



# Department of Justice



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### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE HOSTS CONFERENCE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE RESEARCH

WASHINGTON – More than 1,000 criminal justice professionals will attend the National Institute of Justice's (NIJ) Conference, *Turning to Science: Enhancing Justice, Improving Safety, Reducing Costs*, Monday, June 18, through Wednesday, June 20, at the Marriott Crystal Gateway, Arlington, Va. In over 50 panel and three plenary sessions, the conference highlights research on criminal justice issues and programs. Acting Associate Attorney General Tony West will deliver opening remarks at 8:30 a.m. EDT on Monday, June 18.

#### CONFERENCE LOCATION:

Marriott Crystal Gateway  
1700 Jefferson Davis Highway  
Arlington, Va. 22202

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To review the entire agenda, please visit [http://www.nij.gov/events/nij\\_conference/welcome.htm](http://www.nij.gov/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm)

A selection of conference highlights from each day is listed below:

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 18**

**8:30 a.m. -- 8:50 a.m.**

*Opening Remarks:*

Tony West, Acting Associate Attorney General  
Mary Lou Leary, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Office of  
Justice Programs

John H. Laub, Director, National Institute of Justice

**LOCATION: ARLINGTON BALLROOM**

**8:50 a.m. -- 10:15 a.m.**

*Plenary Panel Session: Game Change: How Research-Practitioner  
Partnerships are Redefining How We Study Crime*

*Moderator:* John H. Laub, Director, National Institute of Justice

*Panelists:* Jeff Rojek, University of South Carolina; Tami Sullivan,  
Yale University; Vivian Tseng, William T. Grant Foundation

**LOCATION: ARLINGTON BALLROOM**

**10:30 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.**      *Concurrent Panel Session: Uncovering the Systemic Causes of Wrongful Conviction*  
*Moderator:* Eric Martin, National Institute of Justice  
*Panelists:* John Roman, Urban Institute; Jon Gould, American University;; James Doyle, criminal defense attorney, NIJ Fellow  
**LOCATION: ARLINGTON BALLROOM**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19**

**10:15 a.m. -- 11:30 a.m.**      *Keynote Speaker: Looking Back to See the Future of Prison Downsizing in America*  
Joan Petersilia, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School  
Stanford, Calif.  
**LOCATION: ARLINGTON BALLROOM**

**1:00 p.m. -- 2:30 p.m.**      *Concurrent Panel Session: State and Local Perspectives on Trafficking in Persons*  
*Moderator:* John Picarelli, National Institute of Justice  
*Panelists:* Amy Farrell, Northeastern University; Judith McKee, National Association of Attorneys General; Michael Shively, Abt Associates  
**LOCATION: SALON J**

**4:30 p.m. -- 6:00 p.m.**      *Workshop: Body Armor in the Real World*  
*Panelists:* Darin Durfey, Utah County Sheriff's Office; Deanna Rivard, Minneapolis Police Department; Nick Roberts, Unified Police Department of Greater Salt Lake, Utah; Eric Wetzel, Army Research Lab, Aberdeen, Md.  
**LOCATION: LIBRARY**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20**

**10:15 a.m. -- 11:45 a.m.**      *Plenary Panel: Protecting Our Protectors: Using Science to Improve Officer Safety and Wellness*  
*Moderator:* Chief Walter McNeil, President, International Association of Chiefs of Police  
*Panelists:* Karen Amendola, Police Foundation; Bryan Vila, Washington State University; John Violanti, State University of New York/Buffalo; Carrick Williams, Mississippi State University  
**LOCATION: ARLINGTON BALLROOM**

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