

lecture 4:

Introduction to Deviant Careers

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race and formal control

- We learn **social facts** of deviance through agents of formal social control
- **Anderson** on police as social control
 - Race, gender, age, and class (and "attitude") effects
 - Does Anderson describe normative, exchange, or coercive relations between police and young men?
 - **Who** demands tough law enforcement and social control?
- **Local perspective/Why focus on police?**
 - Scott, a young African American probationer: "I grew up where the police, you know, the police beat up people... [The police,] that's the *immediate government* right there." (Uggen interview, 2002)

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recap race and formal control

- **Anderson**
 - do you adopt the perspective of the police or the young men in this reading? Who is deviant here?
- **5 min. video: Bowling for Columbine**
 - What is the cultural image of the deviant or criminal?
 - What role does the media play in creating or "amplifying" this image

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phases of career (sex work)

- **Entry**
 - Neutralize norms
- **Managing Deviance (one or all)**
 - Maintain secrecy
 - Mitigate stigma (physical space)
 - Rationalize behavior
 - Adopt subculture
- **Exit**
 - Go straight(er)

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understanding careers

- **All deviant behavior is human behavior**
 - Avoid seeing deviance as “senseless” by trying to see the world as the deviant does (“unconventional sentimentality”).
 - “inside” first-hand accounts are part (but only part) of picture
- **Intermittent smokers in MN**
- **Example: Uggen and Thompson “Careers in Crime and Substance Use” (American Journal of Sociology, 2003)**

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Months 1-12
Case History Showing Change in Earnings and Other Characteristics (Months 1-12)

Variables	Months											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Drugs and Money												
Drug use	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine	cocaine
Earned legal income	0	0	0	0	0	433	433	433	433	0	0	0
Earned illegal income	867	867	0	0	0	0	867	867	867	867	3342	3342
Unearned legal income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84	146	146	146
Opportunity Structure												
Incarceration status	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes							
Unemployment rate	11.6	11.6	11.6	11.2	11.2	11.0	11.0	11.0	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6
Illegal opportunities	high	high	high	high	high	high	high	high	high	high	high	high
Criminal Embeddedness												
Unemployed deviant friends									yes	yes	yes	yes
Arrest experience	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	10	10	10	10	10
Age	33.0	33.1	33.2	33.3	33.3	33.4	33.5	33.6	33.7	33.8	33.8	33.9
Conventional Embeddedness												
Ties to spouse/partner	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes				
Regular employment												
Program employment					yes	yes	yes	yes	yes			
School attendance												
Subjective Risks & Rewards												
Perceived risk of prison	low	low	low	low	low	low	low	low	low	low	low	low
Earnings expectations	350	350	350	350	350	350	350	300	300	300	300	300

Key: Absence of Characteristic: Lower Levels: Higher Levels:

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next

- *Lecture: Subcultures, Power, and "Unconventional Sentimentality" (5 min. video: The Wall)*
 - *Read Adler & Adler: 17. Chambliss, Saints and Roughnecks pp. 171-184*
 - *Read Adler & Adler: 39. Sanchez-Jankowski, Joining a Gang pp. 459-480*
 - *Read Adler and Adler: 30. Fox, Real Punks and Pretenders pp. 345-360*
 - *Read Adler & Adler: VIII. Social Organization of Deviance pp. 335-336*

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