

SOCIOLOGY 003  
DEVIANCE AND SOCIAL CONTROL

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*"At the core of sociology are an assumption and a suspicion. The assumption is that values, institutions, and social structures are central to human behavior--in other words, that human behavior departs substantially from rational choice or simple utility maximization. The suspicion is that things are not always quite what they seem or as simple as they seem to be--this is what ....[is] called the debunking motif of sociology" (Marshall Meyer. 1999. Contemporary Sociology 28:509).*

**REQUIRED READINGS**

The following books are required for this course. They are available at House of Our Own bookstore: 3920 Spruce St. (215-222-1576).

Devos Kelly & Edward Clarke, eds., *Deviant Behavior* (6<sup>th</sup> Ed.)  
Jay MacLeod, *Ain't No Makin' It*  
Katherine Beckett and Theodore Sasson, *The Politics of Injustice*.  
Leonard Beeghley, *Homocide: A Sociological Explanation*  
William Staples, *Everyday Surveillance*

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**INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF DEVIANCE**

Wednesday, September 8

Friday, September 10

***Why Theories of Deviance Matter: Social Scientific Insight into the Abuse at Abu Ghraib***

Zimbardo, Philip, "The Pathology of Imprisonment," pp. 287-292 in James M. Henslin, ed., *Down to Earth Sociology*. (7<sup>th</sup> Edition) [BB]

Meyer, Philip, "If Hitler Asked You to Electrocute a Stranger, Would You? Probably," pp. 165-171 in James M. Henslin, ed., *Down to Earth Sociology*. (7<sup>th</sup> Edition) [BB]

Gwynne Dyer, "Anybody's Son Will Do" pp. 153-164 in Ferguson, ed., *Mapping the Social Landscape*. [BB]

Monday, September 13

**Early Theories of Deviance**

Cesare Lombroso and William Ferraro, *The Female Offender*, (1989), pp. 27-35, 76-81, 103-114. [BB]

*Kelly & Clarke:*

(1) Jack Gibbs, "Conceptions of Deviant Behavior: The Old and the New"

**THE FUNCTIONALIST PERSPECTIVE**

Wednesday, September 15

**Basic Theoretical Points**

*Kelly & Clarke:*

(7) Emile Durkheim, "The Normal and the Pathological"

(8) Kai Erikson, "On the Sociology of Deviance"

Friday, September 17

**Historical Case Study**

Kai Erikson, *Wayward Puritans*, 33-64. [BB]

Monday, September 20

**Contemporary Case Study**

Steven Nock, *The Costs of Privacy*, pp. 17-41, 109-131. [BB]

**OPPORTUNITY THEORY**

Wednesday, September 22

**Basic Theoretical Points**

*Kelly & Clarke:*

(14) Robert Merton, "Social Structure and Anomie"

(15) John M. Hagedorn, "Homeboys, Dope Fiends, Legits, and New Jocks"

Friday, September 24

**Contemporary Case Study**

Jeffrey A. Butts and Jeremy Travis "The Rise and Fall of American Youth Violence: 1980 to 2000," Urban Institute Report. [BB-external links]

**THE CULTURAL TRANSMISSION MODEL**

Monday, September 27

**Basic Theoretical Points**

Edwin Sutherland and Donald Cressey, "Differential Association Theory," pp. 41-43 in Alex Thio and Thomas Calhoun, eds., *Readings in Deviant Behavior*. [BB]

*Kelly & Clarke:*

(12) Gresham M. Sykes and D. Matza, "Techniques of Neutralization: A Theory of Delinquency."

(13) Donald L. McCabe, "The Influence of Situational Ethics on Cheating Among College Students."

See also: "Cultural Transmission Example" in BB-External Links

**CASE STUDY: ASSESSING COMPETING THEORIES**

Wednesday, September 29

Jay MacLeod, *Ain't No Makin' It*, pp. 25-111.

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**IN-CLASS EXAM**

Friday, October 1

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**MARXIST THEORIES OF DEVIANCE**

Monday, October 4

**Basic Theoretical Points**

*Kelly & Clarke:*

(5) Steven Spitzer, "The Production of Deviance in Capitalist Society."

(10) Jeffrey Reiman, "A Radical Perspective on Crime."

