



Novel Approaches in Homicide Research for the Next Quarter Century

HOMICIDE RESEARCH WORKING GROUP 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

AGENDA

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TUESDAY, JUNE 10TH

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Registration

10:00 - 11:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions

11:00 - 12:15 AM

SESSION 1

Mateus R. Santos, *University of South Florida*
Yunmei Lu, *University of SUNY-Buffalo*
Alexander Testa, *University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston*

How Much Lifetime is Lost Due to Homicides?: A Cross-National Comparison

Brielle Savage, *Rutgers University-Newark*

Four Times the Risk: The Deadly Divide in Firearms Homicides of Women and Gun Laws in the United States Between 2012 and 2023

Melissa Bemiller, *Augusta University*
Wendy Ringgenberg, *State of Iowa, Department of Management, Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement*

Child Fatality Reviews

12:15 - 1:00 PM

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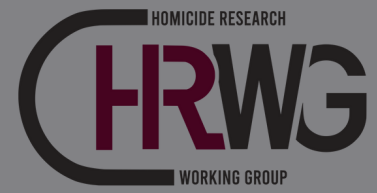
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SESSION 2

Juan Mei, *University of Memphis*
James C. McCutcheon, *University of Memphis*
Amaia Iratzotqui, *University of Memphis*

Defining Mass Murder: Examining the Impact of Homicide Thresholds on Incident Classification Using NIBRS Data

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Ernesto Lopez, *Council on Criminal Justice*

The Council on Criminal Justice's Future of Crime Trends Research

Wendy Ringgenberg, *State of Iowa, Department of Management, Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement*

Iowa Violence Prevention Dashboard

2:00 PM

Closing Day One

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Keynote Speaker

Mr. Walter Dunn



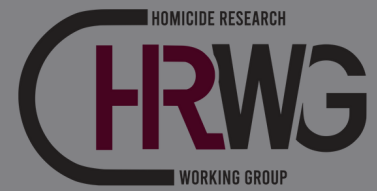
Walter Dunn, an individual with a background in incarceration, has established himself as an author, radio host, and advocate for criminal justice reform. His experience includes a period of incarceration initiated at the age of 26, where he served a 12.5-year sentence for crimes he did not commit.

Mr. Dunn's narrative is characterized by a distinctive turn of events after he was arrested for the first time in his life on charges of home invasion, felony battery, aggravated assault, kidnapping, and later the charge of attempted murder was added by the state prosecutor.

He proactively engaged in self-education, acquiring legal expertise and obtaining certification as a law clerk during his time in prison, ultimately leading to the overturning of his own sentence.

Mr. Dunn actively shares his experience of wrongful conviction on a national scale. He engages in extensive public speaking engagements, addressing audiences at universities, criminal justice conferences, and summits throughout the country, contributing to the broader discourse on the need for justice reform.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Welcome Remarks & Announcements

9:15 - 10:45 AM

PRACTITIONER PANEL 1: *The State: Prosecuting Felony Murder Law in the U.S.*

10:45 - 11:00 AM

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PRACTITIONER PANEL 2: *The Defense: Defending Clients Charged with Felony Murder*

12:30 - 1:15 PM

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1:15 - 2:30 PM

SESSION 5

Kathleen Heide, *University of South Florida*
Simone Deegan, *Flinders University*

Portraits of Juvenile Homicide Offenders

Sultan Altikriti, *Rutgers University*

Firearm Carrying from Adolescence to Adulthood: A Multi-State Analysis of Onset, Persistence, and Desistance Among High-Risk Youth

Lee Topolewski, *Schreiner University*

Examining the Severity and Distribution of Homicide Injuries Relative to Victim-Offender Relationships in the U.S.

