

ANSS Criminal Justice/Criminology Discussion Group
24 June 2012 10:30-12:00
Disneyland Hotel, ALA Annual, Anaheim

Co- Convener: Sally Willson Weimer, University of California Santa Barbara

Attendees: Terrence W. Epperson, Wade Kotter, Rui Wang (6-7 people)

Announcements: Sally shared the ACRL handouts and introduced Wil Weston, the presenter.

Wil Weston earned his Ph.D. in higher education. He is Head of Collection Development and subject Specialist in criminal justice at the San Diego State University (SDSU). The topic of his presentation is "Current Opportunities & Challenges in Criminal Justice & Criminology Collections Development in Academic Libraries."

Wil began his presentation with an introduction of elements of criminal justice collection development which are grouped into the core and new subject areas of criminal justice and user community. Wil then detailed criminal justice disciplines/programs and users at SDSU. The users come from the undergraduate and Master Programs in the School of Public Affairs and the graduate program in Homeland Security with new emphasis on border security human and drug trafficking and internet crime. SDSU faculty have a variety of research interests, and the main body of students is non-traditional.

Wil discussed the challenges that faculty and students are facing, such as the increased ebook collections across institutions that restricted access to collections and slow ILL, and the needs and characteristics of non-traditional students. The challenge for subject librarians are less money for monographs, journal cancelations, and approval plan that evaporated and having to select title by title.

He suggest the subject specialists in criminal justice need to know the holistic nature, determine the scope, and fill in the gaps of your collection. He also addressed focusing on information literacy, assisting and guiding student research from (e.g.) methodology class or intro/orientation class, embedding in classes and departments (office hour in the department), and having users take a more active role in PDA.

During Wil's presentation, the audience engaged in several conversations with Wil and each other including evidence based collection development, dealing with non-traditional students, and reaching out faculty and students.

At the end, Sally represents the group to thank Wil's informative and excellent presentation.

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Wil Weston's web addresses:

Criminal Justice Research Guide: <http://library.sdsu.edu/guides/sub.php?id=29>

PowerPoint Presentation: <http://www.slideshare.net/wil.weston/current-criminal-justice-collection-presentation>