

Crime, Law & Deviance News

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

An Invitation to Crime, Law, and Deviance in Montreal

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Our Day (and a half)

The Montreal meeting is right around the corner, and I hope you are able to join us for what has shaped up to be a very exciting conference. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped to organize the meeting, and to share with all some details of the sessions we are sponsoring and the times and locations of our business meeting and reception.

As many of you are aware, ASA typically designates section activities to a certain day of the conference, and this year most CLD activities will take place on Sunday, August 13. I say “most” because we also will feature one session on Monday, August 14. While we had hoped to keep all of our sessions on one day, this was not possible for a few reasons. One is that our primary section day falls on the same day as the scheduled ASA Awards Ceremony and Presidential Address, which takes away one of the available time slots for sections. But a second reason is that, due to the successes of our membership committee (Chaired by Sara Shannon, University of Georgia, with help from Chris Uggen, University of Minnesota, and Brea Perry, University of Indiana), we gained an additional paper session this year and simply could not fit everything on one day.

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The silver lining is that we now have a full day of intellectual stimulation and socializing, followed by a morning filled with a very intriguing paper session. That translates into a terrific day and a half of CLD activities.

I provide a concise summary of the CLD schedule for Montreal, along with room locations, in my concluding remarks, but let me first provide some context to what you can expect at the meeting.

The Initial Acts

CLD is very pleased to kick off Sunday with one of our open-call sessions. We received more than 50 submissions for a panel titled "Inequality and Decision-Making in Crime and the Criminal Justice System," and Sarah Brayne (University of Texas) and Patricia Warren (Florida State) did a terrific job in identifying the five papers that will be presented in this session (Sunday, 8:30-10:10):

"Complaining While Black: Racial Disparities in the Adjudication of Complaints Against the Police." Jacob William Faber, New York University; Jessica Rose Kalbfeld, New York University.

"Resources, Navigation, and Punishment in the Criminal Courts." Matthew Clair, Harvard University.

"Opportunities Diverted: The Influence of Race and Family Status on Intake Diversion among Juveniles." Tony Love, University of Kentucky; Edward W. Morris, University of Kentucky

"Reflecting through Broken Windows: Adaptive Import and Distortion of US-Style Crime Control in Latin America." Carlos Felipe Bustamante, University of California, Berkeley

"Ruptured Alliances: Prosecutors, Victims, and the Legislative Fight for Discretion." Anya Degenshein, Northwestern University

We also are featuring some invited sessions this year, and I am thankful to Christopher Lyons (University of New Mexico) for suggesting and planning one of them: "Advances in Urban Ethnography" (Sunday from 10:30-12:10). This session brings together four talented ethnographers to speak about their work and how it relates to the complex interconnections between race/ethnicity, place, crime, and social control. To top it off, we were fortunate to convince Victor Rios (University of California, Santa Barbara) to offer reactions to what the following presenters deliver:

Randol Contreras, University of Toronto, *The Stickup Kids: Race, Drugs, Violence, and the American Dream*.

Waverly Duck, University of Pittsburgh, *No Way Out: Precarious Living in the Shadow of Poverty and Drug Dealing*.

Robert Vargas, University of Notre Dame, *Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio*.

Sarah Mayorga-Gallo, University of Massachusetts-Boston, *Behind the White Picket Fence: Power and Privilege in a Multiethnic Neighborhood*.

During the middle of our marathon Sunday, we will hold our refereed roundtable sessions (12:30-1:30) and business meeting (1:30-2:10). All are welcomed to drop in to hear the roundtable presentations and then stick around for our business meeting, where we will present section awards and talk about the present and future of our section. I am indebted to Shelley Keith (Mississippi State) and Keshia Johnson (Mississippi State) for organizing our 21 roundtables. There are great papers throughout the roundtables, and I encourage you to check them out. Two of the tables will debut something new to CLD: students will be presenting "concept papers" that summarize dissertation ideas or work in progress, with senior scholars (Derek Kreager, Pennsylvania State; Anthony Peguero, Virginia Tech; and Andy Papachristos, Yale) on hand to provide feedback. Others are welcomed to pitch in, too.

The last paper session featured for Sunday (2:30-4:10) is an invited panel on the “Challenges and Consequences of Imprisonment across the Globe,” which contributes notably to the overarching conference theme of social inclusion and globalization. The session will focus on the challenges that arise for prisoners, ex-prisoners, as well as their families and communities in different parts of the world. It will include presentations by Christopher Uggen (University of Minnesota), Paul Nieuwbeerta (Leiden & Utrecht University), Reuben Miller (University of Michigan), and Lila Kazemian (John Jay College of Criminal Justice), who also organized the panel. Jeremy Travis (City University of New York-Graduate Center) will serve as a discussant for the session.

