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Welcome to the Virtual Midwestern Criminal Justice Association Annual Meeting for 2020

MCJA Members, Panel Participants, and Attendees:

I certainly wish that I were welcoming you all to Chicago for the Midwestern Criminal Justice Association’s 43rd annual meeting. Unfortunately, seeing you all in Chicago is not possible this year. That realization and subsequently planning our virtual meeting have reminded me just how much I look forward to the annual meeting each year. I am sure that many of you are feeling the same way. That said, I think you will enjoy the streamlined program that we have put together. Our theme this year is “Into a New Decade: Bridging Theory, Research, and Policy in Criminal Justice.”

Though we selected our theme shortly after last year’s meeting, it seems more and more relevant every day as we have progressed through 2020. There are a number of issues currently occurring that we as a group can (and many of you do) contribute our voices to in an effort to inform and advance theory, research, and policy. We have several panels for you today that we believe drive at the heart of linking these three areas.

We are grateful to have Saint Louis University, College of Public Health and Social Justice; University of Cincinnati, School of Criminal Justice; Peregrine Global Services; and Routledge: Taylor & Francis Group as sponsors for our panels this year. The first panel focuses on criminal justice organizations and operational responses to COVID-19 and contextualizes the data we may be reviewing in the future. Our second panel pays tribute to a long-time member of MCJA who contributed in many ways over the years. We honor Dr. Michael Leiber’s memory with the presentation of his final research and discussion of his influence through collaboration and mentorship. The Presidential Roundtable – Bridging Policy to Practice includes three discussants with extensive experience building researcher/practitioner partnerships and seeing their efforts implemented as policy or procedural change. Finally, our keynote address is provided by Dr. Beth M. Huebner from the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Dr. Huebner provides a timely discussion of a model for jail decarceration.

Even in this streamlined format, our annual meeting would not have been possible without the support and dedication of many people. Thank you to our sponsors and advertisers who remained committed to supporting MCJA in this format. Sponsor information is available through our website (mcja.org) and throughout this program. We also thank the staff of the Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile for their flexibility in reaching an equitable resolution which will keep us at their location through 2023. Thank you to our Immediate Past President, Kiesha Warren-Gordon and Past President, Jason Spraitz for your help and counsel over the past year. It has been incredibly helpful in maintaining our progress this year. Thank you to our current President, Breanne Pleggenkuhle; your leadership and ability to handle every curveball
Thrown at you this year has strengthened the foundation of MCJA. Thank you too for taking over responsibility for the MCJA website. Thank you to our Second Vice President, Dena Carson, who has continued to maintain relationships with all our sponsors and academic programs throughout the Midwest. Thank you to Andrew (AJ) Myer, our Treasurer, knowing that you have the answer to our financial questions has always been reassuring. Thank you to Matt Ritchie, our Secretary, for your continued efforts and voice addressing the difficult issues we have faced this year.

Thank you to George Burruss and his editorial staff with the *Journal of Crime and Justice* for taking over the journal this past year. Now that they have settled into their roles, I look forward to their plans for the future of the journal. Thank you to Melissa Burek who represents us as the ACJS Region 3 Trustee. Thank you to Victoria Beck for organizing and supervising our undergraduate and graduate student paper competitions and thank you to all those reviewers that dedicated their time to selecting the best papers.

Finally, thank you to all of you who continue to support MCJA. We appreciate your understanding through this year, and we hope that you all enjoy this year's program. We look forward to seeing you all in Chicago Thursday, September 23–24, 2021. If you have any comments or concerns as we begin planning next year’s meeting, please let me or another Executive Board member know.

Respectfully,

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A Productive Faculty
Our current faculty continue the interdisciplinary study of crime and justice

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THEMATIC PANEL:
Criminal Justice Responses to COVID-19

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The spread and response to COVID-19 has prompted substantial changes in government, the criminal justice system, and administration of policies. Our panelists present a variety of experiences and perspectives as it relates to COVID-19. Major Ryan Mills supervises one of Kansas City PD’s six patrol divisions and discusses the challenges faced by a major city police department. Dr. Randa Matusiak presents a slightly broader perspective from her role as a researcher in county government focused on several components of public protection. Finally, Dr. Joseph Schafer, Dr. Michael Kyle, and Dr. David White highlight their experiences conducting a research project during a global pandemic.
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Following his unexpected passing in early 2020, Dr. Michael J. Leiber will be remembered not only for his impact as a respected colleague, collaborator, mentor, and friend, but above all, for his distinguished scholarship and career in the field of juvenile justice. Dr. Leiber’s involvement in MCJA was wide-ranging and spanned over three decades. He was President of the association in 2003, Editor of MCJA’s official publication (The Journal of Crime and Justice) from 2010-2019, recipient of the Tom Castellano Award in 2013 for dedicated service to MCJA, and presented papers each year at the annual meetings. We honor his legacy in this panel with three presentations, two of which are his final manuscripts accepted for publication this year, and the third is a manuscript that will be included in a forthcoming JC&J special issue dedicated to his work. MCJA is grateful for Dr. Leiber’s contributions, guidance, and mentorship throughout the years.

WHAT CONTEXT MATTERS AND AT WHAT LEVEL? A TEST OF RACIAL/ETHNIC THREAT, SYMBOLIC THREAT, AND STRUCTURAL INEQUALITY PERSPECTIVES IN JUVENILE COURT DECISION-MAKING

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Do traditional theories of conflict influence juvenile court decision-making and explain racial/ethnic disparities? Racial/ethnic threat, symbolic threat, and structural inequality perspectives purport social controls increase when groups differ in race, ethnicity, or class. Scholarship tends to test one perspective at a time and use county as a unit of analysis. Taking a comparative approach, this study evaluates whether contextual indicators of these three theories, measured at the county- and zip code-levels, contribute to Black-White and Latino-White disparities in court decisions. Multilevel models reveal weak and partial support for each perspective. More effects appear at the zip code-level, indicating conflict may occur within rather than across courts. Macro-level theories must then be reconsidered to describe modern-day juvenile court proceedings.

