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It is my distinct pleasure to extend greetings to all attendees of the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice.

I am delighted that you have chosen Texas as the site for your annual meeting, and trust that you will enjoy your visit to Houston, one of our nation's most vibrant cities – a city steeped in history, arts and culture, terrific sports teams, and academic and medical excellence.

My best wishes to you for a successful annual meeting and a productive exchange of ideas on the latest developments in criminal justice education, research and policy. Enjoy your stay, and I hope you will return to the Lone Star State again.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L.P.B.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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THURSDAY, October 2, 2003

3:00p – 6:00p

- Registration – 8th Floor Lobby

6:00p – 9:00p

- Past President's Reception – 9th Floor Pool Side

FRIDAY, October 3, 2003

7:30a – 8:30a

- Continental Breakfast – Hilton Rm.

8:00a – 3:00p

- Registration – 8th Floor Lobby

8:00a – 8:15a

- Welcome – Hilton Rm.

8:30a – 9:45a

- Panel #1 – Student Research: Issues in CJ – Travis A
- Panel #2 – Police Management Issues – Travis B
- Roundtable – Issues in Providing CJ Education in Small/Rural Schools – Southgate B
- Break/Snack – Hilton Rm.

10:00a – 11:15a

- Panel #3 – Courts & Law: Creating Justice – Travis A
- Panel #4 – Education Issues: Structure Medium & Content – Travis B
- Panel #5 – Corrections Controversies – Southgate B

11:30a – 1:00p

- Luncheon – Hilton Rm. - **Remember red ticket for admission**

1:00p – 2:15p

- Panel #6 – Diversity and CJ Agencies Closing the Gap? – Travis A
- Panel #7 – Policing in a Time of Insecurity – Travis B
- Panel #8 – Violence & Victims – Southgate B

2:15p – 2:30p

- Break/Snack – Hilton Rm.

2:30p – 3:45p

- Panel #9 – Theories of Crime and Delinquency – Travis B
- Panel #10 – Technology Issues – Southgate B
- Roundtable – Is there life after tenure? Plotting a career in CJ Education – Hilton Rm.
- Panel #11 – Scandals & Ethics in the CJ System – Travis A

4:00p – 4:45p

- SWACJ State Meetings
Arkansas – Travis A
Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma – Travis B
Texas – Southgate B

SATURDAY, October 4, 2003

7:30a – 8:30a

- Continental Breakfast – Hilton Rm.

8:00a – 10:00a

- Registration – 8th Floor Lobby

8:30a – 9:45a

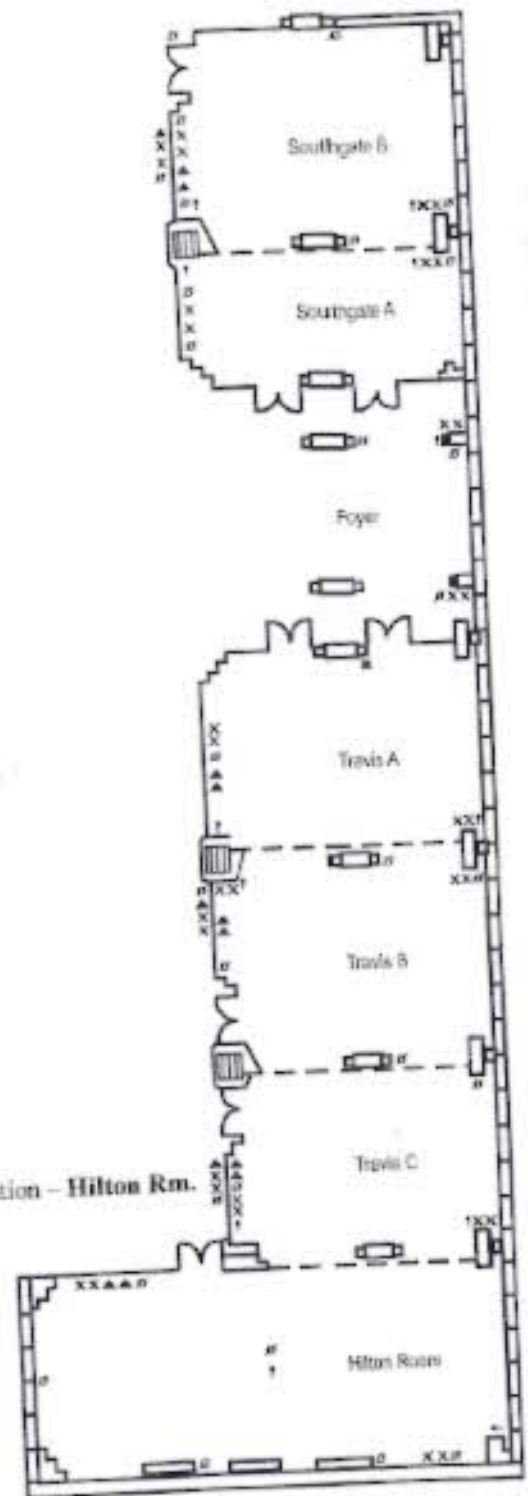
- Panel #12 – International Issues: The Global Criminal Justice System – Travis A
- Roundtable – Juvenile Clinical Issues – Travis B
- Panel #13 – Student Research: Current Justice Controversies – Southgate B

9:45a – 10:00a

- Break/Drinks – Hilton Rm.

10:00a – 11:15a

- Venezuelan Prison Movie – Travis A
- Panel #14 – Criminal Justice Policy – Travis B
- Panel #15 – Issues of Race & Reactions – Southgate B
- Roundtable – Police Academics & Academic Credit – The Great Debate – Hilton Rm.



Conference Schedule of Events

Thursday, October 2

3:00p – 6:00p	Registration	8 th Floor Lobby
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6:00p – 9:00p	Past President's Reception	9 th Floor Pool Side
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Friday, October 3

8:00a – 3:00p	Registration	8 th Floor Lobby
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7:30a – 8:30a	Continental Breakfast and Exhibits	Hilton Rm.
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8:00a – 8:15a	Welcome	Hilton Rm.
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**SWACJ WILL PROVIDE OVERHEAD PROJECTORS ONLY.
ANY OTHER EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PROCURED BY PRESENTERS.**

8:30a – 9:45a	Panel #1 Student Research: Issues in Criminal Justice	Travis A
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Chair/Discussant: **Kathryn (Katy) S. Eichenberg**, Tarleton State University

"Sexual Behaviors and Their Effects Among Tarleton State University Students and Faculty: A Review of Methodology"
Paula LeClaire, Tarleton State University

"History of the Execution of Women in Arkansas"
Amy Proctor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

"Reevaluating Shonenho: The Struggle between Traditional Beliefs, and Modern Society"
Michele Quinones, Southwest Texas State University

"Correlates with Hispanic Female Juvenile Gang Membership"
Dorothy Sule, Prairie View A&M University

8:30a – 9:45a	Panel #2 Police Management Issues	Travis B
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Chair/Discussant: **Quint Thurman**, Texas State University

"Officer Conformity to Occupational Stress Stereotypes: Policing Implications for Police Management"
Philip E. Carlan, University of North Alabama

"Patrol Allocation in a Small Town Police Department"
M. George Eichenberg, Tarleton State University

*"The (Mis)management of Justice: An Examination of Recent Trends
in the Administration of Forensic Science Laboratories"*
Michelle Richter, Sam Houston State University

