

Crime, Law, and Deviance News

Newsletter for the Crime, Law, and Deviance section of the American Sociological Association

Message from the Chair

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At the halfway mark of 2020, it feels like it has been roughly a decade since we last gathered together. As we will not be seeing one another in person this year, I write this (admittedly longer than usual) message to celebrate the accomplishments of our members, highlight how their work continues to teach us, announce plans for how we can engage with one another again, and express my appreciation for the work many of you have done for the section this year.

CLD Donation to the Minority Fellowship Program (MFP). While we will not be able to gather at our joint reception with the Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM) section, I am excited to report that the Crime, Law, and Deviance section will be donating our reception funds (\$2485) to the [ASA Minority Fellowship Program](#). The MFP has supported over 500 sociologists of color in pursuit of a doctoral degree in sociology over the last 46 years. We do this to affirm and support scholars of color and it is worth noting that many former MFP Fellows are today leading the conversation on racism, police killings, and inequality in criminal justice. What began as a small initiative in the Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility (IPM) Section has

grown to include all 52 sections of the American Sociological Association. The ASA will release a final count but an informal tally from chair reports suggests this will result in at least \$70k in donations. Thank you to our Treasurer, Dr. Holly Foster, for facilitating this donation in addition to her other work for the section. This is but one step and I will end my time as chair with a set of ideas drawn from across the ASA to build on this action. I encourage you to engage with us to contribute your own ideas.

ASA Promotion of Experts on Policing and Racism. The ASA is [highlighting many of our members and section leaders](#) as experts on "police brutality and racial inequality." Among them: Incoming Chair Dr. Victor Rios, CLD Council Member Dr. Nikki Jones, and members Dr. Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve, Dr. Andrew Papachristos, Dr. Michael Sierra-Arévalo, Dr. Carla Shedd, and Dr. Forrest Stuart.

CLD Election Results. Our election results are in and we again have a wonderful set of scholars to lead us going forward. Dr. Andrea Leverentz (UMass-Boston) is our next Chair-Elect and Dr. Monica Bell (Yale) and Dr. Jennifer Carlson (Arizona) will be joining her as CLD Council Members. Thanks much to those who chose to dive in with us by running for leadership roles — we are a better section as a result of all of you.

2020 CLD Award Winners.

- ***PETERSON-KRIVO MENTORING AWARD:*** *Dr. Anthony Peguero (Virginia Tech):* Dr. Peguero is this year's Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award winner from the Sociology of Law and Crime, Law, and Deviance sections. Dr. Peguero was mentoring, promoting, and supporting others as an early career scholar himself and has

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continued to do so through his work with [RDCJN](#), [Latina/o/x Criminology](#), and the [Youth Inequality and Justice](#) lab. His formal and informal mentoring work provides a useful and much-needed lesson in how mentoring, support, and solidarity can be practiced throughout the career. As he often reminds us — way to represent! — promoting the work of others is how we all learn.

- **CLD STUDENT PAPER AWARD: *Mary Ellen Stitt (UT-Austin)***: Mary Ellen Stitt is our student paper award winner for her work on criminal courts. The Student Paper Award committee received a large number of nominations and judged Ms. Stitt's work to be a "well-written, well-researched paper that explores the punitive nature of court diversion programs that are touted as non-punitive care. Throughout the paper, Stitt weaves a nuanced and interesting argument through a narrative that examines the structural, organizational, and individual inequalities present in this socio-legal locale." Ms. Stitt's title and abstract is below. For more, check out maryellenstitt.com or [@maryellenstitt](https://twitter.com/maryellenstitt).

