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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jenn Macy

California State University,
Dominguez Hills

Happy Spring, WSC members! This hasn’t been a spring I recognize. Here in Southern California, I have been ill-equipped to slosh through puddles on my way to work. I evade sulking by knowing I’m fortunate to be able to fit in a day at the beach and to appreciate the wildflower blooms in between (sometimes record breaking) downpours.

(Now that the requisite presidential newsletter banter regarding local weather is complete, I’m going to resist my inclination to go rogue for the rest of the piece! Or at least try.)

As we begin April, our 49th annual conference in Vancouver, British Columbia is becoming a fond memory. The conference was a success this year! (Then again, does anyone use these spaces to lament “what went wrong?”) I might be tempted to shift the norm here, but there just isn’t much fodder for it. The conference really went off without a hitch. In fact, it was the most attended conference to date with a total of over 400 registrants, 64 panel presentations, and over 30 posters. People commented that they appreciated the robust panels with high audience attendance, representing a wide range of topics and panelists. Nine outstanding scholars received awards. Jill Rosenbaum (California State University, Fullerton) was awarded the Paul Tappan Award for outstanding contribution to the field of Criminology and delivered a compelling keynote address titled “You can go back home: Lessons learned as an outsider with insider privileges.” If you missed the talk at the meeting, you’ll have access to it when it is published in a forthcoming issue of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society.

All of this occurred within the context of beautiful Vancouver, British Columbia. Did anyone else visit the stunning Capilano Suspension Bridge Park? If not, I highly recommend it the next time we return to Vancouver for our annual meeting.

Of course, these meetings come together through the hard work of many. Many thanks go to the diligent and kind staff of the Sheraton Wall hotel, the WSC’s outgoing and incoming Executive Board members, including program Co-Chairs Brooke Nodeland and Danielle Boisvert and outgoing President David MacAlister, our Executive Director Christine Scott-Hayward who has (thankfully!) agreed to serve another term, and the many volunteers (particularly student volunteers) who provided time and energy to help at our busy registration desk. Thank you also to our institutional sponsors! Your contributions are critical to supporting the events at the annual meeting.
It is an honor to leave the conference shifting into a new role as WSC president. I have always felt that the WSC fosters a professional, yet collegial and familiar culture, effectively ensuring that those who identify as academics and practitioners, students, and faculty feel it is a well-suited home. The result is a welcoming space to cultivate a wide variety of approaches to the creation, application, and advancement of scientific knowledge.

I have observed and learned from a range of approaches to the role of President of the WSC over the past decade in which I have served almost every year as an Executive Board member. As I take on this role with gratitude for the opportunity, I do so with two words leading my intentions: access and connection. (Detailed declarations à la New Year’s resolutions are out! One-word thematic intentions are in!) Guided by these, I plan to focus on enhancing the spirit and practice of the WSC to invite, welcome, and facilitate broad access to the association and the annual meeting so we can ensure that our community is inclusive and has impacts that reach wide and are felt deeply. Second, since the global pandemic, I know I am not alone in having a newfound appreciation for the value of human connection. As noted by those who came before me, perhaps the most treasured parts of annual meetings are the side conversations, gatherings, and impromptu shared drinks and bites between panels at the end of the day. Indeed, those set the stage for unexpected collaborations, innovative ideas, and applications of research in new settings. These moments, so valuable before, have taken on heightened importance since the pandemic. And, since then, I have been further reminded that the best work – in research, practice, and in pursuit of change – happens in connection to others.

