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Greetings!

Welcome to the 39th annual meeting of the Southwestern Association of Criminal Justice. On behalf of the SWACJ board, I am pleased to bring you an exciting conference on *Looking toward Reentry: Linking Evidence and Best Practices*. This year we have many interesting panels and roundtables scheduled, so I hope you enjoy your time participating in a relaxing, informative, and interactive meeting.

Our program starts Thursday afternoon with our Undergraduate Quiz Bowl. Thursday evening we will again be sailing on the Black Dragon Pirate Ship for the Past President's Reception. The Student Reception will take place at the Mega Blast area of the Schlitterbahn Indoor Waterpark.

Friday has a full slate of panels and roundtables, and ACJS President Brandon Applegate will be presenting a special session on the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences' Program Accreditation. The very popular student CSI competition returns on Friday afternoon. The winners, along with the Felix Fabien's Founder Award will be announced at the start of our General Business Meeting and Ice Cream Social at 4:00. We will also hold elections and discuss future conference locations. We hope that you will join us to continue building on SWACJ's success as a distinguished regional conference. The meeting will end earlier this year, so that there is time for everyone to enjoy the variety of restaurants on the island.

Saturday morning also includes several interesting panels and roundtables. Although the conference will wrap up by noon, we encourage you to stay to enjoy the many activities and attractions available on the island.

A special thanks to our many university sponsors, the City of South Padre Island, Schlitterbahn, and Tex-Mex Tours. I also want to thank you for your support during my tenure as President, and I look forward to seeing each of you throughout the conference.

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Schedule of Events at a Glance

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

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

5:00-7:00pm Executive Board Meeting (Bastrop)

Thursday, October 8, 2015

12:00-5:00pm Registration (Location: Bastrop)

3:30-5:00pm **Undergraduate Quiz Bowl (Bastrop)**

5:45-8:00pm Past President's Reception - Black Dragon Pirate Ship Cruise
Student Reception - Mega Blast Indoor Waterpark

Friday, October 9, 2015

7:30-9:00am Breakfast (Location: Bastrop)

7:30-4:00pm Registration (Location: Bastrop)

8:30-9:45am Panels & Roundtables: 1-4

9:45 -10:00am Morning Break (Location: Bastrop)

10:00-11:15am Panels & Roundtables: 5-8

11:30-12:45pm **Luncheon & Keynote Speaker (Location: Hibiscus – 1st floor)**

1:00-2:15pm Panels & Roundtables: 9-12

1:00-4:45pm **Student Crime Scene Interpretation (CSI) competition (TBA)**

2:30-3:30pm **Poster Session & Panel**

3:30-4:00pm Afternoon Break (Location: Bastrop)

4:00-5:00pm **SWACJ Business Meeting and Officer Elections (Location: Bastrop)**

Saturday, October 10, 2015

7:30-9:00am Breakfast (Location: Bastrop)

8:00-9:30am Registration (Location: Bastrop)

8:00-9:30am SWACJ Audit Committee Meeting (TBA)

8:30–11:45am **Panels and Roundtables: 13-16**

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

12 noon **End of conference**



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- **"Rising Star"** *Texas Law And Politics Magazine* (6 years)
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Biography

Native San Antonian Nicholas 'Nico' LaHood, as a result of his extensive legal and trial background and countless professional accomplishments and recognitions, has successfully established himself as a highly respected and revered attorney in the community. He has built a successful law practice with father, Michael LaHood and brother Marc LaHood. As a former special prosecutor for Bexar, La Salle, Wilson, Karnes and Medina counties, Nico built a reputation for hard work and a no-nonsense approach at trial. A philosophy embraced early in life, Nico has relied on integrity and ethics-based principles when working towards justice.

Accomplishments

Nico LaHood has been recognized by Law & Politics Magazine, as seen in Texas Monthly Super Lawyers edition, as a rising star in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. He is among the top 2.5 percent of attorneys in the state according to that publication. He has been recognized as one of the San Antonio legal community's rising stars by being featured in the 2007 edition of Scene In S.A. and has also been featured on FOX29's Legal Minds. He was elected as a board member of the San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association and St. Mary's University Law School Alumni Association.

