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NEWSLETTER FOR THE CRIME, LAW, AND DEVIANCE SECTION
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Dear section members:

It's been a privilege serving as your ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Chair since August. One of my favorite parts of the role has been seeing all of the terrific work-in-progress, new publications, and upcoming opportunities from our section members. In that spirit, I'm happy to announce that the CLD section will be moving to a triannual newsletter model to better serve the membership. This is our inaugural winter newsletter, which will be followed by a summer and fall newsletter.

The most important section related news is that we're gearing up for an exciting ASA in Montreal! Please find the calls below for both section sessions and section awards. This year, we are hoping to get a fresh perspective on innovative data and methods, comparative studies of violence, and all of the creative topics that will emerge in our roundtables. The deadline to submit to ASA is coming up quickly—please make sure to submit your papers by **February 26th**. All award nominations are due March 1st. Remember that we're offering the mentoring award this year: Please nominate your favorite mentor!

Finally, please join me in thanking our long-serving newsletter editor, Sarah Hupp Williamson, and welcoming our new student editors: Sukanya Bhattacharya and Hannah Schwendeman! Thanks too to all of the section members serving as panel organizers and reviewers on our award committees. You all make the section every day and I'm thankful to be in such good company.



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New Publications

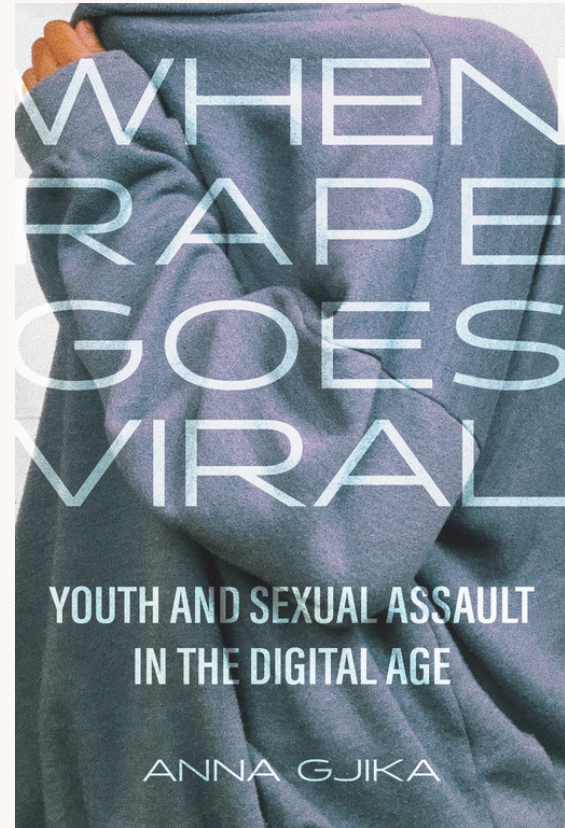
New Book:

When Rape Goes Viral: Youth and Sexual Assault in the Digital Age

by Anna Gjika

Link to Book

Stories of teen sexting scandals, cyberbullying, and image-based sexual abuse have become commonplace fixtures of the digital age, with many adults struggling to identify ways to monitor young people's digital engagement. In *When Rape Goes Viral*, Anna Gjika argues that rather than focusing on surveillance, we should examine such incidents for what they tell us about youth peer cultures and the gender norms and sexual ethics governing their interactions. Drawing from interviews with teens and high-profile cases of mediated juvenile sexual assault, Gjika exposes the deeply unequal and heteronormative power dynamics informing teens' intimate relationships and online practices, and she critically interrogates the role of digital cultures and broader social values in sanctioning abuse. The book also explores the consequences of social media and digital evidence for young victim-survivors and perpetrators of sexual assault, detailing the paradoxical capacities of technology for social and legal responses to gender-based violence.



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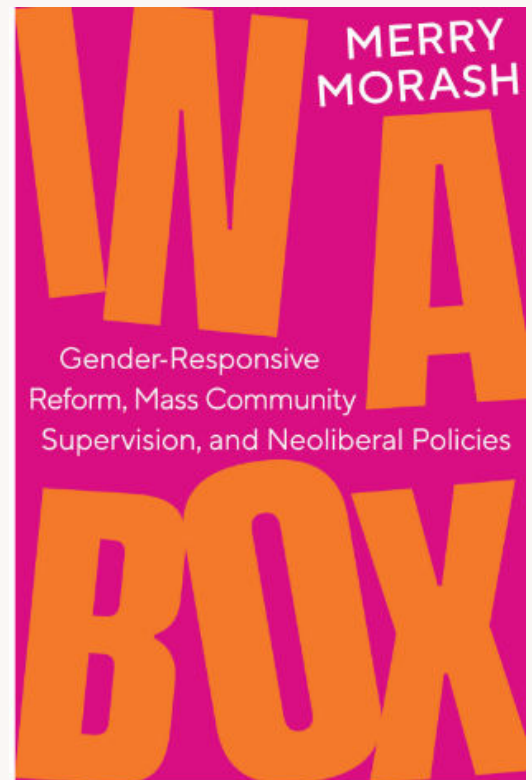
New Book:

In a Box: Gender Responsive Reform, Mass Supervision, and Neoliberal Policies

by Merry Morash

Link to Book

In a Box: Gender Responsive Reform, Mass Supervision, and Neoliberal Policies is now available from University of California Press. Based on the life stories of over 100 women, this book describes successful reforms in probation and parole supervision for Michigan women and how community conditions, available mental health resources, and neoliberal safety-net policies can undermine these reforms.



