



The Fifth Annual Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium
May 2nd and 3rd 2005

*Systematic Evidence on What Works in Crime and Justice: Raising
Questions and Presenting Findings*

FEATURING THE WORK OF THE CAMPBELL CRIME & JUSTICE GROUP
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On behalf of the Planning Committee for the Fifth Annual Jerry Lee Crime Prevention Symposium, we cordially invite you to attend this year's two day event. The first day will be held at the University of Maryland on Monday May 2nd, 2005 from 1pm to 5pm. Day one of the conference will focus on methodological issues related to the evaluation of crime and justice interventions, as well as the importance of statistical significance for evaluation research. The second day of the conference will be held in Washington DC on Tuesday May 3rd, 2005 from 8:30am to 1pm. Day two of the conference will focus on assessing the impact of three criminal justice interventions, as well as the implications of those findings for criminal justice policy.

Monday May 2nd 1:00 PM – 5:00PM

University of Maryland, Inn and Conference Center, Adelphi Maryland

Day One Program

Should Experiments be Considered the Gold Standard for Evaluation of Crime and Justice Interventions? (Chair: Howard Bloom, MDRC)

Randomized Experiments as the Bronze Standard, Richard Berk, University of California, Los Angeles

When are Experiments in Criminology Justified: A Developmental Perspective, Charles Wellford, University of Maryland

Recognizing that We Can't Use the Gold Standard: The Case for Randomized Experiments
David Weisburd, University of Maryland & Hebrew University Law School

Instrumental Variables Methods as an Alternative to Classical Random Assignment, Josh Angrist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

How Significant Should Statistical Significance be in Crime and Justice Evaluation?
(Chair: Denise Gottfredson, University of Maryland)

The Standard Errors of Regression in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Shawn Bushway, University of Maryland

Some p-Baked Ideas ($p = .5$) about Statistical Significance, Michael Maltz, University of Illinois at Chicago and Ohio State University

The Null Hypothesis is Not Called that for Nothing, Robert Boruch, University of Pennsylvania

Tuesday May 3rd 8:30 AM – 1:00PM

TBA, Washington DC

Day Two Program

Learning from Science: Do our Crime Fighting Approaches Really Work? (Chair: Laurie Robinson, University of Pennsylvania)

Police Strategies for Reducing Illegal Possession and Carrying of Firearms, Christopher Koper, University of Pennsylvania

A Systematic Review of Drug Court Effects on Recidivism, David B. Wilson, George Mason University

What We Know About What Mentoring Can and Might Do for Youth Crime, Patrick Tolan, University of Illinois at Chicago

Luncheon Plenary Lecture

Getting Evidence into Policy, Phil Davies, Government Chief Social Researcher's Office, London, England

Registration will open on March 1st, 2005. For questions related to registration please contact Nancy Morris at ccjg@crim.umd.edu or 301-405-4710.