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History

The Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ) was organized in March 1977 (under the name 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 not only draws members from the states within its own region (Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, the Pacific Territories and Possessions, and the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Alberta) but also from all other ACJS regions.

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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2023 Program at a Glance

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

4:00pm	WACJ Board meeting and Meeting w/ Hotel *WACJ Executive and Full Board members only- Meet in Hotel Lobby at 3:45pm*	Willow
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Wednesday, October 11, 2023

11:00am-4:30 pm	Registration/Hospitality Desk	Riverfront A
12:00pm	Afternoon Refreshments (Sponsored by: The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences)	Riverfront A
12:30pm-1:00pm	Opening Remarks: Current and 2024 WACJ Presidents	Riverfront A
1:00pm-2:00pm	Event # 1: WORKSHOP: Navigating the Realities: The Influence of the Criminal Justice System on Law Enforcement Personnel and Their Families	Riverfront A
2:10pm-3:10pm	Event # 2: PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Procedural Justice and the Police	Riverfront A
3:20pm-4:30pm	Event # 3: WORKSHOP: To Do or Not to Do: Recommendations for Writing Federal Grant Proposals	Riverfront A
4:30pm-5:30pm	Event # 4: Set-up and Judging for Student Poster Competition (only student presenters and judges in the room please)	Pavilion
5:30pm	Event # 5: President's Reception (including announcement of the Student Poster Competition results)	Pavilion



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Thursday, October 12, 2023

8:00am-12:00pm	Registration/Hospitality Desk	Riverfront A
8:00am	Continental Breakfast (Sponsored by: Boise State University, School of Public Service)	Riverfront A
8:30am-9:30am	Event # 6: PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Police to Prisons: Interrogations, Revocations, and LWOP	Riverfront A
9:40am-10:50am	Event # 7: ROUNDTABLE: The Supreme Court in 2023	Riverfront A
11:00am-11:15am	Event # 8: ACJS President Remarks	Riverfront A
11:15am	Event # 9: WACJ General Business Meeting **All invited – nominations for Second Vice-President will be taken**	Riverfront A
12:00pm-1:30pm	Event # 10: WACJ Luncheon Guest Speaker: Sterling Cunio, Transformative Justice Community (Sponsored by: Western Association of Criminal Justice)	Pavilion
1:30pm-5:00pm	Registration/Hospitality Desk	Riverfront A
1:40pm-3:40pm	Event # 11: FEATURED ROUNDTABLE: Beyond the Ivory Tower: Learning the Impact and Insights of The Criminal Justice Legal System from Those with Lived Experience	Riverfront A
3:50pm-4:50pm	Event # 12: PAPER PRESENTATIONS: The World Today: Intimate Partner Violence, Mass Shootings, and Homicide	Riverfront A
5:00pm	Event # 13: WACJ Quiz Bowl	Riverfront A



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9:00am-9:45am	Event # 14: PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Restorative Justice and Dispute Resolution	Riverfront A
9:50am-10:50am	Event # 15: PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Criminal Justice Potpourri	Riverfront A
11:00am-11:45am	Event # 16: PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Research on Indigenous Peoples and Colorism	Riverfront A
11:50am	Closing Remarks: Shaun Gann, 2023-2024 WACJ President	Riverfront A



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Wednesday, October 11

11:00am-4:30pm **REGISTRATION/HOSPITALITY DESK** **Riverfront A**

12:00pm **AFTERNOON REFRESHMENTS** **Riverfront A**

Sponsored by: The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences [ACJS]

12:30pm - 1:00pm **OPENING REMARKS** **Riverfront A**

Taryn VanderPyl, WACJ President

Shaun Gann, 2024 WACJ President

1:00pm-2:00pm **EVENT # 1** **Riverfront A**
WORKSHOP: Navigating the Realities: The Influence of the Criminal Justice System on Law Enforcement Personnel and Their Families

Facilitator: Roxie Supplee, Central Oregon Community College

Facilitator: Erick Supplee, Bend Police Department

Join us in this immersive workshop as we delve beyond theoretical realms into the lived experiences of law enforcement professionals and their families. Explore the intricate web of challenges and hazards that confront officers in today's policing landscape. Through personal narratives and thought-provoking discussions, this session offers a profound examination of the impact of the criminal justice system on those who serve within it. Gain insights from the instructor's firsthand account of a critical incident—an officer-involved shooting—that will serve as a compelling backdrop for comprehensive exploration and learning. This workshop bridges academia with the real-world complexities of law enforcement.

