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EDUCATION

- 2004-2007 Ph.D. in Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University
Committee: Darrell Steffensmeier (chair), Barrett A. Lee, Jeffery T. Ulmer, Eric Silver, Jim Eisenstein
Dissertation Title: *Race/Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Violence: Moving Beyond Black-White Comparisons Toward an Understanding of Hispanic Violence*
- 2002-2004 M.A. in Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University
Committee: Darrell Steffensmeier (chair), Eric Silver, and Jeffery T. Ulmer
Thesis Title: *Race/Ethnic Patterns of Violent Crime: Differences and Trends in Violent Crime Arrests among Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics, 1980-1999*
- 1997-2001 B.S. in Psychology and Sociology with honors (Summa Cum Laude), Ohio State University

AREAS OF INTEREST

Criminology (*Major Concentration*), Quantitative Methods (*Minor Concentration*)
Other Areas: Race/Ethnicity, Immigration, Stratification, Demography, Sentencing and the Courts

PUBLICATIONS

- Steffensmeier, Darrell and Ben Feldmeyer. 2006. "Are Girls More Violent Today than a Generation Ago? Probably Not." *Sociological Viewpoints* 22:71-100.
- Ruback, R. Barry, Stacy N. Hoskins, Alison C. Cares, and Ben Feldmeyer. 2006. "Perception and Payment of Economic Sanctions: A Survey of Offenders." *Federal Probation* 70:26-31.
- Feldmeyer, Ben and Darrell Steffensmeier. 2007. "Elder Crime: Patterns and Trends, 1980-2004." *Research on Aging* 29:297-322.
- Schwartz, Jennifer, Darrell Steffensmeier, and Ben Feldmeyer. 2009. "Gender and Violence: Trends in Adult Male and Female Violence, 1980-2004." *Social Problems* 56:494-525.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2009. "Does Immigration Increase Violence? The Offsetting Effects of Immigration on Hispanic Violence." *Social Science Research* 38:717-731.
- Feldmeyer, Ben and Darrell Steffensmeier. 2009. "Immigration and Homicide: A Comparison Across Race/Ethnicity." *Homicide Studies* 13:211-226.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2010. "Steffensmeier, Darrell J. and Jeffery Ulmer: The Professional Fence." In *The Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*, F. Cullen and P. Wilcox (eds.). Sage.
- Steffensmeier, Darrell, Jeffery T. Ulmer, Ben Feldmeyer, and Casey T. Harris. 2010. "Scope and Conceptual Issues in Testing the Race-Crime Invariance Thesis: Black, White, and Hispanic Comparisons." *Criminology* 48:1133-1169.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2010. "Segregation and Violence: Comparing the Effects of Residential Segregation on Latino and Black Violence." *The Sociological Quarterly* 51:600-623.

Steffensmeier, Darrell, Jeffery T. Ulmer, Ben Feldmeyer, and Casey T. Harris. 2010. "Structural Correlates of Homicide: Black, White, and Hispanic Comparisons." *Proceedings of Homicide Research Working Group*.

Steffensmeier, Darrell, Ben Feldmeyer, Casey T. Harris, and Jeffery T. Ulmer. 2011. "Reassessing Trends in Black Violent Crime, 1980-2008: Sorting out the 'Hispanic Effect' in UCR Arrests, NCVS Offenders Estimates, and U.S. Prisoner Counts." *Criminology* 49:197-251.

Feldmeyer, Ben and Jeffery T. Ulmer. 2011. "Racial/Ethnic Threat and Federal Sentencing." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 48:238-270.

Price, Carmel E. and Ben Feldmeyer. 2011. "The Environmental Impact of Immigration: An Analysis of Immigration Effects on Air Pollution Levels." *Population Research and Policy Review*. (Conditional Acceptance)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Feldmeyer, Ben and Darrell Steffensmeier. "Racial/Ethnic Composition and Violence: Size-of-Place Variations in %Black and %Latino Effects on Violence Rates." *Social Forces* (Under Review)

Feldmeyer, Ben and Wanjun Cui. "Asian Violent Crime: A Test of Social Control, Social Disorganization, and Anomie/Strain Theories." (To be submitted to the *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*).

Ulmer, Jeffery T., Casey T. Harris, Darrell Steffensmeier, and Ben Feldmeyer. "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Structural Disadvantage and Crime: White, Black, and Hispanic Comparisons." (To be submitted to *Social Science Quarterly*, 2011).

