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PRESENT POSITION

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, AMHERST – Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (beginning July 2007)

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

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

- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2007). "Is Murder Transitive? Reciprocity, Balance, and Hierarchy in Gang Homicide Networks." Under Review.
- Papachristos, Andrew V. (2007). "Murder by Structure: Dominance Relations and the Social Structure of Gang Homicide." Revise and Resubmit.
- Kirk, David S. and Andrew V. Papachristos. (2007). "Cops, Crime, and Cultural Codes: Situational Adaptation and the Influence of Legal Cynicism on Neighborhood Violence." Under Review.
- Mearns, Tracey L. and Andrew Papachristos. (2007) "Gun Control without Guns," working paper, Yale University Law School

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 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)

Annual Meeting of the 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).

Annual Meeting of the 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.”

COURSES TAUGHT

Sociology of Law

Social Networks and Analysis

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

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

CHICAGO GUN PROJECT

Project Director (2005 to present)

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. (Principal Investigators: Jeffrey Fagan and Tracey Meares).

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).

NATIONAL GANG CRIME RESEARCH CENTER

Director of Field Research (2000 to 2003)

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 Spiegel (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, & SCHOLARSHIPS

"The Structural and Cultural Dynamics of Neighborhood Violence." National Institute of Justice 2006 Data Resources Program. \$34,997. Co-Investigator (with David S. Kirk). Under Review.

"Public Housing Safety Initiative (PHSI), Chicago." Research Partner. Department of Justice and Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$24,000. May 2006 to September 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, October 2005 to October 2006.

Mellon Foundation Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Chicago, \$15,000. September 2005 to August 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, June 2005 to May 2006.

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

AWARDS & HONORS

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 present

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

Occasional reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*

Occasional reviewer for *Journal of Gang Research*

Occasional review for *Crime and Delinquency*

Occasional reviewer for *Sociology of Education*

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."

Associations

American Sociological Association

International Network for Social Network Analysis

American Society of Criminology

The Law and Society Association

Illinois Academy of Criminology

