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Dr. Ulmer is Associate Head of the Department

Biography

My research interests span the sociology of criminal punishment, criminological theory, religion and crime, and racial/ethnic inequality and violence rates. More broadly, I have expertise in social psychology, organizations, symbolic interactionism, and the integration of quantitative and qualitative methods. I have several ongoing projects, including: 1) a long-range research agenda focusing on differences between social contexts in court processes and punishment, and inequalities in criminal sentencing at the state and federal levels (partly funded by the National Science Foundation) ; 2) a study of racial and ethnic disparity in Pennsylvania's death penalty, including prosecutorial discretion to seek it and court decisions to impose it (funded by state and private foundation grants); 3) a study of criminal victimization affecting religious congregations (funded by the National Science Foundation) ; 4) studies of how local religious contexts affect local crime rates and criminal punishment.

Industry Expertise

Research, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

integration of qualitative and quantitative methods, Sociology of Religion, Criminology, Social Psychology, Organizations

Education

The Pennsylvania State University

Ph.D. Sociology

The Pennsylvania State University

M.A. Sociology

Susquehanna University

B.A. Sociology, Legal Studies

Accomplishments

2012 Distinguished Scholar Award

American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections and Sentencing

2012 Outstanding Article Award

American Society of Criminology, for Steffensmeier, Ulmer, Feldmeyer and Harris

2006 (with Darrell Steffensmeier) Michael Hindelang Award for Outstanding Book

American Society of Criminology for Confessions of a Dying Thief: Understanding Criminal Careers and Illegal Enterprise

2001 Distinguished New Scholar Award

American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections and Sentencing

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