2:10pm-3:10pm **EVENT # 2** **Riverfront A**

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Procedural Justice and the Police

Chair: Christina Shellabarger, Washington State University

Driving Fairness: Examining the Equity of Procedural Justice on Traffic Stops

Christina Shellabarger, Washington State University

Brittany Solensten, Washington State University

David Makin, Washington State University

Dale Willits, Washington State University

Procedural justice is crucial for fostering trust in law enforcement. Assessing its application through traffic stops is particularly valuable as these encounters constitute the most frequent type of police-citizen interactions. This study analyzed the application of procedural justice in law enforcement by examining body-worn camera footage of 556 traffic stops to assess how



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individual and situational factors influence police use of procedural justice. Results demonstrated that factors like demographics have limited impact on police behavior. These findings offer nuanced insights into the interplay between demographics, procedural justice, and police interactions. Limitations and avenues for future research are also discussed.

We Are All Africans! The Role of Procedural Justice in Citizens' Trust in The Police in Africa

Michael K. Dzordzormenyoh, Kent State University

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the factors influencing citizens' trust in the police in Africa. Using the AfroBarometer round 8 survey, the current study assesses the effect of procedural justice and other variables on trust in the police.

Emotion Dysregulation in Police Contacts: Assessing for Behavioral Cues

Kasi Chatburn, Washington State University

David Makin, Washington State University

Contact between officers and individuals demonstrating cognitive impairment (IDCIs) have increased in frequency and intensity, often involving use-of-force. Detecting this impairment and responding accordingly remains a high priority for agencies seeking to improve interactions. Applying the Clinician-Rated Dimensions of Psychosis Symptom Severity (CRDPSS) to a sample of 446 police-public interactions, this research applies systematic Social Event Modeling (SSEM) documenting observational cues, the duration of those cues, and how officers responding to those cues. Results indicate co-occurring cues, dispatch-initiated calls, and contacts involving cues of depression have a higher likelihood of emotion dysregulation and increasing levels of intensity.

3:20pm-4:30pm

EVENT # 3

Riverfront A

WORKSHOP: To Do or Not to Do: Recommendations for Writing Federal Grant Proposals

Facilitator: Shaun Gann, Justice Information Resource Network

Facilitator: Jessica Wells, Boise State University

This roundtable will provide tips and recommendations to consider when writing grant proposals for agencies within the DOJ's Office of Justice Programs (i.e., BJA, BJS, NIJ, OJJDP, OVC, and SMART) and the National Science Foundation (NSF). The discussants will cover all aspects of the grant-writing process (e.g., identifying partners, creating a budget, the project narrative, and required appendices). The latter part of the panel will be reserved for audience questions.



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4:30pm - 5:30pm

EVENT # 4

Pavilion

**SET UP FOR STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION & JUDGING OF STUDENT
POSTERS**

Only presenting Students and Judges in the room at this time please.

EVENT # 5

President's Reception, Student Poster Competition & Awards

**5:30pm
Pavilion**



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STUDENT POSTERS

Effects of Crime: How Witnessing Violent Crime May Result in Mental Decline

Jacob Silva, St. Mary's University

Colton Daniels, St. Mary's University

Fear of crime and perceived neighborhood disorder are important to research due to their association with mental disorders like PTSD. Research has identified linkages between victimization with fear of crime and perceived neighborhood disorder; exploration of how members of the community respond to violent crime occurring is warranted. Results come from the Nashville Stress and Health Study (n = 1,252), which ascertained the stress and health status of individuals from Davidson County. This study added to the current literature by exploring the relationship between witnessing violent crime with fear of crime, perceived neighborhood disorder, and PTSD.

Variables That Impact Life or Death: Examining Suicide and Suicide Attempts in A Local County Jail

Max Shuman, Weber State University

McKenzie Wood, Weber State University

Suicide of incarcerated individuals remains an ongoing threat in correctional institutions. While best practices and suicide prevention efforts remain at the forefront of corrections, many institutions still suffer from inmates who self-harm, attempt to end their lives, or die by suicide. The current research analyzes data from a local correctional facility to determine the incidence and prevalence of suicide and suicide attempts among incarcerated individuals between the years 2011-2023. Additionally, it examines common risk factors, religiosity, gang involvement, military veteran status and homelessness in conjunction with suicidal behaviors.

