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the study of criminal careers"**

Highlights

Welcome to new Chair Tara McGee and
Vice-Chair Christopher Sullivan

Thank you to Friedrich Lösel, immediate past chair

2020 DLC Award Winners

*Congratulations Alex Piquero on the Lifetime Achievement
Award*

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CHAIR'S FAREWELL


Friedrich Lösel
Immediate Past Chair

This letter is a substitute for the words I would have liked to say at our Division's members meeting at the November 2020 ASC Conference in Washington, DC. Under "normal" circumstances, we would have sent out our Autumn Newsletter with my last Welcome Letter as Chair of the Division before the Conference. However, the Conference was cancelled and we had to move to an alternative scheme for our newsletters in 2020. We sent out a Summer Newsletter instead of one in Spring when we were driving in the fog about future actions and events. Under "normal" circumstances, I would have handed over the imaginary scepter of the chair to Tara McGee at our meeting at DC. However, we now had not such a clear time mark and thus a more fluid period of transition. Over the last months, I had been in contact with Tara, our secretary-treasurer, Henriette Bergström, and other members of the Executive Board. We also communicated with the ASC Executive Board who had to steer the whole society effectively through the stormy waters of Sars-CoV-2 problems, popularly named as Corona crisis.

Of course, this letter is not a definite farewell from my side because our statutes require that I continue as past chair. However, my new role is different and less visible and therefore I wish to take the opportunity and thank all our members who served in various offices during my four years as Chair.

First, and above all, I am extremely grateful to David Farrington who served as Past Chair and chaired our Awards Committee. It is his merit that we managed the selection and decision process for our 2020 awards, whose winners we can (hopefully) celebrate 2021 at ASC in Chicago, IL. David was the founder of our Division and contributed energetically to our successful development. I also wish to remind to Rolf Loeber, our former Vice Chair. He would have been the genuine successor of David as Division Chair and it was very moving when we remembered Rolf in sessions at the ASC





Conference in 2018. When I was asked to stand for the election in 2016 I was somewhat ambivalent because I was not an English language native speaker and had worked and published during most of my academic career in Germany. However, I was honored to follow in the large footsteps of David, a giant in developmental criminology and amiable friend. I look forward to Chicago 2021 when we can celebrate our Division's personal thanksgiving to David for his eight years as Chair and Past Chair.

My role as Division Chair was sometimes time consuming, but overall easier than I expected. This was due to two reasons: First, our Division had well established procedures, positions and functions in our statutes. Second, and perhaps more important, we had and have a wonderful group of members who tirelessly served in various roles. Without their engagement, we would not have been as effective as we are since our foundation in 2012.

I only can mention a few other persons who served our Division during my time as chair. Alex Piquero was Vice Chair in my first two years and gave valuable advice. I also wish to thank Arjan Blokland who served as chair of the Membership Committee and Jesse Cale who served as chair of the Nominations Committee. In particular, I wish to thank Tara McGee who was strongly engaged in founding our Division and served as Secretary and Treasurer over four years. I was extremely grateful that she accepted the nomination for the election for Vice Chair of our division. When she has been elected as Vice Chair she was President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology and had important other tasks at Griffith University. I tried to lure her to the role in our Division by promising that she will have no further duties during my last two years as Chair. This was an honest promise, but Tara would not be the person we all know, if she would really have remained passive. Her contribution as Vice Chair was already invaluable and thus she became rightly elected as the next Chair in 2020. I also wish to congratulate and welcome Christopher Sullivan as our recently elected Vice Chair. My special thanks goes to Henriette Bergström. On short notice, she stepped in when the office of Newsletter Editor became vacant in 2018. When she became elected as Secretary and Treasurer Henriette managed our Division very well and steered us effectively through changes in the administrative relations between ASC and the divisions.

I also wish to thank the current chairs of our committees, i.e. David Farrington (Awards Committee), Lia Ahonen (Membership Committee), Bryanna Fox (Nominations Committee), Jessica Craig (Program Committee), and Darrick Joliffe (Outreach Committee). My thanks also go to Elaine Doherty and Amber Beckley who formerly acted so well on our Program Committee. Jason Payne had served effectively as Newsletter Editor and chair of the Newsletter Committee. He retired recently from this post when he made a challenging upwards move in his career. I am very grateful that Catia Malvaso stepped quickly in as Newsletter Editor and Melanie Escue as our Website Editor. We had also changes in our graduate students' representation and I express my thanks to Erin Castro and Lauren Miley

for their past or current service. Many thanks also to all members of our committees for their time and valuable support.

I am not a historian who may have systematically compiled records at the beginning of his office. Therefore, I had to track our newsletters and I may have missed one or the other colleague who had contributed to the work and development of our Division. In these cases, I apologize and ask for forgiveness.

Although we currently have to cope with the Corona crisis and cannot be sure about our Division's development in 2021, we should not forget what we achieved over the last years. Desirable developments and successful coping are key factors for experiencing self-efficacy and resilience. I only mention a few facts that indicate some success. First, and financially most relevant, we have still rather stable numbers of our membership although we expected a serious decline due to the cancelled 2020 ASC Conference. I kindly ask you to renew your ASC and our Division's membership a.s.a.p. A second success was the establishment of the David Farrington lectures of the winners of our Lifetime Achievement Award. Our members and guests listened to excellent lectures of John Laub and Robert Sampson in 2017, Terrie Moffitt in 2018, and Terence Thornberry in 2019. We recently managed to get a larger room and adequate technical facilities so that the Farrington lecture became a showcase of developmental criminology for many participants of the ASC Conferences. Because of this past success, we agreed with our 2020 award winner, Alex Piquero, not to hold a virtual Farrington lecture but postpone it to 2021. I am confident that we will have a very attractive lecture session at Chicago when Alex and the 2021 Lifetime Award winner will make their presentations (including the award ceremonies for all our winners in 2020 and 2021). The impressive written versions of the lectures of John and Rob, Terrie, and Terence are already published (online) in our Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology.

