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### ***History***

The Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ) was organized in March, 1977 (under the name of Western and Pacific Association of Criminal Justice Educators) as a result of a decision of its parent organization, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS), to regionalize in order to better serve its members. The official name of the organization was changed at the 2008 annual meeting to increase the range of scholarship beyond educational goals. WACJ is the Region V affiliate of the ACJS. It draws members from the states of Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, the Pacific Territories and Possessions, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

### ***Goals and Services***

The WACJ is working to promote communication and dissemination of information among members, other associations of educators, and agencies of the criminal justice system.

The WACJ's aim is to develop standards of quality education and training in the administration of justice.

The WACJ encourages both limited and long term planning and research in the criminal justice system.

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### **2014 Program at a Glance**

#### **Wednesday, October 8, 2014**

<b>10:30am-4:30pm</b>	<b>Registration/Hospitality Desk</b>
<b>1:00pm-1:30pm</b>	<b>Opening Remarks: Outgoing/Incoming/ACJS Presidents</b>
<b>1:30pm-2:30pm</b>	<b>Event # 1: Policing in the 21st Century</b>
<b>2:30pm-2:45pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>2:45pm-3:30pm</b>	<b>Event # 2: Reasonable Doubt – Wrongful Convictions Then and Now</b>
<b>3:30pm-4:30pm</b>	<b>Event # 3: Developments and Experiments in Teaching</b>
<b>5:00pm-6:00pm</b>	<b>Event # 4: Judging for Student Poster Competition</b>
<b>6:00pm-8:00pm</b>	<b>Event # 5: President’s Reception and Awarding of Poster Competition Prizes</b>

#### **Thursday, October 9, 2014**

<b>8:00am-10:00am</b>	<b>Registration/Hospitality Desk</b>
<b>9:15am-10:00am</b>	<b>Event # 6: Understanding the ACJS Certification Process</b>
<b>10:00am-10:45</b>	<b>Event # 7: Retribution v. Restoration: When and Why?</b>
<b>10:45-11:00</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>11:00-12:00</b>	<b>Event # 8: WACJ Business Meeting: Comments by ACJS President Brian Payne</b>
<b>12:00pm-1:30pm</b>	<b>Event # 9: WACJ Luncheon: Keynote Address by Chief Deputy Mac Vinzon, Reno Police Department &amp; Dr. Emmanuel Barthe, University of Nevada, Reno</b>
<b>1:30pm-3:00pm</b>	<b>Registration/Hospitality Desk</b>
<b>2:00pm-3:00pm</b>	<b>Event # 10: Legal Issues and Defenses</b>
<b>3:00pm-3:45pm</b>	<b>Event # 11: Roundtable: Perceptions and Needs of Victim Service Providers Across Idaho</b>
<b>3:45pm-4:00pm</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>4:00pm-5:00pm</b>	<b>Event # 12: College Quiz Bowl Team Competition</b>

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**Friday, October 10, 2014**

<b>9:30am-10:30am</b>	<b>Event # 13: Assessing Offenders: Going in and Coming Out</b>
<b>10:30am-11:15am</b>	<b>Event # 14: Roundtable: Guiding Student/Agency Collaboration: Research, Teaching, and Community Involvement</b>
<b>11:15am-11:30am</b>	<b>Closing Remarks: Marianne Hudson, WACJ President</b>



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*Wednesday, October 8*

**10:30am-4:00pm**

**Registration/Hospitality Desk**

**Silver Baron C**

**1:00pm - 1:30pm**

**OPENING REMARKS**

**Silver Baron C**

*Stephanie Mizrahi, Outgoing President*

*Marianne Hudson, Incoming President*

*Brian Payne, ACJS President*

**1:30pm-2:30pm**

**Event # 1**

**Silver Baron C**

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: POLICING IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

*Chair/Moderator: Ricky Gutierrez, CSU, Sacramento*

**Shedding Inventory, Gearing Up for Domestic Conflict, or Managing Post-Modern Police Imagery?: A Study of Purported Links Between U.S. Military Transfers and Emergent Developments in Domestic Policing**