*"Evaluating Policing with Focus Group Interviews: Challenges and
Solutions"*
Angela Weber and Quint Thurman, Texas State University

8:30a – 9:45a	Issues in Providing CJ Education in Small/Rural Schools	Southgate B
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Chair/Discussant: **Lorie Rubenser**, Sul Ross State University

A Round Table Discussion

Ferris Byxbe, Sul Ross State University
Phil Carlan, University of North Alabama
Jody Horn, Oklahoma City University
Al Patenaude, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Gloria Priddy, Howard College

9:45a – 10:00a	Break / Snack	Hilton Rm.
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10:00a – 11:15a	Panel #3 Courts & Law: Creating Justice	Travis A
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Chair/Discussant: **Barbara Belbot**, University of Houston Downtown

*"The Case Against Kobe Bryant: Media Portrayals of the Accuser and
the Accused in a Celebrity Rape Case"*
Ashley Blackburn, Sam Houston State University

"Justice Delayed, Justice Denied? Case-Processing Time in Arkansas"
Jacqueline Davis, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

*"Anatomy of a Murder: Students' Perception of What Constitutes
Murder"*
Willard M. Oliver, Sam Houston State University

"The Texas Fair Defense Act – Progress Since 2002"
David Perkins and J.D. Jamieson, Texas State University

"Amparo and Habeas Corpus Revisited"
William Wilkinson and Norman Binder, University of Texas
At Brownsville; Rafael Fernandez, Tampico, Tamaulipas
Mexico

10:00a – 11:15a	Panel #4 Education Issues: Structure, Medium & Content	Travis B
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Chair/Discussant: **W.T. (Tom) Jordan**, Texas A&M University – Texarkana

"A Look at the Revenge Genre for the Criminal Justice Student"
Alice Ann Fiser Munson, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

"I want an advisor who always has time to see me no matter when I pop in and who knows a lot of information when I ask questions: Or, What Students Appreciate in an Academic Advisor"
Kimberly Greer, Minnesota State University

"Using a Digital Text in a Distance Learning Course"
Caryl Segal, University of Texas at Arlington

"Developing an Online Justice Program: A Macro and Micro Approach"
Clete Snell and Everett Penn, Prairie View A&M University

10:00a - 11:15a

Panel #5 Corrections Controversies

Southgate B

Chair/Discussant: **Mark Kellar**, University of Houston Downtown

"Irate Inmates: An Analysis of Irwin and Cressey's (1962) Importation Model to Prison Violence"
Kelly Cheeseman, Sam Houston State University

"Assessing the Utilization of Substance Abuse Treatment Programming Among Female Inmates"
Deborah Hartley, Sam Houston State University

"Projecting Correctional Admissions"
Pablo Martinez, Texas State University - San Marcos

"Probation Absconders and Due Diligence: A Pilot Program"
Catherine Morgan, Orange County Community Supervision;
J. Rick Altemose, Lamar University

"Immigration Detention"
Victoria Quintana, Texas State University

11:30a - 1:00p

Luncheon

Hilton Rm.

Welcome and Introduction

Student Paper Awards

1:00p - 2:15p

Panel #6 Diversity and CJ Agencies Closing The Gap?

Travis A

Chair/Discussant: **Myrna Cintron**, Prairie View A&M University

"Hiring & Retaining Minority Professionals and Practitioners: An Interview With a Criminal Justice Agency Recruiter"
Franklin Emeka, Prairie View A&M University

"Hiring & Retaining Minority Professionals and Practitioners: An Interview With a Criminal Justice Agency Recruiter"
Michael J. Grabowski, Santa Rosa College

*"Hiring & Retaining Minority Professionals and Practitioners:
An Interview With a Criminal Justice Agency Recruiter"*
Randy L. Lewis, Prairie View A&M University

"Evaluations of Human Diversity Training in Law Enforcement"
Minerva Sanchez and Holly Miller, Sam Houston State University

1:00p – 2:15p	Panel #7 Policing in a Time of Insecurity	Travis B
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Chair/Discussant: **Ronald Burns**, Texas Christian University

*"REDNECK COPS REVISITED: Perceptions on Use of Force by
Southern Police Officers"*

David A. Armstrong, McNeese State University; O. Elmer
Polk, University of Texas at Arlington; Joseph P.
Rodriguez, Arlington Police Department

"Community Policing in Post-September 11th America"
Ben Brown, University of Texas at Brownsville

"Bounty Hunters: A Look Inside"

Ronald Burns and Patrick Kinkade, Texas Christian University;
Matthew Leone, University of Las Vegas

"Democratic Policing Reforms and Respect for Human Rights"
Salih Hakan Can, Sam Houston State University

"The Cost of National Security: Freedom v. Security"
Vesna Markovic, Sam Houston State University

1:00p – 2:15p	Panel #8 Violence & Victims	Southgate B
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Chair/Discussant: **Sharlette Kellum**, Prairie View A&M University

*"Training Needs and Occupational Inhibitors: A Study of Crime Victim
Service Providers in Southeast Texas"*

Deanna Diamond, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

"The Minneapolis Experiment Revisited: Factors Affecting Recidivism"
Ferris Roger Byxbe, Sul Ross State University

"Victim Satisfaction: A Model of the Criminal Justice System"
John W. Stickels, Texas State University

"Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Web Survey"
William S. Stone, Texas State University

*"Neutralizing Brutality: Ways in Which Correctional Employees
Rationalize the Mistreatment of Offenders"*
Robert M. Worley, Sam Houston State University

2:15p – 2:30p	Break / Snack	Hilton Room
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Chair/Discussant: **Gerald Picchocki**, Tarleton State University

"When Disaster Strikes: Fraud in the aftermath of natural disasters"
Mario A. Davila, James W. Marquart, and Janet L. Mulling,
Sam Houston State University

*"Social Learning Theory as An Explanation of Concern About Crime:
An Empirical Test"*
Traquina R. Quarles, Prairie View A&M University

"Three Theories of Female Offending"
Dee Warren, University of Houston Downtown

"Scientific Research in Firesetting Behavior"
Dian Williams, Center of Arson Research

Chair/Discussant: **Robert Bing**, University of Texas at Arlington

*"Information Assurance and Cybercrime: A Two-Edged Sword or a
Two-Headed Snake?"*
James Golden, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

"Computers as a Criminal Instrumentality"
Sadie Hockerberry, Texas State University

"Police Ethics and Technology: The Advanced Taser"
Jeff Magers, Stephen F. Austin

"Identity Theft"
Becky S. Thomason, Lamar University

Chair/Discussant: **Richard McWhorter**, Prairie View A&M University

A Roundtable Discussion

Jeff Ferrell, Texas Christian University
Marilyn McShane, University of Houston Downtown
Jonathan Sorenson, Prairie View A&M University
Frank P. Williams III, University of Houston Downtown

2:30p – 3:45p Panel #11 Scandals & Ethics in the CJ System Travis A

Chair/Discussant: **David Armstrong**, McNeese State University

"Do We Differ? A Sampling of Criminal Justice Majors' Perception of Police Conduct"

Willie Edwards, Texas A&M University

"Investigative Reporting and Law Enforcement: A Case Study"

Pati Hendrickson and Howard Swindle, Tarleton State University

"Why Teaching In-Service Ethics Courses to Police Officers is Ineffective"

Sam S. Souryal, Sam Houston State University

"A Study of Police Officers' Perceptions of Police Deviance/ From an Occupational Socialization Perspective"

Ilhong Yun, Sam Houston State University

4:00p – 4:45p SWACJ Business Meeting Hilton R.m.