Title: Adjudication Under Cover: Diversion and Inequality in the Criminal Courts

Abstract: As policymakers face growing pressure to reduce the financial and social costs of incarceration, few reforms have garnered more widespread support than diversion programs designed to provide criminal defendants with mental healthcare in place of punishment. Hundreds of thousands of people now enter court-mandated treatment every year, and advocates and scholars alike have viewed their diversion as an exit from the court system into an environment designed to change defendants rather than to judge them. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork, interviews, and administrative data, I show that court-mandated treatment operates not as an exit from the court system but as an extension of that system and a site of adjudication in itself. Within that site, defendants are judged not on the basis of

law or evidence but on their performance of "compliance," defined in practice as health, resources, and self-advocacy. Those who do not meet compliance criteria are systematically sorted out of treatment and returned to court, where they face additional penalties for treatment noncompletion. Ultimately, mental healthcare placed under control of the courts becomes a form of adjudication under cover, both obscuring and intensifying punishment for the poor, racialized, and ill.

- ***JAMES F. SHORT DISTINGUISHED ARTICLE AWARD: Dr. Neil Gong (Michigan/UCSD)***: Dr. Neil Gong is the 2020 James F. Short Distinguished for his 2019 work, "[Between Tolerant Containment and Concerted Constraint: Managing Madness for the City and the Privileged Family](#)," published in the *American Sociological Review*. From the committee: "We were wowed by the way that this impressive contemporary ethnography integrates theoretical perspectives from the social control and concerted cultivation/family literatures. The analysis is tight and conclusions are well-supported by the author's deep qualitative field work. It was so well-written that, as one of the committee members put it we 'clung to every word.'" For more, check out neilgong.com or [@NeilMGong](https://twitter.com/NeilMGong).
- ***JAMES F. SHORT DISTINGUISHED ARTICLE AWARD HONORABLE MENTION: Dr. Christopher Muller (UC-Berkeley)***: Dr. Christopher Muller has been awarded an honorable mention for his 2018 piece, "[Freedom and Convict Leasing in the Postbellum South](#)," published in the *American Journal of Sociology*. From the committee: "This is a truly impressive historical comparative piece that clarifies an important historical process. It is a novel analysis with clear implications that bridge past and present underpinnings of mass incarceration. One of our committee members said, 'This is one of the best articles I've read on mass incarceration.' The committee concurred!"

ASA Virtual Meeting. As many of you know, the ASA is planning a virtual conference this year. We are continuing to organize the CLD roundtable and panel sessions and you'll receive an update from me via the listserv on all panels of particular interest to our section in late July. The panels that are offered during what would have been the ASA meetings will be either pre-recorded presentations or live panels that allow for audience engagement. Stay tuned!

Thank you! Finally, a thank you to our members who gave hours of their time to support the rest of us through their committee work. We don't work without you.

- Dr. Lisa Broidy and Dr. Sarah Shannon will complete their CLD Council terms in August 2020. Thank you for all that you have offered the section over the last three years.
- Dr. Brianna Remster (Chair), Dr. Daniel Martinez, Dr. Kevin Drakulich, and Dr. Chris Wildeman put together an amazing slate of candidates on the Nominations Committee.
- Dr. Robert Apel and Dr. Joachim Savelsberg joined colleagues in the Sociology of Law section to celebrate mentorship and support throughout the career on the Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award Committee.
- Dr. Danielle Rudes (Chair), Dr. Bill McCarthy, Dr. Jesse Wozniak, and Dr. Brenden Beck supported future CLD leaders through their work on the Student Paper Award Committee.
- Dr. Sarah Shannon (Chair and CLD Council Member), Dr. Bryan Sykes, Dr. Michelle Phelps, and Dr. Chris Smith had the difficult task of selecting a winner from large number of wonderful nominees on the Short Article Award Committee.
- Dr. Riku Kawaguchi and Dr. Sarah Hupp Williamson put together our newsletters – they will cycle off this year and have done a wonderful job (not the least in their lasting patience with the rest of us who are slow to get them material).
- Dr. Amada Armenta and Dr. Ashley Rubin organized our CLD panels. The panels and roundtables we hope to present to you in August are due to their hard work.
- Finally, last but not least, Dr. Bianca Bersani

(Chair and CLD Council Member), Dr. Connie Chapple, and Dr. Cody Warner have established a more robust social media presence for the CLD section on [Twitter](#), adding hundreds of new followers in the last year. Their work supported student members on the market, made our work more visible to others, and increased our engagement with other sections.