Personal

Nico is a graduate of Mount Sacred Heart Catholic Elementary school and also graduated from Central Catholic Marianist High School. He received B.A. in Finance and Financial Services from St. Mary's University and his J.D. degree from the St. Mary's School of Law. Nico's knowledge of the law was further broadened as a result of him advocating for the rights of his late brother, Michael LaHood, Jr. who was murdered. Nico fought unyieldingly for fairness and justice for his late brother and for his family. An event that shaped Nico's life significantly and that furthered his commitment and passion for seeking justice. Additionally, in his spare time, Nico stays active by training law enforcement officers and others in martial arts. He also stays active by working out and is an avid hunter. Nico's beloved immediate family includes wife Davida and three children Maya, Michael, and Leah.

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Friday, October 9

8:30-9:45

PANEL 1: ISSUES IN CORRECTIONS (Location: Kubena)

Chair/Discussant: Layne Dittmann, Sam Houston State University

The Insecurity of Oklahoma Prison Security

Dan Brown, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

This presentation will analyze the impact of the Oklahoma “Truth in Sentencing Law” passed in 1999. The law required most felony offenders to serve at least 85% of their sentence before becoming eligible for parole. The presentation will examine the resulting consequences of the law, to-wit: 30,000 inmates, inadequate facilities, and increased rioting and escapes. The presentation will conclude with possible solutions to resolve this crisis.

A Sociological Examination of Texas Prison Women

Keith Price, West Texas A&M University

Lisa Garza, West Texas A&M University

The role of women in the Texas Prison System has evolved over the last several decades. This research will begin by describing the traditional role of women in the prison system. It will then examine three different examples that support this evolutionary theory. The changes include the hiring of a female superintendent of the prison school system; the promotion of a female prison director; and the execution of a white female offender.

Effective Professional Communications for Correctional Professionals: LGBTIQA and Other Terminological Concepts

Mark G. Stough, South Texas College

It is necessary understand the terminology used to professionally and effectively communicate with and about individuals working within and in the custody of the correctional system, whose gender identity and/or gender preference is variant. Professional correctional employees must be capable of using this terminology, as this will ensure greater success in maintaining professional relationships and professional rapport with other workers and clients within the system. Knowing the definitions and coded identifiers for the Lifestyles, Gender Identities and Gender Preferences ensures proper construction reports and other written communications, without being offensive or violating privacy and security.

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Friday 8:30-9:45**PANEL 1: ISSUES IN CORRECTIONS (Location: Kubena)**

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Ex-Inmates' Experiences and Perceptions of Qualities of Confinement in Texas Public and Private Prisons*Layne Dittmann, Sam Houston State University**Jurg Gerber, Sam Houston State University*

This is a qualitative study uses semi-structured, in-depth interviews and grounded theory to explore ex-inmates' experiences and perceptions of Texas public and private prisons by tapping into six key topics related to qualities of confinement: violence, safety and security, healthcare, correctional officer professionalism, contraband, and food and commissary quality and pricing. Results from this study suggest that there are notable differences in experiences between Texas public and private prisons, overall poorer qualities of confinement in the private prisons, and feelings related to a lack of legitimacy and procedural justice within Texas private prisons when compared with Texas public prisons.

PANEL 2: BEST PRACTICES IN REENTRY (Location: Blair)

Chair/Discussant: Doshie Piper, University of Incarnate Word

So How Satisfied Are You? Perspectives from Faith-Based Prisoner Reentry Programs in Central Florida.*Gautam Nayer, Texas Southern University**Ariel Alvarez, Montclair State University**Jovens Colas, United States Air Force*

Our paper analyzes the faith-based satisfaction levels of reentry programs. Generally, we seek to explain client-oriented services offered by faith-based reentry programs. We examine the correlates of satisfaction with faith-based reentry programs. Specifically, we examine whether faith-based programs provide satisfactory client-oriented services. We also examine the link between former probationers and their personal satisfaction levels with program administrators, program participation, and program satisfaction.

