

RISDON NICHOLS SLATE, PHD
Professor Emeritus of Criminology
Florida Southern College

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Criminal Justice (January, 1993)
Claremont Graduate School, Claremont, California

Master of Criminal Justice (May, 1984)
University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice (May, 1982)
University of North Carolina, Charlotte, North Carolina

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Professor Emeritus Sept 1, 2024 to Present; Professor (Sept. 2001 – August 31, 2024) & Chair (Sept. 2002 – Sept. 2006; Summer 2013 – Fall 2016) Dept. of Sociology & Criminology – [sabbatical, Spring 2002; Spring 2010; Fall 2017]; Associate (Sept. 1997 – Aug. 2001; Assistant (Sept. 1993 – Aug. 1997). Awarded tenure May 2010. Courses taught include: Introduction to Criminal Justice, World Criminal Justice Systems, Criminology, Juvenile Delinquency, Judicial Processes, Corrections and Rehabilitation, Law and Social Change, Criminalization of Mental Illness, Comparative Criminal Justice Systems, Comparison of the American and British Criminal Justice Systems (taught in 1996 & 2000 Grantham & London, England), Seminar in Criminology, and Criminology Practicum (Internships), Department of Criminology, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida.

Adjunct Professor of Criminal Justice (January 2004 – August 2006) for a Graduate Course in Criminal Justice Policy Making (two sections offered at the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, three sections offered live at Saint Leo, and I offered the course via WebCT for the seventh time), Saint Leo University, Saint Leo, Florida.

Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice - (Sept. 1989 – Aug. 1993)
Courses taught include: Seminar in Criminal Justice, Foundations of Justice I and II, Alternatives to Incarceration, Administration of the Justice System, Interviewing and Counseling, and Modern Perspectives on Juvenile Delinquency. Taught some courses over interactive television and instructed inmates at Maine State Prison. Business and Governmental Sciences Division, University of Maine at Augusta, Maine.

Instructor - (Sept. 1988 – Aug. 1989)
Taught courses entitled the Juvenile Justice System, Criminology, Stress & the Criminal Justice System, Contemporary Corrections, and Issues in Criminal Justice. Department of Criminal Justice, California State University, Long Beach, California.
Instructor - (May 1988 – Aug. 1988)

Taught two sections of State and Local Government at Montgomery Community College, Troy, North Carolina.

Instructor - (Dec. 1986 – Aug. 1987)

Taught courses entitled Introduction to Corrections, Correctional Organization and Administration, Introduction to Criminal Justice Planning, Ethics and Professionalism in Criminal Justice, Evidence, Introduction to Crime Prevention, Social Problems, Interpersonal Relations and Communications, and Introduction to American Civilization. Richmond Community College, Hamlet, North Carolina.

United States Probation Officer - (April 1986 – Aug. 1986; Intern: Jan. – Sept. 1983)

Prepared pre-sentence investigations, interviewed and supervised clients, maintained chronological records, conducted record checks, and participated in the staffing of cases. United States District Court, United States Probation Office, Columbia, South Carolina.

Administrative Assistant to the Warden - (July 1984 – April 1986)

Prepared correspondence for the Warden's signature, interviewed inmates in an attempt to resolve inmate grievances, responded to disciplinary hearing appeals, served as compliance officer for a consent decree, conducted tours and held training courses on topics of interest at Central Correctional Institution, a medium/maximum security, death row prison in Columbia, South Carolina.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Publications

Books

Risdon N. Slate, **Resilience in the Storm: My Journey with Mental Illness**, Two Poles Publishing, Amazon, October 22, 2024, <https://tinyurl.com/yb35kh2x>

Risdon N. Slate, Kelly Frailing, W. Wesley Johnson, and Jacqueline Buffington-Vollum, **Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**, 3rd ed., Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2021, <https://cap-press.com/books/isbn/9781531004422/The-Criminalization-of-Mental-Illness-Third-Edition>

Risdon N. Slate, Patrick R. Anderson, and Lisa M. Carter, **The Decision-making Network: An Introduction to Criminal Justice**, 2nd ed., Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2018, <https://cap-press.com/books/isbn/9781531002985/The-Decision-Making-Network-Second-Edition>

Risdon N. Slate, Patrick R. Anderson, and Lisa M. Carter, **Instructor's Manual: The Decision-making Network: An Introduction to Criminal Justice**, 2nd ed., Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2018.

Kelly Frailing and Risdon N. Slate, Eds., **Criminalization of Mental Illness Reader**, Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina., 2018, see <https://cap-press.com/books/isbn/9781531004309/Criminalization-of-Mental-Illness-Reader>

Risdon N. Slate, Jacqueline Buffington-Vollum, and W. Wesley Johnson, **Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**, 2nd ed., Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2013.

Risdon N. Slate and Chelsea Dyer **Instructor's Manual: Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**, 2nd ed., Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2013.

Patrick R. Anderson and Risdon N. Slate, **The Decision-making Network: An Introduction to Criminal Justice**, Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2011.

Risdon N. Slate **Instructor's Manual: The Decision-making Network: An Introduction to Criminal Justice**, Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2011.

Risdon N. Slate and W. Wesley Johnson, **Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**, Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2008.

Risdon N. Slate **Instructor's Manual: Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**, Carolina Academic Press, Durham, North Carolina, 2008.

(Reviews of our book can be found by Robert M. Worley of Pennsylvania State University in the *Southwest Journal of Criminal Justice* 5(2), Fall 2008; Jacqueline Buffington-Vollum and Jessica Raines of James Madison University in the *Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology*, Spring 2009; and Executive Editor Ken Kerle in *American Jails*, Volume 23, Number 1, March/April 2009; John W. Clark, Troy University, in *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, 20[2], July 2009; Fred Frese, Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, in *Psychiatric Services*, 60[11], November 2009).

Articles and Book Chapters

John Stogner, Risdon Slate, Chastity Blankenship & Jesse McKee (2022) "Sing Me Back Home:" Using Country Music to Clarify Criminological Theory in Undergraduate Courses, *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, DOI: [10.1080/10511253.2022.2058574](https://doi.org/10.1080/10511253.2022.2058574)

Risdon N. Slate (2019). "DNA Exonorees." In R.M. Worley & V.B. Worley (Eds.), *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends* (pp. 00-00) (2019). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio.

Risdon N. Slate (2019). "Job Stress Among Correctional Officers." In R.M. Worley & V.B. Worley (Eds.), *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends* (pp. 00-00) (2019). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio.

Risdon N. Slate (2019). "Presentence Investigation Reports." In R.M. Worley & V.B. Worley (Eds.), *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends* (pp. 00-00) (2019). Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio.

Susan Jones, Risdon N. Slate, and W. Wesley Johnson, (2018) "Corrections and Mental Illness" in the **Handbook of Corrections in the United States**. Editors Hayden Griffin and Vanessa Woodward published by Routledge, New York.

Risdon N. Slate (2017) **Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal**, 26(2), 341-356.
DEINSTITUTIONALIZATION, CRIMINALIZATION OF MENTAL ILLNESS, AND THE PRINCIPLE OF THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE RISDON N. SLATE, PH.D
Law & Southern California Interdisciplinary Law Journal, USC Gould School of Law
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<https://gould.usc.edu/why/students/orgs/ilj/assets/docs/26-2-Slate.pdf>

I was asked to make a contribution to ACJS Today (March 2017), which I entitled "The Day You Find Out Why," 42(2), 16-19,
https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.acjs.org/resource/resmgr/acjstoday/March_ACJS_Today_2017.pdf

Chastity Blankenship and Risdon N. Slate (2016) "Factors Influencing Federal and State Probation Officer Stress and Thoughts of Quitting" **Corrections Policy, Practice and Research**, 1(4), 293-319.

Risdon N. Slate, "Police Should Wear Body Cameras" in "Should Police Wear Body Cameras? Experts Pick Sides" edited by John S. Kiernan, October 5, 2016, WallethHub. Accessible from <https://wallethub.com/blog/should-police-wear-body-cameras/25343/#risdon-n-slate>

Kelly Frailing and Risdon N. Slate, "Changing Students' Perceptions of Persons and Offenders with Mental Illness" accepted by the journal of *Applied Psychology and Criminal Justice* on March 21, 2016.

