

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2011 Associate Professor  
San Diego State University

2007-2010 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

### **EXECUTIVE ACADEMIC SERVICE POSITION**

2013-2014 President, Western Society of Criminology

### **AREAS OF RESEARCH**

The Death Penalty  
Cultural Criminology  
Sociolegal Theory  
Comparative Law  
Wrongful Conviction  
Police Misconduct and Police Culture

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

1. **Kaplan, Paul** (2012) *Murder Stories: Ideological Narratives in Capital Punishment*. Lanham: Lexington Books.

### Books (edited):

1. Henry, Stuart, **Kaplan, Paul**, and Alan Mobley, Editors (2016). *Law and Society*. Cognella Academic Publishing.
2. Valenzuela, Sylvia, **Kaplan, Paul**, and Stuart Henry, Editors (2014). *Crime and Behavior*. Cognella Academic Publishing.

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

1. Angioli, Shanda and **Paul Kaplan** (under review). “Some Things Are Just Better Left As Secrets” Non-Transparency and Prosecutorial Decision Making in the Era of Neoliberal Punitivism.” *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*.
2. **Kaplan, Paul**, Kerry Dunn and Shannon Jackson (2016). “The Problem of Explanation: Understanding the Scandal of Judicial Override in Capital Cases.” *Social Justice*. Vol. 43-1.
3. **Kaplan, Paul**, Kerry Dunn and Nicole Sherman (2016). “Localism and Capital Judicial Override in Jefferson County, Alabama” *Race and Justice*. Vol. 6, No. 2. P. 170 – 790.
4. LaChance, Daniel and **Paul Kaplan** (2015) “The Seductions of Crimesploitation: The Apprehension of Sex Offenders on Primetime Television.” *Law, Culture and the Humanities*. OnlineFirst.
5. Fleury-Steiner, Benjamin, **Paul Kaplan**, and Jamie Longazel (2015) “Defending Racial Boundaries: Racist Localism in Administration of Capital Punishment in the U.S.” *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*. Vol. 66. P. 63-85.
6. **Kaplan, Paul**, Brian Goeltzenleuchter, and Dan Salmonson (2014). “The Art / Crime Archive: An Anti-Boredom Space.” *The STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Journal*. Vol. 1 (2).
7. **Kaplan, Paul J.** (2010) “Forgetting the Future: Are Capital Trial Defenders Cause Lawyers?” *Theoretical Criminology*. Vol. 14, No. 2, 1 – 25.

8. **Kaplan, Paul J.** (2009). “Looking Through the Gaps: A Critical Approach to the LAPD’s Rampart Scandal.” *Social Justice*. Vol. 36, No. 1, (Issue 115), 61 – 81.
9. Dunn, Kerry and **Paul J. Kaplan** (2009). “The Ironies of Helping: Social Interventions and Executable Subjects” *Law & Society Review*. Vol. 43, No. 2, 337 – 368.
10. **Kaplan, Paul J.** (2009). “Nihilism and Mistaken Identity: (Self)Hate Crime in *The Believer*.” *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*. Vol. 16, Issue 1, 63 – 80.
11. **Kaplan, Paul J.**, Romy Ganschow, Shanda Angioli and Larissa Tabin (2009) “Public but Opaque: The Problems of Tracking Homicide Charging in a California County” *Justice Policy Journal*. Vo. 6, No. 2.
12. **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?* Vol. 42, 135–159.

#### **Handbook Chapter:**

1. **Kaplan, Paul** and Daniel LaChance (accepted for publication) “Crimesploitation.” In *The Routledge Handbook of Visual Criminology*, Edited by Eamonn Carrabine and Michelle Brown.

#### **Encyclopedia Entry:**

1. **Kaplan, Paul** and Daniel LaChance (accepted for publication) “Crimesploitation and Real-Life Documentary.” In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Crime, Media, and Popular Culture*,” Edited by Nicole Rafter.

#### **Curated Art Exhibition:**

1. Goeltzenleuchter, Brian, **Paul Kaplan** and Laura Pecenco, Curators (2014) *Shadow Spaces from the Art | Crime Archive: Creativity, Culture, and Criminality: The Prison Art Project: Works by Prisoners in the Books for Prisoners Program and Interrogating Dump Sites: Photographs by Stephen Chalmers*. Donor’s Hall. Love Library. San Diego State University. Main installation for Spring 2014.

#### **Review Essay:**

**Kaplan, Paul J.** (2006) “American Exceptionalism and Racialized Inequality in American Capital Punishment.” *Law & Social Inquiry* . Vol. 31, Issue 1, 149 – 175.

#### **Book Reviews:**

**Kaplan, Paul J.** (2012) “Cruel and Unusual: The American Death Penalty and the Founders’ Eighth Amendment,” by John D. Bessler. *Law & Society Review*. Vol. 46, No. 4, pp. 938 – 940.

**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.

### **Research Projects in Progress:**

**Kaplan, Paul** and Dimitri Bogazianos. “*Jihadi* Badasses and Warrior Comics: Lessons from the *Charlie Hebdo* Massacre.”

