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Welcome from David Farrington

Welcome to another DLC Newsletter! We are grateful to Tom Arnold for putting it together, and to Rolf Loeber for organizing an article on studying sex offending from a criminal career perspective. The DLC Executive Board hopes that you will find this Newsletter of interest and that you will find the article stimulating and useful.

Turning first to the interesting article by Patrick Lussier and Arjan Blokland, it seems that sex offending needs to be studied in large-scale prospective longitudinal surveys, extending from childhood into adulthood, with frequent face-to-face interviews, as well as criminal record data. The yield of sex offenders could be increased by choosing high-risk male samples in large cities. In addition, more efforts should be made to link up knowledge about individual development with situational and environmental factors that might encourage sex offending. Also, more attempts should be made to formulate developmental and life-course theories of sex offending.

We welcome Evan McCuish as our new Graduate Student Representative, and we are very grateful to Evan's predecessor Christoffer Carlsson for his very valuable contributions to the DLC.

Several issues of our new journal, the *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, have now been published, and I hope that you are enjoying and learning from the articles! We continue to be extremely grateful to Tara McGee and Paul Mazerolle for their enormous efforts in editing this journal, and to all editorial board members and referees. We are also very grateful to Springer and to Katie Chabalko for agreeing to publish our journal and for all their help and support. Please submit your papers to our journal!

Our membership is in very good shape. As Arjan Blokland points out in his report, we had about 270 members by September this year. Please encourage past members to rejoin and new members to join the DLC! I am sure that Arjan would be very happy to receive suggestions about how to increase the DLC membership. We are very grateful to him for chairing this committee.

We are now looking forward to the next ASC meeting in the beautiful city of Washington DC. As usual, we will have an Open Meeting, and we hope that as many DLC members as possible will attend it. At this Meeting, I hope that DLC members will put their names forward to serve on our Committees in 2015-2016. This Meeting is also your

opportunity to make suggestions about activities that the DLC should engage in to advance developmental and life-course criminology and criminal career research. We are very grateful to Elaine Doherty, Bianca Bersani, Stacey Bosick, and the DLC program committee for organizing ASC panels. Relevant panels are listed in this Newsletter.

At the next ASC, we will have a Division Table for the first time, and we need volunteers to sit at this table for a time period and give information about the DLC. If you are willing to do this, please email Tara McGee.

Please come to our DLC social event on Thursday night in Washington DC at the Jack Rose Dining Saloon! All paid-up DLC members have been invited and have received information about how to download their admission ticket. Please put 6.30-8.00 pm on the Thursday night (November 19) in your calendar! We are very grateful to Darrick Jolliffe for organizing this event (again!).

Congratulations to our 2015 Life-Time Achievement Award winner, Friedrich Lösel, and to our 2015 Early Career Award winner, David Pyrooz! For the first time, we established an award for an outstanding contribution to developmental and life-course criminology. The winner was the article entitled "Age and the explanation of crime revisited" by Gary Sweeten, Alex Piquero, and Laurence Steinberg, published in the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence* in 2013. These Awards will be presented at our Open Meeting on Thursday November 19 at 2.00-3.20pm. We are very grateful to Jesse Cale for chairing the Awards Committee this year.

As I have previously mentioned, it has become apparent that the DLC's original constitution is in need of amendment, and we have established a Constitution Review Committee. Proposals for changes in the DLC Constitution were emailed to all DLC members for voting, and the proposals were approved. We are very grateful to Adrian Raine for chairing this committee, and his report is included in this Newsletter.

We encourage all DLC members to submit news items to Tom Arnold for publication in the next Newsletter. Please tell us about your recent (2014-15) publications, grants, awards (etc.), and any other information of interest to DLC members (e.g. upcoming conferences).

In conclusion, I would like to thank all Executive Board members for their altruistic support. As always, the Executive Board would very much welcome suggestions from DLC members about activities that the DLC should engage in to advance developmental and life-course criminology and criminal career research. Existing suggestions include that the DLC should organize a pre-ASC workshop or should have its own conference, and that the DLC should try to obtain organizational/institutional members who would help to sponsor DLC events such as a breakfast. I would be very happy to receive any further comments or offers of assistance on these topics. We look forward to seeing you in Washington DC if not before!

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Spread the Word!

Please send this newsletter to any of your colleagues who have an interest in developmental and life-course criminology. We would like to increase our membership so that we can build a larger DLC community of scholars.

