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August 2007 New York ASA 102nd Meeting

Please join us at the American Sociological Association's 102nd Annual Meeting on August 11-14, 2007, in New York City. Please your trip to arrive on August 10 in time for the Opening Plenary at 7:00 pm, followed by the ASA Welcoming Reception.



**Section on Crime,
Law, and Deviance Council
Meeting will occur at 8:30 am
to 9:10 am, Tuesday, August
14, New York Hilton**

**The Crime, Law, and Deviance
Business Meeting (open to all)
will be from 9:10 am to
10:10 am, Tuesday August 14,
New York Hilton**

CLD RECEPTION

This year's CLD section reception will be held at the Sung Dynasty Restaurant, located in the Radisson Hotel, 511 Lexington Ave. at 48th St. The restaurant is known for excellent food and service. The reception will be held Sunday, August 12th. Cocktails will be available (cash bar) at 6:30 PM and dinner (no

charge) will begin at 7:00. As in the past, the reception will be held jointly with the Sociology of Law section. (See directions to the restaurant on back page of this Newsletter.)



**Sessions of the
Section on Crime, Law, and
Deviance**

1. Section on Crime, Law and Deviance Invited Session. Understanding Homicide and Suicide

Scheduled Time: Mon, Aug 13 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm Building: Hilton New York

Session Participants:

Session Organizer: Charis E. Kubrin (George Washington University)

Presider: Charis E. Kubrin (George Washington University)

Mapping the Firearm Landscape: A New Approach to the Debate Over Guns and Homicide, Gary F. Jensen (Vanderbilt University)

Alcohol and Structural Disadvantage in Youth Urban Homicide, Robert Nash Parker (University of Calif.-Riverside),

Kirk R. Williams (University of Calif-Riverside)

Homicide Followed by Suicide: Trends Over the Twentieth Century, Rosemary Gartner (University of Toronto), Bill McCarthy (UC Davis)

Poverty Matters: A Reassessment of the Inequality-Homicide Relationship in Cross-National Studies, William Alex Pridemore (Indiana University)

Explaining Suicide in the U.S.: Incorporating Firearm Availability in Macro-Level Research, Charis E. Kubrin (George Washington University), Tim Wadsworth (University of New Mexico)

2. Four Good Papers in the Area of Crime, Law and Deviance

Scheduled Time: Mon, Aug 13 - 4:30pm - 6:10pm Building: Hilton New York

Session Participants: Presider: Peggy C. Giordano (Bowling Green State University)

Citizens, Felons, and Civic Reintegration in Oregon, Christopher Uggen (University of Minnesota), Michelle Inderbitzin (Oregon State University), Michael C. Vuolo (University of Minnesota)

A Multi-level Theory of Hate Crime, Ross L. Matsueda (University of Washington), Christopher J. Lyons (University of New Mexico)

An Emerging Felon Class? Intergenerational crime and mobility among a nationally-representative cohort of young adult men, Michael Everett Roettger (Univ of North Carolina-Chapel Hill)

The Structural and Cultural Dynamics of Neighborhood Violence, David S. Kirk (University of Maryland), Andrew V. Papachristos (University of Chicago)

3. Section on Crime, Law and Deviance Invited Session. Moral Panics -- 35 Years Later

Scheduled Time: Tue, Aug 14 - 10:30am - 12:10pm Building: Hilton New York

Session Participants: Session Organizer: Nachman Ben-Yehuda (Hebrew University) and Erich Goode (University of Maryland)

Presider: Nachman Ben-Yehuda (Hebrew University)

Continental Drift: The Shifting Foundations of Moral Panic Analysis, Chas Crichton (Sheffield Hallam University)

Considering the Agency of Folk Devils, Mary DeYoung (Grand Valley State University)

Recent Criticisms and Responses, Erich Goode (University of Maryland)

Failure to Launch: Understanding Why Some Social Problems Fail to Detonate Moral Panics, Philip Jenkins (Pennsylvania State University)

4. Section on Crime, Law and Deviance Invited Session. The Causes and Consequences of Criminal Punishment

Scheduled Time: Tue, Aug 14 - 12:30pm - 2:10pm Building: Hilton New York

Session Participants: Session Organizer: Bruce Western (Harvard University) Presider: Devah Pager (Princeton University)

"I Looked at This as a Beautiful Experience": Mass Incarceration and the Secondary Prisonization of Intimate Relationships, Megan Lee Comfort (University of California, San Francisco)

Educational Resources and Adult Incarceration Risk Among U.S. Birth Cohorts Since 1910, Gary LaFree (University of Maryland), Richard Arum (New York University)

