

Crime Scene

Psychology Behind Bars and In Front of the Bench

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The Editor's Note

This is our pre-convention issue of Crime Scene. Included is a brief overview of the activities for our section.

Other important news is the announcement of this year's recipients of our Section's awards. Dr. Pamela Yates has been awarded the Significant Achievement Award and Drs. Marnie Rice and Alan Leschied have been awarded the Career Contribution Award.

Two of our section members Dr. Paul Gendreau and Dr. Karl Hanson have received recognition - see Kudo Korner.

Please make a point of attending the annual section business meeting. I hope to see you there.

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View from the Top

Daryl Kroner, *Chair*

The Missing Link

I have a question. How many journal articles and research reports have you read that increased your knowledge in an area, but could not be directly used, or at best have an indirect application? For example: How can one use a discriminant analysis of police selection methods to help make defensible decisions? Or how can one decide on a violent risk level for a client when all the research reports total score correlations? What do eye-blinks among psychopaths have to do with risk management strategies? My guess is that the majority of articles we read fall within this category.

Increasing knowledge is a good thing, but some way of linking it to your situation, whether research or applied, is necessary at some level. Otherwise such reading activities would be a waste of time.

This integration is not developed through a formalized relationship with a psychological organization or X number of formal schooling years. It is developed out of an awareness of some basic research and methodological principles, their limitations, and then using due diligence in making applications. The invited addresses in this newsletter speak to a small, but important methodological issue - the null hypothesis.

Due diligence can be a slippery idea. These are some guidelines that I have found helpful in trying to apply and make sense out of the literature.

1. Read content areas in chunks (i.e., focus on one area for a period of time).
2. Make notes of key points (my forgetter works well). One question to keep in mind is, can/how does this knowledge fit?
3. Before moving on to a new content area, re-read a key article that is in some way related to the next area of concentration (again, a reflection of my forgetter).
4. A willingness to change (OK, I don't like this one, especially if there has been high investment in a past procedure or idea). There are times when thinking sideways about an issue will assist with the missing link.

See you at CPA.

Section Awards for 2003

The Significant Contribution Award

The Significant Contribution Award recognizes a specific work that has been recently completed (within the last year or two) that makes a significant contribution to the application of psychology to criminal behaviour, criminal justice, and/or law. The work could be theoretical, empirical or applied. For the theoretical and empirical works, the award would typically be based on a paper published during the previous year in an academic or professional journal. The applied contributions would address the creation and implementation of psychological services to offenders or to the courts. The effective promotion and administration of psychologists and psychological services would also qualify as a significant contribution (e.g., setting up a treatment center, hiring 10 new psychologists). If a member of the section makes exceptional contributions on different years, then it is possible for the same individual to receive this award more than once.

This year the Criminal Justice Section recognizes the work of Dr. Pamela Yates. Dr. Yates was instrumental in the successful accreditation of the Moderate Intensity and the Low Intensity National Sex Offender Treatment Programs now implemented in over 40 sites within CSC. In addition, the programs are being implemented in the Province of British Columbia and Sweden. Her commitment to the task was exceptional, and the final products exemplary. The creation of creditable programs requires sound knowledge of sexual offender treatment, the ability to integrate the diverse contributions of treatment providers, excellent communications skills, and leadership at a national level. Given the care taken to make the program transportable, it is expected that it

will be implemented in many different jurisdictions in the years to come.

The Career Contribution Award

This award recognizes a corpus of work accrued over a period of at least 10 years that makes a significant contribution to the application of psychology to criminal behaviour, criminal justice, and/or law. The work could be theoretical, empirical or applied. For the theoretical and empirical works, the award would typically concern a series of published works that have had an important influence on the field. Signs of this influence could include changes in practices (widespread use of treatment or assessment methods; changes in the law) as well as recognition by the academic community (e.g., citations). The applied contributions would recognize leaders in the criminal justice field who have demonstrated excellence in one of the following areas: the creation and implementation of psychological services to offenders or to the courts, the teaching and mentoring of new psychologists, and management and administration.

This year the Criminal Justice Section recognizes the work of 2 individuals

Dr. Marnie Rice has made a significant contribution to forensic psychology research over the past 28 years particularly in the assessment of risk for violence among the mentally disordered offender. In addition, the assessment and contribution of psychopathy as an indicator of violence among the mentally disordered, the assessment and prediction of risk for sex offending, and the treatment of the mentally disordered in a forensic setting have also been the focus of her research. As an outcome of this research, Dr. Rice has over 60 scientific publications (30 as first author), a multitude of book chapters and a number of books. Dr. Rice's influence is also reflected in

the number of invited international speaking engagements. Dr. Rice has been a member (and Fellow) of the Canadian Psychological Association since 1975 and a long-time member of the Criminal Justice Section.