Visit our web site at <http://www.dlccrim.org>



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Joining the ASC Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology (DLC)

If you would like to join the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology (DLC), you first need to be a member of the ASC. When you join the ASC, be sure to check the box that says "Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology."

To learn more about the ASC, visit

<http://asc41.com/index.htm>

To join the ASC and DLC division visit

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Secretary/ Treasurer's Report

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The Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology has continued to grow since our last meeting in San Francisco in 2014. The Membership Committee reports that we are now at record membership. We encourage all of the Division members to renew their membership of the Division when they renew their ASC memberships for 2016. This will ensure that you receive your electronic subscription to the Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology next year when free public access will no longer be available.

Please also continue to encourage your developmental and life-course criminology colleagues who have not already done so, to join the Division. Here is the link for ASC membership:
<http://www.asc41.com/appform1.html>

If they're already ASC members, they can download the membership form and complete the Division section and submit that to the ASC office.

Financially the Division is doing well and we now have the financial resources to engage in some activities for members. Our expenditures this year have been:

- website hosting fees < <http://www.dlccrim.org>>
- awards (see awards committee report)
- Social Function at ASC in Washington DC (see report in this issue of the newsletter)

Full financial details for the Division will be provided at our annual meeting in Washington DC and can also be obtained directly from Tara. Future activities of the Division will also be discussed. If you have any items for the meeting agenda, please send them to Tara. See you in Washington DC!

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Nominations Committee Report

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Chair of the DLC Nominations Committee

In 2015, the Nominations Committee sought nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer and two Executive Counselors (all for the two-year term, from November 2015 to November 2017). It was also stipulated that the current holders of these posts were eligible for re-election. The Nominations Committee received a total of three nominations. Tara Renae McGee was nominated for the position of Secretary/Treasurer, and Arjan Blokland and Jesse Cale were nominated as Executive Counselors. The Nominations Committee did not have to vote on names to forward for an election ballot because there was the same number of nominations as there were positions available. Consequently, Tara Renae McGee will continue as Secretary/Treasurer of the DLC from 2015 to 2017, in which year a new Secretary/Treasurer will be elected. Arjan Blokland and Jesse Cale will continue as Executive Counselors from 2015 to 2017, in which year two new Executive Counselors will be elected.

In 2015, the Nominations Committee also sought nominations for the Graduate Student Representative, as the previous holder of this post (Christoffer Carlsson) was no longer a graduate student. Three nominations were received, and the Nominations Committee voted to place two on an election ballot to be sent out to all DLC members. After quite a close-run election, Evan McCuish received the most votes and has been welcomed to the DLC Executive Board as the Graduate Student Representative.

The greatest change thus far in the composition of the DLC Executive Board will occur next year, when the Nominations Committee will seek nominations for a new Chair and Vice-Chair, each to serve from November 2016 to November 2018.

David P. Farrington

Chair of the 2014-15 Nominations Committee



Constitution Review Committee Report

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Changes to the Constitution for the Division of
Developmental and Life-Course Criminology

Earlier this year DLC members voted on four proposals to change the DLC constitution. The following proposals were approved by a majority vote. The articles of the DLC constitution now read:

Proposal 1. Article 6B (under "Elections"):

"The Executive Board will appoint a Nominations Committee consisting of seven members in good standing of the Division. The Committee will receive names for nomination to each office to be filled the following year. From these names, the Nominations Committee will select two names to be included on the ballot for each office."

Proposal 2. Article IV ("Executive Board"):

"G. The Chair can co-opt additional Executive Board members such as the Newsletter Editor, the Graduate Student Representative, and the ASC Executive Board Liaison officer."

Proposal 3. IX Awards.

"A. There will be (1) a Life-time Achievement award, (2) an Early Career award, (3) an Outstanding Contribution award, and (4) any other awards that the Executive Board may create.

B. The winners of these awards will be chosen by the DLC awards committee, which will consist of 7 members in good standing of the Division.

C. No member of the Executive Board or of the Awards Committee in any given year can receive an award in that same year.

D. No member of the Executive Board or of the Awards Committee can be a co-author of the work that wins the Outstanding Contribution Award."

Proposal 4. Article VII.

"The Division will maintain the following standing Committees:

- A. Program committee.
- B. Membership committee.
- C. Nominations committee.
- D. Newsletter committee.
- E. Awards committee.