Feldmeyer, Ben, Casey T. Harris, and Jennifer Scroggins. "Immigrant Isolation and Violence: Assessing how the Spatial Distribution of Immigrants Shapes Violence." (To be submitted to *Social Science Research*, Summer 2011)

Steffensmeier, Darrell and Ben Feldmeyer. "Race/Ethnic Trends in Serious Violence and Property Crime Arrests, 1980-2005."

Harris, Casey T. and Ben Feldmeyer. "Recent Hispanic Immigration and Violent Crime in Traditional and Non-Traditional Destinations." (To be submitted to *Sociological Quarterly*)

Steffensmeier, Darrell and Ben Feldmeyer. "Elderly Homicide Patterns by Race-Ethnicity and Gender." (To be submitted to *Homicide Studies*)

Harris, Casey T. and Ben Feldmeyer. "The Geography of Immigration and Crime: Where and How Is the Concentration of Immigrants Related to Violence?" (To be submitted to *Sociological Inquiry*).

Feldmeyer, Ben, Casey T. Harris, and Darrell Steffensmeier. "Immigration Effects on Violence across Age: Comparing Juvenile Versus Adult Outcomes." (To be submitted to *Criminology*)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND FUNDING

2011 Feldmeyer, Ben and Darrell Steffensmeier. "Immigration Effects on Drug and Alcohol Offending? A Longitudinal Analysis of Aggregated-Level Effects of Immigrant Concentration on Juvenile and Adult Drug/Alcohol Arrest Rates, 1980-2010." Proposal in preparation for the *National Institute on Drug Abuse* (\$540,000 – Under Review).

- 2010 Feldmeyer, Ben. “Does Immigration Increase Drug and Alcohol Offending? A Longitudinal Analysis of Immigrant Concentration on Juvenile and Adult Drug/Alcohol Arrest Rates, 1980-2010.” Proposal for *UTK Grant Writing Institute*. (approximately \$10,000).
- 2009 Feldmeyer, Ben and Darrell Steffensmeier (Co-principal investigator). “Immigration Flows and Common-Law Person and Property Crime: Cross-Sectional and Time-Series Analyses of Immigration’s Effects on Race/Ethnic-Disaggregated Rates of Violent and Property Crime (Total, White, Black, Latino) Across Diverse Localities, 1990-2005.” Proposal to *National Science Foundation*. (\$271,304 - Not Funded).
- 2008 Feldmeyer, Ben. “Immigration and Violent Crime: Cross-Sectional and Time-Series Analysis of Effects of Immigration on Race-Ethnic Disaggregated Rates of Violence (Total, White, Black, Hispanic) Across Diverse Localities, 1990-2005.” Proposal for *University of Tennessee Chancellor’s Grant for Faculty Research*. (\$5000 – Not Funded).
- 2007 Penn State Alumni Association Dissertation Award (\$5000)
- 2006 Penn State College of the Liberal Arts Dissertation Support Grant (\$4000)
- 2006 Joan Huber and William Form Graduate Scholarship in Sociology - Penn State (\$2500)
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HONORS, AWARDS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2011 University of Tennessee, Quest Scholar of the Week
- 2010 University of Tennessee, College of Arts and Sciences Advising Award
- 2007 Penn State Alumni Association Dissertation Award – given in recognition of “outstanding achievement in scholarship and professional accomplishment.” Considered to be “among the most prestigious (awards) available to Penn State graduate students.”
- 2007 Second Place – 22nd Annual Penn State Graduate Exhibition in Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 2007 Quantitative Methodology Certification – Department of Sociology, Penn State University
- 2005 The Department of Sociology Excellence in Teaching Award - Penn State University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Harris, Casey T. and Ben Feldmeyer. 2011. “Hispanic Immigration and White, Black, and Hispanic Violent Crime: Traditional and Non-Traditional Immigrant Destinations” To be Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Feldmeyer, Ben, Casey T. Harris, and Jennifer Scroggins. 2011. “Immigrant Concentration and Violence: Does the Spatial Distribution of Immigration Matter?” To be Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Steffensmeier, Darrell and Ben Feldmeyer. 2011. “Elderly Homicide Patterns by Race-Ethnicity and Gender.” To be Presented at the Homicide Working Group Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Kirkpatrick, Katherine, William Taylor, and Ben Feldmeyer. 2011. “Methods and Goals of Teaching Social Justice.” To be Presented at the Social Justice and the University Conference, Knoxville, TN.