Themes of Opioid Laws

Amalia Rubio Gonzalez, Heritage University

Vikki Carpenter, Heritage University

The U.S. is in an opioid epidemic. Citizens are regularly subjected to news stories related to how opioids have torn families apart. This crisis shows no signs of slowing with the creation of new synthetic opioids providing a more dangerous product, potentially escalating mortality and morbidity rates. As this public health crisis plays out, officials are scrambling to create laws, policy, and programs to try to ease this social and health crisis. Using content analysis, this research looks for themes within the laws in 25 randomly selected states attained using Justia Justice search engine. Themes will be analyzed and discussed.



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On Traffic Stops and Constitutional Policing: Examining Colorism and Language-Based Disparities

Josephine Famularo, Washington State University

Traffic stops are the most common form of interaction between the police and public. Body-Worn Camera (BWC) footage now allows researchers to focus on the nature of these interactions and evaluate if, or to what extent, there is differential treatment within these stops. This research applies Systematic Social Event Modeling (SSEM) to a random sample of traffic stops from a mid-sized police agency in Washington state in order to investigate the relationship between the escalation of traffic stops and the color and English proficiency of the driver being stopped. Results reveal variability depending on individual circumstances.

The Association of Race and Communication Patterns Among Law Enforcement Interactions with Cognitively Impaired Civilians

Theresa Harbert, Washington State University

The last two decades have witnessed an increase in awareness and urgency toward improving police interactions among persons with mental illnesses (PMIs). Embedded within this response are efforts to improve empathy, active listening, and responsive referrals to resources. Survey and interview-based research documents issues and challenges from the perspectives of the individual, officer, and family members, though absent from this research is research examining the nature of these interactions. This research uses 105 randomly sampled videos of police body-worn camera (BWC) footage to examine dimensions of interpersonal communication (i.e., tone, intensity, pace) within contacts involving a person exhibiting observational cues associated with cognitive impairment. These outcomes are examined to determine to what extent individual and situational factors influence the interaction. Results suggest variability in the frequency and nature of effective interpersonal communication within these contacts, variability in the presence of observational cues associated with cognitive impairment, and referral for services.

A Comparative Analysis of Violent Crime and Homicide Rates in Spokane

Christian Kitts, Gonzaga University

Investigating Spokane's recent history of violent crime and homicide rates reveals a complex pattern of fluctuations. This study examines crime rates in Spokane before, during, and after the Covid-19 pandemic, comparing them to Washington state and national averages. Notably, there has been a substantial rise in homicide rates. Through comprehensive data analysis, we seek to elucidate the factors contributing to these fluctuations, shedding light on the underlying causes behind the notable increase in homicide rates in recent years. Our findings may provide valuable insights into the dynamics of violent crime in Spokane and help inform future crime prevention strategies.



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8:00am-12:00pm **REGISTRATION/HOSPITALITY DESK** **Riverfront A**

8:00am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** **Riverfront A**

Sponsored by: Boise State University, School of Public Service

8:30am - 9:30am **EVENT # 6** **Riverfront A**

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Police to Prisons: Interrogations, Revocations, and LWOP

Chair: Taryn VanderPyl, Western Oregon University

Growing Up in Prison: The Impact of Juvenile Life Without Parole Sentences

Taryn VanderPyl, Western Oregon University

There have been roughly 2,500 kids sentenced to juvenile life without parole (JLWOP), considered “irreparably corrupt” and “permanently incorrigible” by the courts before their brains were finished developing. A series of four landmark cases changed some harsh sentencing laws for children, but not before thousands of lives were irreparably harmed and permanently scarred. As a result, JLWOP sentences across the country are being reviewed and hundreds of now-adults are being released. This presentation includes the results of a qualitative study involving several of these individuals who went into prison as teenagers and came out decades later to a different world.

