paul Kaplan, Josh Chanin, Hank Fradella, Stuart Henry, Justin Ready, Keramet Reiter, Erich Schellhammer, Samantha Smith-Pritchard, and Sam Vickovic. In addition, I thank Rachel Quiseng, our Director of Social Media, for launching the WSC’s first forays into Facebook and Twitter. I wish to extend special thanks and recognition for the exceptional hard work and leadership of a few key individuals: Immediate Past President Paul Kaplan, who in addition to his many other duties has agreed to take on the roles of both Newsletter Editor and interim Secretary-Treasurer, and who has provided me with the perfect role model of a selfless leader; Ryan Fischer, who has not only taken on the responsibility of Vice-President but has worked overtime with the Program Committee to ensure a successful conference both this year and in the coming year; CCJLS Editor and webmaster Hank Fradella, who expertly ushered the WSC through several potentially tumultuous episodes in the last few years and continues to be completely indispensable in every way; and Stuart Henry, who not only brought new vigor to the WCR, organized the Critical Criminology sessions, and worked with Nicole, Chris, Hank, Christine and Aili to ensure a successful transition to the new journal and editorship, but agreed to serve an additional three year term on the executive board. I also offer my heartfelt thanks to Yvette Farmer for going out of her way to ensure a smooth transition in editorship for the newsletter.

In closing, I want to echo the call by Tappan Award Winner Richard Leo, in his keynote address, to pursue the promise of justice in our endeavors both as individual scholars and as a society. Next year’s conference in Phoenix will provide a wealth of opportunities to put our collective energies and knowledge together to ensure that rigorous, reliable, and theoretically informed research are brought to bear in the pursuit of justice. We hope you will join us in this important enterprise.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Dr. Paul Kaplan
San Diego State University

Our Spring 2014 issue of the Western Criminologist begins with the customary column from the new President, Kim Richman. We continue with information about the annual conference, some important announcements about the WSC Student Awards, and news about the incorporation of the Critical Criminology and Justice Studies panels into the main conference. In Miki’s Reflections, Miki Vohryzek-Bolden shares some thoughts on her work with the concept of ‘Villages’ (supporting the elderly) at her local Agency on Aging. Following Miki’s Reflections, you’ll find the inaugural call for papers for the WSC’s re-branded journal, Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society. Finally, let me urge everyone to like us on Facebook!

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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 *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. Stuart Henry, Chairperson of the Nominations Committee, for more information.

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WSC ON SOCIAL MEDIA

If you are on Facebook or Twitter, you may have noticed that the WSC is now on these social media sites. We are pleased to announce that the WSC Executive Board has appointed Lisa Dario, a doctoral candidate in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University, as the Society’s Director of Social Media. Lisa has been hard at work posting interesting news relevant to criminology and criminal justice, including links to cutting-edge studies.

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Finally, if you come across a story that you would like Lisa to post or tweet, email her to let her know. Lisa can be reached at Lisa.Dario@asu.edu.
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Book: https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/Annualconference

The Program Chairs are:
- Dr. Samantha Smith-Pritchard, Northrop Grumman Technical Service, Defense Personnel Security Research Center, 2411 Dulles Corner Park, Suite 800, Herndon, VA 20171; and
- Dr. Joshua Chanin, San Diego State University, 5500 Campanile Drive, San Diego, CA 92182-4505

The Call for Participation appears on page 6 of this issue, but you may also want to contact Dr. Smith-Pritchard, Dr. Chanin, or check out our website for additional information about the conference:

2015 AWARDS NOMINATIONS CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED

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.
- **June Morrison – Tom Gitchoff Founders Award** for significant improvement of the quality of justice.
- **Joseph D. Lohman Award** for outstanding service contributions to the 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.
- **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.

Nominees do not need to be WSC members.

Nomination letters summarizing why the person is deserving of the award must be sent to Dr. Keramet Reiter via e-mail to reiterk@uci.edu. Nominations must be received by 5:00 p.m. PST on May 23, 2014.

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**Student Award Announcements:**

**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, etc. 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:** 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.

**Deadline:** A completed, final paper should be emailed to the chairperson of the Awards Committee, Dr. Keramet Reiter, by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 10, 2014. Award winners will be notified in writing by December 5, 2014.

**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 indicating his/her support of your request for travel funds.

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- CYBERCRIME
- DRUGS/SUBSTANCE ABUSE & CRIME
- FORENSIC SCIENCE
- GENDER, SEXUALITY, & CRIME
- JUVENILE JUSTICE
- LEGAL ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIMINAL LAW, CRIMINAL PROCEDURE, & EVIDENCE)
- ORGANIZED CRIME & GANGS
- PEACEMAKING CRIMINOLOGY
- POLICING
- SEX CRIMES
- TEACHING (PEDAGOGY & ASSESSMENT IN JUSTICE EDUCATION)
- TERRORISM
- WHITE COLLAR CRIME

All proposals must be electronically submitted through the WSC’s online Abstract Submission System, which will open for submissions during the summer of 2014:

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

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 3, 2014). 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 Monday, January 5, 2015.
Cofounded by Karen Glover and Stuart Henry, the critical-criminology mini-conference was a whole-day of plenaries that preceded the regular WSC conference. As WSC Immediate Past President Paul Kaplan says, “This has always been a fantastic little meeting with unbelievable keynote speakers that have included Ray Michalowski, Gregg Barak, Meda Chesney-Lind, Elliott Currie, and Jonathan Simon.” In fact, Ray Michalowski was the first keynoter when the critical criminology and social justice mini-conference was held in San Diego in 2009. Indeed, not only did the mini-conference encourage graduate students to attend and present, but it also resulted in the publication of cluster of presented papers, including the keynote, in special issues of the *Western Criminology Review* (starting with WCR v.11, No. 1 April 2010).

Last year in Hawaii, the organizers of past critical criminology and social justice mini-conferences tried something different. Instead of holding the mini-conference the day before the WSC conference began, they integrated critical criminology and social justice papers into a special series of panels across the days of the WSC conference. Next year when the WSC conference is held in Phoenix, Arizona, we plan to integrate the critical criminology and social justice papers into the program, but place them back-to-back on each day, to maintain continuity and facilitate the critical criminology and social justice community.

If you are interested in being a part of critical criminology and social justice panels and would like to present in one of those sessions, simply follow the normal paper proposal submission process and submit an abstract by October 3, 2014 through our online submission system:

[http://westerncriminology.org/abstract_submission_gateway.htm](http://westerncriminology.org/abstract_submission_gateway.htm)

Then send the same title/abstract/contact email to stuart.henry2@gmail.com indicating that you want to be on one of the critical criminology and social justice panels.
At this time, I do not know the ‘how, when, or if’ this idea will reach fruition but I remain optimistic. It is a unique, challenging and wonderful avenue to apply many of the skills and abilities I gained throughout my professional career – collaborative, organized, leader and follower, as appropriate, flexible, and willingness to fail – the latter of which is probably the most important quality one can bring to his or her pursuits. While this subject may not hold any appeal to you right now, one never knows where the “road less traveled” will take you in the future.

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CCJLS@WesternCriminology.org.

Please note that because WCR will publish its final edition in April 2014, that journal stopped accepting manuscripts on December 31, 2013. Authors who had planned to submit manuscripts to WCR should reformat their papers in APA format and then submit them to CCJLS via the Scholastica interface.

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