



CRIME AND JUVENILE DELINQUENCY DIVISION NEWS

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Note from the Chair

Hi Everyone! My name is Rob Peralta. I am the new chair for our division, 2021-2023. First, a big thank you to our outgoing chair and my mentor for this role, Dr. Kelley J. Sittner. I am grateful and delighted to serve in my new role as division chair.

Here is a little about me. I am a first generation, Hispanic, openly gay scholar from New Mexico. I earned a BA in Psychology from the University of New Mexico and my PhD from the University of Delaware in 2002. I have been on faculty at the University of Akron since 2004. My research primarily focuses on masculinity, interpersonal violence and substance use and abuse. In my free time I enjoy traveling with my husband, reading, spending time with our two cats (Jack and Cliffy) and visiting friends and family back in New Mexico.

I look forward to getting to know you, so please feel free to reach out to me with any ideas or questions. Please note that I have recently been

appointed to Director at my home institution's "Center for Conflict Management." In this new role, I plan to address Social Justice Concerns which include criminal justice, health, educational, economic, and political inequities. I am adopting an interdisciplinary approach to Center activities and thus, in this capacity, I will be looking for speakers to address the issues facing us today. Send me your ideas – I would love to see our members be involved!



Just a few announcements and reminders.

Don't forget to renew your SSSP membership. And please also consider encouraging others to join the organization. It's an excellent place for graduate students and junior scholars to get involved, to connect with other scholars, and to support a very important mission.

Hopefully we will be having our 72nd Annual Meeting live and in person at the Omni Los Angeles Hotel at California Plaza August 5-7, 2022. The 2022 Call for Papers will be available in mid-October.

Our division is planning on having 10 sole- or co-sponsored sessions for the 2022 meeting. The topics are wide-ranging and timely, and include critical dialogue and traditional paper formats, so please consider submitting to one (or two, if you like!). If you are interested in serving as a discussant or moderator for a session, please reach out to the organizer (s).

In closing, I know we have been going through very challenging times. I am heartened by all the good work that you do to inform and educate our students and communities. Please keep doing what you do best as we strive to create a better and more just world.

Rob

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Chair, SSSP Division on Crime & Juvenile Delinquency (2021-2023)

Introductions

Associate Chair

Dear Members of the Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division,

My name is Charles Bell, and I am honored to serve as the associate chair for our division. After earning my Ph.D. in sociology in 2018, I joined the criminal justice sciences department at Illinois State University. My research focuses on understanding how Black students and parents perceive school punishment and its impact on their lives. I also conduct research on school safety and teacher victimization.

Over the last several years, I have established strong relationships with social justice organizations and policymakers throughout the Midwest. These relationships have helped me understand the real-world application of our work and make a concerted effort to craft policies that improve outcomes for communities. As associate chair, I look forward to creating opportunities that allow us to bridge the gap between research, policy, and practice.

Charles Bell, Ph.D.

Associate Chair (2021-2023)



Chair-Elect

Christopher P. Dum (Ph.D., University at Albany) is an associate professor at Kent State University in the department of sociology. His research uses qualitative methods, as well as experimental survey research to examine the effects of mass incarceration and sex offense policy. Specifically, Dr. Dum's work examines how individuals with criminal and sex offense histories are received by the community. His book, *Exiled in America: Life on the Margins in a Residential Motel* (2016, Columbia University Press) uses ethnographic methods, while his other work has been published in *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, *Criminology and Public Policy*, and *Sex Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*. Currently, he is studying ways to reduce the stigma applied to formerly incarcerated individuals.



Christopher P. Dum

Chair-Elect (2021-2023)

Member News and Accomplishments

Recent and Upcoming Publications

Milne, Emma. 2021. *Criminal Justice Responses to Maternal Filicide*. Emerald Publishing Limited.

A link to the Youtube video about the book: <https://youtu.be/3eRETo3bMW8>.

Analysis of criminal cases reveals that women suspected of killing their newborn children are some of the most vulnerable in our society and that infanticide is not just a historical issue but one that has modern implications. While women are less likely to commit violent crime, maternal infant homicide is an enduring form of offending that needs to be understood in a wider social context.