Risdon N. Slate and Laura Usher, "Health Coverage for People in the Justice System: The Potential Impact of Obamacare." **Federal Probation**, Volume 78, Number 2 (2014).

Risdon N. Slate "Crime and Punishment in Great Britain" in **The Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment**, (2014), Editor Wesley G. Jennings published by Wiley-Blackwell, Malden, Massachusetts.

“Stressors Experienced by State and Federal Probation Officers” by Risdon N. Slate and W. Wesley Johnson for inclusion in **Trauma, Stress and Well-being in the Legal System** (2013) edited by Monica K. Miller and Brian H. Bornstein, published by Oxford University Press.

“The Future of Community Corrections is Now: Stop Dreaming and Take Action” by Faith Lutze, W. Wesley Johnson, Todd Clear, Edward Latessa, and Risdon N. Slate, **Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice**, Volume 28, Number 1 (2012).

Chapter entitled “Opening the Manager’s Door: State Probation Officer Stress and Perceptions of Participation in Workplace Decision-Making,” by Risdon N. Slate, Terry L. Wells & W. Wesley Johnson in Corrections: A Text/Reader, editors Mary Stohr, Anthony Walsh & Craig Hemmens, Sage Publications, Inc., Thousand Oaks, California, 2009.

Risdon N. Slate “Seeking Alternatives to the Criminalization of Mental Illness.” **American Jails**, Volume 23, Number 1, March/April 2009.

Risdon N. Slate, W. Wesley Johnson & Sharla S. Colbert, “Police Stress: A Structural Model.” **Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology**, Volume 22, Number 2 (2007).

Risdon N. Slate, "Silent Witness: The New Challenges Facing the U.S. Federal Witness Security Program" in **INTERSEC – The Journal of International Security**, June 2006.

Chapter entitled "Doing Justice for Mental Illness and Society: Federal Probation and Pretrial Services Officers as Mental Health Specialists," by Risdon N. Slate, Erik Roskes, Richard Feldman & Migdalia Baerga in **Social Work in Juvenile and Criminal Justice**, 3rd ed., editors Albert R. Roberts & David W. Springer, Charles C. Thomas, New York, 2006.

Terry L. Wells, Sharla S. Colbert, and Risdon N. Slate, “Gender Matters: Differences In State Probation Officer Stress.” **Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice**, Volume 22, Number 1 (2006).

Risdon N. Slate, Richard Feldman, Erik Roskes, & Migdalia Baerga, “Training Federal Probation Officers as Mental Health Specialists.” **Federal Probation**, Volume 68, Number 3 (2004).

Chapter entitled “Mental Health Courts: Striving for Accountability While Looking to the Future and Holding Civil Liberties and Public Safety in the Balance,” by Risdon N. Slate in **Courts and Justice: A Reader**, 3rd ed., editors G. Larry Mays and Peter R. Gregware, Waveland Press, Prospect Heights, Illinois, (2004).

Risdon N. Slate, Erik Roskes, Richard Feldman & Migdalia Baerga, “Doing Justice for Mental Illness and Society: Federal Probation and Pretrial Services Officers as Mental Health Specialists.” **Federal Probation**, Volume 67, Number 4 (2003).

Risdon N. Slate, Terry L. Wells & W. Wesley Johnson, “Opening the Manager’s Door: State Probation Officer Stress and Perceptions of Participation in Workplace Decision-Making.” **Crime and Delinquency**, Volume 49, Number 4 (2003).

Risdon N. Slate, "From the Jailhouse to Capitol Hill: Impacting Mental Health Legislation and Defining what Constitutes a Mental Health Court." **Crime and Delinquency**, Volume 49, Number 1 (2003).

Risdon N. Slate, "My Journey Back" in *News & Views*, the biweekly newsletter of the U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services System, Volume 28, Number 11, May 26, 2003.

Risdon N. Slate, "Congressional Testimony on the Impact of the Criminal Justice System on the Mentally Ill." **Correctional Mental Health Report**, Volume 3, Number 1 (May/June, 2001).

Risdon N. Slate, "Recommendations From Someone Who Has Seen Both Sides of the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Divide." **Community Mental Health Report**, Volume 1, Number 3 (March/April, 2001).

Risdon N. Slate, Ronald E. Vogel & W. Wesley Johnson, "To Quit or Not to Quit: Perceptions of Participation in Correctional Decision Making and the Impact of Organizational Stress." **Correctional Management Quarterly**, Volume 5, Number 2 (Spring 2001).

Risdon N. Slate, W. Wesley Johnson & Terry L. Wells, "Probation Officer Stress: Is There an Organizational Solution?" **Federal Probation**, Volume 64, Number 1 (2000).

Chapter entitled "Courts for Mentally Ill Offenders: Necessity or Abdication of Responsibility," by Risdon N. Slate in **Courts and Justice: A Reader**, 2nd ed., editors G. Larry Mays and Peter R. Gregware, Waveland Press, Prospect Heights, Illinois, 2000.

"Racial Segregation as a Correctional Management Tool: Beyond Lee v. Washington," Risdon N. Slate, W. Wesley Johnson & Craig Hemmens, **Correctional Management Quarterly**, Volume 3, Number 3 (Summer 1999).

Chapter entitled "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: On the Beach, in the Factory, in School, and at the White House. Will You Know It if You See It," by Risdon N. Slate In **Interdisciplinary Perspectives in Women's Studies**, Florida Southern College, Lakeland, (Fall 1999)

Risdon N. Slate, "The Federal Witness Protection Program: Its Evolution and Continuing Growing Pains," **Criminal Justice Ethics**, Volume 16, Number 2 (Summer/Fall, 1997).

Risdon N. Slate & Ronald E. Vogel, "Participative Management and Correctional Personnel: A Study of the Perceived Atmosphere for Participation in Correctional Decision Making and its Impact on Employee Stress and Thoughts about Quitting," **Journal of Criminal Justice**, Volume 25, Number 5 (1997).

Chapter entitled "The Matter of O.J. Simpson in Black & White & Green," by Risdon N. Slate in **Representing O.J.: Murder, Criminal Justice & Mass Culture**, editor Gregg Barak, Harrow & Heston, New York, 1996.

Risdon N. Slate & Patrick Anderson, "Lying Probationers: The Issue of Polygraph Surveillance," **Federal Probation**, Volume 60, Number 3 (1996).

"Correctional Officer Stress," by Risdon N. Slate in the **Encyclopedia of American Prisons**, edited by Marilyn McShane and Frank Williams III, Garland Publishing Inc., New York, 1996.

Stress Levels and Thoughts of Quitting of Correctional Personnel: Do Perceptions of Participatory Management Make a Difference? Ph.D. dissertation, Claremont Graduate School, Ann Arbor, Michigan: University Microfilms International, 1993.

An Assessment of the Variables Perceived to be Related to Success in the Pursuit and Maintenance of the Office of Sheriff in North Carolina. Master's thesis, University of South Carolina, 1984.

Presentations At Professional Conferences

Lauren Morgan, Gordon Crews, and Risdon N. Slate "Bridging the Gap Between Empirical Evidence and Practice in Juvenile Justice" Presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois March 21, 2024.

Risdon N. Slate and Lisa Marie Carter "Mental Health Among the Incarcerated" at Florida Southern College's Central Florida Summit on April 20, 2023.

Risdon N. Slate, Gordon Crews, and Lauren Morgan "Red Flag Laws in America: How Did We Get Here & Where Are We Going?" Presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in National Harbor, Maryland March 17, 2023.

Risdon N. Slate "Criminalization of Mental Illness and the need for Formal Diversion/Reentry Programs." Palm Beach County Reentry Summit at the Palm Beach Hilton on October 6-7 2022.

Gordon Crews and Risdon N. Slate "Criminogenic Risk Factors: An Examination of the 2010 Kelly Elementary School Shooter, Brendan Liam O'Rourke," accepted for presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada March 2022.

Roundtable entitled: "Addressing the mental health needs of children and parents that are involved in the juvenile justice, family court and child welfare systems" with Jennifer Johnson, W. Wesley Johnson, Lauren Morgan, and Risdon N. Slate at the Southern Criminal Justice Association conference, Daytona Beach, Florida, September 9, 2021.