The Executive Board will create such other committees it deems appropriate to carry out the purposes and objectives of the Division."

Adrian Raine,

Chair, DLC Constitution Committee.



Awards Committee Report

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Chair of the DLC Awards Committee

The Division awards will be presented during the Open Meeting of the DLC in Washington DC, on Thursday November 19 at 2:00pm-3:20pm in the Hilton International Ballroom West, Concourse Level, and all DLC members are warmly invited to attend.

The Life-time Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has a record of sustained and outstanding contributions to scholarly knowledge on developmental and life-course criminology. Friedrich Lösel, Emeritus Professor at the Institute of Psychology, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg (Germany), and at the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge University (UK) has been chosen to receive the DLC Life-time Achievement award in 2015.

The Early Career Award recognizes an individual (within 4 years after receiving the Ph.D. degree or a similar graduate degree) who has made a significant contribution to scholarly knowledge on developmental and life-course criminology in their early career. David C. Pyrooz of the University of Colorado Boulder has been chosen to receive the Division's Early Career award in 2015.

The Outstanding Contribution Award recognizes a DLC book, article, or book chapter published in the previous two years (2013-2014) that represents a significant contribution to scholarly knowledge in the field of developmental and life-course criminology. Gary Sweeten, Alex Piquero, and Laurence Steinberg have been chosen to receive the Outstanding Contribution Award for their 2013 journal article entitled "Age and the Explanation of Crime Revisited", published in the *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Biography: Friedrich Lösel, recipient of the DLC Life-time Achievement Award

Friedrich Lösel, Ph.D., is an Emeritus Professor at the Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge, UK, and at the Institute of Psychology, University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany. He was director of the institute at Cambridge from 2005 to 2012 and of the institute at Erlangen-Nuremberg from 1987 to 2011. He is a chartered forensic psychologist, a member of Wolfson College, and a senior professor at the Psychological University at Berlin. Formerly, he was professor of psychology at the universities at Bielefeld and Erlangen, a university senior lecturer at Bamberg, and a university lecturer at Erlangen. He was also director of the Social Sciences Research Center at Nuremberg and led projects at the advanced research centers (SFBs) "Prevention and Intervention in Childhood and Adolescence" and "Socialization and Communication" of the German Research Foundation.

Professor Lösel has carried out research on juvenile delinquency, prisons, offender treatment, developmental prevention, football hooliganism, school bullying, personality disordered offenders, protective factors and resilience, close relationships, child abuse, family education and program evaluation. He has published ca. 390 journal articles and book chapters and is the author or editor of ca. 30 books, research reports and special journal issues, with topics including: Self-Control and Juvenile Delinquency; Psychological Training for Prison Officers; Psychology of Crime; Social Intervention; Meta-Evaluation of Therapeutic Prisons; Children at Risk; Criminal Behavior and the Justice System; Health Hazards in Adolescence; Origins, Prevention and Control of Violence; Psychology and Law; Residential Youth Care; Football Hooliganism; Treatment of Dangerous Offenders; Aggression and Delinquency in Adolescence; Evaluation of Family Education in Germany; Criminology and Evidence-Based Crime Policy; Long-term Outcomes of School Bullying; and Young Adult Offenders. One of his current research projects is the 'Erlangen-Nuremberg Development and Prevention Study', a combined longitudinal and experimental study of over 600 children and their families that started at preschool age and has now been running for 12 years. Other recent projects are 'Risk and protective factors during resettlement of imprisoned fathers with their families', 'Strengthening transnational approaches to

reducing re-offending', and 'Evaluation of social therapy for young sexual and violent offenders'.

