LGBT Youth in the Prison Pipeline: What Can We Do?

Recent estimates indicate that approximately 15% of the juvenile prison population is LGBT. According to Dr. Angela Irvine, Associate Director at the National Council on Crime and Delinquency (NCCD), one’s sexual orientation may lead to disparities in incarceration and sentencing. LGBT youth face harsher punishment than individuals who identify as heterosexual. For example, the harshest disparities show up in punishments for running away from home: 28% of gay and bisexual boys are detained for running away compared to 12% of straight boys. In addition, 38% of lesbian and bisexual girls are detained for running away compared to 17% of straight girls.

There are a number of factors that contribute to the prison pipeline for LGBT youth including homelessness, prostitution, and violence. LGBT youth are twice as likely to become homeless as their straight peers because their families are unwilling or unable to accept the child’s orientation. As a result, these juveniles either voluntarily leave or are forced out of their homes.

Those who wind up on the street often participate in “survival sex.” In other words, LGBT youth who become homeless often have no other choice but to prostitute themselves in order to survive on the streets. Undoubtedly, this decision increases the likelihood that they will be arrested and detained.
Message from the Editor

I’m excited about the upcoming ACJS Conference in Dallas, Texas! This edition of MWS Speaks focuses on the upcoming conference. Please see pages 5-6 for some panels of interest and page 7 for some points of interest in Dallas and places to eat. In addition, page 8 you will find the section’s scheduled meetings. I encourage you to attend as many of the meetings as possible because we want to hear from you.

As many of you know, ACJS is celebrating its 50th Anniversary as an organization this year. In honor of this milestone, the Executive Board has created ribbons for the section members to wear during the conference (see page 8 for more details). I’m in the process of creating the program for the MWS Section Awards Ceremony and Reception. We would like to honor the founding members of the section in the program. If you are a founding member or you know someone who is, please send me a picture of yourself or the individual for inclusion in the program.

Please don’t forget to vote in the Executive Board elections. The voting ends January 21, 2013. I look forward to seeing all of you in Dallas!

Kim

Message from the Chair

Howdy,

Hope that all is well and that you are gearing up for the spring semester. I am personally in recovery from a winter session; the exams were yesterday and my regular session starts this coming Monday! Oh, the lessons I continue to learn!

The ACJS meeting is on the horizon and I am looking forward to seeing many of you in the Big D. There are plenty of fun things to do and great places to eat in Dallas, including north Oak Cliff, one of my favorite locations.

I am hoping that many of you will attend the MWS awards reception; we are working on a solid program for you, but most importantly, we will recognize recipients of the various awards, etc. Hope to see you at the reception!

Speaking of awards, if you have not contacted Faith Lutze about nominations, please do so immediately. I cannot over emphasize the importance of your taking a few minutes to contact her. The awards reception is scheduled for March 22 at 5PM in the City View Room 8. Please also be certain to review the ACJS program for panels of interests selected by the Section!

I trust that you will enjoy this issue of MWS Speaks. I hope that you will share the newsletter with others. I also wish each of you a wonderful new year! I conclude my greetings with a quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.: “Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

See you in the Big D. Thanks for all that you do to support the Section.

Sincerely,

Bob
LGBT Youth in the Prison Pipeline
What Can We Do?

Marie Williams of the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) states that LGBT juveniles are more likely to be subjected to school pushout policies because of hostile environments. She indicates that one-third of LGBT students missed at least one day of school in the last month because they felt unsafe. Zero-tolerance policies often ignore homophobic-induced confrontations LGBT students face at school, which penalize all parties involved including those who are merely trying to defend themselves. Estimates also indicate that approximately 40% of LGBT students report being physically harassed and 19% reported being physically assaulted at school in the preceding year. Hiding their orientation, however, doesn’t protect them from the prison pipeline.