Risdon N. Slate (invited panelist) "The Mechanics of Keeping the Mentally Ill in Care and Un-incarcerated" Florida's Path to Justice Reform: A Symposium for Journalists sponsored by John Jay's College of Criminal Justice of New York City at the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida on November 22, 2019.

Presenting “Therapeutic Jurisprudence for Persons with Mental Illnesses and the Importance of Discharge Planning in the Criminal Justice System” on a Thematic Panel Risdon N. Slate, Karyn Sporer, Kelly Frailing, and Roberto Hugh Potter entitled: Contemporary Issues in Justice-Involved Persons with Mental Illness at the American Society of Criminology Meeting in San Francisco, California, November 13, 2019.

Risdon N. Slate, Chair of a Panel entitled “Without exception, It was all with the best of intentions;” Paper presented “The Importance of Discharge Planning for Justice-Involved Persons with Mental Illness and Polk County, Florida’s “Helping Hands Program,” Southern Criminal Justice Association, Nashville, Tennessee, September 13, 2019.

“Author Meets Critics” Risdon N. Slate & Lisa M. Carter met Renee Lamphere, David May, and Rebecca Monroe at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, March 28, 2019.

Risdon N. Slate, Karla Rios, Jaimee Rudick. Caedon Saltis, and Scott Trecartin, with moderator Lisa M. Carter, presented on the topic of “Engaging Criminology Students in Community and Classroom Networking Opportunities in and Beyond the Classroom,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, November 15, 2018.

Risdon N. Slate (invited panelist), Arian L. Bryan, and Edwanna Andrews, with moderator Maria Cherjovsky, “Dialogue on Charlottesville,” participants discussed the protest that ensued related to the potential removal of a Robert E. Lee statue from a public park. Diversity and Leadership Conference, Florida Diversity Council, Orlando, Florida, April 27, 2018.

Risdon N. Slate and Deborah Eckberg, with moderator Kelly Frailing, presented on the topic of “Persons with Mental Illness who are Justice Involved: Multiple Perspectives,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana on February 17, 2018.

Risdon N. Slate and Ken Kerle with moderator Christine Tartaro presented on the topic of “Criminal Justice Professionals and Individuals with Mental Illnesses: Challenges and Solutions -- Corrections/Special Needs Offenders,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Kansa City, Missouri on March 23, 2017.

“Let’s Ask the Police: Should Marijuana Possession Be Decriminalized?” by Risdon N. Slate, Kaitlin Leroux, Kiley Malewicki, and Gary Cox, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Kansa City, Missouri on March 22, 2017.

Chaired the session and presented on “Deinstitutionalization’s Impact on Persons with Mental Illnesses and Their Diversion/Re-entry to the Community from the Justice System” by Risdon N. Slate and W. Wesley Johnson, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado on March 30, 2016.

Roundtable: “Issues Surrounding Persons with Mental Illnesses and the Justice System.” Risdon N. Slate (Chair); Discussants, Karyn Sporer, Gordon Crews, Ron Honberg, and Erik Roskes, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC on November 19, 2015.

“A Model for Handling Justice-Involved Persons with Mental Illnesses” Risdon N. Slate presented with Florida Southern Students Brooke Barfield, Ashley Montano, Lauren Morgan, and Destiny Zunic at the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, South Carolina on September 10, 2015.

“Changing Students' Perceptions of Persons and Offenders with Mental Illness” by Kelly Frailing and Risdon N. Slate for the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology in San Francisco, California, November 19-22, 2014.

“In Search of Meaningful Internships” Risdon N. Slate presented with Florida Southern Students Ashley Fairbrother, Shannon Howle, and Kristina Scott at the Southern Criminal Justice Association, Clearwater, Florida on September 17, 2014.

Risdon N. Slate presentation on The Interface of Mental Health and Criminal Justice at the Conference on The Impact of Mental Illness on the Criminal Justice System at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, on April 12, 2014.

Featured Roundtable: Invisible Implementers – The Nexus Between Probation/Parole Officers and Evidence Based Practice. Faith Lutze (Moderator); Discussants, Faye Taxman, Gaylene Armstrong, Wes Johnson, Risdon Slate, and Benjamin Steiner, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, February 19, 2014.

“From Gangsta Rap to Country Music: Tenets of Criminological Theory Reflected in Music Lyrics” presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia on November 20, 2013.

“Linking Justice-Involved Persons with Mental Illnesses to Treatment” Risdon N. Slate presented with Florida Southern Students Morgan Bow, and Chelsea Dyer at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in Virginia Beach, Virginia on September 19, 2013.

“Examining the Physical and Mental Health Needs of Female Ex-offenders Returning to Society” Lisa Carter and Risdon N. Slate at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in Atlantic Beach, Florida on September 28, 2012.

“At the Crossroads of Justice and Mental Illness” Roundtable with Risdon N. Slate, David D’Amora – Council of State Governments, Jose Lopez, Sr. – Chief of Police, Durham, North Carolina, Justice Marcia Hirsch – Queens, New York Felony Mental Health Court, Jacki Buffington-Vollum, and W. Wesley Johnson at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in New York, New York, March 2012.

“Teaching Criminological Theory Using Music Lyrics” presented with Florida Southern Students Arielle Hollman, Erin Sneed, Risdon N. Slate, and Michael Bush at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in New York, New York, March 2012.

“Building and Sustaining Criminal Justice-Mental Health Partnership” Roundtable with Christine Tartaro, Ken Kerle, Risdon N. Slate, and W. Wesley Johnson at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in New York, New York, March 2012.

“The Song Remains the Same: Using Music to Teach Criminal Justice and Criminology” Dr. Michael Bush and Risdon N. Slate at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in Nashville, Tennessee, September 2011.

“So You Want to Write a Textbook? A Collaborative Process” Roundtable with Risdon N. Slate, Erin Sneed (Florida Southern Student), Gina Boedeker, Bill Minick, Leslie Oberhuber, and Scott Sipe at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, March 2, 2011.

“Utopian Community Corrections” Roundtable with Faith Lutze, Todd R. Clear, W. Wesley Johnson, Edward J. Latessa, and Risdon N. Slate at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada, March 2, 2011.

“Attempting to Eradicate Stigma” Dr. Risdon N. Slate, John Marks, Dr. Patrick Smith, and Erin Sneed (Florida Southern Student) at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in Clearwater, Florida, October 1, 2010.

“Mental Illness Education for the Legal System Promotes Health, Justice, and Savings” panelists include Supreme Court Justice Evelyn Stratton of Ohio, Judge Peter Breen of Nevada, Special Advisor to the Florida Supreme Court on Mental Health and Criminal Justice Judge Steven Leifman, Dr. Risdon N. Slate, and Angela Vickers, J.D. at the CMHS National GAINS Center Conference, Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 17, 2010.

“Jails and the Criminalization of Mental Illness” Roundtable with Ken Kerle, Risdon N. Slate, Richard Conklin, Deborah Eckberg, W. Wesley Johnson, and Cindy Stewart at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, February 2010.

“Author Meets Critics” Risdon N. Slate and W. Wesley Johnson met Robert M. Worley, Ken Kerle, Denise Kindschi Gosselin, Leanne Alarid, Kevin Minor, and Frank Wilson at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, February 2010.

“Dream Big: Attributes Of A Utopian Community Corrections Organization” Roundtable with Todd R. Clear, Edward Latessa, Faith Lutze, W. Wesley Johnson, Risdon N. Slate, and Mary K. Stohr at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, February 2010.

“Attempting to Eradicate Stigma: One Course at a Time” Dr. Risdon N. Slate, Dr. Patrick Smith, Megan Osburn, and Zachary Rowe at the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in Charleston, South Carolina, September 2009.

“Stakeholder Perspectives on Tasers and Less Lethal Weapons” presented with NAMI Director of Policy Ron Honberg and Sam Cochran at the NAMI Annual Convention in San Francisco, California on July 6, 2009.

Served as a discussant on a panel entitled “Issues in Mental Health Courts: What Works and What Doesn’t” and as moderator of a panel on “Mental Health and Institutional Corrections: Where We Have Been, Where We Are, and Where We Are Going” at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, March 2009.

