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President's Welcome

Greetings!

Welcome to the 38th annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice at sunny South Padre Island. The officers of SWACJ have worked hard this past year so that our members and guests may enjoy a conference that is relaxing, informative, and enjoyable. We know that you all work hard during the year with your respective classes and agencies, and that your time and travel funds are limited, so we have prepared as much as we can for this conference to make it as worthwhile as possible. You will not be disappointed.

Our program starts Thursday afternoon with our popular Undergraduate Quiz Bowl as well as a special presentation by Mary K. Stohr, the Executive Director of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), SWACJ's parent organization. Thursday evening we will have our Student Reception at the Sea4ever Rooftop Bar & Grill with a spectacular view of the ocean, and our Past President's Reception on the Black Dragon Pirate Ship as we cruise the bay and enjoy refreshments and entertainment.

Friday is full of panels and presentations, as well as the student CSI competition in the afternoon. Our Keynote Speaker at our luncheon will be Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez, a veritable example of this year's conference theme "Community and Problem – Oriented Policing: a Multi-Disciplinary Approach". We invite you to join us Friday afternoon for our ice cream social at the start of our General Business Meeting, where we will announce the winners of our student competitions, the Felix Fabian Founder's Award, hold officer elections, discuss future conference locations, and handle other business. We aim to have everyone out as quickly as possible so we may all enjoy the variety of restaurants on the island.

Saturday morning also has a full slate of panels. Although we will wrap up the conference by noon, we encourage you to stay to enjoy the many activities and attractions available on the island, including the annual Sandcastle Days event. The indoor waterpark at our host hotel will be available on Saturday and Sunday for those who purchase tickets.

Special thanks for the success of this conference go out to our contributors and sponsors, to our host hotel, the city convention center staff, and our host institutions.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you throughout the conference.

James Blair

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**Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice
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Luncheon Keynote Speaker**

Lupe Valdez was elected Sheriff of Dallas County, Texas on November 4, 2004. She took the rank of the highest ranking law enforcement officer in the County of Dallas on January 1, 2005. Sheriff Valdez is one of a few female sheriffs in the State of Texas. Sheriff Valdez is the only Latina Sheriff in the Nation. Sheriff Valdez has been in law enforcement for more than 30 years both federal and state. In 2012, she was re-elected to serve her third four year term.

Prior to becoming Sheriff, Lupe worked to protect the lives and property of American citizens at home and abroad in homeland security, antiterrorism investigations, and criminal law enforcement. She has been featured in several books by well-known authors.

As a young child, Lupe learned strong work ethics. She put herself through college to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Bethany Nazarene College (now Southern Nazarene University) while sometimes working up to two jobs. By developing sterling work habits, she propelled her career in law enforcement. She demonstrated her commitment to constant improvement and education by earning a Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at Arlington.

While Sheriff, she has worked diligently to address deep structural problems that developed over the preceding 20 years. Understaffed, overpopulated, medically deprived and conditions that were unsanitary. In the past seven years, partnering with Parkland Hospital, Commissioners Court, County Probation Office, and the District Attorney's Office, she has hired 400 new detention service officers, expanded the highway patrol system, and improved the quality of healthcare for mentally ill inmates. In addition, Sheriff Valdez has located probation absconders, thus removing the most wanted and dangerous individuals from the neighborhoods, and begun the construction of a major hospital within the jail.

Lupe's commitment to public service is also demonstrated as a member of various community committees, task forces, and law enforcement associations and advisory committees. She has received numerous awards, recognitions, and has been featured in more than seven publications including a text book.

Schedule of Events at a Glance

Breaks, Competitions, Panels, Posters on 3rd floor Main Building

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

4:00-6:00pm Executive Board Meeting (TBA)

Thursday, October 2, 2014

10:00-5:00pm Registration (Location: Bastrop)
1:00-4:00pm *Feature Roundtable/Workshop* (Location: Blair)
4:00-5:30pm **Undergraduate Quiz Bowl (Bastrop)**
6:30-8:00pm Past President's Reception - Black Dragon Pirate Ship Cruise
 Student Reception - Sea4ever Rooftop Bar & Grill (Schlitterbahn)

Friday, October 3, 2014

7:00-9:00am Breakfast (Location: Bastrop)
7:30am-5:00pm Registration (Location: Bastrop)
7:30-8:15am Event Set Up - Poster Presentations (Location: Bastrop)
8:30-9:45am **Poster Session I, Panels, & Roundtable: 1-4**
9:45 -10:00am Morning Break (Location: Bastrop)
10:00-11:15am Poster Session II, Panels, & Roundtables: 5-8
11:30-12:45pm **Luncheon & Keynote Speaker (Location: Hibiscus – 1st floor)**
1:00-5:00pm **Events, Panels, & Roundtables**
1:00-4:45pm **Student Crime Scene Interpretation (CSI) competition (TBA)**
1:00-2:15pm **Panels & Roundtables: 9-12**
2:30-4:45pm **Panels & Roundtables: 13-16**
4:45-5:15pm **Afternoon Break ((Location: Bastrop)**
5:00-6:00pm **SWACJ: (all) Awards, Business Meeting, and Officer Election (Location: Bastrop)**

Saturday, October 4, 2014

7:00-9:00am Breakfast (Location: Bastrop)
7:30-9:30am Registration (Location: Bastrop)
8:00-9:30am SWACJ Audit Committee meets (TBA)
8:30 – 11:45am **Panels and Roundtables: 17-23**
9:45 -10:15am Morning Break (Location: Bastrop)
12 noon **End of conference**

