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EDUCATION

- 2013 (expected) Ph.D., The Pennsylvania State University, Sociology
Committee: Jeffery Ulmer (Chair), Glenn Firebaugh, John Iceland, Christopher Zorn
Dissertation Title: *Punishing the 'Others': Understanding Citizenship through Punishment in the United States and Germany.*
Cumulative Examination: Criminology, Social Control, and Stratification
Minor Certification: Quantitative Methods Certificate; Penn State Dept. of Sociology
- 2010 M.A., The Pennsylvania State University, Crime, Law and Justice
Committee: Jeffery Ulmer (Chair), Derek A. Kreager, and Darrell Steffensmeier
Thesis Title: *Have Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Punishment Decisions Changed Over Time? An Analysis of U.S. Federal Courts, 1992-2004.*
- 2007 B.A., Albion College, Albion, MI, Sociology (*Cum Laude*)

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2013- Assistant Professor of Sociology. Purdue University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminology, Urban Sociology and Stratification, Citizenship and Immigration, Sociology of Punishment

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Light, Michael T. and Casey T. Harris. Forthcoming. "Race, Space, and Violence: Exploring Spatial Dependence in Structural Covariates of White and Black Violent Crime in U.S. Counties." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

- 1st Prize, American Sociological Association Student Paper Award in the area of Crime, Law, and Deviance.
- 2nd Prize, American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Award.

Ulmer, Jeffery T., **Michael T. Light**, and John Kramer. 2011. "Racial Disparity in the Wake of the Booker/Fanfan Decision: An Alternative Analysis to the USSC's 2010 Report." *Criminology & Public Policy* 10: 1077-1118.

Ulmer, Jeffery T., **Michael T. Light**, and John Kramer. 2011. "Does Increased Judicial Discretion Lead to Increased Disparity? The "Liberation" of Judicial Sentencing Discretion In the Wake of the Booker/Fanfan Decision." *Justice Quarterly* 28: 799-837.

Ulmer, Jeffery T. and **Michael T. Light**. 2011. "Beyond Disparity: Changes in Federal Sentencing Post-Booker and Gall." *Federal Sentencing Reporter* 23(5):333-341.

Ulmer, Jeffery T. and **Michael T. Light**. 2010. "Federal Case Processing and Sentencing Before and After the Booker/Fanfan Decision: Little Has Changed." *Journal of Gender, Race, and Justice* 14:143-178.

Light, Michael T. and Dimeji Togunde. 2008. "The Mexican Immigration Debate: Assimilation and Public Policy." *International Review of Modern Sociology* 34(2): 279-293.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Lopez, Mark Hugo and **Michael T. Light**. "A Rising Share: Hispanics and Federal Crime," Pew Hispanic Center, Washington, D.C. (February 18, 2009).

- Featured in over 280 news outlets including the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Chicago Tribune*, the States News Service, and the Associated Press.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Light, Michael T., Michael Massoglia, and Ryan D. King. "Immigrants and Outlaws: The Salience of Citizenship in Criminal Courts." (2nd Revise and Resubmit to the *American Sociological Review*.)

Light, Michael T. "Who's Still Unequal Under Law? Race/Ethnicity, Citizenship, and the Long-Term Trends in Sentencing Disparities. (In preparation for resubmission to *Law & Society Review*)

HONORS, AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2012-13 Crawford Family Fellowship in Ethical Inquiry, Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania State University. College-wide competitive fellowship: \$16,425 stipend and full tuition.

2012-13 Fellow, Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania State University.

2012 Visiting Research Scholar, Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law. Freiburg, Germany.

2012 Rock Ethics Dissertation Research Award, Rock Ethics Institute, Pennsylvania State University. \$1,000.

2010 1st Prize, American Sociological Association Student Paper Award in the area of Crime, Law, and Deviance: "Race, Space, and Violence: Exploring Spatial Dependence in Structural Covariates of White and Black Violent Crime in U.S. Counties." (with Casey T. Harris)

2010 2nd Prize, American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Award: "Race, Space, and Violence: Exploring Spatial Dependence in Structural Covariates of White and Black Violent Crime in U.S. Counties." (with Casey T. Harris)

- 2010 1st Prize, Penn State Crime, Law and Justice Graduate Student Paper Competition: “Race, Space, and Violence: Exploring Spatial Dependence in Structural Covariates of White and Black Violent Crime in U.S. Counties.” (with Casey T. Harris)
- 2010 2nd Prize, Young Scholar Paper Competition at SUNY Albany Symposium, The Past and Future of Empirical Sentencing Research: “Have racial and ethnic disparities in punishment decisions changed over time? An analysis of U.S. federal courts, 1992-2004.”

FUNDED RESEARCH

- 2012-13 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant. “Punishing the ‘Others’: Understanding Citizenship through Punishment in the United States and Germany.” (PI) \$18,074 (SES-1226453).
- 2011 Department of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University. Mary O’Neill Marsh Student Enhancement Fund in Crime, Law, and Justice Grant. “The International Use of Incarceration.” (PI) \$1,100.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2012 Michael T. Light and Michael Massoglia. “The Context of Control: Punishment, Citizenship Status, and 9/11.” Paper to be presented at the 2012 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 Michael T. Light. “The Punishment of Non-Citizens in U.S. and German Courts.” Paper presented to the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law. Freiburg, Germany.
- 2012 Michael T. Light and John Iceland. “The Social Context of Racial Boundary Negotiations: Segregation, Hate Crime, and Hispanic Racial Identity in Metropolitan America.” Paper presented at the 2012 Population Association of America Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 Michael T. Light, Michael Massoglia, and Ryan D. King. “Immigrants and Outlaws: The Salience of Citizenship in Criminal Courts.” Paper presented at the 2011 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington DC.
- 2010 Michael T. Light, Michael Massoglia, and Ryan D. King. “Citizenship, Legal Status, and Sentencing Outcomes in U.S. Federal Courts.” Paper presented at the 2010 American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 Michael T. Light and Casey T. Harris. “Race, Space, and Violence: Exploring Spatial Dependence in Structural Covariates of White and Black Violent Crime in U.S. Counties.” Paper presented at the 2010 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 Michael T. Light. “Has Racial/Ethnic Disparity Changed under the U.S. Federal Sentencing Guidelines, 1992-2004?” Paper presented at the 2009 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010-11 CRIM 451: Race, Crime, and Justice (summer), The Pennsylvania State University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department

2010-13 Graduate Travel Committee
2010-11 Stratification Conference Planning Committee.
2009 Undergraduate Committee (CLJ)
2009 Social Events Committee
2008 Minority Opportunities through School Transformation (MOST) Committee

Journal Referee

Justice Quarterly
The Sociological Quarterly
Law & Society Review
Journal of Interpersonal Violence

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2008- American Sociological Association
2008- American Society of Criminology

REFERENCES

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