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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology (1972), University of Iowa  
M.A. Sociology (1970), University of Iowa  
B.A. Philosophy, History, St. Ambrose College

## **POSITIONS HELD**

1975- Associate-Full Professor of Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University.  
1972- Assistant Professor of Sociology, North Carolina State University.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SPECIALIZATION**

Criminal Careers and Life Course Criminality; Demography of Crime (Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity); Illegal Markets & Organized Crime  
Place and Crime; Crime in International & Historical Context; Social Change  
Gender, Crime, and Punishment; Age, Crime, and Punishment  
Courts and Sentencing; Criminal Justice Decision-Making  
Qualitative & Quantitative Methods, Data Triangulation  
Age and Crime in International-Historical Context  
Crime Opportunity Theory, Crime Organizations and Networks

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Society of Criminology  
International Association for the Study of Organized Crime  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Association  
Law & Society

## **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

Recipient of the 1987 Award of Outstanding Scholarship of the Crime and Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, for *The Fence: In the Shadow of Two Worlds* (1986).

Recipient of *Distinction in the Social Sciences* award, The Pennsylvania State University (1989)

Fellow of American Society of Criminology (1994)

Recipient of 2006 Michael Hindelang Award of American Society of Criminology for *Confessions of a Dying Thief* (2005), for outstanding scholarship in criminology (with Jeffery Ulmer).

Recipient of *Faculty Scholars Medal* for outstanding achievement in Social & Behavioral Sciences of The Pennsylvania State University (2007)

Recipient of *Outstanding Graduate Teaching* award of The Pennsylvania State University (2009)

Recipient of *Liberal Arts Research Professor* award of The Pennsylvania State University (2015)

Recipient of Kramer Professorship of Criminology at The Pennsylvania State University (2019)

Recipient of 1973 Outstanding Article Recognition by Aldine Crime & Justice Annual (1974) for: "Deviance and Respectability: An Observational Study [Field Experiment] of Reactions to Shoplifting." *Social Forces* 51: 417-426 (with Robert M. Terry)

Recipient of 2012 Outstanding Article Award of American Society of Criminology for: "Scope and Conceptual Issues in Testing the Racial Invariance Hypothesis: White, Black, and Hispanic Comparisons." *Criminology* 48:1133-1169 (with Jeffery Ulmer, Ben Feldmeyer, and Casey Harris)

Recipient of 2018 Outstanding Article Award of Division of Developmental & Life Course Criminology of American Society of Criminology for: "Age and Its Relation to Crime in Taiwan and United States: Invariant, or Does Cultural Context Matter?" *Criminology* 55:377-404. (with Hua Zhong, Yunmei Lu)

Recipient of 2019 Outstanding Article Award of American Society of Criminology for: "Age and Its Relation to Crime in Taiwan and United States: Invariant, or Does Cultural Context Matter?" *Criminology* 55:377-404. (with Hua Zhong, Yunmei Lu)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### ***Books***

*Confessions of a Dying Thief: Understanding Criminal Careers and Illegal Enterprise*. 2005. Aldine-Transaction. (With Jeffery Ulmer). Recipient of 2006 Michael Hindelang Book Award of American Society of Criminology for outstanding scholarship in criminology.

*Organized Crime in Pennsylvania--a Decade of Change: the 1990 Report*. 1991. Pennsylvania Crime Commission. (Project Director/Principal Writer/Chief Analyst)

*The Fence: in the Shadow of Two Worlds*. 1986. Rowman and Littlefield. Recipient of the 1987 Award of Outstanding Scholarship of the Crime and Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

*Examining Deviance Experimentally*. 1976. Alfred Press. (With Robert M. Terry).