Remedies for Violations of Juvenile Interrogation Statutes

Mark Denniston, Weber State University

Michelle Jeffs, Weber State University

This paper addresses whether suppression of evidence is appropriate for voluntary statements by a minor undergoing custodial interrogation, without the statutorily-mandated presence of a parent or guardian, when interrogation otherwise followed Miranda procedure. At this writing, twenty states have statutory protections for juveniles in addition to Miranda requirements, of which twelve states also provide statutory remedies, but the remaining eight do not specify a remedy. Courts have also reached different conclusions regarding whether strict or substantial compliance with statutes triggers suppression.

What Influences Officer Decisions to Pursue Revocation?

Eric Wodahl, University of Wyoming

The current study seeks to enhance our understanding of how community supervision officers make decisions to pursue revocation through a survey with probation officers in the Denver



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Adult Probation Department. Survey questions generally focused in three broad areas: 1) the amount of freedom officers feel they have in making revocation decisions, 2) the importance of consulting outside sources (e.g., other probation officers, counselors, family members), and 3) the weight given to factors such as the perceived threat the client poses to the community and the client's mental health. Study findings and policy implications are discussed.

9:40am - 10:50am

EVENT # 7

Riverfront A

ROUNDTABLE: The Supreme Court in 2023

Moderator: Mark Denniston, Weber State University

Discussant: Jennifer Noble, California State University, Sacramento

Discussant: Stephanie Mizrahi, California State University, Sacramento

Discussant: Ciara McGlynn, Washington State University

Discussant: Mary McMillin, Washington State University

This session will review the Supreme Court's 2022 term through presenting the paper, "Recent Legal Developments: Criminal Justice Decisions of the United States Supreme Court, 2022 Term." Then the panel will consider several pending criminal justice cases, including *U.S. v Rahimi*, asking whether a congressional statute prohibiting the possession of firearms by persons subject to domestic violence restraining orders violates the Second Amendment, and *McElrath v Georgia*, considering the application of the Double Jeopardy Clause to repugnant verdicts, before asking attendees to vote on the likely outcome of pending cases.

11:00am-11:15am

EVENT # 8

Riverfront A

ACJS President Remarks

Anthony Peguero, Arizona State University

11:15am

EVENT # 9

Riverfront A

BUSINESS MEETING

Future Directions by WACJ Executive Board

Financial Report by Andrew Giacomazzi, Treasurer

Organization Updates by Marianne Hudson, Secretary

Nominations for Second-Vice President

*****ALL INVITED---NOMINATIONS FOR SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT WILL BE
TAKEN*****



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EVENT # 10

WACJ LUNCHEON

12:00pm - 1:30pm, Pavilion

Guest Speaker: *Sterling Cunio,*
Transformative Justice Community

Sterling Cunio is a poet and activist who is on a path of redemptive service as a credible messenger through mentoring, performing, and engaging with returning citizens, scholars, and fellow change agents. Sterling was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole at the age of 16. After serving more than 27 years inside Oregon State Penitentiary, former Governor Kate Brown granted him clemency for his remarkable transformation and influence. He was released on November 1, 2021. Since his return to society, Sterling has worked tirelessly to promote transformative justice through recognition of the intersection of personal transformation, healing, and the need to dismantle systems of oppression. His goal is to promote individual and systemic change to reduce violence, incarceration, and re-incarceration. He is a 2019-2020 PEN America Writing for Justice Fellow, a 2019 Oregon Literary Arts Fellow, and a two-time PEN America Prison Writing Award winner. His work has been published by The Marshall Project and the Los Angeles Review of Books. His story has been featured in the books *A Grip of Time: When Prison is Your Life* and *Free: Two Years, Six Lives, and the Long Journey Home*, and on NPR's *All Things Considered* for his poetry being turned into song by Grammy-winning jazz drummer Antonio Sanchez. Sterling is the director of ReGroup, a reentry support organization, and serves on the board of the nonprofit, Transformative Justice Community.

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1:30pm-5:00pm

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1:40pm-3:40pm

EVENT # 11

Riverfront A

FEATURED ROUNDTABLE: Beyond the Ivory Tower: Learning the Impact and Insights of The Criminal Justice Legal System from Those with Lived Experience

Moderator: Taryn VanderPyl, Western Oregon University

Discussant: Sterling Cunio, Transformative Justice Community

Discussant: Scott Spencer-Wolff

Discussant: Kyle Hedquist

This moderated panel will include participants with decades of personal experience in prisons in Oregon, Washington, and California. Learn the impact of our system of punishment, insights from those who have been there, and the potential for addressing harm caused. What does true accountability look like? How can trauma be transformed to interrupt harm? What does transformation look like in a prison environment? How can one live out their amends? Join the discussion and learn directly from those who spent decades inside prison trying to answer these very questions.

