

Crime, Law, and Deviance News

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

The Center for Justice, Law, and Societies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst

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At the University of Massachusetts Amherst (UMass Amherst), sociologists are centrally involved with the Center for Justice, Law, and Societies (CJLS), directed by colleague and sociological scholar Jamie Rowen. The CJLS aims to provide a hub for collaboration, mutual mentorship, support for student training and engagement, and timely discourse on sociopolitical questions central to the study of crime and law. In this feature, we provide a whirlwind tour of the exciting activities and programming offered by the CJLS as an invitation to members of the Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance to connect with our community and to share information about future opportunities to connect with the crime, law, and society community at our university. We discuss current happenings and past successes in faculty research, our undergraduate summer research fellowship program, our academic year graduate fellowship program, and the beginnings of our biennial regional law and society conference series.

Collaborative Research

Through the Center, we have launched two major research projects that engage directly with government agencies that aim to better

understand their efforts at reforms designed to serve their constituents. The first project is in collaboration with the Northwestern District Attorney's (DA) Office in Western Massachusetts and led by a multidisciplinary team of social scientists from sociology, public policy, and legal studies. This project draws on 10 years of administrative data, interviews with prosecutors, and ethnographic observations of court hearings to broaden understandings of punishment within this DA's rural jurisdiction, as well as between the different court communities it works in. In another prong of this study, we are using primary data collection and survey experiments to understand transparency efforts by District Attorneys across the country, aiming to assess how collecting and sharing information about racialized disparities in prosecutorial processes, specifically how much information and information about which disparities, shape perceptions of prosecutorial legitimacy.

A second study is in collaboration with the Colombian government's Victims Unit. Through this study, we conducted a multi-year interview and photovoice study with Colombian migrants in the United States. This study centers the experiences and perspectives of 15 individuals

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as victims entitled to the right to reparation before the Colombian State and as migrants to the United States, including their own individual representations of their experiences as persons forced to abandon a nation in conflict. This study produced not only academic publications, but, importantly, a photobook and a corresponding photo exhibit that is currently touring both the United States and Colombia touring in the United States and Colombia, as well as a bilingual website (www.fotodiasporas.org/en).

Undergraduate Student Training and Research Opportunities

CJLS has partnered with SBS RISE (Remedying Inequity through Student Excellence), directed by our colleague and UMass Amherst Sociology faculty member Felicia Griffin-Fennell, to offer an undergraduate summer research fellowship to RISE members. The RISE community are students who are first-generation college students, from low-income households, or students of underrepresented racial/ethnic groups. This fellowship provides selected students with \$5,000 of summer funding—the equivalent of 11 weeks of paid research time at approximately 30 hours per week, formal research training through our campus' Institute for Social Science Research, and dedicated supervision and mentorship on a dedicated large-scale research project led by a faculty member, who will receive \$1,000 in unrestricted funds to support their work.

The recruitment process is two-stage, with a first round in which qualified faculty members and projects are identified. In this stage, faculty proposals are evaluated on the appropriateness of their research plan within the scope of the CJLS' work and, most importantly, the quality and feasibility of their undergraduate research mentoring plans. After selecting our faculty mentors, we send out a call to undergraduates with information about the faculty research to be undertaken for the coming summer. Students apply with information about their academic interests, with no prior research experience necessary. The selected faculty supervisors are then given the opportunity to decide which students would best fit their project scope and the mentoring plans that they have developed.

So far, all selected students have accepted invitations for this opportunity. This fellowship has been successful beyond our expectations. All faculty student dyads have chosen to continue working together following the fellowship, with one dyad jointly presenting at a conference and pursuing publication opportunities.

While initially planning to host one undergraduate research fellowship, CJLS has secured funding for three fellowships for each of five years, with the possibility to expand. Faculty interest in this opportunity has grown rapidly: in our inaugural year (Summer 2022), we received four applications from faculty and were able to fund three fellowships. One of these fellowships provided support for sociologist Laurel Smith-Doerr in her work with the UMass ADVANCE program, in her research on racial/ethnic and gender (in)equity in faculty workload and recognition in Center leadership on campus. The fellowship also supported sociologist Cedric de Leon on his book project, *A Constant Sorrow: The Black Freedom Struggle and Organized Labor in the United States*, which examines the historical challenges to interracial solidarity in labor organizations and organizing in the United States. For our Summer 2023 fellowship, we received 12 applications, and were able to fund three fellowships. The Center is currently in the process of drafting an application to the National Science Foundation for a REU to secure additional support for this fellowship. We are excited to continue to support faculty-student collaborations and intensive enrichment, research training, and professional development opportunities for students through this program.

