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Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators

Justice For All: The Path Forward

Edinboro University
Frank G. Pogue Student Center
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Welcome!

As First Vice President of the Pennsylvania Association of Criminal Justice Educators, it is my honor to welcome you to the 2017 annual meeting at Edinboro University. The annual meeting provides PACJE with the opportunity to bring together a diverse group of individuals in the interest of higher education. This year’s theme, *Justice for All: The Path Forward*, highlights criminal justice reform and ways to do so for all system-involved persons, whether offender, victim, exoneree, or reentrant. It has allowed for the inclusion of a broad range of topics related to our discipline. Criminology and criminal justice educators, practitioners, and students from across Pennsylvania will present on a variety of pertinent areas including law enforcement, courts, corrections, classroom techniques, and research. Of note, this year’s panels and roundtables include a number of student researchers who will discuss the results of their research and their experiences with doing research. PACJE is most supportive of such experiential learning for students.

I am pleased that this year’s theme is enhanced by the morning speaker, Sheila Silman of Erie County Re-Entry Services and Support Alliance, the keynote speaker, Amy Blackman from the Crime Victim Center of Erie, and the afternoon plenary session panelists who have unique experiences with capital punishment in the State of Ohio. The presentations highlight justice for reentrants, victims of crime and the criminal justice system.

The recipients of the Bernie Meyer undergraduate and graduate scholarship, and the winners of the student research paper competition will be announced. Also, during the meeting, please take the time to visit DeSales University, and Mercyhurst University exhibit tables located outside of the Multipurpose Room.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who made this conference possible. A special thank you must be given to Edinboro University and the Department of Criminal Justice, Anthropology, & Forensic Studies for the generous support, as well as the members of PACJE for their continued effort to keep this important organization alive. Your dedication is essential to the success of PACJE and the annual meeting. On a personal note, thank you, Jim! I appreciate the forethought and support under your chairmanship!

Thank you for joining us! It is my hope that you will all have an enjoyable and productive day at the 2017 PACJE annual meeting.

Deborah T. Vegh, Ph.D.
First Vice President
Schedule of Events

Friday, April 7, 2017
5:00-6:00pm

PACJE Executive Board Meeting

Comfort Suites Conference & Meeting Room

6:30-8:00pm

Onsite Registration & Evening Social

Comfort Suites Conference & Meeting Room

Light Refreshments will be provided.

Saturday, April 8, 2017

7:45-8:15am

Onsite Registration & Breakfast

Frank G. Pogue Student Center, MPR A

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Edinboro University

8:15-8:45am

Welcome Plenary Session

Frank G. Pogue Student Center, MPR A

Deborah T. Vegh, Ph.D.

PACJE First Vice President

Morning Plenary Speaker

Sheila Silman, M.S., Program Manager

Erie County Re-Entry Services and Support Alliance
Panel & Roundtable Sessions

9:00-10:15am

Event 1—The Police, The Posse & The Prostitute

Pogue 303C

Panel Chair: Joseph Conti, J.D., Edinboro University
Police Use of Deadly Force: Finding a Path to Reduce It and Provide Justice for Victims

Sheryl Van Horne, Ph.D., Eastern University
Grand Juries and Police Deadly Force Cases: Are Prosecutors Opening a Closed Door?

Joseph P. Conti, J.D., Edinboro University
Understanding the Motivations of Citizens to Join a County Posse Initiative

Michael J. McSkimming, Ph.D., Lock Haven University; Ahmet Guler, Ph.D.,
Lock Haven University
An Application of Hot-Spot Policing in a High Crime Cyber-Space

R. Matthew Dotts, DeSales University

Event 2—Roundtable

Issues in Crime and the Criminal Justice System

Pogue 309

Moderator: Youngyol Schanz, Ph.D., Slippery Rock University
Discussants:

Jacob Brown, Slippery Rock University
Cameron Switzer, Slippery Rock University
Cassandra Wright, Slippery Rock University
Event 3—Sex Crimes: Grooming, Testing & Perspectives

Pogue 310

Panel Chair: Molly Wolf, Ph.D., Edinboro University
College Student’s Perspective of Sexual Assault
Roya Fashandi, Penn State New Kensington
Perpetrator Grooming as Part of the Overall Child Sexual Abuse Experience
Molly Wolf, Ph.D., Edinboro University