With this in mind, I hope to see you next year at our 50th anniversary conference to be held in Long Beach, California, coincidentally in my home area of the Western region! We have some exciting new events planned to commemorate the occasion that will simultaneously allow us to look back and forward. And, in the spirit of access and connection, let’s continue to emphasize bridging community, practitioner, and academic works and creating a space to invite discussions about hard to digest topics at the forefront of the intersections of these fields. If that doesn’t inspire you, perhaps the long stretches of beach, fantastic food, and (for some?) Disneyland, will get you here! Ignore that whole part about the unusual rainy weather I started with. And, see you soon!
FROM THE EDITOR

VICTORIA TERRANOVA
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Welcome to the spring 2023 issue of The Western Criminologist! Enclosed are several highlights from the 2023 annual meeting in Vancouver, BC. It was great to see a record-breaking number of WSC meeting attendees sharing their research. Big congrats to the award and student award winners. Included in this issue are the award winners and a recap of a selection of the poster presentations. Conference attendees had the opportunity to hear Dr. Jill Rosenbaum’s insightful speech at the keynote brunch titled “You Can Go Back Home: Lessons Learned as an Outside with Insider Privilege.” I echo our WSC President Jenn Macy and encourage you to check it out in the next issue of the CCJLS. Our meeting could not be successful without the ongoing support from the 2023 sponsor. The WSC board would like to give a big thanks to all contributing programs and associations! Looking forward to the 2024 annual meeting in another beautiful locale, Long Beach, CA. This issue includes the call for award nominations, conference submission and registration information.

Please take a few minutes to check out insights from WSC member Dr. Georgen Guerro at the University of Incarnate Word. Dr. Guerro provide commentary on the history and prevalence of the death penalty sentence in the state of Texas. This issue concludes with important updates for the WSC’s journal Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society (CCJLS) under new leadership by editor Jennifer Lanterman and Managing Editor Nicholas Mantera. We’d like to thank former co-editors Jacqueline Helfgott and Elaine Gunnison for their service.

AN INVITATION TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

I would like to 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 Fall 2024 issue of our newsletter. Please send your article, or any questions, to:

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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, *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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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WSC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023!

Dr. Jill Rosenbaum

Paul Tappan Award: To honor outstanding contributions to the field of criminology

Jill Rosenbaum is a Professor Emerita of Criminal Justice at California State University, Fullerton. She earned a B.A. from the University of Michigan in Sociology; an M.P.A. from the University of Arizona, specializing in policies to combat addictions; and a Ph.D. in criminal justice from the State University of New York at Albany. Her research interests focus on issues of female delinquency and the victimization of women. She has participated in numerous local and statewide assessments of incarcerated delinquent girls, rape crisis organizations, services for victims of child abuse and domestic violence. Much of this research was supported by more than a dozen grants and sponsored research contracts from local and state agencies, most notably by more than $650,000 in grants from the California Governor’s Office of Criminal Justice Planning.

Dr. Rosenbaum published dozens of articles and book chapters, most of which focus on female delinquency. Her articles have appeared in Crime & Delinquency, Criminal Justice Studies, the Journal of Applied Social Science, Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Justice Quarterly, The Prison Journal, Sociology and Social Research, Women in Criminal Justice, and Youth and Society. She is also the coauthor of Implementing a Gender Based Arts Program for Juvenile Offenders, a scholarly book published by Taylor & Francis in 2014.

For the last ten years, Dr. Rosenbaum has been involved in the development and implementation of a number of programs for justice-involved youth, including a “Girls’ Court” and numerous “Arts Behind Bars” programs. In this capacity, she developed a number of collaboratives that bring together local artists with criminal justice personnel and philanthropists, thereby has creating opportunities for academics in the arts, artists, and criminologists to work together and to share experiences, research, and develop shared evaluation protocols. This work has been supported by more than $200,000 in grants from the Genesee County Community Foundation, the Michigan Arts Council, the Ruth Mott Foundation, and ShareArt Michigan.

In addition to her community-based activities and research, Dr. Rosenbaum has served her community as a member of the Advisory Council for the Orange County Connection Project; the Lost Angeles County Probation Department Research Advisory Council; the City of Santa Ana’s “Weed and Seed” Steering Committee; the City of Fullerton’s Richman Collaborative; the Orange County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Committee; and as the liaison between the Orange County Anti-Defamation League and the Fullerton School District. Finally, Dr. Rosenbaum has been life member of the WSC for many years, having served numerous terms on the Board. For her contributions to feminist criminological theory and practice, as well as her tireless advocacy for justice-involved women and girls, she should be recognized with the WSC’s Paul Tappan Award.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WSC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023!