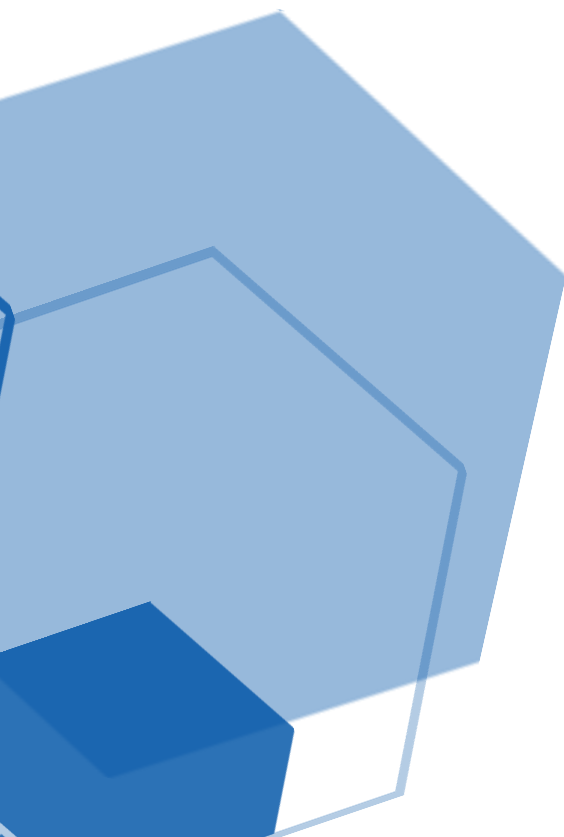
The development of the JDLCC is another great success. Within very few years, the journal got an Impact Factor. Although bibliometric measures are not without problems, an inspection of the journals' contents clearly demonstrates its high quality. Numerous division members and various guest editors of special issues contributed to this desirable development. We all congratulate and thank the founding editors, Tara Renae McGee and Paul Mazerolle for this great achievement. I am optimistic that Springer will tell us further success stories in the future. Unfortunately, but understandably, Tara and Paul recently decided to retire from their offices as editors-in-chief of the journal. Paul has been appointed President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick, Canada, and Tara has various new duties in Australia and as the Chair of our Division. We wholeheartedly thank them both for their work on the journal and hope that Springer can find similarly energetic and engaged successors.

Due to the creative work of Jason Payne, Catia Malvaso, Melanie Escue and others we now have a modernized design of our website and a new logo. We also had sad duties like condolences to the Cambridge Institute of Criminology when a Muslim terrorist killed two young members of the IoC in London in 2019. In contrast, there were pleasant duties like congratulating our Division member Daniel Nagin for his election as ASC president. There

were also more time-consuming duties such as working on the ASC Ad hoc committee to review the diversity, equity, inclusiveness and quality of the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology. Due to the current virus situation the committee's recommendations will need more time of discussion in the ASC Executive Board and for potential implementations. The Board and Chris Eskridge's administrative team have now urgent and financially challenging issues to cope with. We recently received a long list of questions and recommendations that Tara and I will discuss a.s.a.p.

Leaving an office requires some self-critical reflection about what aims were not yet reached. In this respect, I wish to mention two issues: First, our division should attract more members from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. To my knowledge, there is sound criminological research and important practice in these parts of the world. Therefore, we should strengthen our relations to the European Society of Criminology (ESC), the Asian Criminological Society (ACS), the African Criminology and Justice Association (ACJA), and colleagues in Latin America. For example, the conferences of ESC and ASC attract many scholars who may not be able to finance the trip to our ASC conferences. This may be a particular problem for young scholars who cannot get the necessary travel funds. Therefore, I would like to mention a second not yet reached aim of our Division: an improvement of our financial situation. Our budget is still in the black, but we do not have sufficient resources to support young international scholars of developmental and life course criminology. Perhaps the cancellation of travel plans and the lockdown in Corona times may have led to some financial savings of some of our members and upcoming Christmas may lead them to think about a small donation to our Division. Please contact Henriette if you think about that under your Christmas tree (or wherever).

I thank you all for your support during my time as Chair and I am sure that Tara, together with Christopher, Henriette and the Executive Board will lead our Division to new heights of success. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year that hopefully may be better than 2020.



CHAIR'S WELCOME

Tara Renae McGee
Chair

Thank you to members for electing me to be the new chairperson of the Division. I am very honoured to serve you in this role and take over from Friedrich Lösel who has led the Division for the last four years, following the founding chairperson, David Farrington.

The Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology is made up by an amazing group of researchers, academics, and practitioners from around the world. In the absence of the 2020 annual ASC meeting, we will be looking at ways of bringing people together in the new year.

If members have suggestions or ideas for things we should be doing as a Division, please send along your suggestions. At our annual meeting we usually ask for volunteers for the various sub-committees, so if you would like to be involved, please send a message to either the chair of the sub-committee or myself.

We will be calling for nominations for awards in the new year, so keep an eye out for those and please think about nominating your colleagues, students, or even yourself!

We encourage all members to continue to support the Division and ASC more generally by renewing your membership in 2021. Division membership is purchased as an add-on to the ASC membership.

It has been a most unusual year and we know that we are looking at these unusual times extending into 2021. We will continue to work with the circumstances as they arise and hope we can all meet again one day soon.



VICE CHAIR'S WELCOME

Christopher Sullivan

Vice-Chair

I am grateful for the support I received in being elected as the Vice Chair of the ASC Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology. As someone whose career in criminology was very much ignited by my passion for developmental and life-course criminology it is thrilling to take this position. I very much look forward to taking on this role and working with the other board members to promote the Division and the work of its members. I am particularly interested in engaging with and promoting the work of students and early career researchers who do research in developmental and life-course criminology. The Vice Chair has responsibility for the Division website and newsletter and I am happy to hear any suggestions on how we can optimize or enhance those forums as information sources and vehicles for networking for members. I am excited to get to work on behalf of the Division.