***Refereed Articles and Book Chapters-Select Listing*** (\* Means Steffensmeier is senior author.)

2022. Twenty-First Century Trends in Girls' Violence and the Gender Gap: Triangulated findings from official and unofficial longitudinal sources. Journal of Interpersonal Violence (with Jennifer Schwartz, Jessie Slepicka, Hua Zhong)\*

2021. Firm Financial Performance and Financial Conditions: Risk Factors for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporate Financial Securities Fraud in the United States. Justice Quarterly 39: 1-30. (with Jennifer Schwartz, William Moser)

2021. Gender Variation in the Age-Crime Relation in Cross-National Context: Taiwan-US Comparison. Journal of Developmental and Life Course Criminology 7: 623-648. (with Yunmei Lu, Jennifer Schwartz) \*

2020. Age and Crime in South Korea: Cross-National Challenge to Invariance Thesis, Justice Quarterly 37:410-435. (with Yunmei Lu & Chongmin Na) \*

2019. Age-Crime Relation in India: Similarity or Divergence vs. Hirschi/Gottfredson Inverted J-shaped Projection? The British Journal of Criminology, 59 (1): 44-165 (Yunmei Lu, Sumit Kumar). \*

2018. Immigration and Violent Crime in California, 1980-2012: Contextualization by Temporal Period and Race/Ethnicity. Migration Letters 15: 197-2014. (with Ben Feldmeyer, Casey Harris).

2018. Focal Concerns Theory as Conceptual Tool for Studying Intersectionality in Sentencing Disparities: Focus on Gender and Race along with Age. Pp. in J. Ulmer and M. Bradley (Eds) *Punishment Decisions: Locations of Disparity*, ASC Division on Corrections and Sentencing; Corrections and Sentencing Handbook. Vol. 2. New York: Routledge. (with Noah Painter-Davis) \*

2017. Age and Its Relation to Crime in Taiwan and United States: Invariant, or Does Cultural Context Matter? Criminology 55:377-404. (with Hua Zhong, Yunmei Lu)\*

2017. Gendered Opportunities and Risk Preferences for Offending across the Life-Course. Journal of Developmental & Life Course Criminology 3:1-26-150 (with Jennifer Schwartz)

2017. Intersectionality of Race, Ethnicity, Gender, and Age on Criminal Punishment. Sociological Perspectives 60:810-833. (with Noah Painter Davis, Jeffery Ulmer) \*

2015. Taking Criminal Opportunity Seriously: An Actor-Centered Approach. Pp 361-397 in Challenging Criminological Theory: The Legacy of Ruth Rosner Kornhauser—Advances in Criminological Theory 10, edited by F. Cullen, P. Wilcox, R. Sampson, and B. Dooley. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction. (with Jeffery Ulmer) \*

2015. Gender and Arrests for Larceny, Fraud, Forgery, and Embezzlement: Conventional or Occupational Property Crime Offenders? Journal of Criminal Justice 43:2005-217. (with Casey Harris, Noah Painter Davis) \*
2015. The Age and Crime Relationship: Social Variation, Social Explanations. Pp. 377-396 in Kevin Beaver, J.C. Barnes, and Brian Boutwell (Eds) *The Nurture versus Biosocial Debate in Criminology: On the Origins of Criminal Behavior and Criminality*. Sage. (with Jeffery Ulmer).
2014. Racial/Ethnic Composition and Violence: Size-of-Place Variations in Percent Black and Percent Latino Effects on Violence Rates. Sociological Forum 28: 811-841. (with Ben Feldmeyer, Jeffery Ulmer)
2013. Gender and Twenty-first-Century Corporate Crime: Female Involvement and the Gender Gap in Enron-Era Corporate Frauds. American Sociological Review 78:448-476. (with Jennifer Schwartz, Michael Roche) \*
2013. Race/Ethnic Disparities in Structural Disadvantage and Crime: White, Black, and Hispanic Comparisons. Social Science Quarterly (with Jeffery Ulmer, Casey Harris) \*
2012. Older inmates' pursuit of good health: A focus group study. Research in Gerontological Nursing 4:185-194. (with Susan Loeb)
2011. Reassessing Trends in Black Violent Crime, 1980-2008: Sorting out the "Hispanic Effect in UCR Arrests, NCVS Offender Estimates, and U.S. Prisoner Counts. Criminology 49:197-251 (with Ben Feldmeyer, Casey Harris, Jeffery Ulmer) \*
2010. Scope and Conceptual Issues in Testing the Racial Invariance Hypothesis: White, Black, and Hispanic Comparisons. Criminology 48:1133-1169.(with Jeff Ulmer, Ben Feldmeyer, Casey Harris) \*
2009. Trends in the Gender Gap in Violence: Reevaluating NCVS and Other Evidence." Criminology 47:701-24. (with Jennifer Schwartz, Hua Zhong, Jeff Ackerman)
2009. Assessing Trends in Women's Violence via Data Triangulation: Arrests, Convictions, Incarcerations, and Victim Reports. Social Problems 56:494-525. (with Jennifer Schwartz and Ben Feldmeyer) \*
2009. Immigration Effects on Homicide Offending for Total and Race/Ethnicity-Disaggregated Populations (White, Black, and Latino). Homicide Studies 13: 211-226. (with Ben Feldmeyer)
2008. Violence by teenage girls: trends and context. Girls Study Group: Understanding and Responding to Girl's Delinquency. Research Bulletin, Office of Juvenile Justice Delinquency and Prevention. (with Margaret Zahn)
2007. Gender and Serious Violence: Untangling the Role of Friendship Sex Composition and Peer Violence. Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice (with Dana Haynie)

