

Improving Recidivism as a Performance Measure Speaker Biographies

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King's work has appeared in *Criminology & Public Policy* and the *Federal Sentencing Reporter*. In addition, his work has been featured by the Associated Press and in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today*. He has appeared on local and national radio programs to discuss sentencing and corrections issues.

KRISTOFER "BRET" BUCKLEN is the director of planning, research, and statistics for the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections. Previously, he was employed in the Pennsylvania Management Associate (PMA) program under the Governor's Office of Administration, where he worked for the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, Department of Corrections, State Police, Commission on Crime and Delinquency, and Justice Network (JNET) Project. Bucklen has been involved in a variety of research efforts spanning corrections and criminal justice issues and has been published in various peer-reviewed journals. His most recent research efforts have focused on translational criminology, which bridges the gap between academic criminology and public policy. He likes to refer to himself as a "pracademic."

Bucklen received his MS in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School of Public Policy. He is currently finishing his PhD in criminology and criminal justice at the University of Maryland.



ELIZABETH ANN CARSON has been a statistician in the Corrections Unit at the US Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) since 2011. Carson is the program manager of the National Prisoners Statistics Program and the National Corrections Reporting Program, and she is working on expanding BJS's use of administrative data through a collaboration with the US Census Bureau's Center for Administrative Records Research and Applications. Before she started at BJS, Carson was the contract program manager for the US Department of Veterans Affairs' Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom epidemiological and health surveillance system.

Carson obtained her PhD in biological anthropology from the University of New Mexico in 2006 and was a postdoctoral research associate in a quantitative genetics laboratory in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. She was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship in 2003 to collect her dissertation data on human skulls in Hallstatt, Austria, and served as a forensic anthropology consultant to the Office of the Medical Investigator for the state of New Mexico.

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Previously, Van Dine was at the Academy for Contemporary Problems, where he studied the incapacitation of violent offenders. He coauthored *Restraining the Wicked* with John Conrad and Simon Dinitz. Earlier, he worked with the Franklin County, Ohio, sheriff and the Portland, Oregon, police.

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