Course Information

Victimology, while closely related to criminology, is often seen as a separate area of research. These videos featuring victimologists can be used to supplement lectures on victimology, by broadening students’ knowledge of victimology and opening the classroom to discussion on a variety of topics related to victimization, how it occurs, and how it can be prevented.

Callie Rennison Discusses Victimology
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/callie-rennison-discusses-victimology

Professor Callie Marie Rennison discusses the field of victimology and how it has changed in recent years. She explains that many ideas about victims are based on stereotypes that are completely untrue. Rennison also points out that more and more women are entering the field.

Leah Daigle Discusses Victimology
http://sk.sagepub.com/video/leah-daigle-discusses-victimology

Dr. Leah Daigle discusses the study of victimology and how it differs from criminology. She describes measurement tools, the accuracy of those tools, the nonreporting that can occur among victims, and the participation of the victim in the criminal justice system.

Suggested Courses or Topics

These videos can be used in a variety of criminology courses, which might include:

- criminological theory,
- victimology, or
- at-risk youth.

Classroom Clips

- Callie Rennison Discusses Victimology
  - This clip describes victimology and how it is defined. Clip 0:17 – 4:04.
  - This clip discusses some of the challenges of conducting research on victimology. Clip 6:01 – 8:23.
  - This clip discusses the importance of theory in victimology. Clip 10:51 – 11:34.
  - This clip talks about how victimology has affected policy. Clip 14:07 – 14:56.

- Leah Daigle Discusses Victimology
  - This clip covers the emergence of victimology. Clip 0:17 – 1:02.
  - This clip describes the value in learning about victimology. Clip 1:03 – 2:03.
  - This clip discusses how victimology has impacted law enforcement. Clip 3:52 – 5:25.

Research Assignment

Dr. Daigle discusses how victimology has impacted law enforcement (Clip 3:52 – 5:25). Find, read, and summarize five research studies that examine how police tactics have changed with regard to victims. Have these changes been positive?

Classroom Discussion

Dr. Rennison discusses how victimology has affected policy (Clip 14:07 – 14:56). What changes have occurred on college campuses? Are these changes working? If they are not working, what could be done to improve the efficacy of programs aimed at reducing victimization on campus?