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# Juvenile Justice Vision 20/20 Training Event

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## Keynote: Queer Criminology

Keynote Address: Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:00 a.m.—11:45 a.m.

Presented By: *Dr. Carrie Buist, Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Grand Valley State University*

*Dr. Emily Lenning, Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Fayetteville State University*



**Carrie L. Buist, Ph.D.**, is an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice at Grand Valley State University. She has publications in *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, the *Journal of Culture, Health & Sexuality*, and the *Journal of Crime and Justice*. Dr. Buist has also published book chapters on topics from white collar crime to the social construction of gender, and LGBTQ issues. Most recently, her award-winning book, *Queer Criminology* coauthored with Dr. Emily Lenning calls for a more inclusive criminology exploring the experiences of the LGBTQ population as victims, offenders, and criminal legal personnel. Dr. Buist has been recognized by the American Society of Criminology Division on Women and Crime as New Scholar of the Year in November of 2015.

**Emily Lenning, Ph.D.**, is an Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at Fayetteville State University. She is a critical Queer criminologist, whose publications cover a diverse range of topics, from state-sanctioned violence against LGBTQ folks to creative advances in pedagogy. She is co-author (with Dr. Carrie L. Buist) of the book *Queer Criminology*, which earned the honor of the 2016 Book Award from the American Society of Criminology Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice. Dr. Lenning's accomplishments in and out of the classroom have been recognized by several awards, including the 2017 University of North Carolina Board of Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the American Society of Criminology Division on Women & Crime's New Scholar Award.



Workshop Overview: In the keynote presentation, participants will explore the origins of Queer Criminology, survey the foundational research and scholarship in this emerging field, and offer suggestions for the future. Topics covered will include the criminalization of queerness, the policing of Queer communities, Queer experiences in the courtroom, and the correctional control of Queer people.

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## Plenary: LGBTQ Youth and the Criminal Legal System

Session: Thursday, October 26, 2017 1:30 p.m.—2:45 p.m.

Presented By: *Dr. Carrie Buist, Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Grand Valley State University*

*Dr. Emily Lenning, Associate Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Fayetteville State University*

Workshop Overview: This session will introduce the issues facing LGBTQ youth involved in the criminal legal system. Activities and discussion will be used to highlight the over-criminalization of LGBTQ youth and its consequences, and to explore avenues for social justice.

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## Legal Update

Session: Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Presented By: *Tonya Krause-Phelan, Professor, Cooley Law School*

*Tracey Brame, Associate Dean, Cooley Law School*

**Tracey Brame, JD**, has been a professor at WMU-Cooley Law School since 2006 when she joined the faculty after serving as a staff attorney at Legal Aid of Western Michigan. Tracey is currently the Assistant Dean at the Grand Rapids campus of Cooley where she handles disciplinary matters and works closely with the Dean on projects involving student support, community relations, and campus growth. Tracey also runs the Access to Justice Clinic, where she supervises students who work with ex-offenders on barriers to successful community reentry.



At Legal Aid, Tracey advised and represented low-income clients on family law, housing, and consumer law issues. She also collaborated with other programs to address legal issues faced by ex-offenders re-entering the community, and translated for Spanish-speaking clients.

Previously, Tracey served as a staff attorney for Public Defender Services for the District of Columbia, a research and writing specialist with the Federal Defender Office, and an assistant defender with the State Appellate Defender Office in Detroit.

In addition to her work at WMU-Cooley, Tracey is a member of the board of directors of LINC and Cubmaster for Cub Scout Pack 3206. Tracey is a prior Giants Award Winner, and has served as a Trustee of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, the Grand Rapids Art Museum, and the Grand Rapids Child Discovery Center. She was honored as one of the “2014 Women in the Law” by Michigan Lawyers Weekly.



**Ayda Rezaian-Nojani** serves as the Staff Attorney of the Cooley Innocence Project. Prior to joining the WMU-Cooley Law School Innocence Project, Rezaian-Nojani worked with the school’s Access to Justice Clinic, the Grand Rapids Urban League’s Tenant Law Project, and the Eaton County Court’s Eviction Diversion Program. She earned her Juris Doctor from WMU-Cooley Law School in 2013 and her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Windsor in Ontario in 2008. She has been a licensed Michigan attorney since 2013. Rezaian-Nojani has a Master of Laws degree, which she received in 2016. She is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the United States District Court for the Western District of Michigan, and the Grand Rapids Bar Association.

**Workshop Overview:** During this plenary session, Cooley Law School Professors Tracey Brame and Ayda Rezaian-Nojani will provide an update of juvenile justice legal changes from 2016 and 2017, including recent changes to the minor in possession statute and Raise the Age legislation updates and impacts.

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## **Plenary: Building Safety with Families: Recognizing and Affirming S.O.G.I.E. (Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression)**

Session: Friday, October 27, 2017 9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

*Presented By: Jessie Fullenkamp, Director of Education and Evaluation, Ruth Ellis Center*



**Jessie Fullenkamp, LMSW**, Director of Education and Evaluation, joined the Ruth Ellis Center in 2010. She led the development and implementation of the first Medicaid billable, LGBTQ specific mental health services in the state of Michigan. Additionally, she directed leadership and advocacy, transgender health and street outreach programs. Recently, she has developed training, education, evaluation and research internally and externally focused on increasing health and safety with diverse SOGIE youth. Fullenkamp has been instrumental in implementing positive youth development, harm reduction, transformative justice and trauma-informed care at the agency.

Jessie studied in Kumasi, Ghana and graduated with a BSW from Xavier University of Cincinnati, Ohio and a MSW from the University of Michigan. Fullenkamp lived and worked in the Federated States of Micronesia on the island of Weno on education, HIV and women's issues. In 2016, Jessie was presented with the “Distinguished Alumni Award” by the University of Michigan’s School of Social Work.

**Workshop Overview:** This presentation will examine at why and how to work with families who have children that identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ); specifically, in the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice systems. Participants will be provided with tools for how to contribute to preserving families while building acceptance for LGBTQ youth identity.