Friedrich Lösel has been president of the European Association of Psychology and Law, president of the Criminological Society of the German-speaking Countries, member of the Commission on Violence of the German Federal Government, member of the executive committee and chairman of the Psychology and Law Division of the German Psychological Association; visiting fellow of the British Psychological Society, and division secretary of the International Association of Applied Psychology. He has been a member of the scientific advisory boards of the German Criminological Centre, the Netherlands Institute for Criminality and Law Enforcement, and the Max-Planck Minerva Center for Youth Problems at the University of Haifa (Israel). He was Faculty Dean at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, board member of the family survey of the German Government, reporter on crime problems to the Council of Europe, chairman of the Family Research Award Committee of the German Ministry for Family Affairs, member of the Correctional Programs Accreditation Panel of the Auditor General in Canada, vice-chairman of the scientific advisory board of the Max-Planck- Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law, chairman of the German accreditation committee for programs in psychology and law, chairman of the scientific board of the Criminological Research Centre of Lower Saxony, chairman of the Correctional Services Accreditation Panel of England and Wales, member of the Effective Interventions Board of the UK Ministry of Justice, member of the Sutherland Award Committee and chairman of the Sellin-Glueck Award Committee of the American Society of Criminology. In 2011-12 he was a member of the expert group on future policy making ('Zukunftsdialog') of the German Federal Chancellor Dr. Merkel. As a result of this work, the German Government recently founded a National Center of Crime Prevention, and FL became the speaker of its steering committee. He also serves on the steering committee of the Campbell Crime & Justice Group; the advisory board of the Centre of Evidence-Based Crime Policy at George Mason University (USA); the jury of the Stockholm Prize in Criminology; the advisory board of the Netherlands Institute for the Study of Crime and Law Enforcement (NSCR); the advisory board of the criminological service of the Bavarian Ministry of Justice; an expert panel of the

German Forum on Crime Prevention; an advisory group on family education of the German Federal Ministry of Family Affairs; the advisory board of the Bavarian Ministry of Justice on the prevention of sexual abuse; an expert panel of the Belgian Research Foundation; and as chair of the advisory board of the project on sexual abuse in the Roman Catholic Church in Germany. He is also an editorial board member of ca. 15 national and international journals.

In recognition of his scientific work, Friedrich Lösel has received various honors, including the following: Award for Outstanding Lifetime Achievement of the European Association of Psychology and Law; Sellin-Glueck Award of the American Society of Criminology (ASC); honorary Dr. sc. from Glasgow Caledonian University; elected fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology; honorary professorship of universities at Hang Zhou and Chongqing (China), German Psychology Prize, Stockholm Prize in Criminology, and Jerry Lee Lifetime Achievement Award of the ASC Division of Experimental Criminology. In 2015 he is the recipient of the Joan McCord Award of the Academy of Experimental Criminology.

Biography: David C. Pyrooz, recipient of the DLC Early Career Award

David C. Pyrooz is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Faculty Associate in the Institute of Behavior Science at the University of Colorado Boulder. He received the BS and MS in Criminology from California State University, Fresno and the PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice from Arizona State University. His main research interests are in the areas of gangs and criminal networks, developmental and life-course criminology, quantitative methods, and incarceration and reentry. He is the co-author of *Confronting Gangs: Crime and Community* (Oxford University Press) and co-editor of the *Handbook of Gangs* (Wiley-Blackwell). With the support of the National Institute of Justice, he is currently leading original longitudinal data collection to study the interrelationship between street and prison gangs.

Q & A with Gary Sweeten, Alex Piquero and Laurence Steinberg, authors of “Age and the Explanation of Crime Revisited” and recipients of the DLC Outstanding Contribution Award.

Where did the idea for this research come from?

Shawn Bushway planted the seed for this paper while I was still in grad school. Shawn pointed out a paragraph in Wayne Osgood’s 2005 Annals essay “Making Sense of Crime and the Life Course” which sketches the central analysis of the paper: to test Gottfredson and Hirschi’s (1983) age-crime inexplicability claim estimate an unconditional growth curve model then control for time-varying variables and see how much the coefficients on age reduce. Shawn and I agreed this would be a relatively simple analytical task, but lacked an ideal dataset to conduct the analysis.

This seed did not find fertile ground until I was introduced to the Pathways to Desistance dataset by one of my co-authors: Alex Piquero. As I worked with the Pathways data, first developing and testing the concept of gang embeddedness, I was struck by the richness of the data and the breadth of variables consistently measured over ten waves of data collection. I pitched the idea of testing the age-crime inexplicability claim using these data and he immediately saw the potential of the project.

What kinds of challenges did you face throughout the process?

For many longitudinal datasets, the number of variables consistently measured over long time periods is quite limited, or measurement strategies change over time, creating challenges for growth curve modeling. With the Pathways data we did not have that problem. Instead, we faced some questions of which variables to exclude as redundant. Once we settled on our list of variables to include, there were some questions about how to classify variables into theoretical perspectives. Many theories claim the same variables in different ways. Lastly, we faced some questions on how to quantify and represent the extent to which the age-crime curve was explained. For example, while we reported the percent by which both the linear and squared age terms decreased, we found it more intuitive to discuss the percent by which the expected change in crime over age decreased when time-varying covariates were held constant. Likewise, we settled on graphing these unadjusted and adjusted age-crime curves as a nice visual summary of the results.