Welcome: ACJS President Steven Lab

5:00p – 6:00p State Meetings

Arkansas

Travis A

Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma

Travis B

Texas

Southgate B

Saturday, October 4

8:00a – 10:00a Registration 8th Floor Lobby

7:30a – 8:30a Continental Breakfast and Exhibits Hilton R.m.

8:30a – 9:45a Panel #12 International Issues: The Global Criminal Justice System Travis A

Chair/Discussant: **Willard Oliver**, Sam Houston State University

"Cross-Border Control in the Age of Globalization"

Victor N. Shaw, California State University - Northridge

"A Review of the Bayou Connection Program"

Hsiao-Ming Wang, University of Houston Downtown

"Russia Mail Order Bride in Korea"

Minwoo Yun, Sam Houston State University

8:30a - 9:45a Juvenile Clinical Issues

Travis B

Chair/Discussant: **Verna Henson**, Texas State University

A Roundtable Discussion

Peggy Engram, University of Houston Downtown
Larry French, Prairie View A&M University
Beth Pelz, University of Houston Downtown

8:30a - 9:45a Panel #13 Student Research: Current Justice Controversies

Southgate B

Chair/Discussant: **Joyce Jakovich**, University of Houston Downtown

"Embezzlement"

Jessica Andis, Lamar University

"Locked Out After Lock Down"

LaKayla Fridie and Anquinette Crowe, Prairie View
A&M University

*"An Analysis of the Programs Offered in the Minnie Rogers Juvenile
Justice Center: How do the Youth Feel about the Programs
Offered to Them?"*

Nicketta S. Brown, Lamar University

*"Broken Windows in the Panopticon of Social Justice: Assessing the
Cost of Community Policing"*

Matthew Pate, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

"SCARED? Sense of Safety at a Texas University"

James White, Prairie View A&M University

9:45a - 10:00a

Break / Drinks

Hilton Rm.

10:00a - 11:15a Venezuelan Prison

Travis A

Movie

Jennifer Frisbie, Michael Jordan and Jason Rexrode, Lamar University

10:00a - 11:15a Panel #14 Criminal Justice Policy

Travis B

Chair/Discussant: **Paulette Purdy**, University of Houston Downtown

"The Convict Lease System"

Judith Harris, University of Houston Downtown

*"Ex-Offender Employment Assistance Programs and Their Impact on
Reducing Recidivism"*

Byron C. Harrison, FUUSA (Families Under Urban and
Social Attack)

"Homeless/runaway Youth and Prostitution Policy"

Valerie Krizan, University of Houston Downtown

"Older Offenders in Prison Policy"

Deyanira Zamora, University of Houston Downtown

10:00a - 11:15a Panel#15 Issues of Race & Reactions

Southgate B

Chair/Discussant: **Terry Snow**, Harris County Juvenile Probation

"Workplace Violence: An Analysis of Inmate Guard Assaults"

Deborah Hartley, Sam Houston State University

"Driving While Mexican: A New Negro in the Criminal Justice System"

Verna Henson, Texas State University, San Marcos

"Violence in Music: Gangsta Rap, A Wake Up Call"

Chandria Mitchell and Camille Gibson, Prairie View
A&M University

"How Do We Decriminalize Color?"

Noel Otu, University of Texas at Brownsville
Jeffrey Coleman, Texas Southmost College

10:00a - 11:15a Police Academies & Academic Credit - The Great Debate

Hilton Rm.

Chair/Discussant: **Larry Karson**, University of Houston Downtown


"Criminal Justice Training Assessment"

Meredyth A. Leahy and John Greene, Excelsior College

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2003 ABSTRACTS

Embezzlement

Jessica Andis, Lamar University

This presentation discusses several aspects of embezzlement. I will discuss the history, Texas penal code of embezzlement, a case study of my families business which involved embezzlement through ACH transfers by the comptroller of the company as well as credit card theft and fraud, and ways to prevent embezzlement within businesses.

REDNECK COPS REVISITED: Perceptions on Use of Force by Southern Police Officers

David A. Armstrong, McNeese State University; O. Elmer Polk, University of Texas at Arlington;
Joseph P. Rodriguez III, Arlington Police Department

Using data collected from multiple law enforcement agencies over a 10 year time period, this paper compares attitudes regarding appropriate levels of force in response to various subject actions. First a comparison of Southern police officers to a national sample is provided, then the Southern officers responses are analyzed over time to determine changed in perception that might have occurred regarding what levels of force should be used by the officers.

The Case Against Kobe Bryant: Media Portrayals of the Accuser and the Accused in a Celebrity Rape Case

Ashley Blackburn, Sam Houston State University

Media coverage of criminal behavior may greatly affect public opinion and the outcome of trials. Recently a Colorado court charged Kobe Bryant, a celebrated American athlete, with allegedly raping a young woman. The charges have generated intense media coverage. This analysis appraises the manifest and latent content of newspaper articles concerning this case collected from five major U.S. cities including Atlanta, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles and New York. Employing theories of victimization and gender power relations, the articles will be evaluated for the media's portrayal of the alleged rape, the proceedings leading to the trial, and the reputations of accused and the accuser.

Community Policing in Post-September 11th America

Ben Brown, The University of Texas at Brownsville

In the wake of September 11th, 2001, law enforcement agencies have been evaluating and altering their strategies and tactics. Specifically, an emphasis has been placed on enhancing national security and deterring terrorist activities. However, it is not clear whether the emphasis on national security has had any deterrent impact on terrorism nor is it clear whether the reallocation of resources serves the best interests of the public. This paper presents an analysis of the impact post-September 11th changes in law enforcement have had on community policing. While it is too early to determine whether the changes will permanently alter the nature of law enforcement in the U.S., there is evidence which suggests the changes have impeded community policing efforts.

An Analysis of the Programs Offered in the Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center: How do the Youth Feel about the Programs Offered to Them?

Nieketta S. Brown, Lamar University

IEA - Inspire, Encourage, Achieve is a non-profit organization that offers programming to the youth detained in the Minnie Rogers Juvenile Justice Center. The programs offered include: Positive Life Skills Training, "Realizing Your Potential" art sessions, NovaNET, and Substance Abuse Counseling and Education. This research evaluates those programs from the perspective of the youth who are afforded these opportunities.

Bounty Hunters: A Look Inside

Ronald Burns, Texas Christian University; Patrick Kinkade, Texas Christian University; Matthew Leone, University of Las Vegas, Reno

The professional bounty hunter has long had a special mystic in relation to the American public's understanding of law enforcement and criminal justice. Despite this profound fascination, however, empirical information about this occupational group remains sketchy at best. This research effort works toward filling that void. Using both survey and elite interview methodology, groups of professionals working as bail recovery agents were questioned about their occupational practice and their personal perceptions of bounty hunting and criminal justice in general. In addition demographic profiles of the respondents were established to gain insight into who actually participates in bail recovery as a profession. Policy implications concerning this practice and the future of professional bounty hunting are discussed.

