Violent Kids and Criminal Youth, September 8, 2017
John Paul Wright, Ph.D., Professor, University of Cincinnati
UG Version: CJ 4108 001, Graduate Version: CJ 6008 001

Why are some kids violent and what happens to them as they grow up? In this seminar, we will take a look at the causes and consequences of serious youth misbehavior. Evidence from neuroscience, human biology and genetics, and human socialization will be examined. We will follow the life-course development of violent kids with an eye towards effective interventions.

The Death Penalty, October 20, 2017
Gennaro Vito, Ph.D., Professor, University of Louisville
UG Version: CJ 4113 001, Graduate Version: CJ 6013 001

The basic arguments in support and opposition to capital punishment will be presented. Statistics on death row inmates will be reviewed. The linkage between capital punishment and race is specifically considered. National data and the presenter’s research on capital punishment in Kentucky will be examined. The aim is to consider ideas and research findings concerning capital punishment.

Communities in Crisis: The Heroin Epidemic, January 26, 2018
Dan Gerard, M.S., Director of Operations, Institute of Crime Science, University of Cincinnati
UG Version: CJ 4021 001, Graduate Version: CJ 6021 001

CDC and prevention statistics show that heroin use more than doubled among ages 18-25 in the past decade, and heroin related deaths have increased 286% since 2002. The human and economic costs impact all parts of society and have reached epidemic proportions. Students will examine heroin addiction and the roles of both the criminal justice and public health systems in the prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts for this problem.

Understanding White-Collar Crime and Criminals, March 23, 2018
Michael Benson, Ph.D., Professor, University of Cincinnati
Jay Kennedy, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Michigan State University
UG Version: CJ 4041 001, Graduate Version: CJ 6041 001

White-collar crimes are pervasive with enormous costs, outweighing ordinary street crimes. We will examine personal experiences of white-collar offenders to understand this serious crime. Through presentations, offenders explain the hows and whys of their crimes, and discuss the outcomes and consequences of their actions. Detailed information will be examined on contemporary white-collar crime research with discussions about preventing this costly form of crime.

Youth Development, Delinquency, and Effective Intervention, April 13, 2018
Chris Sullivan, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Cincinnati
UG Version: CJ 4022 001, Graduate Version: CJ 6022 001

We will explore aspects of youth development to understand adolescent behavioral pathways; focus on risk and protective factors that lead to delinquency; establish the nature of delinquency and subgroups of delinquent youth; analyze response to delinquency within and outside of juvenile justice systems; review screening and assessment, sanctioning, and treatment for offenders; examine research-based knowledge, practical challenges, and best practices in responding to at-risk youth.

Seminars will be held in the TUC MainStreet Cinema, room 220, 9am-5pm

Please Note:
To earn course credit, there will be an in class worksheet, Blackboard discussion board questions, and an online writing assignment on Blackboard following each seminar.
- Grading is Pass/Fail
- No prerequisites
- Excellent for elective credit

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