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**ACADEMIC POSITION** Professor, Department of Sociology and Public Policy Center, University of Iowa

**HIGHER EDUCATION**

1989 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison.  
1984 M.A. Psychology, University of Wisconsin, Madison.  
1981 B.A. Psychology, Florida Atlantic University.

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

President and Provost's Teaching Award, University of Iowa, 2006  
Dean's Scholar Award, College of Liberal Arts, University of Iowa, 2000-2001.  
University of Iowa Collegiate Teaching Award, 1997.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Articles**

Lauritsen, Janet L., Karen Heimer and James P. Lynch. 2009. "Trends in the Gender Gap in Violent Offending: New Evidence from the National Crime Victimization Surveys" *Criminology*

Heimer, Karen, Janet L. Lauritsen and James P. Lynch. 2009. "The National Crime Victimization Survey and the Gender Gap in Offending: Redux." *Criminology*.

Heimer, Karen and Janet L. Lauritsen. 2008. "Gender and Violence in the United States: Trends in Offending and Victimization." Pages 45-80 in *Understanding Crime Trends*. Edited by Richard Rosenfeld and Arthur Goldberger. Washington D.C.: National Academy of Sciences.

Lauritsen, Janet L. and Karen Heimer. 2008. "Gender and Violent Victimization, 1973-2004." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. 24: 125-147.

Stucky, Thomas D., Karen Heimer, Joseph B. Lang. 2007. "A Bigger Piece of the Pie? An Analysis of State Corrections Spending Over Time." *Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency*. 44: 91-123.

De Coster, Stacy, Karen Heimer, and Stacy Wittrock. 2006. "Neighborhood Disadvantage, Social Capital, Street Context and Violent Delinquency." *Sociological Quarterly* 47:723-753.

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- Heimer, Karen, Stacy De Coster and Halime Ünal. 2006. "Opening the Black Box: Understanding the Social Psychology of the Gender Gap in Delinquency." *Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance* 7: 109-135.
- Stucky, Thomas D., Karen Heimer, and Joseph B. Lang. 2005. "Partisan Politics, Electoral Competition and Imprisonment: An Analysis of States over Time." *Criminology* 43: 209-245.
- De Coster, Stacy and Karen Heimer. 2001. "The Relationship between Law Violation and Depression: An Interactionist Analysis." *Criminology* 39: 799-836.
- Heimer, Karen. 2000. "Changes in the Gender Gap in Crime and Women's Economic Marginalization." Pp. 427-483 in *Criminal Justice 2000 Volume 1- The Nature of Crime: Continuity and Change*. Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice.
- Heimer, Karen and Stacy De Coster. 1999. "The Gendering of Violent Delinquency." *Criminology* 37: 277-317.
- Reprinted in Cullen, Francis and Robert Agnew. 2006. *Criminological Theory: Past to Present*, Third Edition. LA: Roxbury Publishing.
- Heimer, Karen. 1997. "Socioeconomic Status, Subcultural Definitions, and Violent Delinquency." *Social Forces* 74: 799-833.
- Heimer, Karen and Ross L. Matsueda. 1997. "A Symbolic Interactionist Theory of Motivation and Deviance: Interpreting Psychological Research." *Nebraska Symposium on Motivation* 44: 223-276.
- Heimer, Karen. 1996. "Gender, Interaction, and Delinquency: Testing a Theory of Differential Social Control." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 59: 39-361.
- Matsueda, Ross L. and Karen Heimer. 1996. "A Symbolic Interactionist Theory of Role-Transitions, Role-Commitments, and Delinquency." *Advances in Criminological Theory*. 7: 163-213.
- Heimer, Karen and Ross L. Matsueda. 1994. "Role-Taking, Role Commitment, and Delinquency: A Theory of Differential Social Control." *American Sociological Review* 59: 365-390.
- Berkowitz, Leonard and Karen Heimer. 1989. "On the Construction of the Anger Experience: Aversive Events and Negative Priming in the Formation of Feelings." *Advances in Experimental Social Psychology* 22: 1-38.
- Matsueda, Ross L. and Karen Heimer. 1987. "Race, Family Structure, and Delinquency: A Test of Differential Association and Social Control Theories." *American Sociological Review* 52: 826-840.

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### **Book Chapters**

De Coster, Stacy and Karen Heimer. 2006. "Crime at the Intersections: Race, Gender, and Offending." In *The Many Colors of Crime: Inequalities of Race, Ethnicity, and Crime in America*. Edited by Ruth D. Peterson, Lauren J. Krivo, and John Hagan. New York: New York University Press.