Thursday, October 2, 2014

- 10:00-5:00pm** Registration (outside of Bastrop)
- 1:00-4:00pm** Feature Roundtable/Workshop (Location: Blair)
Dr. Mary Stohr: ACJS Certification Process Update
- 4:00-5:30pm** Undergraduate Quiz Bowl (Location: Bastrop)
Monitor: Dr. Jiletta Kubena, Our Lady of the Lake University
- 6:30-8:00pm** Past President's Reception - Black Dragon Pirate Ship Cruise
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Poster Session (Location: Bastrop)

- The Bell County Mental Health Indigent Defense Program: Reducing Recidivism of Defendants with Mental Illness
- Exploring constructs associated with desistance in two high-risk probation populations
- An Ignored and Forgotten Policy: The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003
- America's Sex Crime Policy: An Analysis
- The impact of fairness on police officers' perceived organizational support and organizational trust.
- Reentry and Faith-Based Organizations: Best Practices
- Waging Peace: Community Policing, Democracy, & Justice
- Substance Abuse among Combat Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Managing A Criminal Justice Student Group: Best Practices
- Assessing the Effectiveness of Specialized Police Units near Government Buildings
- Incorporating a Service Learning Component into a Juvenile Justice Course
- Exploring the Benefits of Joint Task Forces
- Exploring the Effect of Exposure to Short-term Solitary Confinement on Inmate Violence

Panel 1: Laws and Policies Part I (Location: Blair)

- Mobile Phone Use and Driving: Legislation and Deterrence
- The Impact of Casinos on the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System
- The Federal Criminal Justice System in Mexico: A Case-Study on Narco-Politics, Drug Trafficking, and Corruption in Michoacán State.
- Combatting Corruption through the Restorative Justice System in Nigeria
- Not All Crime Policies are Created Equal: Presidential Speeches, Symbolic Rhetoric and Seven Crime Policy Types

Panel 2: Roundtable (Location: Fabian)

- Roundtable: Contemporary Issues in Policing: Current Research From the Field

Panel 3: Criminal Theory I: Victims and Crime at School (FS) (Location: Souryal)

- Community Crime and Involvement on School General Crime
- Bullet by Bullet: Decoding School Shootings
- Human Sex Trafficking Sexual Exploitation: Strip Clubs, Minor Children, Prostitution

Panel 4: Corrections Part I (Location: Henson)

- Recidivism Among Bond Eligible Offenders Who Remain Jailed Pretrial
- A Legal Analysis of the Medically Recommended Intensive Supervision Statute In Texas
- America's Aging Prison Population

9:45 -10:15am Morning Break (Location: Bastrop)

10:00-11:15am Poster Session II, Panels, & Roundtables: 5-8

Poster Session (cont.) (Location: Bastrop)**Panel 5: Roundtable** (Location: Blair)

- Am I a Sheepdog?

Panel 6: Roundtable (Location: Fabian)

- Community and problem-oriented policing: Problems to successful solutions

Panel 7: Courts (Location: Souryal)

- Selected U.S. Supreme Court 2013-14 Term Opinions
- Lobbyists before the U.S. Supreme Court: An analysis of "Friend of the Court" participation in criminal procedure cases (1994 to 2012 terms)
- The decision to editorialize: An analysis of editorial content in mass media coverage of criminal procedure cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court (1994 to 2013 terms)
- An Assessment of Factors Related to Success in a Specialized Drug Court Program.
- The Form and Function of Frontloading Mitigation in Capital Trials

Panel 8: Field Applications I (Location: Henson)

- Policing Islamic Terrorism
- Sovereign Citizens: All Acts of Terrorism Start with a Criminal Act but not all Criminal Acts are Terrorism
- Encountering Magic, Witchcraft and Religion in the Criminal Justice Fields: An Anthropological Approach

11:30-12:45pm	Luncheon (Hibiscus- 1st floor) Keynote Address - Sheriff Lupe Valdez, Dallas County Sheriff's Office
1:00-2:15pm	Panels: 9-12
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1:00-4:45pm	Event: <u>Crime Scene Interpretation (CSI) competition (TBA)</u> William Hitch, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor Sheriff Lupe Valdez, Dallas County Sheriff's Office Evan P. Ward, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Panel 9: Roundtable (Location: Blair)

- The Supreme Court and Criminal Justice: Significant Cases from the 2013 Term

Panel 10: Corrections Part II (Location: Fabian)

- An Exploratory Analysis of the School to Prison Pipeline and DMC in Texas
- Looking Away? Contraband in Secure Correctional Settings

Panel 11: Policing I: Officers' Perceptions (Location: Souryal)

- Public trust, cooperation with the Police, Police expectations from the public and police legitimacy in Nigeria: Does procedural fairness really matter?
- Badges, Bongs, Bookies, and Brothels: Police Officer Attitudes' toward Vice
- Testing Black's Theory of Law on the Issuance of Speeding Citations Compared to Other Moving Violations in a Southern Suburban Community in the United States

Panel 12: Juveniles (Location: Henson)

- Project CEO: Building an Effective Community Organization to Prevent and Reduce Juvenile Delinquency
- An Examination of limited drug use among African American youth: A partial use of Resilience Theory
- Assessing the Intervening Health Effects of Victimization on Delinquency: A Review of the Literature and Future Directions
- Is the use of residential placement for juvenile delinquents punitive or rehabilitative?
- Which Bond Matters More?: Assessing the Differential Strengths of Parental Bonding Measures on Adolescent Delinquency Over Time

2:15-3:15pm	Afternoon Break (Bastrop)
2:30-4:45pm	Panels 13 -16

Panel 13: Presentation (Location: Blair)

- Chemical Suicides

Panel 14: Criminal Theory II (Location: Fabian)

- Fluctuations in Homicide Rates and Extreme Weather Patterns ; Trends in Oklahoma City
- Neighborhood Influences and Calls for Service: A Test of Social Disorganization theory
- Development and Validating an Instrument to Measure Fear of Crime
- Quantifying Religiosity: A Test of Unidimensional vs. Multidimensional Measures

