



SCHOLARS IN ACTION: Interdisciplinary Research Connections Crime and Punishment

A panel discussion featuring recent scholarship by WCSU Faculty

Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Western Connecticut State University

Westside Campus, Classroom Building, President's Reception Room, WS 218

Please join us for a panel discussion featuring the research of Dr. Jessica Eckstein, Associate Professor from the Communication and Media Arts Department; Dr. Gabriel Lomas, Associate Professor from the Education & Educational Psychology Department, Dr. Kim Marino, Assistant Professor from the Division of Justice & Law Administration, and Dr. Divya Sharma, Associate Professor also from the Division of Justice & Law Administration. The moderator will be Dr. Missy Alexander, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

About the Panelists' Research

Dr. Jessica Eckstein

Dr. Eckstein will discuss her work with a variety of special populations of family violence victims including parents abused by their adolescents and men abused by their wives. These projects will be tied to the work of other panelists in terms of implications for society and academic research.

Dr. Gabriel Lomas

Dr. Lomas will be speaking on two of his studies focused on child welfare with deaf people. Deaf and hard of hearing children experience abuse at higher rates than the general population. Furthermore, deaf youth are placed in juvenile justice facilities at disproportionately higher rates than their nondisabled peers. Attendees will have an opportunity to learn about the issues and address solutions to child protection, prevention, and intervention for deaf individuals.

Drs. Divya Sharma and Kim Marino

Drs. Sharma and Marino will discuss their evaluation of the Youth Development Unit (YDU) program at Garner Correctional Institution located in Newtown, Connecticut. The YDU is designed to rehabilitate and educate young males (18-21 years), who are Security Risk Group (SRG) affiliated, through education and social learning. An explanation of the phase progression of the program and the feedback from correctional and educational staff will be discussed.

Please rsvp for the Crime and Punishment Panel Discussion at: cunninghamj@wcsu.edu