Imprisonment and Opportunity Structures: A Bayesian Hierarchical Analysis, John Sutton (University of California)

On the Run: The Social Situation of Wanted People Living in the Ghetto, Alice

Goffman (Princeton University)

5. Crime, Law and Deviance Roundtables

Scheduled Time: Tue, Aug 14 - 2:30pm - 4:10pm Building: Hilton New York

Session Participants:

Session Organizer: Ruth D. Peterson (Ohio State University)

Resource Disadvantage and Homicide: Regional Variations in the Rural Context, Matthew R. Lee (Louisiana State University), Timothy C. Hayes (Louisiana State University), Shaun Thomas (Louisiana State University)

Disorganization, Conflict, and the Organizational Characteristics of Police Departments: What influences violence against police officers? Dale Willits (University of New Mexico)

Extending the Chicago School to State Suicide Rates: Evidence for a Theory of Suicidal Places, Steven E. Barkan (University of Maine)

and one is in Criminology, with the possibility of a second position for each area. The ideal candidates for each position will also be able to make contributions to overlapping programmatic areas, which include Medical Sociology in addition to Race and Criminology. The successful candidates will be expected to sustain an active research and publication agenda, teach in our undergraduate and graduate programs, and show promise for obtaining external funding for their research. The ability to teach core courses at the graduate level (e.g., theory and/or statistics/methods) is desirable. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Sociology or a closely related field at the time of appointment. Applicants should submit a letter of application, a curriculum vitae, a writing sample, and three letters of reference. These materials should be sent to: Jomills Braddock, Chair of the Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Miami, P.O. Box 248162, Coral Gables, FL 33124-2208. Review of applications will begin September 15, 2007 and continue until the positions are filled. Women and minorities are especially encouraged to apply. The University of Miami is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

sociology, deviance or criminology, race and ethnicity, environmental sociology, sociology of education, and global sociology (particularly with a focus on Asia or Africa) will be considered. A doctorate in sociology by time of appointment is preferred, and applicants should exhibit evidence of outstanding ability in both teaching and research. Tulane has a strong institutional commitment to the achievement of diversity among its faculty, staff, and student body; the University is an equal opportunity employer and applications from women and underrepresented minorities are especially encouraged. Applicants should send a letter of interest and curriculum vitae, and have three letters of reference sent to: Carl L. Bankston III, Chair, Department of Sociology, 220 Newcomb Hall, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana 70118 by December 1, 2007.

Jobs of CLD Interest

University of Miami. The Department of Sociology is seeking applications from new or recent Ph.D.s for two tenure-track positions at the rank of Assistant Professor to begin August 15, 2008. One position is in Race/Ethnic Relations

Tulane University. Subject to final administrative approval, Tulane University's Department of Sociology invites applications for two tenure-track positions beginning in August 2008. One of these positions will be for an assistant professor with a concentration in Latin American studies. The other position will be at either the assistant or the associate level; and applicants with concentrations in urban

Books of CLD Interest

Racing the Storm: Racial Implications and Lessons Learned from Hurricane Katrina, ed. by Hillary Potter., Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. 2007.



**Spotlight on New York State
University of Albany**

**THE DEVIANCE, CRIME, AND
LAW PROGRAM IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY AT
ALBANY, SUNY**

The twenty-eight faculty members of the Sociology Department at the University at Albany are enthusiastic about their mission of preparing students for research and service positions in the public and private sectors and for careers as scholar-teachers in universities and colleges. The department has a rich tradition of cutting edge sociological and criminological research, and *U.S. News and World Report* recently ranked the department 25th among all sociology departments in the nation. Our faculty members have received national and international recognition for their work. A sampling of elected offices currently or recently held by our faculty include the President of the Eastern Sociological Society, President of the Association of Black Sociologists, President of the Sociologists for Women in Society, Vice President of the American Sociological Association, and Vice President of the American Society of Criminology, among several others. We engage in substantial interdisciplinary scholarship as

evidenced by faculty affiliations with other departments and schools at UAlbany, such as Women's Studies, Latin American /Caribbean/ and U.S. Latino Studies, the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, the School of Education, and the School of Criminal Justice.

The department has a strong focus on deviance, crime and law, which complements our other emphases on urban sociology, race and ethnicity, demography, research methods, gender, work, families, culture and politics.

