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5th Biennial Alberta Criminal Justice Symposium Considering new approaches to rehabilitation and correctional reform

Edmonton – The Biennial Alberta Criminal Justice Symposium presented by MacEwan University in partnership with the John Howard Society, will feature a variety of speakers and workshops that explore the current best practices in the criminal justice system in Canada and the international community.

These include effective rehabilitation, creative correctional practices, and evidence-based approaches and practices that significantly prevent criminal behavior or reduce recidivism (re-offending).

The keynote speakers will examine six key themes: mental health, addictions and diversion; prison and correctional reform; multiculturalism and diversity; harm reduction; youth and gangs; and, restorative justice/truth and reconciliation.

Keynote speakers include Edmonton's newly sworn-in Chief of Police, Dale McFee. McFee has an extensive background in policing, including 26 years as a police officer and six years as the Deputy Minister of Corrections and Policing in the Ministry of Justice for the Saskatchewan government.

Dr. Tara Young's research at the University of Kent is focused on marginalized young people as perpetrators and victims of anti-social behavior and violent crime. Young is interested in the manifestation of the 'gang' as a social problem in the UK in the context of an increasingly punitive statutory response to youth crime.

In 2017, Howard Sapers was appointed Independent Advisor on Corrections Reform for the province of Ontario. He released his first report, *Segregation in Ontario*, that provided the Ministry of Community and Correctional Services with advice and recommendations on ways to reduce the use of segregation in correctional facilities, improve conditions of confinement for those in segregation and enhance accountability in the segregation process.

Dr. Kelly Hannah-Moffat from the University of Toronto was a policy advisor for Madame Justice Arbour on the Commission of Inquiry into Certain Events at the Prison for Women in Kingston (the Arbour Commission). She was also an expert witness for the Office of the Ontario Coroner in the Ashley Smith Inquest.

When: May 7 - 9

Where: Robbins Health Learning Centre, 2nd Floor Atrium (10910-104 Avenue)

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