Intermission

After a full day of sessions on Sunday, CLD members should be ready for a party. All are welcomed to join us for our reception (held in collaboration with Human Rights and Sociology of Law), which will be held a short walk away from the conference venue at the Hôtel William Gray (421, rue St-Vincent, Montréal, Québec, H2Y 3A6). Please note that the reception will run from 6:00-9:00, even though for technical reasons it will be listed in the ASA program as beginning at 7:00. Hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be ready at 6:00, so please join us then!

The Final Act

Rest and recover Sunday morning so you can make our final CLD session, which features “Innovation and New Directions in the Study of Communities, Crime, and Justice.” Lyndsay Boggess (University of South Florida) and Christopher Lyons (University of New Mexico) filtered through several dozen submissions to identify the following five papers that employ innovative methods or data, investigate the mechanisms linking community structure to crime and/or justice, or advance our knowledge of community dynamics in other ways:

“Exploring the Impact of Urban Revitalization and Immigration on Homicides in San Antonio Communities, 1950-1969.” Janice Anne Iwama, University of Massachusetts Boston; Ramiro Martinez, Northeastern University

“Dynamics of Neighborhood Disadvantage and Imprisonment.” Jessica T. Simes, Boston University.

“An Integrated Multilevel Theory of Crime at Place: Routine Activities, Social Disorganization, and Crime Concentration.” Roderick Jones, University of North Carolina-Wilmington; William Alex Pridemore, University at Albany-SUNY.

“Fear of Crime and Neighborhood Exposures Among Urban Youth.” Christopher R. Browning, Ohio State University; Bethany Boettner, The Ohio State University; Catherine Calder, The Ohio State University; Anna Mohr, The Ohio State University.

“Building Bridges: Linking Old Heads to Collective Efficacy in Disadvantaged Communities.” Karen F. Parker, University of Delaware; TaLisa J. Carter, University of Delaware; Heather Zaykowski, University of Massachusetts, Boston.

Conclusion

Four compelling paper sessions, a large roundtable session full of interesting scholarship, and a great chance to catch up with friends and colleagues at a hip reception. These are the makings of a great conference. Hope to see you soon.

ASA Meeting Sessions

Sunday, August 13

- 8:30-10:10** **Inequality and Decision-Making in Crime and the Criminal Justice System**
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 513E
- 10:30-12:10** **Advances in Urban Ethnography**
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 513F
- 12:30-1:30** **Refereed Roundtable Session**
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 517B
- 1:30-2:10** **Business Meeting**
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 517B
- 2:30-4:10** **Challenges and Consequences of Imprisonment across the Globe**
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 514C
- 6:00-9:00** **Reception: Crime, Law, and Deviance; Human Rights; and Sociology of Law**
Hôtel William Gray (421, rue St-Vincent, Montréal, Québec, H2Y 3A6)

Monday, August 14

- 10:30-12:10** **Innovation and New Directions in the Study of Communities, Crime, and Justice**
Palais des congrès de Montréal, Level 5, 513A

Crime, Law, & Deviance Section Information

Chair: Eric P. Baumer, Pennsylvania State University

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Member Announcements

Nachman Ben-Yehuda is the co-winner of this year's Law and Society Association International Prize, which is awarded for significant contributions to the advancement in the field of law and society.

Kaitlin Boyle joined the faculty in the Department of Sociology at Virginia Tech in Fall 2016 as an Assistant Professor, where she teaches deviant behavior and gender and crime. She is an affiliate of both Women's and Gender Studies and the Center for Peace Studies and Violence Prevention.

Carrie Oser was promoted from Associate to Full Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Kentucky in May 2017.

Emily Ryo was recently awarded a fellowship from the Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program.

Joachim Savelsberg is the 2017 recipient of the William J. Chambliss Lifetime Achievement Award from the Law and Society Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

David Simon is announcing that the 11th Edition of *Elite Deviance* will be published in late 2017 by Routledge. This is the oldest white-collar crime text spanning some 37 years. The 11th Edition includes a great deal of material covering the scandals of Donald Trump, as well as many other recent episodes of corruption in both politics and corporations.

