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Dedication

To: Ruth and Ryan and Pat, Danny and Timmy

Preface

We had a simple objective in mind in writing this book. We intended to write a clear and nonintimidating text on statistics and research methods. Statistics and research methods are not subjects that many students *choose* to take. These subjects usually inspire feelings of dread. Hopefully, we have achieved our objective to the extent that students will find the material less intimidating than they might have.

We have also tried to offer a text that gives criminal justice and criminology examples. Rather than give as many examples as we could think of, we have tried to present important and interesting examples.

This book was a collaborative effort but each of us took primary responsibility for certain chapters. Miller took the lead on the chapters on the statistical matters (2-5, 11-16), while Whitehead is the primary author for the research design chapters (1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 17).

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Words and terms in **boldface** are defined in the Glossary. Review Aids and References are listed at the end of each chapter. There is an Author Index and a Subject Index at the back of the book.

There is a Student Workbook to accompany this text. We think that students can benefit from studying the Workbook and completing the sample questions and problems in it. The Workbook has a list of Key Terms for each chapter, Chapter Summaries, and both objective and subjective questions for study and review. We spent a considerable amount of time and effort on the Workbook to make it a useful aid for students looking for some assistance.

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