Heimer, Karen, Stacy M. Wittrock, and Halime Ünal. 2006. "Gender, Crime and the Economic Marginalization of Women." Pp. 115-136 in *Gender and Crime: Patterns of Victimization and Offending*. Edited by Karen Heimer and Candace Kruttschnitt. New York: New York University Press.

Heimer, Karen. 1995. "Gender, Race, and the Pathways to Delinquency: An Interactionist Explanation." Pp. 140-173 in *Crime and Inequality*. Edited by John Hagan and Ruth D. Peterson. Palo Alto: Stanford University Press.

### **Books**

Heimer, Karen and Candace Kruttschnitt. (Eds.) 2006. *Gender and Crime: Patterns of Victimization and Offending*. New York: New York University.

Markovsky, Barry, Karen Heimer, Jodi O'Brien, and Edward J. Lawler (Eds.). 1995. *Advances in Group Processes, Vol 12*. Greenwich, Connecticut: JAI Press.

Markovsky, Barry, Karen Heimer, Jodi O'Brien, and Edward J. Lawler (Eds.). 1994. *Advances in Group Processes, Vol 11*. Greenwich, Connecticut: JAI Press.

Lawler, Edward J., Barry Markovsky, Karen Heimer, and Jodi O'Brien (Eds.). 1993. *Advances in Group Processes, Vol 10*. Greenwich, Connecticut: JAI Press.

### **Other Publications**

Heimer, Karen and Janet L. Lauritsen. 2008. "The Importance of Studying Trends in Violence Against Women," *The Criminologist*. 33 (4): 1-6.

Heimer, Karen. Forthcoming. "Understanding Violence Against Women Using the NCVS." Bureau of Justice Statistics. BJS Working Paper.

Heimer, Karen and Stacy De Coster. 2001. "Crime and Gender." *International Encyclopedia of the Behavioral and Social Sciences*. Edited by Neil J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes. Elsevier Science.

Heimer, Karen. 2000. "A Model for Criminology in the Next Century." Symposium on Hagan and McCarthy's *Mean Streets*. *Theoretical Criminology*. 4: 215-221.

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### **EXTERNAL GRANTS FUNDED**

Lauritsen, Janet L. and Karen Heimer. 2007-09. "Gender and Violent Victimization." National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice. (NIJ 2007-IJ-CX-0026).

Heimer, Karen and Joseph B. Lang. 2002-03. "Gender, Race, Ethnicity and Violent Delinquency." National Consortium on Violence Research.

Thomas Stucky and Karen Heimer. 2000-01. "A Pooled Cross-Sectional Time-Series Analysis of the Role of Institutional Politics in Crime and Crime Control at the City Level." Dissertation Improvement Fellowship, National Science Foundation.

Stacy De Coster and Karen Heimer. 1998-99. "Gender Differences in Depression and Delinquency During Adolescence." Dissertation Improvement Fellowship, National Science Foundation.

Heimer, Karen. 1990. "The Etiology of Violent Delinquency: A Social Learning Analysis." National Institute of Justice Summer Fellowship.

### **INTERNAL GRANTS FUNDED**

Heimer, Karen. 1997. "Imprisonment in the U.S." Central Investment Fund for Research Enhancement.

Heimer, Karen. 1995. "Gender Differences in the Social Causes of Psychological Distress and Delinquency among Adolescents." Spelman Rockefeller Child Research Seed Grant.

Heimer, Karen. 1994. "Gender, Delinquency, and Drug Use." Central Investment Fund for Research Enhancement.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS (Last Five Years Only)**

#### **Invited Presentations**

Heimer, Karen. "Understanding Violence Against Women Using the NCVS: What We Know and Where We Need to Go." Bureau of Justice Statistics' Users Workshop. Washington D.C., February, 2008.

Heimer, Karen and Janet L. Lauritsen. "Shifts over Time in Women's Violent Victimization and Offending." Law and Justice Committee, National Academy of Sciences Workshop on Crime Trends, Washington, D.C., April 24-25 2007.

Heimer, Karen. University of Iowa Saturday Scholar Series, "Down and Out: Women, Poverty, Crime and Imprisonment." October 8, 2005. Recorded by UI Television and webcast.

