

**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**

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### 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.

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### 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 ½ 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)

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### 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Exam due**
- **evals**
- **office hours**
- **Thank you!**

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