The NCCD study would suggest that reducing the number of LGBT youth in the juvenile justice system begins with changing societal attitudes about LGBT individuals. Specifically, society must learn to reject the notion that LGBT people are predatory or deviant and that an LGBT identity is somehow “wrong.” In addition, school policies should help to foster acceptance and equal treatment of all students so that LGBT students are not unwittingly subject- ed to pushout policies that funnel them into the prison pipeline.

To learn more about Dr. Irvine’s research please follow the link to her article below:


ACJS Minorities and Women Section Executive Board Elections

Online voting is now available for the ACJS Minorities and Women Section positions of Chair, Secretary, and Executive Counselors.

To access your ballot, please go to: https://eballot4.votenet.com/acjs.

You can access this site using your ACJS Member Email and the password that you received from Cathy Barth.

Once you have completed voting, you will see a confirmation screen that acknowledges the receipt of your vote. You can print this receipt for your records. Voting will end at midnight EST on January 21, 2013. Please be sure your voice is heard and cast your vote before the deadline. Your participation is important!
Greetings fellow ACJS members and Annual Meeting attendees! It is my privilege to serve as ACJS President during 2012-2013. I write to remind you that the next annual ACJS meeting takes place March 19-23, 2013, in Dallas, at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel.

You may preregister for the conference until January 15, 2013. Here is the link for online preregistration: [http://www.acjs.org/onlineRegistration.cfm](http://www.acjs.org/onlineRegistration.cfm)

You may reserve a hotel room at the Sheraton Dallas at the ACJS rate ($150 single) until February 25, 2013 via the online hotel reservation system link: [https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1206252206&key=13BD5](https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/booking/reservation?id=1206252206&key=13BD5)

The conference theme is “The Politics of Crime and Criminal Justice” and we will have a number of panels that highlight this theme. We have several featured speakers, including:

- Dallas District Attorney Craig Watkins, who established a “Conviction Integrity Unit” tasked with reviewing claims of wrongful convictions.
- David Dow, noted capital appeals litigator who has represented a number of Texas death row inmates and who has written several books on the issue.
- Rachel Toor, who writes a regular column on writing and publishing for the *Chronicle of Higher Education* (as well as a column on long distance running for *Running Times*).

The 2013 Annual Meeting will mark the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. To commemorate this special occasion, every person who register for the conference will be given both a book on the history of ACJS (written by ACJS Historian Will Oliver), and a t-shirt noting the 50th Anniversary. We will order enough t-shirts for everyone, but as it is impossible to predict exactly the precise quantity of each size, so I do encourage you to stop by the registration desk soon rather than later—it is “first come, first served” on the t-shirts!

I look forward to seeing you in Dallas!

Craig Hemmens, ACJS President, 2012-2013

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Every year the Minorities and Women Section hosts an awards reception to recognize scholars who make significant contributions to the research of women and minorities. The awards reception is made possible by the financial contributions of various organizations. We would like to thank Taylor & Francis Group for making this years awards reception possible with their generous donation. We appreciate their willingness to help us recognize the scholarly and service contributions of our membership.
# Panels of Interest

**“The Politics of Crime and Criminal Justice”**

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*Minorities and Women Section*
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  Trinity 5, 3rd Floor
- Panel: Domestic Violence Among Immigrant Populations  
  8:00 AM  
  City View 2, 4th Floor
- Panel: Prostitution, Sex Trafficking, and Obscenity  
  8:00 AM  
  City View 4, 4th Floor
- Panel: Race, Class, and Discrimination in CJ  
  2:00 PM  
  Lone Star A2, 2nd Floor
- Roundtable: Reflections on the Trayvon Martin Case  
  2:00 PM  
  State Room 3, 3rd Floor
- Panel: Women Who Offend  
  2:00 PM  
  Trinity 5, 3rd Floor