The Minneapolis Experiment Revisited: Factors Affecting Recidivism
Ferris Roger Byxbe, Sul Ross State University – Rio Grande College

No more controversial study has been conducted than the Minneapolis Experiment, a controlled experiment which tested the effectiveness of arrest on the prevention or deterrence of domestic violence related to misdemeanor batteries. The results of the experiment indicated that arrest produced the lowest percentage of repeated violence – a ten percent recidivist rate.

The focus of this study was to identify culpable factors that attribute to recidivism. Thirteen Southwest Texas Counties, within the university service area, were selected for this study. Data was obtained from incarceration records within each sheriff's office. Misdemeanor offenses classified as acts of domestic violence were recorded for analysis. A records search was conducted for 1998-2002.

No significant difference was found to exist among the variables tested, with exception of "employment status" and marital status." Arrest would appear to have little, or no, deterrent value on acts of domestic violence for those who were unemployed at the time of the offense and/or cohabitating as an unmarried couple.

Democratic Policing Reforms and Respect For Human Rights

Salih Hakan Can, Sam Houston State University

Criminal justice analyses of police and *democratic policing reforms* have given little attention to cross-national analyses of the relation of police practices to democracy and respect for human rights. The concept of "democratic policing reforms" has emerged to describe a variety of policing intended to lower crime rates, diminish bribery and corruptions, end brutality, and maximize community satisfaction with organizational reforms such as problem-oriented and/or community-oriented policing. Scholars who advocate democratic policing reforms have identified several basic tenets, such as an emphasis on the rule of law, public accountability, open and public decision-making, minimal use of force, public involvement, respect for human rights, and internal organizational democracy (e.g., Das, 2000). A rich qualitative literature of case studies of individual countries has emerged, identifying the policies to implement these tenets including civilian oversight boards, ombudsman and civilian complaint boards, police unions, decentralization, increased representation within police, increased use of high technology by police, and other problem-oriented and/or community-oriented policing techniques (e.g., Das, 2000; Kratoski, 2000; Marenin, 2000; Stone & Ward, 2000). Yet, while it is widely assumed that democratic policing reforms help to improve the respect for human rights and level of democracy in a given country, the analyses leave this issue as an untested assumption, and typically focus only on police organizational practices in a single country. The analysis also strongly implies that scholars in the comparative study of criminal justice, public administration, and politics may have underestimated the power exerted by policing institutions within democratic societies.

Officer Conformity to Occupational Stress Stereotypes: Policy Implications for Police Management

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Law enforcement officers are commonly regarded as tough-minded individuals capable of resolving personal and occupational stress without outside assistance. Using survey data collected from 1,109 officers in sixteen Alabama municipal police departments (50-600 full-time officers), this study seeks to discover the extent to which officers see themselves as conforming to this stereotype, and hence reluctant to express internal stress and to seek counseling assistance. Of particular interest will be the conformity levels of officers with varying degrees of education, experience, rank and self-reported stress levels. Related measures, demographics and policy implications will be discussed.

Irate Inmates: An Analysis of Irwin and Cressey's (1962) Importation Model to Prison Violence

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Theories of prison violence and behavior are often divided into the indigenous model or importation mode. This paper utilizes Irwin and Cressey's (1962) importation model and integrates it with elements of Miller's (1958) theory of a Lower-Class Subculture to explain prison violence. In order to examine the relevance of the importation model; inmates behavior in prison was examined to ascertain if inmates who were convicted of violent offenses were more prone to institutional violence (or threats of violence) than inmates who were convicted of non-violent offenses. The analysis found that offenders incarcerated for violent offense were significantly more likely to be aggressive toward male correctional officers and were significantly more likely to masturbate in view of male and female correctional officers.

When Disaster Strikes: Fraud in the aftermath of natural disasters.

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Natural disasters pose a unique opportunity for criminal victimization. Fraudulent contractors promise victims of disasters help in making home repairs, take a down payment, and disappear. Criminal activity in the wake of natural disasters is readily apparent and FEMA has a hotline dedicated to reporting such criminality. Little systematic research has examined

Information Assurance and Cybercrime: A Two-Edged Sword or a Two-Headed Snake?

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Information assurance has become increasingly important as private companies and government agencies seek to protect computer systems from attack. Network security policies often focus on stopping the attack and denying further infiltration. In some cases, however, public attention results in a desire to criminally prosecute the intruder, necessitating law enforcement to investigate the crime. This paper explores the tenuous relationship between the need to protect network security and the need to prosecute criminal activity.

Hiring and Retaining Minority Professionals and Practitioners: An Interview With A Criminal Justice Agency Recruiter

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The recent events surrounding 9/11 have generated an interest in obtaining employment with law enforcement agencies. For those persons interested in pursuing a career in federal law enforcement, the process can often be more difficult and painstakingly slow when compared to state or local hiring practices. Due to the sensitivity and integrity required by the job, the hiring process may take weeks or months due to background checks and physical or mental examinations. This paper attempts to explore and examine those employment practices and procedures associated with the hiring and recruiting of minorities in a federal law enforcement agency of over 500 personnel with firearms and arrest powers.

I want an advisor who always has time to see me no matter when I pop in and who knows a lot of information when I ask questions: Or, What Students Appreciate in an Academic Advisor.

Kimberly Greer, Minnesota State University

Instructors at colleges and universities increasingly find new demands on their time. Faculty members are expected to be effective teachers, have a healthy scholarship agenda, be of service to the university and community and additionally, provide effective student advising. At least three faculty members in the Corrections Program at Minnesota State University, Mankato, have been recognized in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences for their skills in academic advising. To better understand what program faculty are doing correctly and to improve the services offered their majors, data were collected (in the spring semester of 2002) through questionnaires completed by 82 female and 19 male corrections majors at MSU, M. In addition to demographic information, students were asked how they would rank the advising services they had received thus far, how frequently they meet with their advisor, how quickly the advisor responds to their calls or emails, what kinds of information they want provided, and if they had ever requested a change in advisor, why. Findings indicate that corrections majors have fairly high expectations for the quality of academic advising they receive. Students are seeking a range of services when they contact their advisor – such as assistance with planning academic schedules, selecting internship sites, reviewing graduation requirements, and solving personal problems. Respondents indicate they expect and appreciate proactive involvement from their academic advisors. Suggestions for improvements in advising services are discussed.

Ex-Offender Employment Assistance Programs and Their Impact on Reducing Recidivism

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Non-violent adult, repeat ex-offenders, between the ages of 18-35 are arguably the most disenfranchised members of American society. Each time they are released from prison, they receive an average of \$69 from their state corrections department, or between \$100-\$500 from the Federal Bureau of Prisons for their transition. As many of them search for legitimate work opportunities, they must deal with the stigma attached to a criminal record and legally enforced employment restrictions barring them from working in several occupations. In addition, most states and the federal government prohibit ex-offenders from accessing public aid funds or financial assistance for school. Finally, many released inmates must return to live in isolated, impoverished communities where there are few job opportunities. The propensity to recidivate is often more enticing than the average minimum income they can expect to earn out of prison. In this thesis, I present and analyze secondary data on recidivism and employability for ex-offenders in the specified population. A review of the literature and history on ex-offender employment assistance programs documents contrasting views on their success and failures, and the causes of recidivism. It is my contention that sustainable employment is critical to the success of a supervision program, and an ex-offender's diversion from recidivism. Therefore, resourceful employment assistance programs that include financial assistance and follow-up services are more effective than incarceration for some offenders in deterring post-release, perpetual recidivism.