Panel 15: Roundtable (Location: Souryal)

- Engaging Undergraduates in Research-Based Service Learning Projects: A Student and Faculty Discussion of an Evaluation of the Houston Police Department's G.R.E.A.T. Program

Panel 16: Field Applications II: Community Policing (Location: Henson)

- Exploring the Benefits of Joint Task Forces
- Community Oriented Policing and Partnerships
- African Security and Community Policing
- Decoding Non-Verbal Communication in Law Enforcement

4:45-5:15pm **Pre-meeting Break (Bastrop)**

5:00 – 6:00pm SWACJ Meeting (Bastrop)
 All awards
 General business meeting
 Election (2d VP)

Saturday, October 4, 2014

7:00-9:00am	Breakfast (Location: Bastrop)
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9:45 -10:15am	Morning Break (Location: Bastrop)
10:00-11:45am	Panels & Roundtables: 21-23
12 noon	End of conference

Panel 17: Roundtable (Location: Blair)

- Title IX victim outcry: Circumvent shaming, blaming, and guilt

Panel 18: Policing II: Race and Policing (Location: Fabian)

- Policy Recommendations: Toward A New Police Force
- The Summer in Ferguson, Missouri and Similar Stories

Panel 19: Laws and Policies II (Location: Souryal)

- Measuring the Effect of Increased Criminal Penalties on Violations of Protective Orders
- Establishing Paternity Relevance and Application to the Criminal Justice System

Panel 20: Criminal Justice Education (Location: Henson)

- Measuring Student Learning Within a Border University Criminal Justice Program
- Literature, the Law and the Criminal Justice Class
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9:45 -10:15am	Morning Break (Location: Bastrop)
10:00-11:45am	Panels & Roundtables: 21-24

Panel 21: Roundtable (Location: Blair)

- Restorative Justice: Victims, Offenders, and the Community

Panel 22: Roundtable (Location: Fabian)

- Interdisciplinary Concepts in Teaching at a Border Community College

Panel 23: Field Applications III (Location: Henson)

- The X-26 Taser Governor Application
- School District Police in the Twilight Zone
- The Control of Chaos: A Historical Analysis of Policing Riots
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End of Conference

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The Mid-Valley Criminal Justice Club was named the first Student Organization of the Year in 2005. There have been only three such awards ever given out.

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The certification process available through ACJS

Friday 8:30-9:45 AM

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Brian McNeill, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Exploring constructs associated with desistance in two high-risk probation populations

Steve Boehm, Texas Lutheran University

Crime and Victimization in Gentlemen's Clubs

Taylor Hawks, Washburn University

This study represents a qualitative exploration into the correlation between gentlemen's clubs and crime and victimization, if any. Explored are the types of crimes that occur in gentleman's clubs, including drug sales and use, prostitution, and both physical and sexual violence. The target population is a sample of employees of gentlemen's clubs in a mid-sized Midwest City. Conclusions may be drawn in regards to the correlation between crime rates and gentlemen's clubs in a particular area.

An Ignored and Forgotten Policy: The Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003

Samantha Sosnowski, Texas A&M University – Central Texas

America's Sex Crime Policy: An Analysis

Ashley Kirkpatrick, Texas A&M University – Central Texas

The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr., Hate crime prevention Act of 2009

Hilario Perez, Texas A&M University – Central Texas

On October 28, 2009 President Barack Obama signed into law the Matthew Shepard & James Byrd Jr., Hate Crime Prevention Act. This act would change the face of hate crime legislation forever.

Although fairly new, the policy itself has been decades in the making. The following policy analysis will break down the Matthew Shepard & James Byrd Jr., Hate Crime Prevention act in order to get a better understanding about hate crimes and hate crime laws in the United States.
The impact of fairness on police officers' perceived organizational support and organizational trust
Marcus Carey, Texas State University

Reentry and Faith-Based Organizations: Best Practices
Jiletta Kubena, Our Lady of the Lake University

Waging Peace: Community Policing, Democracy, & Justice
Phil Rhoades, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Building on the theme of engaging in a protracted struggle, the possibility that Community Oriented/Problem Oriented Policing forms can contribute to democracy and justice effectively is examined. Sub-themes of representative bureaucracy and distributive justice are connected to COP/POP using principles of protracted struggle. If done well police can move from waging war to waging peace.

Substance Abuse among Combat Veterans with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
Christopher Naimo, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Managing a Criminal Justice Student Group: Best Practices
Harrison Watts, Our Lady of the Lake University

Assessing the Effectiveness of Specialized Police Units near Government Buildings
Dustin Melbardis, Texas State University

Incorporating a Service Learning Component into a Juvenile Justice Course
Sarah Scott, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

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Panel 1: Laws and Policies Part I (Location: Blair)

Chair/Discussant: Gabriel Ferreyra, Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi

Mobile Phone Use and Driving: Legislation and Deterrence

Valerie G. Womack, University of Texas - Dallas

Nadine M. Connell, University of Texas - Dallas

Bans on mobile phone use while driving have the potential to encourage drivers to operate in safer ways, potentially leading to gains similar to those seen with the institution of stricter DWI laws in reducing motor vehicle crashes. Traffic code vagaries, however, currently impede deterrence and research efforts. This study reviews these laws and their corresponding publicity in a general deterrence context. Texas Department of Transportation crash data is analyzed and fixed effects model results are presented in the context of existing developments to highlight changes over time in Texas crash rates. Legislation and future research implications are discussed.