When Uncles are Cousins and Cousins are Wives: An Anthropology of Marriage and Kinship for Reentry Specialists.*Wendy Branwell, South Texas College*

In an increasingly fluid state, we can no longer presume that people living in the U.S. practice monogamy or recognize nuclear family kinship terminology. I will discuss polygyny, polyandry, and the six kinship systems practiced worldwide. Criminal justice professionals need to be aware of the legal and cultural ramifications of marriage and kinship systems brought to and practiced, increasingly, in the United States.

Making a Case for the Use of a Comprehensive Model in Re-Entry Initiatives.*Sharmaine Tapper, Prairie View A&M University*

Over the past decade, Texas has made a number of changes in the criminal justice system in an attempt to increase offender re-entry rates. However, the rationale for these changes are debatable as they appear to be more rhetoric than practical. This paper will trace the recent offender re-entry initiatives in Texas, review select programs and make a case for the use of a comprehensive model of assessment and monitoring, specifically geared towards juvenile re-entry programs.

Conversations with the Nehemiah Project: Relationship Building in Faith, Criminal Justice and Community Corrections

Doshie Piper, University of Incarnate Word

The Nehemiah Community Re-Entry Project is a faith based collaboration of networks between nonprofit/community organizations, churches/religious organizations, and the University of the Incarnate Word. The need to measure the effectiveness of faith based organization as reentry support service is critical in ensuring that formerly incarcerated individuals are receiving access to a continuum of care through the church. This presentation will discuss faith providers' role in enabling resiliency, opening doors to service access/engagement, and providing long-term support in reentry. Preliminary focus group results will be presented in determining the impact of congregational and community engagement in reentry needs and services in Bexar County, San Antonio Texas.

PANEL 3: ROUNDTABLE – A HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF THE SOCIAL AND CULTURAL INFLUENCES IMPACTING POLICE SELECTION (Location: Fabien)

Chair/Discussant: J. Harrison Watts, Our Lady of the Lake University

Panelists: *Dianna Carmenaty, Our Lady of the Lake University; J. Eric Coleman, El Centro College; Frank Garza, Department of Homeland Security; Lorena Garza, US Federal Courts*

PANEL 4: ACJS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, PROGRAM REVIEW, AND PROGRAM CERTIFICATION – WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW (Location: Eichenberg)

Chair/Discussant: Brandon Applegate, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Friday 10:00-11:15

PANEL 5: COURTS AND FEDERAL CRIME POLICY (Location: Kubena)

Chair/Discussant: David Perkins, Texas State University

Ideology on the U.S. Supreme Court: An Examination of Justice Voting Patterns in Significant Cases

Kevin G. Buckler, University of Houston - Downtown
Elizabeth L. Gilmore, Prairie View A&M University

This presentation explores judicial ideology and voting patterns in significant criminal procedure cases that have been decided by the U.S. Supreme Court since the 1994 term. Identification of significant cases for the purpose of this paper is based on the number of amici briefs filed by third parties (as an indicator of sociopolitical significance). It is often recognized that judicial ideology manifests itself in different ways in criminal procedure cases, as compared to other types of cases generally decided by the Court. Specifically, there appears to be greater variation in the voting alliances manifest in the criminal procedure case outcomes produced by the Court.

Ohio v Clark: The Supreme Court's Latest Confrontation Clause Decision

David Perkins, Texas State University

Decided in June, 2015, Ohio v Clark gives further insight into the Supreme Court's parameters of admissibility for hearsay evidence in child abuse cases, as related to the Confrontation Clause of the Sixth Amendment.

The President's Black Box Unveiled: Presidential Use of Statements of Administration Policy for Crime Policy

Stephanie Karas, University of Houston - Downtown

Willard Oliver, Sam Houston State University

While signing statements have been studied as part of the informal power that presidents have in the lawmaking process, statements of administration policy (SAPs) have received considerably less attention, and virtually no attention when applied to crime policy. However, SAPs are used by the president earlier in the legislative process and can give an insight into the official administration position on a piece of legislation well before the signing statement. This paper uses a mixed methods approach to assess how frequently SAPs are used for topics of crime and how presidents are using them for such a purpose.