*Ron Helms, Western Washington University*

*Lucky Tedrow, Western Washington University*

*S.E. Constanza, University of Southern Alabama*

Recently released data from the New York Times regarding the 1033 program documents military inventory transfers to local law enforcement. The scale of transfers raises questions about both causes and consequences. One hypothesis emphasizes that military transfers emerged as a long term untargeted trend with little immediate consequence for police or society. From this we expect to observe null effects. A different hypothesis asserts that the distribution of transfers is rational and intentional. This perspective emphasizes a coordinated strategy informed by a belief that enhanced coercive force (the other face of fraud) is necessary to secure social consent under conditions of heightened inequality. If so, an array of theorized social indicators should closely predict patterns of military transfers. A third more complex model emphasizes postmodern police management expressed through contrasting images of professional-, problem-oriented-, community-, and militarized-policing. According to this perspective while the pattern of transfers may or may not be intentional, systemic bias favors selective use. Correlational evidence provides a basis for speculation about causes and consequences, both for US police and for the society it engages.

**Police-citizen encounters and violence: Exploring alternatives and discussing solutions.**

*Ricky Gutierrez, CSU, Sacramento*

Highly publicized incidents of less than reputable behavior by police are becoming more prevalent in our communities. Citizens are likely familiar with the shooting death in Ferguson, Missouri and in the Ohio Wal-Mart. Charges of rape and sexual misconduct have also been filed against a patrol officer in Oklahoma City. If police are to maintain a trusting relationship with

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the community, it is time to engage in a logical debate about use of force and allegations of misconduct. This discussion will attempt to find solutions to the problem.

### **Legislation, Policing Standards, and the Real World: A Disconnect?**

*Ryan Getty, CSU, Sacramento*

Most state's governing bodies that regulate police academies, field training, and in-service training (i.e. POST) are more concerned with litigious and political issues than realistic issues. This is observable in the number of hours mandated and trained in the use of force and law updates. Given that police use their time and discretion much more for interpersonal communication and decision-making, why is it that these subjects are not emphasized in police training? The legislative authorities need to mandate a more balanced curriculum (at least) to include public communication and interpersonal skills rather than vast hours of weapons' deployment. Maybe then, the "last resort" would actually be the last resort to conflict resolution.

**2:30pm-2:45pm**

**BREAK**

**2:45pm - 3:30pm**

**EVENT # 2**

**Silver Baron C**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: REASONABLE DOUBT: WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS THEN AND NOW**

*Pamela Everett, University of Nevada, Reno*

Several years before he died, my dad made a cryptic comment about two sisters he'd "lost" but he could not – would not – tell me more. I never forgot his comment and many years later I finally started digging. I had to go back in time almost 75 years, into another world and a crime that changed my family forever. I'm an attorney and a professor of criminal justice, and before my legal career, I was a broadcast journalist who covered the crime and criminal court beat. I drew on those experiences to slip back into police headquarters, the courtrooms and the press conferences of the day to piece together the events of the summer of 1937.

What I found amazed me. A notorious triple murder case that made news from coast to coast; a case that challenged law enforcement while bringing them together in an unprecedented cooperation of effort; a case that led to the first ever forensic profile of a sex offender and to the first sex offender registration law that became the model for the laws in most states today; and a case that, given what we know today about wrongful convictions, begs many questions about whether the State of California executed the wrong man.

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**3:30pm-4:30pm**

**EVENT # 3**

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**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: DEVELOPMENTS AND EXPERIMENTS IN TEACHING**

*Chair, Marlyn Jones, CSU, Sacramento*

### **Summative Assessment of Student Learning in a Comparative Criminal Justice Course**

*Marlyn Jones, CSU, Sacramento*

The 2007 Criminal Justice Departmental Review noted that while international and comparative criminal justice is a topic of growing importance in today's world, the department's undergraduate course content in this area was lacking. Consequently, it recommended the Division consider adding an undergraduate elective course in this area. As a result, an undergraduate course in Comparative Criminal Justice was introduced into the Curriculum of the Division of Criminal Justice. This presentation is based on content analysis of a formative assessment of approximately 100 evidence-based reflective essays of students enrolled in Comparative Criminal Justice (CRJ 172) during the fall 2013/spring 2014 semesters.

