

General Information

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Lunch will be provided.

Directions

Directions from the North via Turnpike or I-75
VIA THE TURNPIKE: Take the **TURNPIKE SOUTH** to **836 EAST**. From 836 EAST get on **826 SOUTH**. Just past the Bird Road exit, 826 SOUTH will split. Stay **RIGHT** toward Kendall. Get off at the **very first exit**, which is **MILLER ROAD/S.W. 56th STREET**. Take a **LEFT** at the bottom of the ramp and continue on Miller until it ends at San Amaro Drive (approximately 4 miles). Take a **LEFT** onto San Amaro. The School of Law is a half a block down on the **RIGHT**.

VIA 75 SOUTH: Take **75 SOUTH** to **826 SOUTH**. Follow instructions above from 826 SOUTH.

I-95 Directions from the North

(Traveling from the Beaches and Ft. Lauderdale)
Take I-95 South. Stay in the middle lane as there are exits on the left and right. Continue past downtown Miami and follow the signs for US 1/South Dixie Highway. Shortly after passing downtown, I-95 will merge into US 1/South Dixie Highway. Stay on US 1 for approximately 4.5 miles. At Stanford Drive take a **RIGHT** and then an immediate **LEFT** onto Ponce de Leon Boulevard. At San Amaro Drive (third light), go **RIGHT**. Follow San Amaro, pass through the first light at Miller Road (which enters on the left), and take the next **RIGHT** into the Law School parking lot. The Law School is directly on your left.

Parking

Parking passes are available at \$5.00 temporary day pass vending machines located just inside the Ponce de Leon garage. More parking information is available on the web site at :
http://www.miami.edu/UMH/CDA/UMH_Main/0,1770,14187-1;1438-3,00.html

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Symposium: Wrongful Convictions: Psychological and Legal Issues

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Wrongful Convictions

Despite the protections built into the American criminal justice system, innocent people continue to be convicted for crimes that they did not commit. This result runs counter to our commitment to the principle that it is far better that ten guilty people go free than that one innocent person be convicted.

What insights from science and psychology can help us to minimize the potential of wrongful convictions? What legal and professional ethics reforms are needed?

This symposium addresses these issues.

Introduction

Bruce J. Winick, Professor of Law, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and Director of the Institute on Law, Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Miami. Professor Winick is the co-founder of a field of social inquiry known as Therapeutic Jurisprudence, and is the author of numerous books and articles, the latest of which is *Civil Commitment: A Therapeutic Jurisprudence Model (2005)*. Additionally, he is the legal advisor of *Psychology, Public Policy, & Law*.

Symposium Panelists

Janet Reno is the former Attorney General of the United States, a position she held from 1993-2001. Appointed State Attorney for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida for Miami Dade County in 1978, she was elected and re-elected to that position five times. She is the former Staff Director for the Florida House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, and is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Innocence Project.

Juan Melendez was sentenced to death in a Polk County, Florida courtroom on Sept. 21, 1984, after being convicted of robbery and murder. Without any physical evidence implicating Juan, the prosecution's case rested solely on the testimony of two questionable witnesses. Despite strong evidence of his innocence, the Florida Supreme Court upheld Juan's conviction, on three occasions. Sixteen years after his conviction,, newly discovered evidence demonstrated that Juan was an innocent man. After 17 years on death row, he became the 24th person released from death row in Florida, and the 99th nationwide.

Dr. Gary Wells, Ph.D., holds the title of Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychology at Iowa State University. Dr. Wells is an internationally recognized scholar in scientific psychology and his studies on eyewitness memory are widely known and cited. He has authored over 150 articles and books. His research on eyewitness identification has been incorporated into standard textbooks in psychology and law. He has also served as an expert for the defense, prosecution and plaintiffs in criminal and civil cases across the United States and Canada. In 2004, Professor Wells was elected President of the American Psychology– Law Society.

Order of Program

Reforming the Legal System to Minimize Wrongful Convictions
Janet Reno, Former U.S. Attorney General

The Psychology of Eyewitness Identifications: Implications for Criminal Law
Dr. Gary Wells, Iowa State University

Innocent on Death Row: an Odyssey of Injustice
Juan Melendez, Exonerated from Florida's Death Row on January 3, 2002

Program Chairs

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