3:50pm – 4:50pm

EVENT # 12

Riverfront A

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: The World Today: Intimate Partner Violence, Mass Shootings, and Homicide

Chair: Faith Lutze, Washington State University

Bringing the Firepower: Examining Muzzle Energy and Caliber of Ammunition in The Context of Mass Shootings

Cody Jorgensen, Boise State University

Benjamin Comer, Texas Christian University

Despite the extensive literature on mass shootings, minimal consideration has been given to the specific muzzle energy and caliber of ammunition used in these events and whether these factors influences the outcome of these shootings. The current study examined the effect of muzzle energy and caliber of ammunition on the number of victims killed and injured in mass shootings. Analysis of The Violence Project (Version 6) mass shooting dataset indicated that the muzzle energy of the ammunition used in a mass shooting was positively associated with the number of people killed and total victims while the caliber of the ammunition was negatively associated with those outcomes.



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Code of The Street and Homicidal Ideation: A Test of Race and Gender

Mark Heirigs, University of Montana

Research has examined the relationship offending severity, psychopathy, and adverse childhood experiences have with homicidal ideation. The literature also consistently shows a link between street code adherence and offending. However, researchers have yet to examine the effect that street code adherence has on homicidal ideation. The current analysis used 322 criminal justice involved individuals to examine the effects street code adherence has on homicidal ideation. Adherence to the code of the street was a consistent predictor of homicidal ideation. The findings suggest street code is an important factor that researchers should consider when studying homicidal ideation.

Intimate Partner Violence and the Importance of Real Time Data Collection by Police: Utilizing the LAP Lethality Screen Beyond Risk Assessment

Faith Lutze, Washington State University

Anne Korp, Spokane Regional Domestic Violence Coalition

Tessa Wilson, Washington State University

Eunsuhk Choi, South Korea National Police Services

Mary Miller, Whitworth University

The Lethality Assessment Program's (LAP) Lethality Screen is used by police to assess the risk that serious injury or death may occur if IPV victims are not provided additional safety planning and assistance. Thus, the lethality screen is generally used on a case-by-case basis to guide victims and first responders in the immediate situation. We argue that the information gathered by police officers through the Lethality Screen, when used in the aggregate, may be used to describe the types and severity of IPV encountered by the police within their jurisdiction and have utility in the aggregate to inform policy and practice.

5:00pm
WACJ QUIZ BOWL

EVENT # 13

Riverfront A

Moderator: Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University

Do you have what it takes to be crowned the 2023 champs? Form a team of 2-4 members, then get ready for a face-paced game where your speed in answering questions could be the difference between winning and losing. Lots of CJ/Criminology/WACJ/Spokane specific questions. See you at WACJ QUIZ BOWL!



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8:30am-9:30am **REGISTRATION/HOSPITALITY DESK** **Riverfront A**

8:30am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** **Riverfront A**

Sponsored by: Boise State University, Department of Criminal Justice & Sacramento State University, Division of Criminal Justice

9:00am – 9:45am **EVENT # 14** **Riverfront A**

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Restorative Justice and Dispute Resolution

Chair: Alison Burke, Southern Oregon University

Restorative Justice, Empathy, And Accountability: Understanding the Cycle of Harmed People Harming People

Alison Burke, Southern Oregon University

With the CJ pendulum swinging from a punitive punishment and retribution model to a more reformatory and rehabilitative one, RJ (restorative justice) programs have been sprouting up around the United States. Instead of asking what law was broken, who broke it, and what punishment is warranted (as the current CJ system does), restorative justice asks who was harmed and how do we repair that harm- to the community, to the victim, and to the offender. Empirical research demonstrates that adversity, such as adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and toxic stress, can have real and measurable impacts on brain development and behavior. Restorative Justice is an inclusive process that utilizes storytelling to tell the trauma and empower the voices of those who harmed and were harmed. To that end, the current research will provide a brief look at a burgeoning restorative justice initiative in Oregon.