“A Comparison of Federal and State Probation Officer Stress Levels” Dr. Risdon N. Slate and Dr. W. Wesley Johnson presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2008 Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio.

“Criminalization of Mental Illness” presented with Ronald S. Honberg, W. Wesley Johnson, and H. Richard Lamb at the National Alliance on Mental Illness Convention in Orlando, Florida, June 15, 2008, with a book signing prior to the event.

“Crisis Intervention: The U.S. Model” presented with Dr. Suzanne Vogel-Scibilia at the World Psychiatric Association Conference in Melbourne, Australia, November 28 – December 2, 2007.

Presented with Michele Saunders, Executive Director of Florida Partners In Crisis, on “Advocacy for the Sequential Intercept Model” at the *Which Way Out? Applying the Sequential Intercept Model as a Framework to Decriminalize Mental Illness* conference sponsored by the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, the University of Pittsburgh Center on Race and Social Problems, and the Ash Institute at Harvard University on November 16, 2007.

“Specialized Police-Based Responses: Strategies for Overcoming Training Challenges” presented by Melissa Reuland, Council of State Governments, Officer Joan Logan, Montgomery County Maryland Police Department, Professor Risdon N. Slate, Florida Southern College, and Lt. Rick Wall, Los Angeles Police Department in Memphis, Tennessee at the Crisis Intervention Team National Conference on August 28, 2007.

“Use of the ‘Hearing Disturbing Voices’ Program in CIT Training” presented by Lt. Brian Garrett, Polk County Sheriff’s Office, Kirk Fasshauer, Peace River Center, Professor Risdon N. Slate, Florida Southern College, Deputy Randy Weis and Deputy Jim Rice, Polk County Sheriff’s Office in Memphis, Tennessee at the Crisis Intervention Team National Conference on August 29, 2007.

Chaired a Roundtable on The Interface of the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Systems on Wednesday, March 14, 2007 at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2007 Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington.

“The Impact of Organizational Stressors on Police Stress Levels” Dr. Risdon N. Slate, Dr. Sharla Colbert, Dr. Wesley Johnson and Dr. Terry L. Wells presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2006 Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland.

“The Critical Role of Consumers and Families in Advocating for Crisis Intervention Team Training and Jail Diversion” presented by Bonnie Sultan, Risdon N. Slate, Guyla Daley, Jim Dailey, Dave Lushbaugh, and Eileen White in Orlando, Florida at the CIT and Beyond, 2nd Annual National Conference on Crisis Intervention Teams on September 26, 2006.

“Police Response to People with Mental Illness: Specialized Approaches” by Melissa Reuland, Risdon N. Slate, Michael Korpel, Lee Bowlus, and Gary Cordner was presented at the Community Oriented Policing (COPS) Conference in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Justice on July 28, 2006, Washington, DC.

“Law Enforcement/Mental Health: Partnerships and Initiatives for Change” Michele Saunders, Dr. Risdon N. Slate, Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd, and Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Colonel Greg Brown was presented at the National Sheriffs’ Association Conference June 20, 2006 in Orlando, Florida.

“CIT and Beyond: Bridging the Gap between Police Encounters and the Continuation of Mental Health Care” by Dr. Jennifer Teller, Dr. Risdon Slate, Bonnie Sultan, and Michael Woody was presented at the National GAINS Center Conference in Boston, Massachusetts on April 7, 2006.

“Think Globally, Act Locally” by Michele Saunders, Judge Steven Leifman, and Dr. Risdon N. Slate was presented at the National GAINS Center Conference in Boston, Massachusetts on April 7, 2006.

Presented with other NAMI National Board Members and Staff on the topic of “The Family and Consumer Perspective on Interaction with Law Enforcement During a Crisis,” and “The Essentials of Developing Advocacy Strategies for Planning and Implementing CIT Collaborations” at the 1st National Crisis Intervention Team Conference and 3rd National Conference Mental Illness & The Criminal Justice System in Columbus, Ohio on May 12, 2005.

“Stress and Gender: An Examination of Probation Officer Stress and Gender” Dr. Terry L. Wells and Risdon N. Slate at the American Society of Criminology 2004 Annual Meeting, Nashville, Tennessee.

Paper entitled “Training Federal Probation Officers As Mental Health Specialists” co-authored with Erik Roskes, Richard Feldman & Migdalia Baerga presented at The Center for Mental Health Services & Criminal Justice Research Conference on "Reentry to Recovery: People with Mental Illness Coming Home from Prison or Jail," in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 15, 2004.

“An Examination and Comparison of State and Federal Probation Officer Stress” co-authored with Dr. Terry L. Wells and Dr. Wesley Johnson, presented at the American Society of Criminology 2003 Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.

“Engaging People with Mental Illness as Advocates, Trainers, and Educators in Confronting the Issue of the Mentally Ill Who Encounter the Criminal Justice System” co-authored with Mike Mathes and Tom Lane accepted for presentation at the International Forensic Mental Health Conference at the Royal College of Nursing in London, England on 5-7 June 2003.

“Response to Increased Mental Health Cases in Federal Probation and Pretrial Services System: Strategies for Effective Case Supervision” presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2003 Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts.

“Mental Health Courts and the Legislative Process” presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2002 Annual Meeting, Anaheim, California.

“An Examination of Possible Causes of Stress for United States Probation Officers: A Look at a Southeastern District” co-authored with Dr. Terry L. Wells and Dr. Wesley Johnson, presented at the American Society of Criminology 2001 Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia.

“An Examination of Individual Determinants of Probation Officer Stress in a State-Wide Survey” co-authored with Dr. Terry L. Wells and Dr. Wesley Johnson, presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2001 Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

“Probation Officer Stress Levels: Do Perceptions of Participating in Decision Making Make a Difference?” co-authored with Dr. Terry L. Wells and Dr. Wesley Johnson, presented at the American Society of Criminology 2000 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California.

“An Examination of the Perceived Atmosphere for Participation in Workplace Decision Making and Its Impact on the Stress levels of Federal Probation and Pretrial Service Officers,” co-authored with Dr. Terry L. Wells and Dr. W. Wesley Johnson, presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2000 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.

“The Nuts, Bolts & Potential Pitfalls of Developing an Interdisciplinary & Multi-Cultural Criminal Justice Course,” co-presenter Dr. Frank Hodges, presented at the American Society of Criminology 1999 Annual Meeting in Toronto, Canada.

Chaired a panel on Critical Prison Issues at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 1999 Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida.

“Courts for Mentally Ill Offenders: Necessity or Abdication of Responsibility?” Presented at American Society of Criminology 1998 Annual Meeting in Washington, DC

Chaired two panels on Juvenile Justice & Changing Strategies & Technologies at the Southern Criminal Justice Association’s 1998 Annual Meeting, Biloxi, Mississippi.

“Racial Segregation as a Correctional Management Tool: Beyond Lee v. Washington (1968),” co-author Dr. W. Wesley Johnson, presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 1998 Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“Gay Cops on the Beat: Shall We Defer to the Judgment of the Generals?” Presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association’s 1997 Annual Meeting, Richmond, Virginia.

“A Longitudinal Assessment of Employee Perceptions of Participation in Decision Making, Stress Levels and Turnover in Private Prisons,” presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 1997 Annual Meeting in Louisville, Kentucky.

“Now You See Me, Now You Don’t: The Federal Witness Security Program,” presented at Southern Criminal Justice Association’s 1996 Annual Meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

“The Legalities of Polygraph Surveillance of Sex Offenders on Probation,” presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 1996 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

“The ABC’s of Corrections: Academia, Business, Community, and Corrections,” presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association’s 1993 Annual Meeting in Charleston, South Carolina.

“Stress Levels of Correctional Personnel: Is There a Difference Between the Sexes?” presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 1993 Annual Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri.

“Stress Levels and Thoughts of Quitting of Correctional Personnel: Do Perceptions of Participatory Management Make a Difference?” presented at the American Society of Criminology 1992 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Stress Levels of Correctional Personnel in a Northern Jail: Do Perceptions of Participatory Management Make a Difference?” presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association’s 1990 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

“Do Not Take the Law Into Your Own Hands and Do Not Take Them to Court - Consider the Alternatives,” presented at the Western Society of Criminology 1989 Conference in Orange, California.

