



BJS/JRSA 2009 National Conference

*Meeting Justice Policy Challenges
Through Research and Statistics*

October 22-23

**Hyatt Regency Riverfront
Saint Louis, Missouri**

**Pre- and Postconference Professional Seminars
October 20, 21, and 24**

Hosted by: Missouri Statistical Analysis Center
Missouri State Highway Patrol

Sponsored by: Bureau of Justice Statistics
Office of Justice Programs
U.S. Department of Justice

*For the latest information or to register online,
visit the conference website at www.jrsa.org.*

Conference Schedule

This conference focuses on the use of research and statistics in the creation of strategies to meet policy challenges in the justice system. The conference brings together justice professionals from government and academia to share the latest data and research, discuss ways of improving the quality of justice data and research in the states, and promote the use of data and research in policy development. The program includes more than 20 panel sessions on systemwide topics (see list below),

in addition to an opening plenary session on crime trends.

In conjunction with the conference, pre- and postconference skill-building seminars will be offered on October 20, 21, and 24. Topics include mapping, cost-benefit analysis, evaluation methods and related issues, evidence-based programming, risk assessment, statistics, and using data effectively.

Thursday, October 22

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| 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration and Exhibits |
| 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Conference Opening |
| | Keynote Address |
| 10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Panel Sessions |
| 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. | Awards Luncheon |
| 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Panel Sessions |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Panel Sessions |

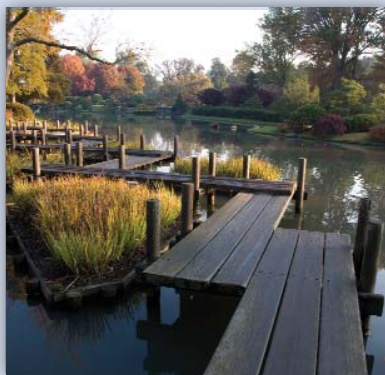
Friday, October 23

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| 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration |
| 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Exhibits |
| 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Continental Breakfast |
| 7:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Friday Plenary |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Table Sessions |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon | Panel Sessions |
| 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m. | Lunch on Your Own and BJS/SAC Meeting |
| 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Panel Sessions |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Panel Sessions |



St. Louis Gateway Arch & Old Courthouse

Planned Conference Session Topics Include ...



Japanese Garden at the Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis
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- citizen surveys
- community corrections
- crime data
- criminal history records
- domestic violence
- drugs
- juvenile justice
- law enforcement
- mentally ill offenders
- NIBRS
- recidivism
- reentry
- risk assessment
- sentencing
- stalking and sexual assault
- tribal crime data

Wednesday, October 21

Annual Business Meeting for SAC Directors • 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Hotel Information

Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront

315 Chestnut Street
St. Louis, MO 63102
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The Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront in St. Louis, Missouri, is the site of the Bureau of Justice Statistics/Justice Research and Statistics Association's 2009 National Conference. Located in downtown St. Louis, the Hyatt is convenient to restaurants, attractions, and night life.



Hyatt Regency St. Louis Riverfront Skyline

A special group rate of \$110 per night for single and double rooms (prevailing federal government per diem), plus state and local taxes of 14.9%, is available for reservations made by Friday, September 18. Reservations can be made online by visiting the BJS/JRSA National Conference Room Reservation Site or by calling **(314) 655-1234**. To get the special conference rate, be sure to mention that you are attending the BJS/JRSA National Conference. Reservations made after September 18 may be at prevailing rates, and will be subject to general availability.

Travel Information

Airline Reservations

JRSA's travel agency, *The Travel Place*, at (877) 872-8566 or (301) 299-5018 will be happy to assist you in making travel arrangements for the BJS/JRSA 2009 National Conference. Joanne Myrland is our primary agent, but other agents can assist you.

Taxi Cab

Cab fare from the airport to the hotel is approximately \$40; there are taxi stands at both the Main and East airport terminals.

Shuttle Service

TransExpress operates a shuttle from the airport to all major hotels in the downtown area. The shuttle takes approximately 30 minutes to arrive at the Hyatt Regency, and costs \$15 per person one way. Service operates 24 hours/

7 days a week. Inbound service to the downtown area does not require a reservation; return service to the airport requires reservations for transfers after 6:30 p.m. and reservations must be made 4 hours in advance. More information can be found at: <http://www.transexpress-stl.com/Pages/airport.html>.