Reframing Justice in Higher Education

Victoria Goodson, Eastern Washington University

In addition to being a higher education professional, ADR specialist, Restorative Practices Trainer and Instructor, and change agent for student conduct offices, I'm also advocate for higher education whole-campus ADR (Mediation, Restorative Justice, etc.) implementation. In January 2023, Eastern Washington University's executive leadership team and President approved a 5-Year ADR whole campus proposal. Working within the Student Rights and Responsibilities office, I am collaborating with campus partners on reframing what our office emulates, values, and promotes, changing our Washington Administrative Code to allow for ADR processes as part of the student conduct process, providing professional development opportunities for staff and faculty to learn conflict resolution and management skills, etc.



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9:50am-10:50am

EVENT # 15

Riverfront A

PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Criminal Justice Potpourri

Chair: Jennifer Noble, California State University, Sacramento

Exploring the Benefits of Embedding Financial Literacy into Criminal Justice Courses

Jennifer Noble, California State University, Sacramento

Mercedes Valadez, California State University, Sacramento

Over the past few years, young adults have become increasingly at risk of falling victim to financial scams. College students are targeted for financial aid scams, fake employment opportunities, among other forms of predatory online scams. College courses can serve to provide students with fundamental lifelong skills that they may not have previously developed at home or pre-college, including basic financial literacy skills and knowledge. While economics and finance courses have traditionally served this purpose, this presentation will address how class-based projects in criminal justice courses can serve to build lifelong financial literacy knowledge among undergraduate students in a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI).

Holistic Preservation Assessment: Combining Human Safety, Animal-Well Being, Environmental Awareness, and Wildfire Safety

Matthew DeGarmo, Gonzaga University

The "Holistic Preservation Assessment" is a novel strategy of combining crime prevention through environmental design with the areas of animal well-being, environmental awareness, and wildfire safety. Through service-learning, the project teams college students with historically underserved youth and law enforcement officers to conduct assessments of right-to-rest areas and non-profit organizations (particularly animal shelters). The overall approach will be discussed, along with the current progress of the ongoing project; including completed assessments of Human Society facilities.

They Still Hang Horse Thieves, Don't They?

David Sexton, Great Basin College

A look at modern day cattle rustling and the agricultural police officers, brand inspectors and sheriff deputies that attempt to corral the varmints. Crime scenes focus on the high desert of the Great Basin region of Nevada, Oregon and Idaho. Investigators and suspects play out a cat and mouse game over thousands of miles of dusty back roads, relying on low-tech cattle brands to high tech satellite tracking tags. Annual profits or losses can be in the millions of dollars.



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11:00am-11:45am

EVENT # 16

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PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Research on Indigenous Peoples and Colorism

Chair: Vikki Carpenter, Heritage University

Mapping the Way Home: A Literature Analysis of MMIWG2S

Emilie Christopher, Washington State University

The fairly short history of research in Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW), Girls, and Two-Spirit persons, abbreviated henceforth as MMIWG2S, has broached several facets of the epidemic, though little has occurred about using databases and geographic information systems in locating and identifying these women. Prior literature, while limited, has touched on evaluating the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUS), who has a small virtual branch of the official United States Department of Justice website dedicated to MMIWG2S. Likewise, any research done on MMIWG2S is focused mainly on the United States and Canada, two countries where the issue is most prominent, and most prominently providing research. This study aims to provide a review on 23 pieces of literature surrounding the use of databases and GIS on MMIWG2S in the United States of America and Canada. This review furthermore aims to explore the gap in research surrounding the use of databases and GIS in studying MMIWG2S. Results of this study are pending, though notable trends in the lack of in-depth and widespread MMIWG2S database research have appeared.

Beyond the Linear Model: A Discussion of the Complexities of Colorism in Criminal Justice

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Colorism, coined by Alice Walker (1982), refers to privilege of light skinned individuals within Black communities. Although this definition sparked a create deal of discussion, there is a great deal more to be understood. Using an intersectional lens, the goal of this discussion will be to move beyond the linear understanding, showing the complexities of this phenomenon, while demonstrating its applicability to policy and programs within the criminal justice system.

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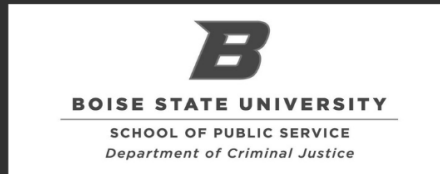
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