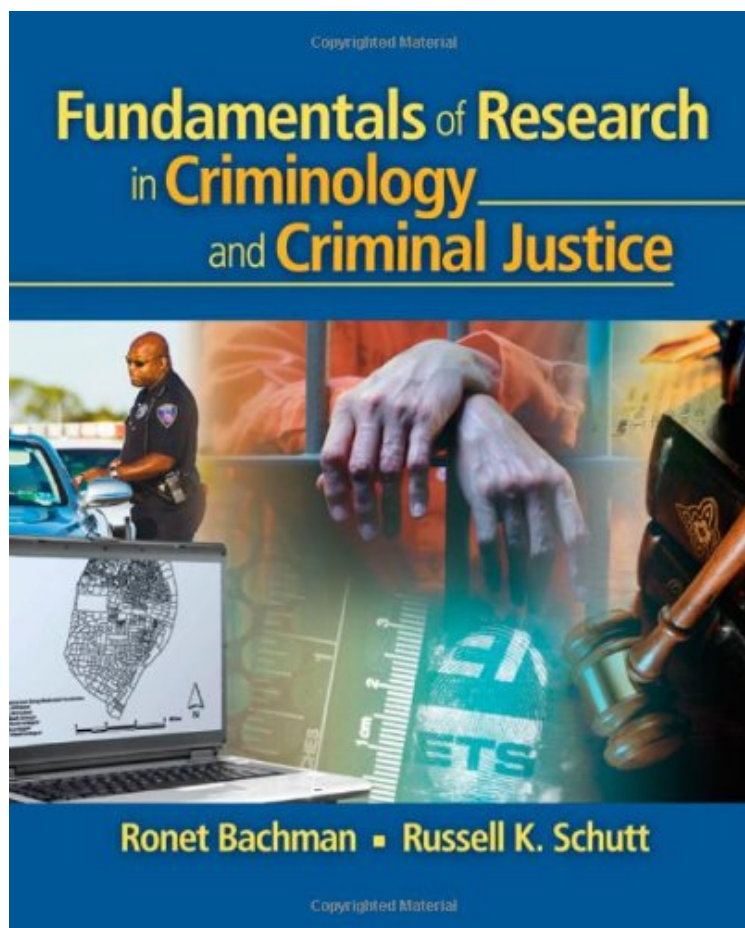


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"After reviewing several texts supposedly designed for undergraduate criminal justice students, I decided that this book clearly will be the most useful for helping my students understand research design issues. The presentation is straightforward and easy to read and the examples are topical and concise." (Mary West-Smith) About the Author Ronet Bachman, PhD, is Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware. She is coauthor of *Statistical Methods for Crime and Criminal Justice* (3rd ed.), and coeditor of *Explaining Crime and Criminology: Essays in Contemporary Criminal Theory*. In addition, she is author of *Death and Violence on the Reservation*; coauthor of *Stress, Culture, and Aggression in the United States*; coauthor of *Murder American Style*; and coauthor of *Violence: The Enduring Problem* as well as numerous articles and papers that examine the epidemiology and etiology of violence, with a particular emphasis on women, the elderly, and minority populations. She is currently the Co-PI of a National Institute of Justice-funded study to examine the trajectories of drug-involved offenders 10 years after release from prison using a mixed-method design. Russell K. Schutt, Ph.D., is Professor and Chair of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts, Boston and Lecturer on Sociology in the Department of Psychiatry (Beth Israel-Deaconess Medical Center) at the Harvard Medical School. He completed his B.A., M.A., and Ph.D. (1977) degrees at the University of Illinois at Chicago and was a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Sociology of Social Control Training Program at Yale University (1977-1979). In addition to *Investigating the Social World: The Process and Practice of Research*, now in its 6th edition, *Making Sense of the Social World 3/e* (with Dan Chambliss), and adaptations for the fields of social work (with Ray Engel) and criminology/criminal justice (with Ronet Bachman), he is the author of *Organization in a Changing Environment*, coeditor of *The Organizational Response to Social Problems*, and coauthor of *Responding to the Homeless: Policy and Practice*. He has authored and coauthored numerous journal articles, book chapters, and research reports on homelessness, service preferences and satisfaction, mental health, organizations, law, and teaching research methods. His recent funded research experience includes a National Cancer Institute-funded study of community health workers and recruitment for cancer clinical trials, and a National Institute of Mental Health-funded study of housing alternatives for homeless persons diagnosed with severe mental illness. His publications in peer-reviewed journals range in focus from the effect of social context on cognition, satisfaction and functioning to the service preferences of homeless persons and service personnel, the admission practices of craft unions, and the social factors in legal decisions.