

Presenter Bios

Dr. David Hirschel is Professor Emeritus of Criminal Justice at the University of Massachusetts Lowell and at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Before entering academics, he worked in the juvenile justice systems in both England and the United States, and served as Criminal Justice Coordinator for the Erie County, New York Department of Anti-Rape and Sexual Assault. He is the author of three books and over 50 refereed articles and book chapters on a wide variety of criminal justice topics. Dr. Hirschel has been involved in many funded research projects, both as a principal investigator and as a consultant, and has provided assistance for over 40 years to a wide variety of criminal justice agencies and social service organizations. He was Principal Investigator of the NIJ funded Charlotte experiment on the police response to spouse abuse and the NIJ funded project “Explaining the Prevalence, Context, and Consequences of Dual Arrest in Intimate Partner Cases.”

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