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### **Current Positions:**

William B. Ransford Professor, Department of Sociology, Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University.

Visiting Professor, School of Law, Columbia University

Director, Center for Urban Research and Policy, Columbia University.

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### **Education:**

Bachelor of Arts, Mathematics, University of California, San Diego, 1988.

Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Chicago, 1992.

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago, 1997.

Junior Fellowship (Society of Fellows), Harvard University, 1996-1999.

### **Publications:**

#### Manuscripts

*Gang Leader for a Day*. Penguin Press (2008).

*Off the Books: The Underground Economy of the Urban Poor*. Harvard University Press, (2006).

\*C. Wright Mills award (2006) from the Society for the Study of Social Problems

\*"Top 10 Books of 2006," *Slate.com*

\*Best Book award (2007) from the "Race, Ethnicity and Politics" Section of the American Political Science Association

*Youth, Law & Globalization*. Edited volume (with Ronald Kassimir). Stanford University Press. (forthcoming 2007).

*Building Community Capacity* (with Robert J. Chaskin, Prudence Brown and Avis Vidal). Aldine Gruyter (2001).

*American Project: The Rise and Fall of a Modern Ghetto*. Harvard University Press, 2000.

\*Best Book, *Sociology & Anthropology* (2000), from the Association of American Publishers.

\*Honorable Mention (2002). Section on Race and Ethnicity, American Sociological Association.

Articles (Peer Review)

"Gangs and the Law," *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, (w/Eva Rosen) (forthcoming a2008).

A "Perversion" of Choice: Sex Work Offers Just Enough in Chicago's Urban Ghetto, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* (forthcoming).

"Underground Gun Markets" (w/Philip Cook, Jens Ludwig, and Anthony Braga). *Economic Journal* (2007).

"Introduction to the work of Herbert J. Gans," (w/Eva Rosen) *City & Community* (Spring 2007).

"Vice Careers," (w/Alexandra Murphy). *Qualitative Sociology* (Summer, 2006).

"Whither the Socially Isolated Ghetto?" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. Vol. 26(6), 2003.

"The Urban Street Gang." (w/ Brenda Coughlin). *Annual Review of Sociology* (2003).

"Doin' the Hustle: Constructing the Ethnographer in the American Ghetto." *Ethnography* 3(1): 91-111. 2002.

"Chicago's Pragmatic Planners: American Sociology and the Myth of Community." *Social Science History* (Summer 2001).

"Growing Up in the Projects: The Economic Lives of a Cohort of Men who Came of Age in Chicago Public Housing." (with Steven D. Levitt) *American Economic Review* (May 2001).

"Are We a Family or a Business? History and Disjuncture in the Urban American Street Gang" (with Steven D. Levitt). *Theory and Society* 29: 427-462 (Autumn 2000).

"The Financial Activities of an Urban Street Gang" (with Steven D. Levitt). *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. 2000 (August). Volume 115(3): 755-789.

"Community-based Interventions into Street Gang Activity." *Journal of Community Psychology*. 1999. Volume 27(5): 551-568.

"The Social Organization of Street Gang Activity in an Urban Ghetto." *American Journal of Sociology*. Volume 103(1) (July 1997): 82-111.

"Gender and Outlaw Capitalism: An Historical Account of the Black Sisters United Girl Gang." *Signs: A Journal of Women in Culture and Society*. 1998. Volume 23(3): 683-709.

"The Three-Tier Model: How Helping Occurs in Poor Communities." *Social Service Review*. Volume 71(4) (December 1997): 574-606.

"Getting Ahead: Social Mobility Among the Urban Poor." *Sociological Perspectives*. Volume 37(2) (Summer 1994):157-182.

*Book Chapters & Essays*

"Youth and Legal Institutions: Thinking Globally and Comparatively," (w/Ronald Kassimir) in *Youth, Globalization and the Law*. Ed. by Sudhir Venkatesh and Ronald Kassimir. Stanford University Press (2007).

"Policing Ourselves: Law and Order in the American Ghetto," (w/ Alexandra Murphy) in *Youth, Globalization and the Law*. Ed. by Sudhir Venkatesh and Ronald Kassimir. Stanford University Press (2007).

"The Social Organization of Public Policy in Contexts of Urban Poverty," in *Sociological Studies of Children*, Volume 8. Edited by David Kinney. Stanford, CT: JAI Press (Autumn, 2001).

"Theory in Contemporary Street Gang Research," in *Alternate Perspectives on Gangs and Communities*, Ed(s). L. Kontos, D. Brotherton, and L. Barrios. Columbia Univ. (forthcoming).

