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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
(2007 to Present)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT – Visiting Scholar, Program in
Criminal Justice Policy and Management (beginning January 2009)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago (April 2007)

Dissertation Title: Murder by Structure: A Network Approach to Gang Homicide

Committee: Andrew Abbott (Chair), Richard Taub, Jeffrey Fagan

Areas of Specialization: Crime, Deviance, and Social Control; Social Networks; Methods
for Social Organization Research; and Urban Sociology

M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago (2000)

B.S. (Summa Cum Laude), Criminal Justice, Loyola University of Chicago (1998)

ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, & ESSAYS

Papachristos, Andrew V. (forthcoming - 2009). "Murder by Structure: The Social Structure
of Gang Homicide," *American Journal of Sociology*.

Tita, Geroge and Andrew V. Papachristos. (forthcoming - 2009). "The Evolution of Gang
Policy: Finding the Right Balance of Intervention and Suppression," In *Youth Gangs
and Community, Intervention: Research, Practice, and Evidence*, edited by Robert J. Chaskin.
New York: Columbia University Press.

Papachristos, Andrew V., Tracey L. Meares, and Jeffrey Fagan. (2007) "Attention Felons:
Evaluating Project Safe Neighborhoods in Chicago," *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*
4(2). (lead article)

- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2006). "Social Network Analysis and Gang Research: Theory and Methods," In *Studying Youth Gangs*, edited by James F. Short and Lorine A. Hughes. Lanham, MD: Alta Mira.
- Papachristos, Andrew V. and David S. Kirk. (2006). "Neighborhood Effects and Street Gang Behavior," In *Studying Youth Gangs*, edited by James F. Short and Lorine A. Hughes. Lanham, MD: Alta Mira.
- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2005). "Interpreting Inkblots: Deciphering and Doing Something About Modern Street Gangs," *Criminology and Public Policy* 4(3): 643-652.
- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2000). "Views from the Field: A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution," *Journal of Gang Research* 7(2): 74-76
- Papachristos, Andrew V. (1998). "The Death of Telemachus: Street Gangs and the Decline of Modern Rites of Passage," *Journal of Gang Research* 5(4): 35-44

PAPERS CURRENTLY UNDER REVIEW, WORKING PAPERS, & BOOK MANUSCRIPTS

- Kirk, David S. and Andrew V. Papachristos. (2008). "Legal Cynicism and the Framing of Neighborhood Violence: Implications for 'Neighborhood Effects' Research." *Revise and Resubmit*.
- Perez-Felkner, Lara, Richard P. Taub, John S. Felkner, and Andrew V. Papachristos. (2008). "Beyond Black and White: Evaluating Neighborhood Integration, 1970 to 2000" Under Review.
- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2008). "Is Murder Transitive? Reciprocity, Balance, and Hierarchy in Gang Homicide Networks." Under Review
- Papachristos, Andrew V., Tracey L. Meares, and Jeffrey Fagan. (2009). "Why do Criminals Obey the Law? The Influence of the Law and Social Networks on Active Gun Offenders." Working Paper. Available at the Social Science Research Network: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1326631>
- Meares, Tracey L. and Andrew Papachristos. (2009) "Policing Guns without Guns," working paper, Yale University Law School. Available at the Social Science Research Network: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1326932>
- Papachristos, Andrew V. *The Gangster Disciples: The Rise and Fall of a Corporate Street Gang*. Book Manuscript under preparation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2005). "Gang World," *Foreign Policy* (March/April): 48-55. (translated into Spanish, Arabic, and Turkish).
- Knox, George W. and Andrew V. Papachristos. (2002). *The Vice Lords: A Gang Profile Analysis*. National Gang Crime Research Center: Peotone, IL.
- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2001). *A.D., After the Disciples: The Neighborhood Impact of Federal Gang Prosecution*. National Gang Crime Research Center: Peotone, IL.

Review of Eric C. Schneider. (1999). *Vampires, Dragons, and Egyptian Kings: Youth Gangs in Postwar New York*. New Jersey: Princeton University Press. In *Criminal Justice Review* (2003), 27(2): 378-379.

PAPERS PRESENTED

American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, 15-16 November 2007

“Chains of Murder: Reciprocity and Dominance in Gang Homicide Networks.”

“The Lattice of Legitimacy: The Influence of Offender Networks on Perceptions of Justice”

American Sociological Association, New York, 10-14 August 2007.

“Is Murder Transitive? Balance and Hierarchy in Gang Murder Networks.”

