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EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D., Sociology The Pennsylvania State University
2013	M.A., Criminal Justice State University of New York (SUNY)-Albany
2012	M.Phil., Criminology University of Cambridge, UK
2011	B. Soc. Sci. (<i>First Honor</i>), Sociology The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2020-present	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
2018-2020	<i>Assistant Professor</i> , Department of Criminology, University of South Florida

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Life-Course Criminology, Age and Crime Relationship, Social Change, Quantitative Methods, Age-period-cohort Analysis, Comparative Study, Social Responses to Crime, Sentencing

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Lu, Yunmei.** Forthcoming. “Examining the Stability and Change in Age-Crime Relation in South Korea, 1980-2019: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis.” *PLOS One*.
- Lu, Yunmei** and Steffensmeier, Darrell. 2023. Stability or Change in Age-Crime Relation in Taiwan, 1980-2019: Age-Period-Cohort Assessment. *Asian Journal of Criminology*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11417-023-09412-y>
- Lu, Yunmei**, Liying Luo, Mateus Renno Santos. 2022. Social Change and Race-Specific Homicide Trajectories: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00224278221129886>
- Lu, Yunmei**, Mateus R Santos, Zhe Zhang*. 2022. Social Change, Gender Stratification and the Sex Gap of Homicide Victimization in 76 Countries, 1975–2017, *The British Journal of Criminology*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azac077>
- Yuan, Yaqi*, Kristen Schultz Lee, and **Yunmei Lu**. 2022. “Public Support for Government Intervention in Health Care in the United States from 1984 to 2016.” *Socius*, 8. doi: 10.1177/23780231211072394.
- Lu, Yunmei**, Kacy Amory*, and Luzi Shi*. 2021. “Social Change and Gendered Reaction to the Threat of Victimization, 1973-2016: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis.” *The Sociological Quarterly*, Online First.

- Steffensmeier, Darrell, **Yunmei Lu**, and Jennifer Schwartz. 2021. "Gender Variation in the Age-Crime Relation in Cross-National Context: Taiwan-US Comparison." *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, Online First.
- Lu, Yunmei** and Liying Luo. 2021. "Cohort Variation in U.S. Violent Crime Patterns from 1960 to 2014: An Age-Period-Cohort-Interaction Approach." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, 37(4): 1047-1081.
- Renno-Santos, Mateus, **Yunmei Lu**, and Rachel Fairchild*. 2021. "Age, Period, and Cohort Differences between the Homicide Trends of Canada and the United States." *British Journal of Criminology*, 61(2): 389-413.
- Shi, Luzi*, **Yunmei Lu**, and Justin Pickett. 2020. "The Public Salience of Crime, 1960-2014: Age-Period-Cohort and Time Series Analysis." *Criminology*, 58(3): 568-593.
- Leiber, Michael, Ellen Donnelly, and **Yunmei Lu**. 2020. "What Context Matters and at What Level? A Test of Racial/Ethnic Threat, Symbolic Threat, and Structural Inequality Perspectives in Juvenile Court Decision-making." *Crime & Delinquency*, 67(2): 234-261.
- Steffensmeier, Darrell, **Yunmei Lu**, and Chongmin Na. 2019. "Age and Crime in South Korea: Cross-National Challenge to Invariance Thesis." *Justice Quarterly*, 37(3): 410-435.
- Lu, Yunmei**. 2018. "Rural and Urban Differences of Gender-sentencing Patterns in Pennsylvania." *Rural Sociology*, 83(2): 402-430.
- Steffensmeier, Darrell, **Yunmei Lu**, and Sumit Kumar. 2018. "Age-Crime Relation in India: Similarity or Divergence Vs. Hirschi/Gottfredson Inverted J-Shaped Projection?" *The British Journal of Criminology*, 59(1): 144-165.
- Steffensmeier, Darrell, Zhong Hua, and **Yunmei Lu**. 2017. "Age and Its Relationship to Crime in Taiwan and The United States: Invariant, or Does Cultural Context Matter?" *Criminology*, 55(2): 377-404.
- Lu, Yunmei**, Naomi Freeman and Jeffrey Sandler. 2015. "Predictors of The Sex Offender Civil Commitment Trial Outcomes in New York State." *Law and Human Behavior*, 39(5): 514-524.
- Manuscripts in progress:**
- Steffensmeier, Darrell, Jessie Slepicka, Jennifer Schwartz, **Yunmei Lu**. "Crime propensity of emerging adults and changes in U.S. age-arrest curves, 1960-2020." *Justice Quarterly*. Revise and resubmit.
- Lu, Yunmei**. "Gender, routine activities, and changes in juvenile delinquency over the past 30 years." Under review.
- Lu, Yunmei** and Liying Luo. "Explaining the widening Black-White Gap in juvenile delinquency, 1976-2019: A decomposition analysis." In progress.
- Lu, Yunmei**, Zhe Zhang*, and Margaret Rex*. "Rural and urban differences in youth lifestyles and juvenile delinquency trends over the past 30 years" In progress.
- Lu, Yunmei**. "Age-Crime Trajectories of Black and White Cohorts coming of Age between 1976 and 2019." In progress.

