



**SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE COMMITTEE ON LAW AND JUSTICE
AND
WORKSHOP ON UNDERSTANDING CRIME TRENDS**

National Academies of Sciences and Engineering
2101 Constitution Avenue N.W.
Washington DC

TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2007

Workshop Agenda

8:30 – 8:45

WELCOMING REMARKS AND INTRODUCTIONS

Michael J. Feuer
Executive Director
Division on Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education
National Research Council

James Q. Wilson, Committee Chair
James Collins Professor of Management Emeritus,
University of California Los Angeles

8:45 – 9:10

Overview of Issues and Workshop Goals

Arthur S. Goldberger
Emeritus, Professor of Economics
University of Wisconsin

Richard Rosenfeld
Professor of Criminology
University of Missouri, St. Louis

9:10 – 10:00

Remarks from Department of Justice Representatives on the Importance of Developing a Better Understanding of Crime Trends

Regina Schofield
Office of Justice Programs
Department of Justice

Rachel Brand
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Policy Development
Department of Justice

10:00 – 10:30

Keynote on Law Enforcement Needs

Robert S. Mueller III
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

10:30 – 10:45

BREAK

10:45 – 12:45

PAPERS SUMMARIZING WHAT IS KNOWN ABOUT CRIME TRENDS

Factors Contributing to U.S. Crime Trends Since 1960

Alfred Blumstein
H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management
Carnegie Mellon University

Richard Rosenfeld
University of Missouri-St. Louis

Discussant

Philip J. Cook
Terry Sanford Institute for Public Policy
Duke University

**Gender, Violence, and Victimization: Female and Male
Patterns Over Time**

Karen Heimer
Department of Sociology
University of Iowa

Janet Lauritsen
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Missouri- St. Louis

Discussant

Rosemary Gartner
Centre of Criminology
University of Toronto

12:45

LUNCH –

The Great American Crime Decline: the New York Story

Franklin E. Zimring
Boalt School of Law
University of California-Berkeley

1:30 –2:40

Changes in Neighborhood Crime Rates Over Time

Jeffrey A. Fagan
Columbia University School of Law and Mailman School
of Public Health

Discussant

Robert J.Sampson
Department of Sociology
Harvard University

2:40 – 3:50

Identification Issues and Crime Trends

Steven N. Durlauf
Department of Economics
University of Wisconsin

Salvador Navarro-Lozano
Department of Economics

University of Wisconsin

Discussant

Justin Wolfers
Wharton School of Business
University of Pennsylvania

3:50

BREAK

4:00 –5:15

Forecasting Crime: A Methods Review

Richard Berk
Department of Criminology
University of Pennsylvania

Discussant

Kenneth Land
Department of Sociology
Duke University

5:15-5:30

Wrap-up and Adjourn

Arthur Goldberger
Emeritus, University of Wisconsin

WEDNESDAY APRIL 25, 2007

8:00 – 8:45

Welcome and Continental Breakfast Available

James Q. Wilson
Emeritus, UCLA

Jeffrey L. Sedgwick
Director
Bureau of Justice Statistics

8:45 -- 9:00

INTRODUCTION OF EMPIRICAL PAPERS

Arthur Goldberger
Emeritus, University of Wisconsin

Richard Rosenfeld

University of Missouri, S. Louis

9:00 – 11:00 **Predicting Crime Trends for four Crimes Using a Common Data Set**

Eric Baumer
Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
University of Missouri, St. Louis

Discussant

John J. Donohue III
Yale University Law School

11:00 **BREAK**

11:15 –1:15 **Forecasting Crime a City-Level Analysis**

John Pepper
Department of Economics
University of Virginia

Discussant

Lauren Krivo
Department of Sociology
Ohio State University

1:15 –2:00 **LUNCH**

Continued Discussion

2:00 – 2:45 **Wrap-up and Discussion**

Franklin Zimring
University of California, Berkeley

Daniel Nagin
H. John Heinz III School of Public Policy and Management
Carnegie Mellon University

2:45—3:00 **BREAK**

3:00—4:00 **Planning a study of Understanding Crime Trends**

Arthur Goldberger

Emeritus, University of Wisconsin

Richard Rosenfeld
University of Missouri, St. Louis

4:00

Adjourn