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Henriette Bergstrøm
Secretary and Treasurer

I started my summer report with hoping that all of our members, their families, friends and colleagues are safe, and I would like to reiterate this for the current winter report! At the risk of using an “overused” phrasing, it has indeed been an “unprecedented” year! We hope that you are all doing as well as possible during these difficult circumstances.

We wish you all the best for 2021 and hope that we will all be able to meet at the scheduled ASC meeting in 2021.

Because of the cancelled ASC meeting this year, we did not spend money on a social event, inset flyers, or for awards. The cost of the latter will be moved to 2021 as we will be awarding the awards from 2020 alongside the awards for 2021. Our expenses this year has been the journal subscription with Springer as well as hosting and maintenance of our website.

We are financially stable, but please remember to renew your membership of ASC and the division. If you would like to donate to the division, please see the following link:

<https://asc41.com/about/donations/> (scroll to the “Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology General Operation Budget”).

If you would like to see our quarterly financial statements, please contact me on h.bergstrom@derby.ac.uk

Fingers crossed for ASC 2021!

Warmest wishes,

Henriette Bergstrøm



OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Darrick Jolliffe

Chair – Outreach Committee



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Annual DLC Social Event (online?)

Each year I look forward to organizing the Division's social event and catching up with everyone. But with no 2020 ASC meeting there was also no DLC Social Event in Washington, DC.

In the context of a worldwide pandemic it seems that many of us have become very good at online communications. In the spirit of putting these new skills to good use, we had intended to host an online event before Christmas. But as with many things in 2020, this was postponed.

We do intend on having a 'quiz style' event early in 2021. We will be in touch with details.

Our members stretch across many time zones so it may be that we need to have multiple events. Alternatively, we can always take the approach that it is always beer-o'clock somewhere in the world.

Let me know your thoughts about this and whether you would be interested in hosting a virtual social event in your time zone as well.

Communications

The Developmental Life-Course Criminology Outreach Committee continues to promote DLC research, research opportunities and the happenings of the Developmental Life-Course Criminology Division of through Facebook and Twitter.

Division website and Facebook: Currently our Facebook page and is being kept active by Melanie Escue who is also updating the Division's website as the new website editor. If you see anything on the website that needs updating or have information that you would like shared on Facebook (e.g., recent publications) then please send that along to mescue@usf.edu.

Newsletter editor: Our newsletter editor is Catia Malvaso. If you would like to submit content for the newsletter please email catia.malvaso@adelaide.edu.au.

Twitter: Michael Rocque (mroque@bates.edu) has done an amazing job keeping the DLC group active on Twitter – but the time has come for new volunteers to help out.

Call for new members of the DLC Outreach Committee

We are now very keen to refresh and update our membership of the Outreach Committee. This would be a great opportunity for those interested in DLC research who feel that they could make our Facebook page and Twitter account hum, but who also might have other ideas.

Being part of the Outreach Committee for the DLC group are not arduous tasks, but we are an essential part of the DLC group. If you are interested in volunteering, or just finding out more about how you can help please contact me.

Darrick Jolliffe

Chair of the Outreach Committee

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lia Ahonen
Chair – Membership Committee

Dear all,

In these unprecedented times, I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. The year of 2020 has come with many challenges and changes to our lives. Around this time every year, we are all usually getting excited to go to the ASC annual meeting, for learning, networking, and catching up with friends and colleagues. This year, we cannot do this, and we will miss seeing all of you.

What we can do, which is more important than ever, is to prepare for future activities and ongoing rewarding work. Please consider renewing your membership both for the ASC and for our subdivision. For the division to be strong and effective, we need to come together and build strong professional relationships and collaborate for the future. There is strength in numbers, and many of us are actively seeking colleagues to collaborate with. I would suggest reaching out to us if you are looking for connections, data, or ideas, and we will do our best to connect you with other members.

You can easily renew your membership or join the DLC online (see link below). For a low fee, you get access to our broad network and activities. We also have discounted membership fees for students, while still providing full access to all activities and the Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology.

<https://dlccrim.org/portfolio/join-our-dlccrim/>

Best wishes from the DLC Board,

Lia Ahonen





NOMINATIONS REPORT *RESULTS OF THE ELECTION*

Bryanna Fox
Chair – Nominations Committee

We are pleased to report that the Nominations Committee has undertaken another successful election for positions on the Executive Board of the Division of Developmental and Life-Course (DLC) Criminology.

Last summer, nominations were solicited for the positions of DLC Chair, Vice Chair, and Executive Counselor, each for a two-year term from November 2020 to November 2022. We were thrilled to receive several nominations for these positions, and an election was held in August 2020.

We are thrilled to share that Tara Renae McGee was elected to serve as the incoming Chair, Chris Sullivan will serve as Vice Chair, and Jessica Craig was re-elected to serve a second term as Executive Counselor. Congratulations to Tara, Chris, and Jessica!

Thank you so much to all those who voted, submitted a nomination for these positions, and agreed to serve as a nominee!

The next call for nominations will occur in June 2021, and we will be seeking nominations for the positions of:

- Secretary/Treasurer
- 2 Executive Counselors (Chairs of the Nominations and Membership Committees)
- Student Representative

We would also like to share our deepest gratitude to our current Chair, Friedrich Lösel, who has kindly served as DLC Division Chair for two consecutive terms. Again, our sincerest thanks to all those who voted in the election, and we look forward to yet another excellent year for the Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology. We hope to see all of you at ASC in Chicago in November 2021!

Bryanna Fox
Chair of the 2020 DLC Nominations Committee



CONGRATULATIONS

DLC AWARDS 2020

David P. Farrington
Chair – Awards Committee

The DLC Awards Committee has chosen the following award winners for 2020.