### **Service Learning and Internships in Criminal Justice**

*Rebecca Wood, Western Washington University*

Using a qualitative reflection process, the current paper explores literature on the incorporation of service learning and internship opportunities in the field of law enforcement and the criminal justice system into a classroom curriculum. It compares and contrasts other researchers' results with my own personal experience, interning at a police department. My assertion is that internships are an invaluable method of learning and connecting in-classroom ideas with real world experience, which is generally supported in the literature. These results suggest that more service learning and internship opportunities may be presented to college students in order to better prepare them for the work force in law enforcement and criminal justice.

### **The CSU Stanislaus Mentoring Program**

*Gregory Morris, CSU, Stanislaus*

The CSU Stanislaus Criminal Justice mentoring program was developed in collaboration with Turlock Schools in 2005. Its purpose is the increase student engagement through meaningful relationships, so that students – both mentors and protégés – can develop the motivation, and higher level thinking skills necessary to become successful life-long learners and accountable citizens. This documentary traces the success of the program for both mentors and protégés.

**4:30pm-5:00pm**

**BREAK/SET-UP FOR POSTER COMPETITION**

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5:00pm - 6:00pm

EVENT # 4

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STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

Judging

### **(Poster Presentations Continue During President's Reception)**

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#### **Drug Endangered Children in Wyoming**

*Kourtne R. Rodgers, Boise State University*

Drug abuse in the United States is a continuously growing and morphing problem which provides many different challenges for policy makers and law enforcement officials. With a large number of people in the U.S. using some type of drug, children are being exposed to these drugs more and more as well. Children are especially vulnerable not only in their physical state, but also their emotional state in these crucial developmental years. Starting from the prenatal stage, all the way through to adulthood, there are major consequences to exposing children to drugs. Due to the wide use and abuse of drugs in the United States, a whole new class of individuals has been created, drug endangered children. Currently, law enforcement officials in Wyoming are forced to stretch other statutes to fit the definition of a drug endangered child. Wyoming needs to add a clear drug endangered child definition to state legislation in order to better protect the children in the state.

#### **Lead, IQ, and Crime: The Continual Lead/Crime Curve**

*Juan M. Lopez, Boise State University*

Lead, IQ, and crime are consistently correlated in multiple disciplines of study. Nevin (1999) suggests that the removal of lead from gasoline may help account for the declining crime rate in the US and other countries. Similarities in area lead exposure reduction and crime reduction are explored. Large scale environmental clean up efforts, while initially expensive, may continue to reduce crimes of violence and present long-term savings in offender housing and costs to victims. Biosocial research continues to provide evidentiary support for leads' deleterious effects on IQ and overall relation to criminality.

#### **Physical fitness for Police Officers: Is There a Built in Bias?**

*Amanda Goodson, Boise State University*

Throughout history, women have struggled to gain acceptance into male dominated agencies, such as policing. While policies and laws have been enacted to reduce the barriers that women face, discrimination is still evident in the workforce. A controversial topic that has had much debate revolves around the physical ability testing that is required of individuals seeking a career within policing, specifically regarding female applicants. Different aspects of physical standards

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within policing agencies will be examined, followed with an exploration into female officers' performance. Policy recommendations will also be discussed in hopes of reducing the barriers women face during physical agility testing.

### **Comparison of the Online Degree Completion and Ground Programs in Criminal Justice**

*Margaret Mickelson, Lauren Pyle, and Amanda Stan, CSU, Sacramento*

In Spring 2014, a graduate level program evaluation research course provided an opportunity to assess the Division of Criminal Justice CCE Program. The goal was to compare the online and ground programs in the Division. By examining written records and conducting a focus group, the researchers were able to compare the two programs in terms of student demographics, course offerings, faculty members assigned to teach courses, and faculty perceptions of teaching and student learning experiences. The researchers found both similarities and differences between the CCE and ground programs and recommend emphasizing quality courses with similar content that can accommodate the students served by both programs.

### **EVENT # 5**

## ***PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION***

***6-8 pm, Silver Baron D***

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*Thursday, October 9*

**8:00am-10:00am**

**Registration/Hospitality Desk**

**Silver Baron C**

**9:00am - 9:45am**

**EVENT # 6**

**Silver Baron C**

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION: UNDERSTANDING THE ACJS CERTIFICATION PROCESS**

*Presenter: Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University*

Academic review is an evidence based evaluation of criminal justice/criminology degree programs based on standards developed by the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS). It is the process by which programs can be certified. This presentation will highlight the technical assistance and program review process, as well as changes recently made to the certification process.

