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# ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2023 to Current	Assistant Professor, School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati Affiliations: Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology, University of Washington
2021 to 2023	Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Oklahoma
2020 to 2021	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Whitman College

# **EDUCATION**

2020 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Washington Committee: Sarah Quinn (Co-Chair), Callie Burt (Co-Chair), Jerald Herting, Robert Crutchfield, and Darryl Holman

Concentration in Social Science Statistics, Center for Statistics in the Social Science

- 2016 M.A. Sociology, University of Washington Committee: Ross Matsueda (Chair), Jerald Herting, and Darryl Holman
- 2014 B.A. Sociology and Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, University of Illinois at Chicago

#### **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Street Gangs, Crime and Delinquency, Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Digital Social Sciences, Mixed Methods

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

JOURNAL ARTICLES (\*indicates graduate student co-author)

- Hsaio, Yuan, John Leverso (Equal contribution and listed alphabetically), and Andrew Papachristos (Forthcoming). "The Corner, the Crew, and the Digital Street: Multiplex networks of gang online-offline conflict dynamics." *American Sociological Review*.
- Pyrooz, David C., **John Leverso**, James A. Densley and Jose Sanchez\* (Forthcoming). "Gang membership in developmental and life course perspective." *Annual Review of Criminology*

- Leverso, John, Rin Ferraro\*, April Fernandes and Jerald Herting (2023). "Life Course Trajectories of Offending and Mental Health Among Justice Involved Youth." *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*.
- Leverso, John, and Chris Hess. (2021) "From the Hood to the Home: Masculinity Maturation of Chicago Street Gang Members." *Sociological Perspectives*.

Featured in the Society Pages https://thesocietypages.org/discoveries/2022/04/07/agingand-manhood-among-gang-members/

Winner of the SSSP Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division Student Paper Award, 2018.

- Leverso, John, and Kate K. O'Neill. (2021) "Youth Gangs and Victimization: An investigation of the impact of gang dynamics on experiences of victimization." *Deviant Behavior*.
- Leverso, John, and Yuan Hsiao. (2021) "Gangbangin On The [Face]Book: Understanding Online Interactions of Chicago Latina/o Gangs." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.
- Leverso, John, and Ross L. Matsueda. (2019) "Gang Organization and Gang Identity: An Investigation of Enduring Gang Membership." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.
- McCoy, Henrika, **John Leverso**, and Elizabeth A. Bowen. (2016) "What the MAYSI-2 Can Tell Us About Anger–Irritability and Trauma." *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* 60(5):555-574.
- Leverso, John, William Bielby, and Lynette F. Hoelter. (2015) "Back on the streets: Maturation and risk factors for recidivism among serious juvenile offenders." *Journal of Adolescence* 41:67-75.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND BOOKS UNDER CONTRACT (\*indicates graduate student co-author)

- Leverso, John, Cyrus Schleifer and David C. Pyrooz. "Mental Health and Gang Disengagement: A Stress Process Perspective."
- Leverso, John, Ming Ming Chiu, Jeong-Nam Kim, Chong-Hyun Park, Yu Won Oh and Hyelim Lee\*. "The Darkside of the Moon: Understanding Social Media Interactions of Gang Members.".
- Hess, Christian, and **John Leverso**. "It depends where you are at: Understanding the varying relationships between neighborhood gentrification with gang presence and practices in Chicago"

Lee, Sou, and John Leverso. "You In or Out?: Reflecting on Positionality in Gang Research"

OTHER WRITING

- Pyrooz, David C., James A. Densley and **John Leverso** (Editors). In Production, Expected 2023. Handbook on Gangs. Oxford University Handbooks Series in Criminology.
- Papachristos, Andrew V., **John Leverso** and David Hureau. *Forthcoming*. "A Relational Approach to Street Gangs." In *Handbook on Gangs. Oxford University Handbooks Series in Criminology*, edited by Pyrooz, David C., James A. Densley and **John Leverso**. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.
- Leverso, John. 2021. Review of Alt-Right Gangs: a hazy shade of white (2020) by Reid and Valasik for *Social Forces*.
- Leverso, John. 2018. Review of The Neighborhood Has Its Own Rules: Latinos and African-Americans in South Los Angeles (2016) by Cid Gregory Martinez for *Race and Justice*.
- McCoy, Henrika, Joshua P. Mersky, **John Leverso**, and Elizabeth A. Bowen. 2014. "Risk assessment with juvenile offenders." Pp. 387-411 in *Juvenile justice sourcebook*, edited by W. T. Church II, D. W. Springer, and A. R. Stone. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