Graduate Students on the Market



Name: Elizabeth Cozzolino

Degree: Sociology

Institution: University of Texas, Austin

Elizabeth Cozzolino is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology and Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin. Her work uses child support policy as a lens for examining inequality both within and across families. Her dissertation examines how punitive methods of child support enforcement blur the line between the civil and criminal justice systems. Using a mixed methods design, this project investigates the prevalence, process, and consequences of jailing nonresident parents for their child support debt. This project has been supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF-DDRIG #1628128) and has three aims. The first is to provide a quantitative overview of jail for child support nonpayment using data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCW). The second aim is to understand the processes by which courts decide whom to jail for child support nonpayment, using court observation in two Texas counties. The third aim is to understand how families experience punitive child support enforcement and what the consequences of this enforcement tactic might be, through in-depth interviews with custodial and noncustodial parents. Theoretically, this multi-level, multi-method approach can shed light on how individuals become sorted into incarceration. Unlike much criminal justice and legal scholarship that focuses on individual characteristics, this project examines how interpersonal and jurisdictional-level factors interact with individual characteristics to shape an individual's risk of being jailed. This project aims to contribute to the national conversation about legal debt, family change, and criminal justice reform, as well as to inform policy.

Miranda's research includes a broad range of topics that fall into three primary interest areas: (1) white collar crime, (2) decision-making, and (3) case processing outcomes. As a white collar scholar, she has been involved in several projects that focused on the availability and evaluation of white collar crime incidence data at the federal level, public willingness to pay for white collar crime reduction and perceptions of crime seriousness, and (most recently) the relationship between governance board diversity and corporate offending. Within the category of decision-making, she has studied the decision to report crime to the police by both victims and third-parties, and have several ongoing projects including the short and long term net benefits of weapons use in robberies. Woven throughout these projects is a focus both theoretical development – both her thesis and research on third party reporting offer extensions and new applications of popular paradigms – as well as an attention to policy implications, particularly in the willingness to pay and weapons research.

Miranda's dissertation fully unites her interests in white collar crime, case-processing, and decision-making by exploring the effect of early prosecutorial decisions on sentencing outcomes for both individual and organizational white collar defendants in the federal criminal justice system. Her research responds both to calls for new studies of white collar sentencing and well as a sensitivity to the process effects recently highlighted in broader sentencing research by doing a multi-stage, multi-actor analysis with an interest on both cumulative and contingent effects.



Name: Miranda A. Galvin

Degree: Criminology and Criminal Justice

Institution: University of Maryland



Dissertation Title: Punishment and Capital: Inmate Labor in the Contemporary American Prison

Committee: Jeffrey Sallaz (chair), Phillip Goodman, Jennifer Carlson, Ron Breiger, and Kathleen Schwartzman

Michael is a scholar of punishment, work, and culture specializing in the study of the prison and ethnographic methods. His dissertation research entails an 18 month ethnography within one U.S. men’s state prison complex and over 80 in-depth interviews with prisoners and prison staff. This work investigates the structure and practice of inmate labor, revealing a stratified prison employment system in which inmates compete for few “good prison jobs.” Certain prisoner groups, such as racial and ethnic minorities, foreign nationals, and those lacking valued forms of cultural and social capital or marketable work skills, face significant additional hurdles to securing meaningful work, impacting their resources within prison along with their resumes upon release. Outside inequalities are reinforced through how inmates are assigned to work sites, how individual jobs are organized and managed, and the practices and dispositions of inmate workers – that is, through the interplay of the structure of the prison employment system and the strategic action of actors within it. Social barriers are here reproduced not between the poor and rich or the incarcerated and free, but within the narrower range of social class occupied

Name: Michael Gibson-Light

Degree: Sociology

Institution: University of Arizona

by the inmate population. Hence, while incarceration “marks” all offenders, the skills and qualifications with which they enter prison have powerful effects as well. Early findings regarding informal inmate practices – including the adoption of ramen noodles as the de facto informal currency within the prison black market – have drawn considerable public attention to Michael’s work.

Allison Gorga is a PhD candidate at the University of Iowa and will graduate in May of 2018 with a Certificate in College Teaching. Her main area of specialty is gender and punishment and is also interested in research on masculinities, gendered organizations, and penal reform. For her dissertation, Allison sought to understand how cultural attitudes about women, and prisoners more generally, become infused into penal practices. She discovered that rehabilitative ideologies were normative throughout the Iowa Department of Corrections and administrators actively promoted “evidence-based practices,” but what constituted rehabilitation was still contested. Due to severe fiscal constraints, criminal justice actors competed with one another for their “brand” of rehabilitative programming. When women prisoners were to be the recipients of this treatment, evidence based practices were more heavily disputed due in part to the male-centered nature of corrections, and gendered language about women offenders were evoked in attempts to secure funding and reduce punitive strategies.

