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### **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. 2006 University of Washington, Department of Sociology.  
Dissertation Title: *Social (Dis)Organization and Racially Motivated Crime in Chicago*. Committee: Ross L. Matsueda (chair), Robert Crutchfield, Becky Pettit, Stewart Tolnay.
- M.A. 2002 University of Washington, Department of Sociology.  
Thesis Title: *Perceptions of Victims and Perpetrators of Bias Offenses: A Multilevel Factorial Survey Approach*. Committee: Ross L. Matsueda (chair), Judith Howard.
- B.A. 1996 Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo MI. *Magna cum Laude*.  
Honors in Sociology and Anthropology.

### **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

- 2006 – Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico  
2009 – Senior Fellow, UNM Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy

### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Criminology, deviance and social control, urban sociology and communities, social psychology, stratification

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Peer-reviewed articles:**

- Aki Roberts and Christopher J. Lyons. 2009. "Victim-Offender Racial Dyads and Clearance of Lethal and Non-Lethal Assault." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* (forthcoming)
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2008. "Defending Turf: Racial Demographics and Hate Crime Against Blacks and Whites." *Social Forces* 87(1): 357-385.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2008. "Individual Perceptions and the Social Construction of Hate Crime." *Social Science Journal* 45(1): 107-131.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2007. "Community (Dis)Organization and Racially Motivated Crime." *American Journal of Sociology* 113(3): 815-63.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2006. "Stigma or Sympathy: Attributions of Fault to Hate Crime Victims and Offenders." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 69(1): 39-59.

### **Book chapters:**

Pettit, Becky and Christopher J. Lyons. 2007. "Status and the Stigma of Incarceration: The Labor Market Effects of Incarceration by Race, Class, and Criminal Involvement." Pg. 203-226 in *Barriers to Reentry? The Labor Market for Released Prisoners in post-Industrial America*, edited by Shawn Bushway, Michael A. Stoll and David F. Weiman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

### **Other:**

Lyons, Christopher J. 2008. "Hate Crime." In *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*, edited by Roger Chapman. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe (in print).

### **PAPERS UNDER REVIEW**

Pettit, Becky and Christopher J. Lyons. "Incarceration, Employment and Wages over the Life Course." Revised and resubmitted, *Law and Society Review*.

Lyons, Christopher J. and Becky Pettit. "Compounded Disadvantage: Race, Incarceration, and Wage, Growth." *Social Forces*.

Kreager, Derek, Christopher J. Lyons, and Zachary Hays. "Condos, Coffeeshops and Crime: Urban Revitalization and Seattle Crime Trends." Revise and resubmit, *Social Problems*.

Hirsh, Beth and Christopher J. Lyons. "Social Status, Workplace Context, and Perceptions of Race Discrimination." Revise and resubmit, *Law and Society Review*.

### **WORK IN PROGRESS**

Lyons, Christopher J. and Aki Roberts. "Clearing Hate Crime: A Multilevel Event History Analysis of Incident and Contextual Factors."

Ross L. Matsueda, Christopher J. Lyons, and Stewart E. Tolnay. "A Multilevel Theory of Hate Crime."

Lyons, Christopher J. and Beth Hirsh. "Neighborhood Context and Perceptions of Group-level Racial Discrimination."

Velez, Maria B. and Christopher J. Lyons. "The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006)."

### **RESEARCH FUNDING**

"Criminal Justice Professionals' Attitudes Towards Offenders: Assessing the Link Between Global Orientations and Specific Attributions." Lisa Broidy (PI) and Christopher J. Lyons. (Submitted and under review) *Bureau of Justice Statistics/JRSA*. (\$50,000)

"Evaluating the Career Pathways Initiative." Lisa Broidy (PI) and Christopher J. Lyons. *Grant from New Mexico Department of Corrections*. March 2008-February 2009. (\$50,000).

“The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006).” Maria B. Velez (PI) and Christopher J. Lyons. *UNM Research Allocation Committee*, Sept 2008- 2009. (\$4,000, direct costs)

“The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006).” Maria B. Velez (PI) and Christopher J. Lyons. *UNM Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*, June 2008-August 2008. (\$10,000, direct costs)

“Employment Discontinuities and Wage Declines: Race Differences in the Cumulative Effects of Incarceration.” Christopher J. Lyons (PI) and Becky Pettit. *University of Michigan National Poverty Center*, May 2007 – August 2008. (\$15,000, direct costs)

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, September 2005 – May 2006. (\$15,000)

Graduate Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Washington. 2002. (\$300)