An Exploratory Study of Bond to Nation and a Propensity toward Criminal Discontent among Young Black Males in the United States

Michael Johnson, Sam Houston State University

This qualitative study utilizes a sample of 8 Black males living in an urban community in Houston. Respondents answered questions regarding their bond to the U.S. and crime. This study offers a modified approach to the Social Bond Theory: 1) attachment to nation, 2) commitment to conforming to U.S. laws, 3) involvement in pro-American cultures, and 4) belief in the aspirations of the U.S. Respondents stated that due to a history of maltreatment their bond to the U.S. was broken. Respondents stated their lack of respect for U.S. Respondents had trouble conforming to U.S. laws and norms. Some respondents approved of acts of violence and terrorist acts against the U.S.

Friday 10:00-11:15

PANEL 6: LAW ENFORCEMENT(Location: Blair)

Chair/Discussant: Wendi Pollock, Texas A&M - Corpus Christi

Revisiting "Measuring the Problem:" A Reexamination of Police Contact in Severe and Non-Severe Offenders

Wendi Pollock, Texas A&M - Corpus Christi

Milton C. Hill, Stephen F. Austin State University

In 2012, an article by Pollock, Oliver, and Menard examined police contact on a national level in the United States and found that race was not a significant predictor. The current research extends this area of study by examining the same respondents in separate models, divided by those that report being serious or non-serious offenders. In addition, both direct and indirect effects were examined using a path model with logistic regression (PALR) approach. Preliminary results suggest that predictors of arrest are different for serious and non-serious offenders, and that race may play a more significant role than originally understood.

Who Can Police the Police: Body Camera vs Occupational Liability Insurance?

Noel Otu, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley

Proponents of body cameras argue that an officer's knowledge of being recorded would deter misconduct. Also, that a camera would be a beneficial tool in addressing the accountability issue and providing a record of complex police/citizen encounters. This study reveals that police violence is an institutionalized challenge and that the use of cameras as a technology-based answer to the institutionalized lack of accountability problem is treating the symptom not the disease. Cameras aren't the answer. Since deterrence influences law-related behavior, it is time that lawmakers' establish a mechanism to deter police killings and basically police the Police. The answer is requiring officers to purchase and maintain occupational liability insurance.

Two Sides of Behavior: Legal Assumptions and Human Actions*Myrna Cintron, Prairie View A&M University*

This presentation examines legal rational thought assumptions about behavior in light of recent police-citizen interactions that have resulted in deaths, investigations from several government agencies, civil unrest and more. These two sides of behavior will be analyzed.

Friday 10:00-11:15**PANEL 7: INTERNATIONAL POLICING AND CORRECTIONS (Location: Fabien)**

Chair/Discussant: Howard Kurtz, Southwestern Oklahoma State University

A Comparison of Modern Problems in Corrections in the United States and Great Britain*Howard Kurtz, Southwestern Oklahoma State University*

This presentation compares the problems confronting the correctional systems in the United States and Great Britain. The focus is on nationally defined issues; the differences and strategies employed as part of public policy. The philosophical differences and the resulting applications will be noted.

Confidence in the Police among College Students in South Korea*Ben Brown, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley*

This study provides analyses of survey data on confidence in the police obtained from 300 college students in South Korea. Overall, the student respondents reported having little confidence in the police, with a small minority (21.1%) reporting that they believe the police effectively control crime. Contrary to research on diffuse and specific attitudes towards the police conducted elsewhere in the world, diffuse confidence in the police to handle crime (21.1%) was lower than specific confidence in the police to control drunk driving (40.8%), investigate burglary (26%), and investigate homicide (26.7%).

Fear, Crime, and Corruption: Crisis of Confidence in Mexican Criminal Justice Institutions*James Norris, Texas A&M International University*

Mexico has faltered in the face of a security and criminal justice crisis. This paper examines whether Mexican lack of confidence in institutions of justice is driven by insecurity or by perceptions of corruption. How to evaluate a justice system, do people care about outcomes or about process (Sabet 2013)? Mexico's security process emphasizes outcomes over process by deploying its military to zones of the narco-trafficking organizations. Yet concentrating on outcomes is dangerous for newly democratic institutions by inviting more corruption (Sabet 2013), that creates an unhealthy cycle that undermines confidence in justice and in the legitimacy of the state.

Exploring the Differences between Mexican Immigrants Living in the U.S. and U.S. born Mexican-American Perceptions of the Police.*Steve Wilson, University of Texas - Rio Grande Valley*

The purpose of this study is to explore the factors that influence Hispanic attitudes toward the police. A case is made for the benefits of examining perceptions of respondents of Mexican descent, rather than the Hispanic population at large, as well as comparing the perceptions of U.S. born Mexican-Americans to Mexican immigrant's living in the U.S. Results from a national survey suggest Mexican-Americans born in the U.S. have more unfavorable attitudes toward the police than immigrants and that factors influencing their perceptions differ significantly. Implications of the findings are also discussed.

Friday 10:00-11:15

PANEL 8: ROUNDTABLE-ACCELERATING ADJUNCTS INTO THE FAST LANE: PROMOTING SUCCESS IN ACADEME (Location: Eichenberg)

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

Panelists: *Claire Phelan, University of Mary Hardin Baylor; Paul D. Lilly, Howard Payne University; Sgt. William Hitch, University of Mary Hardin Baylor; Ted Babin, University of Mary Hardin Baylor*

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Friday 1:00 – 2:15 PM</h2>

PANEL 9: RESEARCH AND EVIDENCE (Location: Blair)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Deborah J. Hartley, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

Cognitive Delays during Codeswitching: Applications for Eyewitness Testimony Evaluations.

Bernardo De La Garza, Our Lady of the Lake University

Within the bilingual literature, cognitive processing delays (e.g., processing times for recognition of language switches) are of major concern for higher order cognitive processes (e.g., comprehension and recall). During subsequent interviews, eyewitnesses rely on recall of transpired events; findings from codeswitching research will be applied to potential problems during the recall process and also on later evaluations of codeswitched testimonies.

Fundamentals of DWI Scientific Evidence

*Thomas White, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
Philip Ethridge, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
Oscar Lopez, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley*

Although the offense of DWI may be proven with non-scientific evidence, scientific evidence, where available, provides a much cleaner vehicle for proof of intoxication. This paper will explore the legal requirements of such evidence under the Supreme Court's opinion in *Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*, and the scientific bases of DWI evidence. Specifically, the paper will examine the scientific bases of the intoxilyzer and the horizontal-gaze nystagmus test as well as proving the level of intoxication from a subsequent blood alcohol level by retrograde extrapolation.

Fear of Crime: Instrument Development and Validation

*Dahlia Stoddart, Prairie View A&M University
Larchin Leslie, Prairie View A&M University*

The purpose of this study is to develop and validate an instrument to measure students' perceptions of fear of crime. An understanding of students' perception of fear of crime on campus can help law enforcement develop strategies to deal with crime situation on school and college campuses. Slovak (2002) argued that students who are exposed to guns and gun violence do not fully comprehend the relationship between fear and weapon related crimes. The study will use neighborhood disorder and victimization as the theoretical framework. The result revealed an internal consistency of .796 Cronbach's Alpha for the 40 item instrument.

Comparison of Risk Factors for Single vs. Multi-Type Child Maltreatment

*Deborah J. Hartley, University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley
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Janet Mullings, Sam Houston State University
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Using data collected from a Children's Advocacy Center, this study examined risk factors associated with three types of "single" child maltreatment (sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect), in addition to risk factors associated with multiple types of maltreatment (multi-type). A goal was to discover if unique risk factors existed for cases where the victim suffered more than one type of maltreatment. Factors examined included characteristics of the child victim and the offender, as well as substance use. Multi-type maltreatment remains an understudied area and warrants further study given the potentially serious long-term consequences to child victims.