The Impact of Casinos on the Oklahoma Criminal Justice System

Dan R. Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

In 2004, Oklahoma voters approved legalized gambling in the State of Oklahoma. The governor of Oklahoma was authorized to enter into compacts with 26 Native American tribes, to allow the establishment of Tribal casinos on tribal lands. This paper will examine the impact of these casinos on the Oklahoma Criminal Justice system, focusing on the increased number of crimes, larceny, and embezzlement that can be attributed to a gambling addiction. The paper will conclude with an analysis to possible solutions to problem of gambling addiction.

The Federal Criminal Justice System in Mexico: A Case-Study on Narco-Politics, Drug Trafficking, and Corruption in Michoacán State

Gabriel Ferreyra, Texas A&M University -Corpus Christi

The Michoacanazo was a federal criminal trial in Mexico prosecuted by the Attorney General's Office against local and state public officials from the state of Michoacán who were indicted for having ties with the local drug cartel formally known as "La Familia Michoacana." More than 30 public servants were arrested and then sent to prison during a roundup conducted by the federal police in May 2009. Within a two-year period, all of them were eventually freed. This paper provides a glance at the interstices of the Mexican federal criminal justice process when powerful interests collide, and corruption intertwines, with politics, a drug cartel, and the complexities of handling drug related trials.

Combatting Corruption through the Restorative Justice System in Nigeria

O. Oko Elechi, Mississippi Valley State University

This study makes a case for the employment of restorative justice principles and practices in combating corruption in Nigeria. Available records show that the political and economic elites of society who perpetrate corruption are able to manipulate the legal system to escape prosecution. Again, prosecuting corruption through the traditional criminal justice system is costly and ineffective. Diverting corruption cases from the courts would increase cases brought to justice and the willingness to prosecute in a society that is averse to punishment especially for its elites. It is

believed that the restorative justice system offers a better strategy for holding corrupt officials accountable.

Not All Crime Policies are Created Equal: Presidential Speeches, Symbolic Rhetoric, and Seven Crime Policy Types

Willard M. Oliver, Sam Houston State University

Nancy E. Marion, University of Akron

Joshua B. Hill, Tiffin University

The current research posits not all crime policies are the same and divides them into seven crime policy categories: law enforcement, courts, corrections, juveniles, guns, death penalty, and drugs. Drawing upon the theory of symbolic rhetoric and categorizing presidential speeches from 1948 through 2010, this study employs logistic regression to explain the influencing variables upon the likelihood presidents will employ symbolic rhetoric for each of these crime policy types. Findings suggest that while the use of symbolic rhetoric is different for each crime policy issue, there are two key factors matter overall: divided government and party affiliation.

Panel 2: Roundtable (Location: Fabian)

Contemporary Issues in Policing: Current Research from the Field

David Carter, Michigan State University

Rick Holden, University of North Texas - Dallas

Panel 3: Criminal Theory I: Victims and Crime at School (FS) (Location: Souryal)

Chair/Discussant: Stephanie Cardwell, University of Texas - Dallas

Community Crime and Involvement on School General Crime

Stephanie M. Cardwell, University of Texas - Dallas

Suzanne E. Perumean-Chaney, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Some researchers have suggested that community violence may influence school violence. One argument is that socially disorganized communities with high crime rates increase violence in their neighborhood schools. Another argument is that school violence is imported into schools from students who live in socially disorganized communities. Few studies, however, have directly assessed these two viewpoints within the same statistical model. Utilizing data from 2,560 school administrators from the 2007-2008 School Survey on Crime and Safety (SSOCS), this study will examine whether the level of community crime predicts the occurrence of school general crime.

Bullet by Bullet: Decoding School Shootings

Courtney S. Wayne, University of Texas - Dallas

Nadine M. Connell, University of Texas - Dallas

Nina Barbieri, University of Texas - Dallas

School shootings are a controversial topic not only in academia, but in the news media as well. The tragic events at Columbine, Red Lake, and Newtown, however, may not encompass the reality of shooting events at K-12 institutions. The assumption that all school shootings are the same is not a realistic one. An examination of these incidents suggests a more nuanced typology is necessary in order to better prevent such events and work with schools to promote safety. We offer such categorization and discuss implications for prevention and research.

Human Sex Trafficking Sexual Exploitation: Strip Clubs, Minor Children, Prostitution

Kelly E. Peterson, South Texas College

Trafficking is not a new issue, it is centuries-old. It exists in one form or another in virtually every country in the world. Trafficking is conventionally divided into two forms, trafficking for commercial sexual exploitation and trafficking through forced labor and debt bondage. The trafficking issue is worldwide. Transnational criminal organizations are actively involved and, in some instances, human trafficking is fast supplanting drug trafficking as the primary revenue source.

Panel 4: Corrections Part I (Location: Henson)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Philip Ethridge, University of Texas - Pan American

Recidivism among Bond Eligible Offenders Who Remain Jailed Pretrial

Michele Bisaccia Meitl, University of Texas – Dallas

Robert G. Morris, University of Texas – Dallas

In the United States, criminal defendants are subject to a detention hearing in which a judge decides whether the defendant is eligible for pretrial release. In many cases, the court sets bail, yet the defendant remains in jail. Until now, there is little known about whether the option, or necessity, to remain in jail pending trial impacts the likelihood of recidivism among defendants returned to society, or whether the amount of pretrial detention may play a role. This study assesses whether remaining in jail pretrial, and whether the amount of time in jail prior to trial, impacts the likelihood of recidivism among defendants jailed in Dallas County, Texas.

A Legal Analysis of the Medically Recommended Intensive Supervision Statute in Texas

Philip A. Ethridge, University of Texas Pan American

Thomas G. White, University of Texas Pan American

For more than twenty years lawmakers in Texas acknowledged that special needs offenders housed in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, such as the elderly, physically handicapped and the mentally impaired, presented challenges in both terms of care and cost. In response to these perceived needs the Texas legislature created “Medically Recommended Intensive Supervision” (MRIS) to permit the early release of eligible offenders. This study examines the MRIS statute and how /why the MRIS law was implemented. We elaborate on recent legislative attempts to amend the MRIS law. Finally, several conclusions are discussed about future changes to the MRIS law.