Dr. Jesenia Pizarro

Fellows Award: To honor a person generally associated with the western region who has made important contributions to the field of criminology

Jesenia Pizarro is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Arizona State University, where she previously served as the Director of Master's Programs. Her research focus on the importance of understanding the proximal event and situational factors that result in violence (i.e., the who, where, when, and why), and the effect the situational context of violent events has on the social reaction of practitioners and other social actors. While her research focus centers on violence, she also studies the politics of punishment and the criminology of micro places. Her corrections work has focused on the administration and use of administrative segregation units throughout the country's state correctional systems. Her crime and micro places has focused on the distribution of disorders that can impede the development of healthy neighborhoods.

Dr. Pizarro is currently a member of the Firearm Safety Among Children and Teens Consortium (FACTS), and the Homicide Research Working Group (HRWG). She is also a board member of Arizonians for Gun Safety and that National Center for School Safety. Throughout her career, she has worked with various police departments and agencies throughout the country in joint efforts to curb violence (i.e., Detroit, MI; Flint, MI; and Newark, NJ), and has managed funded grants that focus on urban violence and intimate partner homicide prevention, awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, National Institute of Health, the National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research, and the Center for Disease Control in various capacities and roles. In addition to working as a volunteer member of a large police department’s sentinel event review board while serving as a consultant or commentator for dozens of media outlets, Dr. Pizzaro served as guest editor of Race and Justice, and currently serves as the Editor-in-Chief of Homicide Studies.

Dr. Pizarro’s exemplary record of servant-leadership is even more remarkable because she is also an accomplished scholar. She has generated an impressive $7.16 million in external funding as a principal or co-principal investigator. Dr. Pizarro has published more than 50 peer-reviewed journal articles and four book chapters. Many of Dr. Pizarro’s articles appear in top-tier journals with strong impact factors (IF), including Journal of Interpersonal Violence (IF=6.1), Justice Quarterly (IF=4.7), Journal of Criminal Justice (IF=3.4), and Criminal Justice and Behavior (IF=2.8), and Homicide Studies (IF=2.8). Dr. Pizarro’s publications also appear in a variety of different public health journals, some of which have much higher impact factors than the best criminology journals. For instance, she has published one article in the Journal of the American Medical Association (IF=56.3) and two articles in the American Journal of Public Health (IF=9.3). Clearly, she is an exceptional scholar who nonetheless makes time to mentor her students and provide meaningful service to her academic unit, College, University, profession, and the community-at-large. Accordingly, she should be recognized with the WSC Fellow’s Award.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WSC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023!

Dr. Keramet Reiter

*June Morrison – Tom Gitchoff Founders Award:* To honor a person who, through scholarship and/or activism, has significantly improved the quality of justice in the United States

*Keramet Reiter* is Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Criminology, Law & Society at the University of California, Irvine. Dr. Reiter’s research focuses on prisoners and prisoners’ rights as well as the impact of punishment on individuals, communities, and the legal system more broadly. She is the author of three books and numerous papers in these areas; perhaps most prominent are those that involve research in high security and supermax prisons, facilities notoriously difficult to access. In doing so, Dr. Reiter sheds light on the harmful effects and consequences of solitary confinement and supermax prisons. She has interrogated these issues both domestically in the United States as well as internationally, bringing to light the extent of these problems on a global scale and ultimately working to reduce or eliminate these practices and ameliorate their effects. Importantly, she approaches this work using a mixed methods approach, including qualitative interviews, archival and legal analysis, and quantitative methods, bringing unparalleled depth to these investigations. In addition to these pressing issues, Dr. Reiter also seeks to improve educational opportunities for incarcerated individuals, and she has recently spearheaded an effort to establish a Bachelor of Arts program called LIFTED—a collaboration between UCI and Donovan Correctional Facility in San Diego—with the hope of expanding this program to other facilities. Dr. Reiter's work has been featured in the top journals in the field, including *American Journal of Public Health, Punishment & Society, Law & Society Review,* and *Justice Quarterly.* Her work has also been featured in several news outlets, including *The Washington Post* and *Time Magazine.* More information about Dr. Reiter's work can be found on her personal [website](http://www.ucr.edu), or at [UCI](http://www.uci.edu).
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WSC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023!