Graduate Student Fellowship Program

Our graduate fellowship program provides 5-6 students across the campus with the opportunity to workshop papers with one another, gain professionalization training, and connect with mentors and scholars at UMass Amherst and beyond. This program has brought together students from sociology, psychology, public health, economics, anthropology, political science, comparative literature, and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Students are selected based on their interdisciplinary law-

related research interests, whether we have appropriate mentors in our network, and whether they have a project ready for presentation/workshopping in the subsequent Fall semester. For the 2023-2024 academic year, we received over 30 applications.

As part of this program, we match graduate students with two mentors external to their departments. Graduate students receive up to \$1,000 to support their participation in a law-related interdisciplinary conference. Faculty mentors meet a minimum of two times per year with their mentees, not including a fellowship workshop during which each fellow meets with their cohort members and mentors to workshop and obtain constructive feedback on their work. Further, fellows have the opportunity (and funds) to invite a scholar with expertise relevant to their project to campus for a seminar and workshop. In addition to supporting enrichment and mentorship for our fellows, these invitations serve the broader purpose of bringing scholars to campus as part of the broader Five Colleges speaker series, with audience members from up and down the Connecticut River Valley.

The scholars and graduate research that this fellowship program has supported include UMass Amherst Sociology PhD students Jordan Sanderson (2022-2023 Fellow), Grazielle Valentim (2022-2023 Fellow), and Katie Billings (2021-2022 Fellow). During their fellowship year, Jordan analyzed legislation introduced and crafted by state legislators to understand and identify the epistemological positions and frameworks adopted in crafting trans/queer-related legislation. Grazielle examined the regulation and work experiences of au pairs as part of the United States' J-1 Visa program and its repackaging of migrant labor as cultural exchange. Katie examined racial/ethnic variation in legal consciousness in hypothetical interactions with police through an analysis of primary data from a vignette study.

Events and Programming

Our Center hosts regular events and co-sponsors events across campus. Between 2020-2022, we hosted multiple virtual events, maintaining intellectual community and

connection through a time of hardship and isolation. These events focused on topics of particular salience to the social and political moment, including reproductive justice, social scientific and community organizers' perspectives on criminal justice reform, and understanding violence and democracy in the wake of the January 6 attack on the United States Capitol. Between 2022-2023, as campus re-opened, we provided support to an array of events tackling challenging issues related to crime, justice, law, and society, including the Art of Conflict Transformation Series, which opened conversations about violence, conflict, and reconciliation, as well as other programming related to prison education, transitional justice in the context of Truth and Reconciliation Commissions confronting the forced assimilation of Native American people, and the promise and limitations of criminal accountability as a means by which to address racism and racial violence in policing.

Our other major activity in the realm of events and programming has been a national graduate student workshop and conference that we are planning to hold every other year. We model our conference after regional professional association retreats. Our first conference was funded by the National Science Foundation, which while originally planned as an in-person conference, pivoted to a virtual graduate student workshop to support graduate students' opportunities for networking, professional development, and constructive feedback on works-in-progress. In this virtual format, we provided workshops for graduate students along with publishing and funding workshops with leading journals and NSF. In Fall 2022, with the re-opening of campus, the CJLS hosted its inaugural on-campus conference, with over 100 scholars and students in attendance for two days of workshops, presentations, and opportunities for informal community-building and mentorship. The program included graduate paper workshops, research paper panels, professionalization panels on publishing and seeking funding for research in law and society, and two plenaries feature perspectives from senior scholars on their journeys in research and teaching in crime, law, and society.

We are excited to share that planning for the Fall 2024 conference is in process. The conference will take place at the University of Massachusetts Amherst on September 27, 2024 and will feature a graduate student paper/project workshop, thematic plenaries, and opportunities for formal and informal networking and cross-disciplinary conversations on issues of crime, law, and society. We strongly encourage CLD section members to apply and join us in the Connecticut River Valley as leaf-peeping season begins. Keep an eye out for application and registration information and updated program details in Spring 2024!

Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Information

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Submit to our Awards!

Please consider nominating yourself or a colleague for one of our awards! Information for each is listed below.