Friday 10:00-11:15 AM**Poster session (cont.)** (Location: Bastrop)

Moderators: Lorie Rubenser, Sul Ross State University

Marc Hughes, South Texas College

Panel 5: Roundtable (Location: Blair)

Panel Chair/Discussant: James Blair, South Texas College

Am I a Sheepdog?

Rogelio Escaname, South Texas College

Marc Stough, South Texas College

Janelle Billings, South Texas College

Jim Schultz, McAllen Fire Department

The analogy of the Sheepdog by LTC Grossman is gaining popularity in the fields of public safety and national defense. A panel representing a cross-section of these fields will discuss their views on the applicability of this analogy.

Panel 6: Roundtable (Location: Fabian)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Christine A. Nix, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Community and problem-oriented policing: Problems to successful solutions

Lupe Valdez, Sherriff - Dallas County Sheriff's Office

William Hitch, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor/Woodway Public Safety

Michael Holguin, Chief – University of Texas –Brownsville Police Department

This round table discussion is an opportunity both academics and professionals to share ideologies in regard to communities, policing, and the changing culture of agencies.

Panel 7: Courts (Location: Souryal)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Adam Trahan, University of North Texas

Selected U.S. Supreme Court 2013-14 Term Opinions

David Perkins, Texas State University

This paper examines recent selected opinions from the U.S. Supreme Court's 2013-14 term. Fourth, Fifth, and Eighth Amendment cases will be emphasized.

Lobbyists before the U.S. Supreme Court: An analysis of "Friend of the Court" participation in criminal procedure cases (1994 to 2012 terms)

Kevin Buckler, Prairie View A & M University

This is a descriptive study of interest group participation in criminal procedure cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court. The analysis examines participation by the U.S. Solicitor General, non-party states, public interest organizations, specific interest organizations, and individuals. The study provides a discussion of the role of interest groups in criminal procedure appellate litigation.

The decision to editorialize: An analysis of editorial content in mass media coverage of criminal procedure cases decided by the U.S. Supreme Court (1994 to 2013 terms)

Kevin Buckler, Prairie View A & M University

This study analyzes media decisions to publish an editorial focused on a case before the U.S. Supreme Court. The study addresses two types of editorials on a case: those published prior to the court's decision and those published in the aftermath of the decision. Decisions to publish an editorial are examined for the New York Times, Washington Post, and USA Today.

An Assessment of Factors Related to Success in a Specialized Drug Court Program

Haley Zettler, University of Texas – Dallas

Stephen Clipper, University of Texas – Dallas

Jill Johansson-Love, Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department

A recent meta-analysis concluded that adult drug courts are effective in reducing recidivism (Mitchell et al., 2012). As drug court programs appear to be effective in reducing recidivism and providing an alternative route for substance abusing defendants, it is necessary to understand which factors are associated with both successful completion of treatment as well as recidivism. Using data from a large metropolitan county in a southern state and several analytical techniques, the present study assessed the factors associated with program success as well as subsequent recidivism.

The Form and Function of Frontloading Mitigation in Capital Trials

Adam Trahan, University of North Texas

Research suggests that frontloading mitigation in capital trials increases the likelihood of securing life sentences in the aggregate. The utility of frontloading mitigation is, however, seemingly dependent upon certain factors. This paper explores these factors that shape the success of frontloading mitigation. Several case studies and data collected from former capital jurors are used to illustrate the form and function of frontloading mitigation.

Panel 8: Field Applications I (Location: Henson)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Wendy Branwell, South Texas College

Policing Islamic Terrorism

Amir Fakhraavar, Lamar University & Institute of World Politics

Sanaz Alasti, Lamar University

This paper is intended to help police executives and other senior executives meet the new challenges involved in countering the threat of Islamic terrorism by explaining the essential components of a counterterrorism plan. This research thoroughly examines the Islamic law of war, including the concept of jihad. Then the paper evaluates terrorists' reliance upon Shari'a as a basis for their actions by using the essential sources of Shari'a. The interpretations of Shari'a that terrorists invoke to support terrorism in the Middle East will be explained, thoroughly analyzed, and rebutted.

Sovereign Citizens: All Acts of Terrorism Start with a Criminal Act but not all Criminal Acts are Terrorism

Kelly E. Peterson, South Texas College

Marc G. Stough, South Texas College

Domestic terrorism—Americans attacking Americans because of U.S.-based extremist ideologies—comes in many forms in our post 9/11 world. Sovereign citizens are anti-government.

Encountering Magic, Witchcraft, and Religion in the Criminal Justice Fields: An Anthropological Approach

Wendy Branwell, South Texas College

This paper/presentation will introduce the functions of magic and witchcraft among U.S. populations as well as demystify the magical practices of Vodun (voodoo) and Santeria. The purposes of, symbolism in and psychological effects of these religious practices will be examined.

Friday 1:00 – 2:15 PM

Panel 9: Roundtable (Location: Blair)

The Supreme Court and Criminal Justice: Significant Cases from the 2013 Term

Craig Hemmens, Washington State University

Claudia San Miguel, Texas A & M International University

Michael Cavanaugh, University of Houston - Downtown

Barbara Belbot, University of Houston - Downtown

Panel 10: Corrections Part II (Location: Fabian)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Camille Gibson, Prairie View A&M University

An Exploratory Analysis of the School to Prison Pipeline and DMC in Texas

Helen Taylor Greene, Texas Southern University

Jermaine Johnson, Texas Southern University

LaShanda Alexander, Texas Southern University

This paper will focus on whether or not there is a relationship between school discipline and DMC in four Texas counties. It includes a review of recent research, and a secondary analysis of the available school discipline and DMC data. It examines whether or not rates of school discipline and DMC vary by race, ethnicity, gender, and geographic location. The paper concludes with a summary of the research and policy implications of the study.