“The Litigation Explosion and Its Alternatives,” presented at the Southern Criminal Justice Association’s 1988 Annual Meeting in Asheville, North Carolina.

“The Criminal Justice Non-system,” presented and chaired a panel at the Western and Pacific Association of Criminal Justice Educators’ 1988 Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, California.

Invited Speaking Engagements

Risdon N. Slate “The Need for Specialized Diversion/Reentry Programs Based on My Personal Experience” presented to an audience of 250+ to the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency and the Florida Department of Corrections on August 27, 2024 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Risdon N. Slate Shares his Mental Health Struggles with Trinity Laurino of *Lakeland Now* and article by Kimberly Moore on May 16, 2024

<https://www.lkldnow.com/criminology-professor-shares-his-mental-health-struggles/> .

Risdon N. Slate virtual presentation entitled Guardianship Training on Decriminalization of Mental Illness for the Florida State Guardianship Association's 3rd Annual Ethics Symposium Miami, Florida on March 11, 2022

Risdon N. Slate presentation entitled From Deinstitutionalization/Criminalization of Mental Illness to Decriminalization via MEDICAID expansion to the Florida League of Women Voters on March 10, 2021.

Risdon N. Slate luncheon speaker on "The Role of Community in the Criminalization and Decriminalization of Mental Illness" at Stetson Law School, as part of the Leadership Development Program, Gulfport, Florida February 20, 2019.

Risdon N. Slate keynote speaker on "The Interface Between Mental Illness and the Criminal Justice System" at the Democratic Women's Club of Lakeland, Florida on November 26, 2018.

Risdon N. Slate keynote speaker on "*Why We Do This*, The Helping HANDS Jail Transition Program" at Polk County's Central County Jail on November 9, 2018.

Risdon N. Slate keynote speaker on the topic of "Criminalization of Mental Illness" at College Heights United Methodist Church, Lakeland, Florida, on February 7, 2018.

Risdon N. Slate, invited panelist along with CIT Team Coordinator, Orlando Police Department, Captain Susan Brown, Psychiatrist Dionne Hart, Mayo Clinic School of Medicine and U.S. Bureau of Prisons, Robert T. Russell, Mental Health Court Judge, Buffalo, New York and Moderator Katti Gray, New York on a panel entitled "Cops, Courts, Jails, Prisons and the Mentally Ill – Changes and Challenges" at the Association of Health Care Journalists Health Journalism Conference (April 22, 2017) in Orlando, Florida.

Risdon N. Slate Keynote Speaker on the topic of Criminalization of Mental Illness at the National Alliance on Mental Illness Crisis Intervention Team Conference, McKimmon Conference Center in Raleigh, North Carolina on February 7, 2017.

Invited panelist on a panel entitled Polk Vision Behavioral Health Community Forum with Judge Robert Williams, Dr. Daniel Haight, Kirk Fasshauer, Donn Van Stee, Jeff Ware, and Margo Fleisher, at Polk State Public Safety Center, Polk County Sheriff's Office, Winter Haven, Florida, October 25, 2016.

Invited Plenary Speaker on the topic of "The Criminal Justice System and Mental Health" at the NAMI Tennessee State Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, September 29, 2016.

Invited by Professor Tina Jaeckle and presented on the Criminalization of Mental Illness at Flagler College, St. Augustine, Florida on April 14, 2016.

Invited panelist on a panel entitled Mental Health Services "*Wanted*": Criminal Justice System Gap-filling at the "Beating Mental Illness: A Dialogue on Race, Gender and Disability Stereotypes in Use of Force Cases" conference, where I presented on the Criminalization of Mental Illness at the Gould Law School, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California on April 8, 2016.

Grand Rounds Presentation, Presenter to Third-Year Medical Students, and Discussant with Combined Accelerated Program in Psychiatry students at the University of Maryland Medical School, Baltimore, Maryland, March 3, 2016.

Invited panelist on a panel entitled Facts, Myths, Stereotypes: Covering News of Mental Illness and Recovery for "An Imprisoned Mind: Reporting on The Mentally Ill and the Criminal Justice System" symposium at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York on May 5, 2015.

Keynote Speaker for Peace River Center, Community Mental Health Organization, on "Alternatives to Criminalization of Mental Illness" at Eaglebrook Country Club, Lakeland, Florida, September 16, 2014.

Invited panelist on a panel entitled Care for Aging, Addicted, Chronically and Mentally Ill Inmates and Detainees at the Health Behind Bars Conference on What Obamacare Means for Courts, Prisons, Jails and Justice-Involved Communities (And How to Report the Story), John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York on October 22, 2013.

Keynote speaker on "May All Your Endings Be Beginnings" for College Heights United Methodist Church, Lakeland, Florida, on September 4, 2013.

Keynote speaker for *Omicron Delta Kappa's* "Last Lecture" at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, on April 2, 2013.

Keynote speaker on "The Need for Alternatives to Incarceration" at the League of Women Voters event on January 12, 2013 at Daytona Beach, Florida.

Keynote speaker at the Durham Crisis Team's 3rd Annual Recognition Banquet on February 4, 2011 at the Durham Armory, Durham, North Carolina.

Guest Speaker on the "Criminalization of Mental Illness" at College Heights United Methodist Church, Lakeland, Florida, on September 30, 2009.

Keynote Speaker for Peace River Center on the “Criminalization of Mental Illness” at Eaglebrook, Lakeland, Florida, September 15, 2009.

Keynote Speaker Lakeland Police Department 2008 Annual Awards Ceremony on March 19, 2009, Lakeland, Florida.

Presented with my co-author on our book **Criminalization of Mental Illness** on the topic of *The Criminalization of Mental Illness in Florida: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System* and had a book signing as part of the Florida Center for History’s Florida Lecture Series at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Florida, on January 22, 2009.

Keynote speaker on our book **Criminalization of Mental Illness** for Tri-County Mental Health Services in Auburn, Maine on October 21, 2008.

Luncheon speaker on Mental Illness Awareness Day on the topic of our book **Criminalization of Mental Illness** to the District of Columbia Pretrial Services Agency, Washington, DC, on October 7, 2008.

Keynote Speaker on “The Impact of the Criminal Justice System on Persons with Mental Illnesses” at The Kent Center for Human & Organizational Development, a community behavioral healthcare center, in Warwick, Rhode Island on September 26, 2007.

Invited by NAMI Vermont to present on the topic of “Perspectives on Best Practice Programs to Divert Persons with Mental Illnesses from the Criminal Justice System,” on November 3, 2006 in Montpelier, Vermont.

Presentation to Primary Care Physicians and Psychiatrists from around the country on my experiences with the interface of the mental health and criminal justice systems for AstraZeneca Pharmaceutical Corporation on September 30 in Tampa, Florida; October 14 in Phoenix, Arizona; October 21 in Washington, DC; October 28, 2006 in Dallas, Texas.

Guest Speaker on the “Criminalization of Mental Illness” to a graduate criminology class at the University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi on October 7, 2009.

Spoke on “Best Practice Programs to Divert Offenders with Mental Illness from the Criminal Justice System” to forensic psychology and criminal justice students at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia on September 5, 2006.

"Surviving and Thriving in the Forensic Mental Health System" presented at the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors’ Forensic Meeting on August 6, 2006 in Annapolis, Maryland.

Presented “Persons with Mental Illness Who Encounter the Criminal Justice System” at NAMI Pennsylvania Annual Conference, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, October 28, 2005.

Opening Plenary Speaker "A Consumer's Story - Perspectives on Best Practices Programs to

Divert Offenders with Mental Illness from Criminal Justice" and served as a panelist on a panel entitled "Offender or Patient: Should We Care?" At the Biennial Forensic Forum in Columbia, South Carolina, October 20, 2005.

Participated in the Florida Center for Science and Religion Fall Lecture Series on Mental Illness at First Presbyterian Church in Lakeland, Florida, by attending sessions on September 13 and 27, presenting on September 20 "Social & Legal Issues and Mental Illness," and engaging in a panel discussion on Mental Illness with Dr. Mark Helm and Dr. Paul Suich, Lakeland, Florida, on October 4, 2005.