Submissions for all awards are due to their respective chair by March 1, 2024.

Crime, Law, and Deviance Distinguished Student Paper Award

The American Sociological Association's section on Crime, Law, and Deviance invites submissions for the 2024 Distinguished Student Paper Award competition. This award is presented annually for the best paper authored by a graduate student. Papers may be empirical or theoretical and can address any topic in the sociology of crime, law, and deviance. Submissions may be sole- or multiple-authored, but all authors must be students at the time of submission. Papers should be article length (approximately 30 double spaced pages). Papers accepted for publication at the time of submission are not eligible. The winner will receive \$500 to offset the cost of attending the 2024 ASA meeting. Nominations may be submitted by the author or by others. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Committee: Rachel Ellis (Chair), ellisr@umd.edu; Joss Greene, JTGreene@UCDavis.edu; Gabriela Kirk-Werner, gmkirk@syr.edu; Jose Atilas, jatiles@illinois.edu."

Submission information: Please send a brief letter of nomination (no more than one page) and a PDF of the article to the Award Committee Chair, Rachel Ellis, ellisr@umd.edu, with the subject line "CLD Distinguished Student Paper Nomination."

Crime, Law, and Deviance Section and Sociology of Law Section Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award

The American Sociological Association invites submissions for the Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award, which is awarded every two years by the Crime, Law, and Deviance and the Sociology of Law Sections of the ASA. The Award recognizes sustained work and/or innovative approaches in facilitating the success of undergraduate students, graduate students, and/or other scholars, particularly early career scholars. Examples of such activities could include a pattern of consistent and meaningful mentorship and producing articles, books, or other resources on mentoring such as creating a mentoring program. Members of either section are eligible for nomination. To nominate a mentor, submit a letter describing the nominee's qualifications for the award and any supporting material that would assist the award committee in assessing the nominee's suitability for the award. Self-nominations are not accepted.

Committee: Heather Schoenfeld (Chair), hschoenf@bu.edu; Brianna Remster, Brianna.remster@villanova.edu; Mary Nell Trautner, trautner@buffalo.edu; Cody Warner, cody.warner@montana.edu.

Submission Information: Letters of nomination should be sent to the Award Committee Chair, Heather Schoenfeld, hschoenf@bu.edu, with the subject line "Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award Nomination."

Crime, Law, and Deviance Section James F. Short Distinguished Article Award

The American Sociological Association's section on Crime, Law, and Deviance invites submissions for the 2024 James F. Short Jr. Distinguished Article Award. This award is presented every year for a distinguished article in crime, law, and deviance published in the preceding year. All papers with a publication date in the calendar year 2023 are eligible. (Note: Papers published as "online first" in 2023 but not yet in print are ineligible; Papers published in online-only journals can be submitted in the year they are published online.) Any section member may submit an article for consideration and self-submissions are encouraged.

Committee: Anthony Peguero (Chair), anthony.peguero@asu.edu; April Fernandes, adferna2@ncsu.edu; adferna2@ncsu.edu; Bryan Sykes, blsykes@cornell.edu; Katie Durante, katherine.durante@soc.utah.edu.

Submission Information: Please send a brief letter of nomination and a PDF of the article to the Award Committee Chair, Anthony Peguero (anthony.peguero@asu.edu), with the subject line "CLD 2024 Distinguished Article Nomination."

Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award

The American Sociological Association's section on Crime, Law, and Deviance invites nominations for the 2024 Ida B. Wells-Barnett Distinguished Book Award (established in 2023). The award is presented annually for a distinguished book in crime, law, and deviance published in the preceding two years. Books published during the calendar years 2022 and 2023 are eligible, but books considered last year (for the 2023 book prize) cannot be nominated a second time. Any section member may submit a book for consideration, and self-submissions are encouraged. To nominate a book, please submit a brief letter highlighting its contributions to the field. We especially encourage nominations that highlight the work of underrepresented groups and/or that honor the legacy of Ida B. Wells-Barnett.

Committee: Sara Wakefield (Chair), sara.wakefield@rutgers.edu; Matthew Clair, mclair@stanford.edu; Janet Garcia-Hallett, jgarciahallett@newhaven.edu; Vanessa R. Panfil, vpanfil@odu.edu.

Submission Information: To nominate a book, please submit a brief letter highlighting its contributions to the Award Committee Chair, Sara Wakefield, at sara.wakefield@rutgers.edu (with the subject line "CLD Book Nomination"), who will provide the names and addresses to which copies of the book should be mailed no later than March 15, 2024.