What do you feel are the key theoretical implications of your findings?

Our article hearkens back to the theoretical competition vs integration debate. Somewhat ironically, in testing Gottfredson and Hirschi’s (1983) age-invariance claim we employed the theoretical competition framework strongly promoted by Hirschi (1979). While technically the social learning perspective “won” the competition by taking the biggest bite out of the age-crime curve, in fact, with the exception of procedural justice, all of the theories we tested explained a healthy proportion of the drop, and even Gottfredson and Hirschi’s (1983) inexplicability hypothesis escaped rejection as we were not able to fully explain the change in crime with age.

What are the implications of your findings for future research in developmental and life-course criminology?

We hope our research will encourage other researchers to also attempt to explain the age-crime curve. While we controlled for many age-related changes, there were some domains that our models did not tap into. In particular, our models did not capture biological changes or changes in routine activities. Furthermore, although the possibilities are limited by availability of data, we would encourage further research in this vein that explores the age-crime curve further into adulthood. One striking aspect of the age-crime curve is that it continues to decline throughout life. 60 year olds commit significantly less crime than 50 year olds, for example. It may be theoretically fruitful to testing the age-crime inexplicability hypothesis using older individuals.



Membership Committee Report

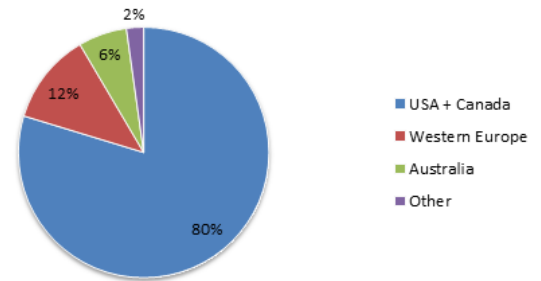
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In the last newsletter we dedicated ourselves to topping the 2014 membership numbers by the end of 2015. At the beginning of the academic year we have already surpassed these expectations! With the ASC meeting in Washington still on the horizon, as of September 2015, membership has already increased to an all-time high of 271. More and more researchers interested in developmental and life-course topics are finding their way to the division. The launch of the division's very own journal: the Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology, has greatly contributed to the division's increased visibility. At present, division members come from 17 countries across the globe. While membership is predominantly US/Canada based, one in five division members are based abroad.

We see no reason to relax our efforts. Promotional activities during the upcoming ASC meeting in Washington are hoped to further increase membership and the 'magic' number of 300 members appears to be in reach. Furthermore, poster child of life-course criminology Robert Sampson together with Sellin-Glueck award recipient Manuel Eisner, both division members from the very start, will be giving plenary talks during the 2016 meeting of the European Society of Criminology in Muenster, Germany on 21-24th September 2016. This will provide an excellent occasion to further promote the division among European developmental and life-course criminologists.

Arjan Blokland
Membership Committee Chair

Division membership by country



Graduate Student Representative Introduction

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I would like to introduce myself as the new graduate student representative to the Developmental Life Course Division Executive Board. Two of my main responsibilities will be to help raise awareness of the division to recruit graduate students and to represent graduate student voices during meetings with the Executive Board. In addition, building off of discussions at previous DLC Division meetings, I hope to help establish a longitudinal research methods working group that will bring together graduate students (and others) to discuss lessons learned and issues associated with DLC-related research. Please feel free to contact me regarding any ideas you have to promote graduate student involvement within the DLC division. See you in DC,

Evan McCuish
Graduate Student Representative

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It has been a big year for the Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology. As the first year of the Journal is coming to an end there are a number of people that we would like to thank. First, it is important to thank each author who submitted their work to the Journal. In a crowded field of academic journal outlets, we are heartened by the positive response by researchers who have considered the JDLCC as an outlet for their work.

Second, we owe a great debt to the many colleagues we called upon to review for the Journal. An effective peer review system rises or falls on the good will of its reviewer base and we are fortunate to have an expanding base of supportive reviewers—thank you!

Third, special thanks are due to our expert advisory board. The board has been active in reviewing and promoting the Journal and for that we thank you.