Dr. Christine Scott-Hayward

*Joseph D. Lohman Award: To honor a person who has provided outstanding service to the Western Society of Criminology*

Christine S. Scott-Hayward is an Associate Professor in the School of Criminology, Criminal Justice, and Emergency Management at California State University, Long Beach. Dr. Scott-Hayward specializes in courts, corrections, and criminal procedure, with a particular focus on the practical implications of law and policy. Her recent book *Punishing Poverty: How Bail and Pretrial Detention Fuel Inequalities in the Criminal Justice System* was named as a “Best of 2019” by the Vera Institute of Justice. Her work has also appeared in several law reviews and social science journals, and has been cited by both state and federal judges.

In addition to teaching and scholarship, Dr. Scott-Hayward has devoted countless hours of her time and efforts to the Western Society of Criminology (WSC) for many years. After serving a one-year term as Vice President of the WSC (2020-2021), Dr. Scott-Hayward served as the President (2021-2022) and now serves as the Immediate Past-President. Prior to taking on these leadership roles, she served a three-year term as WSC’s Secretary (2017-2020), and a three-year term on the Publications Committee (2014-2017) while she co-edited the WSC’s journal, *Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*. She also served a year as the Annual Conference Program Co-Chair (2015). She was recently confirmed to start a term as the next Executive Director of the WSC, staring in August of 2022. Both Dr. Scott-Hayward’s outstanding service to the WSC over the past decade and her continuing service to the Society makes her an ideal candidate for the Joseph E. Lohman Award.

Dr. Lisa Monchalin

*W.E.B. DuBois Award: For significant contributions to advancing awareness of racial and ethnic issues in criminology and criminal justice*

Lisa Monchalin is a professor in the Criminology Department at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU). She is the first Aboriginal woman in Canada to hold a Ph.D. in Criminology. Dr. Monchalin received her doctorate from the University of Ottawa and also holds a J.D. from The University of British Columbia, Peter A. Allard School of Law.

Lisa has numerous publications focusing on crime prevention, community safety, Aboriginal peoples, and justice. As a registered citizen of the Métis Nation of Ontario, Dr. Monchalin is a public speaker and a powwow jingle dancer who dances throughout Canada and the United States. Lisa actively works to connect the Aboriginal community to the educational community at KPU.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WSC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023!

Dr. Margaret Jackson

*Meda Chesney-Lind Award: For significant contributions to scholarship or activism on the intersection of women and crime*

Margaret Jackson is Professor Emerita at Simon Fraser University’s (SFU) School of Criminology. Throughout her career, Dr. Jackson has tirelessly advocated for women and children impacted by domestic violence. She was an original founder of the non-profit Feminist Research, Education, Development, and Action (FREDA) Centre and has been Director since its establishment in 1992. The FREDA Centre emerged from a collaborative effort between SFU and grassroots organizations throughout Vancouver, British Columbia to advocate for victims of domestic violence, enhance safety for survivors, and understand the impact on partners and children. Dr. Jackson’s work also highlights the necessity of an intersectional approach to domestic violence and policy recommendations, and she has examined unique challenges for immigrant and refugee women who have been abused and/or experienced nearly lethal violence. She received several provincial and federal grants to study issues of domestic violence and was a Principal Investigator for a Ministry of Justice study on child abuse. She actively disseminates her research through traditional modes, having published seven books, numerous journal articles, countless policy and learning briefs, and webinars. She co-organized a national conference in 2012 on sexual and domestic violence against women and children and partners with the Canadian Domestic Homicide Prevention Initiative with Vulnerable Populations. Importantly, her work moves beyond the academy; she is actively involved in creating local community workshops and a province-wide community of practice, and works with retired B.C. Supreme Court Justice, the Honourable Donna Martinson, Q.C., to design and present intimate partner violence education programs for Canadian judges and lawyers. In addition to domestic violence, she is a recognized authority in bullying and teen dating violence and partners with PREVNet to promote healthy relationships and reduce dating violence among teenagers.