2007. In their own words: Older male prisoners' health beliefs and concerns for the future. Geriatric Nursing, 28: 319-329. (with Susan Loeb)
2006. Black and White Control of Numbers Gambling A Cultural Assets and Social Capital View. American Sociological Review 71 (1):123-156. (with Jeffery Ulmer) \*
2006. Is There No Place for Culture in a Sociology of Legal and Illegal Enterprise? American Sociological Review 71(1):162-166. (with Jeffery Ulmer)
2006. Does Gender Modify the Effects of Race-Ethnicity on Criminal Sentencing? Sentences for Male and Female White, Black, and Hispanic Defendants. Journal of Quantitative Criminology 22:241-261. (with Stephen Demuth)\*
2006. Gender Gap Trends for Violent Crimes, 1980-2003: A *UCR-NCVS* Comparison. Feminist Criminology 1 (1):72-98. (with Hua Zhong, Jeff Ackerman, Jennifer Schwartz, Suzanne Agha) \*
2005. An Assessment of Recent Trends in Girls' Violence Using Diverse Longitudinal Sources: Is the Gender Gap Closing? Criminology 43:355-406. (with Jennifer Schwartz, Hua Zhong, Jeff Ackerman) \*
2004. The Impact of Gender and Race-Ethnicity in the Pretrial Release Process. Social Problems 51:222-242. (with Stephen Demuth)
2004. Ethnicity Effects on Sentence Outcomes in Large Urban Courts: Comparisons Among White, Black, and Hispanic Defendants. Social Science Quarterly 85:994-1011. (with Stephen Demuth)
2003. Confessions of a Dying Thief: A Tutorial on Differential Association. Chapter 10, pp. 227-264 in Advances in Criminological Theory: A Guide for the New Century. *Social Learning Theory and the Explanation of Crime* (edited by Ronald Akers and Gary Jensen). New Brunswick and London: Transaction Publishers. (with Jeffery Ulmer) \*
2001. Judges' Race and Judicial Decision Making: Do Black Judges Sentence Differently? Social Science Quarterly 82:750-765. (with Chester Britt) \*
2001. Ethnicity and Judges' Sentencing Decisions: Hispanic-Black-White Comparisons. Criminology 36:763-798. (with Stephen Demuth) \*
2000. Ethnicity and Sentencing Outcomes in U.S. Federal Courts: Who is Punished More Harshly? American Sociological Review 65:705-729. (with Stephen Demuth) \*
2000. Gender, Structural Disadvantage, and Urban Crime: Do Macrosocial Variables Also Explain Female Offending Rates? Criminology 38:403-438. (with Dana Haynie) \*
2000. Sentencing the Older Offender: Is There an 'Age Bias'? Chapter 12, pp. 185-206 in

Elders, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System (edited by Max Rothman, Burton Dunlop, and Pamela Entzel). Springer. (Mark Motivans) \*

2000. The Structural Sources of Urban Female Violence in the United States: A Macrosocial Gender-Disaggregated Analysis of Adult and Juvenile Violent Offending Rates. *Homicide Studies* 4: 107-134. (with Dana Haynie) \*

2000. Gender and Age and Crime: Looking for Patterns. Chapter 4, pp. 84-127 in Criminology: The Contemporary Handbook (edited by Joseph Sheley). Wadsworth (with Emilie Allan)\*

1999. Men and Women Decisionmakers: Does the Judge's Gender Affect the Sentencing of Criminal Defendants. Social Forces 77:1163-1196. (with Chris Hebert) \*

