



HOMICIDE RESEARCH WORKING GROUP 2026 ANNUAL MEETING



Phoenix, AZ May 26-29

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 26th		
5:00 - 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception	The Pub at Thunderbird
Wednesday, May 27th		
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Registration & Coffee	A. E. England Auditorium
8:30 - 9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks	A. E. England Auditorium
9:00 - 9:20 AM	BREAK	
9:20 - 10:40 AM	Oral Presentations #1: Measuring, Categorizing, and Framing Lethal Violence	A. E. England Auditorium
	Alyssa Shallenberger - <i>Beyond Counts: Measuring the Diversity of Lethal Violence Across Atrocity Crime Categories</i>	
	Ernesto Lopez - <i>Homicide and Diverging Trends in Official Statistics</i>	
	Page Wood, Jesenia Pizarro, & Jill Messing - <i>Making the Headlines: Analyzing the Newsworthiness of Homicides in Arizona (2016-2019)</i>	
	Carsten Andresen - <i>Half a Century of Panic: Tracing the Evolution of the Gay and Trans Panic Defense Across Five Decades of Civil Rights Progress</i>	
	Roundtable Presentations #1: Life After Violence: Institutions, Impact, and Understanding	UCENT - 822A
	Allison Rojek, Jeff Rojek, Heather Perez, & Emma Sharpe - <i>The State of Cold Case Investigations - A National Survey of Law Enforcement Agencies</i>	
	Reginald Byron - <i>Variation in Co-victims' Perceptions of the Police after Homicide Cases Go Cold</i>	
Tamera Jenkins & William Wood- <i>"Murder is my normal, but so is forgiving it": Experiences, impacts, and understandings of forgiveness in co-victims of homicide</i>		



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8:00 - 8:30 AM	Coffee	A. E. England Auditorium
8:30 - 9:50 AM	<i>Workshop</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
	Terri Waibel - <i>Grief Affirming Practice®: Understanding and Supporting the Traumatically Bereaved</i>	
9:50 - 10:05 AM	BREAK	
10:05 - 11:25 AM	<i>Thematic Symposia: Escalation, Extremity, and Evidence: Advancing Multilevel Risk Assessment in Intimate Partner Homicide</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
	Jesenia Pizarro, Jill Messing, Millan AbiNader, Hsiu-Fen Lin, & Jacquelyn Campbell - <i>Identifying Risk Factors that Differentiate Non-Fatal IPV from Intimate Partner Homicide</i>	
	Isabella McDonald, Jesenia Pizarro, & Jill Messing - <i>Beyond Lethality: Analyzing Overkill in Intimate Partner Homicides</i>	
	Sabrina Williamson, Jesenia Pizarro, & Jill Messing - <i>Comparing Missing Risk Factor Information from Intimate Partner Homicide Data Sources</i>	
	<i>Roundtable Presentations #2: The Complex Landscape of Public Safety</i>	UCENT - 822A
	Alexandra Slemaker - <i>How Do We Keep Public Places and Spaces Safe? Lessons Learned From Las Vegas</i>	
	Tanya Golash-Boza - <i>Gun Violence and Racial Capitalism</i>	
11:25 - 12:25 PM	LUNCH	
12:25 - 1:45 PM	<i>Case Study #2</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
	Sabina Brodar Kaplja - <i>From Sexual Grooming to Parricide: A Trauma-Informed Homicide Framework for Analyzing the Menendez Case</i>	
	<i>Case Study #3</i>	UCENT - 822A
	Timothy Wiley - <i>Murder of Eric D. Phillips: "The Boathouse Murder"</i>	



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1:45 - 2:00 PM	BREAK	
2:00 - 3:20 PM	<i>Oral Presentations #3: Community Impact, Survivors, and Justice After Homicide</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
	Tanya Sharpe, Elo Igor, Victoria Donkin - <i>Coping in the Shadows: Uncovering the Need for Support of African, Afro-Caribbean, and Black Youth After Homicide</i>	
	Kendall Morris - <i>"We Continue to Keep the Crisis at the Forefront": Women Survivors of Homicide Advancing Justice</i>	
	Laura Ritt - <i>Unseen and Unheard</i>	
	Kristen Zgoba - <i>Paths to Lethal Violence: Prior Incarceration, Reentry Challenges, and Labeling the Lives of Incarcerated Homicide Offenders</i>	
	<i>Roundtable Presentations #3: Structural, Theoretical, and Societal Perspectives on Violence</i>	UCENT - 822A
	Lin Huff-Corzine - <i>Social Disorganization Theory: An In-Depth History</i>	
	Aragaw Aguade, Asrat Andargie, Tefera Eshetu, & Bisrat Geremew - <i>The Effects of Socio-demographic Factors on Homicide of the Rural Societies in the Amhara Region, Ethiopia</i>	
	Deepika Suri - <i>Reasons for Decline of Homicides by Armed Bandits in Chambal in India (1950-2013)</i>	
3:20 - 3:35 PM	BREAK	
3:35 - 4:55 PM	<i>Thematic Roundtable #1</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
	Kathleen Fox, Cassie Harvey, Raymond Meza, Christopher Sharp, & Kayleigh Stanek - <i>Lessons Learned from Collaborations between Indigenous Peoples and University Researchers on Violent Victimization and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples</i>	
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	<i>Roundtable Presentations #4: Teaching and Safeguarding Against Mass Violence: Data Innovation and AI</i>	UCENT - 822A
3:35 - 4:35 PM	<i>Alison Marganski - Mass Murder from an Interdisciplinary Perspective: Teaching with Alternative Systems of Data to Study Perpetrators, Victims, and Events</i>	
	<i>Charnisha Azubuike - Safeguarding AI Use in Violence and Homicide-related Intake Systems: A Risk-Adaptive Case Study</i>	
4:55 PM	Closing Announcements	

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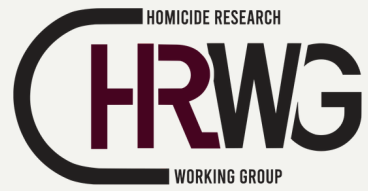
Friday, May 29 th		
8:00 - 8:30 AM	Coffee	A. E. England Auditorium
8:30 - 9:30 AM	<i>HRWG Awards Session</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
	Richard Block Award - Guillermo J. Escaño	
	Carolyn Rebecca Block Award - Prince Boamah Abrah	
9:30 - 9:40 AM	BREAK	
9:40 - 10:40 AM	<i>Oral Presentations #4: Violence in International Context: Drivers, Markets, and State Interventions</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
	Gonzalo Croci, Guzman Perez Tamaro, & Joaquina Perez - <i>Which Illegal Markets Kill? Exploring the Mechanisms of Violence Across Illegal Markets</i>	
	Mateus R. Santos, Bressia M. Borja, Maria Ramirez, & Alex Knorre - <i>The Leviathan Revisited: How the Homicide Rate of El Salvador Declined by 91% Over Seven Years</i>	
	Dabney Evans, Annika Li, Maya Farr Henderson, & Martin Di Marco - <i>Adverse Childhood Experiences Among Femicide Perpetrators in Buenos Aires, Argentina</i>	
10:40 - 10:50 AM	BREAK	
10:50 - 12:00 PM	<i>HRWG Annual Meeting Updates (All Members Welcome)</i>	A. E. England Auditorium
12:00 PM	Closing Remarks	

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ABSTRACTS
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-  A.E. England Building
-  UCENT - University Center
822a (8th floor)
-  Hampton Inn & Suites
-  The Pub at Thunderbird



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