Workplace Violence: An Analysis of Inmate-Guard Assaults

Deborah Hartley, Sam Houston State University

This study examined the incidence of assault among correctional officers within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice-Institutional Division (TDCJ-ID). Self-report questionnaires were distributed to 2,999 male and female correctional officers, representing each prison unit within TDCJ-ID. The type, severity, frequency and contextual nature of assault incidents were examined. Results indicated that 25 percent of the respondents reported that they had been the victim of an inmate assault. Differences between assaulted and non-assaulted officers were also examined. Implications for this study include administrative reform within the prison system, as well as the implementation of stress management training for officers.

crime in the aftermath of disasters. This paper examines survey data from respondents who experienced massive flooding in two Texas areas. The focus of this study is on contractor-related fraud: (1) frequency of fraud victimization, (2) characteristics of fraud victims, and (3) policy recommendations.

Is Justice Delayed, Justice Denied? Case-Processing Time in Arkansas

Jacqueline Davis, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Increases in crime in the 70's and 80's produced a greater interest in court processing. A common perspective of much of this research was that the time between arrest and disposition increased with heavier case loads. This paper examined the time from arrest to disposition for felony case-processing in Arkansas. Race, sex, and specific charges were analyzed to identify any disparities in case-processing time. The study concluded that there were no disparities, and all relationships examined were found to be statistically significant. Policy implications of these issues will also be addressed.

Training Needs and Occupational Inhibitors: A Study of Crime Victim Service Providers in Southeast Texas

Deanna Diamond, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Texas law mandates that all law enforcement agencies maintain a designated victim services liaison and that all district and county attorneys' offices employ a designated victim services coordinator. Although the letter of the law does not mandate that such positions be maintained within juvenile and adult community corrections departments, the spirit of the law and the political climate have led to the creation of such a position in many jurisdictions.

Do We Differ? A Sampling of Criminal Justice Majors' Perception of Police Conduct

Willie Edwards, Texas A&M University - Commerce

This paper highlights some of the findings taken from a larger survey of criminal justice majors, measuring their attitudes and perceptions of those in police work. It particularly looks at the attitudes and perceptions of minority (racial - black) criminal justice majors. The primary purpose was to see or determine if the attitude or perception of the minority criminal justice majors differ from the information published in other resources that often depict the minorities as opposing law enforcement or its representatives. The idea is to elaborate on whether race as a predisposition can be viewed as holding constant particular ideas across professions, class and educational levels. Simple statistics will be used to aid the presentation.

Patrol Allocation in a Small Town Police Department

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There are few studies of smaller (fewer than 250 sworn officer) municipal police departments, particularly those not part of a large metropolitan reporting area. Fewer studies have concentrated on the actual activities and workload of patrol officers of such smaller agencies. This study examined the daily activities of patrol officers of a central Texas police department employing 120 sworn personnel. Data was collected from a random sample of shifts over a six-month period and compared to a benchmark of 60% dedicated activity to 40% non-dedicated activity derived from the literature.

Hiring and Retaining Minority Professionals and Practitioners: An Interview With A Criminal Justice Agency Recruiter

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Are minorities under-represented in the ranks of professionals and practitioners in the American criminal/juvenile justice system? In the criminal/juvenile justice system, social inequalities and racial disparity exist in administration of justice. The criminal/juvenile justice system lacks adequate minority professionals and practitioners. The views of minority professionals may influence the diagnosis and treatment of minority offenders. What is being done in hiring and retaining minority professionals and practitioners is the focus of this paper. The criminal justice agency examined for this project is a federal judicial court in the Southern District of Texas.

Locked Out After Lock Down

LaKayla Fridle and Anquinette Crowe, Prairie View A&M University

This study explores why offenders recidivate. It involves two methods: One, vignettes of resumes were distributed to a sample of managers and staffers in various settings with employee hiring power and/or input. The vignettes included resumes acknowledging a conviction for an offense. The subjects were asked to respond in detail about whom they would consider hiring and why. For the second part of the study a sample of ex-offenders were asked why they recidivated. The results suggest that when competing with individuals without a criminal record, the chances of being hired are slim to none from the employers' perspective in this study. The results also suggest that the dynamics of male "breadwinning" may make males more likely to recidivate than females.

Assessing the Utilization of Substance Abuse Treatment Programming Among Female Inmates
Deborah Hartley, Sam Houston State University

Female inmates enter the prison system with specific substance abuse and mental health treatment needs, which are often overshadowed by the needs of their male counterparts. In this study, self-report data from 1,198 female inmates within the Texas prison system was examined to assess the unique mental health and substance abuse treatment needs of women offenders. Utilization rates, perceived effectiveness, and willingness/motivation to complete prison-based treatment programs were examined. Policy and practice implications from this study include the improvement and restructuring of existing prison-based substance abuse treatment programs to better suit the gender-specific needs of female inmates.

The Convict Lease System

Judith Harris, University of Houston Downtown

Convict leasing invokes memories of the old south, where freed Negro's were arrested, convicted on trivial and false charges and sent back to work on plantations as free convict labor. However, the history of convict leasing is far different in its intent and scope. A brief history of the evolution of convict leasing in the south will provide both background and theory for the prison industries of today. This paper explores the relationship between research, theory and government policy showing how modern convict leasing is a thriving, cost efficient, and well organized industry.

Investigative Reporting and Law Enforcement: A Case Study

Pati Hendrickson and Howard Swindle, Tarleton State University

There is a long-standing, and often adversarial, relationship between law enforcement agencies and the media. Despite their differences, the two professions rely significantly on the other for the success of each. This paper explores those differences, and how law enforcement and media work together to successfully solve crime.

Driving While Mexican: A New Negro in the Criminal Justice System?

Verna J. Henson, Texas State University-San Marcos

In 2001, 48 percent of drunken driving arrests in California were of Hispanic males. Hispanics made up roughly 21 percent of the California driving population. Similarly, Hispanic men and women represented 47 percent of Austin's drunken driving arrests in 2002, while they represented only 21 percent of all Austin drivers. Statewide, 42 percent of those arrested for driving while intoxicated were Hispanic. Coincidentally, Hispanics are now the largest minority group in the United States. These and other findings have led some defense attorneys and community leaders, as they did with African Americans in the 1990s, to allege racial profiling and bias by police officers and the justice system. The system continues to deny these allegations. Testing the validity of such claims is beyond the scope of this paper, which examines the criminal justice police implications of this most recent shift in our demographic landscape.

Computers as a Criminal Instrumentality

Sadie Hockerberry, Texas State University

Computer crime is a wide spread and highly costly phenomenon and must be taken seriously for it does serious damage. Computer related crimes account for millions of dollars worth of damage each year. It has become obvious that new laws and statutes must be devised to put an end to the increasing surge in computer crime. Though the United States has made a valiant beginning in this area, domestic laws and statutes will not be sufficient due to the international nature of computer crime. It is an international problem which needs to be addressed from a worldly perspective.

