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Endowed Chair in Criminology and Criminal Justice Lecture Dr. Paul Gendreau on “What We Know About ‘Reforming’ Offenders and Managing Prisons Effectively: Implications for Public Policy

Psychologist and researcher Paul Gendreau will deliver the annual Endowed Chair in Criminology and Criminal Justice Lecture on the potential for offenders to be rehabilitated while in custody and the effects of prison life on offenders’ post-release behaviour.

The lecture will take place Monday, September 21 at 7 pm in the Kinsella Auditorium, McCain Hall at St. Thomas University.

In his lecture, “What we know about ‘reforming’ offenders and managing prisons effectively: implications for public policy,” Gendreau will present evidence on these issues and speak about treating offenders and managing prisons in a humane and effective manner.

“We are pleased to have a scholar of Dr. Gendreau’s calibre speak to the importance of implementing humane and effective rehabilitative practices with offenders, particularly in a political climate that embraces harsh, punishment-based policies directed solely toward ‘offender management’,” said Professor Dawne Clarke, acting chair of the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Gendreau’s research on the criminal justice system has greatly influenced how Canada deals with criminals in prison and in the community, including techniques on improving the practice of correctional psychology and reducing the risk of criminals re-offending. His research has also led to changes in the Correctional Service of Canada.

He has published extensively on what works in the assessment and treatment of offenders, program implementation, the effects of prison life, and the use of statistics.

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