Submit to our Panels!

The ASA Annual Meeting submission portal is now open for the 2024 meetings in Montréal. The deadline for submissions is February 26, 2024. Please consider submitting your papers to CLD Section sessions! This year we will have two open panels and a roundtable session. A description of each is found below.

Panel 1: Advancing Theory and Policy Using Innovative Data and Methods in the Study of Crime, Law, and Deviance

Session Organizer: Corina Graif, Pennsylvania State University

This panel will highlight recent empirical research that uses innovative data sources (ranging from big data to small data and anything in between) and methodological approaches (from quantitative to qualitative and anything in between) to ask new questions or to revisit classic questions. Attention will be given in particular to studies that have implications for advancing theory, measurement, and policy in the study of crime, law, and deviance.

Submission: Open

Panel 2: International, Comparative, and Cross-National Studies of the Causes and Consequences of Violence

Session Organizer: William Pridemore, University of Georgia

This panel focuses on international, comparative, and cross-national studies of the causes and consequences of violence. These studies employ different levels of analysis, but all utilize violence as the primary independent or dependent variable.

Submission: Open

Roundtables: Crime, Law, and Deviance Roundtables

Session Organizers: Melanie Escue, University of North Carolina at Pembroke; Elias Nader, Kent State University; Sarah Shannon, University of Georgia

Submission: Open

Grad Student Market

My research investigates the scope and consequences of mass criminalization, or the practices and policies of institutions that use surveillance and punishment to control social behavior. I draw attention to types of criminalization that often go undocumented and under-documented in conventional data sources, such as arrests, fines and fees, misdemeanors, and case outcomes falling short of conviction. To do so, I acquired, cleaned, and harmonized a novel dataset comprised of local and state administrative criminal record data from Texas. These data include record of over 30 million criminal charges, spanning from traffic citations to capital felonies, filed against 9 million unique individuals over more than 40 years. These data are now linked to population-level longitudinal education and employment records.

In one paper, which received an R&R at *Criminology*, I use these data to document cohort change in the cumulative risk of multiple types of criminal legal contact across five birth cohorts of Black, White, and Latino/a men and women who reach adulthood between the prison boom of the 1990s and the era of declining incarceration rates and penal reform of the 2010s. I estimate the prevalence of both misdemeanor and felony-level events across four stages of case processing - arrest, prosecution, conviction, and incarceration - providing some of the first population-level estimates of the reach of criminalization beyond the prison walls. In my future work, I plan to explore the individual and population-level consequences of widespread and racially disparate criminalization using the linked criminal record, education, and employment data.



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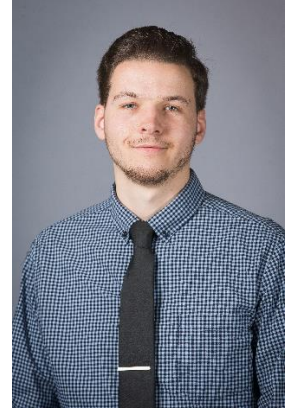


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Faith's research broadly examines how marginalized groups experience and respond to social control institutions. In her dissertation, she utilizes data from a multiple-sited ethnography and interviews with 3 population groups to examine how families navigate commercial bail, a little explored facet of the U.S. pretrial system. She finds that the bail bond system infuses financial risk into the carceral sphere, beyond its traditional concern of legal risk (e.g., risk of recidivism). Bail agents, as the industry's frontline actors, operate as market lenders; and in turn require cosigners. When this standard business model is applied in a criminal legal context, it makes non-charged, cosigning family members legible to the market and carceral system, thus widening the net of those engaged. Because this oppressive financial obligation and risk does not replace but rather merges with carcerality, family members are subjected to dual logics of control that doubly penalize them and coerce them into surveilling and further penalizing defendants. In consequence, defendants and their intimate associations bear the burden of risk management and, ultimately, institutional maintenance. Moreover, intermediary private entities (bail agents) are identified as active players in state legibility projects that can implicate families. Faith is a NSF, MFP, and NICHD fellow (National Science Foundation, Minority Fellowship Program, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development respectively), and her research has been supported by the Russell Sage Foundation, the American Society of Criminology, and the American Association of University Women.