Wishing you all a safe and healthy summer,

Sara Wakefield
2020 Crime, Law, and Deviance Chair

Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Information
<p>Chair: Sara Wakefield, <i>Rutgers University 2020</i> Chair-Elect: Victor M. Rios, <i>University of California, Santa Barbara 2020</i> Past Chair: Karen F. Parker, <i>University of Delaware 2020</i> Section Secretary/Treasurer: Holly Foster, <i>Texas A&M University 2022</i></p> <p>Council Members: Sarah K.S. Shannon, <i>University of Georgia 2020</i> Lisa Marie Broidy, <i>University of New Mexico 2020</i> Amada Armenta, <i>UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs 2021</i> Bianca E. Bersani, <i>University of Maryland 2021</i> Nikki Jones, <i>Univ of California, Berkeley 2022</i> Ashley T. Rubin, <i>University of Hawaii, Manoa 2022</i></p> <p>Newsletter Editors: Sarah Hupp Williamson, <i>University of West Georgia</i> Riku Kawaguchi, <i>Mercer University</i></p>

Member News and Awards

Margaret S. Kelley (American Studies), Neal R. Axton (Libraries), and Tim Pleskac (Psychology), were awarded a University of Kansas Research Excellence Initiative Collaboration Grant of \$18,000 for a two-year project titled: "A Victim-Centered Analysis of Active Shooter Civilian Training Programs: Improving Decision Making Under Duress Using Audience Analysis." The project addresses one of the most important social and public issues of our time: What are we to do about active shooters? There is some evidence suggesting that the biases in current active shooter training actually decrease the likelihood of survival during an attack. We propose an evidence-based approach to determine which training programs improve decision making under extreme duress.

Robert Werth was recently awarded Rice University's George R. Brown Award for Superior Teaching.

Sharon Oselin is the Academic Director of the Presley Center of Crime and Justice Studies, which is located in the School of Public Policy at the University of California, Riverside. She has served in this position for two years.

William Pridemore was recently elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He was inducted as a Fellow at the annual AAAS meeting in February in Seattle.

Steven Stack, Wayne State University, has been elected President - Elect of the American Association of Suicidology (<https://suicidology.org/>). AAS was founded in 1972 by Dr. Edwin Shneidman, a psychiatrist at UCLA. Stack will be the second sociologist serving as President of the Association. AAS has 1,300 members including psychiatrists, clinical psychologists, public health administrators, loss survivors, and others. A key organizational goal is the promotion of suicide prevention research. It disseminates evidence based research through its journal, *Suicide & Life Threatening Behavior*. Its executive offices are in Washington, D.C. Stack will assist in coordinating the work of the 17 member Board of Directors and the AAS Executive Office. Stack joined AAS in 1978. He has published over 340 articles and chapters, and four books, mostly on the social risk and protective factors for suicide.

Fred E. Markowitz, Northern Illinois University, has been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Core Scholar grant for Fall 2020 to the University of Helsinki Institute of Criminology and Legal Policy. The project is titled: "Does Psychiatric Treatment Capacity Influence Rates of Crime in Finland?"

Co-PIs, Dr. **Daniel O'Connell** and Dr. **Christy Visher**, announce that The Center for Drug and Health Studies was selected to participate in the Prison Research and Innovation Network (PRIN) as a research partner for the state of Delaware. Funded by Arnold Ventures and in partnership with the Urban Institute, PRIN is a consortium of five states, each working to establish a model of transparency, accountability, and innovation in one prison with the support of a research partner to enhance research and data capacity. PRIN aims to better understand prison environments, to enhance local prisons' capacities for collecting data on prison environments to promote transparency and accountability, and to design, implement and evaluate new evidence-based programmatic and operational changes to improve prison conditions. The CDHS research team, in collaboration with the Delaware Department of Correction and the Urban Institute, will be engaging in community based participatory research methodologies to develop a climate survey of a prison facility in Delaware. In line with this approach, CDHS researchers will recruit, train, and collaborate with a group of individuals working and residing within the pilot prison as research partners to assist in carrying out the research activities outlined under the umbrella of the PRIN project.

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