**Saturday, March 23, 2013**

- Panel: Structured and Gender-Based Rehabilitation and  
  Treatment  
  8:00 AM  
  City View 2, 4th Floor
- Panel: The CJ Response to Family Violence  
  8:00 AM  
  City View 8, 4th Floor
- Panel: Gender and Discrimination Issues in Law  
  Enforcement  
  9:30 AM  
  State Room 1, 3rd Floor
- Panel: Issues of Race  
  9:30 AM  
  Trinity 3, 3rd Floor
- Panel: Recent Trends in Family Violence Research  
  9:30 AM  
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- Panel: Theoretically Speaking  
  11:00 AM  
  Trinity 2, 3rd Floor
- Panel: Victimization and Interpersonal Violence  
  11:00 AM  
  Trinity 3, 3rd Floor
- Panel: Hate Crimes: The Impact of Economic, Social,  
  Legal and Political Influences  
  11:00 AM  
  City View 8, 4th Floor

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**The Minorities and Women Section Book Selection**

**Race, Crime, and Delinquency: A Criminological Theory Approach**  
George E. Higgins, Ph.D.

Unique in approach, this book uses criminology theories to explore the link between race and crime and delinquency. Offering a rich presentation, it introduces leading and contemporary theories and discusses their assumptions about race and crime and delinquency. Its approach fosters analysis and application and empirical articles are included throughout. Each chapter ends with a summary and discussion questions to further explore criminology theories and racial issues in criminal justice. Other hallmark features include: the use of criminology theory to examine the role of race in crime and delinquency; clear explanations of theories in each chapter opening; and empirical articles in each chapter. For individuals interested in the field of criminal justice, criminology, or sociology.
POINTS OF INTEREST
DALLAS, TEXAS

- African American Museum
  3536 Grand Ave., Dallas, TX 75315
- Carrollton Historic Black Cemetery
  Belt Line Rd. and Luna Rd., Carrollton, TX 75006
- Crow Collection of Asian Art
  2010 Flora St., Dallas, TX 75201
- Dallas County Historical Plaza
  Market, Elm, Commerce, and Houston St., Downtown Dallas, TX 75201
- Dallas Firefighters Museum
  3801 Parry Ave., Dallas, TX 75226
- Dallas Holocaust Museum
  211 N. Record St. Ste. 100, Dallas, TX 75202
- International Museum of Cultures
  7500 Camp Wisdom Rd., Dallas, TX 75236
- JFK Memorial
  Main and Market St., Dallas, TX 75201
- Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza
  411 Elm St., Dallas, TX 75202

PLACES TO EAT
DALLAS, TEXAS

Afrah
314 E. Main St.
Richardson, TX 75081
As Seen On: Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives
This Texas restaurant and pastry shop doesn’t whip out the typical Southern fare, but instead a Mediterranean menu.
Specialty Dish: Shawarma Pita Sandwich

Angelo’s Great Texas BBQ
2533 White Settlement Rd.
Fort Worth, TX 76104
As Seen On: Food Nation with Bobby Flay
Since 1958, Angelo’s has served beef brisket with a special trim, and the finest pork ribs available.

Good To Go Tacos
1146 Peavy Rd.
Dallas, TX 75218
As Seen On: The Best Thing I Ever Ate
Open 7 AM — 3 PM and Serves a wide array of specialty tacos.

Sonny Bryan’s Smokehouse
2202 Inwood Rd.
Dallas, TX 75235
As Seen On: Rachael Ray’s Tasty Travels
Sonny’s reputation for friend service and melt-in-your-mouth BBQ has fed U.S. Presidents, famous entertainers, sports legends, and other famous patrons.

Café Pacific
24 Highland Park Village
Dallas, TX 75205
As Seen On: The Best Thing I Ever Ate
Café Pacific embodies sophistication while remaining decidedly unpretentious.