**Kaplan, Paul:** “He Never had a Chance: The Concept of Capital Mitigation as a Path to Social Justice.”

**Kaplan, Paul**, Jasper Kaplan, and Doria Hernandez: “Fear and Loathing: A Nationwide Study of Localism and Capital Punishment.”

### **Editor:**

*The Western Criminologist* (2014-2016)

### **Other Projects:**

The Art/Crime Archive: [www.artcrimearchive.org](http://www.artcrimearchive.org)

### **AWARDS**

The Joseph E. Lohman Award for Outstanding Service to the Western Society of Criminology (2015-2016).

Most Influential Faculty, Program in Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs, SDSU (2013)

Most Influential Faculty, Program in Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs, SDSU (2012)

Most Influential Faculty, Program in Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs, SDSU (2011)

Most Influential Faculty, Program in Criminal Justice, School of Public Affairs, SDSU (2010)

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 (2012). \$9,972.

University Grants Program, San Diego State University (2010). \$9,138.

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 in Society

Crime and Behavior

Social Control, Social Policy, and the Administration of Justice

Seminar in Comparative Criminal Justice

The Cultural Life of Crime

Miscarriages of Justice

Criminal Law

The Cultural Lives of Art and Crime (co-taught with Brian Goeltzneleuchter)

Cultural Criminology

### *Study Abroad Instructor*

Russian Criminal Justice in Moscow, Russia

Criminal Behavior (in American Samoa)

## **PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Presenter: "Middlebrow Crimesploitation." New Directions in Critical Criminology Conference. University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN (2016).

Presenter: "The Mitigation Sensibility." Bi-annual Meeting of the West Coast Law and Society Retreat. Irvine, CA (2016).

Presenter: "Thinking about the Metaphysics of Capital Jurisprudence by Studying Judicial Override in Alabama and Florida." Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association. Atlanta, GA. (2016).

Presenter: "The Jihadi Badass." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C. (2015).

Presenter: "Crimesploitation." Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA (2014).

Presenter: “Crimesploitation.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Minneapolis, MN (2014).

Presenter: “Techniques of Dismissing Mitigation: The Scandal of Judicial Override in Alabama.” Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology. Honolulu, HI (2014)

Presenter: “*To Catch A Predator* without Becoming One: The Politics and Metaphysics of Sex Offenders and Vigilantes on Primetime Television.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Boston, MA (2013).

Presenter: “The Art/Crime Archive: A Place for Reactions to Boredom” Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology. Berkeley, CA (2013)

Presenter: “The Art/Crime Archive” (Roundtable) Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL (2012)

Presenter: “Is Override Local?: Parochialism and Libertarianism in Alabama Capital Sentencing” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Honolulu, HI (2012).

Presenter: “The Problem of Explanation: The Capital Judicial Sentencing Project” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Honolulu, HI (2012).

Presenter: “*Blat (блат), Los que no transan, no avanzan* & Politics: Corruption in Russia, Mexico & the USA” Annual Meeting of the Critical Criminology and Justice Studies Conference, in association with the Western Society of Criminology. Newport Beach, CA (2012).

Presenter: “The Capital Judicial Sentencing Project” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA (2010)

Presenter: “The Capital Judicial Sentencing Project” Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology. Honolulu, HI (2010)

Presenter: “The Ironies of Saving: The Hegemony of Individualism in Capital Defense” Critical Criminology and Justice Studies Mini-Conference in Association with the Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Criminology. Honolulu, HI (2010)

Presenter: “Murder Stories and the Hegemony of Individualism” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA (2009).

Presenter: “The Capital Jury Project, Phase III, in California: Problems of Access” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association. Denver, CO (2009)

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 Speaker: “The Jihadi Badass: Culture, Social History, and the Charlie Hebdo Massacre.” University of Kent at Canterbury, England (2015).

Invited Speaker: “Mitigation Investigation.” United States Marine Corps Defense Services Organization Sexual Assault-Focused CLE Seminar. United States Marine Corps Recruitment Centers, San Diego, CA (2015).



Invited Speaker: “Murder Stories and the Hegemony of Individualism.” San Diego State University School of Communication Colloquia Series (2011)

Invited Speaker: Job Market Workshop. Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California, Irvine (2009).

Invited Speaker: “Murder Stories and the Hegemony of Individualism.” San Diego State University Department of Geography Colloquia Series (2009)

Invited Guest Speaker: “The Wrong Man: Wrongful Conviction in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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).

## **MEDIA**

*CSPAN* television coverage of Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (2016). “Thinking about the Metaphysics of Capital Jurisprudence by Studying Judicial Override in Alabama and Florida.”

*KPBS Mid-day Edition* radio program on capital punishment (10/10/12)

*KPBS Evening Edition* television program on capital punishment (10/10/12)

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP**

American Society of Criminology

Law and Society Association  
Western Society of Criminology

## **PEER REVIEWER**

*The Law & Society Review*

*Law & Social Inquiry*

*Justice Quarterly*

*Punishment & Society*

*Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society* (formerly: *Western Criminological Review*)

*Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*

*Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

## **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.