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Education

The Pennsylvania State University

University Park, Pennsylvania

Doctorate Degree: Crime, Law and Justice (December 2005)

Dissertation: Study of Hispanic Outcomes in U.S. Federal Courts

Abstract: The study focuses on Black Hispanic and White Hispanic outcomes (sentence length and incarceration vs. parole) in Federal Courts between the years 1997-2001. In addition, this study tests the effects of social context in the form of both racial and economic threat on sentencing outcomes. The findings from this study suggest the following conclusions: 1) Hispanic defendants receive significantly more punitive sentences for both sentence length and incarceration decisions, than do similar white defendants, controlling for relevant legal factors. 2) Black Hispanics and White Hispanics experience different levels of disparity for different sentencing outcomes. 3) Cross-level interactions showed that the effects of district characteristics such as amount of poverty or racial composition differ in strength and direction for different racial groups.

California State University San Marcos

San Marcos, California

Masters of Arts Degree: Sociological Practice (May 2000)

Thesis: Restorative Justice – The Effects of Race and Gender on the Court Mediation Process

University of California, San Diego

San Diego, California

Bachelor of Arts Degree: Sociology (1997)

Emphasis: Criminology, Sociological Theory and Social Problems

Teaching

<u>Fall Semester, 2013</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 325: Criminology	44	
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<u>Spring Semester, 2013</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 308: Morality and the Law	44	
Sociology 325: Criminology	44	
Sociology 695D: Independent Thesis Research (Supervision)	1	
Sociology 490: Law Enforcement & Media	35	

<u>Fall Semester, 2012</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 445: White Collar Crime	35	
Sociology 325: Criminology	43	

<u>Summer Semester, 2011</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 327: Law Enforcement	24	

<u>Spring Semester, 2012</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 308: Morality and the Law	44	
Sociology 325: Criminology	44	
Sociology 695D: Independent Thesis Research (Supervision)	1	

<u>Fall Semester, 2011</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 490: Crime Films and Society	33	
Sociology 325: Criminology	44	

Sociology 529: Criminological Theory & Practice	10	New Preparation
Sociology 690: Independent Thesis Proposal Preparation	1	
Sociology 695D: Independent Thesis Research (Supervision)	1	
Sociology 698C: Independent Research (Supervision)	1	

<u>Summer Semester, 2011</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 327: Law Enforcement	27	

<u>Spring Semester, 2011</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 445: White Collar Crime	34	
Sociology 325: Criminology	43	
Sociology 695D: Independent Thesis Research (Supervision)	1	
Soc 498A: Independent Study (Supervision)	1	

<u>Fall Semester, 2010</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 308: Morality and the Law	43	
Sociology 325: Criminology	43	
Sociology 690: Independent Thesis Proposal Preparation	1	
Sociology 515: Social Research Process	12	Team taught

<u>Summer Semester, 2010</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 327: Law Enforcement	30	New Preparation

<u>Spring Semester, 2009</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 308: Morality and the Law	44	New Preparation

Sociology 325: Criminology	43	
Sociology 495: Independent Study	1	

<u>Fall Semester, 2009</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 445: White Collar Crime	35	
Sociology 325: Criminology	45	
Sociology 495: Independent Study	1	
Sociology 515: Social Research Process	18	Team taught/ New preparation

<u>Summer Semester, 2009</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 445: White Collar Crime	30	

<u>Spring Semester, 2009</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 490: Crime Films and Society	33	New preparation
Sociology 325: Criminology	45	
Sociology 495: Independent Study	1	

<u>Fall Semester, 2008</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 360: Quantitative Research Methods	30	
Sociology 325: Criminology	45	
Sociology 445: White Collar Crime	35	Team taught

<u>Summer Semester, 2008</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 445: White Collar Crime	30	New preparation

<u>Spring Semester, 2008</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 360: Quantitative Research Methods	30	
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<u>Fall Semester, 2007</u>	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Other</u>
Sociology 360: Quantitative Research Methods	32	New preparation

Previous Teaching Experience

2005- *Assistant Professor - Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT*
2006

<u>Courses Taught</u>	
	<i>Criminal Justice 501: Proseminar in the Nature of Crime (Grad Class)</i>
	<i>Criminology 478: Special Topics: Victimless Crime</i>
	<i>Criminology 478: Special Topics: Crime Films and Society</i>
	<i>Criminology 435: Field Studies in Criminal Justice</i>
	<i>Criminology 322: Research Methods</i>
	<i>Criminology 301: Principles and Ethics in Criminal Justice</i>
	<i>Criminology 300: Criminology</i>
	<i>Criminology 133: Law Enforcement and Society</i>

Research/Scholarship/Creative Activities

Publications

2013	Atherton, Matthew "Teaching Criminological Theory through Film: Utilizing Popular Criminology in the Classroom" <i>Journal of Excellence in College Teaching</i> .
2012	Atherton, Matthew "Academic Preparedness of First-Generation College Students: Two Perspectives" <i>Journal of College Student Development</i> (Forthcoming 2015)
2012	Atherton, Matthew "Using Web-Based GIS Tools to Evaluate Spatial Aspects of Crime" <i>CSU Geospatial Review</i> , Vol. 10, Spring 2012.
2012	Atherton, Matthew "Tweeting Criminology: Using Twitter to Teach Criminological Theory." <i>The Criminologist</i>
2011	Atherton, Matthew "Narcissistic Youth? Using Composite Measures to Understand Entitlement." <i>Teaching Research Methods in Social Sciences</i> ed. Beth Skott
2010	Atherton, Matthew "Film Review: Gone Baby Gone." <i>Contemporary Justice Review</i>
2008	Atherton, Matthew "School Vouchers." <i>The Encyclopedia of Social Problems</i> , ed. Vincent N. Parrillo, Sage Publications, Inc.
2006	<i>Atherton, Matthew C. Review of Understanding Police Use of Force: Officers, Suspects, and Reciprocity. By Geoffrey P. Alpert & Roger G Dunham Contemporary Sociology.</i>