**THE FACULTY IN DEVIANCE,
CRIME AND LAW**

Several members of the department conduct research and teach courses primarily in the deviance, crime, and law areas, and others work in related fields, such as urban sociology, social demography, and social stratification. Kecia Johnson's research examines how race and gender inequality influence crime and delinquency. One area of particular interest seeks to further understand the collateral consequences of incarceration for individuals. Drawing upon the stratification literature, these projects investigate the role of racial and ethnic stereotypes and how they produce inequality in earnings and other labor market outcomes, such as human capital acquisition and employment for ex-offenders. Another aspect of research explores the relationship between schools and delinquency. This area of study

considers the extent to which stratification and disciplinary practices within schools and individual-level characteristics affect delinquency, with an emphasis on how delinquent behavior varies across race and gender.

Joanne Kaufman's research focuses on how social psychological processes illuminate the causes of criminal and deviant behavior. While drawing on a variety of theoretical perspectives, her primary interests involve the impact of general strain and social learning processes on various outcomes including violence, substance use, identity development, and emotional experience and expression. Much of this research emphasizes how various inequalities (race/ethnicity, socioeconomic, gender, power) and/or social context affect these social psychological processes to produce differential outcomes. She has conducted both qualitative and quantitative research with a variety of data sources and is currently analyzing the Add Health data and data collected with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on school-associated violence deaths.

Ryan King's research lies at the intersection of law, criminology, and inter-group conflict. Presently, he is investigating the implementation and enforcement of hate crime

policies in the United States and Germany, giving particular attention to the influence of historical legacies of past atrocities and current intergroup conflict. Another current project (with Kecia Johnson) examines how county-level politics and racial demographics influence criminal sentencing. King's other work largely falls into three overlapping categories. First, he conducts research on the impact of politics and academic organization on criminological knowledge production. A new line of research in that vein investigates how politics and racial dynamics of communities influence attitudes toward punishment. A second strand of research seeks to explain anti-Semitism in the contemporary U.S. and anti-Jewish laws and violence in Europe before the Holocaust. Third, his work looks at crime trajectories and the role of social institutions such as the family on the onset and cessation of crime over the life course.

Steve Messner's research interests focus on the relationship between features of social organization and crime rates. He has conducted studies with data for a variety of areal units, including neighborhoods, metropolitan communities, counties, and nation-states. In collaboration with Richard Rosenfeld from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, he has been developing and testing "institutional-anomie theory." He is currently engaged in research on crime and social control in China, analyzing data collected in

a criminal victimization survey administered in the city of Tianjin. He is also involved in research on the spatial patterning of crime, the interconnections between social capital and crime, and immigration and crime.

Glenn Deane is a frequent collaborator on deviance and crime research and occasionally serves on dissertation committees in these areas. His contributions to the study of deviance and crime are primarily in research methodology, including residual dependence, missing value imputation, spatial dependence, and panel data analysis. Recent projects include the use of marginal logit modeling to explore offense specialization and racial differences in violent offending; log-multiplicative association models for imputing missing victim/offender relationship in SHR data; spatial regression and multilevel modeling with alternative covariance structures on county- and city-level homicide rates; and an application of spline regression with an unknown number and location of knots to identify structural breaks in city-level homicide rates during the 1980s and '90s.

RESEARCH CENTERS

The University at Albany has a tradition of interdisciplinary collaboration, and our graduate students benefit greatly from our department's close affiliation with several research centers. The focus of these centers is to

provide a strong research infrastructure for scholarship in the social sciences. The Center for Social and Demographic Analysis (CSDA) has increasingly emphasized support for interdisciplinary population research, especially the analysis of spatial inequalities (paying attention to processes of urban and regional development and their impacts on residents) and concerns for vulnerable populations (defined by race and ethnicity, age, social class, and nativity). Among major research activities sponsored by CSDA is the Urban China Research Network, which brings together scholars and graduate students from around the world to study implications of urban change in China. New collaborative projects affiliated with CSDA include initiatives on health disparities, the environmental impacts of metropolitan growth, and children in newcomer and native families.

Our department also has close ties to the Lewis Mumford Center for Comparative Urban and Regional Research (Glenn Deane serves as Associate Director). The mission of the Mumford Center is to disseminate data and develop cutting edge analyses of population trends revealed in the census and continuing census-related databases such as the Current Population Survey and the American Community Survey. The Mumford Center developed a

major public infrastructure program related to Census 2000, which garnered support from the Ford Foundation and brought considerable national visibility to population research at the University at Albany. The Mumford Center works in close collaboration with CSDA on several research projects including the Urban China Research Network.