**10:00am-10:45am**

**EVENT # 7**

**Silver Baron C**

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: RETRIBUTION OR RESTORATION: WHEN AND WHY?**

*Chair: Michael Perlin, New York Law School*

**Can Restorative Justice Be of Value in Forensic Cases?: Perspectives of a Lawyer and a Psychologist**

*Michael Perlin, New York Law School*

*Valerie McCain, Neurology and Physical Therapy Centers of Tampa Bay*

Restorative justice (RJ) is a means by which to restore victims, restore offenders, and restore communities in a way that all stakeholders can agree is just, via the values of participation, reparation, equality, a forward-looking approach, respect, and dignity. Although concepts of restorative justice have been steadily growing in the context of the criminal trial process since the mid-1980s, most growth has come in cases involving post-sentencing victim-offender interaction. There has been virtually no movement to apply restorative justice principles to forensic cases. In this paper, we will preliminarily explore how RJ principles might be used in the full range of forensic cases, including matters involving incompetency to stand trial, the insanity defense, and sentencing of defendants with mental disabilities. We will do this from the perspectives of both the lawyer and the forensic psychologist.

**A Suitable Amount of Crime**

*Shane Farrell, Western Washington University*

In a suitable amount of Crime, Nils Christie presents arguments concerning horizontal and vertical models of justice, in which the vertical model represents justice delivered by an authority such as the state and tends to be retributive in nature. The horizontal scale represents justice delivered informally by a community. Christie raises the rhetorical question "why should retribution have priority over forgiveness?" His discussion seems to imply that forgiveness is

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always preferable to retribution. But this is balanced against other system goals, which range from vengeance to rehabilitation to social protection. Thus it is critical to balance these types of considerations. As an example, vertical justice priorities are proportionately strengthened when risks involving the safety and dignity of victims and others are elevated. This paper assesses various limiting conditions under which vertical justice becomes necessary to the satisfactory resolution of criminal cases.

**10:45am - 11:00am**

**BREAK**

**11:00am - 12:00pm**

**EVENT # 8**

**Silver Baron C**

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Comments by ACJS President Brian Payne*

*Financial Report by Andrew Giacomazzi, Secretary/Treasurer*

*Future Directions by Executive Board, WACJ*

*Marianne Hudson (President), Alison Burke, (1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President), and*

*Andrew Giacomazzi (Secretary/Treasurer)*

*Election of 2nd Vice-President*

*Introduction of new officers*

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**WACJ LUNCHEON (Event # 9)  
12:00pm - 1:30pm, Silver Baron D**

### **Creating Viable Partnerships Between Police and Research Agencies**

**Guest Speakers: Deputy Chief Mac Venzon, Reno Police  
Department & Dr. Emmanuel P. Barthe, Ph.D., University  
of Nevada, Reno**

**Mac Venzon** is the Operations Deputy Chief for the Reno Police Department. Deputy Chief Venzon started his career with the Reno Police Department in 1997, and during his tenure has worked a variety of assignments to include Patrol, Academy Staff Officer, and Street Crimes Detective. Additionally, DC Venzon has supervised the Street Enforcement Team as a Sergeant, Lieutenant in the patrol division, Commander and Deputy Chief of the Investigations and Support Services Division. Deputy Chief Venzon earned a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Nevada Reno, and is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Justice Management from the University of Nevada Reno. In 2011, Venzon was recognized as staff member of the year for the Human Services Network of Nevada, and is a graduate of the Senior Management Institute for Police in 2013.