Educational Documentary Video: Venezuelan Prison

Michael L. Jordan, Jennifer D. Frisbie, Jason Rexrode, Lamar University

This broadcast quality educational documentary video was shot on location in a Venezuelan prison. It examines the administrative issues and the life of complete family incarceration in a Venezuelan prison: mother, father, children and extended family members. Also examined is the plight of non-Venezuelan citizens who are incarcerated in Venezuela and who do not have contact with their family members who live in nations other than Venezuela. The issues of drugs, violence and staffing problems are also addressed.

Homeless/runaway Youth and Prostitution Policy

Valerie Krizan, University of Houston Downtown

This paper attempts to explain why juvenile prostitution is a grown problem. It summarizes some of the most significant research, identifying the strengths and weaknesses in the research methodology. Additionally, the paper applies key concepts to Social Learning Theory and Sutherland's Differential Association to juvenile prostitution. Victimization Theory is then

presented as a precursor to policy implications. The paper then identifies various policies that have been adopted to reduce juvenile prostitution by labeling the juvenile as a victim instead of a criminal. Lastly, the paper proposes additional policy recommendations to assist in the reduction of juvenile prostitution.

Criminal Justice Training Assessment

Meredith A. Leahy and Jack Greene, Excelsior College

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance awarded Excelsior College in Albany, NY a million dollar grant to assess criminal justice training academies (correctional and law enforcement) across the nation for the purpose of awarding college credit for the training being provided at the academies. This workshop will review the assessment process; outline credit recommendation patterns; and, explain how criminal justice training academies from across the nation can take advantage of this government sponsored Training Assessment Project at no cost to their agencies.

Sexual Behaviors and Their Effects Among Tarleton State University Students and Faculty: A Review of Methodology

Paula Le Claire, Tarleton State University

In the Spring of 2003, the CJ 3063 Applied Research and Planning class elected to study sexual behaviors and their effects among Tarleton State University students and faculty. Twenty student researchers developed a 56-item survey based on academic and popular literature as the research tool. After conducting the survey, however, and before any data could be analyzed, the study was halted due to ethical violations by some researchers during the administration of the survey instruments. Reflections of what was learned during this research and on how the study ended, are offered in this paper.

Hiring and Retaining Minority Professionals and Practitioners: An Interview With A Criminal Justice Agency Recruiter

Randy L. Lewis, Prairie View A&M University

This paper presents a discourse between the author and a chief recruiter of the Louisiana State Probation and Parole Office. This person was chosen because of the author's interests in getting a minority perspective on the hiring process of minorities within a large criminal justice agency. The paper addresses problems in recruiting minorities to this agency. Special programs used by some criminal justice agencies in targeting potential minority employees will also be addressed.

Police Ethics and Technology: The Advanced Taser

Jeff Magers, Stephen F. Austin State University

Police agencies continually search for technological advances to increase or improve police operations and investigations. These technological advances, while often recognized as scientifically and technologically sound, create ethical concerns for police and political leaders, as well as the communities they serve. Police leaders frequently find themselves defending the use of new, technologically advanced equipment to constituent groups, even when the original intent for use of such equipment offered the promise of improved police services. This paper will examine the increased use of the Advanced Taser weapons by police agencies and the ethical concerns of those critical of such weapons.

The Cost of National Security: Freedom v. Security

Vesna Markovic, Sam Houston State University

Since September 11th new laws have been enacted to assist law enforcement in investigating terrorism and bringing terrorists to justice. Does the increase of such power necessarily lead to a decline in civil liberties? The Foreign Intelligence Service Act (FISA) and its expansion under the USA Patriot Act, and the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty have led to much criticism of the unconstitutionality of certain counterintelligence strategies. This paper will briefly review the Acts and the arguments against them. It will also provide a review of relevant court rulings followed by an assessment of the Acts and future trends.

Projecting Correctional Admissions

Pablo E. Martinez, Texas State University, San Marcos

Projecting correctional population admissions always appears to be easy since such populations only go up. Policy makers frequently assume that if crime rates go down, the correctional population admissions should decline. However, there are several factors, beside crime rate that impact correctional population admissions.

In this paper I will present the dynamics that go behind projecting correctional population admissions. How to use: (1) population at risk, (2) the number of community corrections placements, and (3) parole releases to arrive to a good estimate of the projection. How the forecaster can use an assumption team made up by "experts" and policy makers in the field in order to insulate himself or herself from the fluctuating policy changes that normally happen in the area of corrections.

Violence in Music: Gangsta Rap, A Wake Up Call

Chandria Mitchell and Camille Gibson, Prairie View A&M University

This study involved dissecting and evaluating the lyrical content of rap tracks on the weekly Billboard Charts from 1990 – 2003 to determine the nature of violence in the music. Music is an important cultural indicator and arguably for juveniles of various socio-economic backgrounds a significant suggestive medium. The paper includes a review of the evidence of the suggestive power of music. It also describes the extent to which violence is mentioned in the music, the type of violence, and the rappers involved. The data were analyzed with the aid of Atlas-ti. The results indicate a major shift in “gangsta rap” lyrical content.

Probation Absconders and Due Diligence: A Pilot Program

Catherine Morgan, Orange County Community Supervision and Corrections Department and J. Rick Altemose, Lamar University

In the State of Texas the Court of Criminal Appeals has issued a growing number of decisions indicating that probation absconders may raise the issue of due diligence as an affirmative defense during court revocation hearings. What this means for probation departments is when a defendant fails to comply and revocation proceedings are being filed the case must continue to be worked until the absconder is located and the hearing is held. As caseloads continue to rise specialized units similar to the pilot program at Orange County Community Supervision and Corrections Department (CSCD) are being formed to track these probation absconders and satisfy the due diligence requirement.

A Look at the Revenge Genre for the Criminal Justice Student

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In *The Common Law* of 1881, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes contended that the law grows out of revenge. Law's origin in revenge puts its stamp on a number of legal doctrines and procedures; certainly it influences concepts such as corrective justice, retribution, and, more currently, victims' rights. Revenge, perhaps unsurprisingly, is also one of the the most significant subjects explored in literature, from ancient to modern times. Examining presentations of revenge as a theme in literary works can reveal much about issues of justice and law for the criminal justice student; conversely, applying a social sciences/criminal justice perspective on revenge can enrich an examination of literature's “oldest story.” Literary texts from ancient to modern periods will be used to illustrate this dual approach to understanding the shaping power of revenge in any culture.

Anatomy of a Murder: Students' Perceptions of What Constitutes Murder

Willard M. Oliver, Sam Houston State University

Using the theory of Semiotics, which argues that words have varying meanings, the hypothesis that students' perceptions of what constitutes murder will differ, despite knowledge of the legal definition, is tested. A survey was administered to 278 introductory and senior level students in criminal justice courses to determine students' perceptions of what constitutes murder. Descriptions of various types of homicide, euthanasia, abortion, and juvenile homicides were used as the method of measurement. Using descriptive statistics, chi-square analysis, and logistic regression, the findings indicate that students have a varying understanding of the term “murder.” Explanatory variables included both religion and ideology.

How Do We Decriminalize Color?

Noel Otu, University of Texas At Brownsville and Jeffrey Coleman, Texas Southmost College

The criminal justice system in the United States is the location where color is paramount. The fact that prisons in this country are filled with African American people is no coincidence nor happens by natural circumstance. A correlation exists today between being African American and a high possibility of being incarcerated. The issue of racial bias in response to dealing with crime suspects remains our most grievous failure. The racial compositions of the correctional system echo this bias louder than activists could protest. This study examined the entire criminal justice system's actions taken against suspects. Our findings suggest that the roots to criminalization as well as possible decriminalization of color are complex, ranging from the naming of a race (Colored/Black), to racial exclusion and finally, profiling which is a process of extermination.