Grad Student Market

Jessie Slepicka is a Ph.D. Candidate in Criminology at The Pennsylvania State University. His research and teaching interests are broadly concerned with three main areas: (1) social change and stratification (e.g., age, gender, race/ethnicity) in criminal behavior, justice contact, and sanctions handed out by criminal justice organizations, using quantitative and mixed method techniques to study historical and contemporary crime patterns/trends; (2) green criminology and environmental sociology, or the empirical investigation of causes and consequences of harm/crime against the environment from sociological and political-economic theoretical frameworks; and (3) the nuances, intricacies, and ultimate advancements of criminological and sociological theory. His dissertation research investigates the spatiotemporal distribution of environmental hazards, socially differential levels of exposure to ecological withdrawals and additions, and rates of criminal violence both domestically and cross-nationally. The three empirical chapters of his dissertation analyze a variety of social outcomes, including: (1) an analysis of the spatial distribution of environmental harms across community social status indicators (e.g., racial composition, structural disadvantage); (2) an investigation of ecological toxicity and rates of violent and property crime in the US, net of theoretically relevant macro-structural covariates of crime; and (3) a cross-national assessment of the environmental hazard-homicide relationship within and across countries during the 21st century. You can find Jessie's research published in peer-reviewed outlets such as: *Journal of Criminal Justice*; *Criminology*, *Criminal Justice, Law & Society*; *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*; *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*; *Annual Review of Criminology*; *Criminal Justice and Behavior*; *Federal Probation*; and *Sociology of Education*.



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Justin uses preregistered experiments, longitudinal surveys, interviews, and machine-learning for his research on gun ownership and criminal legal inequality. Gun ownership: The stock of civilian-owned firearms in the United States has now surpassed 400 million. Justin's work on gun ownership experimentally tests *why people desire guns*. He first published in this arena in 2021 to analyze the [impact of COVID-19 on gun desirability](#). His work is under Revise and Resubmit at the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Criminal legal inequality: Inequality expands upon contact with the police, the courts, and other facets of the criminal legal system. Justin's research on inequality in the criminal legal system examines *how inequality accumulates* during contact with the criminal legal system. This work is also bearing fruit. [Theory with Consequents: Theories of Neoliberalism in the Study of Crime, Law, and Punishment](#) received the 2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems Theory Division Student Paper Award. Additionally, [Making the Call: How Does Perceived Race Affect Desire to Call the Police?](#) received the 2023 American Society of Criminology Experimental Division Student Paper Award. Justin is a member of the [Shadow Costs](#) project and the [Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime](#). He has been recognized with the Haynes Fellowship, the National Collaborative on Gun Violence Dissertation Grant, and the UC Irvine Public Impact Fellowship. Justin earned a bachelor's in Social Studies from Harvard with a senior thesis on how police and gun owners idealize gun ownership.

Grad Student Market

In my dissertation, *Doing Justice: Social organizational and interactional features of policing*, I use conversation analysis, ethnomethodology, and ethnography to analyze police body camera footage, civilian smartphone video of police encounters, and documents from police and prosecution agencies. I examine the practices used by police and civilians for participating in everyday encounters and consider what their conduct reveals about both local and distal social structures. I find that, both on-the-scene and in official reports, officers treat civilian actions that are responsive to police invasion and aggression as initiating provocative courses of action. Such treatment severs civilian conduct from the context of its production and implicates subsequent sanctioning actions by the police (e.g., reprimands, arrests). Further, this severing obscures aggressive and invasive actions by police as features of on-going interaction. Relatedly, I am analytically interested in and investigate civilian participation in police encounters—that is, how it affects the trajectory of interactions with the police.

Accordingly, my research highlights the relevance of studies of interaction to the literature on policing. While important in their own right, research on outcomes (e.g., stops, detentions, arrests, uses of force) leave matters of how outcomes are arrived at understudied. Indeed, research that depends on or is concerned with the factuality of official reports can overlook issues of how police construct their accounts to display the propriety of their actions and avoid any appearance of dissimulation.