Public Transportation

The easiest way to get to the hotel is to use the Metrolink light rail system as opposed to the Metro bus system. There are two different stations located at the Main and East airport terminals. Cost is \$3.50 from the airport. The commute takes approximately 30-45 minutes. Get off at the 8th and Pine Street stop, and walk four blocks to the hotel situated at 4th and Pine. For more information and exact schedules, visit <http://www.metrostlouis.org>.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Visit the Lambert – St. Louis International Airport's site at <http://www.flystl.com>.

For the latest travel tips from the Transportation Security Administration, visit <http://www.tsa.gov/>.

Professional Seminars

Tuesday, October 20

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Current Topics in Crime Mapping and Analysis Using Geographic Information Systems (Hands-On)

This workshop focuses on some of the controversial techniques currently being used in crime mapping. The instructor will briefly discuss crime mapping basics and crime analysis principles, and then lead a hands-on examination of buffering, hot spot analysis, and geocoding data. (Other topics may be added.) These three issues command particular attention because they are open to discretionary interpretations. Using a “watch and follow” methodology, participants will learn a series of techniques and procedures, followed by group discussion.

Instructor: Jamie Price, President
Socialphenom, Inc.
West Palm Beach, Florida

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

2. Addressing Offender Population Management Issues using Risk Assessment: An Introduction to the LS/CMI

The Level of Service/Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI) is the most recent version of the widely used Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R). This tool, which incorporates a case management function, measures the risk and need factors of late adolescent and adult offenders. This seminar will orient participants to risk and needs assessments, focusing on the LS/CMI. It will provide an overview of the research on risk/need instruments, including the research/theory behind the LS series, and discuss why the instruments are important. A central goal of the workshop is for participants to leave

with a better understanding of the relevance of the LS/CMI to their state and whether they should pursue adopting such an instrument in their state/jurisdictions. Group discussion will highlight how such instruments as the LS/CMI can be used as part of a comprehensive plan for addressing offender population management issues via diversion strategies and early release mechanisms. Seminar participants will also use group discussion and interactive exercises to learn how such instruments are administered, how scores are calculated, and how scores are used in the development of comprehensive offender supervision and treatment plans.

Instructor: Stephen Haas, Ph.D.
Statistical Analysis Center Director
West Virginia Division of Criminal Justice
Services

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

3. Cost-Benefit Analysis

Policy makers often decide where to invest limited tax revenues without having a way to estimate the expected return on that investment. Cost-benefit analysis, however, can provide policy makers with an estimate of the benefits of investing in a given program. This seminar will provide a step-by-step description of the methodology used to create a cost-benefit model for programs designed to reduce crime. We will discuss how to estimate taxpayer and victimization costs of crime, and also how to use an effect size of a program to determine the estimated number of crimes avoided and the estimated benefit of avoiding them. This seminar is designed to be very practical, giving analysts the resources to develop a cost-benefit model in their state.

Instructor: Michael Wilson, Economist/Statistical
Analysis Center Director
Oregon Criminal Justice Commission



Professional Seminars

Wednesday, October 21

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4. Basic Evaluation Concepts and Methods

This workshop is designed to provide participants with a basic yet comprehensive overview of program evaluation essentials. Participants will learn the critical concepts, key terms, and primary methods used in the evaluation of criminal justice programs. Basic evaluation theory and principles, logic models, performance measurement, process evaluation, and outcome evaluation will be covered. Basic qualitative and quantitative methods and common experimental and quasi-experimental designs will be described, along with their strengths and weaknesses. Key considerations in managing an evaluation project and working with an evaluator will also be discussed.

Instructor: Roger Przybylski, President/Consultant
RKC Group
Lakewood, Colorado

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

5. General Demonstration of Inferential Statistics (Hands-On)

Although most people are comfortable with the use of descriptive statistics in research, projects, policy, and general information processed on a daily basis, they often are confused by the use of inferential statistics. This workshop provides participants with a general understanding of the use of different inferential statistical tests such as: t-tests, ANOVA, regression, correlations, and chi square. The course will focus on: (1) when to use particular tests, (2) how to conduct the tests, and (3) how to interpret their results.