Fourth, the functioning of the Journal has benefited from the meticulous organizing skills of Fiona Saunders, our editorial manager, and the generous financial support of Griffith University---special thanks to both Fiona and Griffith!

It is important to acknowledge the guidance and support of Katherine Chabalko and her team at Springer in ensuring the Journal production is undertaken in a professional and timely fashion. Springer's overall commitment to the Journal has been terrific.

So far we have released three issues of the Journal and another will be published before the end of the year. The latest issue of the Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology, published in September is available for free via: <http://link.springer.com/journal/40865/1/3/page/1>

In 2016, members of the Division will have a digital subscription to the journal as part of their membership. Those members wanting to receive a paper copy can subscribe for \$20 via the ASC membership form.

<http://www.asc41.com/appform1.html>

As always, we welcome theoretical papers, empirical papers, and papers that explore the translation of developmental and life-course research into policy and/or practice. Papers that present original research or explore new directions for examination are also encouraged. The journal also welcomes all rigorous methodological approaches and orientations.

More information about the journal and author instructions can be accessed on the Journal website:

<http://www.springer.com/social+sciences/criminology/journal/40865>

We look forward to seeing those colleagues who can make it to the ASC meeting in Washington DC.

Tara Renae McGee and Paul Mazerolle
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2015 ASC Panels of Interest to DLC Members

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This year, each division was asked to organize a highlighted panel that was meant to represent the most cutting-edge research in their respective area. The DLC Program Committee chose to highlight “Bringing Diversity to the Forefront of Desistance Research,” with John Laub as the discussant, which is scheduled for Friday, November 20th at 2pm.

Below are the listings of the highlighted panel and the DLC organized panels, as well as additional thematic panels and regular sessions of interest that were independently submitted under the sub-area of Developmental and Life Course Perspectives.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

8:00 am to 9:20 am

Drugs and Alcohol
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

9:30 am to 10:50 am

New Developments in Understanding Reoffending by Merging Desistance and Reentry/Recidivism Research
Cabinet, Concourse Level

Conduct Problems: Understanding, Prevention, and Intervention with SNAP® (Stop Now and Plan)
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

Developmental Pathways to Delinquency and Drug Use: Current Scientific Knowledge and Practical Use for Interventions
Jefferson East, Concourse Level

11:00 am to 12:20pm

New Research on Criminal and Life Course Transitions
Cabinet, Concourse Level

Life Course Approaches to Gender and Violence
International Ballroom East, Concourse Level

Identity and Pathways of Offending
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

2:00 to 3:20pm

Health Trajectories of Justice System-Involved Individuals
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

Pathways Through Crime and Punishment
Cabinet, Concourse Level

3:30 to 4:50pm

The Cambridge-Somerville Youth Study: New Developments in the Age-80 Follow-Up
Cabinet, Concourse Level

Intergenerational (Dis)Continuity with the Rochester Intergenerational Study (RIGS)
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

Young Homicide Offenders: Risk Factors, Situational Characteristics, and Criminal Careers
Columbia 12, Terrace Level

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

8:00 to 9:20am

Life Events and Responses to Adolescent and Young Adult Offending
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

9:30 to 10:50am

Intergenerational Influences and Incarcerated Parents
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

2:00 to 3:20pm

Long-term Consequences of Child Abuse and Neglect: Men, Crossover Youth, and Crimes against Children
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

5:00 to 6:20pm

Siblings, Friends and Romantic Partners in Crime
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

FRIDAY, NOV. 20

8:00 to 9:20am

Avoiding and Leaving Criminal Justice Institutions
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

Propensity and Prediction
Columbia 12, Terrace Level

9:30 am to 10:50 am

Advances in Biosocial Criminology
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

11:00 am to 12:20pm

Cognitive Openings and Transformations
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

Recent findings from the Cambridge Study in Delinquent Development
Jefferson East, Concourse Level

2:00 to 3:20pm

Bringing Diversity to the Forefront of Desistance Research (Division's Highlighted Panel)
Jefferson East, Concourse Level

A Developmental Approach to Understanding the Impact of Individual and Parental Factors on Offending
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

What's So "Good" about Relationships and Employment?
Columbia 12, Terrace Level

3:30 to 4:50pm

Changes in People and Places: The Interactive Nature of Development and Patterns of Criminal Behaviour and Substance Use
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

SATURDAY, NOV 21**8:00 to 9:20am**

Families and Guardianship Arrangements
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

Social Mimicry and Accumulating Disadvantage
Columbia 12, Terrace Level

9:30 to 10:50am

Mental and Physical Health
Columbia 11, Terrace Level

The Impact of Childhood Trauma
Columbia 12, Terrace Level

11:00am to 12:20pm

Educational Institutions and Achievement
Columbia 10, Terrace Level

Happy Moms and Other Supports for Prosocial Behavior
Columbia 11, Terrace Level



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DLC Social Event at the ASC in 2015

We are following up our highly successful 2014 inaugural DLC social event with another in Washington! This is a chance to share a drink, some food and fabulous company with all (paid-up) members of the DLC.