Event 4—The "Trump Effect": Future Outlooks for Education and the Criminal Justice System

Pogue 143

Panel Chair: Shavonne Arthurs, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Trump Fighting Heroin: Hype or Help?
Shavonne Arthurs, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
The Travel Ban and Higher Education: Implications for the Present and Future
Charlie Domahidi, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
The Supreme Court Vacancy and the Future Outlook
Jennifer Boyer, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
The Future of Bipartisan Criminal Justice Policies and Politics
Darla D. Darno, Ph.D., East Stroudsburg University
EmmaLeigh Kirchner, Ph.D., Mercyhurst University
Muslim Americans and Homegrown Terrorism: What Is the Influence of Religion on Terrorism?
Justin Read, York College of Pennsylvania
Event 5—Qualitative Data: Crimes & Convictions

Pogue 303B

Panel Chair: Justin Huffman, Edinboro University

The Impact of Violent Media and the Relation to Criminal Behavior
Kaleigh Tillman, Mercyhurst University; Rianna Bartlett, Mercyhurst University; Mia Kraus, Mercyhurst University

Analysis of the Slender Man Stabbing Case
Rachel Lyons, Lock Haven University; Brooke Wilk, Lock Haven University

Student Voices: The Impact of a Wrongful Convictions Course
Justin Ransel, Edinboro University; Justin Huffman, Edinboro University; Deborah T. Vegh, Ph.D., Edinboro University; Theodore Yeshion, Ph.D., Gannon University

Pretrial Publicity: Does the Source’s Credibility Impact Jurors’ Verdicts?
Taylor Hartwell, York College of Pennsylvania

Event 6—Educational Strategies in Criminal Justice Education

Pogue 310

Panel Chair: Greg Koehle, Ph.D., Lock Haven University

Mining the Past: Using 19th Century Digitized Newspapers to Enhance Contemporary Criminal Justice Instruction
Scott Duncan, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

Storytelling as a Pedagogical Tool
Greg Koehle, Ph.D., Lock Haven University

Getting My Good Life: Research to Classroom
Jeremy Olson, Ph.D., Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
Event 7—Trauma Informed Principles of Care with LGBTQ People in the Criminal Justice System

Pogue Theatre

Panel Chair: William Koehler, Ph.D., Edinboro University

SOGIE Language 101

Michelle Wolf, MBA, MFT, Edinboro University

Common Attitudes and Behaviors Encountered by LGBTQ People Within the System

Tracy Leet, LSW, Edinboro University

Common Traumas Experienced by LGBTQ People and Trauma Informed Care Principles to Inform Our Work with Those Who Are Incarcerated

Hilary Copp, Ph.D., Edinboro University; William Koehler, Ph.D., Edinboro University

Current and Emerging Policies and Procedural Considerations

Miranda Galbreath, LPC, NCC, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections

10:30-11:45am

Event 8—Educational Issues

Pogue 309

Panel Chair: Ed Bowman, Ph.D., Lock Haven University

Predicting Enrollment in Pennsylvania’s State System of Education Criminal Justice Programs: Examining Pennsylvania’s Labor Market Signals and Program Degree Completers

Ed Bowman, Ph.D., Lock Haven University

Academic Bullying: Justice for All?

Del Rounds, Ph.D., Edinboro University
Event 9—Roundtable

Views from the Field: Selected Correctional Issues in Institutional and Community Corrections

Pogue 143

Moderator: Kevin E. Courtright, Ph.D., Edinboro University

Discussants:

Arthur Amann, Criminal Justice Consultant
Gary Cornelius, Fairfax County (VA) Office of the Sheriff
Jeffery Shaw, Erie County Adult Probation Department
Leslie Wagner, Community Transition Center

Event 10—Roundtable

Challenges to Accessing Criminal Justice Data

Pogue 303B

Moderator: Sarah Kuehn, Ph.D., Slippery Rock University

Discussants:

Rebecca Ridener, Ph.D., Slippery Rock University
Youngol Schanz, Ph.D., Slippery Rock University
David Champion, Ph.D., Slippery Rock University
Capt. Ashley Heiberger, J.D., Bethlehem Police Department
Event 11—Through the Lens of Theory & Treatment

