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Lawrence W. Sherman is the Wolfson Professor of Criminology at the University of Cambridge and Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park. He is also Director of the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge and Chief Executive of the Cambridge Centre for Evidence-Based Policing (www.Cambridge-ebp.net). Since 2007 he has chaired the Cambridge Police Executive Programme, a master's degree course on evidence-based policing enrolling police leaders from US, UK, Australia, Sweden, Trinidad & Tobago, Ireland, Uruguay, Colombia, Hong Kong, India, Canada and New Zealand. He has also directed the Jerry Lee Centre for Experimental Criminology at Cambridge, which has launched over 25 experiments in police agencies on three continents.

His contributions to evidence-based policing have been recognized by the Royal Society of Arts in London, which awarded him its Benjamin Franklin Medal; by the Minneapolis Police Department, which awarded him its "Police Officer" statue for his leadership of the Minneapolis Domestic Violence Experiment; and by the Academy of Experimental Criminology's Joan McCord Award. He also holds honorary doctorates for his work on evidence-based policing from the University of Stockholm and Denison University (OH).

A former research analyst in the New York City Police Department, he has conducted experiments and other research with the Metropolitan Police Service at New Scotland Yard, the Australian Federal Police, and police agencies in Milwaukee, Kansas City (MO), Houston, Newark (NJ), Miami-Dade County, Atlanta, Baltimore and Prince George's County (MD) and Philadelphia.

In 2013 he was appointed by the Home Secretary for England and Wales to serve as one of 14 members of the Board of Directors of the College of Policing, created in 2012 to integrate and apply research on what works, set standards for policing, train and certify police employees, and integrate the separate organizations for lower ranks, superintendents, chief officers, civilian staff, and police and crime commissioners into a single professional body that serves as the voice of policing in England and Wales.

He has been elected Honorary President of the Society of Evidence-Based Policing (2010) and President of the International Society of Criminology (2000), American Society of Criminology (2001-2), American Academy of Political and Social Science (2001-5), and Academy of Experimental Criminology (1998-2001).