Criminal Justice Decision Making in Social and Legal Context

A Symposium to be held April 19-20, 2018
Laboratory for Decision Making in Criminal Justice
University at Albany
School of Criminal Justice

This symposium will convene leading scholars on decision making and criminal justice, focusing on decisions by offenders, attorneys, and police. The event will begin on Thursday, April 19 with a lecture for graduate students and young faculty on Behavioral Economic principles for crime research. Thereafter, a poster session will showcase research by several PhD students, from both the University at Albany and other leading departments of criminology. Friday April 20 will include Opening Remarks by Daniel Nagin, 2014 recipient of the Stockholm Prize in Criminology, followed by research presentations addressing offender decision making and behavioral economics, the role of peers and other aspects of social context, and decisions during plea bargaining.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ALL EVENTS – EXCEPT STUDENT POSTER SESSION – REQUIRE PRE-REGISTRATION
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Tentative Schedule

Thursday April 19, 2018

1:30 – 3:30 pm Behavioral Economics & Offender Decision Making
General lecture for PhD students and young faculty
Levitt Room, Milne Hall
  Greg Pogarsky
  Theodore Wilson
  University at Albany
  School of Criminal Justice

4:00 – 5:30 pm Student Poster Session
Milne Hall 200
  Ben Hamilton, University of Missouri at St. Louis
  Shaina Herman, University at Albany
  Takuma Kamada, Pennsylvania State University
  Anat Kimchi, University of Maryland
  Paul Taylor, University at Albany
Friday April 20, 2018
All sessions in Husted Hall 214

9:00 – 9:05 am Welcome
William Alex Pridemore, Dean and Distinguished Professor
School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany

9:05 - 9:25 am Introduction
Greg Pogarsky, Associate Dean and Professor
School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany

9:25 – 9:45 am Choice on Center Stage in Light of Behavioral Economic Developments
Daniel Nagin
Teresa And H. John Heinz III University Professor Of Public Policy And Statistics
Heinz College of Information Systems and Public Policy, Carnegie Mellon University

9:45 – 10:30 am Behavioral Criminology and Public Policy
Thomas A. Loughran
Department of Sociology and Criminology, Pennsylvania State University

10:30 – 10:40 am Break

Guest Moderator: Jean McGloin,
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

10:40 – 11:30 am Understanding Peer Influence through a Decision-Making Framework: Implications and Prospects
Kyle Thomas
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri at St. Louis

11:30 am – 12:20 pm Offender decision-making and interpersonal communication
Evelien Hoeben
School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany

12:20 – 1:30 pm Lunch
Sponsored by University Auxiliary Services

1:30 – 2:30 pm System 1 in the Justice System: The Promise of Behavioral Economic Approaches for Understanding Criminal Justice Decision-Making
Brian Johnson
Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

2:30 – 2:45 pm Break

2:45 – 3:45 pm Behavioral Economics and Framing Effects in Guilty Pleas: A Defendant Decision Making Experiment
Theodore Wilson
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