

# *Thursday, October 13*

**8:00am-12:00pm**      **REGISTRATION/HOSPITALITY DESK**      **Silver Baron E**

**8:30am**      **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**      **Silver Baron E**  
*Sponsored by: Sam Houston State University—College of Criminal Justice*

**9:00am - 10:00am**      **EVENT # 6**      **Silver Baron E**  
**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Strategies in Research and Academics**  
*Chair: Victor Shaw, California State University, Northridge*

**Locating and Recruiting Research Participants with Problem Experiences**  
*Victor Shaw, California State University, Northridge*

This paper draws on years of fieldwork contact with participants who experience various problem events in life. With focus on locating and recruiting these subjects for research, it first describes major challenges such as no identifying address, no planned schedule, no set routine, no stable relationship, and high mobility. It then discusses main strategies ranging from surveying the neighborhood, exploring major points of interest, identifying key informants, seeking assistance from service workers, and using general knowledge. Examples are used to illustrate how generalizations in each category are made from real- world observation.

**The Value of Researcher/Practitioner Partnerships: Lessons and Policy Responses from the Reducing Revocation Challenge Grant**  
*Eric Wodahl, University of Wyoming*  
*Cary Heck, Denver Adult Probation Department*  
*Kim Schweitzer, University of North Dakota*

In 2019, the Denver Adult Probation (DAP) and the University of Wyoming Criminal Justice program established a research partnership funded through the Arnold Ventures Reducing Revocation Challenge Grant initiative. The goals of this partnership were to first identify the drivers of probation revocation in the DAPD, and second to utilize these findings to shape policy responses to improve supervision outcomes. This presentation will provide a summary of the key research findings followed by a more in-depth look at the policy responses undertaken by the DAPD. Specific attention will be given to the value of ongoing research partnerships and their challenges.

**Same as It Ever Was?—The Entrenchment of Punitive Populism in Academic Governance**  
*Dimitri A. Bogazianos, Sacramento State*

While mainstream news outlets have begun to note the return of tough-on-crime political rhetoric, this paper—analyzing a range of publicly available sources—argues that media- driven “left vs. right” culture war simplifications gloss the degree to which academic governance now borrows directly from the punitive populism of yesteryear, in both discourse and policy. Ultimately, critical criminologists, I suggest, are well-positioned to begin answering a

fundamental question: Why, at this point in history, has the Academy—to use an oft-repeated phrase—begun to uncritically, unreflexively, and unapologetically “govern through crime”?

**10:10am - 10:40am**                                  **EVENT # 7**                                  **Silver Baron E**

**WORKSHOP: Dissemination of Research and Programming**

*Facilitators: Jessica Wells, Boise State University  
Taryn VanderPyl, Western Oregon University*

In academia, too often we only write for other academics. However, dissemination of research is most effective when you can get your findings out to people who will use them and truly learn from them. Research should have an impact – socially, politically, economically, and in the lives of those it is about. How can you get the attention of the right people so you and your work can make an impact? In this workshop, we will discuss tips for getting published (articles and books), as well as how to get your research disseminated more effectively.

**10:50am - 11:50am**                                  **EVENT # 8**                                  **Silver Baron E**

**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\*\*\*

**12:00pm-1:30 pm**                                  **EVENT # 9**                                  **Silver Baron C & D**

**Luncheon—Sponsored by WACJ**

*Guest Speaker: Breanna Boppre, Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University*

**1:30pm-5:00pm**                                  **REGISTRATION/HOSPITALITY DESK**                                  **Silver Baron E**

**1:40pm-2:35pm**                                  **EVENT # 10**                                  **Silver Baron E**

**WORKSHOP: Developing Criminal Justice and Criminology Courses**

*Facilitators: Jennifer Noble, California State University, Sacramento  
Marc Ruffinengo, Boise State University  
Stephanie Mizrahi, California State University, Sacramento*

This interactive workshop will examine how criminal justice faculty are adapting courses and curricula to incorporate new topics and diverse perspectives. Bring your ideas for new classes and topics you are excited about teaching.