Under Review

2013	Atherton, Matthew "First-Generation Students: Financial Worries and Grad School Dreams" <i>Sociological Perspectives</i>

In Progress

2013	Atherton, Matthew, Clark-Ibáñez, Marisol "Characteristics of Latino Students: Explorations of Citizenship Status" (Tentative title)
2012	Atherton, Matthew, "Podcasting Sociology: Utilizing Dynamic Student-Generated Content in the Classroom"

Non-refereed Publications

2007 New Day Hartford Program Evaluation Annual Report, *Puerto Rican Forum*

Conference & Workshop Presentations (All activity completed at CSUSM noted by italics)

2013	<p><u>The Pacific Sociological Association 2013 Annual Meeting</u></p> <p>Teaching with Emerging Technology</p>
2011	<p><u>The Pacific Sociological Association 2011 Annual Meeting</u></p> <p>First-Generation Students: Financial Worries and Grad School Dreams</p>
2010	<p><u>The American Society of Criminology, 62nd Annual Meeting</u></p> <p>Teaching Criminological Theory through Film: Thinking Beyond Training Day</p>
2008	<p><u>The American Society of Criminology, 60th Annual Meeting</u></p> <p>Paper Title: Imprisonment in Brown and White: The Characteristics of Violent Offenders and Drug Offenders in Prison</p>
2007	<p><u>Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences</u></p> <p><i>Presentation Title: Outcomes and Attitudes of Participants in Prisoner Reentry Programs: Evaluation of Hartford's New Day Program</i></p>
2006	<p><u>Building Bridges II Conference, New Britain, CT</u></p> <p><i>Panelist on Building Bridges Pilot Site Presentation</i></p>
2006	<p><u>The American Society of Criminology, 58th Annual Meeting</u></p> <p><i>Poster Title: The Study of Hispanic Defendants in U.S Federal Courts: A Multilevel Analysis of Racial Sentencing Outcomes</i></p>
2005	<p><u>The American Society of Criminology, 57th Annual Meeting</u></p> <p><i>Paper Title The Study of Hispanic Defendants in U.S. Federal Courts</i></p>
2004	<p><u>The American Society of Criminology, 55th Annual Meeting</u></p> <p><i>(1) Chairperson - Session: Fear Threat and Criminal Justice</i></p> <p><i>(2) Presenter - Session: Fear Threat and Criminal Justice</i></p> <p><i>Paper Title: The Effects of Crime on Mediating Support for the Death Penalty</i></p>

Other Research Experience

2012-2013	Principle Investigator, Countering Pro-Marijuana Influences- Building Evaluation Capacity for Evidence-based Interventions
2005-2007	<i>Principle Investigator, New Day Hartford Program Evaluation, Central Connecticut State University</i>
2003	<i>Graduate Assistant to Dr. Lisa Miller, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania</i>
1999-2000	<i>Research Assistant, Social Behavioral Research Institute, San Marcos, California</i>
1998-2000	<i>Graduate Assistant to Dr. Kristin Bates, California State University, San Marcos, California</i>

Service (All activity completed at CSUSM noted by italics)**Service to Department**

2013	Chair Department Search Committee
2010-present	Faculty Advisor for Alpha Phi Sigma/ Criminology Club
2008-present	Criminology and Justice Studies Film Series – Created, distributed and analyzed surveys measuring student interest in a film series
2007-present	Criminology and Justice Studies Speaker Series – Co-facilitated the creation and organization of speaker series
2008-2012	Served as a member of the departmental MASP Committee
2011	Served as a member of the departmental faculty search committee

2009	Assisted in the search and interviewing of departmental ASAI position
2008	Criminology and Justice Studies Talking Justice Discussion Series - Co-facilitated the creation and organization of lunch-time discussion series
2007	Assisted in the search and interviewing of departmental ASAI position
2007	Criminology and Justice Studies Speaker Series – Co-facilitated the creation and organization of speaker series

Service to College

2011-2012	Served as member of CHABSS Transition Task Group
2011-present	Served as member of Building Occupancy Association

Service to University

2013 - 2015	Student Grievance Council
2013	Faculty Fellow for Teaching & Learning for the 21st Century Student
2012-2014	Faculty Member of Student Media Advisory Council
2007-Present	Faculty Mentoring Program - Mentor – Mentored and advised one-two undergraduate students per year
2013-2015	Academic Senate – served as a CHABBS Senator
2009-2013	Student Reinstatement Review Committee
2009	Academic Senate – served as a COAS Senator
2009	Student Reinstatement Review Committee

2007	Institute for Social Justice and Equity – Participated in Planning Retreat
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Service to Field

2008	Reviewed manuscript for Sociological Forum Journal
2008	Served in an editorial capacity for a special issue of National Women’s Studies Association Journal: “Women and Criminal Justice: Policing Prosecutions and Incarceration

Other Professional Experience

2000- 2001	<i>Social Behavioral Research Institute, San Marcos, California</i> <i>Field Research Coordinator</i>
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Professional Organizations

Member - American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division on People of Color & Crime

Member – Pacific Sociological Association