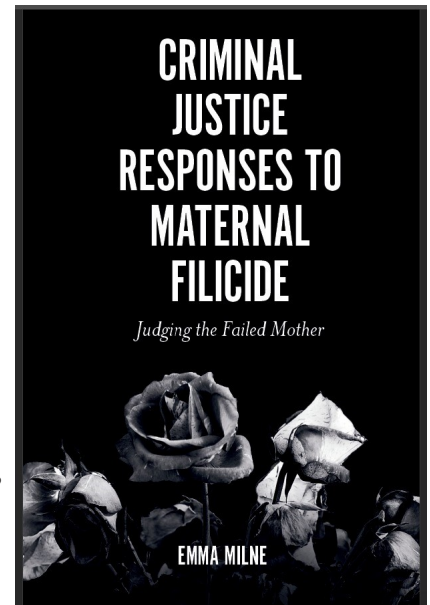
In *Criminal Justice Responses to Maternal Filicide*, Milne provides a comprehensive analysis of conviction outcomes through court transcripts of 15 criminal cases in England and Wales during 2010 to 2019. Drawing on feminist theories of responsabilisation and 'gendered harm', she critically reflects on the gendered nature of criminal law and justice responses to suspected infanticide.

This contemporary study makes a novel contribution to the fields of law, criminology and gender studies, arguing that through its inability to recognise the vulnerable position of accused women, and respond accordingly, the application of law reflects wider social judgments of pregnant women and mothers who challenge or fail to fulfil ideals of motherhood.

Dr Emma Milne is Assistant Professor in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice at Durham University. Her PhD in Sociology from the University of Essex was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council. Emma's research is interdisciplinary, focusing on criminal law and criminal justice responses to newborn child killing and foetal harm. The wider context of Emma's work is social controls and regulations of all women, notably in relation to pregnancy, sex and motherhood. Emma's monograph *Criminal Justice Responses to Maternal Filicide: Judging the Failed Mother* was published in 2021 (Emerald Publishing Limited). She co-authored *Sex and Crime* (SAGE, 2020), and co-edited *Women and the Criminal Justice System: Failing Victims and Offenders?* (Palgrave, 2018).

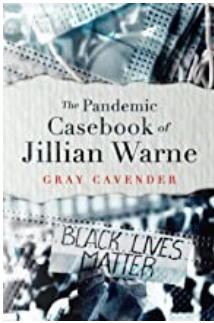
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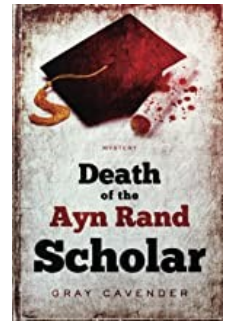
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Cavender, Gray. 2021. *The Pandemic Casebook of Jillian Warne: Five Mysteries.* Independently published.



At **Christopher Newport University (CNU)**, we have officially created the **Center for Crime, Equity, and Justice Research and Policy**. This center will be focused upon engaging in partnerships with community and state organizations and agencies for research and evaluation purposes, addressing public policy issues that impact crime, equity, and justice issues in Virginia, creating official partnerships for student internships and career opportunities, and hosting speakers, panels, and conferences on-campus to facilitate dialogue about crime, equity, and justice issues. Our official launch event will be the first ever Hampton Roads Social Justice Conference, which will take place on the CNU campus in April 2022. I (Dr. Steven Keener) am the founding director of the center and Dr. Laine Briddell is the founding associate director.

Press release: <https://cnu.edu/news/2021/09/14-cnu-ccejrp/#.YUJvkZ5udCU>

Website: <https://cnu.edu/ccejrp/>

Please join Student Advocacy Center and Michigan Center for Youth Justice on Thursday, October 7th from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm EST as we host a panel discussion to hear about Dr. Charles Bell's research on Michigan's overuse of suspension and the harm it causes to students, families, and communities. Dr. Bell, a scholar originally from Detroit, will present key findings from his soon-to-be-released book, *Suspended: Punishment, Violence, and the Failure of School Safety*. A father, whose story is shared in Dr. Bell's book, will discuss his daughter's experiences with harsh school discipline at this event. We will end our evening with a call to action and time for Q&A.

To register, please follow this link: bit.ly/sac-panel

Connect with others at our [Facebook event](#) and please spread the word!

SUSPENDED

Punishment, Violence, and the Failure of School Safety

OCT. 7th | 7-8:30 PM EDT



Dr. Charles Bell
Speaker & Author of *Suspended: Punishment, Violence and the Failure of School Safety*



Peri Stone-Palmquist
Executive Director,
Student Advocacy Center



Jason Smith
Executive Director,
Michigan Center for Youth Justice

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Register today for this virtual panel & discussion!
bit.ly/sac-panel




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Doctoral Members on Job Market

Marta Ascherio is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Sociology. In her dissertation, she uses quantitative and qualitative methods to examine how expansive and restrictive immigration policies impact crime, crime reporting, and wellbeing in Latinx communities in the United States. Her research and teaching interests are in criminology, race and ethnicity, and international migration.

Marta is a Population Research Center (PRC) Graduate Student Trainee, and a fellow at the Urban Ethnography Lab (UEL). She received a MSc in Community Development and Applied Economics from the University of Vermont.

Link: <https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/sociology/graduate/gradstudents/profile.php?id=ma55253>