Allison’s past research examined gender and relationships among individuals in a women’s prisons, and is also currently working on several projects examining the interpretation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. One such project is forthcoming in *Advances in Gender Research* that analyzed how the gendered organization of the prison, along with individuals’ gendered conceptualizations of rape and sexual assault, produced different interpretations of the Act in men’s and women’s prisons. In the future, Allison plans to continue conducting research on prison organizational practices, varied efforts to reduce recidivism, and penal reform.



Name: Alison Gorga

Degree: Sociology

Institution: University of Iowa

Graduate Students on the Market



Name: Alexander Testa

Degree: Criminology and Criminal Justice

Institution: University of Maryland, College Park

Alexander Testa is a Ph.D Candidate in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the University of Maryland, College Park (degree expected May 2018). He previously earned his Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany, a Master of Public Policy (MPP) degree from American University, and a Master's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice from the University of Maryland. His research interests include the consequences of criminal justice contact across the life course, criminal justice decision-making, and the cross-national causes and consequences of violence.

Alex's dissertation explores the consequences of incarceration for food security and residential access to healthy food retailers. In part, this work examines how food security status and access to healthful foods are related to health and wellbeing outcomes of formerly incarcerated individuals. His research is published or forthcoming in **Criminology & Public Policy*, **Society and Mental Health*, *British Journal of Criminology*, **Homicide Studies*, and **Criminal Justice Policy Review* (* = first-authored publications).

Upcoming Positions

University at Albany – State University of New York: School of Criminal Justice

The School of Criminal Justice at University at Albany – State University of New York will be hiring multiple positions this year.

Deadline for Assistant and early Associate Professor positions is September 1:

<https://albany.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=84219&CNTRNO=0&TSTMP=1494435974083>

Deadline for Full / Advanced Associate Professor positions is November 29:

<https://albany.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=84218&CNTRNO=1&TSTMP=1494435974083>

Member Book Publications

“Bad Spirits: An American Indian Explanation for Family Violence” by **Julie C. Abril** (2016, Scholars’ Press: Revised Edition).

“Bad Spirits, Evil Thoughts, and Crime Culture: A YAQUIx Treatise. A Native American View” by **Julie C. Abril** (2017, Lambert Academic Publishing).

“Cultural Values v. Collective Efficacy: Differences between Native American Indians and Non-Indians” by **Julie C. Abril** (2016, Lambert Academic Publishing).

“Native American Indian Tribal Justice Systems: Tribal Courts and Police” by **Julie C. Abril** (2016, Lambert Academic Publishing).

“Measuring Cultural Values v. Collective Efficacy in a Native American Indian Tribe” by **Julie C. Abril** (2016, Scholars’ Press).

“Scientific Use of Native American Indian DNA: A Cultural Crime?” by **Julie C. Abril** (2016, Lambert Academic Publishing).

“The Creation of Dangerous Violent Criminals” by **Lonnie Athens** (2017, Transaction Publishers).

“Criminology: A Sociological Understanding” by **Steven E. Barkan** (2017, Pearson: 7th Edition).

“Breaking the Pendulum: The Long Struggle over Criminal Justice” by **Philip Goodman, Joshua Page, and Michelle Phelps** (2017, Oxford).

“The War on Sex” by **Trevor Hoppe and David Halperin** (2017, Duke University Press).

The past fifty years are conventionally understood to have witnessed an uninterrupted expansion of sexual rights and liberties in the United States. This state-of-the-art collection tells a different story: while progress has been made in marriage equality, reproductive rights, access to birth control, and other areas, government and civil society are waging a war on stigmatized sex by means of law, surveillance, and social control. By examining how the ever-intensifying war on sex affects both privileged and marginalized communities, the essays collected here show why sexual liberation is indispensable to social justice and human rights.

“Repräsentationen von Massengewalt: Strafrechtliche, Humanitäre, Diplomatische und Journalistische Perspektiven auf den Darfurkonflikt” by **Joachim J. Savelsberg** (2017, University of California Press: Translation of *Representing Mass Violence*).

Member Article Publications

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Cochran, John K., Wyatt Brown, Jocelyn Camacho, Wesley G. Jennings, M. Dwayne Smith, Beth Bjerregaard, and Sondra J. Fogel. 2017. "Overkill? An Examination of Comparatively Excessive Death Sentences in North Carolina, 1990-2010." *Justice Quarterly* 34: 292-323.

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Savelsberg, Joachim J. 2017. "Formal and Substantive Rationality in Max Weber's Sociology of Law: Tensions in International Criminal Law." In: *Law as Culture: Max Weber's Comparative Sociology of Law*, edited by Werner Gephart. Frankfurt: Vittorio Klostermann, pp. 493-510.