

**7th Annual  
Lisa Y. Cherry  
Women in  
Criminal Justice  
Conference**  
**WICJ**  
**Amarillo, Texas**

***Dedicated to Women, Open to ALL***

**October 3 – 5, 2007**

One Conference – Six Seminars  
**Attend 1, 2 or 3 Days**

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| ✚ <b>Basic or Advanced Firearms Training</b>      | ✚ <b>Sexual Assault Seminar</b>                        |
| ✚ <b>Women's Wellness &amp; Self-Defense</b>      | ✚ <b>How to Be an Effective Witness</b>                |
| ✚ <b>CRASH: When Fear, Race and Truth Collide</b> | ✚ <b>Criminal Justice Seminar: Concurrent Sessions</b> |



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## **Message from the Director**

Although the Women in Criminal Justice Conference has been and will continue to be dedicated to women working in the field of criminal justice, very few topics are confined to or of interest to women only. This year, more than ever before, we have designed the conference to appeal to a broad audience of professionals working in the criminal justice, social service, and other related fields – *women and men*. As our inspirational keynote speaker will explain, let us learn from each other and value the strengths and heroic qualities of each gender. If you have not been to this conference before, or if you have attended in the past but have not returned since, please consider coming this year – I think you will be pleasantly surprised by all the changes and improvements we have made.

I would like to give special thanks to the many individuals, agencies, and companies who make this conference successful. Our Conference Steering Committee is made up of a fantastic group of professionals who have spent many hours over several months behind the scenes to plan and prepare for this big event. In addition, we receive tremendous support and assistance from some of our sister criminal justice agencies in the region as well as from many local and area businesses. Without the help of all of these people and places, this conference would truly be impossible.

Finally, you will have the opportunity to benefit the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Campaign and the Lisa Y. Cherry Criminal Justice Student Book Fund through raffle ticket and silent auction purchases at the conference. So, read on, explore your options, and try to attend all three days if you can – that is definitely the best value both professionally and personally. We look forward to seeing you in October!

Sincerely,

*Toni Gordy*

Toni Gordy  
Director, Criminal Justice Programs  
Amarillo College

## Target Audience/CEUs

Probation and parole officers, law enforcement officers, corrections officers, attorneys, substance abuse counselors, licensed social workers and counselors, nurses, CPS/DFPS caseworkers, CASA volunteers, teachers and school administrators, and all other related professionals.

Full credit hours will be submitted to TCLEOSE, CJAD, and TJPC for approval. Days Two and Three (Courtroom Testimony only) will be submitted to State Bar/MCLE for approval. CEUs will be awarded for Days Two and Three (Courtroom Testimony only) to Social Workers and LPC/LMFTs. Amarillo College Center for Continuing Healthcare Education is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. Days Two and Three (Courtroom Testimony only) meet Type 1 criteria for mandatory continuing education requirements toward relicensure as established by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. Amarillo College is approved by the Texas Certification Board of Addiction Professionals Standards Committee, Provider Number 1743-06, and will request 7 hours general and CCJP credit for CRASH, Race Relations for Day One; 8 hours general and CCJP credit for Day Two; and 7.5 hours general and CCJP credit for Day Three. Expires 08/08. Complaints about provider or workshop content may be directed to the TCBAP Standards Committee, 1005 Congress Avenue, Ste. 460, Austin, Texas 78701, Fax Number (512) 476-7297. Amarillo College is approved by the State Board of Educator Certification as a provider of Continuing Professional Education (CPE). General CEUs will be awarded to all other participants for individual submission to their respective licensing agencies. For successful completion, each program must be attended in its entirety.

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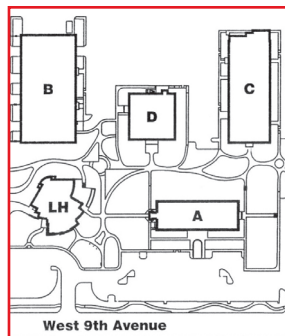
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## Location

Amarillo College  
West Campus Lecture Hall  
6222 West 9th Avenue  
Amarillo, Texas 79106

Directions: Take I-40 to the Bell Street Exit (North). Turn right on West 9th Avenue Loop. Go under the overpass and through the first light. The West Campus is on the right.



## Cost

**Full Conference – All Three Days - Only \$50**  
Two Day Options – \$45  
One Day Options – \$40

This conference is PRPC-sponsored.

Full Conference attendees receive a free commemorative t-shirt and a Coors of Amarillo/Coors Cowboy Club-sponsored dinner on Thursday night. Meal tickets and location provided at conference.