Presented on the topic of "The Consumer Perspective in Criminal Justice," at the 3rd Annual Criminal Justice and Mental Illness Conference, Birmingham, Alabama, September 16, 2005.

Invited Presenter at the AstraZeneca National Managed Markets Sales Meeting in Dallas, Texas on December 7, 2005.

Invited Plenary Speaker with Major Sam Cochran of the Memphis Police Department on "Criminalization of Mental Illness and Best/Promising Practices for Diverting People with Mental Illness from the Criminal Justice to the Mental Health System" at the NAMI Tennessee State Convention, Jackson, Tennessee, September 9, 2005.

Keynote Speaker at NAMI Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, Florida, November 5, 2004.

Conducted two breakout sessions on the topic of how "The Criminal Justice System has become the De facto Mental Health System," for NAMI South Carolina on October 30, 2004 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Keynote Address on the topic of "Decriminalizing Mental Illness for a Better Future: A Vision Based on Personal Experience," delivered at NAMI Rhode Island's 20th Annual Bridging the Gaps Conference on October 29, 2004 in Newport, Rhode Island.

Keynote Speaker to Brown County, Ohio law enforcement officers on the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness as part of their Crisis Intervention Training on October 12, 2004 in Georgetown, Ohio.

Honoree and Speaker at NAMI Polk County, Florida's Reception and Educational Meeting, Lakeland, Florida, on October 7, 2004.

Speaker on the topic of Consumer Integration and Consultant for A SAMHSA Initiative Regional Forum on Treating Justice Involved Adults with Co-Occurring Disorders in Rural Settings, The National GAINS Center for People with Co-Occurring Disorders Involved with the Justice System, Annapolis, Maryland on July 21-23, 2004.

Plenary Speaker on the Topic of Including Persons with Mental Illness in Community Policing at the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U.S. Department of Justice, Conference in San Antonio, Texas on June 15, 2004.

Featured Speaker on the topic of Re-entry and Recovery at the Developing Cooperation Among

Non-Traditional Stakeholders Conference sponsored by The National Alliance on Mental Illness in Louisiana on April 3, 2004 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Presenter for a national teleconference on the subject of "Distinguishing mental illness myth from reality in the law enforcement arena," in conjunction with the Resource Center to Address Discrimination and Stigma, a program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, and operated by a contract with The Gallup Organization and the Mental Health Association of Southeastern Pennsylvania, February 26, 2004.

Keynote Speaker for a Crisis Intervention Training Graduation for Law Enforcement Officers, Fort Wayne, Indiana, on October 7, 2003.

Invited to Chair a panel on Consumers as Partners at the GAINS Center National Conference in San Francisco, California, October 30, 2002.

Invited panelist for a Videoconference on the topic of Understanding Managed Behavioral Health Care in Community Corrections, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Institute of Corrections, in Spokane, Washington, July 17, 2002.

Invited panelist on the topic of Responding to Mental Health Crisis Calls, Police Executive Research Forum Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, May 10, 2002.

Invited by the Council of State Governments to be a panelist to advise the U.S. Dept. of Justice & Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Agency officials on establishment of a Mental Health Court Grant Program, Chicago, Illinois, March 18, 2002.

Invited panelist at the Religion and Disability Conference, Southeastern College, Lakeland, Florida, April 15, 2002

Keynote Speaker: Annual Disabilities/Religion Conference, Lakeland, FL, November 12, 2001.

Invited by the Corrections Program Office at the U.S. Department of Justice to serve as a Panelist on a session entitled "The Challenge," aimed at coordinating correctional and mental health services, at the National Corrections Conference on Mental Illness in Boston, Massachusetts on July 18, 2001.

Keynote Speaker at Department of Children and Families Justice Conference to explore Legal Issues of the Mentally Impaired, Lakeland, Florida, January 26, 2001.

Invited panel discussant on the topic of "Mental Health Needs of Youth in the Juvenile Justice System" to the National Council on Crime & Delinquency Board of Directors, Jacksonville, Florida, on December 13, 2000.

Invited speaker on the topic of "Keeping the Mentally Ill Out of Our Jails & In Treatment," National Sheriffs' Association Conference, June 19, 2000, Kansas City, Missouri.

Invited panelist responding to the Exposition of Federal and Congressional Initiatives on Criminal Justice, Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders at the GAINS Center 2000 National Conference, April 26-28, Miami, Florida.

Addressed the Crisis Intervention Training Class Graduates of the Miami Beach Police Department at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, March 31, 2000.

Invited Participant/Facilitator for a Train the Trainers Conference, Law Enforcement & Behavioral Health Interface: Managing Individuals in Psychiatric or Substance Use Crises, sponsored by Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Brooksville, Florida, May 12-14, 1999.

Selected to be Guest Editor for a special issue of *Crime & Delinquency* on the topic of Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System, January issue 2003 (Vol. 49, No.1).

Participant in conjunction with Policy Research Associates, Inc. for the National Institute of Mental Health Adult Cross-Training Curriculum Project Evaluation Meeting held in Washington, D.C. on February 25, 2004.

Reviewer

Executive Editorial Board member journal of **Crime & Delinquency** (2001 to present); journal of **Corrections Policy, Practice and Research** (2015 to present).

Reviewer journal of **Crime & Delinquency** (1999 to present), **Police Quarterly** (2016), **Justice Quarterly** (2013-2014; 2016), **Journal of Police and Criminal Psychology** (2010; 2016), **Criminal Justice & Behavior** (2008), **Journal of Criminal Justice** (2005), the **American Journal of Criminal Justice** (2000 to present), **Journal of Dual Diagnosis** (2005 to present), **Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice: A Professional Journal** (asked in 2005), and **Criminal Justice Review** (2004).

Textbook Review (2016) West Publishing Company.

Grant Evaluation

Evaluator/Reviewer of grant proposals for implementation of rural jail diversion programs for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, June 2005.

Evaluator/Reviewer of grant proposals for implementation of the Program of Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) in Florida, National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Dissertation Committee Member

A Comparative Study of Perceived Work Stress Among Officers of Color and White Officers and its Implications for Management, by Booker T. Hodges IV, Hamline University of Minnesota (2015).

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY SERVICE/ACTIVITY

Member of the Florida Southern College Enrollment Committee.

Tenure Portfolio Reviewer at Florida Southern College.

Member of the Appeals Board at Florida Southern College from 2014 to present.

Member of the transitional tenure committee at Florida Southern College, 2010 to 2014.

Elected to the faculty senate, 2010 to 2013.

Held memberships on the General Education, Faculty Appeals Board, Student Court, Faculty Professional Interests (elected), and Library committees during my time at Florida Southern College.

Served as Chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminology at Florida Southern College from September 2002 until September 2006; summer 2013 through spring 2016.

Appointments

On October 24, 2017, I was appointed by Miami/Dade Judge Steven Leifman to the Florida Bar Association Special Committee on Mental Health; we were tasked with reviewing mental health legislation, making recommendations for statutory changes, and creating pertinent educational/training sessions.

Appointed by Governor Jeb Bush to Florida's Mental Health & Substance Abuse Commission – appointed from October 22, 1999 – May 15, 2001.

Testimony

Testified before the Florida Senate Committee on Health Care about Medicaid Reform, Preferred Drug Lists, and Allowing Open Access to Psychotropic Medications on April 12, 2005.

Testified before the United States House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Crime, on the topic of The Impact of the Mentally Ill Offender on the Criminal Justice System, September 21, 2000 in Washington, D.C.

https://commdocs.house.gov/committees/judiciary/hju67345.000/hju67345_of.htm

Training and Consulting Endeavors

I reviewed and made a recommendation regarding Dr. Karyn Sporer's application for promotion and tenure with the University of Maine on August 2, 2021.

I was asked to participate in the Sequential Intercept Model analysis examining intercept points for persons with mental illnesses who encounter the criminal justice system for Polk County with analysts from the University of South Florida conducted on June 25, 2021 and a webinar on police/social work interventions on June 29, 2021.

Training entitled Intersection of Criminal Justice and Mental Health Systems with Ramsey County Sheriff's Office in St. Paul, Minnesota, April 10 – 13, 2017.