The DLC 2015 Social Event will be held at the:

**Jack Rose Dining Saloon
2007 18th St NW
Washington, DC 20009
(Balcony Room)**

The time and date will be:

**Thursday November 19
6:30pm until 8pm**

The food will be free and drinks can be purchased. The venue is just a short walk from the conference hotel, so do come and enjoy some appetizers and great company. As a final selling point the Jack Rose Saloon features 5 different types of Canadian Whiskey!!

See more information at:
<http://jackrosediningsaloon.com/rooms/balcony-room/>

In order to attend the DLC social event you must register and bring the resulting invitation. All DLC members should have received an invitation by email regarding the social event, and this email has a link that will take you to the registration site. Please RSVP in advance if you plan to attend.

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A criminal career perspective on sexual offending: A necessary step toward a developmental life course view and understanding



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Traditionally, research on sexual offending has been conducted by clinical researchers working in forensic/clinical settings with individuals having been arrested, charged and convicted for a sexual offense. Such research was later expanded to study the clinical profile of individuals incarcerated for a sexual offense, producing specific and detailed accounts of the psychological characteristics among various subgroups of incarcerated sex offenders. For a long time, research in the field of sexual violence and abuse was conducted, for the most part, in these settings. As a result, this field of research, with respect to the understanding of the origins and development of sexual violence and abuse is stemming from research conducted with highly selective samples of individuals, in custody, using cross-sectional retrospective data, and too often relying on self-report information about sensitive topics provided by a single informant.

Validity issues have been raised on various grounds and stringent methodologies such as the lie detector and the penile plethysmograph have been introduced without fully addressing these issues (e.g., retrospective biases, memory recall, and selective samples).

For the past three decades, there has been a significant increase of prospective longitudinal studies in the field of sexual violence and abuse, but those were implemented first and foremost to study the risk of sexual recidivism and the impact of sex offender treatment programs on this risk. Given that contemporary studies are focused on the description and prediction of persistence in sexual offending, other key aspects of the developmental course of sexual offending remain elusive. In fact, the empirical knowledge regarding the onset, course, and termination of sexual offending remains highly speculative. Myths, misconceptions and unsubstantiated claims are widespread not only among the general public, but also among practitioners, students, therapists, and policymakers. The idea, for example, that youth having committed a sexual offense are on a life-course persistent trajectory of sexual offending remains pervasive in spite of empirical evidence showing otherwise. In the US and elsewhere, adolescents having been charged and convicted for a sexual offense are considered early-onset life course-persistent sexual offenders and, as a result of their offense, are subjected to a sex offender registry that was originally designed for dangerous adult sexual offenders. Indeed, various other legal and penal measures have been implemented, such as home residency laws, and public notification, on claims that these individuals remain at-risk of committing a sexual offense over long time periods, yet the data do not support this view (eg., Lussier, Corrado & McCuish, 2015).

Emerging research conducted with samples drawn from the general population (e.g., birth cohorts) has shown findings that challenge several key preconceived ideas about the origins and the course of sexual offending that have fueled current policies and the sociolegal responses to sexual offending. Clinical research

with forensic/clinical samples has repeatedly shown that there is much heterogeneity within the group of individuals convicted for a sexual offense, such heterogeneity, until recently however, has never been examined in the context of criminal career development. The criminal career perspective allows the field of sexual violence and abuse to take a significant step forward in the description, explanation and prediction of sexual offending by examining the heterogeneity in the longitudinal sequence of sexual offending across individuals. Criminal career research in the field of sexual violence and abuse has not only challenged the portrayal of all individuals having committed a sexual offense as life-course persistent sexual offenders, but has shown key findings relevant for the prevention of sexual offending (e.g., Blokland & Lussier, 2015; Lussier & Cale, 2013):