Society Bakery
3426 Greenville Ave.
Dallas, TX 75206
As Seen On: Sugar High
Take time to bake and decorate the sweets with love.
Specialty Dish: Peppermint Red Velvet Whoopie Pie

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“Like” us at
www.facebook.com/pages/ACJS-Minorities-and-Women-Section/236865689686786
Get Noticed at ACJS

In honor of the 50th Anniversary of ACJS, the Minorities and Women Section has created commemorative ribbons. The Executive Board encourages the membership to wear the ribbons throughout the conference to celebrate the section and increase its visibility.

These ribbons will be available at either the registration counter (Lone Star Foyer, 2nd floor) or the outreach table in the exhibit hall (Lone Star C, 2nd floor).

Thank you Dr. Camille Gibson, Executive Counselor, for the ribbon design and placing the order. We appreciate your efforts.

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Minorities and Women Section Meeting Schedule

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Undergraduate Student Paper Competition

This symposium will engage scholars, practitioners and community members in an exploration of the intersections of social justice and criminal justice in an increasingly diverse society. The objective of the symposium is to develop a better understanding of criminological issues related to “diversity” and “multiculturalism,” which include, but are not limited to, the ways in which race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, age, marital status, or veteran status (1) shape individual and collective experiences with victimization, offending, and social control outcomes and (2) are connected both to public opinion and the construction of social meaning in relation to crime and justice.

The paper competition seeks to identify excellent student papers to be presented at the symposium and encourages undergraduate students to submit their work for consideration. Papers should be empirical or theoretical, and should range from 15-30 pages in length. The selection panel will be looking for high quality papers that make an original contribution to the field. Literature reviews will not be accepted. Student authors are encouraged to seek guidance from faculty advisors. Submissions from female and/or minority scholars are actively encouraged.

The Criminology format for text, references, and citations should be used. The authors’ names and affiliations should be listed on a separate title page, so that submissions can be reviewed anonymously. The second page should include the title and a 150-200 word abstract. Students should also include a letter indicating the author’s enrollment status, co-signed by the dean, department chair, or undergraduate program director.

Lead authors of the first, second and third place papers will receive the following:

- Travel and lodging (double occupancy)
- Symposium registration fees
- Paper presented at symposium

Paper submissions are due by February 1, 2013. Send papers electronically to Assistant Professor Justin Pickett, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany at justiceinstitute@albany.edu.

For more information about the symposium and the Justice & Multiculturalism Project, please visit our website at www.albany.edu/justiceinstitute or contact Dr. Pickett at the email above.
Call for Abstracts

Extended Submission Deadlines

The Justice and Multiculturalism in the 21st Century Project engages scholars, practitioners, and community members in an exploration of the intersections of social justice and criminal justice in a diverse society. The Project explores criminological and justice issues related to “diversity” and “multiculturalism,” which include, but are not limited to, the ways in which race, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability, age, marital status, or veteran status (1) shape individual and collective experiences with victimization, offending, and social control outcomes and (2) are connected to both public opinion and the construction of social meaning in relation to crime and justice.

The specific objective of the Spring Symposium is to develop a better understanding of intersections of justice with gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, and/or gender as they pertain to violence and violent victimization.

Scholars, practitioners, and graduate students are invited to submit abstracts for empirical papers in these areas. Panels will include a discussant and three papers that (to the extent possible) share a common theme. Given the limited number of panels, abstracts will be reviewed by a selection committee, and selected authors invited to present their work at the Symposium. The selection committee will look for high-quality papers that make original contributions to the field.

Interested scholars and practitioners are asked to submit an electronic document with paper title, abstract of 250-300 words, and authors'/co-authors’ names and contact information to Dr. Dana Peterson, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany (justiceinstitute@albany.edu).

Important deadlines are as follows:

- Jan. 25, 2013: Review of abstracts
- Feb. 1, 2013: Notification of acceptance
- April 1, 2013: Papers to be submitted
- April 15, 2013: Presentations to be submitted

Symposium fees will be waived for scholars whose papers are selected for presentation.

Please send questions about abstract submissions or the Symposium to the email listed above.