Committee Member with Florida Southern student Kaitlin Leroux, Executive Director Angie Ellison of Inner Act Alliance, Captain Stephen Walker, Captain Hans Lehman, Lt. Mike Spade, Sgt. Terri Smith, and Caroline Renew of the Lakeland Police Department on a Report on the Decriminalization of Marijuana presented to the Lakeland City Council on August 12, 2016.

Grand Rounds presenter to medical students and psychiatric residents at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Baltimore, Maryland on March 3, 2016.

Presented with Lt. Brian Garrett of the Polk County Sheriff's Office on September 15, 2015 on the topic of "Interacting with Persons with Mental Illness in Crisis: The Why and How of It," at the Becoming Trauma Informed: Law Enforcement and First Responders Training Summit in Jackson, Mississippi.

Presented on May 8, 2013 at the Florida Advanced Judicial College on the topic of "Mental Illness: Challenges and Public Perceptions" with Gail Cordial, Nelson Kull, and Peggy Symons at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel in Orlando, Florida.

Consultant on the Edgar Richard case – Wichita, Kansas.

Consultant on the Jermaine Julian case – Tampa, Florida.

"Working Effectively with the Mentally Ill" Law Enforcement Training, with Lt. Brian Garrett of the Polk County Sheriff's Office, October 5 and 6, 2011 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

"Involvement of Persons with Mental Illnesses in the Justice System" training as part of the Mental Illness Primer for the Criminal Justice Professional for Attorneys and Judges on October 14, 2011 and April 27, 2012 in Naples, Florida.

Presented on the topic of "Mental Illnesses and Substance Use Disorders in the Criminal Justice System" along with Miami Judge Steve Leifman, Miami-Dade County CIT Coordinator Habsi Kaba, Broward County Judge Mark Speiser, St. Lucie County Judge Cynthia Cox, Mike Thompson of the Council of State Governments, Pinellas County Public Defender Bob Dillinger, Mark Gold, Chair of Psychiatry at the University of Florida, Rajiv Tandon, Professor of

Psychiatry at the University of Florida, and Karen Levy at the Florida Partners in Crisis Justice Institute Judicial Education Project in Orlando, Florida on July 12, 2011.

Trainer on the Criminalization of Mental Illness for law enforcement middle managers at the Law Enforcement Management Institute of Texas (LEMIT), Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas – September 24, 2009; January 21, 2010; June 24, 2010.

Presenter along with Judge Steve Leifman and Miami-Dade County CIT Coordinator Habsi Kaba on the topic of “Decriminalizing Mental Illness- Strategies for Dealing with People with Mental Illnesses and Substance Abuse Disorders” at the Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies, Ft. Myers, Florida, May 26, 2010.

Member Judicial Education Project Advisory Council to establish a judicial training curriculum dealing with the effective processing of persons with mental illnesses, Florida Partners in Crisis, first meeting March 1, 2010, Orlando, Florida.

Mental Health Court Consultant for the state of Mississippi’s first mental health court in – 2009 to present; Trained judges, law enforcement and detention officers at the Hattiesburg Police Department, with Lt. Brian Garrett, on June 30 and July 1, 2010 in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Crisis Intervention Team trainer for the Polk County Sheriff’s Office at the Polk Community College, Criminal Justice Training Center, Kenneth C. Thompson Institute of Public Safety, on October 7, 2005; February 10, 2006; June 9, 2006; October 25, 2007; February 14, 2008; June 7, 2012; Polk County Sheriff’s Office Firing Range – September 3, 2009; February 11, 2010; August 4, 2011; June 7, 2012; November 6, 2014 at the Polk County Sheriff’s Office Operations Center, Winter Haven, Florida; November 15, 2015 at the Polk County Sheriff’s Office Substation, Winter Haven, Florida; April 22, and June 24, 2021 at the Polk County Sheriff’s Office Substation, Davenport, Florida; September 23, 2021 at Bartow, Florida; August 26, 2021, September 23, 2021, and November 4, 2021 at George Jenkins’ High School, Lakeland, Florida; December 8, 2021 at Polk County Sheriff’s Office Firing Range; February 9, 2022, and March 9, 2022 at Polk State College, Winter Haven, Florida.

Trainer for correctional officers on the topic of properly handling persons with mental illness while in custody for the Polk Community College, Criminal Justice Training Center, Kenneth C. Thompson Institute of Public Safety, at Polk Correctional Institution on October 22, 2004.

Trainer on the topic of the Importance of CIT from a consumer/Family Perspective for Crisis Intervention Team Continuing Education Opportunity for the Suncoast Region sponsored by Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, July 22, 2008.

Trainer on the topic of Involving Consumers in Law Enforcement Training for a Train the Trainer Symposium sponsored by Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida, Brooksville, Florida, September 11, 2003.

Consultant for a Crisis Intervention Training Planning Committee in Sarasota County, Florida on

July 22, 2003; Trainer on February 19, 2004; April 13, 2005; July 27, 2005; March 6, 2006; July 17, 2007; April 29, 2008; September 24, 2008.

Served as a Hostage Negotiator Trainer for the Polk Community College, Criminal Justice Training Center, Kenneth C. Thompson Institute of Public Safety, at the Lakeland Police Department Training Facility on July 12, 2006; April 4, 2008.

Consultant to the Technical Assistance and Policy Analysis (TAPA) Center for Jail Diversion for a workgroup convened in Bethesda, Maryland on June 24, 2003.

Consultant to the Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project for law enforcement with The Council of State Governments and the Police Executive Research Forum, Washington, DC, May 31-June 1, 2001; January 10-11, 2002.

Invited Speaker/Consultant for the GAINS Center “Building Mentally Healthy Community Programs for Grantees Serving Target Populations in the Criminal Justice System (Adults & Juveniles) and in Homeless Shelters,” in affiliation with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Bethesda, Maryland, November 28-29, 2001.

Consultant to the National Sheriffs’ Association on the Collaborative Leadership Project: Law Enforcement and Mental Health Partnerships at the Seminole County Sheriff’s Office in Sanford, Florida on November 13, 2001.

Member of a National Commission to Address Community Re-entry for Ex-offenders with Co-occurring Mental and Addictive Disorders, in conjunction with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration – affiliated with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the National GAINS Center, and the Center for Behavioral Health, Justice and Public Policy at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Washington, DC, September 5-6, 2001.

Trainer for the Polk County Sheriff’s Office for Special Needs Unit Detention Officers who supervise mentally ill detainees/inmates, Bartow, Fl, August 22, 2002; February 21, 2005; April 11, 2005; April 18, 2008.

Served as a Hostage Negotiator Trainer for the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, Orlando, Florida, on September 4, 2007.

Crisis Intervention Trainer for the Orlando Police Department and the Orange County Sheriff’s Office on how to appropriately deal with the mentally ill in crisis, Orlando, January 31; March 29; May 23; September 19, 2001; January 29, April 23, 2002.

Crisis Intervention Trainer for the Lakeland Police Department, February 14, 2002.

Crisis Intervention Trainer for Highlands County Sheriff’s Office at South Florida Community College, Avon Park, Florida, August 25, 2003.

Trainer on Mental Illness for Florida Law Enforcement Basic Recruits, Polk Community College, Criminal Justice Training Center, Kenneth C. Thompson Institute of Public Safety, Winter Haven, Florida, September 30, 2003; December 22, 2003.

Participant/Observer in eight hours of law enforcement training on Police Contact with the Mentally Ill at the St. Petersburg Police Department, St. Petersburg, Florida, November 17 and 18, 1998.

FBI presentation on Crime in America to high-ranking Russian Police Officials on September 3, 1998, as part of the FBI's international section Trainer Exchange Seminar On Organized Crime Program in Orlando, Florida.

Endorsed:

I was asked to provide a blurb for Phyllis Vine's book entitled *Fighting for Recovery: An activists' history of mental health reform* by Beacon Press in (2022).