- Cui, Wanjun, Jennifer Scroggins, and Ben Feldmeyer. 2010. "Immigrant Status and Self-Reported Adolescent Delinquency." To be Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Scroggins, Jennifer, Wanjun Cui, and Ben Feldmeyer. 2010. "Effects of Immigrant Status on Adolescent Violent Victimization." To be Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Feldmeyer, Ben and Jennifer Scroggins. 2010. "Immigrant Isolation and Violence: An Assessment of the Spatial Distribution of Immigration and Its Effects on Violent Arrest Rates." To be Presented at the Southern Demographic Association Meeting, Knoxville, TN.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2010. "Immigration Effects on Homicide Offending for Total and Race/Ethnicity-Disaggregated Populations (White, Black, and Latino)." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2009. "Can Structural Disadvantage (or other Structural Characteristics) Explain Effects of %Black or %Hispanic on Violence Rates: An Elaboration and Empirical Test of the Racial Invariance Assumption." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Steffensmeier, Darrell, Jeffery T. Ulmer, Ben Feldmeyer, and Casey Harris. 2009. "Scope and Conceptual Issues in Testing the Race-Crime Invariance Thesis: Black, White, and Hispanic Comparisons." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ulmer, Jeffery T., Darrell Steffensmeier, Casey Harris, and Ben Feldmeyer. 2009. "Explaining Black, White, and Hispanic Differences in Violent Arrest Rates." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Steffensmeier, Darrell, Jeffery T. Ulmer, Ben Feldmeyer, and Casey Harris. 2009. "Scope and Conceptual Issues in Testing the Race-Homicide Invariance Thesis." Presented at the Homicide Research Working Group Annual Conference, Amherst, MA.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2008. "Immigration and Violence: The Offsetting Effects of Immigrant Concentration on Hispanic Violence." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2007. "Segregation and Violence: Comparing the Effects of Residential Segregation on Latino and Black Violence." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Feldmeyer, Ben. 2006. "Race/Ethnicity and the Violence-Generating Process(es): A Comparison of the Structural Predictors of Black, White, and Hispanic Violence." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Kramer, John H., Carrie E. Williamson, Tara Williams, and Ben Feldmeyer. 2006. "Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Effectiveness of Drug and Alcohol Treatment under Pennsylvania Guidelines." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- Feldmeyer, Ben and Jeffery T. Ulmer. 2005. "Power Threat and Criminal Threat in Federal Sentencing: A Multi-Level Analysis of the Sources of Racial Threat." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.

Feldmeyer, Ben. 2004. "Race/Ethnic Patterns of Violent Crime: Differences and Trends in Violent Crime Arrests Among Whites, Blacks, and Hispanics, 1980-1999." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Ulmer, Jeffery T. and Ben Feldmeyer. 2004. "A Multilevel Examination of Relevant Conduct in Federal Criminal Case Processing." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Hoskins, Stacy N., Ben Feldmeyer, Alison C. Cares, and R. Barry Ruback. 2004. "Imposition and Payment of Economic Sanctions: A Multi-County Analysis." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Feldmeyer, Ben and Darrell Steffensmeier. 2003. "Race/Ethnic Patterns in Violent Crime: Separating Hispanic from White and Black Arrests for Violent Crime." Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Denver, CO.

INVITED/PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND GUEST LECTURES

"Living in the Shadows: Immigrant Experiences and Exploitation." October, 2010. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. A panel presentation and open forum discussion sponsored by the UT Sociological Graduate Students Association.

"The Academic Job Market" October, 2010. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Presented with Lois Presser for the Department of Sociology Graduate Colloquium.

"Blind Justice - Perspectives on the American Legal System." March, 2010. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Moderator for an open forum discussion hosted by Amnesty International and the Center for the Study of Social Justice.

"Immigration and Violence: An Analysis of Immigration-Crime Relationships across Place and Race/Ethnicity." September, 2009. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Presented at the Center for the Study of Social Justice Colloquium Series.

"Immigration and Violence: The Offsetting Effects of Immigrant Concentration on Hispanic Violence." December, 2008. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Presented for the Department of Sociology Graduate Colloquium.

"How to Publish Academic Work." October 15th, 2008. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Presented with Lois Presser for the Department of Sociology Graduate Colloquium.

"Social Justice, Race/Ethnicity, Crime, and Punishment." November 1st, 2007. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Presentation for the Department of Sociology, Social Justice and Public Policy Class (Soc 506).

"Studying Violence across Race/Ethnicity and the Path from ABD to Assistant Professor." September 26th, 2007. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Presentation for the Department of Sociology Graduate Colloquium.