Instructor: Jamie Price, President
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Saturday, October 24

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

6. Evidence-Based Programming: What Works and How We Know

What works to reduce recidivism? What works to prevent delinquency? How can we best provide decision makers with trustworthy evidence about what works? This workshop is designed to help participants answer these questions by exploring both current knowledge about effective programs and the key methodological issues that arise in determining what works. Participants will learn about the

evolution of the evidence-based movement; the latest thinking on what constitutes credible evidence; the roles that systematic reviews, meta-analysis and cost-benefit analysis play in the evidentiary process; and the nuances of navigating, interpreting, and applying “what works” research. Participants also will explore the latest evidence on the crime prevention effects of incarceration, correctional interventions, and early, risk-focused prevention programs.

Instructor: Roger Przybylski, President/Consultant
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Union Station in St. Louis

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

7. Just Plain Data Analysis: Using Social Indicator Data to Make Sound Policy

This seminar addresses three practical skills: finding the good data, effectively presenting those data, and making sound interpretations. Good data presentation skills are to data-based analysis what good writing is to literature, and some of the same principles apply to both. Poor tabular and graphical presentations often obscure critical facts and lead both readers and writers to draw erroneous conclusions from their data. Data interpretation entails drawing valid conclusions from numerical comparisons and recognizing and avoiding common statistical fallacies in data-based arguments. The seminar will also address how some statistical agencies hide data in plain sight, provide examples of bad graphical design from criminal justice research, and offer tips on using the Excel 2007 charting software.

Instructor: Gary M. Klass, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Department of Politics and Government
Illinois State University

Conference Registration

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Title _____

Agency (or name of school if student) _____

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Conference Registration (Includes lunch on Thursday and continental breakfast on Thursday and Friday)

I would like to join JRSA and save on conference registration: Individual \$75 Institution \$300 Student \$40

| Category | Registration Fee (by Sept. 18) | Registration Fee (after Sept. 18) | Enter Fee Amount |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| JRSA Member | \$195 | \$220 | \$ _____ |
| Nonmember | \$295 | \$320 | \$ _____ |
| One-Day Rate <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday | \$175 | \$185 | \$ _____ |
| JRSA Student Member* | \$ 75 | \$ 85 | \$ _____ |
| Student Nonmember* | \$120 | \$130 | \$ _____ |
| Student One-Day Rate* <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> Friday | \$ 60 | \$ 70 | \$ _____ |
| *Note: All students must fax copy of current student ID to 202-842-9329 | | | |
| Spouse/Guest Fee | \$ 75 | \$ 75 | \$ _____ |

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

(Includes conference lunch on Thursday and continental breakfast on Thursday and Friday)

Conference cancellation fee: A \$50 administrative fee will be applied for cancellations through October 14. No refunds will be made for cancellations after October 14.

Please select one: I will attend the lunch session on Thursday. Yes No

Please indicate your lunch selection: Cedar-Roasted Salmon Beef Tenderloin Bourguignonne Butternut Squash Ravioli (vegetarian)

Pre- and Postconference Professional Seminars

There is an additional charge for pre- and postconference seminars. Descriptions of the seminars are on previous pages.

| Seminar | Day and Time | Nonmember Fee | JRSA Member Fee | Enter Fee Amount |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Current Topics in Crime Mapping (Hands-On) | Tuesday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | \$325 | \$285 | \$ _____ |
| 2. Addressing Offender Population Management Issues using Risk Assessment | Tuesday 8 a.m. – 12 noon | \$150 | \$125 | \$ _____ |
| 3. Cost-Benefit Analysis | Tuesday 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. | \$150 | \$125 | \$ _____ |
| 4. Basic Evaluation Concepts and Methods | Wednesday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | \$225 | \$185 | \$ _____ |
| 5. General Demonstration of Inferential Statistics (Hands-On) | Wednesday 8 a.m. – 12 noon | \$205 | \$180 | \$ _____ |
| 6. Evidence-Based Programming | Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | \$150 | \$125 | \$ _____ |
| 7. Just Plain Data Analysis | Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | \$105 | \$85 | \$ _____ |

Seminar late fee: Add \$15 per seminar after September 18.

Seminar cancellation fee: A \$50 administrative fee will be applied for cancellations through October 14. No refunds will be made for seminars cancelled after October 14.

Payment Method

A check or purchase order made payable to JRSA for \$_____ is enclosed.

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