Wednesday, October 6

**Revisiting the Hallway Hangers**

Jay MacLeod, *Ain't No Makin' It*, pp. 155-238.

**SOCIAL CONTROL THEORY**

Friday, October 8

**Basic Theoretical Points**

*Kelly and Clarke:*

(16) Travis Hirschi, "A Control Theory of Delinquency."

(17) Neal Shover and David Honaker, "The Socially Bounded Decision Making of Persistent Property Offenders."

Monday, October 11

**Contemporary Case Study**

William Bennett, John J. DiIulio, Jr., and John P. Walters, *Body Count*, pp. 18-38. [BB]

**THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF DEVIANCE**

Wednesday, October 13

**Basic Theoretical Points**

Stephen Hilgartner and Charles Bosk, "The Rise and Fall of Social Problems: A Public Arena Model," *American Journal of Sociology* 94, (1), July 1988: 53-78. [BB]

Friday, October 15

**Social Construction from the Top-Down**

*Kelly and Clarke:*

(3) Howard Becker, "Moral Entrepreneurs: The Creation and Enforcement of Deviant Categories."

(19) Frank Tannenbaum, "Definitions and the Dramatization of Evil."

(29) Albert J. Meehan, "The Organizational Career of Gang Statistics; the Politics of Policing Gangs."

Monday, October 18

**Historical Case Study**

GUEST: Eric Schneider, Assistant Dean and Associate Director for Academic Affairs, The College; Adjunct Associate Professor of History

Eric Schneider: "The Panic: Responses to Heroin in the 1950s." [BB]

Wednesday, October 20

**Social Construction from the Bottom-Up**

*Kelly and Clarke:*

18) Howard Becker, "Career Deviance."

(21) Erving Goffman, "Information Control and Personal Identity: The Discredited and the Discreditable."

(23) Karolynn Siegal, Howard Lune, and Ilan H. Meyer, "Stigma Management Among Gay and Bisexual Men with HIV/AIDS."

**SOME LINGERING QUESTIONS IN DEVIANCE**

Friday, October 22

***The Medicalization of Deviance***

(6) Peter Conrad, "The Discovery of Hyperkinesis: Notes on the Medicalization of Deviant Behavior"

(30) Richard Gosden, "The Medicalization of Deviance."

(32) Vincent Lynn-Callo, "Medicalizing Hopelessness: The Production of Self-Blame and Self-Governing in Homeless Shelters."

Wednesday, October 27

**Contemporary Debates About What is Deviant**

Charles Krauthammer, "Defining Deviance Up," *The New Republic*,  
November 22, 1993, pp. 20-25. [BB]

*Kelly and Clarke:*

(4) Justin Tuggle and Malcolm D. Holmes, "Blowing Smoke: Status  
Politics and the Shasta County Smoking Ban"

(31) Nora Gustavsson and Ann E MacEachron, "Criminalizing  
Women's Behavior"

Friday, October 29

**Who is Deviant and Why?**

D.L. Rosenhan, "On Being Sane in Insane Places," pp. 205-213 in in  
Ronald Weitzer, ed., *Deviance and Social Control*. [BB]

*Kelly and Clarke*

(22) Patricia A. Adler and Peter Adler, "Tinydopers: A Case Study of Deviant Socialization,"

(36) Phyllis Coontz, "Sports Bookmakers as Entrepreneurs."

(39) Patricia Yancey Martin and Robert A. Hummer, "Fraternities and Rape on Campus."

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**IN-CLASS EXAM**

Monday, November 1

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**CRIME AND SOCIAL CONTROL**

Wednesday, November 3

**Overview**

Katherine Beckett and Theodore Sasson, *The Politics of Injustice*,  
pp. 1-24.

David Garland, *The Culture of Control*, pp. 1-26. [BB]

Friday, November 5

**Homicide**

Katherine Beckett and Theodore Sasson, *The Politics of Injustice*,  
pp. 5-44.

Leonard Beeghley, *Homocide: A Sociological Explanation*, pp. 1-40.

Monday, November 8

**Contemporary Homicide Data**

Clea Benson and Craig R. McCoy, "Victims: Young Black Men from Poorer Areas..." *Philadelphia Inquirer*, April 18, 1997, A01. [BB]

Leonard Beeghley, *Homicide: A Sociological Explanation*, pp. 41-78.

