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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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2020 to Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Whitman College  
Affiliations: Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology. University of Washington

## EDUCATION

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2020 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Washington  
Committee: Sarah Quinn (Co-Chair), Callie Burt (Co-Chair), Jerald Herting, Robert Crutchfield, and Darryl Holman

Concentration in Social Science Statistics, Center for Statistics in the Social Science

2016 M.A. Sociology, University of Washington  
Committee: Ross Matsueda (Chair), Jerald Herting, and Darryl Holman

2014 B.A. Sociology and Psychology, Summa Cum Laude, University of Illinois at Chicago

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Criminology, Gangs, Gender, Race/Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Social Media, Incarceration, Life-Course

## PUBLICATIONS

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### JOURNAL ARTICLES

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**Leverso, John**, and Yuan Hsiao. (In Press) "Gangbangin On The [Face]Book: Understanding Online Interactions of Chicago Latina/o Gangs." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

**Leverso, John**, and Ross L. Matsueda. (2019). "Gang Organization and Gang Identity: An Investigation of Enduring Gang Membership." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*.

McCoy, Henrika, **John Leverso**, and Elizabeth A. Bowen. 2016. "What the MAYSI-2 Can Tell Us About Anger-Irritability and Trauma." *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology* 60(5):555-574.

**Leverso, John**, William Bielby, and Lynette F. Hoelter. 2015. "Back on the streets: Maturation and risk factors for recidivism among serious juvenile offenders." *Journal of Adolescence* 41:67-75.

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PAPERS AND BOOKS UNDER REVIEW

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**Leverso, John**, and Christian Hess. "From the Hood to the Home: Masculinity Reformation of Chicago Street Gang Members."

*Winner of the SSSP Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division Student Paper Award, 2018.*

**Leverso, John**, and Kate O'Neill. "Youth Gangs and Victimization: An investigation of the impact of gang dynamics on experiences of victimization."

Pyrooz, David C., James A. Densley and **John Leverso** (Editors). *Handbook on Gangs*. Oxford University Handbooks series in Criminology.

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WORKING PAPERS

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Hess, Christian, and **John Leverso**. "Continuity and Change in the Disadvantaged Contexts of Chicago Street Gangs."

**Leverso, John**, Yuan Hsaio and Andrew Papachristos. "An Empirical Test of the Relationship between Social Media and Gang Violence."

**Leverso, John**. "The Evolution of Solidarity and Status Attainment: A Case Study of Chicago's Latinx Gangs." (Book Manuscript).

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OTHER WRITING

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**Leverso, John**. (Forthcoming). Review of *Alt-Right Gangs: a hazy shade of white* (2020) by Reid and Valasik for *Social Forces*.

**Leverso, John**. 2018. Review of *The Neighborhood Has Its Own Rules: Latinos and African-Americans in South Los Angeles* (2016) by Cid Gregory Martinez for *Race and Justice*.

McCoy, Henrika, Joshua P. Mersky, **John Leverso**, and Elizabeth A. Bowen. 2014. "Risk assessment with juvenile offenders." Pp. 387-411 in *Juvenile justice sourcebook*, edited by W. T. Church II, D. W. Springer, and A. R. Stone. New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

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GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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2015-2019	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle. \$130,000.
2019	National Medal of Museum and Library Science, Chosen to accept the National Medal on behalf of Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research.
2018	Department of Sociology Graduate Research Grant, University of Washington, Seattle. \$2,000.
2018	Winner, SSSP Youth, Aging, and the Life Course Division Student Paper Award.
2017	Outstanding Masters Thesis Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle.