Despite retiring in 2010, Dr. Jackson is the most consistent, welcoming figure in the department, and is on campus almost every day working to reduce violence against women and children. Unless she is in a meeting or out for a run, her door is wide open to greet anyone who passes by—from students, faculty, and staff to building personnel. Dr. Jackson’s decades-long scholarly work and activism to reduce domestic violence and its impacts on women and children make her an exceptional recipient for this award. Because WSC is in Vancouver this year, receipt of this award would be even more meaningful to Dr. Jackson, her SFU family, and her local community partners who would have the opportunity to be in attendance.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WSC AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023!

Dr. Angela Dwyer

Richard Tewksbury Award: For significant contributions to scholarship or activism on the intersection of crime and sexuality

Angela Dwyer is an Associate Professor of Policing and Emergency Management in the School of Social Science at the University of Tasmania, where she also serves as the Deputy Director of the Tasmanian Institute of Law Enforcement Studies. Dr. Dwyer specializes in research focusing on how sexuality and gender identity impact policing and criminal processing systems. Her research includes lines of inquiry into LGBTQ+ youth justice (criminality, crime prevention, and policing in public spaces); LGBTQ+ police; policing of LGBTQ+ people and communities; and how marginalized identities affect human rights. She has successfully generated more than $2.3 million in grants and sponsored research contracts, nearly all of which have supported criminological research relevant to LGBTQ+ youth and communities in Tasmania, New South Wales, and Queensland.

Dr. Dwyer is book series editor (along with Matthew Ball and Vanessa Panfil) of “Queering Criminology and Criminal Justice” for Routledge (since 2018); the coeditor (along with Matthew Ball and Thomas Crofts) of Queering Criminology for Palgrave MacMillan (2015); and the coauthor (with Sharon Hayes & Belinda Carpenter) of Sex, Crime and Morality (Routledge, 2011). As of the time of the submission of this nomination, Dr. Dwyer has two more books under contract, including Transgender Identities and Criminal Justice: An Examination of Issues in Victimology, Policing, Sentencing, and Prisons (Palgrave MacMillan) and Policing: LGBTQ+ Experiences, Perspectives and Passions (Southern Illinois University Press). In addition to delivering more than 50 invited talks and 70 conference presentations, Dr. Dwyer has authored or coauthored more than 31 articles and 20 book chapters, nearly all of which are devoted to the intersection of criminology, criminal justice, and LGBTQ+ persons. Her research has appeared in journals published in Australia, Europe, and North America, including the Australian Journal of Human Rights, Critical Criminology, Current Issues in Criminal Justice, the Griffith Journal of Law and Human Dignity, the International Journal of Crime and Justice, the Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, The Journal of Lesbian Studies, the Journal of Sociology, Police Quarterly, and Youth Justice.

Dr. Dwyer has been a tireless advocate for LGBTQ+ inclusion, equity, and belonging. In addition to designing various LGBTQ+-inclusive curricula for several universities, She has consulted with—and provided training for—numerous police departments in her native Australia (including in Tasmania, New South Wales, Queensland, and Western Australia), Ireland, and Canada (especially for various departments represented by the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police). Her community service includes work on the boards of Just Equal, Equality Tasmania, Working It out, TasPride, PFLAG, the Bisexual Health Action Group of Queensland, and the Uneven Ground LGBT Youth Working Group of the Queensland Association for Healthy Communities. She also regularly consults with news media (television, radio, podcasts, newspapers, and internet venues) to provide expert commentary on LGBTQ+ issues as the relate to juvenile justice, policing, criminalization, and victimology.

