

HOMICIDE RESEARCH WORKING GROUP CALL FOR PAPERS & POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Conference Theme:

“Homicide: A Focus on the Offender”

Annual Summer Workshop

College of Criminal Justice, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

June 11-14, 2008

Deadline for submission is **Monday April 14, 2008**. Submit abstracts electronically to the Program Chair, Kim Vogt at vogt.kimb@uwlax.edu.

Presentations/Works in Progress/Papers

The 2008 annual summer workshop of the Homicide Research Working Group will be hosted by Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas, beginning Wednesday evening June 11, and ending at noon Saturday, June 14, 2007.

Submissions for presentations will be accepted on a wide variety of topics related to homicide, including but not limited to:

- circumstances and offending
- characteristics of offending
- offenders and intervention
- mitigation of circumstances/
forensic psychology and offenders
(trial, etc.)
- juror selection in homicide/death
penalty cases
- Death penalty
- city-level studies
- clearance rates
- trends in rates
- serial murder
- genocide
- hate crime
- methodological and statistical
issues
- weapon use and lethality
- public health perspectives
- intimate partner homicide
- relationships between lethal and
non-lethal violence
- reducing and preventing
homicide
- drugs and homicide
- homicide in the media and
popular literature

Presenters should try to match the conference theme. We are interested in papers that focus on theoretical issues, data/measurement issues, and policy/applied issues related to homicide.

To participate, *presenters must be members of the Homicide Research Working Group, as well as registered for the workshop*. It is expected that presenters will attend and participate in the entire workshop, not just the panel in which they are delivering papers. Submissions can be in the format of regular papers, panels organized by presenters, and works in-progress, which are typically shorter presentations ideal for those who are in the earlier stages of a project and are seeking feedback from group members. Since the goal is to learn from one another, and not merely to present our findings, at least half of each session will be devoted to discussion, so papers are not simply presented; they are also discussed.

Workshop presenters will be expected to submit a five-page, electronic summary one month prior to the conference for distribution to workshop participants. In addition, some version of the paper will be expected for inclusion in the *Proceedings* of the workshop to be compiled after the June meeting.

Paper submissions need to include: a title and abstract, indicating whether it is a regular paper or work in-progress, as well as complete contact information (name of all presenters, email address, phone number and mail address).

Submissions should be sent electronically to the Program Chair, Kim Vogt and are due no later than **Monday April 14, 2008**. E-mail: vogt.kimb@uwlax.edu

Poster/Demo/Literature Display

The HRWG Poster Room is not your usual meeting poster session. It is up the whole three days of the meeting, and there is not only a lengthy session devoted solely to the Poster Room, but also ample time during breaks and lunch for you to talk one-on-one with people about your project. The format is open and fluid. It's a perfect way to get feedback on a proposed questionnaire or surveillance instrument, to demonstrate a new computer program or database, to let people see the products your agency has recently developed, to show people detailed maps or other visual tools, or to start a discussion about a breaking issue or a tricky technical problem.

To submit a Poster/Demo/Literature Display for the 2008 meeting, please e-mail the following to the Program Chair, at vogt.kimb@uwlax.edu.

- Title
- Type of exhibit, e.g., poster, computer demo, literature display
- Name and complete contact information for each presenter including e-mail, phone, FAX, mailing address
- Paragraph abstract summarizing the presentation
- Space and materials requirements
 1. How much space will you need? (a whole table? a half table? floor space for an easel?)
 2. Will you need an electrical outlet? Will you need web access?
 3. If you plan to have a poster or sign, will it stand on its own, or will you need an easel?

For further information –

- Please check the HRWG web-site at:
<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/HRWG/brief.html> OR
- Contact Dr. Kimberly A. Vogt at (608)785-8458.