# **GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2021	Faculty Investment Program, Vice President for Research, The University of Oklahoma, \$14,973. <i>Exploring Gang Interactions on the Digital and Geographic</i>
	Street: A Study of Chicago Latinx Gangs.
2015-2019	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle. \$130,000.
2019	National Medal of Museum and Library Science, Chosen to accept the National Medal on behalf of Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.
2018	Department of Sociology Graduate Research Grant, University of Washington, Seattle. \$2,000.
2018	Winner, SSSP Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division Student Paper Award.
2017	Outstanding Masters Thesis Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle.
2015	Department of Sociology Graduate Research Grant, University of Washington, Seattle. \$900.
2014-2015	Top Scholar Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle. \$40,000.
2014-2015	Schrag Endowment Fellowship Award, University of Washington, Seattle. \$4,000.
2014	Patrick Juris Memorial Award. Outstanding Performance in Sociology, University of Illinois, Chicago.
2014	Honors College Award. Outstanding Research Performance, University of Illinois, Chicago.
2014	Elected Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Illinois, Chicago.
2014	Summa Cum Laude, Honors College, Highest Distinction in Sociology and Distinction in Psychology, University of Illinois, Chicago.
2013	Honors Council Award, Outstanding Research Performance, University of
2012	Illinois, Chicago. Member, Golden Key International Honor Society, University of Illinois, Chicago.
2012-2014	Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award, University of Illinois, Chicago.
2012-2014	Dean's List, University of Illinois, Chicago.
2008	Honors Graduate, Lincoln Trail College.

2007-2008	CEO's Honors List, Lincoln Trail College.
2006-2007	President's List, Lake Land College.

# **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (\*indicates graduate student co-author; +indicates undergraduate co-author)

- Ferraro, Rin\* **John Leverso**, April Fernandes and Jerald Herting. 2022. "Life Course Trajectories of Offending and Mental Health Among Justice Involved Youth." (November).
- Schwartz, Bria\*, John Leverso and Cyrus Schleifer. 2022. "Pulling the Short Straw: The Intersection of Girls, Gangs, & Juvenile Detention." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Doyle, Margot \* and **John Leverso**. 2022. "Girls, Gangs and the Digital Street: Understanding Online Interactions of Women/Girls Involved in Gangs." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Leverso, John and Cyrus Schleifer. 2022. "Mental Health and Gang Disengagement: A Stress Process Perspective." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November).
- O'Neill, K. Kate **and John Leverso** 2022. "Bargaining with Gang Patriarchy in the Digital Streets: Girls in Gangs Online." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Leverso, John, Meredith Worthen and Chris Hess. 2022. "Gay gang slurs and misogyny off the streets and on Facebook." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November). American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Leverso, John, David Schwager, Miranda Sitney, Wende Jackson, Jennifer Roark, and Erika Preuitt. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Gang Involvement from Fathers to Sons. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Leverso, John, Yuan Hsiao, and Andrew Papachristos. 2021. "Investigating the Relationship between Gang Interactions Online and Offline Violent Events." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November).
- Hess, Chris and **John Leverso**. 2021. "Changing Geography of Chicago Street Gangs from 2004 to 2018." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (November).
- Leverso, John and Christian Hess. 2019. "Masculinity Across the Life Course of Long-Term Gang Members." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY (August).
- Leverso, John. 2019. "Understanding Changes in Solidarity among Gang Members: A Case Study of Chicago's Latino Gangs." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA (November).

- Lewi, Anna and **John Leverso**. 2018. "Incarceration Aftermath: The Effects of Serving Time on Transitioning Out of Gang Life." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Tan, Zu, Zinyang, **John Leverso** and Christian Hess. 2018. "Gentrification and Gangs: Impacts Gang Relations and Vernacular." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Jeon, Grace\*, Lauren Sabbatani\*, and **John Leverso**. 2018. "Gangs and Social Media: Analyzing the Online Communications of Gang Members." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Leverso, John and Christian Hess. 2018. "From the Hood to the Home: Masculinity Reformation of Chicago Street Gang Members" Critical Dialogue Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA (August).
- Martinez, Cid. Author Meets Critics: Waverly Duck, **John Leverso**, and Maria Beatriz Velez. 2017. "The Neighborhood Has Its Own Rules: Latinos and African Americans in South Los Angeles." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA (November).
- Leverso, John. 2016. Tell Me Who You Hang With and I'll Tell You What You Are: Gang Organization, Identity, and Desistance." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA (November).
- Leverso, John and Christian Hess. 2015. "It's been fun now I'm done: Desistance Trajectories of Chicago Street Gang Members." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C. (November).
- Leverso, John, and William T. Bielby. 2014. "Back on the Streets: Maturation and Risk Factors for Recidivism among Serious Juvenile Offenders." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (August).
- Leverso, John. 2014. "The Effects of Adolescence on Future Criminal Offending in Serious Juvenile Offenders." Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA (February).

# **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Professor	School of Criminal Justice, The University of Cincinnati
	Qualitative Methods, Graduate Level
Professor	Department of Sociology, The University of Oklahoma
	Qualitative Methods, Graduate Level Social Statistics The Sociology of the Urban Street Gang
Professor	Department of Sociology, Whitman College

Social Statistics A Sociological Approach to Urban Street Gangs The Sociology of Crime and Delinquency Race, Class, and the Criminal Justice System in the United States

Instructor Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle

Introduction to Social Statistics The Sociology of Urban Street Gangs

# **SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

#### **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association Society for the Study of Social Problems American Society of Criminology

#### **Service Activities**

2021 – Current	Service as an expert witness on criminal cases
2020	Organizer, Graduation celebration for formerly incarcerated students
2010-2013	Motivational Speaker, Illinois Prison System
2012	Assistant Peer Educator
2011	Organizer, Domestic Violence Prevention Fund 5k
2008-2012	Tutor, Illinois Prison System
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