“The Structural and Cultural Dynamics of Neighborhood Violence.” (with David Kirk)

American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, 1-4 November 2006.

“Criminal Capital: The Influence of Offender Networks on Illegal Gun Markets and Perceptions of Neighborhood Social Order” (with Jeffrey Fagan and Tracey Meares).

“Balance and Hierarchy in Gang Murder Networks”

American Sociological Association, Montreal, 11 August 2006.

“Murder Markets: Network Contagion and the Social Structure of Gang Homicide in Chicago.”

Law and Society Association, Baltimore, 7 July 2006

“Attention Felons: Evaluating Project Safe Neighborhoods in Chicago.” (with Tracey Meares and Jeffrey Fagan).

American Society of Criminology, Toronto, 15-18 November 2005

“Attention Felons: Evaluating Project Safe Neighborhoods in Chicago.” (with Tracey Meares and Jeffrey Fagan).

“Racial Disparities and Homicide: A Spatial Econometrics Approach.” (with David Kirk).

American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, 13-14 August 2005

“Is Murder Transitive?”

“Neighborhood Effects on Street Gang Behavior.” (with David Kirk).

Annual International Gang Specialist Training Conference, Chicago, 10-12 August 2005

“So, Does it Work? Program and Intervention Evaluation.”

“Spatial Analysis and Mapping for Gang Investigation and Research.”

“Gang Member Notification Meetings: Lessons from a Pulling Levers Strategy in Chicago.”

American Society of Criminology, Nashville, 16-20 November 2004

“Transitivity and the Structure of Gang Homicide.”

“Street Gangs and Collective Efficacy.” (with David Kirk).

American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 15 August 2004

“Murder as Interaction: The Social Structure of Gang Homicide in Chicago.”

American Society of Criminology, Denver, 21 November 2003

“The Social Structure of Gang Homicide in Chicago.”

International Gang Specialist Training Conference, Chicago, 6-8 August 2003

“The Vice Lords: A Case Study.”

“Gang Homicide in Chicago.”

“Mapping Gang Crime.”

American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, 8 November 2001

“The Evolution and Ecology of Black Street Gangs: The Case of the Gangster Disciples.”

INVITED TALKS (SINCE 2008)

Harvard University, Department of Sociology and African American Studies, Race, Culture, and Inequality Workshop. December 5, 2008

“Murder by Structure and Conflict by Culture: Networks and Status in Gang Research.” (with David Hureau, *Harvard*).

Ohio State University, Criminal Justice Research Center and Social Interactions Working Group of the Initiative of Population Research. January 30, 2008.

“Murder by Structure: Dominance Relations and the Social Structure of Gang Homicide in Chicago.”

University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Virtual Center for Supernetworks INFORMS Speaker Series. February 22, 2008.

“Murder Markets: Group Dominance and the Social Contagion of Violence.”

COURSES TAUGHT AT UMASS

Sociology of Law – Fall 2007

Social Networks and Analysis (Graduate Seminar) – Fall 2007

Juvenile Delinquency – Spring 2008

Criminology – Fall 2008

Crime, Deviance, and Social Control (Graduate Seminar) – Spring 2008

PRIOR TEACHING POSITIONS

ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY - Adjunct Instructor (2003 to 2005)

Courses Taught:

Social Inequality (Sociology/Political Science)

Social Organization and Social Control (Sociology/Political Science)

RICHARD J. DALEY COLLEGE – Adjunct Instructor (2001 to 2002)

Courses Taught:

Introduction to Sociology

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS – Research Partner, Northern District of Illinois

Project Manager (2002 to present)

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is a federally-funded initiative designed to bring federal, state, and local law enforcement together with researchers and community agencies to devise context-specific strategies for reducing gun violence. In Chicago, this has animated a community-level mobilization of social and legal institutions to stop the onset and spread of gun violence in targeted high-crime neighborhoods. The research component uses a quasi-experimental design to evaluate the treatment effects of multiple law enforcement and community-based gun violence reduction strategies. Responsibilities as Project Manager include: research design; collection of secondary data; participant observation of law enforcement and community activities; database creation and management; conducting semi-structured interviews with PSN actors; data analysis; and preparing reports and papers based on findings. (Principal Investigators: Jeffrey Fagan and Tracey Meares).

