Police Education in What Works: From the US to the UK

13th Jerry Lee Capitol Hill Symposium on Evidence-Based Crime Policy

Monday April 29th and Tuesday April 30th, 2013

National Guard Memorial, One Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington DC 20001

PROGRAM

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2013

1:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

--Professor James Lynch, Chair, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
--Professor David Wilson, Chair, Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University
--Professor John MacDonald, Chair, Criminology, and Director, Jerry Lee Center of Criminology, University of Pennsylvania
--Jerry Lee, President, Jerry Lee Foundation

1:15 pm to 2:45 PM   Session I:

A Global Role for a “Royal” College of Policing? Education and Standards in What Works for England’s New Era of Elected Police Commissioners

- How can research and education help increase police professionalism in democracies?
- What should be the role of research on what works in police training and promotions?
- What level of knowledge on what works should police have for each rank or role?
- Should master’s degrees in evidence-based policing become like law degrees in law?
- On-line education and assessment: can it help to spread police knowledge globally?

Chair: Professor Lawrence Sherman, Director, Jerry Lee Centre of Experimental Criminology, Cambridge University and Distinguished University Professor, University of Maryland

Presentations:

--Chief Constable Alex Marshall QPM, CEO, College of Policing, UK
--Chief Constable Sara Thornton, Thames Valley Police, and Vice President ACPO, UK
--Professor Lawrence Sherman, member, Board of Directors, College of Policing, UK
Commentaries:
--Michael N. Becar, Executive Director, CEO International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training (IADLEST)
--Bob Stresak, Executive Director, California Commission on Police Officers’ Standards and Training (POST)
--Chief Tony Farrar, Rialto Police Department, Rialto, California
--Chief Jim Bueerman (ret), President, Police Foundation, Washington, DC

3:00 to 4:00 pm   Session II:

**Do Body-Worn Video Cameras Improve Police Effectiveness? An Example of Evidence-Based Policing and its Implications for Education & Standards**

- Body-worn video reduced complaints against police in a controlled experiment
- Police officers now use video records to review and learn from their own work
- How can police education use “instant replay” methods for coaching police?
- How could standards-setting agencies apply evidence from this kind of testing?

Chair: Professor Charles Wellford, Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

Presentation: Chief Tony Farrar, Rialto Police Department

Commentaries:
----Executive Director Bob Stresak, California Commission on POST
--Chief Superintendent Alex Murray, West Midlands Police UK; Chair, Society of Evidence-Based Policing
--Professor Cynthia Lum, Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy, George Mason University
--Chief Constable Sara Thornton, Thames Valley Police
--John Firman, International Association of Chiefs of Police
--Chief Constable Alex Marshall, College of Policing, UK
--Charles Rapp, Executive Director, Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions
--Chief Jim Bueerman (ret), President, Police Foundation, Washington, DC
--Executive Director Bob Stresak, California Commission on POST

4:00-5:00 pm   Session III:

**Operational Access to Evidence of What Works: Street Officer Usage of the Evidence-Based Policing Matrix and its Implications for Police Education**

- GMU has trained police on patrol to use evidence in reducing crime and disorder
- The role of the EBP Matrix has been a central tool in street officer access to research
- How can tools like the Matrix be put on I-Phones or I-Pads as useful “apps”?
- What general lessons can be learned about inspiring operational police with research?
Chair: Professor John MacDonald, Jerry Lee Center, University of Pennsylvania

Presentation: Professor Cynthia Lum, George Mason University

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Tuesday, April 30, 2013

9:30 to 10:40 am  Session IV:

"What Can the Police Do to Facilitate Desistance from Crime?"
  • How can research on why criminals stop be translated into practical police work?
  • What units or police roles can use translational criminology to reduce recidivism?
  • What is the role of police discretion and diversion from prosecution in desistance?
  • What is the role of policing for offender re-entry to society after prison or jail?

Chair: Professor Laurie Robinson, George Mason University, past Assistant Attorney General

Presentations:
Professor John Laub, University of Maryland, past Director, National Institute of Justice
Chief Jim Bueermann, President, Police Foundation, Washington DC

Discussion:
--Chief Superintendent Alex Murray, West Midlands Police & Society of Evidence-Based Policing
--Professor Charles Wellford, University of Maryland
--Executive Director Michael N. Becar, IADLEST
--Chief Tony Farrar, Rialto Police Department, CA
--Executive Director Bob Stresak, California Commission on POST

11:00 to 12:00 PM  Session V

Practitioner-Led Experiments in Policing: Can Low-Cost Tests be High-Quality?
  • What should universities do to support practitioner-led field tests of police practices?
  • What should research funders, like NIJ, do to expand “what works” research?
  • What can state POST Boards and a Royal College do to increase research outputs?
Chair: Professor John Laub, University of Maryland; past Director, National Institute of Justice

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--John Firman, Research Director, IACP

Discussion

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--Chief Jim Bueermann, Police Foundation
--Professor John Laub, University of Maryland

12:00-1:00  Session VI:

Next Steps: Who Should Do What To Apply Growing Knowledge on Policing?

• What should DOJ and the US Congress do?
• What should state POST Commissions do?
• What should universities do?
• What should research funders do?

Chair: Chief Jim Bueermann, President, Police Foundation

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