The **Life-time Achievement Award** recognizes an individual who has a record of sustained and outstanding contributions to scholarly knowledge on developmental and life-course criminology (including criminal career research). The Committee chose the following winner this year:

- **Alex Piquero** – University of Miami & Monash University



The **Early Career Award** recognizes an individual who received a Ph.D. or similar graduate degree no more than four years ago (no earlier than 2017) who has made a significant contribution to scholarly knowledge on developmental and life-course criminology in their early career. The Committee chose the following winner this year:

- **Catia Malvaso** – University of Adelaide

The **Outstanding Contribution Award** recognizes an outstanding DLC book, article, or book chapter published in the previous two years (2018-2019). The Committee chose two winners this year:

Day, David M. and **Wiesner, M.** (2019). *Criminal Trajectories: A Developmental Perspective*. New York: New York University Press.

Sullivan, Christopher J. (2019). *Taking Juvenile Justice Seriously: Developmental Insights and System Challenges*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

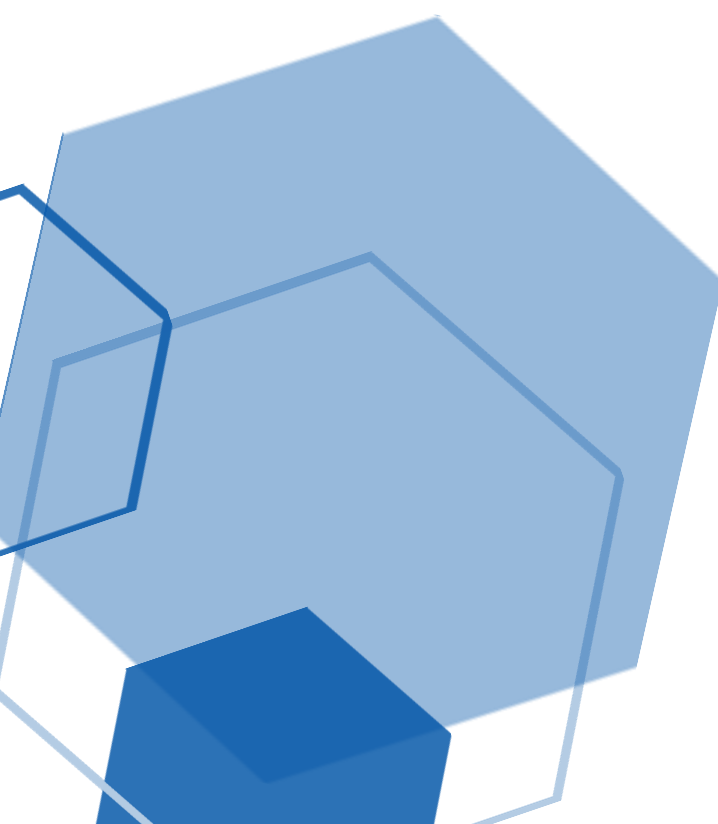
The **Outstanding Student Contribution Award** recognizes a student first author of an outstanding DLC book, article, or book chapter published in the previous two years (2018-2019). The Committee chose two winners this year:

- **Cherrel Green**, University of Missouri–St. Louis, c.green@mail.umsl.edu
 - Green, C. (2019) Desistance and disabled masculine identity: Exploring the role of serious violent victimization in the desistance process. *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, 5, 287-309.
 - <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40865-019-00106-7>
- **Lauren Miley**, University of South Florida, lmiley2@mail.usf.edu
 - Miley, L.N., Fox, B., Muniz, C.N., Perkins, R. & DeLisi, M. (2020) Does childhood victimization predict specific adolescent offending? An analysis of generality versus specificity in the victim-offender overlap. *Child Abuse and Neglect*, 101, 104238. (first published in December 2019)
 - <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0145213419305046?via%3Dihub>

Please feel free to contact the authors directly if your library does not subscribe to the journals in which their papers appear and they will be happy to provide you with a copy.

We hope there will be an annual ASC meeting in Chicago in 2021 and assuming that goes ahead, we will present these awards then. At this time, Alex Piquero will also deliver the annual *David P. Farrington Lecture* as part of receiving his Life-time Achievement Award. Next year there will be another life-time achievement award recipient so hopefully we will have two lectures at the 2021 ASC meeting in Chicago to look forward to!

David P. Farrington



DLC Lifetime Achievement Award

(2020)

Congratulations Alex Piquero

As our 2020 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, Alex Piquero, will not be delivering what will no doubt be an inspiring David Farrington lecture until 2021, we asked Alex to answer some questions that we could feature here in our newsletter.

1. What does being awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award mean to you?

Receiving this award is recognition of my contributions to DLC that have been made possible solely through the support of my mentors, colleagues, students, and family. It is even more special because I was selected by my peers, individuals whom I have learned from and worked with over my career. Knowing that they view me among the list of previous DLC Lifetime Achievement Award winners is especially rewarding because those persons are my DLC role models and great friends.



2. What do you think is the most influential piece of work that you've undertaken or written?

The one that is to come, of course! Just kidding. Every one of the DLC papers and books I've written have been special. Thinking through all of my work with David Farrington with the Cambridge data, the late Rolf Loeber with the Pittsburgh Youth Study, and the work I did and continue to do with the Pathways to Desistance Study, it is hard to pinpoint the most influential. But if you force me to pick one, I think it is the Crime & Justice review piece on the criminal career framework that I wrote with Al Blumstein and David Farrington. That paper updated the famous National Academy of Sciences Criminal Career report but also outlined an agenda moving forward. I learned an immense amount by writing that paper but I also got to write it with two of the people whom I have long admired – as criminologists and as people.

3. What is your favourite pieces of work you have produced?

This is similar to the question above, but aside from my work in DLC I have enjoyed writing in the area of immigration/crime with Bianca Bersani, my work on deterrence with my mentor, the late Ray Paternoster, and other colleagues like Greg Pogarsky and Tom Loughran, to my work with Bobby Brame and Paul Mazerolle on criminal career issues since we were in graduate school together. I am especially fond of the work I did on crime rates among NFL players. That was both timely and fun and our results surprised many people.