- Contrary to the idea of most if not all sexual offenders being early, adolescent-onset sexual offenders, there is a continuum of age of onset of sexual offending that spans across multiple developmental periods (i.e., childhood, early/late adolescence, emerging adulthood, adulthood, etc.);
- There is much discontinuity in sexual offending over time, albeit some limited continuity across the adolescence-adulthood transition;
- Most adolescent-onset sexual offending follows a pattern of adolescence-limited sexual offending;
- The recidivism rates of released adolescent and adult sexual offenders are relatively low and mainly for nonsexual offenses;
- The sexual recidivism rates of adolescent sexual offenders are significantly lower than those observed and reported for adults;
- For adult offenders, generally speaking, the sexual recidivism rates drops with age and aging but the patterns of sexual offending rate over life course are not well known;
- Research suggests the presence of multiple developmental pathways leading to sexual

offending, but also multiple pathways following a sexual offense;

- Sexual offending patterns are generally short-lived, limited, and transitory;
- When there is persistence of sexual offending, patterns of escalation and de-escalation in sexual offending are, for the most part, relatively unknown;
- There is much co-occurrence (or comorbidity) between sexual offending and antisocial/criminal behaviors that is rarely accounted for in theoretical models of sexual offending, yet the development of sexual and nonsexual offending is not necessarily synchronic;
- Among persistent offenders, there is little evidence of crime specialization in sexual offending, but when it does occur, it tends to follow a pattern of versatile offending.

Recently, Blokland and Lussier (2015) proposed a criminal career platform to study sexual offending within a criminal career framework. Extending this framework, Lussier (2015) proposed a developmental process model of juvenile sex offending to account for the heterogeneity of sexual offending patterns found among youth. Emerging longitudinal research has shown the heterogeneity of offending trajectories among juvenile and adult offenders having committed a sexual offense (e.g., McCuish, Lussier & Corrado, 2015). Some researchers have expanded this work by examining the role of life events and life transitions and their impact on the unfolding of these patterns over long time periods (e.g., Berg, 2015).

Of importance, there is a need for prospective longitudinal studies to examine the origins and the development course of sexual offending. From the outset, there is an urgent need to describe more fully the basic criminal career parameters for individuals having committed a sexual offense. Most research to date has been focused on male offenders, but emerging research has shown the importance of examining female offenders given the

similarities and differences observed to date with respect to sexual recidivism rates and criminal career patterns (e.g., Wijkman & Bijleveld, 2015). Furthermore, research on key parameters such as the onset and termination of sexual offending is scarce, but so is the research on qualitative changes in persistent sexual offenders such as escalation and de-escalation in offending over time. Such program of research should also include the implementation of longitudinal studies of normative and nonnormative sexual behaviors from its onset early in childhood in samples drawn from the general population, but also from at-risk, vulnerable populations (i.e., victims of neglect and abuse, conduct-disordered). DLC criminologists have studied the development of antisocial behavior for decades now, yet there is very little data on the development of atypical sexual behavior, whether reckless, overt, or covert behaviors. These studies should not be focused exclusively on the sexual development of children, but should also include developmental age-graded criminogenic factors from the earliest stages. The next generation of DLC researchers should move beyond the myths, misconceptions and unsubstantiated claims about individuals having committed a sexual offense and focus on building a corpus of research and knowledge describing the onset, the developmental course, the termination of sexual offending and associated risk and protective factors to inform prevention and intervention programs.

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Upcoming events and announcements

The newsletter committee encourage members to inform about upcoming meetings, conferences, courses and other interesting events relating to the division.

Please let us know if you have published something new this next year and we will try to get it into the next newsletter.

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Division of Developmental & Life-Course Criminology

New DLC Logo

We have a new division logo, thanks to Arjan Blokland. The overall shape of the group of people represents the age crime curve. The couple with child represent the effect of family in the life course, and the older man represents the reduction in crime in old age.



A Note from the Editor

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This newsletter is number six in the series. I find myself acting more as typesetter, rather than editor, since much of the work going into this newsletter is done by the DLC board. Professor Loeber was responsible for coordinating the article submission by Patrick Lussier and Arjan Blokland. Each of the board members has contributed to the finished product.

If you would like to place something in the next newsletter, please send me your contribution.

Please remember that the web site is available at <http://www.dlccrim.org> Ideas for improving the DLC web site are welcome.

I wish you the best.

Tom Arnold