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PH.D. DISSERTATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcing the Final Examination Defense of HEEUK LEE for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Date of defense: Wednesday, July 30, 2014
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Location: Pullman- JT 712; Spokane- SAC 401
Dissertation Title: DETERMINANTS OF CITIZEN SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING

Dissertation Abstract:

The extent to which community members are willing to cooperate with the police and become involved with various community crime prevention programs depends on citizen perceptions of the police and of the community in which they reside. Using community survey data collected from over 400 citizens in a small town in Idaho, this study explores the importance of demographic factors, fear of crime, contextual characteristics and various aspects of public perception and experience with police in predicting citizens' support for community policing. Findings revealed that the majority of respondents supported community policing. Citizen support for community oriented policing varied somewhat by demographic factors. Trust in the police had a positive association with the community oriented policing. The more trust and confidence the citizens had with the police, the more positively they recognized and supported community oriented policing. Perception of personal safety also promoted support for community policing. The higher perception of personal safety citizens reported, the more they supported community oriented policing. Attitude toward local public institutions had a positive association in the community oriented policing implementation regression model and it was also positively correlated with COP implementation. The more positive attitude they had toward local governments, the greater the positive association is with support for community oriented policing. Victimization experience was a significant predictor for the implementation of COP. This study found that citizens who had victimization experience are less likely to support community oriented policing. Limitations and future studies are discussed.

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The defense is open to the public. Faculty and students are welcome to observe, ask questions, and comment. Those interested may request an electronic copy of the dissertation by contacting the Dissertation Chair (otwin@wsu.edu).