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2006 Excellence in Teaching as a Graduate Student, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
- 2004 Pass with Distinction, Major Examination in Deviance and Social Control, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
- 2003 Outstanding Performance for Masters of Arts Degree, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

- Velez, Maria B and Christopher J. Lyons. 2009. “The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006).” To be presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia.
- Aki Roberts and Christopher J. Lyons. 2008. “Victim-Offender Racial Dyads and Crime Clearance by Arrest.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Becky Pettit. 2008. “Employment Discontinuities and Wage Declines: Race Differences in the Cumulative Effects of Incarceration.” Paper presented at the National Poverty Center Workshop on Incarceration, Race, and Poverty, Ann Arbor.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Becky Pettit. 2008. “Employment Discontinuities and Wage Declines: Race Differences in the Cumulative Effects of Incarceration.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans.
- Kreager, Derek, Christopher J. Lyons, and Zachary Hays. 2007. “Condos, Coffeeshops and Crime: Urban Revitalization and Seattle Crime Trends.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta.
- Hirsh, Beth and Christopher J. Lyons. 2007. “Social Status, Workplace Context, and Perceptions of Race Discrimination.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- Ross L. Matsueda and Christopher J. Lyons. 2007. “A Multilevel Theory of Hate Crime.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2006. “The Difference Hate Makes: Comparing Hate and Non-Bias Crimes.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2006. “Community Economic and Social Capital and Racial Hate Crime in Chicago.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.

- Lyons, Christopher J. 2005. "Racial Composition and the Defense of Turf: Antiwhite and Antiblack Hate Crime in Chicago." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2004. "Community (Dis)Organization and Racially Motivated Crime." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville.
- Pettit, Becky and Christopher J. Lyons. 2003. "Labor Market Outcomes of Ex-inmates: Evidence from Washington State." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2003. "Status Asymmetry, Stigma, and Attributions of Fault to Victims and Offenders of Bias Crime." International Conference on Hate Crime/Hate Groups, for the International Colloquium for Vernacular Studies, Puebla, Mexico.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2002. "Perceptions of Victims and Perpetrators of Bias Offenses: A Multilevel Factorial Survey Approach." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2002. Race, Class and Multiple Experiences of Inequality. Session organizer with Denise Johnson. Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver B.C.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2002. Stigma, Race and Sexuality: Multiple Performances and Representations. Session organizer with Dan Renfrow. Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver B.C.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

- Lyons, Christopher J. 2007. "Racial Threat in Context: Community Dynamics, Racial Demographics, and Hate Crime in Chicago." Presented at the University of Washington Seminar on Deviance and Social Control.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Renee Delgado. 2008. "Mentor-Student Dynamics." McNair/ROP training seminar, University of New Mexico.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2009. "Data Collection and Analyses. McNair/ROP training seminar, University of New Mexico.

### **TEACHING**

Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico.

Undergraduate:

Soc 213: Sociology of Deviance. F '06

Soc 424. Race, Class, and Crime. Sp '07, F '07, F' 08

Soc 426. Drugs, Crime, and Social Control. Sp '07; F '07; Sp '08. F' 08

Graduate Seminars:

Soc 595: Communities, Race, and Crime; Sp '08

Undergraduate Mentoring

Renee Delgado, Ronald E. McNair Scholar (Faculty Mentor), F '06-S '08

-Currently graduate student in Ed Psych, still continuing research

Timoteo Serna, Research Opportunity Program Scholar (Faculty Mentor), Sp '09-present

Undergraduate Independent Study and Internship Advising

Kristen McPeck, Summer 2007

Graduate Independent Study

Sophia Hammet, Sp '08  
Elena Windsong, Summer '08

#### Graduate Student Advising

Jeff Nowacki  
Elena Windsong

#### Graduate Committees

Jeff Nowacki, MA committee member, F' 2007 - present. Prospectus defended  
Matt A'lessio (Department of Communications), MA committee member, F' 2007-S'-2008  
Kerry Edwards, PhD committee member. Summer 2007 - present. Prospectus defended

#### SERVICE

Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, Thomson-Wadsworth Publishing, University of New Mexico Press.

#### Department

- Criminology Task Force, Member. F '06 – present.
- Criminology Search Committee, Member. F '06; F '07.
- Executive Committee, Member. '07/08, '08/09
- Undergraduate Committee, Member. '07/08
- Graduate Committee, Member. '08/09

#### University

- Ronald E. McNair and Research Opportunity Scholars Program, Application Evaluator. F '07
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Awards Committee, Member. S '08

#### Professional Affiliations

- American Sociological Association
- American Society of Criminology