Heimer, Karen, Joseph B. Lang, Stacy Wittrock, Jacob Stowell. "Gender, Crime and Welfare: A Multilevel Analysis of Cities and States." Workshop on Multilevel Modeling of Aggregate Data on Crime, SUNY-Albany, April 14-15, 2005.

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Heimer, Karen and María B. Vélez. "Bringing in Gender and Race: Moving Toward Inclusiveness in Criminology Crime, Law and Deviance Section Session, "One Hundred Years of Sociological Criminology" Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, PA, August, 2005.

### **Conference Presentations**

Lauritsen, Janet L. and Karen Heimer. "Long-term Trends in Exposure to Serious Violent Crime by Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" Paper presented at the American Association for the Advancement of Science Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, February, 2009.

Boswell, Matthew and Karen Heimer. "Political Actors, Bureaucracies, and Punishment." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, November, 2008.

Johnson, Kecia, Karen Heimer, Joseph B. Lang, Andres Rengifo, and Don Stemen. "Race and Trends in Women's Imprisonment: The Consequences of Welfare, Drug Penalties and Economic Hardship." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, November, 2008.

Heimer, Karen and Janet L. Lauritsen. "The Intersection of Gender, Race/Ethnicity, and Violent Victimization." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, November, 2008.

Heimer, Karen, Matthew Boswell, Joseph B. Lang and Thomas D. Stucky. "The Safety Net and Public Safety: The Determinants of Welfare and Imprisonment in the United States." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta Georgia, November 2007.

Lauritsen, Janet L. and Karen Heimer. "Gender, Race, and Violent Victimization Risk, 1979-2005" Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta Georgia, November 2007.

Lauritsen, Janet L. and Karen Heimer. "Gender, Violence, and Victimization: Female and Male Patterns Over Time." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, San Francisco, February 2007.

Paper featured on National Public Radio broadcast of "Science Friday," February 16, 2007.

Heimer, Karen, Joseph B. Lang, Thomas D. Stucky. "Race, Threat and Imprisonment in the United States." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, California, November 2006.

Lauritsen, Janet L., Karen Heimer and Jacob Stowell. "Gender and Serious Violent Victimization: Trends Over Time." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 2006.

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DeCoster, Stacy and Karen Heimer. "Masculinities, Femininities and Violence: Structural Inequalities and Micro-Level Interactions." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, November, 2005.

Heimer, Karen, Stacy M. Wittrock, and Joseph B. Lang. "Welfare, Economic Marginalization, and the Gender Gap in Violence: A Multilevel Analysis of One Hundred Cities Over Time." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, November, 2004.

Stucky, Thomas D., Karen Heimer and Joseph B. Lang. "The Politics of Imprisonment: Assessing the Importance of Electoral Competition." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, May, 2004.

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **Panels, Advisory Boards, and Elected Offices**

Executive Counselor, American Society of Criminology Executive Board, 2007-2011

Member, Committee on Law and Justice, Panel on Crime Trends, National Research Council, *National Academy of Sciences*, 6/07 to 6/08.

Member, Law and Behavioral Sciences Panel, National Science Foundation.

Member, Steering Committee, National Consortium on Violence Research, 2003-2008.

Member, Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowships Predoctoral Review Panel, 2006.

Chair and Chair-Elect, Section on Crime, Law and Deviance, American Sociological Association, 1998-2000

Council Member (elected), Section on Crime, Law and Deviance, American Sociological Association, 1996-1998.

### **Editorial Boards and Reviewing**

- Editorial Board Member, *Criminology*, terms 2008-2011, 2006-07, 2003-06, 2000-03, 1997-2000.
- Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review*, term 2008-2010
- Deputy Criminology Editor, *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*, 1996-2000.
- Editorial Board Member, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, term 2002-04.

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Reviewer, National Academy of Sciences' Panel on Law and Justice Report, "Expanding the Federal Research Agenda on Violence against Women," 2004.

Reviewer for *Criminology*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Law and Society Review*, National Science Foundation, and New York University Press.

### **Other Professional Organization Service**

#### ***American Society of Criminology***

- ASC Ad Hoc Congressional Liaison Committee, 2007-08.
- Publications Committee, 2007-09.
- Vollmer Committee, 2007.
- Liaison to the American Association for the Advancement of Science, 2006-09.
- Edwin Sutherland Award Committee, 2005, 2004 (Chair).
- Member of Fellows Selection Committee, 2005.
- Program Committee Member, 2009, 2008, 2007 (area chair), 2006, 2003 (area chair), 1997, 1991 (area chair).
- Nominations Committee Member, 2003, 1998.