"Looking at Crime From the Street Level." *Research Forum, National Institute of Justice*, 1999

"The Invisible Community: Inside Chicago's Public Housing." *The American Prospect*. September-October, 1997: 35-41.

"The Gang in the Community." In *Gangs in America*, 2nd Edition. Edited by C. Ronald Huff. New York: Sage Publications. 1996: 241-256.

"Jeunes a' la Derive dans les Villes Americaines." *Le Monde Diplomatique*. May, 1994 (translated into Italian, "Giovani alla derive nelle citta' americane." *Il Manifesto*, June 1994.)

"Learnin' the Trade: Conversations with a Gangsta'." *Public Culture*. Volume 6(2) (Winter 1994): 319-342.

*Documentary and Film Media*

*Dislocation: A Documentary Film on Chicago Public Housing*. Aired on Public Broadcasting Service affiliates in Midwest, USA (2005).

*Abbidya*. A narrative feature film (currently in post-production).

*Transformation: A History of Public Housing*. Aired on Public Radio affiliates in 2003.

**Research Grants:**

"Scholars at Risk" A Documentary Film & Research Planning Grant. Prins Foundation. \$525,000. 2007-2009.

"Charles H. Revson Fellowship" Program. \$2.4 million (2006-2010). Charles H. Revson Foundation.

"Housing Changes in Chicago: A Longitudinal Perspective." John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation." \$349,000. 2001-2003.

"Housing Changes in Chicago: A Longitudinal Perspective." The Rockefeller Foundation." \$100,000. 2003-2006.

“Housing and Criminal Justice Policy.” The Open Society Institute, \$106,000. 2003-2004.

“DisLocation.” A film project funded by the Ford Foundation. \$140,000.

“Public Housing and the Transformation of Chicago.” John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.” \$120,000. 2001-2003.

“Youth and Globalization: A Collaborative Research Network.” The Johann Jacobs Foundation. Administered by the Social Science Research Council. 2001-2004. \$186,000. 2001-2004.

“The Transformation of Chicago Public Housing.” A radio documentary for National Public Radio’s affiliate, W-BEZ. The Chicago Community Trust. \$16,500. 2001-2002.

“Communities and Gun Violence.” (with Jens Ludwig and Phil Cook). The Joyce Foundation. \$79,000. 2001-2003.

“Race and Philanthropy.” The Ford Foundation. \$25,000. 2000-2002.

"Gangs, Underground Economies, and the African-American Urban Community," National Science Foundation CAREER Award for Young Investigators. 2000-2004. \$232,931. 2000-2004.

"Aging in the American Street Gang," Joint Center of Poverty Research (Northwestern University) and the Department of Health and Human Services. \$29,000. 2000.

"Communities and At-Risk Youth." The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. \$51,000.

"Public Housing and Collective Memory: Remembering the Robert Taylor Homes." The Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts. 1999. \$8,700.

“An Inter-disciplinary Examination of the Economics of Street Gangs” (with Steven Levitt). American Bar Foundation, Chicago, Illinois. 1998-2000. \$320,000.

“Communities in Crisis.” Milton Fund, The Medical School at Harvard University. 1997. \$12,500.

"The Social Organization of Urban Poor Neighborhoods." The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. 1995. \$22,500.

Dissertation Research Grant. Johann Jacobs Foundation. 1994. \$5,000.

### **Awards and Achievements:**

C. Wright Mills Book Award (awarded to *Off the Books*). Society for the Study of Social Problems. 2007.

Best Book 2006. (awarded to *Off the Books*). Section on Race, Ethnicity and Politics, American Political Science Association. 2007.

Best Book 2006 (awarded to *Off the Books*). *Slate.com*. December 2006

Honorable Mention for *American Project*. Section on Race and Ethnicity, American Sociological Association. 2002.

Best Documentary Series Award for “Transformation: The State and Future of Chicago Public Housing,” Associated Press (Midwest Division), 2002.

Best Book, Sociology & Anthropology, for *American Project*. Awarded by the Association of American Publishers. 2000.

“Young and Mid-Career Child and Family Scholars Award.” Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, 1997-1998.

Junior Fellowship, Society of Fellows. Harvard University, 1997-1999.

“National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1991-1994.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (Title VI) Fellowship. University of Chicago, 1990-1.

**Community Service:**

Member, Board of Trustees. We the People Media, Inc., Chicago, Illinois.

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