4. Are there pieces of work or particular scholars who have been particularly influential for you and/or your work?

I learn from everybody and everything I read. And I am not exaggerating. In DLC, Farrington, Blumstein, Moffitt, and many others have been very influential as has the Michael Tonry edited series Crime and Justice, because you learn so much in one article about an entire area of work. So, I am influenced by it all.

5. You have a number of publications that have been cited 500+ times, with a number also in the thousands. Did you ever think your work would be as cited and influential when you were originally writing them?

Not at all. When I was in graduate school, I was barely getting by. We were trained really well at the University of Maryland College Park. And it was not easy. Exams, papers, comps, no STATA but GAUSS, etc. And then I just started to learn to write and it is a process that I am still trying to get better at each day. I think that when I was working on the Crime and Justice chapter I knew that it could be important because so much had been published on DLC since the 1986 report so we had almost 20 years of knowledge to update. I would say that was the one when I wrote it I kind of knew it would be important. And the NFL crime rate

paper too—there was so much being made about the criminal offending of NFL players but no one had ever published on it. So, we were among the first.

6. For the early career DLC researchers, what are the top three things you would tell them to read?

Only 3? That is impossible. But if you force me: (1) The Jack Roller, (2) The 1945 Philadelphia Birth Cohort Study, and (3) the 1986 National Academy of Sciences report by Blumstein et al. All of these are pivotal moments and they help us understand all that came thereafter. And I would add to that: (1) Gottfredson and Hirschi's general theory of crime (especially because of their take on criminal careers), (2) the works of Sampson and Laub vis-à-vis the Gluck study, and of course (3) Moffitt's 1993 developmental taxonomy. All of these changed the game in the 1990s and continue to do so to this day.

7. What piece of advice would you give to early career researchers?

Read everything. Seriously. Not just the stuff that is out now. But start at the beginning, Quetelet's On the Propensity for Crime at Different Ages, The Jack Roller, the Wolfgang studies, the work with the Cambridge Study led by Farrington (and previously West), the three Causes and Correlates of Crime Study, the Dunedin Study, the work by Wikström, Pathways, etc. You can only appreciate where we are at by knowing where we came from.

8. What would you like to see in the future in DLC research? Are there any directions or innovative ideas/methods that you think hold particular promise for the field?

I think we need much more work on race/ethnicity over the life-course, both with respect to risk and protective factors as well as changes in offending. I also would like to see more cohort comparisons, I just finished a book with Jason Payne on the crime drop in Australia from a developmental and life-course lens looking at two different cohorts born years apart. I find that work to be fascinating and illustrative of how theory can inform aggregate changes.

9. Is there anything else you would like to add?

It is an honor, a real honor to receive this award. My parents came to the United States in the early 1960s as teenage Cuban political refugees and growing up I never had the wildest dreams that I would have been able to accomplish what I have. Without their support and sacrifice, nothing would be possible. And since 1988, I have the great fortune of spending my days and my life with Dr. Nicole Leeper Piquero, who many in the DLC community know. She is the constant source of inspiration—and a great check on one's ego 😊. But she makes me want to be a better scholar and better person every day of my life. For her, my colleagues, all of my students that I have had the privilege of mentoring, I am humbled and grateful.

Early Career Award

(2020)

Congratulations Catia Malvaso

In a year where there has been so much loss, suffering and sacrifice for many, receiving the news that I had been awarded the Early Career Award came at a truly unique time. I feel very honoured, and also a tiny bit disappointed that there was no conference this year to celebrate with my fellow award winners.

The area of research that I have chosen to spend the majority of my time working in does not fall neatly into any one discipline. Pathways from child maltreatment to youth and adult offending can be studied and understood from many perspectives, including criminology, psychology, public health and social work. However, it is a Developmental and Life Course Criminology framework that I've chosen to underpin my work. My research aims to identify the key risk and protective factors that influence maltreatment-offending pathways and, importantly, to highlight key time points along developmental pathways towards which interventions can be targeted to prevent criminal behaviour.



I have very much been welcomed into the DLC community, especially through the mentorship and kindness of Jesse Cale, Tara McGee, Ross Homel and David Farrington. My new role as newsletter editor has also allowed me to expand my DLC network, for which I'm grateful.

I haven't reached this point in my early career alone. I have been supported by some of the best researchers in the world, including those already mentioned, but importantly those who have supported me since I was an undergraduate student. Thank you to Professor Paul Delfabbro (Psychology; Adelaide), Professor Andrew Day (Criminology; Melbourne, who first introduced me to DLC), Professor John Lynch (Public Health; Adelaide), and Dr Gavin Nobes (Psychology, Norwich, who sparked my interest in research in the first place)! I am also proud to be part of the BetterStart Child Health and Development Research Group, led by Prof John Lynch, which is a group that provides so much support for researchers of all career stages.

Outstanding Contribution Award

(2020)