RACE/ETHNICITY AND THE EFFECTS OF PRIOR CASE OUTCOMES ON CURRENT DISPOSITIONS: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE DISPOSITIONAL CAREERS OF JUVENILE OFFENDERS

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This study draws upon the labeling perspective to examine whether there are patterns of continuity and/or change in the severity of juvenile court dispositions, and if these patterns vary by race/ethnicity. Using data on youth referred five times to the Pennsylvania Department of Juvenile Justice between 2000 and 2010 (n=9089), we examine the presence of latent trajectories of sanction severity across referrals, and whether youth with statistically matched criminal/disposition histories, but of different race/ethnicities, receive disparate future dispositions. Results suggest that juvenile dispositional trajectories are more complex than previously reported, largely in alignment with labeling theory.
predictions (i.e. escalation in sanction severity). However, trajectories representing stability and de-escalation in sanction severity were also identified. Further, certain youth, predominately of minority status, received more severe dispositions over time, despite having similar histories as White youth, supportive of “sticky labels.” Implications for theory and the juvenile justice system are discussed.

THE EFFECTS OF AGE, RACE, AND OFFENSE TYPE ON RECEIVING A “YOUTH DISCOUNT” IN JUVENILE COURT

Sara Bryson
East Carolina University

Jennifer Peck
University of Central Florida

Previous research has documented that younger juveniles may be more likely to receive lenient court outcomes compared to older youth (i.e., “youth discount”), and that Black juveniles receive more severe court outcomes than their White counterparts. However, less research has investigated the joint effects of a juvenile’s age, race, and the handling of status offenders in juvenile court. Using data on all individual referrals in a southern state from 2010-2016, the current study extends prior research by 1) examining the individual effects of age, race, and being charged with a status offense on the likelihood of receiving various court outcomes, 2) assessing the extent to which a “youth discount” is present in conjunction with a juvenile’s race, 3) investigating if there are interactions between age, race, and offense type (status or delinquent) in court processing. Findings relate to understanding juvenile justice decision-making based primarily on age, but also the potential influence of race and offense type.

PANEL 03

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Zoom Virtual Meeting

PRESIDENTIAL ROUNDTABLE:
Bridging Policy to Practice

Natalie Kroovand Hipple
Indiana University
Bloomington

David Olson
Loyola University Chicago

Kristen Martin

A key function of criminology and criminal justice research is to promote good policy and procedures. This often requires a good working relationship between researchers, practitioners, and institutions. However, this can also be difficult to navigate, from gaining access to seeing research results implemented as policy or procedural change. This roundtable will address experiences in working with practitioners and translating those efforts into policy.
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Keynote Address

Dr. Beth M. Huebner

A Model for Jail Decarceration: New Directions for Transforming Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships

POSTER SESSION

POSTER: EXAMINING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE AND RACISM IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

Ymelda Viramontes
Northeastern Illinois University

Intimate partner violence (IPV) – psychological, physical, or sexual abuse within intimate relationships – is both prevalent and impactful for survivors, warranting a need for intervention. At the same time, scholars raise concerns about two key aspects of the criminal justice system’s response to abusers: equity and efficacy. Regarding equity, research repeatedly finds systemic racial-ethnic bias in arrest, charging, and sentencing practices regarding IPV. Regarding efficacy, once IPV perpetrators of color are (disproportionately) incarcerated, research suggests that they, like their white counterparts, often exhibit high recidivism rates post-release. This poster presentation critically assesses these research literatures, concluding with research and policy recommendations.

POSTER: DISORDER AND CRIME IN CHICAGO NEIGHBORHOODS

Ryan Moran
Elmhurst University

The purpose of this study was to test “broken windows theory” in Chicago and determine which, if any, disorderly conditions are correlated to higher crime rates. Prior research has generally concluded that a correlation exists, with disagreement over the mechanisms of the relationship. Ten blocks were randomly observed from ten Chicago community areas using Google Street View to conduct a virtual systematic social observation. Perception based indicators were found to have stronger correlations with crime than actual disorder measures. These results help deepen our understanding of the disorder-crime relationship and can serve to evaluate whether disorder policing strategies are effective.

POSTER: A BIVARIATE EXAMINATION OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SELF-CONTROL AND SCHOOL EXCLUSION ACROSS RACIAL AND ETHNIC GROUPS

Katherine Waggoner
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

Disciplinary school exclusion is applied to millions of students each year, with students of color impacted disproportionately by such policies. This poster uses Gottfredson and Hirschi’s General Theory of Crime as guide to explore differences in school exclusion across Black, Hispanic, and White youth. Using data from the National Evaluation of the Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) program, this poster will explore the relationship between self-control and school exclusion across different racial and ethnic groups.
With increasing fatal opioid overdoses, police departments realized crime control methods were not working to decrease overdoses. In response, many departments began to shift toward a service-centered model of policing, involving overdose outreach visits to encourage treatment to individuals either at-risk of overdosing or having recently overdosed. While these programs are increasing, there is little research regarding how police perceive their role in these programs. Through a survey of officers from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut, this study examines whether police believe it is their responsibility to intervene pre- and post-overdose as well as the significant predictors of these beliefs.
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Shelby Looper (above, right) is Director, Victim Advocate Program for the Muncie Police Department and recipient of a 2018 U.S. Department of Justice Tomorrow’s Leaders Award.
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