

“Preventing Violent Crime by Reducing Wrongful Convictions”



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Date: Tuesday, November 2nd, 2017

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Location: SBSG 3260

ABSTRACT:

This workshop will focus on a problem that has passed largely under the criminology radar: The conviction of an innocent person usually represents two simultaneous errors -- taking away the innocent person's freedom and allowing the actual perpetrator to remain free. These errors endanger public safety and undermine the public's confidence in the criminal justice system. Forst and Huff have been concerned about them and their implications for our criminal justice system for years, and will discuss the nature and costs associated with these errors and offer a rough first estimate of the magnitude.

An essay on this issue will appear as a chapter in a forthcoming volume on violent crime, to be published by the Oxford University Press. A draft is available on request from either of the co-authors.

BIOS:

Brian Forst is Visiting Professor in Residence at the Department of Criminology, Law and Society and Professor Emeritus at American University, Washington, DC. His eight books and over 100 articles and book chapters focus on errors of justice, the exercise of discretion by prosecutors and police, sentencing, performance measurement, justice policy and terrorism. His curriculum vitae is available on request.

C. Ronald Huff is Professor Emeritus of Criminology, Law and Society and previously served as Dean (1999 – 2009) of the School of Social Ecology at UCI. His 13 books and more than 100 journal articles, book chapters, and major research reports focus on miscarriages of justice, gangs, and criminal justice policy. His honors include the August Vollmer Award, the Herbert Bloch Award, and the Graduate Student Paper Award from the American Society of Criminology; the Gerhard O.W. Mueller International Award from the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences; the Donald Cressey Award from the National Council on Crime and Delinquency; the Paul Tappan Award from the Western Society of Criminology; and an Academic Book of the Year Award from the American Library Association.

Lunch will be provided.

Please [RSVP](#) by: October 26th, 2017