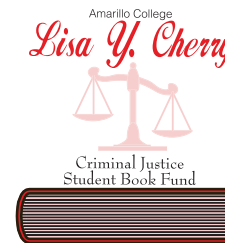
All Friday attendees will receive a hamburger lunch courtesy of the Randall County Sheriff's Office.

## Hotel Reservations

A block of rooms, with a special rate of \$74 single/double occupancy, has been reserved at the Ambassador Hotel, 3100 I-40 West, Amarillo, Texas for the nights of October 2-4, 2007. Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis through September 25, 2007. Call (806) 358-6161 or (800) 817-0521 for reservations and mention the "Amarillo College WICJ Conference" to receive this special rate.

## Raffle Items and Silent Auction

Thanks to the contributions and support of many local and area businesses, you will have the opportunity to win a variety of items through raffle ticket sales and a silent auction. The proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association Go Red for Women Campaign and the Lisa Y. Cherry Criminal Justice Student Book Fund at Amarillo College.



## Day One – Wednesday, October 3, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration/Continental Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.

### Choose One Activity:

#### ➤ Basic/Beginner Firearms Training

Certified Firearms Instructors will provide basic firearms training designed especially for women to help them learn to operate and quickly present the revolver, semi-automatic pistol and shotgun in a tactical environment. No prior firearms experience is necessary. Weapons, ammunition and lunch will be provided. Class size will be limited; assignments will be made in the order registration forms are received. Selected participants will be notified prior to the day of class with any special instructions.

#### ➤ Advanced Firearms Training

Certified Firearms Instructors will provide advanced firearms training in the use of AR-15 Assault Rifles and improved shooting skills for those who already have some experience. This class will be restricted to certified law enforcement officers with prior weapons experience. Weapons and lunch will be provided, but participants *must provide their own ammunition*. Class size will be limited; assignments will be made in the order registration forms are received. Selected participants will be notified prior to the day of class with any special instructions.

#### ➤ Women's Wellness and Self-Defense

In the first half of the presentation, **Dr. Eric Narrell** – a local chiropractor and a certified Maximized Living Mentor – will discuss achieving improved nutritional well-being without dramatically changing the foods you eat. He will also guide you through a series of bio-mechanically specific exercises to reduce low-back, mid-back, and neck pain that can cause other illnesses and which are a leading cause of missed days at work.

In the second half of this presentation, **Samantha Mikeska** – an agent with the FBI stationed in El Paso, Texas, and a certified defensive tactics instructor – will provide techniques designed to help women prevent and overcome physical attacks. Agent Mikeska's physical fitness and training helped her survive a near-deadly attack in 2002 while conducting an international operation along the border with Mexico.

Class size will be limited; assignments will be made in the order registration forms are received. Selected participants will be notified prior to the day of class with any special instructions, including the need to wear appropriate athletic clothing.

#### ➤ CRASH: When Fear, Race and Truth Collide

**Dr. Harry Hueston** – an associate professor of criminal justice at West Texas A&M University with over 30 years of law enforcement experience – will explore key concepts in race and ethnic relations, but this will not be a typical "cultural diversity" class. Students will watch the movie, *Crash*, as a basis for opening discussion to develop a deeper understanding of perceptions in race and ethnic relations and should then be able to apply the information learned to more critically understand their own social experience, current events, and current debates around issues of race. Also, hatred seen daily in Iraq and Afghanistan against our armed forces and American citizens will be explored. Students will see firsthand the propaganda used by Islamic terror groups in the Middle East and have a better understanding on the reality of true hatred against our country. How we in criminal justice should deal with this hatred will also be discussed after viewing the movie, *Obsession*. This course will qualify for TCLEOSE 3939 credit for those participants who need it. In this interactive and fun learning activity (*with popcorn!*), you won't exercise your body, but you will exercise your mind!

## Day Two – Thursday, October 4, 2007 – 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration/Continental Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m.