- 2015 Department of Sociology Graduate Research Grant, University of Washington, Seattle. \$900.
- 2014-2015 Top Scholar Fellowship, University of Washington, Seattle. \$40,000.
- 2014-2015 Schrag Endowment Fellowship Award, University of Washington, Seattle. \$4,000.
- 2014 Patrick Juris Memorial Award. Outstanding Performance in Sociology, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2014 Honors College Award. Outstanding Research Performance, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2014 Elected Member, Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2014 Summa Cum Laude, Honors College, Highest Distinction in Sociology and Distinction in Psychology, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2013 Honors Council Award, Outstanding Research Performance, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2012 Member, Golden Key International Honor Society, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2012-2014 Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2012-2014 Dean's List, University of Illinois, Chicago.
- 2008 Honors Graduate, Lincoln Trail College.
- 2007-2008 CEO's Honors List, Lincoln Trail College.
- 2006-2007 President's List, Lake Land College.

## RESEARCH POSITIONS

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- 2014-2017 Research Assistant, Rational Choice, Deterrence and Identity: Modeling Life Course Transitions and Desistance, NIJ-2014-3752 [PI: Ross Matsueda, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.]
- 2014-2017 Data Processor, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2013-2014 Research Assistant, Jane Adams College of Social Work and Illinois Department of Health, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL. Worked with Dean Dr. Creasie Finney Hairston and Associate Dean Dr. Christopher Mitchell on a joint Project.
- 2013 (Summer) Intern, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2012-2014 Research Assistant, UIC Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award Program, Jane Addams College of Social Work, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Leverso, John.** 2019. "Understanding Changes in Solidarity among Gang Members: A Case Study of Chicago's Latino Gangs." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA (November).
- Leverso, John** and Christian Hess. 2019. "Masculinity Across the Life Course of Long-Term Gang Members." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY (August).

- Lewi, Anna and **John Liverso**. 2018. "Incarceration Aftermath: The Effects of Serving Time on Transitioning Out of Gang Life." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Tan, Zu, Zinyang, **John Liverso** and Christian Hess. 2018. "Gentrification and Gangs: Impacts Gang Relations and Vernacular." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Jeon, Grace, Lauren Sabbatani, and **John Liverso**. 2018. "Gangs and Social Media: Analyzing the Online Communications of Gang Members." Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
- Liverso, John** and Christian Hess. 2018. "From the Hood to the Home: Masculinity Reformation of Chicago Street Gang Members" Critical Dialogue Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA (August).
- Martinez, Cid. Author Meets Critics: Waverly Duck, **John Liverso**, and Maria Beatriz Velez. 2017. "The Neighborhood Has Its Own Rules: Latinos and African Americans in South Los Angeles." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA (November).
- Liverso, John**. 2016. Tell Me Who You Hang With and I'll Tell You What You Are: Gang Organization, Identity, and Desistance." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA (November).
- Liverso, John** and Christian Hess. 2015. "It's been fun now I'm done: Desistance Trajectories of Chicago Street Gang Members." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C. (November).
- Liverso, John**, and William T. Bielby. 2014. "Back on the Streets: Maturation and Risk Factors for Recidivism among Serious Juvenile Offenders." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA (August).
- Liverso, John**. 2014. "The Effects of Adolescence on Future Criminal Offending in Serious Juvenile Offenders." Poster presented at the Annual Meetings of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA (February).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Professor	Department of Sociology, Whitman College
	2021 (Spring) Race, Class and the Criminal Justice System in the United States 2021 (Spring) Social Statistics
	2020 (Fall) A Sociological Approach to Urban Street Gangs. 2020 (Fall) The Sociology of Crime and Delinquency
Instructor	Department of Sociology, University of Washington, Seattle
	2020 (Summer) Introduction to Social Statistics. 2019 (Summer) Introduction to Social Statistics. 2017 (Summer) The Sociology of Urban Street Gangs.

## **SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES**

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### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE**

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#### **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
American Society of Criminology  
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

#### **Service Activities**

2020-	Organizer, Graduation celebration for formerly incarcerated students
2010-2013	Motivational Speaker, Illinois Prison System
2012	Assistant Peer Educator
2011	Organizer, Domestic Violence Prevention Fund 5k
2008-2012	Tutor, Illinois Prison System

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