CSDA and the Mumford Center have faculty associates drawn from fifteen departments in the College of Arts and Sciences, Rockefeller College of Public Administration and Policy, School of Criminal Justice, School of Public Health, School of Social Welfare, and School of Education. These centers collaborate on research projects funded by NSF and NIH, and their staff members have a high level of expertise in extraction and manipulation of census data and considerable expertise in Geographic Information Systems, including web-based GIS systems for information dissemination. These ongoing activities provide abundant opportunities for student involvement in research on topics related to the sociology of deviance and crime, along with access to methodological expertise and excellent research facilities.

THE GRADUATE PROGRAM IN DEVIANCE, CRIME, AND LAW

The department has a rich tradition of educating graduate

students in the study of deviance, crime, and law. Given the distinctive strengths of the faculty, students have the opportunity to study a wide array of topics in the field. In addition, the high faculty-to-students ratio provides the context in which a true mentorship relationship between students and faculty can be fostered. It is common for faculty who do research in the area of deviance and crime to include graduate students in their research, which often results in joint authorship. Our graduate students have been recent coauthors of articles appearing in highly respected journals, including the *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, and *Journal of Marriage and Family*. Such joint endeavors not only provide the student with invaluable experience but also generate the type of resumes that have been increasingly attractive to potential employers. Another advantage of studying deviance/crime at the University at Albany is the presence of the School of Criminal Justice. Students can supplement their program with courses focusing on aspects of the criminal justice system taught by a nationally recognized faculty.

The graduate program is designed to provide a basic core of courses in theory, methods and statistics. All students pursuing a Ph.D. are required to take two sociological theory courses, and three methods/statistics courses. Students also select two areas of

specialization, in which they complete coursework and take comprehensive exams. The program in the area of deviance/crime/law encompasses general overviews of the field along with a number of special topics courses. ASOC 601, Social Deviance, is typically the first course in the deviance/crime/law sequence. It provides an in-depth examination of the major theoretical perspectives in the area. ASOC 602, Research Issues in Deviant Behavior, continues this exploration by focusing on research that has examined these perspectives.

Having provided a basic background in the field, the program is designed to utilize the particular strengths of our faculty. The program offers a variety of specialized courses exploring issues in which faculty members have special expertise. For example, in recent years Steve Messner has offered seminars on Macro-Sociological Approaches to Crime and Delinquency and on Markets, Morality and Crime. Kecia Johnson currently teaches seminars on Gender, Crime and Justice and on Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Criminal Justice. Ryan King offers seminars on Law and Society and Crime and Social Control, both of which discuss state responses to deviance. Joanne Kaufman offers a seminar on Micro and Social Psychological Approaches to Deviance and Crime.

Sociology Ph.D.'s from Albany who have chosen deviance/crime/law as their major area of concentration have done quite well on the job market. Indeed, numerous graduates of the deviance and crime program in sociology now occupy important positions in the field. The following list identifies the placements of some of our alumni: Ohio State University, University of Georgia, Iowa University, Louisiana State University, University of Missouri-St. Louis, Northern Illinois University, University of Massachusetts - Lowell, University of Hartford, University of Iceland, Rhode Island College, Hartwick College, Indiana-Purdue University, California State University - Bakersfield, and the FBI.

MORE INFORMATION

To find out more about the Sociology graduate program at the University at Albany, visit our web page at:

<http://www.albany.edu/> or contact Ron Jacobs, Director of Graduate Studies: r.Jacobs@albany.edu.



MURI Funding Opportunities of CLD Interest

<http://www.grants.gov/search/announce.do>

Check out the web site above for information on the

Multidisciplinary University Funding Initiative.



Directions for CLD Reception: from Hilton New York to 511 Lexington Ave.

- Sung Dynasty Restaurant
6:30 pm Sunday August 12
1. From Hilton New York Hotel, head Northeast on 6th Ave/Ave of the Americas toward 54th St.
 2. Turn Right at W. 54th St.
Go .4 miles
 3. Turn Right at Park Ave.
Go .3 miles
 4. Turn left at E. 48th Street,
Go .1 miles
 5. Turn right at Lexington Ave.
Go 66 feet!



Web Sites of CLD Interest

Crime and Society: A Comparative Criminology Tour of the World

<http://www-rohan.sdsu.edu/faculty/rwinslow/index.html>

Bureau of Justice Statistics
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service
<http://www.ncjrs.gov/>

The American Society of Criminology

<http://www.asc41.com/>

Bureau of Justice Statistics
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/>

Federal Bureau of Investigation
<http://www.fbi.gov/>

From the Editor:

This edition of the CLD Newsletter marks my last as my three year commitment to the Newsletter comes to a close. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in making this Newsletter possible, especially Olena Antonaccio, the student editor, who provided invaluable assistance. Working on the Newsletter has been a very rewarding experience for me. Best of luck to the new editor!

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