### 📌 Keynote Presentation – WAKE UP WARRIORS! There are Amazons in Your Midst!



This isn't your father's or mother's gender bender training! And it isn't about political correctness. Correct isn't always right. It is about the duty of criminal justice professionals to guide ALL of its members — Amazons and Warriors alike — to their heroic potential. To do that, we have to understand where the hero's path for men and women comes together and where it takes the road less traveled by the other. Come take a walk on each other's hero's path. **We can all benefit from the hero in each of us. And, you will be challenged, "enter-trained," and inspired!**

As a state and federal prosecutor for over 10 years, **Val Van Brocklin's** trial work was featured nationally on ABC'S *PRIMETIME LIVE*, Discovery Channel's *Justice Files*, in *USA Today*, *The National Enquirer* and *REDBOOK*. Described by Calibre Press as "the indisputable master of enter-train-ment," Val is now an internationally-sought speaker, trainer, consultant and noted author. Her programs can be seen on the Law Enforcement Television Network, one of which won a 2000 Telly Award. Her radio broadcasts include a 2005 national award winner. She is a regular contributor to [www.officer.com](http://www.officer.com) and her writing has also been featured in newsletters, magazines, and the 2005 edition of the book *SOLO: On Her Own Adventure*. When she's not working, Val can be found flying her airplane with her retriever, a shotgun, a fly rod, and high aspirations.

### 📌 Sexual Assault Seminar



#### **Shattered: Reclaiming a Life Torn Apart by Violence**

**Debra Puglisi Sharp** lived every woman's worst nightmare. On April 20, 1998, this wife and mother of 19-year-old twins was planting roses in her garden. A factory worker with a crack cocaine addiction slipped through an open door of her home, with the premeditated plan of kidnapping Debra. When Nino, Debra's husband of 25 years, returned home from work, he was brutally shot to death and his body hidden in the master bedroom. Debra, upon entering their home, was bludgeoned, raped and abducted by her husband's murderer. Over a period of 101 hours, Debra was repeatedly raped and held captive until her escape on the fifth day. You will hear the actual 911 call, followed by comments concerning 911 enhancement and the role of forensic nurses. She discusses her diagnosis of PTSD and cognitive behavior therapy, the criminal trial and outcome, and how she moved on with her life. Lastly, during a question and answer period, listeners will be invited to learn more about how she survived her ordeal.

Debra is a hospice nurse, the author of *Shattered: Reclaiming A Life Torn Apart By Violence*, and an inspirational speaker. She has appeared on *Oprah*, *20/20*, *Montel*, *John Walsh*, and other national and regional television shows. For five years, Debra was the Public Representative for the 911 Enhancement Board in Delaware, appointed by Governor Ruth Ann Minner. She is also on the Board of Directors of the National Coalition of Victims in Action and a member of the National Organization for Victims Assistance. Most recently, Debra became a Rape Crisis Advocate for Contact Lifeline and raises public awareness through the Sexual Assault Network of Delaware. *Shattered* has been published in Sweden and Denmark, and has been made required reading for criminal justice victimology courses in several colleges.

#### **Child Sexual Abuse**

In the afternoon, **Val Van Brocklin** returns with two sessions on child sexual abuse that address unique challenges facing professionals who deal with these offenders and their victims.

**Permission to Confess** – Many child sexual abuse offenders rationalize their criminal conduct by deluding themselves with lies that sound rational to them. Understanding these rationalizations and learning how to use them is critical for professionals who deal with the offenders and the children they abuse. Using real case scenarios of perpetrator interviews, interactive exercises and handout materials: law enforcement officers will learn how to use these lies to give the offender "permission" to confess; probation officers will be able to apply the offender's rationalizations to effectively supervise them; offender treatment providers may learn some new lies they haven't heard before and will enhance the training with their own experience; and victim counselors will gain added insight into what the children they treat have experienced. But, this training isn't just for professionals. It's for anyone who cares about children and would like to know how to keep them safer.

**Pre-text Conversations** – Child sexual abuse cases too often come down to a "he said, she said" contest. Wouldn't we all rather make it a "he said, and he's guilty as all get out" show? How would you like to hear the defendant talk about his crimes when he thinks no one else is listening? Enter the world of "pre-text" conversations. They're legal, creative, exciting, and most of all, rewarding – because pre-text conversations can mean children don't have to go to court. Through real case scenarios of pre-text conversations in child sexual abuse cases, participants will learn the law governing pre-text conversations, understand how they are set up and done, and, finally, how it's all "brought home" to the offender.

## Day Three – Friday, October 5, 2007 – 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration/Continental Breakfast begins at 8:00 a.m.

### 📌 How to Be an Effective Witness – A New Approach to Preparing to Testify

**Val Van Brocklin** – bio listed under Day Two info – will provide a full day of effective courtroom testimony training. Testifying in today's courtroom arena is a high stakes challenge – one for which witnesses are often ill-prepared. A winning attitude and mental preparation are necessary for successful outcomes. Unfortunately, most witness preparation misses this critical point.