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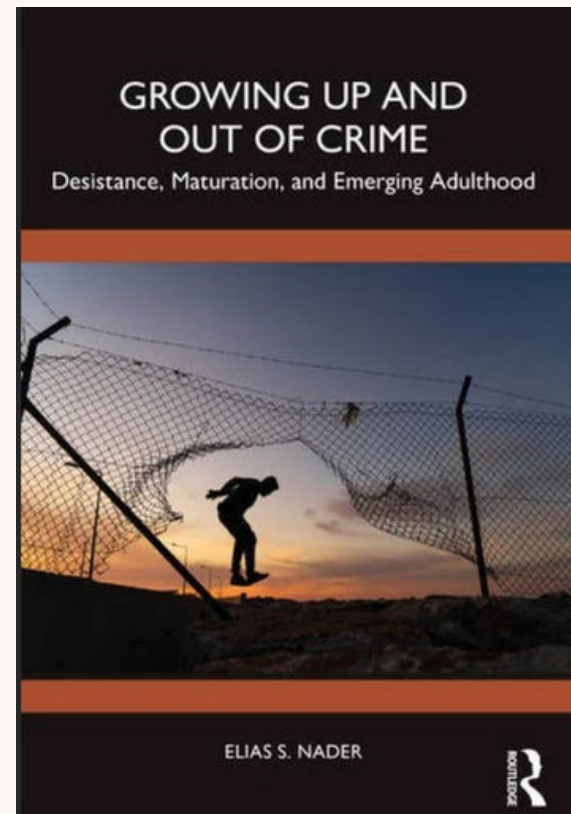
New Book:

Growing Up And Out Of Crime: Desistance, Maturation, and Emerging Adulthood

by Elias Nader

Link to Book

Developmental norms and expectations for young people ages 18–25 have diverged from previous generations, creating a new stage in the life course termed emerging adulthood. Delays in achieving conventional turning points into adulthood, such as marriage, employment, and home-ownership, are now typical of this age group. These delays, in turn, affect how young people can mature and desist from crime. *Growing Up and Out of Crime* provides a review of the extant literature across the fields of criminology, sociology, and developmental psychology coupled with evidence from narrative interviews to examine how today's justice-involved young adults builds their identity and works to transition to adulthood. Elias Nader examines themes from these narratives of justice-involved young adults to provide support for the role of maturation in accessing turning points and embracing desistance. Nader concludes with implications for policy and practice, including recommendations for reforming how the justice system serves young adults.



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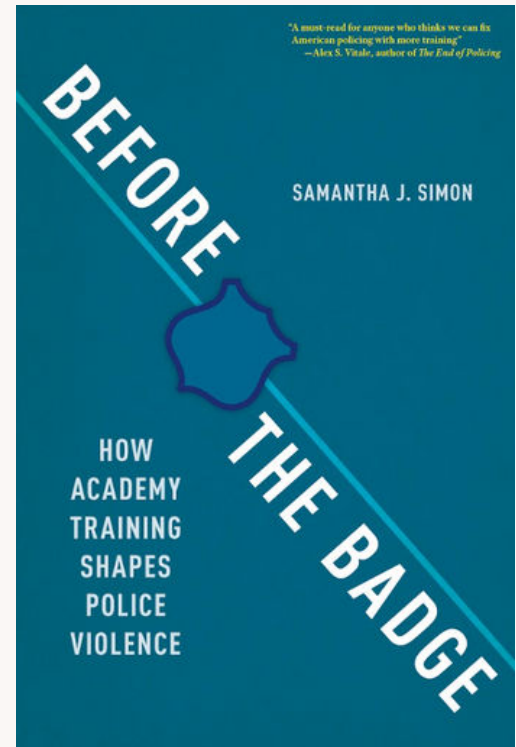
New Book:

Before the Badge: How Academy Training Shapes Police Violence

by Samantha J. Simon

Link to Book

Samantha J. Simon's new book is now available for pre-order with a release on March 5, 2024. Simon provides a firsthand look into how police officers are selected and trained, describing every stage of the process, including recruitment, classroom instruction, and tactical training. Simon spent a year at police academies participating in the training alongside cadets, giving her a visceral, hands-on understanding of how police training operates. Using rich and detailed examples, she reveals that the process does more than test a cadet's physical or intellectual abilities. Instead, it socializes cadets into a system of state violence. As training progresses, cadets are expected to see themselves as warriors and to view Black and Latino/a members of the public as their enemies. Cadets who cannot or will not uphold this approach end up washing out. In *Before the Badge*, Simon explains how this training creates a context in which patterns of police violence persist and implores readers to re-envision the future of policing in the United States.