Dr. Alan Leschied has been in the forefront of juvenile justice issues and research in Canada for many years. Dr. Leschied's research has included numerous publications in areas related to young offender assessment, treatment and rehabilitation. Of not have been the edited books; *The Young Offenders Act: A Revolution in Canadian Juvenile Justice* (1991), *Offender Rehabilitation in Practice: Implementing and Evaluating Effective Programs* (2001), and *Research and Treatment with Aggression with Adolescent Girls* (2002). In addition to a strong academic contribution, Dr. Leschied has had significant positive influence at the legislative and practitioner level. He is regularly called to testify as an expert witness in court and in coroner's inquests. Dr. Leschied is a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association.

Congratulations to all our award recipients. The awards will be formally presented at the Section's Annual Business Meeting in Hamilton.

Thursday, June 12, 2003
5:00 – 5:55 p.m.
2nd floor, Albion B (40 Theatre)
Section Business Meeting

Kudo Korner

Congratulations to CJS Member Dr. Paul Gendreau

Division 18 of the American Psychological Association has named Paul Gendreau the winner of the Harold Hildreth award for 2003.

This is the highest award given by the Division, and recognizes one individual each year whose career reflects a lifetime of outstanding achievement in one or more areas of public service psychology.

Congratulations to CJS Member Dr. Karl Hanson

Karl will be named as a Fellow of the Canadian Psychological Association at this years annual convention in Hamilton.

Journal Announcement

Call for Papers

The American Psychological Association's Division 18, Psychologists in Public Service, is publishing a new journal entitled *Psychological Services*. *Psychological Services* is the official publication of the Division of Psychologists in Public Service. *Psychological Services* will publish high quality data based articles on the broad range of psychological services. The Division's focus is on Psychologists in Public Service, usually defined as being employed by a governmental agency, while *Psychological Services* will cover the full range of psychological services provided in any service delivery setting.

Psychological Services encourages submissions of papers that focus on broad issues related to psychotherapy outcome studies, program evaluation studies of psychological service programs and/or systems, and public policy analyses. *Psychological Services* will also publish a limited number of case studies of psychological services and/or service delivery systems, model program and delivery system descriptions, literature reviews that make an additional significant contribution to the

existing literature, and articles on aspects of training psychologists for work in public service settings.

Please contact Editor at spederson@uindy.edu if you have any questions. All submissions should be prepared in accordance with the latest edition of the American Psychological Association Publication Manual and submitted in quadruplicate. Manuscripts will be blind-reviewed and should be prepared with one face sheet with all authors' names and affiliations and the letter requesting consideration to:

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CPA Hamilton Criminal Justice Section Activities

Thursday, June 12, 2003

11:00 – 12:55

2nd floor, Albion B (40 Theatre)

Symposium: Risk/Need Assessment and Various Provincially Sentenced Offender Groups

1:00 – 2:55

2nd floor, Albion B (40 Theatre)

Symposium: Two New Approaches to Risk Prediction and Management

3:00 – 4:55

2nd floor, Albion B (40 Theatre)

Symposium: Linking Assessment to Intervention in Correctional Practice

5:00 – 5:55

2nd floor, Albion B (40 Theatre)

Section Business Meeting

Friday, June 13, 2003

9:00 – 10:55

2nd floor, Albion C (40 Theatre)

Symposium: The State of the Art in Sex Offender Risk Assessment – Part I

11:00 – 12:55

2nd floor, Albion C (40 Theatre)

Symposium: The State of the Art in Sex Offender Risk Assessment – Part II

2:00 – 4:00

3rd floor Poster & Exhibitions, Chedoke BC

Poster Session F: Criminal Justice Psychology

Saturday, June 14, 2003

1:00 – 1:25

3rd floor, Webster B (100 Theatre)

Theory Review: Do We Practice What We Preach? Exploring the Gap Between the Theory and Treatment of Young Offenders

2:00 – 2:55

3rd floor, Webster B (100 Theatre)

Conversation Session: Uniting Students of Criminal Justice/Forensic Psychology Across Canada

3:00 – 4:55

3rd floor, Webster B (100 Theatre)

Symposium: Prostituted Women and Their Clients: New Canadian Research Data

Looking forward to seeing you in Hamilton!

Section Elections

As always the section will elect the new executive at this year's annual Section Business Meeting (SBM) in Hamilton.

The current executive is listed on the front page of this newsletter.

Executive members who have indicated at press time their intention of seeking another term in their position are indicated below.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Declared Interest</u>
Chair	Daryl Kroner, Ph.D.
Secretary/Treasurer	Karl Hanson, Ph.D.
Past President	David Nussbaum, Ph.D.
Editor of Crime Scene	Jeremy Mills, Ph.D.
Director at Large (2 positions)	Stephen Wormith, Ph.D. Carson Smiley, Ph.D.
Student Rep	Joseph Camilleri

Note that nominations are taken from the floor of the SBM as usual so there is still lots of time if you choose to get involved.

See You In Hamilton!