Looking Away? Contraband in Secure Correctional Settings

Camille Gibson, Prairie View A&M University

Contraband refers to items that are prohibited in a correctional facility whether these items are otherwise legal or illegal to have, including legal items in excess of the allowed quantities. These items are prohibited in the interest of the safety and well-being of inmates and correctional staff. This paper describes the types and uses of contraband in both juvenile and secure adult correctional

settings. It addresses the perspective that contraband is necessary for an orderly facility. The latest information on the most common types of contraband, means of entry and the correctional response are also described.

Panel 11: Policing I: Officers' Perceptions (Location: Souryal)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Richard Helfers, University of Texas - Tyler

Public Trust, Cooperation with the Police, Police Expectations from the Public and Police Legitimacy in Nigeria: Does Procedural Fairness Really Matter?

Smart Otu, Federal University

Ndufu Alike Ikwo, Ebonyi State, Nigeria

A major challenge facing the Nigerian's police is how to balance between performing its task of enforcing the law in a professional manner while obtaining the supports (legitimacy) of the people. Despite growing acceptance of procedural justice world over, the situation is different with policing in Nigeria. Policing in Nigeria remains unarguably, 'policing without consent'—the idea that police exist only to promote, maintain law and order and protect the government with or without public supports. Thus we ask (1) Do dialogue, perceived neutrality and respect of the citizenries promote police legitimacy in Nigeria? (2) Do citizens' attitudes to police impact negatively on the organisation's engagement of procedural justice approach?

Badges, Bongs, Bookies, and Brothels: Police Officer Attitudes' toward Vice

Cody Jorgensen, University of Texas –Dallas

There is a surprising lack of research regarding how the police view vice. This is curious because the police deal with vice offenders on a daily basis. This research extends and refines the work by Wilson et al. (1985) and investigates police officer attitudes' toward vice. Results from descriptive statistics and multivariate models are discussed.

Testing Black's Theory of Law on the Issuance of Speeding Citations Compared to Other Moving Violations in a Southern Suburban Community in the United States

Richard Helfers, University of Texas – Tyler

This study examines moving violation citations issued by 107 police officers in a suburban community while using Black's theory of law as the theoretical basis. Logistic regression was used to examine the issuance of speeding citations compared to other moving violations by concentrating on the dyad of the violators and officers' race/ethnicity. The findings revealed white violators were more likely to receive speeding citations than minorities; regardless of the race/ethnicity of the officer. The study shows the importance of expanding race-based examinations beyond America's largest cities and to include the role between the violators and officers' race/ethnicity.

Panel 12: Juveniles (Location: Henson)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Marika Dawkins, University of Texas – Pan American

Project CEO: Building an Effective Community Organization to Prevent and Reduce Juvenile Delinquency

Terri L. Elliott, Prairie View A & M University

One strategy to prevent delinquency while empowering youth is entrepreneurship. Plausibly, if persons would effectively instruct youth on the foundations of operating a business, offenses such as property crime and assaults would decline. Many juvenile offenders want “things” and offend to get them. Owning and operating a business takes time, energy, and attention to detail. This work could reduce the amount of time that juveniles have for deviance; their motivation would be the payoff. The mentor must be a strong person. Tax credits could generate the necessary meaningful apprenticeships that this effort would require. Both parties would be direct beneficiaries.

An Examination of Limited Drug Use among African American Youth: A Partial Use of Resilience Theory

Sharmaine Tapper, Prairie View A&M University

In spite of the copious studies on drug use among adolescents based on racial composition, few have been able to explain the difference in age at first use, frequency of usage, dependence, and abuse among African Americans. In comparison to Hispanics and Whites, African Americans have reported the lowest use if any at all, even with increased exposure and risk factors. Using the Monitoring the Future National Survey 2010 data set, a partial application of the Resilience theory revealed the role of religion and self-identity in limited drug use among African American youth. Recommendations for further research is offered.

Assessing the Intervening Health Effects of Victimization on Delinquency: A Review of the Literature and Future Directions

Steven D. Glassner, Texas State University

Childhood victimization has been associated with deleterious physical, mental, and behavioral health outcomes as well as delinquency/criminality later in life. The various health effects associated with early victimization have also been found to mediate the victim delinquent relationship. The goal of the present study is to provide a review of the current literature pertaining to the intervening health mechanism that can increase the likelihood of victims engaging in delinquency/criminality. Future directions regarding the intervening health mechanisms and policy implications for moving forward within this area of focus will be discussed.

Is the Use of Residential Placement for Juvenile Delinquents Punitive or Rehabilitative?

Marika Dawkins, University of Texas-Pan American

This paper examines the use of residential placement for juvenile offenders. Specifically, it focuses on whether residential placement is punitive or rehabilitative. In doing so, the “rights forfeiture” theoretical perspective is used as a framework to discuss the fairness of residential placement to be more or less punitive. Accordingly, the paper provides an overview of juvenile offenders in residential facilities, how residential facilities currently work, and how residential facilities should

work. The difficulties associated with residential facilities working as initially planned, the moral issues, and implications for future studies are also discussed.

Which Bond Matters More? Assessing the Differential Strengths of Parental Bonding Measures on Adolescent Delinquency over Time

Jessica M. Craig, University of Texas – Dallas

In accordance with Hirschi's social bonds theory, the parental attachment has been found to be a salient predictor of delinquency across various samples and analyses. However, the literature has not clarified whether it matters if the juvenile is attached to his/her mother or his/her father. The present study will address this issue by analyzing the impact of three attachment measures—the juvenile's perceived attachment to their mother, their father, and to both parents combined—on self-reported delinquency using a nationally representative data source.