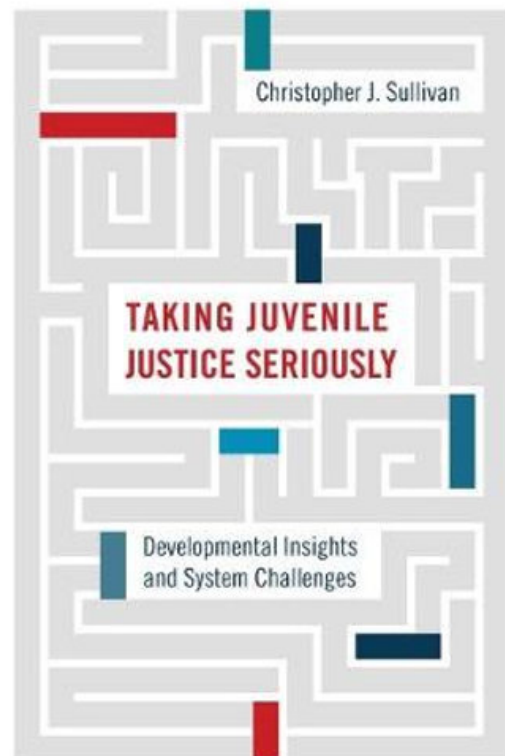
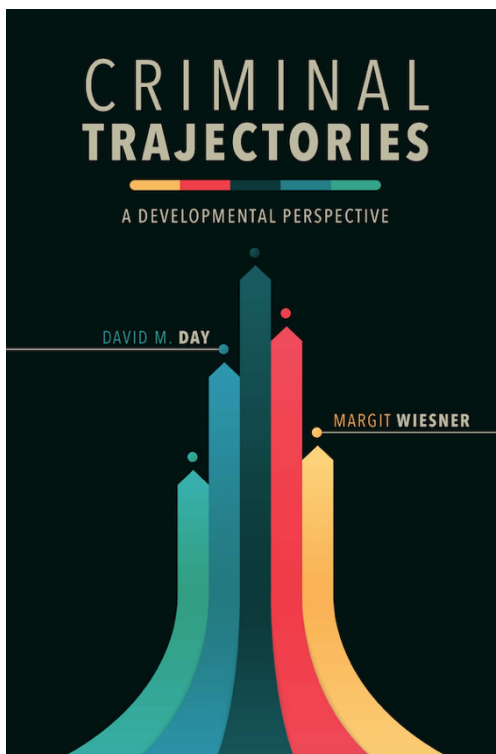
Congratulations David Day and Margit Wiesner

Congratulations Christopher Sullivan

We also asked our Outstanding Contribution Award recipients to respond to some questions about their books.

First up we have David Day and Margit Wienser talking about their book entitled *Criminal Trajectories: A Developmental Perspective*.

We then feature the responses from our Vice-Chair Chris Sullivan about his book entitled *Taking Juvenile Justice Seriously: Developmental Insights and System Challenges*.



1. What was the impetus for you writing your book?

The book was a happy accident. The idea for a book on criminal trajectories came from an editor at New York University Press who approached me at a conference to ask if I would be interested in writing a book on the topic. After an initial reluctance, I agreed and set about to figure out what I wanted the book to be about. In my professional career over the past 30 years, I have worked as a clinical



psychologist at a medium security prison for adult males and as a researcher, at two children's mental health centers, with youth in contact with the law and children at risk for contact with the criminal justice system. Taking my collective experience into account, I felt that the criminal trajectories literature needed a developmental perspective, and in particular, a life span developmental perspective. In other words, the message I wanted to convey was, if you are studying trajectories, you are studying human development. And so we set about to explore in the book what a developmental perspective means in the context of the criminal trajectory literature. To assist me in this endeavor, I asked Margit if she would co-author the book with me and thankfully she agreed. Margit has the statistical expertise, is trained as a life span developmental psychologist, and has published extensively in this area.

2. What are some of the key messages you would like your readers to gain from reading your book?

A key message of the book is that criminal trajectory research should be placed within the context of a broad developmental perspective. In this way, key concepts and meta-theoretical propositions from developmental science (e.g., process models linking past events to future outcomes, relationships between normative and non-normative development, and the interdependence between the individual and the environment) could be brought forward into the body of work to a greater extent than they currently are.

Following from this, the criminal trajectory research has largely been descriptive. There is a need to understand the underlying dynamic and developmental mechanisms and processes associated with changes and continuities in trajectories over the life course. In other words, there is a need for explanatory models to account for differences in the shapes and patterns of trajectories. These models could then inform the development of strategies to bring about meaningful change in the lives of individuals through prevention and intervention.

3. Were there any parts of your book that you found difficult to write, and why?

I found the implications for policy and practice chapter to be challenging to write. Trajectory research is largely descriptive in nature and there is little research on explanatory models to account for differences across criminal trajectories. As a result, writing about the applications of the trajectory research to policy and practice was not so obvious. We took a broad approach to the trajectory literature and discussed the implications both within the criminal justice system (i.e., to be sensitive to developmental processes in the lives of individuals across the lifespan) and outside the criminal justice system (i.e., focus on early intervention and prevention).

4. What advice would you give to ECRs or others thinking about writing an academic book?

Consider turning your dissertation into a book. Research various publishers for the best fit for your work. Spend the time to develop a solid outline of the book and have a clear focus of the book's main messages. Books are about communication, so engage your readers.

5. Besides your award-winning book, can you name three other books you would recommend that your colleagues read?

Three books I would recommend are:

Benson, M. L. (2013). *Crime and the life course* New York, NY: Routledge.

Farrington, D. P., Kazemian, L., & Piquero, A. R. (Eds.). (2019). *The Oxford handbook of developmental and life course criminology*. Oxford, UK: Oxford University Press.

Nagin, D. S. (2005). *Group-based modeling of development*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

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1. What was the impetus for you writing your book?

I actually joined in after David had initiated work on a subset of chapters. He surprised me one day with an offer to write the book together with him and I said "YES". Over the course of my professional career, my research has become much more multi-disciplinary in nature. I think what intrigued me most about the planned book was its cross-disciplinary focus. Looking back after the book has been completed, my professional career has come full circle in many ways. My early academic training in Germany was in life-span developmental psychology. After moving to the United States, I became much more invested in criminology, quantitative methods, and prevention science. As a scientist, I have immensely benefitted from exposure to these different disciplines. The book allowed me to synthesize all these interests.

2. What are some of the key messages you would like your readers to gain from reading your book?

The book seeks to make the case for placing criminal trajectory research within the context of a broad developmental perspective. Developmental science/systems theory offers important concepts, meta-theoretical propositions, and validated measurement protocols (e.g., to assess human agency or goal-setting processes). Recent criminological theorizing has focused on very similar constructs but not yet as many established measurement protocols. My hope is that our book will serve as a catalyst for fusing these fairly independent research lines into a cross-disciplinary perspective that enriches both fields.

3. Were there any parts of your book that you found difficult to write, and why?

I think both of us found the policy and practice implications chapter most difficult to conceptualize. As scientists, it is ingrained in all of us to address implications of our study findings for public policy-making and prevention in every journal article that we write. However, we had to delve much deeper into these issues for the purposes of the book. It was not easy to settle on a structure for the implications chapter.

