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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2021 to Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Oklahoma

Affiliations: Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology. University of

Washington

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

Crutchineia, and Darryl Hollinan

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, Social Media Interactions, Gender, Mental Health, Crime and Delinquency, Race/Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Digital Social Sciences

PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL ARTICLES

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/aging-and-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

- **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."
- Hsaio Yuan **John Leverso** (**Equal contribution and listed alphabetically**) and Andrew Papachristos. "The Corner, the Crew, and the Digital Street: Multiplex networks of gang online-offline conflict dynamics in the digital age."
- 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"
- Pyrooz, David C., James A. Densley and **John Leverso** (Editors). Under Contract, Expected 2022. Handbook on Gangs. Oxford University Handbooks Series in Criminology.

WORKING PAPERS

- **Leverso, John** and Cyrus Schleifer. "Mental Health and Gang Disengagement: A Stress Process Perspective."
- **Leverso, John,** Rin Ferraro, and Jerald Herting. "Life Course Trajectories of Offending and Mental Health Among Justice Involved Youth."
- **Leverso, John** and Kate K. O'Neill. "Bargaining with Gang Patriarchy in the Digital Streets: Girls in Gangs Online."
- **Leverso, John**, Cyrus Schleifer and Bria Schwartz. "Pulling the Short Straw: The Intersection of Girls, Gangs, & Juvenile Detention."
- **Leverso, John** and Meredith Worthen. "Gay gang slurs and misogyny off the streets and on Facebook."

OTHER WRITING

- **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.

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2021 – Current Service as an expert witness on gang-related cases.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021	Faculty Investment Program, Vice President for Research, The University of Oklahoma, \$14,973. Exploring Gang Interactions on the Digital and Geographic
	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
2013	Illinois, Chicago.
2012	Member, Golden Key International Honor Society, University of Illinois,
2012	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.

- **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.** 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).
- **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).
- 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 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 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

Service Activities

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