Call for Papers

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Special Issue: Current Issues and Controversies in School Safety Research

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The American Journal of Criminal Justice, the official journal of the Southern Criminal Justice Association, invites submissions for a special issue, “Current Issues and Controversies in School Safety Research,” edited by Dr. David C. May. Although most evidence indicates that violent and property victimization rates for students at school have declined in recent years, media accounts continue to emphasize the “danger” of school settings and highlight controversies around school shootings, policing in schools and myriad other issues involving crime in school settings. Consequently, we seek to attract papers that address a variety of topics related to school safety that have not been addressed or have received limited attention in the previous criminological literature. Topics might include effectiveness of police in school, effectiveness of security measures in reducing crime in school, causes and consequences of cyberbullying and fear of crime at school, etc. We also welcome critiques of previous findings, methodologies, and/or theoretical orientations used in the extant school safety literature. A discussion of implications for school safety policy and practice should be included in the manuscript. Inquiries about the appropriateness of topics can be directed to the special issue editor referenced below. All manuscripts will undergo blind peer review. Manuscripts should not exceed 25 double-spaced pages with one inch margins, including tables, figures, and references. The page limit is a strict guideline in order to allow for a number of high quality manuscripts to be included in the special issue. Manuscripts should be received no later than June 1, 2016. Please send two electronic copies (one complete version and one blind copy with all author/s identifying information removed) to Dr. David C. May at dmay@soc.msstate.edu Style and formatting guidelines for authors and additional information are available at: http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/criminology/journal/12103.