*Pogue 303C*

Panel Chair: *Jeffrey J. Roth, Ph.D., Penn State New Kensington*

Gender Differences in Macro-Level Routine Activities Predictors of Property Crime

*Jeffrey J. Roth, Ph.D., Penn State New Kensington*

College Alcohol Use: Testing the General Theory of Crime

*Matthew Kijowski, Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

The Opioid Epidemic and the American Criminal Justice System: Assessing the Effectiveness of Medicated Assisted Treatment on Correctional Populations

*Nathan Kruis, Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

Event 12—Roundtable

Student Experiences with Undergraduate Research: Rural Reentry Issues

*Pogue 303A*

Moderator: *Caitlyn Cook, Lock Haven University*

Discussants:

*Justin Gantz, Lock Haven University*

*Gregory Kaminski, Lock Haven University*

*Alexa O’Connell, Lock Haven University*

*David Poretta, Lock Haven University*

*Brooke Wilk, Lock Haven University*
12:00-1:00pm

**Luncheon**

*Frank G. Pogue Student Center, MPR A*

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12:15-12:45pm

**Keynote Speaker**

Amy Blackman, Director of Prevention Education

Crime Victim Center—Erie PA

12:45-1:00pm

**PACJE Student Awards**

**PACJE Student Research Papers**

Graduate Research Paper

*Matthew Hassett, Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

Undergraduate Research Paper

*Taylor Hartwell, York College of Pennsylvania*

**Bernie Meyer Student Scholarship Awards**

Graduate Student Recipient

*Matthew Hassett, Indiana University of Pennsylvania*

Undergraduate Student Recipient

*Taylor Kasavage, Mercyhurst University*

**Closing Remarks**

Sheryl Van Horne, Ph.D., *Eastern University*, President, PACJE

Deborah T. Vegh, Ph.D., *Edinboro University*, First Vice President, PACJE
1:00-2:15pm  Afternoon Plenary Session

*Pogue MPR A*

Moderator: Kathleen Lucas, Executive Director
Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty

Panelists:

The Honorable John J. Russo &
The Honorable Michael P. Donnelly

*Cuyahoga County (OH) Common Pleas & formerly on Ohio Supreme Court Death Penalty Task Force*

Joe D’Ambrosio, death row *exoneree*

Rev. Neil Kookoothe, R.N., J.D., *ally*
Plenary Speaker

Sheila Silman, M.S. serves as the Director of the Erie County Re-Entry Services and Support Alliance. The ECRSSA is part of Unified Erie efforts to reduce crime and violence in the region and includes strategies for prevention, enforcement, and reentry. The ECRSSA addresses reentry concerns for those reentering society from county, state, and federal lockup. Focused services include employment, housing, education, transportation, mentoring, and more. ECRSSA’s goal is to provide a support structure that reduces the likelihood that ex-offenders will return to crime.

Keynote Speaker

Amy Blackman is Director of Prevention Education and Outreach for the Crime Victim Center of Erie (PA). The Crime Victim Center of Erie County, Inc. was established in 1973. It provides a full continuum of services to victims and witnesses of any type of crime, including crisis intervention, counseling, accompaniment through the criminal justice and medical systems, and victim compensation and restitution assistance. The Prevention Education Department provides prevention and education programs to schools, businesses, allied professionals, faith-based institutions and other community groups to work towards the prevention of crime and victimization.

Afternoon Plenary Session

Kathleen Lucas is the Executive Director of Pennsylvanians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Kathleen has been active in human rights work for over 30 years with organizations including Amnesty International, NAACP and the Pennsylvania Prison Society. The Honorable John Russo serves as the administrative and presiding judge and the Honorable Michael Donnelly serve as a judge of the Cuyahoga County (OH) Common Pleas Court. Both served on the Ohio Supreme Court Death Penalty Task Force in 2013. Joe D’Ambrosio spent 22 years on Ohio’s death row before his exoneration in 2012. Fr. Neil Kookoothe serves as the pastor of St. Clarence Church in North Olmsted, Ohio. His background in nursing and the law provided him with a unique skillset that allowed him to assist Joe in his quest to prove his innocence, and ultimately, his release.
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