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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. (*First Honor*), Sociology
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, China

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2020-present *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
2018-2020 *Assistant Professor*, 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, Kacy Amory*, and Luzi Shi. 2021. "Social Change and Gendered Reaction to the Threat of Victimization, 1973-2016: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis." *Sociological Quarterly*, Forthcoming.

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.

Lu, Yunmei and Liying Luo. 2020. "Cohort Variation in U.S. Violent Crime Patterns from 1960 to 2014: An Age-Period-Cohort-Interaction Approach." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Online First.

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:

Lu, Yunmei, Liying Luo, and Renno Santos, Mateus. "Social Change and Race-specific Homicide Trajectories: An Age-Period-Cohort Analysis." *Under Review*.

Steffensmeier, Darrell, **Yunmei Lu**, and Jennifer Schwartz. "Effects of Gender On Age-Crime Relation in Cross-National Context: Taiwan-U.S. Comparison." *Revise and resubmit, Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*.

Luo, Liying, **Yunmei Lu**, and Eric Baumer. "Assessing the Relative Contribution of Structural Factors to Homicide Decline, 1990-2015." In progress.

Lu, Yunmei, and Darrell Steffensmeier. "Social Change and The Age-Crime Trajectories across Cohorts in Taiwan and The U.S." In progress.

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GRANT APPLICATIONS

External Funding

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

Internal Funding

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: \$3510. **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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| 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

- 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

2020-2021	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