Shi, Luzi, and **Yunmei Lu** “Understanding the Black-White Gap in Youth Police Perceptions across Cohorts, 1976-2019.” In progress.

(*student co-authors)

BOOK CHAPTERS

Burruss, George W. and **Yunmei Lu**. 2022. “The Value of Data Visualization for Translational Criminology.” Pp.251-269 in *Visual Criminology: From History and Methods to Critique and Policy Translation*, edited by Johannes Wheeldon, New York, NY: Routledge.

Renno-Santos, Mateus, Dikla Yogev, **Yunmei Lu**. Forthcoming. “How Population Aging is Impacting Economic Inequality and Homicide Trends.” *International Criminology*, edited by Susan McVie and Stephan Farrall. Edward Elgar.

GRANT APPLICATIONS & AWARDS

External Funding

Yunmei Lu (PI). 2024-2025. When the Lottery of Birth is Racialized: Life Course Experience, Neighborhood Context, and the Age-crime Trajectories of Black and White Cohorts Coming of Age Between 1976 and 2019. *Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant* (R-2310-45595). Costs: \$35,000. Status: **Funded**.

Yunmei Lu (PI). July 2023. Life Course Experience, Neighborhood Context, and the Age-crime Trajectories of Black and White Cohorts Coming of Age Between 1976 and 2019. *Russell Sage Foundation Research Grant* (R-2307-44814). Costs: \$162,150. Status: Unfunded.

Steffensmeier, Darrell and **Yunmei Lu. (CO-PI)**. January 2020. Age Distribution of Crime Cross-Nationally and National Context Characteristics Shaping it. *National Science Foundation. Sociology*. (NSF 19-612). Total Costs: \$413,839. Status: Unfunded.

Internal Funding

Yunmei Lu (PI). Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Leave Program for UUP-Represented Employees. **Awarded**.

Yunmei Lu (PI). October 2023. When the Lottery of Birth is Racialized: Life Course Experience, Neighborhood Context, and the Age-crime Trajectories of Black and White Cohorts Coming of Age Between 1976 and 2019. Seed Project in Arts and Sciences Research and Creative Activities (SPARC), College of Arts and Sciences, SUNY Buffalo. Costs: \$70,172. Status: Unfunded.

Yunmei Lu. (PI). Cross-National Assessment of the Gender-gap in Violent Crime: How Does Social Context Matter?. Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Research Grant, SUNY Buffalo. July 2021- June 2022. Total costs: \$3,510. **Funded**.

Yunmei Lu and Mateus Renno Santos. **(PI)**. Cross-National Assessment of the Gender-gap in Violent Offending and Victimization. New Researcher Grant, University of South Florida. February 2020. Total Costs: \$9,896. Status: Unfunded.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Steffensmeier, Darrell, **Yunmei Lu**, and Chongmin Na. (2021). Social context shapes age-crime distributions Research Outreach, 120. Available at: <https://researchoutreach.org/articles/social-context-shapes-age-crime-distributions/>

Kempinen, Cynthia, Barry Ruback, Leigh Tinik, Lauren Knoth, and **Yunmei Lu**. (2015). *Risk Assessment Project: Phase II. Interim Report 1: Development of a Risk Assessment Scale by Offense Gravity Score for All Offenders*. Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing: State College, PA. Available: <http://pcs.la.psu.edu/publications-and-research/research-and-evaluation-reports/risk-assessment/phase-ii-reports/Interim-Rpt-1-Phase-2/view>.

Kempinen, Cynthia, Barry Ruback, Leigh Tinik, Lauren Knoth and **Yunmei Lu**. (2013). *Risk/Needs Assessment Project. Interim Report 7: Validation of Risk Scale*. State College, Pennsylvania: Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing. Available: <http://pcs.la.psu.edu/publications-and-research/research-and-evaluation-reports/risk-assessment/interim-report-7-validation-of-risk-scale/view>

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2019 Outstanding Article Award, American Society of Criminology
- 2018 Outstanding Contribution Award, ASC Division of Developmental and Life-course Criminology
- 2017 First Place, 8th Annual Criminology Working Paper Competition, Pennsylvania State University
- 2016 RGSO Dissertation Award, College of Liberal Arts, Pennsylvania State University
- 2013 Graduate Scholar Award, Pennsylvania State University
- 2011 Manuel Lopez-Ray Scholarship, University of Cambridge
- 2011 Rance PL Lee Award for Quality Research (Dissertation), Dean's List, Caring Alumni Student Global Internship Scholar, Chinese University of Hong Kong