4. What advice would you give to ECRs or others thinking about writing an academic book?

Know what your book is about and how it differs from other books on the same topic. Inquire early with the publisher about their decision and external review process (e.g., expected length and content of the book proposal, external review process, requirements for being awarded a contract). Clarify timelines early (e.g., how much time will you be given to write the book chapters after securing the contract). Ask a well-published colleague for feedback on a proposed contract for your book.

5. Besides your award-winning book, can you name three other books you would recommend that your colleagues read?

Three books I would recommend are shown below. The last book is for anyone interested in learning more about developmental science/systems theory.

Gibson, C.L., & Krohn, M.D. (Eds.) (2013). *Handbook of life-course criminology: Emerging trends and directions for future research*. New York, NY: Springer.

Morizot, J., & Kazemian, L. (Eds.) (2015). *The development of criminal and antisocial behavior: Theory, research and practical applications*. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.

Molenaar, P.C.M., Lerner, R.M., & Newell, K.M. (Eds.) (2014). *Handbook of developmental systems theory & methodology*. New York, NY: The Guilford Press.

1. What was the impetus for you writing your book?

I saw an opportunity to blend my interests in juvenile justice and developmental and life-course criminology to hopefully make a contribution by identifying and analyzing how research and theory could effectively inform practice. This book was based on my research and teaching since 2005 so it was a culmination of a lot of ideas and projects that have accumulated to this point in my career.

2. What are some of the key messages you would like your readers to gain from reading your book?

I hope readers have a better understanding of how key theory and research from developmental and life-course criminology (DLC) is relevant to juvenile justice practice (which is complex in its processes and the cases that it must respond to). Frequently, the practical and policy implications of DLC work are considered in the context of early intervention to prevent offending or corrections to promote desistance. I have always thought that the ideas and research in this area can inform routine practice in the juvenile justice system as well so readers should get some sense of that, too. With those recommendations I also wanted to highlight the unique implementation context of the juvenile justice system and how that informs the use of research evidence in practice.

3. Were there any parts of your book that you found difficult to write, and why?

I had difficulty on two parts of the book. One was paring down and synthesizing the evolving literature in Developmental and Life-Course Criminology to capture its most essential elements—and those that were most pertinent to juvenile justice. The other part was in identifying evaluations of juvenile justice interventions and practices that are explicitly developmental in their focus. I found that I had to think most deeply about how those fit (or didn't) in evaluating the research on the juvenile justice system's response to delinquency. Coming out of the research for the book, I believe that is an area that would benefit from more attention from criminologists.



4. What advice would you give to ECRs or others thinking about writing an academic book?

It is a very rewarding writing experience so I recommend that early career researchers stay open to the possibility. It can take a great deal of time to write a book so I waited until a bit later in my career in order to feel confident that I could balance this writing with other projects and roles. I also wanted to wait until I believed that I had something comprehensive to write about that was relevant to the topics of focus in the book.

5. Besides your award-winning book, can you name three other books you would recommend that your colleagues read?

Abrams, L.S., & Terry, D.J. (2017). *Everyday Desistance*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Becker, H. S. (2014). *What about Mozart? What about murder?: Reasoning from cases*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Emerson, R. M. (2017) [1969]. *Judging delinquents*. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

Outstanding Student Contribution Award (2019)

Congratulations to Lauren Miley

Congratulations to Cherrell Green

The goal of this study was to expand prior literature by examining if *specific* forms of childhood victimization increase the risk of *specific* and analogous forms of offending among delinquent youth. Results provided considerable support for specificity in the victim-offender overlap.

I am honored to have been selected for this award, which has been very meaningful to me. It came at a time when the world was isolated, a time when support and appreciation in this manner was beyond fulfilling. I am also very appreciative of the hard work contributed by my co-authors.

I would also like to send a special congratulations to my co-winner, Cherrell Green!



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I am incredibly honored to have my paper, "Desistance and Disabled Masculine Identity: Exploring the role of Serious Violent Victimization in the Desistance Process" recognized by the DLC. I would also like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Tara Renae McGee for the nomination. By examining the intersections among gender, disability, and life-course criminology, this paper proposed a theoretical model to explore how violently acquired impairments can serve as a turning point in the life-course of active male offenders. This paper was the first paper I have published and a product of my comprehensive exams at the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Lastly, I would like to thank you my mentors Dr. Lee Ann Slocum, Dr. Stephanie DiPietro, and Dr. Elaine Doherty for your encouragement and support all along the way. I hope I continue to make all of you proud.



Festive season across the globe

Jessica Craig
Chair – Program Committee

In lieu of descriptions of what would have been a summary of panel presentations at the ASC 2020 Annual Meeting in Washington, the DLC board asked Jessica Craig to help us with a different feature of this issue of the newsletter. Jessica reached out to some of her colleagues to send in photos capturing 'What Christmas looks like for DLC members across the globe'.

We hope you enjoy seeing and reading about how some of our members will be spending their holidays.



Thanksgiving – Jessica Craig

As I'm sure everyone is experiencing, our holidays will look a bit differently this year. This picture is from our Thanksgiving feast for two. Though we were unable to be with family like normal, my husband and I found we needed the rest and quiet of the long holiday weekend sans travel or hosting the in-laws. With Christmas coming around soon, we look forward to decorating our (artificial) tree, walking around the neighborhood with a warm beverage of choice to look at Christmas lights, and playing all sorts of Christmas music (though the classics are always my favorite). Happy holidays, everyone—hope you all stay safe!



Summer in Brazil – Joseph Murray

“With summer now upon us in the Southern Hemisphere, we are enjoying emerging from a very long lockdown in Brazil!”



Holiday in the mountains – Lisa Broidy

My favorite holiday tradition is spending time in the snow with my pup Ranger. We have miles of cross country ski and snowshoe trails in the nearby mountains to explore and there's always a warm fire waiting when we get home.



