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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

2007 Assistant Professor
San Diego State University

EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D, Criminology, Law and Society
University of California, Irvine

1992 B.A., English and American Literature
University of California, Santa Cruz

AREAS OF RESEARCH

The Death Penalty
Sociolegal Theory
Comparative Criminology
Wrongful Conviction
Cultural Studies
Police Misconduct and Police Culture
Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

Kaplan, Paul J. (2008). "Facts and Furies: The Antinomies of Facts and Law, and Retribution in the Work of Capital Prosecutors." *Studies in Law, Politics and Society. Special Issue: Is the*

Death Penalty Dying? Volume 42, 135–159.

Kaplan, Paul J. (accepted for publication). “Nihilism and Mistaken Identity: (Self)Hate Crime in *The Believer*.” *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*.

Kaplan, Paul J. (accepted for publication). “Looking Through the Gaps: A Critical Approach to the LAPD’s Rampart Scandal.” *Social Justice*.

Dunn, Kerry and Paul J. Kaplan (accepted for publication). “The Ironies of Helping: Social Interventions and Executable Subjects” *Law & Society Review*.

Kaplan, Paul J. (revising for resubmission) “Forgetting the Future: Are Capital Trial Defenders Cause Lawyers?” *Theoretical Criminology*.

Review Essay:

Kaplan, Paul J. (2006) “American Exceptionalism and Racialized Inequality in American Capital Punishment.” *Law and Social Inquiry* (Vol. 31, Issue 1).

Book Reviews:

Kaplan, Paul J. (2006) “Mercy on Trial: What it Means to Stop an Execution,” by Austin Sarat. *Theoretical Criminology*, 8, 2006; vol. 10: pp. 401 - 405.

Kaplan, Paul J. (2005) “Studies in Law, Politics and Society” Edited by Austin Sarat, and Patricia Ewick. Volume 31. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, Volume 34, Number 5, September 2005, pp. 551-553(3).

Kaplan, Paul J. (2004) “The O.J. Simpson Trials: Rhetoric, Media, and the Law.” Edited by Janice Schuetz and Lin S. Lilley. *Criminal Justice Review*. Volume 29, Number 1.

Articles and Research in Progress:

“Deregulated Death Described: An Empirical Analysis of California Capital Trials.”

“Public but Opaque: The Problems of Tracking Homicide Charging in a California County”

“The Capital Jury Project”

AWARDS

Social Ecology Graduate Student Outstanding Mentor (2006)

The Gilbert Geis Excellence in Graduate Research Award (2005)

Social Ecology Graduate Student Outstanding Mentor (2005)

Social Ecology Graduate Student Outstanding Mentor (2004)

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

University Grants Program, San Diego State University (2009). \$4,969.

Graduate Student Professional Development Fellowship, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine (2006).

Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine (2006).

Dean of Social Ecology Dissertation Writing Fellowship, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine (2006).

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant SES-0518071: “The Subject of Execution” (2005). \$7,217.

Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine (2005).

Dissertation Data Collection Stipend, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine (2004).

Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine (2004).

Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine (2003).

Participant, Graduate Student Workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Pittsburgh, PA (2003).

Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine (2002).

Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine (2001).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

The Prosecutor

Law and Society
Crime and Behavior
Social Control, Social Policy, and the Administration of Justice
Seminar in Comparative Criminal Justice
Miscarriages of Justice

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Presenter, with Shanda Angioli and Larissa Tabin: “Public but Opaque: The Problems of Tracking Homicide Charging in a California County” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. St. Louis, MO (2008).

Presenter: “The Ironies of Helping: Projects of Social Improvement and Executable Subjects.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Montreal, Canada (2008).

Presenter: “Facts and Furies: The Antinomies of Facts and Law, and Retribution in the Work of Capital Prosecutors.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Berlin, Germany (2007).

Presenter: “Forgetting the Future: Are Capital Trial Attorneys Cause Lawyers?” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Baltimore, MD (2006).

Presenter: “The American Creed and Capital Punishment.” Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Universal City/Hollywood, CA (2006).

Presenter: “American Exceptionalism and Racialized Inequality in American Capital Punishment.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada (2005).

Presenter: “The Subject of Execution.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Las Vegas, NV (2005).

Presenter: “Nihilism and Misrecognition: (Self)Hate Crime in *The Believer*.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Chicago, IL (2004).

Presenter: “Bracketed Into Non-existence: Media Theory and the Rampart Scandal.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Pittsburgh, PA (2003).

Roundtable Participant: “Media Culture and Cops: A Critical Approach to the LAPD’s Rampart Scandal.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL (2003).

Presenter: “Investigating and Correcting Official Misconduct: Preliminary Lessons from the Rampart Scandal.” Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. Anaheim, CA (2001).

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Invited Guest Speaker: “The Wrong Man: Wrongful Conviction in the 21st Century.” Rotary International, San Diego, CA (2008)

Invited Lecturer: “Current Research on Capital Punishment in the United States.” University of California, Irvine (2006).

Invited Lecturer: “Mitigation and Aggravation: A Tale of Two Stories.” University of California, Irvine (2004).

Invited Lecturer: “Meanings of the American Death Penalty.” University of California, Irvine (2004).

Invited Lecturer: “The Death Penalty in America.” University of California, Irvine (2004).

Invited Lecturer: “An Introduction to Critical Race Theory.” University of California, Irvine (2002).

Invited Lecturer: “Police Misconduct in the LAPD: What are the Barriers to Detection and Investigation?” University of California, Irvine (2001).

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

Law and Society Association
American Society of Criminology
Western Society of Criminology

PEER REVIEWER

The Law & Society Review

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

5/98-4/04 Legal Analyst. Office of the State Public Defender. San Francisco, CA. I was responsible for developing and carrying out all phases of investigation in the preparation of habeas corpus petitions on death penalty cases to the California Supreme Court. This included drafting and editing claims for habeas corpus petitions, reviewing and summarizing trial counsel files, developing new issues, locating and interviewing lay witnesses, jurors and others associated with the

case, conducting comprehensive legal research, conducting mental health research, creating family genealogies, identifying and collecting life history and legal documents, conducting comprehensive court searches, and creating and maintaining various databases.

6/97 - 4/98 Penalty Phase Investigator. Center for Capital Assistance/Office of the Federal Public Defender. San Francisco, CA/Sacramento, CA. My responsibilities included locating and interviewing lay witnesses, writing and editing narrative social histories, creating graphics of family genealogies, identifying and collecting life history and legal documents, conducting comprehensive court searches, creating visual aids for trial, creating and maintaining various databases, and preparing background information packets for mental health professionals.