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| 2023(Fall) | Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences |
| 2022(Fall) | Basic Statistics for Social Sciences |
| 2022(Fall) | Global Criminology, SUNY Buffalo |
| 2021(Fall) | Research Methods (Graduate level), SUNY Buffalo |
| 2021(Fall) | Global Criminology, SUNY Buffalo |
| 2021(Spring) | Inequality and Crime (Graduate level), SUNY Buffalo |
| 2020 (Fall) | Crime and the Life Course, SUNY Buffalo |
| 2020 (Fall) | Global Criminology, SUNY Buffalo |
| 2020 (Spring) | Research Methods in Criminal Justice, University of South Florida |
| 2019 (Fall) | Myths of the Criminal Justice System, University of South Florida |
| 2019 (Fall) | Online-Research Methods in Criminal Justice, University of South Florida |
| 2019 (Summer) | Online-Research Methods in Criminal Justice, University of South Florida |
| 2019 (Spring) | Online-Research Methods in Criminal Justice, University of South Florida |
| 2019 (Spring) | Research Methods in Criminal Justice, University of South Florida |
| 2018 (Fall) | Research Methods in Criminal Justice, University of South Florida |

2016 (Fall)	Criminological Theory, Graduate Level (Teaching Assistant), Penn State University
2016 (Summer)	Research Methods in Criminal Justice (Instructor), Penn State University
2015 (Spring)	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Guest Lecture), Penn State University

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Lu, Yunmei.** Societal Change and the Black-White Gap in the U.S. crime Trends, 1986-2019. Invited Presentation for the Research Forum of Deviance, Crime, and Law Research Cluster organized by the Department of Sociology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. China.
- 2022 **Lu, Yunmei,** Mateus R Santos, Zhe Zhang, Social Change. 2022. Gender Stratification and the Sex Gap of Homicide Victimization in 76 Countries, 1975–2017, Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA
- 2021 **Lu, Yunmei.** Social Change and the Age-Violence Trajectories in the U.S.: An Age-Period-Cohort-Interaction Approach. Invited Presentation for Department of Demography, Renmin University, China.
- 2021 **Lu, Yunmei.** Social Change and the Age-Crime Trajectories in Taiwan and U.S.: An Age-Period-Cohort-Interaction Approach. Invited Presentation for the Diverse Perspectives on Justice Series, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.
- 2019 **Lu, Yunmei,** and Liying Luo. 2019. Revisiting Violent Crime Trends in the United States from 1960 to 2014: A New Approach to Understand Cohort Effects on Crime. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 Shi, Luzi, **Yunmei Lu,** and Justin Pickett. The public salience of crime, 1960-2014: Age-period-cohort and time series analysis. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 Leiber, Michael, Ellen Donnelly, and **Yunmei Lu.** An empirical examination of competing macro-level perspectives to understand race and increased social control in juvenile justice proceedings. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 **Lu, Yunmei,** and Liying Luo. 2019. Revisiting Violent Crime Trends in the United States from 1960 to 2014: A New Approach to Understand Cohort Effects on Crime. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX.
- 2018 Darrell Steffensmeier, **Lu, Yunmei,** and Sumit Kumar. 2018. Age-crime relation in India: Similarity or divergence vs. Hirschi/Gottfredson inverted J-shaped projection? Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA
- 2017 **Lu, Yunmei.** Rural and urban differences in the gendered-sentencing patterns of Pennsylvania. Round table paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 **Lu, Yunmei** and Darrell Steffensmeier. Is the concentration of violence among youth a cultural universal? Lessons from South Korea and Taiwan. Poster presented at the 2017 Graduate Student Exhibition of Penn State University, State College, PA.

- 2016 **Lu, Yunmei** and Jason Thomas. Desisted, or selected to an early grave? A simulation approach to examine the mortality effects on the age-crime relation. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- 2016 Barry Ruback, Cynthia Kempinen, Leigh Tinik, Lauren Knoth and **Yunmei Lu**. Risk Assessment at Sentencing. Presentation at the Pennsylvania Commission on Sentencing Risk Assessment Roundtable, Harrisburg, PA.
- 2015 **Lu, Yunmei**. Rural and urban differences in the gendered-sentencing patterns of Pennsylvania. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 **Lu, Yunmei** and Jason Thomas. Disentangling the forces of selection in the age-crime relationship. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. San Diego, CA.
- 2014 **Lu, Yunmei** and Darrell Steffensmeier. Age and the distribution of crime across race and ethnicity in California. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2023-2024	Colloquium Committee
2022-2023	Graduate Students Award Committee
2022-2023	Graduate Committee
2022-2023	Tenure-track Faculty (Criminology) Hiring Committee
2020-2022	Colloquium Committee
2019-2020	Graduate Committee; Master Comprehensive Exam Committee; Scientific Review Committee; Strategic Planning Committee
2018-2019	Faculty Search Committee; Scientific Review Committee; Strategic Planning Committee
2013-2018	Community Service Committee
2016	Graduate Student Committee
2014	Diversity Promotion Committee

SKILLS

Quantitative Skills: Stata, R, SPSS, ArcGIS, HLM, survey design, computer simulation
 Language: English, Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

Causal analysis; demographic techniques; regression analysis; survey design; time series analysis, multilevel analysis; event history analysis

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Member	American Society of Criminology American Sociological Association Population Association of America
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Reviewer Criminology
Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency
Social Forces
Demography
Justice Quarterly
Sociological Methods and Research
Asian Journal of Criminology
City & Community
Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology