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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

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**EDUCATION**

2005 Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Davis.  
1999 M.A. Sociology, University of California, Davis.  
1995 New York University, New York, graduate work in Liberal Studies.  
1992 B.A. Mass Communications, University of California, Berkeley.  
1989 Sorbonne University, Paris, Certificate of French Language Achievement.

**EMPLOYMENT**

2005-Pres. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University.  
2003-04 Associate Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis.  
2002-03 Research Consultant, San Francisco District Attorney's Office and Vera Institute of Justice, (Program Evaluation of a Specialty Court for Drug Sellers).  
2001-03 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis, (Research on Hate Crime Policies).  
2000 Co-Director, Literacy Project, San Quentin Prison, CA.  
1999-00 Program Director, Centerforce, Family Services, San Quentin Prison, CA.  
1998-01 Research Consultant, Center of Juvenile and Criminal Justice, (Jail Population Analysis).  
1998-99 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis (Departmental History Project).  
1997-98 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis.

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- 2006 Atlas.Ti 5.0 Qualitative Software Seminar, SDG Associates, Boston, MA
- 2005 Participant Observation Workshop, Center for Urban Ethnography, University of California at Berkeley (Led by Dr. Martin Sanchez-Jankowski).

## **GRANTS RECEIVED**

- 2007 Ohio University Research Committee Grant. Sentenced to treatment: The role of case managers in mental health courts. **Ursula Castellano**, PI (\$7,592.00).
- 2005 Atlas.ti training seminar. Ohio University, College of Arts and Science's Faculty Development Award. (\$1846.60 ).
- 2004-05 University of California Dissertation Fellowship. Partners in crime: Nonprofits and social production of justice. **Ursula Castellano**, PI (\$31,000).
- 2002 American Justice Institute Research Grant. Partners in crime: Nonprofits and the social production of justice. **Ursula Castellano**, PI (\$300).
- 2003-04 University of California Graduate Fellowships. Partners in Crime: Nonprofits and the social production of justice. **Ursula Castellano**, PI (\$18,000).
- 2002 University of California Summer Research Grant. Partners in crime: Nonprofits and the social production of justice. **Ursula Castellano**, PI (\$4,000).

## **GRANTS IN PREPARATION**

- 2008 Ohio Department of Mental Health. Sentenced to treatment: The role of case managers in mental health courts. **Ursula Castellano**, PI (\$13,500).

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Sociology of the Courts and Legal Processes  
Ethnography and Qualitative Methodologies  
Sociology of Institutions and Organizations

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Journal Articles**

- 2008 **Castellano, Ursula**, Joseph DeAngelis and Marisol Clark-Ibanez. Cultivating a sociological perspective using nontraditional texts. *Teaching Sociology* (forthcoming).
- 2007 **Castellano, Ursula**. Tell your story. *Contexts: Understanding People in their Social Worlds* 6(3): 56-57.
- 2007 **Castellano, Ursula**. Becoming a non-expert and other strategies for managing fieldwork dilemmas in the criminal justice system. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 36(6): 704-730.
- 2001 Riker, Alissa and **Ursula Castellano**. The homeless release project: An innovative pretrial release option. *Federal Probation* 65: 9-13.

### **Revise and Resubmit Articles**

- 2007 **Castellano, Ursula**. Beyond the courtroom workgroup: Caseworkers as the new satellite of social control. *Law and Policy*. Manuscript is currently being revised.

### **Research and Administrative Reports**

- 2001 Alissa Riker and **Ursula Castellano**. Community-based treatment: The impact of the homeless pretrial release project. Justice Policy Institute (June) <http://www.cjcj.org/pubs/hrp/hrp.html>.

### **Book Reviews**

- 2007 **Castellano, Ursula**. Caribbean drugs: From criminalization to harm reduction. *International Sociology Review of Books* 22 (5): 598-601.

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

- 2007 **Castellano, Ursula**. The new courtroom theatre: Case managers, clients and the social organization of mental health courts.

### **Book Manuscript**

- 2008 **Castellano, Ursula**. The paraprofessional: A study of criminal justice caseworkers in the lower courts.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Introduction to Sociology  
Sociology of the Courts  
Sociology of Organizations  
Sociology of Mental Health and Illness

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **Papers Under Submission**

2008 **Castellano, Ursula**. The Courtroom Workgroup Revisited: The Role of Pretrial Release Caseworkers in Misdemeanor Courts. Panel was submitted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August.

### **Panel Organizer**

2007 **Castellano, Ursula** (organizer and presider). Between punishment and cure: Mental health courts and the crisis of mental illness in corrections. Panel presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August.

2000 **Castellano, Ursula** and Susan Miller (organizers). Inside/Outside: The impact of criminal justice organization on inmates and families. Panel presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, March.

### **Paper Presentations Given**

2006 **Castellano, Ursula**. Making a pitch: Caseworkers, judges and the social organization of the court. Paper presented at the Midwest Law and Society Retreat, University of Madison-Wisconsin, Institute for Legal Studies, September.

2006 **Castellano, Ursula**. Becoming a non-expert: Doing ethnography in jails, courtrooms and agency settings. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August.

2006 **Castellano, Ursula** and Joseph DeAngelis. Novel as sociological narrative: using non-traditional texts for teaching sociology. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August.

- 2006 **Castellano, Ursula.** Clients, duds and wobblers: Screening practices of pretrial release workers. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, August.
- 2006 **Castellano, Ursula.** Suspending judgment: Doing justice for the homeless in a therapeutic courtroom. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Hollywood, CA, April.
- 2005 **Castellano, Ursula.** Role of trust in legal decision making. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland OR, April.
- 2004 **Castellano, Ursula.** Doing justice for the homeless: Negotiating perceptions of Risk in a loosely coupled courtroom. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August.
- 2004 **Castellano, Ursula.** Conflicting research roles in the criminal justice system. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, August.
- 2004 **Castellano, Ursula.** Order in the court: Legal, extra-legal and therapeutic approaches to criminal justice. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, April.
- 2003 **Castellano, Ursula.** Partners in crime: Nonprofits and the social production of justice. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August.
- 2003 **Castellano, Ursula.** Partners in crime: Nonprofits and the social production of justice. Paper presented at the Contemporary Qualitative Research Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, April.

### **Invited Presentations, Talks and Lectures**

- 2008 "At the Intersection of Treatment and Law: An Ethnographic Exploration of Mental Health Courts." University of California, Berkeley, CA, May.
- 2005 "Making a Pitch: Caseworkers, Judges and the Social Organization of the Court." Ohio University, Sociology Department.
- 2004 "Strictly Confidential? Doing Research in Legal Systems." CSU San Marcos, Sociology Department.
- 2004 "Financing Your Graduate School Education." University of California, Davis, Undergraduate Advising Services Department.

- 2003 “Negotiating Relationships in the Field.” University of California, Davis, Sociology Department.
- 2003 “Making Academic Presentations at the ASA.” University of California, Davis, Department of Sociology.
- 2002 “Fieldwork in a County Jail.” University of California, Davis, Department of Sociology.

### **INVITED REVIEWS**

- 2007 Invited review of Dalton Conley’s chapter on deviance. W.W. Norton Press.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2007-Pres. University College, Ohio University, Faculty Adviser.
- 2007-Pres. Sociology Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, member.
- 2007-Pres. Sociology-Criminology Club, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University, Program Director.
- 2007-Pres. College of Arts & Sciences, University College and Honors Tutorial College Coalition to Strengthen Undergraduate Education, Ohio University, Invited Member.
- 2006-Pres. Ohio Research Consultation Network in conjunction with the Supreme Court of Ohio’s Advisory Committee on Mental Illness and the Courts, member.
- 2006-Pres. Honors Tutorial College, Ohio University, Faculty Mentor.
- 2006-Pres. Pre-Law Major, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University, Program Coordinator.
- 2006-Pres. Planning and Leave Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University, Chair.
- 2005-Pres. Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ohio University, Member.
- 2005-Pres. *Links* Program for Underrepresented Students, Ohio University, Faculty Mentor.
- 2005-Pres. McNair Scholarship Program, Ohio University, Faculty Mentor.

2000-01 Work, Organizations, and Occupations section of the American Sociological Association, Graduate Student Representative.

### **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

2004-05 University of California President's Dissertation Year Fellow.  
2004 Outstanding Volunteer Award, San Quentin Prison.  
2002 American Justice Institute's Best Concept Paper Award.  
2002 University of California Summer Dissertation Research Award.  
1997-2004 University of California Graduate Fellowships.  
1989 Undergraduate Student Scholastic Achievement Award.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

1996-2004 Literacy Instructor, Department of Education, San Quentin Prison, CA.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association (ASA).  
Pacific Sociological Association (PSA).  
Society for the Study of Social Problems.  
Ohio Research Consultation Network.