Friday 2:30 - 4:45 PM

Panel 13: Presentation (Location: Blair)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Jim Schultz, McAllen Fire Department

Chemical Suicides

Over the years, the United States has been importing various items from overseas. Beginning in 2008 we started importing something much more deadly than electronics, trinkets, and toys. A deadly phenomenon that began in Japan in 2007 has quickly spread to our country, perhaps with the aid of and easy access to the internet. This deadly phenomenon is known as Chemical Suicides. Another moniker for this is Detergent Suicides. A case study will be presented from the McAllen Fire Department's April 2011 response to one such event. Lessons learned and precautions to take.

Panel 14: Criminal Theory II (Location: Fabian)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Lorie Rubenser, Sul Ross State University

Fluctuations in Homicide Rates and Extreme Weather Patterns; Trends in Oklahoma City

Howard A. Kurtz, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

In 2012 Oklahoma City experienced the highest homicide rates since the Oklahoma City Bombing. It appeared that crime was raging out of control. In the next two years rates dropped dramatically. Officials and researchers failed to understand what factors influenced this decline. On variable stands out, the weather. This paper explores the possibility that extremes in the weather might affect serious crimes like violent homicides.

Neighborhood Influences and Calls for Service: A Test of Social Disorganization theory

Narin Phetthong, Sam Houston State University

Larry T. Hoover, Sam Houston State University

Yan Zhang, Sam Houston State University

The study examines the effect of neighborhood characteristics on citizen emergency calls to the police, testing social disorganization theory using calls for service (CFS) data from the Houston Police Department. Only a few previous studies have examined neighborhood contexts on CFS based on social disorganization theory. Prior research suggests that neighborhood features influence citizen's decisions to call the police. The results indicates ethnic heterogeneity and structural density have a positive impact on all three types of CFS analyzed (assault, robbery, and burglary). In contrast, poverty has a negative impact on assault and robbery CFS rates.

Development and Validating an Instrument to Measure Fear of Crime

Dahlia Stoddart, Prairie View A& M University

Leslie Larchin, Prairie View A& M University

Understanding students' perception about fear of crime can set the foundation for law enforcement to develop strategies to counteract gun/firearms related crime situations in schools, colleges, and neighborhoods. However, further study is needed to understand the relationship between fear and gun related crimes. The purpose of this study is to develop and validate an instrument to measure students' perceptions of fear of crime and guns/weapon related crimes in schools and neighborhoods from the neighborhood disorder, victimization, community control and the sub cultural diversity theoretical framework. Preliminary result from the 40 item instrument yields an internal consistency of .796 Cronbach's Alpha.

Quantifying Religiosity: A Test of Unidimensional vs. Multidimensional Measures

Milton C. Hill, Stephen F. Austin State University

Wendi Pollock, Stephen F. Austin State University

Studies have shown general support for the negative impact of religion upon deviance; however, those studies have been beleaguered by the inconsistency with which religion has been operationalized and measured. Religiosity, or one's own personal sense of "religiousness," is a multi-faceted phenomenon, and it is argued that religiosity is better quantified through a multidimensional measure as opposed to a unidimensional measure. The current study compares the use of an 8-item religiosity variable with the use of a unidimensional measure of religiosity in a social control model. Results indicate that both measures predict substance use and delinquency equally. Implications and suggestions for future research are discussed.

Panel 15: Roundtable (Location: Souryal)Engaging Undergraduates in Research-Based Service Learning Projects: A Student and FacultyDiscussion of an Evaluation of the Houston Police Department's G.R.E.A.T. Program

Rebecca Pfeffer, University of Houston – Downtown

Michael Cavanaugh, University of Houston – Downtown

Janice Ahmad, University of Houston – Downtown

David Green, University of Houston – Downtown

Renee Lambertson, University of Houston – Downtown

Joseph Nelson, University of Houston – Downtown

Panel 16: Field Applications II: Community Policing (Location: Henson)

Panel Chair/Discussant: I.D. Onwudiwe, Texas Southern University

Exploring the Benefits of Joint Task Forces

Dawson Saia, Washburn University

Erin Grant, Washburn University

This study was a qualitative investigation on the benefits of having Joint Task Forces in multiple jurisdictional law enforcement agencies. The study was aimed to compare the working relationships between law enforcement agencies on the local, state, and federal level by interviewing actual law enforcement officers in the Joint Task Forces and the administrators above those officers. Observed in this study was how well working relationships were between agencies, the crimes solved the Joint Task Force was assigned to solve, and if the resources within the Joint Task Force were useful to all the agencies involved.

Community Oriented Policing and Partnerships

Ferris Roger Byxbe, Sul Ross State University - Rio Grande College – Del Rio

Determined to combat high levels of crime, a southern city implemented the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) to focus on drug and gang activity using a combination of foot and bicycle patrol, along With the support of community agencies and resources. The program's initiatives proved very successful in reducing crime by forty percent (40%) -- surpassing those of national trends. Social order has been returned to the community and annual arrest numbers are continuing their downward trend. It is the purpose of this presentation to delineate those initiatives and present findings for the outcomes of this continuing partnership endeavor.

African Security and Community Policing

I.D. Onwudiwe, Texas Southern University

Rochelle M. Cobbs, Mississippi Valley State University

This paper examines various forms of terrorist networks in Africa, their ideologies, tactics, and funding sources. Furthermore, it provides criminological explanations and remedies that will help to control and prevent the symptoms of insecurity that confront the continent today with particular emphasis on Nigeria.

Decoding Non-Verbal Communication in Law Enforcement

Noel Otu, University of Texas – Brownsville

This study examines the importance of nonverbal communication in law enforcement. In many encounters between police and citizens, the primary focus is usually on verbal statements by suspects rather than on what they might be conveying nonverbally while telling their story. This study argues for an integrated approach in which a police officer understands a suspect's verbal as well as nonverbal communication. This research reveals that nonverbal communication, or proxemic behavior, tends to constitute a larger proportion of the police communication model than verbal behavior, which should help in establishing authority and dominance as well as ensuring safety. Communication is the essence of criminal justice.

Saturday 8:30 – 9:45 AM**Panel 17: Roundtable** (Location: Blair)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Christine A. Nix, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Title IX victim outcry: Circumvent shaming, blaming, and guilt

Paul D. Lilly, Howard Payne University

Sue E. Ritter, University of Texas – Brownsville

This round table discussion provides an opportunity for faculty to discuss techniques for listening to victims who report incidents of domestic violence, sexual, and stalking offenses in compliance with campus policies in regard to Title IX.

Panel 18: Policing II: Race and Policing (Location: Fabian)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Ferrin McMillan, South Texas College

Policy Recommendations: Toward a New Police Force

Martin Guevara Urbina, Sul Ross State University-Rio Grande College – Eagle Pass

Considering the historical relationship between the police and community, particularly with the barrios and ghettos of America, police officers, administrators, politicians, social scientists, and others vested in positive social change must advocate for a transformative police force, an all-inclusive first-class police force for a modern America to effectively patrol in a highly technological and globalized world. In this endeavor, those vested in enhancing the American police force should consider transformation throughout the entire police structure, with a special focus on various specific areas—restructuring individual police departments according to departmental and community needs, from training to accountability.

The Summer in Ferguson, Missouri and Similar Stories

Lakisha Alomaja, Prairie View A&M University

Leanna Davis, Prairie View A&M University

Ashley Minter, Prairie View A&M University

This paper describes the context, emerging themes and lessons from the cases of Michael Brown, Trayvon Martin and Eric Garner. All three died in recent times at the hands of men acting in the name of law and order. With racial perceptions of dangerousness evident, families and communities were left to grieve a disproportionate consequence of death for the Black males involved. A sense of related community disempowerment is described so too are the divergent community perspectives in each case. Contextual comparisons are offered towards crafting a path for constructively moving forward with greater understanding to avoid needless tragedy.

Panel 19: Laws and Policies II (Location: Souryal)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Doshie Piper, University of the Incarnate Word

Measuring the Effect of Increased Criminal Penalties on Violations of Protective Orders

Richard Riner, University of Texas – Dallas

In 2009, Arkansas increased the penalty for a second offense of violating an order of protection from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class D felony. This study measured the effect of the new penalties on: those with a first offense of violating a protective order; and, those who were convicted of a first offense, thus making them subject to the enhanced penalty. Data were examined for two years prior to the change and two years after the new penalty went into effect. Results suggest that the change did not have the intended effects. Implications will be discussed.

Establishing Paternity Relevance and Application to the Criminal Justice System

Doshie Piper, University of the Incarnate Word

Paternity is a legal term referring to the man recognized by the law as a child's father for economic support purposes. Establishing paternity is important because it allows children born outside of marriage the same or similar rights and privileges of children born within a marriage. In 1968, the US Supreme Court negotiated several cases where children were being denied the right to parental support, inheritance, surnames, and even benefits from Worker's Compensation programs. Whether or not absent fathers conform to child-support policies will be explored. Additionally, the impact and implications of economic sanctions that ensure child-support payments are received once paternity has been established will be examined.

Panel 20: Criminal Justice Education (Location: Henson)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Deborah J. Hartley, University of Texas - Brownsville

Measuring Student Learning Within a Border University Criminal Justice Program

Steve Lovett, University of Texas – Brownsville

Mario A. Davila, University of Texas – Brownsville

Deborah J. Hartley, University of Texas - Brownsville.

Literature, the Law and the Criminal Justice Class

Larry Karson, University of Houston – Downtown

Instructors use a variety of materials and practices as part of their teaching strategy to facilitate an understanding of the criminal justice system by their students. This may include the reading of various non-fiction works including biographical and autobiographical works such as prison diaries, for example. This paper suggests that canonical literary texts, otherwise not normally considered in a criminal justice lesson plan, offer the opportunity to not only effectively express a variety of concepts or theories in a concise manner, but can also expose students to "the human condition" beyond their own, limited experiences.

Saturday 10:00 – 11:45 AM
Panel 21: Roundtable (Location: Blair)

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Restorative Justice: Victims, Offenders, and the Community

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Panel Chair/Discussant: Ben Brown, University of Texas - Brownsville

School District Police in the Twilight Zone

Eric W. Moore, Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi

Timothy Frazier, Sergeant, Corpus Christi Police Department

The paper explores the peculiar legal status of school district police and school resource officers. Two different sets of Constitutional rules apply to their activities, depending on whether or not they are acting in a law enforcement capacity or as school functionaries. The Supreme Court case of *JDB v. North Carolina*, 564 U.S.____ (2011), which required police to consider age in deciding whether to give the Miranda warnings, is likely to add to this confusion. Increased concern over school security since recent mass shootings may also add to the role strain facing school district police.

The Control of Chaos: A Historical Analysis of Policing Riots

Ben Brown, University of Texas – Brownsville

While considerable scholarly attention has been devoted to assessing police efforts to control crime, relatively few studies have focused specifically on police efforts to contain and disband riots. This work provides a historical assessment of events of collective violence and riots in the United States, and the police response to such incidents. Lessons for improving police strategies and tactics are drawn from the analyses of these events, inclusive of democratic strategies (e.g., fostering good public relations) and crowd control tactics (e.g., targeting instigators).

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