Broken Windows in the Panopticon of Social Justice: Assessing the Cost of Community Policing

Matthew Pate, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Community Oriented Policing strategies are built on the philosophy that crime can be reduced through increased partnership between community residents and the police departments that serve them. This study asserts these partnerships are inherently unequal and ultimately serve to maintain oppressive political and economic power relationships. Community Oriented Policing and the particular tactic of aggressive order maintenance are examined in the context of Foucault's work on power relations. Collaterally, this study examines the dichotomy between the stated objectives of Community Oriented Policing and the potential social costs.

The Texas Fair Defense Act – Progress Since 2002

David Perkins and J.D. Jamieson, Southwest Texas State University

The Texas Fair Defense Act (Senate Bill 7) took effect on January 1, 2002, and mandated significant changes in the magistration process for persons accused of committing crimes. In this paper, the authors discuss the provisions of Senate Bill 7, the problems that have been encountered at the local level with effective compliance, and progress that has been achieved so far by the state.

History of the Execution of Women in Arkansas

Amy L. Proctor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

Only two women have been executed in Arkansas history. Lavinia Burnett was executed in 1845. The second woman, Christina Riggs, was executed 155 years later. Lavinia Burnett begged for mercy; Christina Riggs begged to die. An historical overview reveals that women were not ordinarily executed. This paper compares and contrasts the trials and executions of these two women to better understand the execution of women in Arkansas. The comparisons will include appellate decisions as well as problems associated with the execution of these women at two very different times in history. The paper will then discuss policy implications for the future of the death penalty for females.

Social Learning Theory as An Explanation of Concern About Crime: An Empirical Test

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Concern about crime is difficult to define because there is no clear understanding of the concept. Different measures and different approaches have made the concept confusing. The literature currently leads us to focus on socio-demographic information to explain concern about crime. Moreover, there is limited literature using criminological theory to explain concern about crime. Social learning theory was used in this analysis because it explores how behavior and perceptions of intimate others affect one's behavior. Social learning theory is directly attached to crime because reinforcements influence behavior and attitudinal values lead to behavior. Results of the analysis suggest that social learning theory is a viable explanation for concern about crime.

Reevaluating Shonenho: The Struggle between Traditional Beliefs and Modern Society

Michele Quinones, Texas State University

In a country considered one of the safest in the world, Japan is dealing with a 30% increase in the juvenile crime rate. Japan is stunned and forced to reevaluate their juvenile law, Shonenho, aimed at reforming rather than imprisoning offenders. This paper analyzes the historical significance of children in Japan and its affect on the formation of the Shonenho, and the opposing views on the reevaluation of Shonenho. Finally, this paper discusses Japan's postindustrial society and the effects of having to reassess the views and roles of children in their country.

Immigration Detention

Victoria Quintana, Texas State University

As the number of immigrants coming into the United States has increased, so has the scope of the immigration debate. Immigration policy over the last decade has collided with health care, welfare reform, crime and other controversial domestic issues. Furthermore, the immigration debate has entered into the discussion about standards for U.S. citizenship and the evolution of our national identity.

With the recent September 11th attacks, the immigration debate has become more heated. The response to the September 11th terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., has highlighted a long-standing conflict in the public access area, helping those who believe that government should be able to act without public scrutiny during times of trouble against those who believe that public scrutiny of the legal process is more important than ever.

The (Mis)management of Justice: An Examination of Recent Trends in the Administration of Forensic Science Laboratories

Michelle Y. Richter, Sam Houston State University

The term forensic science elicits a wide range of popular conceptions and expectations for both the general public and law enforcement professionals. As a result, the forensic lab faces demands that it may not be able to meet for a variety of reasons: technology, personnel, and time. Administrators, bombarded by outside pressures and inside limitations, must be flexible with the capacity to constantly adapt. Failure to meet these criteria may have profound repercussions impacting the credibility of not only the laboratory but the field of forensics. Examination of forensic lab scandals, in the last decade, may provide interesting suggestions for administrators concerning ways to combat problem areas.

Evaluation of Human Diversity Training in Law Enforcement
Minerva Sanchez and Dr. Holly Miller, Sam Houston State University

The evaluation process includes identifying outputs and feedback. Evaluations of local police departments often provide recommendations to have officers receive cultural diversity training in order to properly respond to a diverse society that includes non-English speaking legal and illegal immigrants. Research and relevant literature regarding the evaluation of law enforcement agencies continues to be incomplete as there is a limited knowledge providing feedback of current cultural diversity practices found in law enforcement agencies. This paper will identify what are found to be the current practices in human diversity training in law enforcement and provide recommendations. The importance of conducting a needs assessment and obtaining front line officer opinion and feedback is discussed. It is the front line officers that are expected to respond to the needs of the community while being held accountable for their actions.

Using a Digital Text in a Distance Learning Course
Caryl Lynn Segal, University of Texas at Arlington

Points covered will include: advantages of a digital text for students; advantages of a digital text for faculty; student response to use of digital text; how text is integrated to use other Internet resources. Handouts will show actual pages in courses with annotations visible.

Cross-Border Control in the Age of Globalization
Victor N. Shaw, California State University-Northridge

This paper explores social control across national borders. Specifically it examines issues ranging from transfer of control technologies, change of control ideologies, professionalization of control forces, and cross-border coordination, to international cooperation. Theoretical analysis is cast between major contrasts between Eastern civilizations and Western development, socialism and capitalism, authoritarianism and democracy, tradition and modernity, community and organization, patriarchal authority and bureaucratic domination, and collectivism and individualism, across the globe.

Developing an Online Justice Program: A Macro and Micro Approach
Clete Snell and Everette Penn, Prairie View A&M University

Web-based degree programs in criminal justice have been growing at a steady pace over the last decade to meet the demands of non-traditional students. The process of converting the Masters of Science in Juvenile Justice at Prairie View A&M University from a traditional face-to-face format to an online degree program is discussed. We discuss the development of a university distance learning policy, coordination with student services, and training and compensation of faculty. We also discuss effective online teaching pedagogy for justice studies. Many online courses emphasize information dissemination. We emphasize creating a dynamic learning community designed to empower students' engagement with the learning process.

Why Teaching In-Service Ethics Courses to Police Officers is Ineffective
Sam S. Souryal, Sam Houston State University

This paper is based on questionnaires I do regularly to police officers who attend courses in LIMIT at Sam Houston State University as well as other courses I teach to police officers. There are factors that tend to support my thesis: (1) the fact that ethics is taught by instructors who do not quite understand ethics; (2) the fact that ethical principles themselves are complex and need a philosophical context to teach, a context which most instructors do not have; (3) the formidable police subculture that makes police officers reluctant to accept ethical principles; (4) the counter-ethics influence often exhibited by police leaders and upper managements ranks; and (5) the politicization of policing.