**THE WAR ON DRUGS**

Wednesday, November 10

**Drugs and Homicide**

Leonard Beeghley, *Homicide: A Sociological Explanation*, pp. 79-162.

Friday, November 12

**Dealing Drugs**

Phillippe Bourgois, "in Search of Respect: Selling Crack in El Barrio," in Susan Ferguson, ed., *Mapping the Sociological Landscape*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed. [BB]

*Kelly and Clarke:*

- (11) Rudolph Alexander, Jr. and Jacqueline Gymelah, "Differential Punishment of African-Americans and Whites Who Possess Drugs..."
- (37) Sheila Murphy, Dan Waldorf, and Craig Reinerman, "Drifting into Dealing: Becoming a Cocaine Seller."

Monday, November 15

**Street Crime**

Katherine Beckett and Theodore Sasson, *The Politics of Injustice*, pp. 45-72.

*Kelly and Clarke:*

- (25) Jennifer Hunt and Peter Manning, "The Social Context of Police Lying."
- (45) Jim Letzel, "Race and Policing."

**DISCIPLINE AND SOCIAL CONTROL**

Wednesday, November 17

**Discipline**

William Staples, *Everyday Surveillance*, pp. 41-90.

Michel Foucault, *Discipline and Punish*, pp. 3-16. [BB]

Friday, November 19

**Surveillance**

William Staples, *Everyday Surveillance*, pp. 1-40.

Jonathan Simon, "From Confinement to Waste Management: The Post-Modernization of Social Control," *Focus on Law Studies VII* (2), (Spring 1992), p. 5-7. [BB]

Monday, November 22

**Personal Information and Privacy**

David Lyons, *The Electronic Eye*, pp. 83-101. [BB]

Erik Larson, *The Naked Consumer*, pp. 3-26. [BB]

Wednesday, November 24

**The Science of Shopping**

Paco Underhill, *Why We Buy*, pp. 11-33, 98-128. [BB]

Michael Lewis, "Boom Box," *New York Times Sunday Magazine*, August 13, 2000, pp. 36-41+. [BB-Course Documents]

Monday, November 29

**Public Surveillance**

Michelle Fine, et al., "'Anything Can Happen With Police Around': Urban Youth Evaluate Strategies of Surveillance in Public Places," *Journal of Social Issues* 59 (1), pp. 141-158. [BB-Course Documents]

Molly Smithsimon, "Private Lives, Public Spaces: The Surveillance State," *Dissent* 50 (1) (Winter 2003): 43-49. [BB]

Dean E. Murphy, "As Security Cameras Sprout, Someone's Always Watching," *New York Times*, September 29, 2002. [BB]

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**IN-CLASS EXAM**

Wednesday, December 1

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Friday, December 3

**Public Surveillance at Penn**

GUESTS: Maureen Rush, Vice President of Public Safety, and Dominic Ceccanecchio, Director of Security and Technical Services, University of Pennsylvania.

Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Award Recipients for 2003 [BB-External Links]

Penn CCTV Policies [BB-External Links]

## **CRIME AND THE PUBLIC**

Monday, December 6

### ***Crime and the Media***

Katherine Beckett and Theodore Sasson, *The Politics of Injustice*, pp. 75-118.

Danilo Yanich, "Location, Location, Location: Urban And Suburban Crime on Local TV News," *Journal of Urban affairs* 23 (3-4): pp. 221-241. [BB]

Maria Elizabeth Grabe, "Televsion News Magazines and Functionalism," in Ronald Weitzer, ed., *Deviance and Social Control*, pp. 36-44. [BB]

Wednesday, December 8

### ***Crime and Public Opinion***

Katherine Beckett and Theodore Sasson, *The Politics of Injustice*, pp. 119-144.

Julian Roberts, "Public Opinion and Mandatory Sentencing," *Criminal Justice and Behavior* 30 (4) (August 2003), pp. 483-508. [BB-Course Documents]

Friday, December 10

### ***Debate on Decriminalization***

Meaghan Cussen and Walter Block, "Legalize Drugs Now! An Analysis of the Benefits of Legalized Drugs," *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, 2000, 59, 3, July, 525-536. [BB-Course Documents]

*Kelly & Clarke:*

(43) Samuel Walker, "Reform the Law: Decriminalization."