**Emmanuel P. Barthe** is an Associate Professor in the Criminal Justice Department at the University of Nevada, Reno. His research interests lie in the arenas of policing, situational crime prevention, and spatial analysis. He works closely with local law enforcement agencies and has served as an external evaluator for several projects, including a methamphetamine-interdiction effort, a campaign to reduce commercial traffic accidents, and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)-funded Smart Policing Initiative targeting prescription drug abuse. As a research partner of the Reno Police Department, he helps design project-based internships to promote data-based policing practices. He has a Doctorate and Master's degree in Criminal Justice from the School of Criminal Justice at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

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2:00pm-3:00pm

EVENT # 10

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### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS: LEGAL ISSUES AND DEFENSES**

*Chair: Ron Helms, Western Washington University*

#### **Relationships Between Religious Characteristics and Response to Legal Action Against Parents who Choose Faith Healing Practices for their Children**

*Trevor Shields, University of Nevada, Reno*

*Monica Miller, University of Nevada, Reno*

Individuals' religious characteristics (e.g., orthodox beliefs) are related to support for legal actions (e.g., the death penalty). The current study explores whether six religious characteristics are related to support for legal actions against parents who refuse medical treatment for their children in favor of faith healing. Participants read six scenarios which varied factors such as the child's ailment and the type of treatment that would be required. Participants also indicated support for parents using a religious defense at trial or getting a lighter sentence because of their beliefs. Greater support for legal actions was associated with low scores on measures of quest, intrinsic religiosity, and orthodoxy and high scores on measures of extrinsic religiosity, evangelism and religious imminence (although not every characteristic was a significant predictor in each model). This model was significant for four of eight analyses, and marginally significant in three. Results are the first step in explaining how religious characteristics relate to attitudes toward faith healing.

#### **Religious Fundamentalism and Attitudes Toward the Insanity Defense: The Mediating Role of Mental Illness Perceptions**

*Logan Yelderman, University of Nevada, Reno*

*Monica Miller, University of Nevada, Reno*

Religious fundamentalist beliefs are related to attitudes and decisions regarding the insanity defense, but the mechanism by which this occurs is unclear. One hypothesis suggests that fundamentalist beliefs are simply related to beliefs of personal agency and responsibility, thus general punitiveness toward criminal defendants, including the criminally insane. However, another hypothesis suggests that fundamentalist beliefs are related to attitudes and decisions regarding legal insanity through mental illness perceptions. Two mediation models test the relationship between religious fundamentalism and insanity defense attitudes. Results support the hypothesis suggesting that mental illness perceptions mediate the relationship between fundamentalism and insanity defense attitudes.

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### Novel Defenses in the Courtroom

*Shelby Forsythe, University of Nevada, Reno*

*Monica Miller, University of Nevada, Reno*

Novel defenses are occasionally used in the courtroom to explain a defendant's criminal behavior. These defenses, such as the recently used "Affluenza" defense, continue to emerge on a case-by-case basis and tend to attract media attention. This article reports on 6 of the most common novel defenses; Amnesia, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), Battered Women Syndrome (BWS), Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD), Post-Partum Depression (PPD), and Gay Panic Defense. For each defense, their use in court, what psychological research and legal issues surround them, and the public's opinion of them are discussed. This study examines the degree to which college students believed that each of the 6 novel defenses should be allowed in court and the degree to which they believe the condition exists. Women were more likely than men to believe that PTSD, MPD, BWS, and PPD existed, and to agree that the defendant should be able to use BWS at trial. Participants were most supportive of PTSD being used as criminal defense, and least supportive of gay panic and Amnesia. Results can help attorneys decide whether to use such defenses and how to select a jury.

**3:00pm - 3:45pm**

**EVENT # 11**

**Silver Baron C**

### **ROUNDTABLE: PERCEPTIONS AND NEEDS OF VICTIM SERVICE PROVIDERS ACROSS IDAHO**

*Moderator: Lane Gillespie, Boise State University*

*Discussants: Lisa Growette Bostaph, Boise State University*

*Laura King, Boise State University*

*Amanda Goodson, Boise State University*

*Miguel Lopez, Boise State University*

A primary consideration of service provision is that it meets the needs of those utilizing the services. Assessing the availability of, and satisfaction with, crime victim services is important to service development, implementation, and funding recommendations. Through a contract funded by the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance, a team of faculty and graduate students from Boise State University's Department of Criminal Justice is in the process of completing a statewide victim services needs assessment. One important component of this needs assessment has been site visits with service providers across the state in order to provide them an opportunity to share their successes, frustrations, and needs. In this roundtable we will be discussing these qualitative findings and their implications for victim services in a rural state.