This training provides dramatic demonstrations on how your attitude and beliefs can impact your courtroom testimony. You will also experience case documentation and report writing that anticipates successful courtroom testimony, how to prepare the government's attorney, encounters with the opposing counsel, and rules of evidence – what you don't know can cause a mistrial.

*How to Be an Effective Witness* isn't just cutting edge content. It's a "hold on to the witness stand," highly charged, interactive program. Van Brocklin puts participants on the stand in real-life courtroom scenarios tailored to their professions and also involves them as judges and jurors.

### 📌 Criminal Justice Concurrent Sessions

Female Sex Offenders	Reducing Stress
Paraphilias	Across the Generations
Gangs	The Power of One
Restorative Justice	Meth Awareness 101
Physical Fitness for Women	TDCJ Scent-Specific Dogs
Identix LiveScan Fingerprint Training	
Use of Polygraph Exams with Criminal Offenders	
MySpace, MyKids: Protecting Your Kids and Navigating MySpace.com	

**All Topics and Presenters Subject to Change.**

# Registration Form – Women in Criminal Justice Conference, October 3 - 5, 2007

## Step One

### FULL CONFERENCE – *Best Value* - Only \$50

- ☐ All 3 Days (October 3-5) – Course ID #64517

One Red WICJ T-Shirt Included in Price (Circle Size)

Women's:    S    M    L    XL    2XL    3XL

Men's:        S    M    L    XL    2XL    3XL

Coors-sponsored Thursday Dinner for One Included in Full Conference Price (Bring a Friend – See Bonus Options)  
Do you think you will attend the dinner?   ☐ Yes   ☐ No

### SPLIT CONFERENCE (2 Day Options) - \$45

- ☐ Days 1 and 2 (October 3 & 4) – Course ID #64518  
☐ Days 2 and 3 (October 4 & 5) – Course ID #64519

### SUPER SINGLES (1 Day Options) - \$40

- ☐ Day 1 (October 3) – Course ID #64520  
☐ Day 2 (October 4) – Course ID #64521  
☐ Day 3 (October 5) – Course ID #64522

## Step Two

### ALL DAY 1 ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE

**Choose Your Activity** (Indicate 1st, 2nd, 3rd Choices). Class sizes limited and will be filled in the order received:

- | 1                     | 2                     | 3                     | Activity                          |
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| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | Women's Wellness/Self-Defense     |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | CRASH, A Course in Race Relations |

### ALL DAY 2 ATTENDEES

All Day 2 Attendees will see the Keynote Presentation followed by the Sexual Assault Seminar topics.

### ALL DAY 3 ATTENDEES MUST COMPLETE

**Although you will be free to attend either track, which do you think you will attend?**

- ☐ How to Be an Effective Witness  
☐ Criminal Justice Concurrent Sessions

## Step Three

### BONUS OPTIONS FOR EVERYONE

Coors-sponsored Thursday Dinner for One included in Full Conference Price – all other conference attendees or guests of any attendee are \$10 each:

\_\_\_\_ # of extra dinners x \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Payment Included

☐ Will Pay at Conference Registration

Commemorative Red Polo Shirt - \$20 each  
(Circle Size and Include Payment)

Women's:    S    M    L    XL    2XL    3XL

Men's:        S    M    L    XL    2XL    3XL

**Must order and pay by September 19, 2007 to receive at conference.**

Any student, who because of a disabling condition may require some special arrangements in order to meet course requirements, should contact disAbility Services (SSC 119, Phone 371-5436) as soon as possible.

**Enrollment Eligibility Notice:** Students with outstanding obligations to Amarillo College may not be allowed to enroll in or complete a continuing education course until the obligations are fulfilled. Students who have received a Criminal Trespass Warning from Amarillo College will not be allowed to enroll in courses held on any AC campus unless the warning has been lifted.

## Step Four

SS Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Business E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer or Type of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Type:    **Days 1, 2 and/or 3:**  
☐ TCLEOSE    ☐ CJAD            ☐ TJPC  
☐ CPE            ☐ Substance Abuse/LCDC  
☐ General        *(Firearms Activities Approved for General and TCLEOSE Credits Only)*

### Days 2 and/or 3 only:

☐ Nurse I    ☐ LPC/LMFT/SW    ☐ MCLE  
*(Approved for Sexual Assault and Effective Witness Topics Only)*

Ethnic Origin: (Voluntary – Will not affect enrollment)  
☐ White    ☐ Black    ☐ Hispanic  
☐ Asian/Pacific Islander  
☐ American Indian/Alaskan  
☐ Non-Resident Alien/Foreign National

I certify that the information given is complete and correct.

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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