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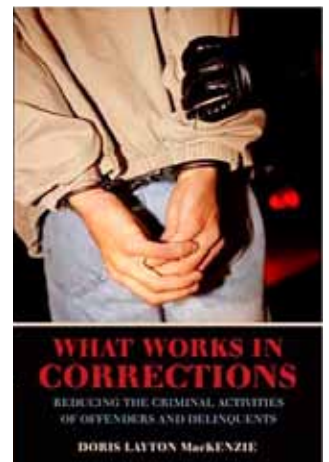
Wednesday 19 August 2009

What Works in Corrections: Examining the recidivism of offenders and delinquents

Presented by Professor Doris MacKenzie
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Seminar Abstract

An increasing number of correctional jurisdictions are interested in using knowledge gained through research to help in decisions about what programs are effective in reducing later criminal activities. Such “evidence-based” decision making requires high quality research and clearly identified outcomes. This presentation will review the research on correctional strategies and programs in order to determine what is effective in reducing recidivism. Both the quality of the science and the outcomes of studies are used to determine what is effective and what is not. After reviewing thousands of studies, my colleagues and I identified approximately 300 studies that could be used to determine what is effective. I report on the findings of this research and the implication of these findings for future correctional planning.



About the Speaker

Professor Doris MacKenzie is Director, Justice Center for Research, College of the Liberal Arts and University Outreach, and Professor, Crime, Law and Justice Program, Department of Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University. Her most recent book titled “What Works in Corrections: Reducing the Criminal Activities of Offenders and Delinquents” (2006, Cambridge University Press) summarizes systematic reviews and meta-analyses of evaluations of correctional management strategies and rehabilitation programs. She has co-edited two recent books: “Correctional Boot Camps: Military Basic Training or a Model for Corrections?” (2004, Sage Publications) and “Different Crimes, Different Criminals” (2006, Lexis/Nexis/Anderson). She has testified before U.S. Senate and House committees and was invited to present her work at the United Nations, Vienna. She is a fellow and currently president of the Academy of Experimental Criminology, fellow and past vice-president of the American Society of Criminology (ASC) and past chair of the Division on Corrections and Sentencing, ASC. She has received the ASC Bloch Award and the Most Distinguished Scientist award from the Division on Corrections and Sentencing, ASC. In 2007, as a Fulbright Research Scholar, she examined China’s new community correction’s programs.

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