CALL FOR PAPERS – Deadline Extended to 2/5/19
Correlates, Causes, and Solutions for Firearm Violence in America
Hartford, Connecticut
April 4-5, 2019

We invite junior and senior scholars to present, debate, and discuss cutting-edge research on gun safety, gun policy creation, and the efficacy of gun policies. Dr. David Hemenway of Harvard University will give a keynote address on April 4th. In particular, we invite papers that address at least one of three themes:

1. **Community and Social Movement Organizing:** How do activists understand the causes of and solutions to gun violence? What are the different approaches that activists take and how does their social location (e.g., urban/suburban; survivors) influence their strategies? What explains the approaches activists take in seeking institutional, cultural, and political change designed to reduce gun violence?

2. **Community-Level Factors in Gun Violence:** For example, how does income inequality relate to firearm violence? Do communities with higher gun ownership rates have higher firearm casualties? How do individual-level factors combine with community-level factors to influence gun violence?

3. **Policies and Prevention Strategies:** The evaluation of public policies or other prevention strategies aimed at reducing the number of gun injuries in the United States. This might include gun injuries, gun homicides, and/or gun-related suicides.

We welcome submissions from all scholars seeking to answer critical questions about reducing the number of gun incidents experienced in the United States. After the conference, we hope to secure a publication outlet (e.g., a special issue of a journal) for the work presented at the conference.

Interested scholars should submit an extended abstract or paper to uconn.pfv.2019@gmail.com by 5:00 pm (EST) on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019.** Extended abstracts should be approximately 2-4 pages in length (inclusive of tables and figures, but not inclusive of references). To the extent possible, the extended abstract should include a statement of the research question, a description of the data and research methods, and expected findings. The organizing committee will select papers and email decisions by February 11, 2019. To facilitate discussion, we ask authors to email working papers by March 22, 2019. Presentations will take place Thursday and Friday, April 4-5.

The costs of the conference are partly subsidized. There is no registration fee, as conference sponsors will provide some meals and the conference venue, which is the [Hartford Club](#). Other costs are the responsibility of the participants. While many hotel options exist, a reduced rate is available at the [Hartford Marriott](#), which is within easy walking distance to the conference venue. We will set up a web page to post further details about the conference and registration information.

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