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I am a PhD candidate in sociology at University of Minnesota and work in the areas of sociology of law, critical criminology, punishment and society, and social movements. My research agenda on policing and risk focuses on three interrelated areas: market-based approaches to social control that municipalities use to manage risks and increase the accountability of state actors, specifically the role of insurance to reform policing and regulate police behavior; “monetary sanctions” stemming from police misconduct and the contemporary fiscal justice movement fighting these sanctions; and the social, political, racial, and ethical dimensions of using artificial intelligence, machine learning, and big data-informed algorithmic risk techniques in modern police accountability mechanisms and their implications for justice and equity in policing. My dissertation, *Police Misconduct, Monetary Sanctions, and Insurance Models in the Modern Police Accountability Era*, investigates existing and potential insurance models used to increase police accountability and reduce misconduct. My work has been published in *Law & Social Inquiry (LSI)* (official journal of the American Bar Foundation), the *International Journal of Criminology & Sociology*, and *The Oxford Handbook of Social Movements*. My sole-authored article recently published in *LSI* analyzes the innovative but ultimately unsuccessful 2016 ballot campaign of the Committee for Professional Policing, a police accountability group in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which attempted to make Minneapolis the first city nationwide to require police to carry professional liability insurance. Currently, I am co-authoring a report with Arizona State University’s Center for Work and Democracy on the financial costs stemming from George Floyd’s murder.

Member News and Awards

Dr. Michael Flaherty, professor of sociology at Eckerd College and the University of South Florida, received the 2023 George Herbert Mead Award for Lifetime Achievement from the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.

Dr. Nicole Fox, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice at California State University Sacramento won the 2023 American Society for Criminologists Excellence in Teaching Award.

Dr. Kenneth Sebastian León received the 2022-23 School of Arts and Sciences Award for Distinguished Contributions to Undergraduate Education from Rutgers University New Brunswick.

Dr. Kenneth Sebastian León was the 2023 Keynote Speaker at the European Society of Criminology Conference. "Industrial Meatpacking, Labor, and Mobility Regimes: Implications for White-Collar and Corporate Crime Research." Erasmus University Rotterdam. Examining the Multifaceted Harms of Corporate and White-Collar Crime. Apr. 21.

Justin Sola received the 2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems Theory Division Student Paper Award for his paper [*Theory with Consequents: Theories of Neoliberalism in the Study of Crime, Law, and Punishment*](#) and the 2023 American Society of Criminology Experimental Division Student Paper Award for his paper [*Making the Call: How Does Perceived Race Affect Desire to Call the Police?*](#)

Dr. Steven Stack, Emeritus Academy, Wayne State University, will present the opening plenary address, on September 21st, at the 32nd World Congress of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, Piran, Slovenia. The title of his address is Social Inequality and Suicide Prevention. Stack has been publishing papers on structural analyses of suicide since 1978 (in Social Forces).

Dr. Matthew Yeager, Professor Emeritus and King's University College at Western will be awarded the first David O. Friedrichs Teaching Award by the Division of White Collar and Corporate Crime of the American Society of Criminology. This award was presented in November 2023 in Philadelphia at the ASC's 78th annual conference.

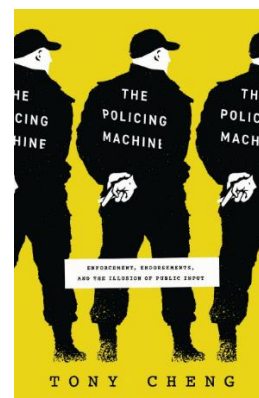
Drs. Merry Morash and co-PI **Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy**, professors in Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, and **Sandi Smith**, a co-PI in the Dept. of Communication, have updated the research produced on women on probation and parole in over a decade. The interdisciplinary research examines gender-responsive reforms in Michigan and the women's lives in the context of community supervision, community, and neoliberal policies. The site is located at: <http://cj.msu.edu/community/epps/epps.html>

Dr. Tanya Whitworth shares information about the Sibling Aggression and Abuse Research and Advocacy Initiative (SAARA), established one year ago, located at the Crimes against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire. Sibling aggression is the most common form of family violence, yet it remains hidden and confused with sibling rivalry. Numerous studies have linked sibling aggression and abuse to worse mental and physical health and problematic interpersonal relationships

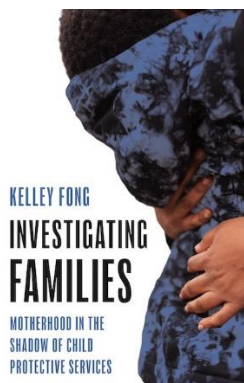
with parents, peers, and romantic partners. The SAARA Initiative grows out of calls for increased awareness of sibling victimization given its pervasiveness and harmfulness. As a translational science organization, our goals are to promote awareness of sibling aggression and abuse and provide guidance on how to prevent and reduce their occurrences. Learn more about the SAARA Initiative at www.unh.edu/ccrc/saara.

