

Delbert S. Elliott

Biographical Sketch

Del Elliott is the Director of The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence in the Institute of Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado. He is also a Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Research Professor in the Department of Sociology. He is the Director of the National Youth Survey, the longest study of criminal behavior and drug use in a national panel of adolescents and young adults in the United States. Del's books include Delinquency and Dropout (1974); The Social Psychology of Runaway (1978); Explaining Delinquency and Drug Use (1985); Multiple Problem Youth: Delinquency, Drugs and Mental Health Problems (1989); Violence in American Schools (1998) and Good Kids from Bad Neighbourhoods' (2006). Del is the Editor of Blueprints for Violence Prevention, a series of monographs describing model violence prevention programmes. Del served as Chair of the Criminal and Violent Behavior Review Committee (NIMH) and is a past President and Fellow of the American Society of Criminology and former member of the Advisory Board for the Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Centres for Disease Control. In 1995 he received the prestigious Edwin H. Sutherland Award for outstanding contributions to the field of Criminology from the American Society of Criminology; in 1998 he received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). In 2000 he received the Paul Tappan Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Criminology by the Western Society of Criminology and the Science to Practice Award from the Society for Prevention Research. He was the Senior Science Editor for Youth Violence: A Report of the Surgeon General, 2001. In 2001 he received the Public Health Service Medallion for Distinguished Service awarded by Dr. David Satcher, U.S. Surgeon General. In November of 2003 he received the August Vollmer Award from the American Society of Criminology and in 2005 he became a Fellow, Academy of Experimental Criminology.