**2:45pm – 3:40pm**                                  **EVENT # 11**                                  **Silver Baron E**

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: State Governance and Legal Systems**

*Chair: Mark Denniston, Weber State University*

## **Persistence of State Constitutional Precedent with a Changing Iowa Supreme Court**

*Mark Denniston, Weber State University*

The Iowa Supreme Court has recently experienced a dramatic shift with the sudden illness and deaths of two members, including the long-serving former Chief Justice, leading to a conservative majority replacing a liberal majority. Already there are initial signals the Court may reconsider and overturn several of its state constitutional rights decisions of recent years, going from a court that was very active in state constitutional decisions to one much more reserved. This paper/presentation explores the persistence of precedent under these circumstances and examining whether those previous precedents are to be overturned, distinguished, or merely construed narrowly to their specific facts. Also, if overturned, whether those previous decisions continue to be consequential in their influence if they have been followed by other sister state courts and/or legal scholarship?

## **The Psychology of Apologies Within the Legal System: Will Apologies Save Governors Snyder and Cuomo?**

*Katie Cunius, University of Nevada, Reno*

*Monica Miller, University of Nevada, Reno*

Apologies are evident in everyday life, including within the criminal justice setting. However, not all apologies are effective, and research has identified seven elements of an apology that can be combined, after considering the apology's context, for the apology to be effective. This paper examines former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's apology for his sexual assault accusations, and former Michigan Governor Rick Snyder for his compliance in the Flint water crisis. I will critique the successful and unsuccessful elements of their apologies and advise how these apologies could have been constructed to be more effective.

## **Closing the Slavery Loophole: Personal Stories of Prison Labor as Constitutional Slavery**

*Taryn VanderPyl, Western Oregon University*

Ten states still have language in their constitutions allowing slavery and involuntary servitude as a form of punishment for a crime. The "slavery loophole" language is also found in the United State Constitution. Five states will vote this November on whether to remove the slavery loophole language from their constitutions. In this presentation, personal stories from currently incarcerated adults will be shared regarding their experiences within the slavery loophole of prison labor.

**3:50pm – 4:50pm**

**EVENT # 12**

**Silver Baron E**

**PAPER PRESENTATIONS: Correctional Experiences and Impact**

*Chair: Sriram Chintakrindi, California State University, Stanislaus*

## **Exploratory Analysis of Predictors Effecting Suicidal Thinking in Prison Treatment Program**

*Sriram Chintakrindi, California State University, Stanislaus*

In this study, we use a retrospective case-control study design, to compare our outcomes of interest among participants who have self-reported suicidal ideations (cases) with participants who do not report this outcome (controls). The sample group included participants admitted into prison treatment programs who have a co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders. In our multivariate model analyses, we will introduce control variables in order to understand the magnitude of effect and directionality that control variables, such as demographic and criminal history variables, have in association with our outcome of interest, suicidal ideations. Our results indicate that individuals with stable housing have significantly lower odds of demonstrating suicidal ideations. Finally, we found that individuals with prior weapons offenses and psychiatric hospitalization have a higher odd of demonstrating suicidal ideations.

### **A Quantitative Analysis of Community Convalescence Through Reintegration**

*Georgen Guerrero, University of the Incarnate Word*

Reintegrating inmates back into society after years of incarceration is a requirement of any just society. But trying to figure out the best practices are not always easy. Using archival data, this paper examines quantitative data for determining best practices for community convalescence of reintegration efforts.

### **At the Intersection of Private and Public Morality: Correctional Officer COVID-19 Vaccine Refusal**

*Jennifer L. Lanterman, University of Nevada, Reno*

*Nicholas Matera, University of Nevada, Reno*

The COVID-19 pandemic created myriad challenges for democratic countries that must balance individual rights and public goods. This challenge arose in the context of U.S. correctional staff refusing the COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine was identified as the most effective way to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the risk of severe disease and death, which is critical in prisons and jails where prisoners are more likely to be living with conditions that increase the likelihood of negative outcomes associated with COVID-19. This paper assesses correctional staff vaccine refusal through the lens of private and public morality.

**5:00pm**

**EVENT # 13**

**Silver Baron C & D**

**WACJ PUB-STYLE TRIVIA**

*Moderator: Andrew Giacomazzi, Boise State University*

All new this year! Do you have what it takes to become a WACJ Trivia Master? Form a team of 2-6 people and see if your team will be crowned our champs with bragging rights for an entire year. 2022 trivia categories include CJ, ALL ABOUT RENO, ALL ABOUT WACJ/ACJS, AND POP CULTURE!