CHICAGO GUN PROJECT

Project Director (2005 to 2007)

The Chicago Gun Project applies a social network approach to the study of gun violence and gun markets. The project, which is currently in the field, will survey 200 gun offenders in four Chicago neighborhoods and is designed to examine how the social and criminal networks of gun offenders influence general patterns of gun use, the operation and maintenance of illicit gun markets, and respondents' perceptions of legal authority, legal cynicism, and procedural justice. Responsibilities as Project Director include: instrument design, sample management, interviewer supervision, and data cleaning and analysis. (Co-Principal Investigators: Jeffrey Fagan and Tracey Meares).

NATIONAL GANG CRIME RESEARCH CENTER

Director of Field Research (2000 to 2005)

Research Assistant (1998 to 1999)

The National Gang Crime Research Center (NGCRC) is a non-profit agency that promotes research on gangs in cooperation with federal, state, and local government agencies. In addition to primary data collection, the main goal of the NGCRC is the dissemination of reliable information about gangs through its peer-reviewed journal, consulting services, and annual training conference. Responsibilities as Research Assistant included: data entry and cleaning, collection of primary interview data, conference support, and preliminary data analysis. Responsibilities as Director of Field Research included: supervising existing field projects, preparing reports based on research findings, organizing the annual conference, and preparing funding proposals.

ABT ASSOCIATES, INC.

Survey Support Manager (2000 to 2002)

Survey Support Specialist (1999 to 2000)

Abt Associates is a for-profit government and business research consulting firm. From 1999 to 2002, I worked in the Division of Survey Research on the design and collection of complex survey research projects for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As Survey Support Manager, I managed all aspects of data collection on the National Immunization Survey, one of the largest longitudinal random digital dial surveys ever conducted. My duties included: sample management; direct supervision of 20 survey supervisors and 200 interviewers in three survey centers; instrument design and testing; monitoring of quality control systems; and presentation of data collection progress reports.

GRETA RESEARCH PROJECT

Research Assistant, Professor Irving Spergel (1998 to 1999)

The Gang Research, Evaluation, and Technical Assistance (GRETA) project involved the evaluation of OJJDP's Comprehensive, Community-wide Approach to Gang Prevention, Intervention, and Suppression Model. Duties as Research Assistant entailed: cleaning and coding of raw survey data; data entry; and database creation.

RESEARCH FUNDING & FELLOWSHIPS

"Network Dynamics and the Evolution of Organized Crime in Chicago, 1918 to 1998: A Pilot Study." University of Massachusetts, Amherst. University of Massachusetts, Amherst Faculty Research Grant and the College of Social and Behavioral Science Research Fund \$26,634. 2008-2009

"The Structural and Cultural Dynamics of Neighborhood Violence." National Institute of Justice 2008-9. Data Resources Program. \$34,997. Co-Investigator (with David S. Kirk).

"Public Housing Safety Initiative (PHSI), Chicago." Research Partner. Department of Justice and Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$24,000. 2006-2007

"The Chicago Gun Project – Pilot Study," Project Director (with PI's Jeffrey Fagan and Tracey Meares). Project Safe Neighborhoods, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, \$53,000, 2005-2006

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Chicago, \$15,000. 2005-2006

"Neighborhood Effects and Street Gang Behavior," Co-Principal Investigator (with David Kirk), National Science Foundation (No. SES-0215551), National Consortium of Violence Research, \$2,465, 2005-2006

National Consortium of Violence Research Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, National Science Foundation, \$6,000, 2003-2006

AWARDS & HONORS

Professor of the Year, 2008. Student Sociological Council. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Department of Sociology.

Hans Mattick Award for Best Member Publication 2002, Illinois Academy of Criminology

Fredric Milton Thrasher Award for Outstanding Gang Research 2001, National Gang Crime Research Center.

Phi Beta Kappa, Inducted 1998.

Jennifer Ellegood Award 1998, Department of Criminal Justice, Loyola University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Work

American Journal of Sociology, Associate Editor, 2006 to 2007

American Journal of Sociology, Book Review Board, 2003 to 2005

Occasional reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Gang Research*, *Criminology*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Sociology of Education*, *Social Science History*, and *Urban Affairs*

Service Work

Session Organizer for Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 2007. "Towards a Networked Criminology: Applying Social Network Analysis to the Study of Crime, Delinquency, and Violence."

Session Organizer for Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, November 2006. "Small Worlds, Social Control, and Delinquent Peers: Applying Social Network Analysis to the Study of Crime and Delinquency."

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association, International Network for Social Network Analysis, American Society of Criminology, The Law and Society Association, Illinois Academy of Criminology