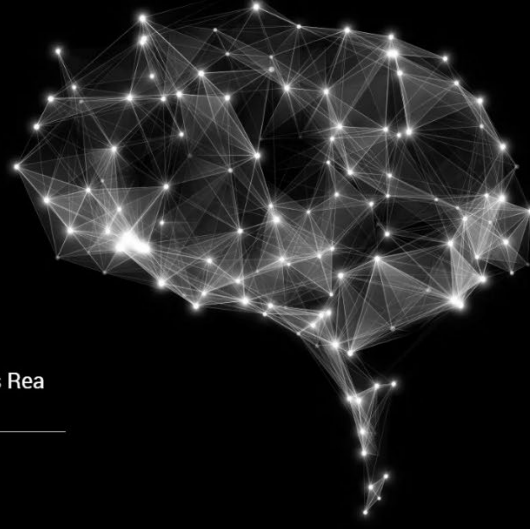


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Accidents may be inevitable, but the creation of accidental criminals is not; rather, that's a choice, and one that the criminal justice system should never make. Unfortunately, the criminal justice system has made this choice, repeatedly, by failing to account for a defendant's mens rea—Latin for “guilty mind”—in imposing criminal liability and scaling punishment across a number of contexts. Please join the **Academy for Justice** and the **Arizona State Law Journal** as we bring together many of the nation's leading criminal law professors and practitioners for an extended conversation about mens rea policy and its role within the broader criminal justice reform movement. The conversations will revolve around accessible papers written by some of the nation's most thoughtful and accomplished scholars, which will be published in a special issue of the Arizona State Law Journal.

Date: Friday and Saturday, September 25-26, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. PST

Questions: academyforjustice@asu.edu

Please register in advance for this online event [here](#). You will receive a confirmation email with Zoom details on how to join.

Two Different Competitions – and Multiple Cash Prizes!

The Academy for Justice welcomes students to register for and attend the Guilty Minds conference, which offers a unique opportunity to observe—and participate in—an academic legal conference on an important topic. To encourage and facilitate student engagement, the Academy for Justice is holding two different competitions for students currently enrolled in any American law school or graduate program.

- 1.) **Student Question Competition:** Formulating good questions is an important lawyering skill, and receiving good questions is critical to producing impactful scholarly work. The Academy for Justice is soliciting good student questions on the [papers](#) and [video presentations](#) that will be serving as the basis of the conference—and will be awarding one or more \$100 prize(s) for the most outstanding question(s) we receive. To compete, all you need to do is:
 - a. Register for the conference, and then submit your questions in the body of an email sent to academyforjustice@asu.edu with the subject line “Student Question Competition.”
 - b. You are welcome to submit up to 15 questions in the same email; however, please make it very clear which of the particular contributions each of your questions focuses upon.
 - c. In your submission, please note: (1) the school you attend; (2) your projected year of graduation; and (3) in the event your question is asked at the conference, if you’d like it to be attributed to you.
 - d. The deadline for guaranteed consideration of your question submission is September 21, 2020, though the Academy for Justice reserves the right to consider any questions submitted after that point.

- 2.) **Student Reflection Paper Competition:** The Academy for Justice is interested in the reflections of those students who are able to attend the conference. The Academy for Justice is soliciting student reflection papers—of between 500-2000 words—on the conference, and will be awarding one or more \$500 prize(s) for the most outstanding papers received. There is no limitation on what these papers can or should address—we’re just interested in thoughtful commentary and perspectives on the event. At the very least, the reflection paper should demonstrate familiarity with the conference papers, presentations and panel discussions. We expect to post the winning paper(s) on the Academy for Justice’s website, and may also award honorable mentions and additional cash prizes in the event we receive many excellent submissions. The deadline for submission is two weeks after the conference, Sunday, October 11, 2020.