

Editor's Introduction to Volume 3, Issue 2 International Journal of Rural Criminology

This is the 6th issue (Volume 3, Issue 2) of the *International Journal of Rural Criminology*. It is IJRC's first special issue. Its focus is on agricultural crime, an important but neglected topic. Over one-third of the world's population are food producers, from those who own/manage large-scale, industrialized farm and ranches to small, subsistence level operations. The editor of this special issue is Emmanuel K. Bunei, a lecturer in the Department of Sociology and Psychology at Moi University in Eldoret, Kenya. Emmanuel Bunei is not only a leading authority on farm victimization in Africa, but on farm crime worldwide.

Volume 4, Issue 1 will return to articles on a mix of topics. However, Volume 4, Issue 2 will have a substantial focus on reviews of rural criminology books recently published.

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The editorial board for IJRC is, in alphabetical order: Elaine Barclay, University of New England, Armidale, New South Wales, Australia; Emmanuel K. Bunie, Lecturer, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya; Neal McIntyre, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia, United States; Alistair Harkness, Lecturer, Federation University, Churchill, Victoria, Australia; and Ralph Weisheit, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, United States.

On the next three pages is a statement of guidelines for all future submissions to IJRC. These guidelines follow the format for citations and bibliography which can be found in the journal *Critical Criminology*. *Publishing science journals is changing quickly, and one of those changes is the use of the “digital object identifier” for references.* Not every publication has a “doi”, *but I do urge all contributors to include the doi number whenever possible.* The formatting is simple. Here is an example from the lead article in Volume 3, Issue 1 by Ralph Weisheit to his previous work on rural and urban homicide rates (there is also one in the guidelines below) –

Weisheit, R.A. and Wells, L.E. (2005) Deadly violence in the heartland: Comparing homicide patterns in nonmetropolitan and metropolitan counties. *Homicide Studies*, 9, 55-80, <https://doi.org/10.1177/1088767904271434>

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All manuscripts must be submitted in word format, with a layout size of A4 borderless (8.27 X 11.69”). Please set margins at one inch for top, bottom, left and right, Times New Roman font style and a font size of 12. Text should be left justified only, except for titles for tables and figures, and captions for pictures. Titles for tables and figures and captions should be centered and the text should be in bold font.

Manuscript Style

The manuscript should be prepared double-spaced in Microsoft Word. The submission should include the manuscript and all tables and figures in a single Word file.

Title Page

The title page should include:

- (1) A concise and informative title (16 font/bold); and
- (2) in 12 font: The name(s) of the author(s); the affiliation(s) and address(es) of the author(s); and the e-mail address, telephone and fax numbers of the corresponding author.

Abstract

Please provide an abstract of 100 to 150 words. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or unspecified references.

Text Formatting

Manuscripts should be submitted in Word.

- Use a normal, plain font (e.g., 12-point Times Roman) for text.
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- Use the automatic page numbering function to number the pages.
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- Use the table function, *NOT* spreadsheets, to make tables.
- Use the equation editor or MathType for equations.

Note: If you use Word 2007, do not create the equations with the default equation editor but use the Microsoft equation editor or MathType instead.

Headings

Please use no more than three levels of displayed headings.

Title page – center title, 16 font, bold

Primary heading – left justify, 14 font, bold, capitalize first letter of essential words in primary title

Secondary heading – indented, 12 font, bold, capitalize first letter of only the first word in secondary title

Tertiary heading – indented, italics, colon after heading, begin paragraph on the same line, capitalize first letter of only the first word in tertiary title

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Abbreviations should be defined at first mention and used consistently thereafter.

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Do *NOT* use footnotes or footnote formatting. Instead, use superscript to indicate the number of an endnote and locate all endnotes at the end of the narrative, but before references. Endnotes are to be numbered consecutively. Please use the primary heading of “Endnotes” for this section of your manuscript.

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Acknowledgments

Acknowledgments of people, grants, funds, etc. should be placed in a separate section before the reference list. The names of funding organizations should be written in full.

Citation in text formatting

Cite references in the text by name and year in parentheses. Some examples:

- *Single author citation in text* – example: “Thorsten Sellin (1938) articulated the core of criminology as the study of how normative structures and processes influence criminal behaviors.”
- *Double author citation in text* -- example: “While some studies show strong support for the theory, other researchers question both its ability to explain variations in rural crime and the fundamental validity of social disorganisation’s assumptions (Donnermeyer and DeKeseredy 2014).”
- *For a three or more authors citation in text* – For first citation, list all authors – example: “Beggs, Haines and Hurlbert (1996) observed from their survey that when compared with urban respondents, those residing in rural localities had more dense networks of acquaintanceship.” *For citations thereafter to the same work*, list only first author, followed by et al – example: “Sociologists have long been interested in the impact of population size on the solidarity of people living in smaller places (Beggs et al 1996).”
- *Multiple citations in text* – example: “The most prominent advocates of civic community theory for the study of rural crime are Lee and associates (Lee 2008; Lee and Slack 2007; Lee and Thomas 2010; Ousey and Lee 2013).
- *For a quoted citation in text* – example: “Rural areas tend to have an incomplete, fragmented form of community organization because of problems associated with spatial dispersion in an urban society (Wilkinson 1984, p. 450).” OR, “Wilkinson (1984, p. 450) observed: *quotation here.*”

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doi journal article example

Barclay, E. M. and Donnermeyer J. F. 2009. Crime and security on agricultural operations.” *Security Journal*, 24, 1-18, <https://doi.org/10.1057/sj.2008.23>

Journal article example:

Carrington, K., A. McIntosh, and J. Scott (2010). Globalization, frontier masculinities and violence: Booze, blokes and brawls. *British Journal of Criminology*, 50, 393-413.

Book example:

Weisheit, R. A., Falcone, D. N., & Wells, L. E. (2006). *Crime and policing in rural and small-town America*. Long Grove, IL: Waveland Press.

Book (also an Encyclopedia entry) chapter:

Weisheit, R. A., & Donnermeyer, J.F. (2000). Change and continuity in crime in rural America. In G. LaFree, J. F. Short, R. J. Bursik, Sr., & R. B. Taylor (Eds.), *The nature of crime: Continuity and change. Criminal justice 2000 volume 1* (pp. 309-348). Washington, D.C.: National Institute of Justice. (OR, for electronic access, use web address instead)

Article/information source from the web:

Highlands and Islands Enterprise. (2007). *Economic update: Shetland. April 2007*. Retrieved 15/02/2007 from <http://www.hie.co.uk/about-hie/policies-and-publications/default.html>.

Article/information from a newspaper/magazine:

Standard Newspaper (2013). *Why residents sleep a step away from their cattle*. Standard Group, Nairobi: 27, Published on 10th August, 2013.

OR, retrieved on-line:

The Guardian (23/04/2008). *Heroin death exposes Shetland drugs blight*. Retrieved 09/02/09 from <http://www.guardian.co.uk/uk/2008/apr/23/scotland.drugstrade>.

Thesis/Dissertation

Barclay, E. (2003). *Crime within rural communities: The dark side of Gemeinschaft*. PhD Dissertation. Armidale, New South Wales: The University of New England. (or, web address if retrieved on-line)