1999. Making Sense of Recent U.S. Crime Trends, 1980-98: Age Composition Effects and Other Explanations. Journal of Research in Crime & Delinquency 36:235-274. (with Miles Harer) \*

1998. The Interaction of Race, Gender, and Age in Criminal Sentencing: The Punishment Cost of Being Young, Black, and Male. Criminology 36(4):763-798. (with Jeffery Ulmer, and John Kramer) \*

1996. Race and Prison Violence. Criminology 34:323-356. (with Miles D. Harer)

1996. Gender and Crime: Toward a Gendered Paradigm of Female Offending. Annual Review of Sociology 22:459-87. (with Emilie Allan) \*

1995. Age and the Sentencing of Criminal Defendants. Justice Quarterly 12:701-719. (with John Kramer and Jeffery Ulmer) \*

1995. A Public Policy Agenda for Combating Organized Crime. In Crime and Public Policy (edited by Hugh Barlow). Westview Press. \*

1995. Age-Inequality and Property Crime. In Crime and Inequality. (edited by John Hagan and Ruth Peterson). Palo Alto: Stanford University Press. (with Emilie Allan) \*

1994. Understanding Black Urban Violence: Communities as Units of Stratification and Social Control. Social Forces 73:729-752. (with Ed Shihadeh)

1993. National Trends in Female Arrests, 1960-1990: Assessment and Recommendations for Research. Journal of Quantitative Criminology 9:413-441. \*

1993. Gender and Imprisonment Decisions. Criminology 31:411-446. (with John Kramer, and Cathy Streifel) \*

1993. Race and Imprisonment Decisions. Sociological Quarterly 34:357-76. (with John Kramer)

1992. Cohort Size and Crime Rates Over the Life Course: The Easterlin Hypothesis

Reconsidered. American Sociological Review 57:306-314. (with Cathy Streifel, and Ed Shihadeh) \*

1992. Time-series Analysis of Female-to-Male Arrests for Property Crimes, 1960 - 1985: A Test of Alternative Explanations. Justice Quarterly 9:78-103. (with Cathy Streifel) \*

1992. Differing Effects of Income Inequality on Black and White Offending Rates. Social Forces 70:1035-1054. (with Miles D. Harer)

1991. The Distribution of Crime by Age and Gender Across Three Historical Periods-- 1935, 1960, and 1985. Social Forces 69:869-894. (with Cathy Streifel) \*

1989. Causes of white-collar crime revisited: an assessment of the Hirschi and Gottfredson assertions. Criminology 27:345-358. \*

1989. Age and the distribution of crime. American Journal of Sociology 94:803-831. (with Emilie Allan, Miles D. Harer and Cathy Streifel) \*

1989. Modernization and female crime: a cross-national test of alternative explanations. Social Forces 68:262-283 (with Emilie Allan) \*

1989. Youth, underemployment, and property crime: effects of the quantity and the quality of job opportunities on juvenile and young adult arrest rates. American Sociological Review 54:107-123. (with Emilie Allan)

1988. Sex disparities in crime by population subgroup: residence, race, and age. Justice Quarterly 5:53-80. (with Emilie Allan) \*

1987. Relative cohort size and youth crime in the United States, 1953-84. American Sociological Review 52:702-710. (with Cathy Streifel, and Miles D. Harer) \*

1987. The invention of the 'new' senior citizen criminal: an analysis of crime trends of elderly males and elderly females, 1964-84. Research on Aging 9:281-311. \*

1986. Institutional sexism in the underworld: a view from the inside. Sociological Inquiry 56:304-323. (with Robert Terry) \*

1983. An organizational perspective on sex-segregation in the underworld: building a sociological theory of sex differences in crime. Social Forces 61:1010-1032. \*

1983. Flawed arrest 'rates' and overlooked reliability problems in UCR arrest statistics: some second thoughts on 'female' masculinity of violent crime. Journal of Criminal Justice 11:167-173. \*

1982. Sex differences in urban arrest patterns, 1934-79: Stability or change? Social Problems 29:37-50. (with Michael Cobb) \*

1982. Sex-based differences in the sentencing of adult criminal defendants: An empirical test and theoretical overview. Sociology and Social Research 66: 289-304. (with John Kramer) \*

1980. World War II and its effects on the sex differential in arrests: an empirical test of the sex-role equality and crime proposition. Sociological Quarterly 21:246-255. (with Alvin Rosenthal, and Constance Shehan) \*