Friday 1:00-2:15

PANEL 10: COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND CRIME POLICY (Location: Kubena)

Panel Chair/Discussant: William E. Stone, Texas State University

Drug use and distribution among Arab American college students: Observing the effects of cultural identity on "dorm-room" dealing

Amny Shuraydi, University of Texas at Dallas

Prior research on marijuana dealers and users has observed usage and distribution of the drug on college campuses, but qualitative research on the topic has primarily focused on racial status rather than ethnicity. A unique group that commonly goes unobserved, or simply unidentified, is that of Arab Americans. This study will seek to understand the reasons behind participation in illicit activities amongst a sample group of active offenders of Arab descent, through the use of interviews and observation. The research will focus on whether cultural identity can play a role in defining which theories apply to specific types of crime.

Has the More Aggressive Enforcement of the Cleary Act Improved Campus Crime Reporting?

William E. Stone, Texas State University

Twenty-five years ago the Cleary Act was passed because of concerns about campus crime and specifically, if students faculty and staff were being properly notified of criminal activity and risks to personal safety. While the act has been in place for many years, in recent years the Federal Government has started the investigations of possible Cleary Act violations and the offenders "Universities and Colleges" have been issued significant fines and publicly exposed as being in violation. This study attempts to address the question of if the new aggressive enforcement activity has improved campus crime reporting.

University and College Police Chiefs' Perceptions of Open Carry on College Campus

Aaron Bartula, University of North Texas at Dallas

Kendra Bowen, Texas Christian University

In 2015, Texas joined the ranks of other states that approved a concealed campus firearm carry bill. The state also approved a bill that allows for open carry of firearms for licensed gun owners. This study surveyed Texas University and College Police Chiefs to determine their perceptions of the perceived effects an open carry on college campus bill would have on campus crime, firearm incidents and fear of victimization. Findings suggest that Texas higher education Police Chiefs are strongly opposed to the idea of an open carry bill for college campuses.

A Look at What Moves Today's Young People "To Get on the Bus"

Camille Gibson, Prairie View A&M University

This study examines student motivations for engaging in activism for justice. A comparison is done of student movements for voting rights, Jena Six, Ferguson, and the Sandra Bland case. The study includes a qualitative text analysis of essays from undergraduate students on their reasons for engaging in social activism for justice. Much of the literature on what evokes student activism was supported and novel emic insights as articulated by the students are described.

Friday 1:00-2:15

PANEL 11: JUVENILES (Location: Eichenberg)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Nadine M. Connell, University of Texas at Dallas

Echoing Jerome Miller's Call: The Case for More Community-Based Sanctions for Juvenile Delinquents

Marika Dawkins, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

This paper examines the empirical and theoretical case for increasing community-based sanctions for juvenile delinquents. In doing so, special attention is given to the placement of juvenile offenders in residential facilities throughout the nation, and the contradictions of such placement to the very foundation of the juvenile justice system. Given that evidence suggests residential placement does not lead to an increase in public safety or decrease in juvenile offending, more focus should be placed on community-based sanctions. Accordingly, public safety and the best interest of the child can be adequately addressed while reserving residential placement for the more habitual and dangerous offenders.

A Multinomial Approach of Drugs, Violent Crimes and the Disproportionate Minority Contact of African Americans in the Juvenile Justice System

Ayodeji Daramola, Prairie View A&M University

G. Solomon Osho, Prairie View A&M University

Research has shown a strong correlation between drugs, that is, drug use and drug trafficking, and delinquency. In addition, research has also shown that drug use tends to peak in late adolescence and the onset of early adulthood. Consequently, the high school years, especially, the twelfth grade is an important transition in the life course of delinquents. This study used descriptive statistics and logistic regression to find the relationship between drug use, drug trafficking, violent crimes and arrests among African American, White, and Hispanic 12th Graders. The secondary data used in this study was downloaded from Monitoring the Future (MTF) 2010 Surveys.