**Christmas in Adelaide,
Australia – Tyson Whitten**

We'll be spending Christmas cuddling with these cheeky little puppa's and being grateful for what we have.

We wish you all a safe and festive holiday!

**Working in the UK –
Henriette Bergstrom**

This is a photo from the start of the semester when I was on my way to work. I have been very careful this whole semester, always using visors when teaching face-to-face.



Australian & New Zealand Society of Criminology DLC Thematic Group Event

Catia Malvaso & Tara McGee – group convenors



Frontiers in Developmental and Life-Course Criminology: Methodological Innovation and Social Impact

ANZSOC Thematic Group on Developmental and Life-Course Criminology: Symposium

On December 11th live from Australia, the ANZSOC DLC Thematic Group hosted a half day online research symposium. Members presented their research across four sessions: 1) Working with administrative data; 2) Using visual criminology to display DLC data; 3) Translational research; and 4) New directions for the discipline. Click [here](#) to see a summary of the program and the presenters.

If you want to learn more, you can watch a recording of the event by following this link: <https://youtu.be/SYfqAHDUUs>

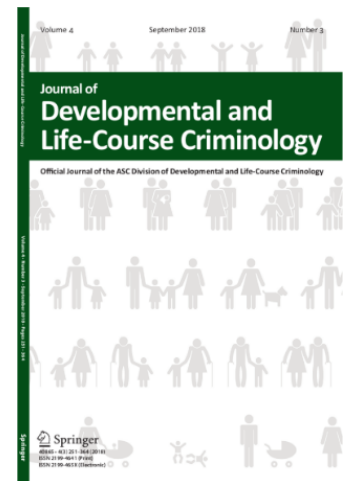


JOURNAL REPORT

Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology

2020 has been a great year for the Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology (JDLCC) despite the chaos of the year more generally. As noted in the previous newsletter, the Journal received its first impact factor ranking of 1.133 (2019). Establishing an inaugural impact factor provides an opportunity to improve in the future and reinforces the point that research published in the JDLCC represents high quality research that is cited by other scholars. For those of you who have not already access it, the Division's Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology publishes four issues a year. Articles can be accessed via the Springer website and are listed below:

<https://link.springer.com/journal/volumesAndIssues/40865>



For members who do not have institutional/library access, you have online access via your Division membership. Please contact the Division secretary for more information.

In the December of the Journal for this year we have another great line up of papers. The first is Terrence Thornberry's paper from his 2019 Prize lecture titled: *Intergenerational Patterns in Offending: Lessons from the Rochester Intergenerational Study* (ASC Division of Developmental and Life Course Criminology David P. Farrington Lecture).

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40865-020-00150-8>

The other papers in the issue include:

Oooh She's a Little Runaway: Examining Invariance in Runaway Youth Trajectories by Developmental and Life-Course Risk Factors and Gender

Michelle N. Jeanis, Bryanna H. Fox, Wesley G. Jennings, Robert Perkins & Allison Liberto

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40865-020-00155-3>

Delinquency in Emerging Adulthood: Insights into Trajectories of Young Adults in a German Sample and Implications for Measuring Continuity of Offending

Georg Kessler

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40865-020-00157-1>

Facilitating Maturation Through Social Bonds Among Delinquent Youth in the Transition to Adulthood

David Abeling-Judge

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40865-020-00151-7>

Instrumental Support from Parents and Substance Use During the Transition to Adulthood

Kristin M. Lloyd & Jillian J. Turanovic

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40865-020-00154-4>

Better Together? Intimate Partner Effects on Offending Women

Jacqueline G. Lee, Lane Kirkland Gillespie, Lee Ann Slocum & Sally S. Simpson

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40865-020-00156-2>

To be receive alerts for this publication, you can register for updates to the Journal on the Springer website <https://link.springer.com/journal/40865> (link in the right-hand column).

The Journal seeks to advance knowledge and understanding of developmental dimensions of offending across the life-course. Research that examines current theories, debates, and knowledge gaps within Developmental and Life-Course Criminology is encouraged. The journal welcomes theoretical papers, empirical papers, and papers that explore the translation of developmental and life-course research into policy and/or practice. Papers that present original research or explore new directions for examination are also encouraged. The journal also welcomes all rigorous methodological approaches and orientations. The Journal of Developmental and Life-course Criminology encourages submissions from a broad array of cognate disciplines including but not limited to psychology, statistics, sociology, psychiatry, neuroscience, geography, political science, history, social work, epidemiology, public health, and economics.

The Journal's co-editors-in-chief are Tara Renae McGee of Griffith University, Australia, and Paul Mazerolle of University of New Brunswick, Canada. The Associate Editors are Alex Piquero, USA; Ray Corrado, Canada; Georgia Zara, Europe; and Darrick Jolliffe, UK. The Editorial Manager of the Journal is Fiona Saunders and the journal is hosted by Griffith University Criminology. Further information about the journal can be found on the journal's website <http://www.springer.com/40865> and any queries can be directed to Tara, Paul, or Fiona at jdccc@griffith.edu.au.

We welcome your submissions!



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ABOUT THE DLC DIVISION

Our Mission

The Division of Developmental and Life-course Criminology was established in November 2012 and had their first meeting at the 2012 American Society of Criminology (ASC) conference in Chicago. The Division was established by David Farrington and Tara Renae McGee.

We welcome current members and those interested in joining the Division to attend our meetings at the annual ASC conference. See <http://www.asc41.com>.

Our Life-time Achievement Awards and Early Career Awards are presented at the ASC meetings.

The aims of the Division of Developmental and Life-course Criminology are:

- To advance developmental and life-course criminology and the study of criminal careers,
- To bring together ASC members interested in discussing and supporting developmental and life-course research in criminology,
- To facilitate and encourage interaction and dissemination of developmental and life-course research among ASC members, practitioners, funding agencies, policy-making bodies, and other relevant groups, and
- To organize and promote ASC conference sessions related to issues in developmental and life-course research in criminology.

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