Lecture 14: Conclusions, Class Discussion, and Review

today

- Announcements
- Study Guides
- Conclusions
  - Course goals – Uggen’s historical outline
- Evals & volunteer to take to soc office

juvenile justice

- Current Trends and Stubborn/Outrageous Problems
  - Increasing formality
  - Overuse of detention
  - Physical and sexual abuse
    - 10,000 juveniles (still) in adult jails and prisons, despite JJDPA (1974) and PREA (2003) mandating separate facilities.
    - Juveniles 5 times more likely to be sexually assaulted in adult facilities & up to 36 times (!) more likely to commit suicide
  - Racial disparities
    - Racial impact statements of proposed changes
    - Weapons v. drug crimes
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

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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 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)
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 another pressing need.

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 (PBSI)
- Apply effective community programs
  - Prevent: nurse visits; preschool; life skills
  - Treat: e.g., MST, FFT, CBT in community
- Reserve institutions for repeated personal index offenses (incapacitation & deterrence)
  - Treat: e.g., CBT; Family Integrated Trans.
- Attend to abuse (can’t always go back) and mental and chemical health issues
- Reduce inequalities in society and justice system
next

• 12/10 – 2nd Exam
• 12/16 – 2nd Exam (finals week), 8 AM MONDAY
• evals
• office hours