Disentangling Fear of Crime at School: Understanding Community, School, and Individual Contributions to Student Perception

Nadine M. Connell, University of Texas at Dallas

Research on students' perceptions of fear in school settings has proliferated, specifically as a result of the increased awareness of how bullying can affect students' school experiences. Recent school shootings and the media blitz surrounding these events also contribute to student concern. However, fear in school is also related to community level factors, specifically crime and student experiences within the larger neighborhood. Past research on this topic has not been replicated with current samples that include bullying as well as community level variables. The current study seeks to address this gap using a more recent sample of middle school students.

Fear of Abduction: The Case of African American Adolescents

Joseph Ugwu, Prairie View A&M University

Despite rising statistics of youth as victims of abduction and the current moral panic about "stranger danger," no study has yet investigated whether adolescents fear this form of criminal victimization. Using data from a convenient, nonprobability sample of 302 college freshmen from the southwestern United States, this quantitative retrospective study describes the extent to which adolescents fear abduction. Results indicated that while African American adolescents feared both family and nonfamily abductions while in high school, their fear of nonfamily abduction was far greater than that of family abduction, and largely driven by fear of rape.

Friday 1:00-2:15

PANEL 12: ROUNDTABLE: 2014-2015 SUPREME COURT TERM AND POLICING

(Location: Fabien)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Michael Cavanaugh, University of Houston-Downtown

City and County of San Francisco v. Sheehan, City of Los Angeles v. Patel, Heien v. North Carolina, Rodriguez v. United States

Panelists: Matt Carter, University of Houston-Downtown; Renee Lamberton, University of Houston-Downtown; Herb Martinez, University of Houston-Downtown; Keith Satterwhite, University of Houston-Downtown

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POSTER SESSION (Location: Bastrop)

Moderator: Dr. Milton C. Hill, Stephen F. Austin University

Case Management Services in a Mental Health Indigent Defense Program

Isaac V. Gusukuma, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
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The Death Penalty: A Differential Study of National Violent Crime Rates

Mark Rubin, Sul Ross State University
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The Effect of the Quality and Type of Relationships between Middle School Students and Faculty Members

Gisela Angeles, Our Lady of the Lake University
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Examining the Effects of Overall Justice Perceptions on Police Officers' Self-Protective Behaviors

Paul D. Reynolds, Northeastern State University

Exploring Police Candidate Selection Policy: Marijuana use by police candidates in and around the state of Colorado

J. Harrison Watts, Our Lady of the Lake University
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Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention Act of 1974: Policy Analysis*Renee Hunnicutt, Texas A&M University – Central Texas***Prosecutorial Remedies and Other Tools to End the Exploitation of Children Today Act of 2003: Policy Analysis***Marcia Wright, Texas A&M University-Central Texas***Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act of 1993***Shonda Young, Texas A&M University-Central Texas*

Friday
2:30 – 3:30 PM

PANEL 13: CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION (Location: Eichenberg)

Panel Chair/Discussant: *Richard C. Helfers, University of Texas at Tyler*

The Effects of Course Redesign on Student Performance in CRIJ 3340 Homeland Security*Shannon Hankhouse, Tarleton State University*

The purpose of this study was to examine the effects of course re-design on student performance in CRIJ 3340 Homeland Security by reviewing exam scores and final course grades. A qualitative analysis of student's attitudes was also conducted in an effort to better understand students' opinions on course redesign. The practice of "flipping" classes is on the rise, and literature indicates the increasing popularity of this practice. This study examines a much needed area of research: does the practice of course redesign by an instructor have an impact on student test scores, does it impact final course grades, and what impact does it have on these areas of student assessment?

A Strategy for Improving the Writing Competency among Criminal Justice Students*Richard C. Helfers, University of Texas at Tyler*

A research study was undertaken to enhance the writing competency of criminal justice students at The University of Texas at Tyler. In collaboration with a language and writing expert, writing pedagogical protocols were implemented throughout a sixteen week semester course. Students were exposed to APA formatting, grammar, language formality, and paraphrasing/plagiarism instruction. Additionally, out of class assignments and classroom activities occurred throughout the semester to reinforce the classroom instruction. Researchers used both qualitative and quantitative analysis to examine whether the writing protocol was effective toward improving criminal justice student writing outcomes.

