

Topics in Sociological Analysis Section 23

Sociology of Mass Incarceration 476-0, Professor John Hagan

1812 Chicago Avenue, Monday 10:00-12:5

Reading & Requirements:

This is a course about the mass incarceration era in America, with the emphasis placed on imprisonment but also including other forms of sanctions that increased alongside incarceration during this era. The requirements of the course are to complete the readings as assigned below, to email me weekly the day before class with five questions based on the assigned readings, and to complete a paper at the end of the course that analyses the assigned readings in relation to one another or in relation to another relevant thematic or comparative topic.

Books:

Desmond, Mathew. 2016. *Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City*. New York: Crown.

Harris, Alexes. 2016. *A Pound of Flesh: Monetary Sanctions as a Punishment for the Poor*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Manza, Jeffrey and Chris Uggen. 2006. *Locked Out: Felon Disenfranchisement and American Democracy*. New York: Oxford University Press.

National Research Council. 2014. *The Growth of Incarceration in the United States: Exploring Causes and Consequences*. (Available Free On-Line)

Page, Joshua. 2011. *The Toughest Beat: Politics, Punishment, and the Prison Officers Union in California*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Rios, Victor. 2012. *Punishment: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys*. New York University Press.

Skarbek, David. 2014. *"The Social Order of the Underworld: How Prison Gangs Govern the American Penal System*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Articles: (Links to articles available week before class)

Beckett, Katherine and Bruce Western. 2001. "Governing Social Marginality: Welfare, Incarceration, and the Transformation of State Policy."

Punishment & Society 3:43-59,

Brayne, Sarah. 2014. "Surveillance and System Avoidance: Criminal Justice Contact and Institutional Attachment." *American Sociological Review*. 79(3): 367-391.

Comfort, Meagan. 2007. "Punishment Beyond the Legal Offender." *Annual Review of Law & Social Science* 3:271-96.

Goffman, Alice. 2009. "On the Run: Wanted Men in a Philadelphia Ghetto." *American Sociological Review* 74:339-357.

Hagan, John, Gabrielle Plikert, Alberto Palloni, and Spencer Headworth. 2015. "Making Punishment Pay." *DuBois Review*

Law & Society Review

Pager, Devah. 2009. "Discrimination in a Low-Wage Labor Market: A Field Experiment." *American Sociological Review* 74:777-799.

Wacquant, Loic. 2000. "The New 'Peculiar Institution': On the Prison as the Surrogate Ghetto." *Theoretical Criminology* 4:377-89.

Schedule

Sept 26 NRC Introduction (13-32); Page (2011)

Oct 3 NRC Rising Incarceration (33-69); Desmond (2016); Western & Beckett (PS)

Oct 10 NRC Policies & Practices (70-103); Goffman (ASR); (Wacquant TC)
Oct 17 NRC Underlying Causes (104-129); Rios (2012)
Oct 24 NRC Prevention (130-156); Hagan (DuBois Review); Harris (2016)
Oct 31 NRC Experiencing Prison (157-201); Harris (2016)
Nov 7 NRC Health & Mental Health (202-232); Skarbek (2014)
Nov 14 NRC Employment & Earnings (233-259); Pager (ASR); Brayne (ASR)
Nov 21 NRC Families & Children (260-302); Comfort (ARLSS); Hagan (LSR)
Nov 28 NRC Consequences & Values (303-334); Manza and Uggen (2006)