Member Books

The past few years have seen Americans express passionate demands for police transformation. But even as discussion of no-knock warrants, chokeholds, and body cameras has exploded, any changes to police procedures have only led to the same outcomes. Despite calls for increased accountability, police departments have successfully stonewalled change. In *The Policing Machine*, Tony Cheng reveals the stages of that resistance, offering a close look at the deep engagement strategies that NYPD precincts have developed with only subsets of the community in order to counter any truly meaningful, democratic oversight. Cheng spent nearly two years in an unprecedented effort to understand the who and how of police-community relationship building in New York City, documenting the many ways the police strategically distributed power and privilege within the community to increase their own public legitimacy without sacrificing their organizational independence. By setting up community councils that are conveniently run by police allies, handing out favors to local churches that will promote the police to their parishioners, and offering additional support to institutions friendly to the police, the NYPD, like police departments all over the country, cultivates political capital through a strategic politics that involves distributing public resources, offering regulatory leniency, and deploying coercive force. The fundamental challenge with police-community relationships, Cheng shows, is not to build them. It is that they already exist and are motivated by a machinery designed to stymie reform.

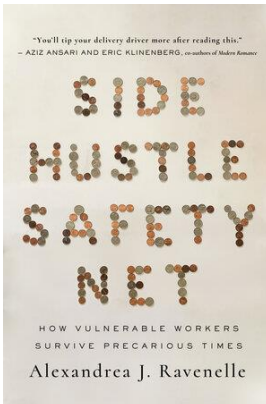


Cheng, Tony. 2024. [*The Policing Machine: Enforcement, Endorsements, and the Illusion of Public Input*](#). University of Chicago Press.



Fong, Kelley. 2023. [*Investigating Families: Motherhood in the Shadow of Child Protective Services*](#). Princeton University Press.

In *Investigating Families*, Kelley Fong provides an unprecedented look at the inner workings of CPS and the experiences of families pulled into its orbit. Drawing on firsthand observations of CPS investigations and hundreds of interviews with those involved, Fong traces the implications of invoking CPS as a “first responder” to family misfortune and hardship. She shows how relying on CPS—an entity fundamentally oriented around parental wrongdoing and empowered to separate families—organizes the response to adversity around surveilling, assessing, and correcting marginalized mothers. The agency’s far-reaching investigative apparatus undermines mothers’ sense of security and shapes how they marshal resources for their families, reinforcing existing inequalities. And even before CPS comes knocking, mothers feel vulnerable to a system that jeopardizes their parenthood. Countering the usual narratives of punitive villains and hapless victims, Fong’s unique, behind-the-scenes account tells a revealing story of how we try to protect children by threatening mothers—and points the way to a more productive path for families facing adversity.

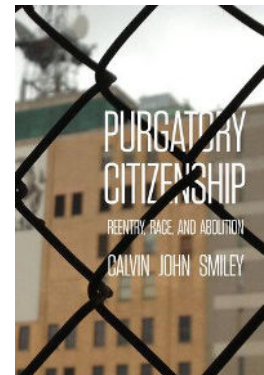


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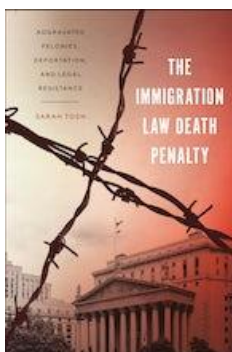
This is the story of what the most vulnerable wage earners—gig workers, restaurant staff, early-career creatives, and minimum-wage laborers—do when the economy suddenly collapses. In *Side Hustle Safety Net*, Alexandra J. Ravenelle builds on interviews with nearly two hundred gig-based and precarious workers, conducted during the height of the pandemic, to uncover the unique challenges they faced in unprecedented times.

This book looks at both the officially unemployed and the “forgotten jobless”—a digital-era demographic that turned to side hustles—and reveals how they fared. CARES Act assistance allowed some to change careers, start businesses, perhaps transform their lives. However, gig workers and those involved in “polyemployment” found themselves at the mercy of outdated unemployment systems, vulnerable to scams, and attempting dubious survival strategies. Ultimately, *Side Hustle Safety Net* argues that the rise of the gig economy, partnered with underemployment and economic instability, has increased worker precarity with disastrous consequences.