Saturday
8:30 – 9:45 AM

PANEL 14: CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR (Location: Kubena)

Panel Chair/Discussant: Solomon Osho, Prairie View A&M University

In Search of the Next Terror Recruit: Examining Correlates of Extremist Views among Muslim Americans*Julie Siddique, University of North Texas at Dallas**Jacob Felson, William Paterson University*

While the vast majority of Muslim Americans are not affiliated with violence or terror, in recent years, a growing number of attacks and attempted attacks have been perpetrated by religious extremists resulting in serious concerns about new terror recruits and “lone wolf” attacks. In this study, we use survey data from one of the first nationally representative samples of Muslim Americans to examine whether there are identifiable correlates associated with having more permissible views about the use of violence or terror for religious or political purposes. Preliminary findings indicate significant difficulty in identifying correlates, but provide directions for future research.

Juvenile Gang Membership and Psychopathic Behavior: Evidence from Empirical Multinomial Analysis

Solomon Osho, Prairie View A&M University
Justin Joseph, Prairie View A&M University
Julian Scott, Prairie View A&M University

Research provide evidence that gang involvement increases individuals propensity to perpetrate antisocial behavior and empirically supported that criminal involvement increases individual's likelihood of experiencing victimization. It is logical to deduce that gang affiliation also increases the probability of victimization amongst juveniles. Furthermore, the symptomology associated with conduct disorder and operational defiant disorder may play critical roles in gang membership and victimization in the externalization of these psychological disorders symptoms. This study will attempt to examine this question by utilizing data gathered by the Gang Resistance Education and Training program which consists of (N=5,935) eight grade students from 42 different schools.

Institutionalization and Victimization: Crimes against the American Soldier Warrior

Joseph Earl Jones, Texas Wesleyan University
Eddy Lynton, Texas Wesleyan University

The process by which a person becomes a soldier in the United States Military evokes similar process by which institutionalization occurs. A bounty of benefits serves to entice and motivate these individuals to proudly serve their country, however, when they become injured or require assistance, many soldiers find the access to these benefits difficult if not impossible to utilize. Moreover, a unique formula is used to determine their access. This paper explores medical, dental, pension, and treatment of the United States Serviceman and examines the institutionalization and victimization of soldiers denied dental, medical and other services because their percentage is not significant enough to qualify for treatment.

Weed Out or Keep Out: A Comparison of Police Hiring Practices

LaChelle Rhoads, University of Houston Downtown
Ashley G. Blackburn, University of Houston Downtown

Recently there has been an outcry from the public about police professionalism. When police officers are discredited, it can result in liability issues for those that employ them. This paper is a study of police academy hiring standards. Research has revealed no true hiring standards and several issues seem to allow the proliferation of the “bad cop.” The goal of this study is to compare the hiring practices of police agency cadets to that of independent police academy cadets. Recommendations for a standardized hiring process as well as a consolidation of background checks for smaller agencies will be presented.

PANEL 15: ROUNDTABLE – THE SANDRA BLAND CASE AND SIMILAR REALITIES: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? (Location: Fabien)

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

Panelists: *Chatnea Davis, Prairie View A&M University; Jermaine Graham, Prairie View A&M University; Chloe Louis, Prairie View A&M University; Sarah Malone, Prairie View A&M University; Anna Scott, Prairie View A&M University; Julian Scott, Prairie View A&M University; Jasmine Wanza, Prairie View A&M University*

This discussion offers a review of the Sandra Bland case and some similar cases. This includes the impact of the “Black Lives Matter” movement. Toward a reduced likelihood of racially impacted tragedy in police-youth encounters, the dynamics of what citizens and officers can bring to these interactions are examined. Actions, whether political, social or practical to reduce deadly scenarios.

Saturday 10:00 – 11:45 AM

**PANEL 16: ROUNDTABLE – INTERDISCIPLINARY CONCEPTS IN TEACHING AT A
BORDER COMMUNITY COLLEGE REVISITED** (Location: Blair)

Chair/Discussant: James Blair, South Texas College

Panelists: *Rogelio Escaname, South Texas College; Sylvia Flores, South Texas College*

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