

Wednesday, October 13

9:30am PT/10:30am MT

OPENING REMARKS

Marc Ruffinengo, 2020-2021 WACJ President

Jennifer Noble, 2022 WACJ President

Heather Pfeifer, ACJS President

Stephanie Mizrahi, ACJS Region V Trustee

10:00am PT/11:00am MT

EVENT # 1

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Special Topics in Policing Research

Chair: Kasi Chatburn, Washington State University

Application of the CRDPSS and PANSS to Recorded Police Interactions: Documenting Observable Behavioral Cues of Cognitive Impairment

Kasi Chatburn, Washington State University

David Makin, Washington State University

Megan Parks, Washington State University

Using archival footage recorded by body-worn cameras, this study applies the Clinician-Rated Dimensions of Psychosis Symptom Severity (CRDPSS) and the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale (PANSS) to a sample of 224 police interactions. These interactions were screened for twenty-six observable behavioral cues within eight symptom domains. The three behavioral domains most frequently observed in those interactions were depression, impaired cognition, and abnormal psychomotor behavior. The four behavioral cues observed most frequently included tearfulness, confusion, behavioral disorganization, and looseness of associations. These results will guide further research and aid in the development of a cognitive-emotional assessment tool for field officers.

Police Views on Collaborating with Recovery Coaches

Laurie Becker, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Sean Varano, Roger Williams University

There is a great amount of public discourse surrounding police response to calls that are not inherently law enforcement-related, such as those involving individuals suffering from addiction. Recognizing that police do not have as much experience in this area as clinicians or recovery coaches, there is a push for police to collaborate with non-law enforcement individuals. In response, this study specifically examines police attitudes toward collaborating with recovery coaches. Through survey data, the level of support police have for this partnership as well as the extent to which police believe coaches should be integrated into the department will be presented.

Nursing New Ideas and Doctoring Policy: Examining Hospital Employee Role in Active Shooter Training Response

McKenzie Wood, Weber State University

Gun violence in hospitals remains an increasing threat. While hospitals are mandated to have a violence response policy, how that policy is distributed and who utilizes the policy varies. The current study uses data from 333 employees at a Midwest hospital to determine employee role differences in employee education, feelings of preparation, and perceptions of moral obligation related to active shooter and armed intruder events in the hospital. Results indicate differences in education and preparedness response among clinical staff, nonclinical staff, and administration.

11:00am PT/12:00pm MT

EVENT # 2

ROUNDTABLE: Demystifying the Court System with Real-World Projects

Moderator: Laurie Kubicek California State University, Sacramento

Discussants: Laurie Kubicek, California State University, Sacramento

Jennifer Noble, California State University, Sacramento

Stephanie Mizrahi, California State University, Sacramento

Jennifer Moreno, Western Oregon University

This session will highlight the presenters' signature projects. Assignments that engage students with the court system and real-life proceedings aid their understanding of criminal justice issues. The presenters will discuss how they developed in-depth research assignments that encourage students to seek out original sources and firsthand observations and to evaluate media representations of criminal justice issues. The semester-long assignments include: a case study project that relies on original court records; a court-observation paper that requires students to attend proceedings; a mock opinion for a current Supreme Court case under review; and using a documentary series to illustrate and practice the stages of a criminal case. The panelists will discuss the benefits of assigning a long-term research project, issues raised in the assignments, potential pitfalls, pandemic modifications, and ways to adapt the projects to other courses and topics.

12:00pm PT/1:00pm MT

EVENT # 3

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Pedagogy and Research in Criminal Justice

Chair: Victor Shaw, California State University, Northridge

Engaging and Involving Research Participants with Problem Experiences

Victor Shaw, California State University, Northridge

Living in the shadow of the mainstream society, participants with problem experiences exhibit a great deal of uneasiness and nervousness when facing queries into their personal lives by researchers. This paper discusses five common types of reactions to queries from these participants: suspicion, bashfulness, shame, fear, and overconfidence. The paper then explores five general strategies that can be used to ensure meaningful participation in research by these participants: explanation, empathizing, change of topic, provision of incentives, and framing. For example, a researcher can alleviate the pain of a participant recalling an experience by saying "I had a similar experience when I was young," "One of my cousins was addicted to the substance also," or "It even happens to college students, with some of them financing their education by way of prostitution."

Teacher Method of Delivery, Death Penalty Knowledge, and Support for the Death Penalty

enforcing stay-at-home orders, and the impact of COVID-19 related issues on police practices and resources. We argue that the concerns of police supervisors and their perceptions of the quickly implemented changes/issues should be crucial to 1) our understanding of the long-term impacts of the pandemic on police work and 2) our targeted policy recommendations. Our descriptive findings indicate differences across agency types and sizes as it pertains to concerns, perceptions, and departmental adjustments. Of practical importance and highlighted in the survey results are the differences between small and large departments in their ability to withstand crises and resume business as usual.

2:00pm PT/3:00pm MT

EVENT # 5

BUSINESS MEETING---Please use separate Zoom link for this event

Future Directions by WACJ Executive Board

Financial Report by Andrew Giacomazzi, Treasurer

Organization Updates by Marianne Hudson, Secretary

Region V Nominees (pending confirmation by them)

Nominations and Voting for 2022 Second-Vice President