Reentry after release from incarceration is often presented as a story of redemption. Unfortunately, this is not the reality. Those being released must navigate the reentry process with diminished legal rights and amplified social stigmas, in a journey that is often confusing, complex, and precarious. Making use of life-history interviews, focus groups, and ethnographic fieldwork with low-income urban residents of color, primarily Black men, Calvin John Smiley finds that reentry requires the recently released to negotiate a web of disjointed and often contradictory systems that serve as an extension of the carceral system. No longer behind bars but not fully free, the recently released navigate a state of limbo that deprives them of opportunity and support while leaving them locked in a cycle of perpetual punishment. Warning of the dangers of reformist efforts that only serve to further entrench carceral systems, *Purgatory Citizenship* advocates for abolitionist solutions rooted in the visions of the people most affected.

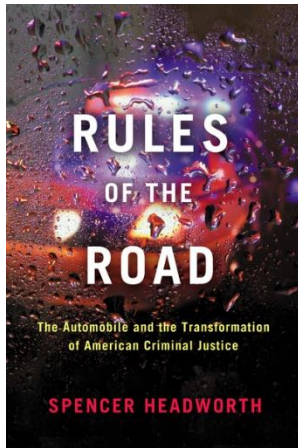


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This book chronicles the rise of the use of the aggravated felony, known by lawyers as the “immigration law death penalty,” to criminalize and then deport immigrants. Immigrants convicted of aggravated felonies are subject to mandatory detention and almost certain deportation—and are ineligible for almost all forms of legal relief from removal. Furthermore, immigrants convicted of aggravated felonies can be detained for months or even years without bond, are not guaranteed lawyers, and can even be deported without an opportunity to plead their case in court. Sarah Tosh provides the first in-depth understanding of how aggravated felonies have been used to deport thousands of documented and undocumented immigrants and how the severe, expansive, and racially disparate outcomes have been met with innovative legal responses, bolstered by networks of community-based resistance. *The Immigration Law Death Penalty* is an urgent read for anyone committed to protecting the rights of immigrants nationwide.

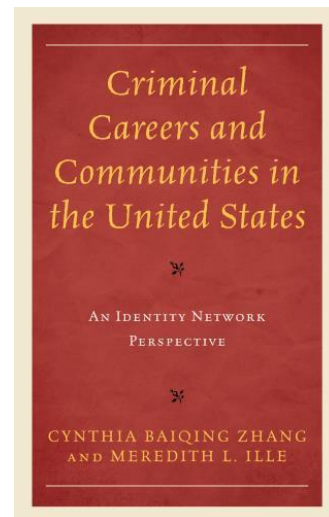


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Driving is an unavoidable part of life in the United States. Even those who don't drive much likely know someone who does. More than just a simple method of getting from point A to point B, however, driving has been a significant influence on the United States' culture, economy, politics – and its criminal justice system. *Rules of the Road* tracks the history of the car alongside the history of crime and criminal justice in the United States, demonstrating how the quick and numerous developments in criminal law corresponded to the steadily rising prominence, and now established supremacy, of the automobile. Spencer Headworth brings together research from sociology, psychology, criminology, political science, legal studies, and histories of technology and law in illustrating legal responses to changing technological and social circumstances. *Rules of the Road* opens by exploring the early 20th-century beginnings of the relationship between criminal law and automobility, before moving to the direct impact of the automobile on prosecutorial and criminal justice practices in the latter half of the 20th century. Finally, Headworth looks to recent debates and issues in modern-day criminal justice to consider what this might presage for the future.

A teaching guide for the book which includes lists of key concepts/jumping-off points, ideas for in-class activities, and media resources for each chapter. The teaching guide is available for free download under the "excerpts and more" tab on the book's SUP webpage: <https://www.sup.org/books/title/?id=34413>.

Gender, race, and community, and space all provide important filters for a person's contact with the criminal justice system. Cynthia Baiqing Zhang and Meredith L. Ille analyze current and former inmates through interviews, focus group discussions, and surveys to better understand criminal behavior. This book is vital to understanding the course of a criminal career from the offense to the decision to desist from crime, and reentry into the community, as it reveals mechanisms through which inmates' identities and social networks interact. This identity network perspective combines identity theory and social network analysis to better understand, predict, and mediate criminal behavior. This book is of interest to those studying criminology, criminal justice, sociology, and psychology.



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