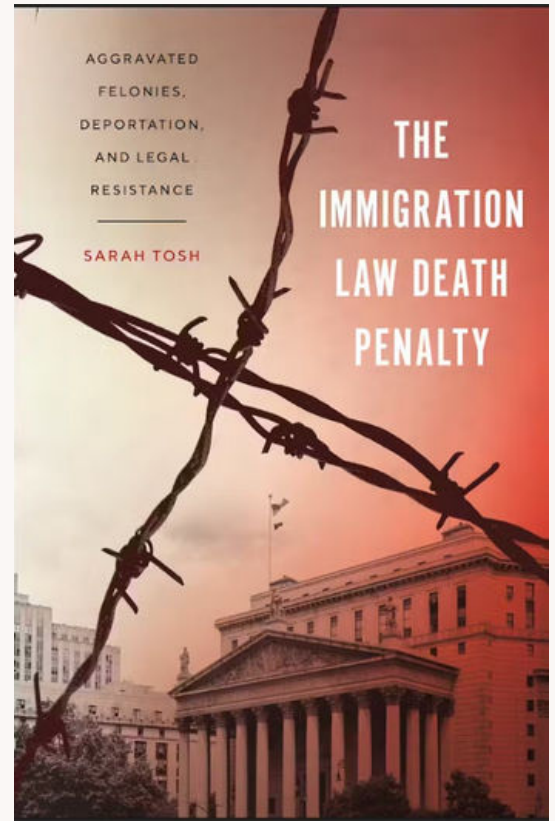
New Publications

New Book:

The Immigration Law Death Penalty: Aggravated Felonies, Deportation, and Legal Resistance by Sarah Tosh

Link to Book

In immigration courts across America, a non-citizen convicted of an “aggravated felony” will almost certainly face deportation with no access to asylum. However, despite the ominous-sounding name, aggravated felonies need not be either “aggravated” or “felonies.” The term encompasses more than thirty offenses, ranging from check fraud and shoplifting to filing a false tax return. The recent expansion in the list of such offenses has resulted in astronomical rates of deportation. 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.



New Publications

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New Jobs

Lecturer at Rice University

Rice University is currently searching for a full time lecturer to teach courses in sociology of law and crime, punishment, and society starting Fall 2024. This is a 2-year position with possibility of renewal, contingent on performance. Rice has a promotable teaching professor track, and the successful applicant could eventually be eligible for an appointment to that track. The application deadline is Feb 16, 2024, but applications will be considered until the position is filled.

[Link to Position Description and Application](#)

Department Head Position at Texas A&M University

The Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences at Texas A&M University invites applications for a full-time, 9-month position of a tenured full professor and department head, to serve at least one 5-year term as department head. The position of department head includes two months of summer funding. The anticipated start date for the position is July 1, 2024, or as otherwise negotiated.

[Link to Position Description and Application](#)

Other Member News

Katie Durante's (University of Utah) 2023 paper published in Criminal Justice and Behavior, "Supportive communication skills as a protective factor among couples experiencing incarceration" won the William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS).

Meghan M. O'Neil has accepted a position as Assistant Professor at Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice. O'Neil graduated from Southern Connecticut State University (BS, Sociology), Columbia University (MA, Quantitative Methods of the Social Sciences), SUNY Albany (PhD, Sociology), OSU (Postdoc, Law). She is the first generation in her family to attend college and the proud daughter of a waitress/secretary and letter carrier/bus driver. Visiting family in maximum security prison as a child motivates her to better understand the way in which America's justice system operates and reifies structural inequities.

Other Announcements

NIJ Solicitation

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) released a new solicitation for funding to support Longitudinal Research on Delinquency and Crime. We hope you will share this solicitation with members of the American Sociological Association, Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance who might be interested in applying.

With this solicitation, NIJ, in collaboration with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), seeks proposals for funding to conduct an expansion or extension of one or more ongoing/existing longitudinal research studies that focus on delinquency and crime throughout the life-course.

Longitudinal studies support interdisciplinary research on the emergence, persistence, and desistance of delinquency and criminal offending. This research will inform the design of more effective strategies for prevention and intervention in delinquent and criminal behavioral trajectories.

Review the solicitation: NIJ FY24 Longitudinal Research on Delinquency and Crime

Applications must be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

1. Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
 2. Step 1, Grants.gov, Deadline: April 18, 2024, 11:59 pm Eastern
 3. Submit the full application including attachments in JustGrants.
 4. Step 2, Application JustGrants, Deadline: April 29, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern
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Crime, Law and Deviance Section Information

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Call for Papers

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

Submission: Open

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.

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

Session Organizer: William Pridemore, University of Georgia

Submission: Open

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.

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

Call for Section 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 KirkWerner, 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."

Call for Section Awards

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.