1980. Sociocultural vs. biological/sexist explanations of sex differences in crime: a survey of American criminology textbooks, 1919-1965. The American Sociologist 15:246-255. (with Robert E. Clark) \*

1980. Trends in female delinquency: a review of arrest, court, self-report, and field data. Criminology 18:62-85. (with Renee Hoffman Steffensmeier) \*

1980. A review and assessment of sex differences in adult crime, 1965-77. Social Forces 58:1080-1108. \*

1980. Assessing the impact of the women's movement on sex-based differences in the handling of adult criminal defendants. Crime and Delinquency 26:344-357. \*

1979. Images of man and social control: Research continuities and further developments. Criminal Justice Review 4:41-54. \*

1979. The differential impact of criminal stigmatization on male and female felons. Sex Roles: a Journal of Research 6:1-8. (with John Kramer) \*

1978 Crime and the contemporary woman: An analysis of changing levels of female property crime, 1960-75. Social Forces 57:566-584. \*

1978. Changing patterns of female crime in rural America, 1962-75. Rural Sociology 43:87-102. (with Charlene Jordan) \*

1978. The differential detention/jailing of juveniles: A comparison of detention and non-detention counties. Pepperdine Law Review 5:795-807. (with John Kramer)

1978. Defendant's parental status as affecting judge's behavior: an experimental test. Psychological Reports 42:939-45. \*

1975. Attitudes and behavior toward hippies: a field experiment accompanied by home interviews. Sociological Quarterly 16:393-400. (with Renee Hoffman Steffensmeier)

1974. Sex differences in reactions to male and female homosexuals: research continuities and further developments. The Journal of Sex Research 10:52-67. (with Renee Hoffman Steffensmeier) \*

1973. The influence of organizational factors of victim store on willingness to report a

shoplifting incident: A field Experiment. Sociological Focus 6:27-45. (with Robert M. Terry) \*

1973. Deviance and respectability: an observational study of reactions to shoplifting. Social Forces 51:417-426. (with Robert M. Terry) \*

***Major Funded Grants (since 1990)***

Organized Crime in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania Crime Commission. 1990-91.

Community-Risk Factors for Urban Violence. National Science Foundation (Law and Social Sciences Program). 1995-1996.

Ethnicity Effects on Adjudication and Sentence Outcomes in Felony Cases: Comparisons Among White, Black, and Hispanic Defendants. Bureau of Justice Statistics and American Statistical Association. 1998-2000.

Modeling the Main, Interactive and Cumulative Effects of Gender and Ethnicity (white, black, Hispanic) on the Case Processing of Criminal Defendants in Large Urban Courts. National Science Foundation. 2000- 2002.

Race-Ethnicity, Census Places, and Violent Crime: Expanding the Racial Invariance Hypothesis to include white-Latino and black-Latino Comparisons. National Science Foundation. 2007-2010.

Factors influencing the health-promotion behaviors of older male inmates. National Institute of Aging. Co-PI is Susan Loeb, PSU School of Nursing. 2007-2009.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporate Financial Crime: Statistical Profile, Firm- and Executive Risk Factors, and Rich Database. National Institute of Justice. Co-PI is Jennifer Schwartz, 2014-2018.

***Recent Graduate Students, Post 1990s.***

Steven Demuth, Bowling Green State University, Sociology; Ben Feldmeyer, University of Cincinnati, Criminology/Criminal Justice; Dana Haynie, Ohio State University, Sociology; Casey Harris, University of Arkansas, Sociology Department; Miles Harer, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Research Director; Noah Painter-Davis, University of New Mexico, Sociology Department; James Cameron, U.S. Census Bureau; Courtney Robinson, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Mark Motivans, George Washington University, Criminology; Hua Zhong, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Sociology Department; Ari Agha, George Mason University, Criminology; Chris Hebert, University of California, Criminology/Sociology; James Kanan, University of Eastern Kentucky, Sociology/Criminology; Cathy Streifel, Purdue University, Sociology; Yunmei Lu, University of Buffalo SUNY, Sociology Department; Jennifer Schwartz, Washington State University, Sociology Department; Jeffery Ulmer, Penn State University, Sociology & Criminology, Edward Shihadeh, Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology.