



Call for Abstracts

Special Issue: **Measurement and Methodology: Addressing Challenges and Exploring Opportunities**

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This special issue of JC&J will focus on how the research community can use non-traditional data sources to inform the understanding of criminology and criminal justice research questions. These data sources might be outside of what CCJ scholars would typically rely upon or only recently made possible because of new technologies or new data collection systems. Examples might include:

- How can we learn about deviant/criminal behavior through the analysis of online forums?
- How can we understand social movements through the consideration of social media posts?
- What can be learned about behavior in public spaces through the systematic coding of CCTV or home security camera systems?
- How can we better-understand discretion and decision making in the justice system through the analysis of Zoom court proceedings or parole/probation check-in meetings?
- What can ShotSpotter and similar technologies tell us about the prevalence and nature of gun violence?

The editors seek articles that will discuss and utilize innovative data sources to answer research questions. Those opportunities bring with them certain challenges the research community should recognize and discuss. Contributions should be empirical, but can devote time/space to discussing new data sources or data collection modalities, their benefits and limitations, and their ethical considerations, among other matters.

The tentative timeline for the special issue is:

- 3/1/21 potential contributors submit a 200-word abstract summarizing their planned manuscript.
- 4/1/21 editors invite the submission of full manuscripts from selected submissions.
- 10/1/21 manuscripts are due for peer review.

Please direct all inquiries and submit abstracts for potential contributions to Dr. Julie Hibdon (jhibdon@siu.edu).