Victim Satisfaction: A Model of the Criminal Justice System
John W. Stickels, Texas State University

This paper introduces and explains the "Victim Satisfaction Model of the Criminal Justice System." This model proposes that one of the primary purposes of the criminal justice system is to attempt to achieve victim satisfaction during the course of the prosecution. The utility of the "Victim Satisfaction Model" is then compared to Packer's traditional Crime Control and Due Process Models and to the newer victim participation models. The Victim Satisfaction Model is then used to explain the reality of criminal prosecutions of victim-involved crimes. This paper also discusses the implication of the "Victim Satisfaction Model" for criminal justice policy.

Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners Web Survey
William S. Stone, Texas State University

This project is a quantitative attempt to assess the impact that Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE's) have had on sexual assault survivors and their cooperation in the sexual assault prosecution process. To accomplish this data is being gathered on the perceptions of sexual assault survivors through a web based survey instrument. The survey will attempt to establish if SANE's have improved the survivors satisfaction with the forensic exam process.

Correlates with Hispanic Female Juvenile Gang Membership

Dorothy Sule, Prairie View A&M University

This study was an examination of specific correlates of Hispanic female juvenile gang involvement with regards to five domains: family, peers, community, school and individual characteristics. The data used were from a larger study, the National Evaluation of Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program 1995-1999. Out of this dataset of 5,935 respondents, 114 identified themselves as Hispanic female gang members. These subjects were all 8th graders, from 11 urban environments. They provided responses regarding their beliefs about why Hispanic adolescents join gangs, their opinion of gangs, their personal characteristics and social circumstances. The data were analyzed using measure of central tendency, other descriptive statistics and logistic regression to describe the circumstances of Hispanic female gang membership. The most significant predictors were peer influence, individual deviance and a positive attitude toward gangs.

Identity Theft

Becky S. Thomason, Lamar University

This powerpoint presentation presents a definition of identity theft and describes its growth. Information is provided regarding personal prevention techniques as well as legal measures available to victims and law enforcement agencies. Other new personal protection measures such as privacy policies also discussed. Case studies, including Frank Abagnale,

Evaluating Policing with Focus Group Interviews: Challenges and Solutions

Quint Thurman and Angela Weber, Texas State University

Assessing police departments using focus groups interview techniques is one method that researchers can use to better understand a community's public safety needs and policing effectiveness. However, while the focus group session themselves can be a challenge, even more challenging is the scientific selection of focus group respondents and the process of ensuring their participation. Project recently undertaken in a large Texas city.

A Review of the Bayou Connection Program

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Many view contemporary world as a "global village" because of rapid innovations in communication and transportation. Experiences indicate that this innovation has helped dissolve the limitations imposed by political and cultural borders, but also facilitates international crime. While criminals routinely commit crimes across borders, law enforcement agencies can no longer restrict themselves to those crimes clearly visible within their own jurisdictions. This situation highlights the importance of international cooperation among criminal justice system participants including educators. With hopes of promoting international cooperation in criminal justice and security management education, the Bayou Connection Program has been established at the University of Houston-Downtown recently. In this essay, the initial stage of this program is reviewed with emphasis on the key factors in implementation as well as the vision for future stages.

Three Theories of Female Offending

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Female criminality has received increased attention from the research community in the last thirty years, with applications of both traditional criminological theories as well as theories and perspectives developed specifically to address gender. Using a variety of current data sources, this study evaluated three prominent perspectives on female offending, power-control theory, victimization, and marginalization, in order to assess their explanatory power. In general, strong support was found for both victimization and marginalization perspectives when examining both established data, to include that from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Uniform Crime Reports, as well as previous research addressing the respective issues.

SCARED? Sense of Safety at a Texas University

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This is a quantitative study that examines the sense of safety on a Texas university campus. A convenience sample of 750 students were surveyed, males and females, undergraduate to graduate students. The data were analyzed using logistic regression. The study indicates that regardless of gender or classification serious issues regarding a sense of safety exist. This research was conducted to better assist the student body involved. Nevertheless, implications may be transferable to other university campuses.

Amparo and Habeas Corpus Revisited

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This paper compares both the principles of Amparo in Mexico and Habeas Corpus in the United States in terms of protections against arbitrary governmental action against individuals in those two countries. It specifically addresses the changes in those principles since the Fox administration in Mexico and 9/11 in the United States.

Scientific Research in Firesetting Behavior

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Scientific Research into firesetting behavior is replete with skewed data, misinterpreted findings, biased samples and sweeping conclusions. Firesetting is generally considered a criminal/delinquent behavior and firesetters are generally identified as "pyromaniacs". Research to date has mixed motivation with diagnosis and type of fire. The application of more considered theory allows for identification of distinctly different firesetting subtypes by motivation and age of onset. The ability to determine firesetting subtypes allows for more comprehensive risk assessment and better investigation, interrogation strategies and sentencing and/or treatment alternatives.

Neutralizing Brutality: Ways in Which Correctional Employees Rationalize the Mistreatment of Offenders

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This paper employs qualitative methodology in order to ascertain whether or not correctional employees utilize techniques of neutralization when mistreating the offenders that they supervise. The paper finds that the large majority of officers who mistreat inmates use "neutralization" methods that are very similar to those described by Sykes and Matza (1957). These methods tend to be very informal and are seldom seen as valid by the supervisors or administration. Nevertheless, the prison guard culture is often capable of providing officers with a set of techniques, which allows officers to engage in a variety of inappropriate behavior directed against inmates.

A Study of Police Officers' Perceptions of Police Deviance From an Occupational Socialization Perspective

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During the past several decades, the focus of the research on police deviance has shifted from the individual perspective to organizational perspective focusing on occupational socialization theory. This study also aims to reveal the impact of police occupational socialization on their perceptions of police deviance. Specifically, this study is to examine dissimilarities in police officers' perceptions of police deviance based on four criteria: 1) length of service, 2) rank, 3) placement, and 4) community. To do that, a survey of a convenience sample of two South Korea police stations (N=321) has been conducted. Overall, this study reveals only a partial support for the hypotheses. Yet a significant relationship appears between officers' perceptions of police deviance and their placement. Since there is no research that has revealed such a relationship, this study is the first step toward such an unexplored area.

Russian Mail Order Bride in Korea

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Since the fall of the former Soviet Union, many Russian women, including women from other Soviet republics, have left their home country and still many others seek for immigrating into other rich countries.

Mail order bride is a way that Russian women leave their home and immigrate into the better place. We often hear that Russian women now far outnumbered all other nationalities in the global arena of the mail order bride industries.

Korea is also a part of the global migration of Russian women. Mainly due to her economic achievement and recent cultural transition, many Russian women immigrated into Korea through marrying with Korean men and still many others seem to like that idea.

The Russian mail order bride industry in Korea recently thrives on the favorable breeding ground. Many agencies now operate on line or off line. Many Russian women profiles appear on the websites of those agencies.

The researcher attempts to examine the recent boom of the Russian mail order bride industry. Mainly, he focuses on describing the present situation of the industry. But also, the problems around the mail order bride industry will be discussed. In addition, women trafficking issue and the possible involvement of organized crime relating to mail order bride industry will be considered.

Older Offenders
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With the rapid growth of America's elderly population, the topic of elderly crime has become one of increasing interest to members of the criminal justice field since the early 1970s. This paper will explore the research efforts and theories surrounding the new phenomenon of "geriatric crime waves" and "white haired offenders." This paper will seek to demonstrate the importance of future research within the fields of gerontology and criminology and how these two areas of study should be merged to inform policy makers in order to develop more specific and effective policies to meet the various needs of elderly offenders.



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