Dr. Dwyer is the founding co-chair of the American Society of Criminology’s Division of Queer Criminology. She previous served as an editorial board member of The Journal of Lesbian Studies and currently serves on the board of Policing: An International Journal. She has been honored twice with the Queensland University of Technology’s Vice Chancellors Awards for Research Excellence. For her nearly two decades of scholarly inquiry and tireless advocacy, she should be recognized with the Richard Tewksbury Award.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WSC STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS FOR 2023!

Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition

Veronica Valencia Gonzalez
University of California - Irvine
“The Role of California’s Sanctuary Policies in the Formal Help-Seeking of Latina Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence”

Abstract: The present paper describes the role of sanctuary policies in the decision of immigrant intimate partner violence (IPV) survivors to seek formal help for IPV. The study used interviews with 12 women who identified as immigrants to the United States and IPV survivors. The interviews with immigrant IPV survivors were supplemented with 14 interviews of individuals who provide assistance, resources, or services to IPV survivors. Results indicate that there is a gap in knowledge of sanctuary policy between service providers and immigrant IPV survivors. Additionally, survivors seemed unsure of the sanctuary policy’s ability to protect them from detention and deportation.

Keywords: Sanctuary Policy; Latinx, Immigrant, Intimate Partner Violence

June Morrison Scholarship Fund

Gemini A.Creason-Parker
Texas A&M University
2023 WSC Annual Meeting – Poster Session Recap

Check out a selection of the posters presented at the 2023 annual meeting in Vancouver, BC. Click on the icon for the full poster presentation.

“Proposal for Evaluating and Exploring the Effectiveness of a Northern Colorado Mental Health Co-Responder Program”
Author: Mikelle Angiuli, University of Northern Colorado, Criminal Justice & Criminology M.A. Student

The study aims to answer: “Is this Northern Colorado mental health co-responder program an effective means for diverting mental health calls away from the criminal justice system as opposed to intervention or contact solely by law enforcement or other first responders?” Data from law enforcement and mental health co-responders are used for all 2021 mental health calls in a Northern Colorado county jurisdiction to inform the findings.

“Bridging Research and Best Practice in Identifying Transgender Skeletal Remains in Canada”
Author: Cassandra Chowdhury, BA, BA (Hons), Simon Fraser University, Criminology MA Student

With more Canadians accessing gender-affirmative care, and increasing rates of anti-trans violence across North America, the need for flexible sex and gender identification is rising. This qualitative research explores barriers to incorporating trans-inclusive techniques into death investigation practices in Canada. Notable results include a reluctance to discuss the issue, and a patchwork system of documentation that risks data loss. Those who participated note the human rights challenge and need for progress in the field.

“Risk of Sexual Violence Against College Age Women: Estimates from the NCVS”
Authors: Kathryn DuBois & Amelie Pedneauly
Both from Washington State University

Using data from the nationally representative NCVS, we considered the risk of sexual violence victimization among college-age women. Regression-adjusted prevalence estimates indicate that, at the same time that the campus anti-rape movement has flourished, women enrolled in higher education have faced a greater risk of sexual violence relative to those unenrolled. Among women who attend college, the risk of being the victim of sexual violence is greatest for those who reside in on-campus housing.
“Catalytic Converter Theft in British Columbia: Is Regulation a Viable Solution?”
Author: Tyler Mierzwa; School of Criminology, Simon Fraser University; M.A. Student.

Mierzwa performed a content analysis using B.C. newspaper articles depicting catalytic converter theft and found that regulating the sale of catalytic converters may produce unwanted burdens for metal dealers and law enforcement personnel. In conclusion, catalytic converter theft requires more research on effective crime prevention alternatives.