Suicide and Self-Harm in Prisons and Jails, 2nd ed., by **Christine Tartaro (2019)**

Being locked up in the criminal justice system is a traumatic experience and may be so devastating that it could lead to suicide. Christine Tartaro astutely and compassionately identifies factors that contribute to the commission of these acts in custody, and then she specifically includes recommendations for preventing custodial suicides. This book is a must read for current criminal justice professionals working with this population, students who will be heading to this workforce, and policymakers who need to make informed decisions. -- Risdon N. Slate, Florida Southern College

<https://www.bookdepository.com/Suicide-Self-Harm-Prisons-Jails-Christine-Tartaro/9781498558723?ref=grid-view&qid=1576310724445&sr=1-2475#rating-distribution>

A COURT OF REFUGE: Stories from the Bench of America's First Mental Health Court by Ginger Lerner-Wren with Rebecca A. Eckland (2018) The therapeutic jurisprudence reflected on these pages comes to life in Judge Wren's courtroom. I have witnessed the respect and dignity with which Judge Wren treats those who appear before her. After a long day's docket, while I was there conducting research for a publication, she kindly took the time to listen to my own manic encounters with mental health and criminal justice practitioners. I personally experienced her compassion and understanding when she emphatically said to me, "It wasn't your fault." She is the only authority figure ever to tell me that, and this gave me permission to heal. Her caring approach has undoubtedly led to numerous success stories, as evidenced here. This book provides many reasonable, meaningful solutions and is a must read for criminal justice and mental health professionals, as well as persons with mental illnesses and their loved ones.---Risdon N. Slate, Ph.D., lead author of **The Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**

<http://www.beacon.org/A-Court-of-Refuge-P1340.aspx>

School Killers Speak: A First-Hand Look at School Violence in America by Gordon Crews

(2016) Policy is often driven by media sensationalism, not research. Crews has astutely circumvented this typical approach by capturing the voices of perpetrators; students, researchers, and policymakers would do well to listen. (Risdon N. Slate, Chair and Professor of Criminology at Florida Southern College; lead author of **Criminalization of Mental Illness: Crisis and Opportunity for the Justice System**)
<https://www.amazon.com/School-Killers-Speak-First-Hand-Violence/dp/1442266538>

Awards and Distinctions

Identified as an expert on mental health and stress levels of criminal justice practitioners by the Crime & Justice Research Alliance. <https://crimeandjusticeresearchalliance.org/experts/>

I was honored to be the recipient of the **John Howard Award** from the Corrections Section of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences on April 1, 2016 in Denver, Colorado. The John Howard Award is given intermittently, upon significant demand, to recognize an individual who has made significant and sustained contributions to the practice of corrections. The nominee MUST have made significant contributions to practice, but also can have made significant contributions in scholarship, teaching, policy, or service. Nominations are accepted every year and the committee seriously considers all nominees. However, the awarding of this honor is solely at the Committee's discretion and may not be awarded each year.

I was also acknowledged by the Lakeland *Ledger* editorial board on May 2, 2016 with a Garland for my contributions and receipt of the John Howard Award.
<http://www.theledger.com/article/20160502/EDIT01/160509996/0/search>

Presented the Lionel Aldridge Award to Kitty Dukakis on June 22, 2007 at the National Alliance on Mental Illness Convention in San Diego, California.

Recipient of the Community Activist of the Year Award, NAMI Polk County, December 18, 2001.

Recipient of 2000 Faculty Volunteer of the Year Award at Florida Southern College.

Award received from Kappa Alpha Fraternity for Outstanding Service as a Professor at Florida Southern College on April 13, 2000.

Award recipient from the Florida Department of Children & Families for chairing (and serving as a trainer) the Committee that developed and implemented training for 36 area law enforcement officers on how to appropriately deal with the mentally ill in crisis, June 26-30, 2000.

Member of Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society

Member of Alpha Phi Sigma, National Honor Society.

Selected as member of the Florida Humanities Council 1997 Speakers Bureau

Board and Professional Memberships

Served on the Board of Directors of Peace River Center, a private, not-for-profit Community Mental Health Organization, from April 2009 until October 2010 in Bartow, Florida.

Elected to the National Board of Directors of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) on September 10, 2004 in Washington, DC; appointed Chair of the Governance Committee August 2005; term ended June 23, 2007.

Member of Winter Haven Hospital's Florida Assertive Community Treatment Advisory Committee, March 6, 2000 to 2005, Winter Haven, Florida.

Member of Peace River Center's Florida Assertive Community Treatment Advisory Committee, March 7, 2001 to 2005, Bartow, Florida.

Member of the Florida Council for Behavioral Healthcare Assisted Treatment Work Group, November 21, 2000 – October 10, 2001.

Member Florida Board of Directors National Alliance on Mental Illness since 10/31/99 and 2nd Vice President as of 2003 until October 2005.

President (1999 to 2001) & Member Board of Directors (from 1998 to 2005) of the National Alliance on Mental Illness - Polk County.

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Featured in a documentary, with former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and former Surgeon General David Satcher, entitled *Shadow Voices: Finding Hope in Mental Illness* released to ABC

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An article by Robin Williams Adams containing an interview with me appeared in The **Ledger** on February 19, 2003 regarding the Nation's first mental health court judge speaking at Florida Southern College.

Interviewed by Douglas E. Beeman for an article on the fatal shooting of a bipolar airline passenger by Federal air marshals that appeared on December 9, 2005 in the **Press-Enterprise** of Riverside, California.

Interviewed by Jacob Goldstein of the **Miami Herald** on December 8, 2005 for an article on the fatal shooting of a bipolar airline passenger by Federal air marshals.

Interviewed for an article by Amy L. Edwards entitled "Mother Questions Need to Kill Mentally Ill Son" that appeared in the Lakeland **Ledger** on January 22, 2004.

Interview with me as part of NAMI's *Mind of America* campaign ran on February 9, 2004 through February 16, 2004 on **National Public Radio** (NPR) stations throughout the state of Florida.

Interviewed by Marianne Szegedy-Maszak of **U.S. News & World Report** on July 14, 2003 for an article on long-term care of persons with mental illness.

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Interviewed and cited for **Ledger** newspaper article entitled "Panel Attacks Mental Health System," referring to my service on the Governor's Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse, 03/10/01, by Robin Adams, Lakeland, Florida.

Interviewed by Marc Bernier of **WNDB** AM Radio Station – Daytona Beach about my involvement on the Governor's Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse and my own professional and personal experiences with mental illness, 03/26/01.

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Interviewed for an article in the Lakeland **Ledger** on crisis intervention training for law enforcement officers that was published on June 25, 2000.

Featured in a Monday Profile in the Lakeland **Ledger** on March 27, 2000.

Interviewed by Susanna Martinez of **Bay News 9** for the Extra On Your Side regarding a story on juvenile offenders on July 20, 1998.

Guest on December 29, 1996 on Doris Moore-Bailey’s radio talk show entitled Update on **WLKF 1430 AM** from Lakeland, Florida, where I discussed the *O.J. Simpson civil trial* and my published article on O.J. Simpson.

Guest on Doris Moore Bailey’s **WLKF 1430 AM** Update talk show on November 4, 1996, where I discussed *Why People Commit Crime*.

Guest on Doris Moore Bailey’s **WLKF 1430 AM** Update talk show on August 18, 1996 *How Well our Prison System is Working*.

On June 9, 1996, I was a discussant, along with representatives from the Lakeland Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff’s Office, on assessing *The Causes of Crime* on **WLKF 1430 AM**.

On January 21, 1996, I was interviewed on the Community Voice talk show on **WWAB** radio in Lakeland, Florida regarding *Legal Issues Surrounding School Prayer*.

On January 14, 1996, I addressed the topics of *Freedom of Speech/Expression, Hate Speech, Flag Burning, and Obscenity* on the Community Voice talk show on **WWAB** radio with Doris Moore Bailey.

Interviewed by Jennifer (Speed) Leigh of **WFLA-TV** Channel 8 Tampa regarding the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Vernonia School District v. Acton* rendered on June 26, 1995 regarding random drug testing of student athletes.

Quoted by Rick Rousos of the Lakeland **Ledger** on August 7, 1994 regarding whether a grand jury would indict a Polk County homeowner who shot and killed a juvenile running away from vandalizing his automobile at his home.

Professional Memberships

Member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences;
Member of the American Society of Criminology;
Member of the Southern Criminal Justice Association

Travel

I have visited all 50 states, and I have traveled to Australia, Austria, the Bahamas, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, Costa Rica, Croatia, England, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, Montenegro, Scotland, Slovenia, and Spain.

REFERENCES

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