**3:45pm-4:00pm**

**BREAK**

**4:00PM-5:00PM**

**EVENT # 12**

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### **WESTERN ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE QUIZ BOWL**

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*Friday, October 10*

**9:30am-10:30am**

**EVENT # 13**

**Silver Baron C**

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: ASSESSING OFFENDERS: GOING IN AND COMING OUT**

*Chair: Jennifer Lanterman, University of Nevada, Reno*

### **The Utility of a Continuity of Care Model and Intensive Case Management Practices in the Supervision of High Risk-High Need Offenders**

*Jennifer Lanterman, University of Nevada, Reno*

The Serious and Violent Offender Reentry Initiative (SVORI) is a federally-funded program to develop or enhance reentry strategies throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The SVORI approach in New Jersey used a continuity of care model to address individual-level barriers to community reintegration faced by adults and juveniles returning to Essex and Camden Counties. This presentation is focused on outcomes for adult SVORI participants and two comparison groups—individuals who met SVORI eligibility criteria, but who were released on standard parole or completed their sentences prior to release to community during the study period. Outcomes of interest include positive drug tests, re-arrest, parole revocation, and employment. Findings support the use of a continuity of care model and intensive case management practices to supervise and support high risk-high need offenders with serious and violent criminal histories.

### **Better In or Out? Comparing the Predictive Validity of the LSI-R for Community Versus Institutional Offender Populations**

*Charlene Taylor, Boise State University*

While the use of objective, empirically based risk assessment tools has been the standard in effective correctional practices for years, there remains some debate on their utility for predicting recidivism for an institutional population. Specifically, the dynamic nature of these tools lends itself to an artificial reflection of an offender's risk to the community if he is assessed while in the institution. This research will compare the predictive validity of one of the most popular risk assessments, the Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R), on an institutional versus a community sample. Using several measures of recidivism, this research will examine how well the LSI-R predicts for offenders within the institution compared to those under community supervision.

### **How Ex-felony Offender Interpret their Voting Rights and the Role Probation and Parole Agencies Can Play to Facilitate Civic Reintegration**

*David Scott McCahon, University of California, Riverside*

In-depth interviews conducted with recently released ex-felony offenders and months of participant observation, revealed that felon disenfranchisement laws and other exclusionary

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practices, cause ex-felons to wrongly believe they are without rights and benefits they retain in most U.S. states, including the right to vote. Ex-felony offenders interviewed unknowingly exaggerated rights restrictions they faced post-conviction and often demonstrated that they were unable to decipher myth from truth, regarding their remaining rights. To mitigate misperceptions held by ex-felons, that alienate them from civil society, probation and parole agencies can facilitate civic reintegration through civic reeducation. Civic reeducation I recognize as, providing accessible information to ex-offenders regarding rights they retain, rights that can be restored, and the routes through which they can reengage civil society.

**10:30-11:15**

**EVENT # 14**

**Silver Baron C**

**ROUNDTABLE: GUIDING STUDENT/AGENCY COLLABORATION: RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

*Moderator: Marianne Hudson, Boise State University*

*Discussants: Lisa Growette Bostaph, Boise State University*

*Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University*

*Ginny Hatch, Boise State University*

*Danielle Murdoch, Boise State University*

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The education that impacts today's student is not only the opportunity to learn in the classroom via books and technology, but the ability to connect with agencies out in the community. Criminal justice is an area that relies on solid collaboration with not just academics, but practitioners throughout the field. This roundtable will look at various opportunities used to help connect students to the outside world, one which most of them will seek to be a part of upon graduation.

**11:15am – 11:30am**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

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*Marianne Hudson, President*

**11:30am - Conference Adjourns**

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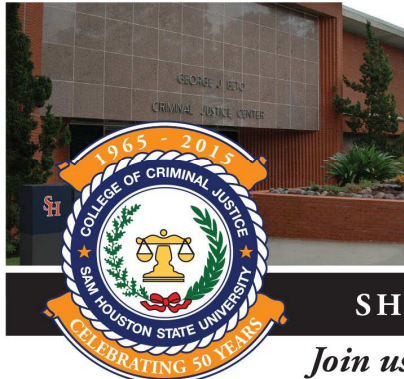
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