“The Role of International Police Collaboration on Darkweb Investigations”
Authors: Marie-Pier Villeneuve-Dubuc (master's candidate), Prof. David Décary-Hétu et Prof. Benoit Dupont. All from Université de Montréal.

Police organizations are responsible for solving crimes that are physically committed in their jurisdictions. This creates many challenges in the context of cybercrimes and a potential solution is to foster international collaborations that transcend jurisdictions. Thus, this poster aims to identify and understand the motivations that drive investigators to cooperate internationally and describe the types of collaboration used in cybercrime investigations, and more specifically on the darkweb. To achieve this aim, we analyzed 20 interviews with specialized cybercrime investigators from 5 countries.

“Shadow Encounters in Area 81: Detecting Communities of IUU Fishing”
Authors: Kierston Viramontes (M.A. Student) & Dr. Gisela Bichler
CCJR, California State University, San Bernardino

Illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing is a serious environmental crime with severe economic, social, and security implications. Efforts to monitor IUU fishing could be enhanced by using patterns of at-sea transshipment of fish to detect illicit communities. Using data from Global Fishing Watch, this study investigates repeat transshipment events in U.N. FAO Area 81 during 2015-2021. Ship-to-ship transfer networks mapping encounters among 30 refrigerated carriers and 613 fishing vessels exhibit distinct communities. Highly central, deviant carriers associated with open registries (flags of convenience) form networks that shadow the activities of national fleets. Linkages among beneficial owners and operators draw attention to these parallel trade currents. The observed structural characteristics of these networks suggest that underlying social processes favoring preferential attachment may partially account for transshipment patterns.
CALL FOR WSC AWARD NOMINATIONS

We invite you to nominate a deserving person for a WSC award.

Nominations for each of the following WSC Awards are currently being accepted:

- **Paul Tappan Award** for outstanding contribution to the field 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.
- **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.

*Neither the nominator nor the nominee needs to be a member of the WSC.*

The deadline for submissions for each of these awards is **Friday, April 29, 2023, by 5:00 p.m. PST.**

Please submit your nomination via the WSC online submission portal [https://westerncriminology.org/awards/nominate-someone-for-an-award/](https://westerncriminology.org/awards/nominate-someone-for-an-award/) or email to the Chairperson of the Awards Committee:

Dr. Alyssa Chamberlain
Alyssa.Chamberlain@asu.edu

Please be sure to include:

- A short biographical sketch of each nominee (approximately 100 words) summarizing why the person is deserving of the specific award;
- A link to the nominee’s curriculum vitae, résumé, or online biography.
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 he/she is 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 his/her support of your request for travel funds.

  **Email the information to Dr. Alyssa Chamberlain**

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  by 5:00 p.m. PST on Friday, October 6, 2023.

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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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People wishing to present at the conference will be able to submit proposals through our online abstract submission system between August 8 and October 10, 2023. 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


The portal will open on August 8, 2023 and close on October 10, 2023, 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 January 8, 2024. Failure to do so will result in presentations being removed from the final program.
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WSC members Dr. Georgen Guerrero has provide commentary on the history and prevalence of death penalty sentences in Texas.

Dr. Georgen Guerrero is a Professor and the Chair of the Criminal Justice Department at the University of the Incarnate Word. His research interests include incarcerated populations, the death penalty, deviant behavior, juvenile justice, and crisis intervention training techniques. He has authored, coauthored, and edited several journal articles, books, and book chapters in criminal justice.

The Death of Capital Punishment

History

At the time of this writing there had been 1,564 executions in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976 in the landmark Gregg vs. Georgia Supreme Court decision (DPIC, 2023). The death penalty had taken a four-year hiatus when it was previously struck down by the Supreme Court in the landmark Furman vs. Georgia decision in 1972. Prior to taking this leave of absence the death penalty had always been a part of the legal system in the United States.