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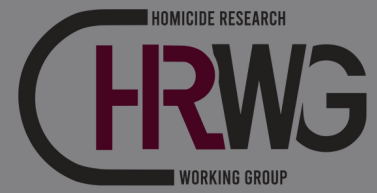
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BUSINESS MEETING 1

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Closing Day Two

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THURSDAY, JUNE 12TH

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Welcome Remarks & Announcements

9:15 - 10:30 AM

SESSION 6

Jeff Gruenewald, *University of Arkansas*
Kayla Allison, *University of Arkansas*

A Comparison of Bias Homicides Across Victim Groups: New Findings from the Bias Homicide Database (BHDB)

James C. McCutcheon, *University of Memphis*
Amaia Iratzoqui, *University of Memphis*

Lethality Assessment Protocol (LAP) Tools and Targeted Patrol

Michele Covington, *University of South Carolina Upstate*
Major Steve Lamb, *Spartanburg Police Department*

Partners in Crime (Solving): Civilian Support for Violent Crime Investigations

10:30 - 11:45 AM

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SESSION 7

Erica L. Smith, *Bureau of Justice Statistics*

Homicide Research Using Crime Data from the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS)

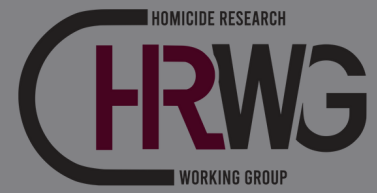
James Hubbell, *Bureau of Justice Statistics*

Unveiling Heterogeneity In Child Murder by Victim Age

Kimberly Martin, *Bureau of Justice Statistics*

Attention Gun Violence Researchers! Meet the New BJS NIBRS Firearm Victimization Extract

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SESSION 8

Wendy Ringgenberg, *State of Iowa, Department of Management, Division of Data, Planning, and Improvement*

The Impact of Federal Executive Orders and Policy Changes on Homicide Research and Prevention Efforts

James C. McCutcheon, *University of Memphis*
Amaia Iratzogui, *University of Memphis*

Applied Research and Grant Partnerships: Balancing Academic and Community Needs

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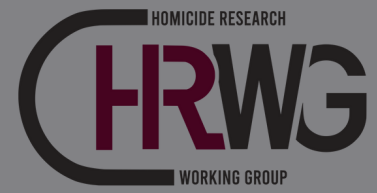
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HRWG 2025 Awards Session

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SESSION 9

John K. Cochran, *University of South Florida*
Beth Bjerregaard, *University of North Carolina, Charlotte*
M. Dwayne Smith, *University of South Florida*
Sondra J. Fogel, *University of South Florida*

A Decision-Tree Analysis of Statutory Aggravating Factors in Capital Murder (North Carolina, 1977-Present)

Jonathan C. Reid, *Texas A&M University*
Raquel V. Oliveira, *Augusta University*
Jodi Lane, *University of Florida*
Eric Connolly, *Sam Houston State University*
Elizabeth N. Hartsell, *Sam Houston State University*

Antisocial Personality Disorder and Recidivism Among Homicide Offenders: Exploring the Moderating Role of Incarceration Variables

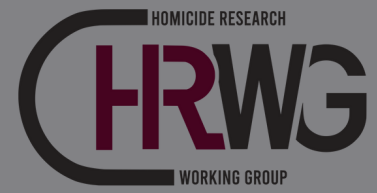
James C. McCutcheon, *University of Memphis*
Kayla Toohy, *University of Tampa*
Bert Burraston, *University of Memphis*

Exit Strategy: Do Interstates and Their Exits Shape Crime Patterns?

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SESSION 10

Hasan T. Arslan, *Western Connecticut State University*
Megan Wiese, *Western Connecticut State University*

Star-Crossed and Silenced: Celebrity Murders and Assassinations

Kayla Toohy, *University of Tampa*
Lin Huff-Corzine, *University of Central Florida*

Turning to Tarnowsky: Early Development of Interdisciplinary Criminological Thought

12:00 PM

Concluding Remarks

2025 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Amber Scherer, *Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, & Explosives*
Kayla Toohy, *University of Tampa*