

**Evidence-Based Thinking from Arrest to Sentence:
The Future of
Criminal Justice Research
Questions for Future Research**

- Topics
 - Prosecutors and prosecution outcomes over time
 - Fines and fees
 - Correlation between fines and fees and access to public defenders
 - Driver's license revocation and ability to pay fines and fees
 - Do fines and fees meet the intended goals of that system? If not, how and why?
 - Costs of incarceration beyond the cost of prison (social services, etc.)
 - Indigent defense
 - Criminal law enforcement and immigration
 - Prosecutorial plea bargaining
 - Potential areas for decriminalization, such as decriminalization compared to prosecutorial mandates to refrain from prosecuting certain offenses
 - Waivers of right to counsel
 - Judicial involvement in pleas
 - Research in rural areas
 - Logistical difficulties for rural parolees
- Methodology
 - What types of research are most impactful for decision makers?
 - When should researchers elect to use a randomized methodology?
 - How can research methods better take a participatory approach to integrate impacted communities and individuals?