The first recorded executions dates to colonial times on December 1, 1608, when Captain George Kendall was executed for being a spy in Jamestown, Virginia (Frost, 2018). The second known execution (and the first legal one) took place 14 years later, on August 1, 1622, when Daniel Frank was executed for the crime of theft, stealing a hog and a cow (Gershman, 2005; Canan, 2011). Ten years later, in 1632, Jane Champion became the first woman to be executed for allegedly murdering her infant child that was conceived through an adulterous affair (Brumfield, 2020).

However, despite these very grim statistics, it appears that the death penalty will once again be abolished. In all reality, the death penalty may already be on its death bed. It appears that it has been slowly dying since the turn of the millennium and continues towards its own death a little more each year.

Number of executions

In 1999, there were 98 executions that were carried out throughout the United States (DPIC, 2023). The 98 executions at the end of the millennium represented the highest number of executions in any given year, since the return of the death penalty in 1976 (DPIC, 2023). This number represented a dramatic increase from the one execution that was performed in 1977, the execution and the year that marked the return of the death penalty. It was also a remarkable increase from the two executions that were performed 20 years earlier in 1979 and even the sixteen executions that were performed 10 years earlier in 1989.

However, since 1999, the number of executions has been steadily decreasing. At the end of the following year, in 2000, there were 85 executions in the United States (DPIC, 2023). In examining the number of executions in five-year increments since 1999, there were 59 executions in 2004, there were 52 executions (nearly half of the peak in 1998) in 2009, there were 35 executions in 2014, and there were 22 executions in 2019 (DPIC, 2023).
Additionally, as of December 31, 2022, the most current and complete data year as of this publishing, there were 18 executions recorded throughout all 50 states for the year. The continual decrease in the number of executions supports the idea that this country is not in support of using the death penalty. The lack of support stems from a multitude of reasons including the cost to maintain capital punishment, errors in convictions, and the availability of alternative punishments.

**Executions in Texas**

Out of the 1,564 executions in the United States, Texas led the nation with a little over one third of all executions. Texas was solely responsible for 581 executions (DPIC, 2023; TCADP, 2023). However, if we were to examine the data in Texas, a state that has a harsh reputation for being in support of the death penalty, the same national pattern emerges revealing that the number of executions has also decreased. I say harsh reputation because current data tells us otherwise. A false reputation would probably be a more accurate statement. Contrary to popular belief, when it comes to the number of executions, Texas has not been the exception to the rule, but merely a follower of the rule. Texas’ commitment to the death penalty may be just another Tall Texas Tale.

Executions in Texas peaked in 2000 with 40 executions (TCADP, 2023). However, using the same five-year incremental formula as above, Texas’ execution data speaks volume over its harsh reputation. In 2005, there were 19 individuals executed in Texas (TCADP, 2023). In 2010, there were 17 individuals executed in Texas (TCADP, 2023). In 2015, there were 13 individuals executed in Texas (TCADP, 2023). In 2020, there were 3 individuals executed in Texas (TCADP, 2023).
As of December 31, 2022, the most current and complete data year as of this publishing, there were 5 executions recorded throughout the State of Texas for the year (TCADP, 2023; DPIC, 2023). If the current trends are any indicators of future executions, it is easy to say that there will come a day, when the discussion about the death penalty will not be about “should we be using the death penalty as the ultimate sanction or not,” but more along the lines of “it is unbelievable that the death penalty was actually being used in our democratic system.” Future generations will be examining how the use of the death penalty was considered a just punishment and used in our justice system.

Despite our current belief in our present-day legal system, our children and grandchildren will believe that our current system, that allows for the execution of its citizens, was simply archaic and barbaric. Just as current generations would scoff at the idea of settling a disagreement between two parties by partaking in an old west shoot-out (by walking ten steps away from each other, turning towards each other, drawing weapons, and firing upon one another) future generations will scoff at the mere idea of state sanctioned executions. It is only a matter of time.

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