"Images of Race, Justice, and Power Structures in America." September 25th, 2007. The University of Tennessee – Knoxville. Presentation and panel discussion hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2010 Sociology 599: Independent Study – Immigration and Crime (1 student)
2009 Sociology 505: Foundations of Criminology
2008 Sociology 452: Race/Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice
2008-11 Sociology 331: Social Research

- 2007-11 Sociology 350: Criminology
 2005 Sociology 207: Research Methods in Sociology (Penn State University)
 2004 Sociology 012: Introduction to Criminology (Penn State University)

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2007-10 *Assistant Professor of Sociology* – University of Tennessee
- 2005-07 *Graduate Research Assistant* for Dr. Darrell Steffensmeier
- 2004-05 *Graduate Research Assistant*. “Uncharted Territory: A Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of Interdistrict Variation in the Federal Criminal Justice System.” National Science Foundation. John Kramer, Jeffery T. Ulmer, and Jim Eisenstein.
- 2003-04 *Graduate Research Assistant*. “Evaluation of Best Practices in Restitution and Victim Compensation Orders and Payments.” Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency. R. Barry Ruback, Principal Investigator.
- 2002-03 *Graduate Research Assistant*. “Nutrition Education Needs of the Rural Elderly: Development of an Assessment Tool.” Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, USDA. David R. Johnson, Principal Investigator.
- 2001-02 *Case Manager*. Southeast Community Mental Health Center. Columbus, OH.
- 2001-02 *Intern*. Security Threat Group Task Force on Prison Gangs, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE (DEPARTMENT, COLLEGE, & UNIVERSITY)

University of Tennessee

- 2011- Arts and Sciences Advising Services Assistant Director Search Committee Member
 2010-11 UT Scholarly Communications Committee Member
 2010-11 Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Coordinator
 2008-11 Undergraduate Program Committee Member
 2008-11 Research Methods Exam Committee Member
 2008-10 Academic Advisor for the College of Arts and Sciences Office – Sociology representative

Penn State University

- 2006-07 Crime, Law, and Justice Graduate Student Selection Committee
 2005-07 Department of Sociology Student Travel Committee
 2005-06 Crime, Law, and Justice Search Committee for New Faculty Hiring
 2003-06 MOST Committee – Undergraduate Recruitment of Minority Students Subcommittee (Chair)
 2002-03 Graduate Student Association – Department of Sociology Representative

SERVICE ON Ph.D., M.A., and EXAM COMMITTEES

Doctoral Committees

Lori Farney. (In progress). (Chair)

Wanjun Cui. (In progress). (Committee Member)

Beth Easterling. (In progress). (Committee Member)

Robert Keaton. (In progress). (Committee Member)

Jennifer Scroggins. (In progress). (Committee Member)

Sarah Whiteford. (Defended August, 2010). “Adolescent Female Substance Use: An Examination of

Male Peer Influences.” (Committee Member)

Gina Benedict. (Defended August, 2009). “Giving Back Not Giving Up: Generativity Among Older Female Inmates.” (Committee Member)

M.A. Thesis Committees

Christine Cummings. (In progress). “Deviance in Virtual Communities.” (Committee Member)

Rahim Manji. (To Defend, April 2011). “Passivity: Bystanding Through the Lens of Criminological Theory.” (Committee Member)

Larry Long. (In progress). “Educational Stereotypes and Criminal Culpability.” (Committee Member)

Research Methods Qualifying Exam Committees

Landon Bevier. 2010. (Committee Member)

Meghan Conley. 2010. (Committee Member)

Aaron Rowland. 2010. (Committee Member)

Shannon Williams. 2010. (Committee Member)

Katie Kirkpatrick. 2010. (Committee Member)

Wanjun Cui. 2009. (Committee Member)

Sarah Hendricks. 2009. (Committee Member)

Sarah Malley. 2009. (Committee Member)

James Maples. 2009. (Committee Member)

Jennifer Scroggins. 2009. (Committee Member)

Andrew Gunnoe. 2008. (Committee Member)

Specialty Exam Committees

Rob Keeton. (2011 – in progress). Criminology Specialty Exam. (Committee Member)

Wanjun Cui. (2011 – in progress). Criminology Specialty Exam. (Chair)

Jennifer Scroggins. (2011 – in progress). Criminology Specialty Exam. (Committee Member)

Sarah Whiteford. 2009. Criminology Specialty Exam. (Committee Member)

Gina Benedict. 2008. Criminology Specialty Exam. (Committee Member)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Member

American Sociological Association

American Society of Criminology

Southern Sociological Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Southern Demographic Association

- 2010 Local Arrangements Committee Member

Fellow

Center for the Study of Social Justice, University of Tennessee – Knoxville

-Division of Crime and Deviance – Chair

-Division of Migration and Refugee Studies – Member

Reviewer

American Sociological Review

Criminology

Homicide Studies

Journal of Quantitative Criminology

Journal of Criminal Justice

Social Forces

Social Inquiry

Social Science Research