

**Lecture 14:
Conclusions, Class
Discussion, and Review**

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today

- **Announcements**
- **Study Guides**
- **Conclusions**
 - Course goals –Uggen’s historical outline

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juvenile justice

- **Current Trends**
 - Decarceration: 50% drop in past 20 years
 - More “adult-like” for most serious offenses
- **Stubborn/Outrageous Problems**
 - **Racial disparities**
 - Racial impact statements of proposed changes
 - Scrutinize “zero tolerance” policies
 - **Physical and sexual abuse**
 - 3,400 juveniles (still) in adult jails and prisons in 2018 (79% held as adults), despite JJDPA (1974) and PREA (2003) mandating separate facilities.
 - Juveniles in adult facilities 5X more likely to face sexual assault & up to 36X (!) more suicide

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Barry Feld (1998) of MN law: abolish the juvenile court?

- **Shift from a “nominally rehabilitative social welfare agency into a scaled-down second-class criminal court for young people.”**
 - Kids get neither therapy nor justice
 - Substantive and procedural convergence with adult system
- **Alternative: An “age discount”**
 - Youth as a mitigating factor
 - 14 year old gets 25-33% of adult time; 16 gets 50-66%; 18 year old gets 100%
 - Merits? What about 50-year-olds?
- **Today, juvenile court is being extended to older kids – emerging adults, 16-25**

Young Adult Courts

[A California Court for Young Adults Calls on Science](#)



By TIM REQUARTH
 Published: April 17, 2017
 San Francisco’s Young Adult Court, created in 2015, is based on recent research suggesting that brain development extends beyond age 18, into the 20s.

from prison to community

- **Inderbitzin, Walraven, & Cain (2014)**
 - Young juvenile lifers – “stuck”
 - Growing up & now leading in prison
 - Walraven, LC Prez at 29, more than 1/2 his life in prison (now released and working in OR)
- **Desistance from crime v. reintegration**
 - Socioeconomic (education, employment)
 - Family (parents, partners)
 - Civic (voting, volunteering, coaching)
 - Housing (Shared or independent)
- **Collateral consequences & “sticky records”**
 - More records today, and they’re “stickier” (Lageson; Shannon; Uggen & Blahnik)

Rios' Recommendations?

- **Rios' Youth Support Complex**
 - **Hypercriminalization of "exclusion, punishment, racialization, gendered violence, harassment, surveillance, and detention" (Jose in prison)**
 - **3 of 40 boys desisted and moved on**
 - **Eliminate zero-tolerance approach**
 - **Transfer resources from criminal justice to "nurturing institutions"**
- **Messner & Rosenfeld (2014)**
 - **Social Welfare v. Security State solutions to crime**
 - **Trade-offs: what liberties are you willing to give up to reduce crime by .0001%?**
 - **Each additional dollar spent on criminal justice is a dollar that can't be spent on other pressing needs.**

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Uggen's Recommendations Based on Randomized Experiments or "Blueprints"

- **Abandon harmful programs (Scared Straight)**
- **Expand diversion for status & minor delinquents (cost and availability)**
- **Maintain probation as most frequent sentence option (PSIs)**
- **Apply effective community programs**
 - **Prevent: nurse visits; preschool; life skills**
 - **Treat: e.g., MST, FFT, CBT in community**
- **Attend to abuse (can't always go back) and mental and chemical health issues**
- **Reduce institutions, reserve for repeat personal index offenses (incapacitation & deterrence)**
 - **Treat: e.g., CBT; Family Integrated Trans.**
- **Reduce societal and institutional inequalities**
 - **As "gaps" widen in communities (race, class, geography), it is easier to see youth as "dangerous other" rather than "our kids"**

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UGGEN'S QUICK N' DIRTY, CRUDE N' OVERSIMPLIFIED HISTORICAL OUTLINE

| era | cause of delinquency | image of delinquent | institutional response |
|----------|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1640s | sin | sinner | church/courts: banish, expiation |
| 1770s | choice or free will | rational calculator | legislature: criminal code |
| 1870s | biological determinism | born criminal | incapacitation? eugenics? |
| 1900s | individualized treatment | wayward youth | juvenile court: psi, indet. sentence |
| 1920s | social disorganization | conforms to 'hood | area projects: prevention |
| 1930s | differential association | conforms to peers | peer, guided group interaction |
| 1940-60s | anomie, opportunity | frustrated striver | mob. for youth, war on poverty |
| 1960s | labeling | victim of label | diversion, deinstitutionalization |
| 1970s | low social control | detached drifter | families, schools, scared straight |
| 1980-90s | low self control | career criminal | DARE, boot camps, EJJ & waiver |
| 2000-10s | life course/desistance | "knifed off" | Reentry, reintegration, rest. justice |
| 2020s | injustice | marginalized | justice alternatives and programming |

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next

- **12/17 – 2nd Exam due**
- **evals**
- **office hours**
- **Thank you!**

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