#### ***American Sociological Association***

Annual Meeting Program Committee, Criminology Regular Sessions, 2003.

Annual Meeting Program Committee, Deviance and Social Control Regular Sessions, 1999.

#### **Section on Crime, Law and Deviance**

- Committee on Publications, 1995
- Membership Committee, 1993
- Nominations Committee 2007 (Chair)
- Invited organizer of section session for the Annual Meetings, 2004, 2006.

#### **Section on Sociology of Law**

- Program Committee, 1997
- Chair of Student Paper Competition Committee, 1996

#### ***National Consortium on Violence Research***

- Member (invited) 2001-2008
- Pre- and Post Doctoral Fellowship Review Committee, 2004-05, 2003-04.

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**DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

Executive Committee 2008-09

Communications Committee 2008-09

Undergraduate Advisor 2008-09

Budget and Academic Status Committee (renamed Executive Committee), 2005-07, 2003-05, 2001-03 (Chair 2002-03), 1998-2000.

Faculty Recruitment 2006-07, 2004-05, 1999-2000, 1997-98, 1996-97, 1992-93.

Director of Graduate Studies, 2005-07

Graduate Admissions Committee, 2008, 2005-07 (Chair), 2003-04, 2002-03, 1991-92.

Graduate Studies Committee, 2007-08, 2005-07 (Chair), 1999-00, 1995-96, 1994-95, 1993-94.

Undergraduate Studies Committee, 2001-02, 1998-99

Honors Adviser, 2001-02.

Carl Couch Graduate Student Teaching Award Committee, 1998-99 (Chair)

Student Review Committee, 1996-97.

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES SERVICE**

New Faculty Orientations

    "Teaching Large Lecture Courses" 2008, 2007, 2004, 1996.

    "Teaching Small Classes" 2004.

    "Balancing Teaching and Research: Oxymoron?" 2003.

Committee for Review of the School of Social Work, 2003.

Committee for Ad Hoc Review of the Aging Studies Program, 2000 (Spring).

Educational Policy Committee, Spring 2000-Summer 2004

General Education Curriculum Committee, 2002.

Workshop on Teaching Assistant Development, 2001, 2000.

Faculty Assembly Representative, Sociology, 1999-2000.

Faculty Assembly Task Force on University Ties for Faculty Governance, 1999-2000.

Collegiate Teaching Awards Committee, 1998.

General Education Cultural Diversity Review Committee, 1997-98.

**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA SERVICE**

Advisory Board, Women's Resource and Action Center, 2009-2011

Executive Committee, Public Policy Center, University of Iowa, 2007-2010.

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Classroom Advisory Committee, 2005-09.

Speaker, Panel on “The Feminization of Poverty,” sponsored by the Feminist Student Majority Student Alliance, Human Rights Week, January 2009

Panelist, discussion of women and mothers in prison coinciding with “Interrupted Lives” exhibit, University of Iowa Art Museum, September 13, 2007.

Higher Learning Commission Reaccreditation Subcommittee on Learning Environments, 2007.

Dewey Stuit Honors Fellowship Committee, Honors Program, 2007.

Organized and directed student forum on “Hate, Harassment and Indifference,” with the support of the Office of the Provost, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Departments of Sociology and Social Work, and Office of Diversity. April 2004. (Recorded and televised on UITV.)

Obermann Center Advisory Committee, 2002-05.

Fulbright Campus Review Committee, International Programs, 2003-04.

Ad Hoc Committee on Graduate Faculty Appointments, Graduate College, 2003-04.

Speaker at the New Undergraduate Student Orientation, 1998, 1997.

Participant in R.I.S.K. Project on Curriculum Development, 1995.

## **TEACHING**

### **Recent Courses**

Juvenile Delinquency, Sociology of Criminal Punishment, Graduate Seminar in Criminological Theory, Graduate Seminar on Gender and Violence, Graduate Seminar on Criminal Punishment,

### **Ph.D. Committees Chaired**

Ana Campos Holland	Current, Co-Chair with Michael Sauder
Stacy Wittrock	Current
Halime Ünal	2003 Current Position: Assistant Professor, Muğla University, Muğla, Turkey.
Thomas D. Stucky	2001 Current Position: Associate Professor, Indiana –Purdue University at Indianapolis.
Stacy M. DeCoster	1999 Current Position: Associate Professor, North Carolina State University.

### **M.A. Committees Chaired**

Audrey Omar	current
Matthew Boswell	2009
Samantha Cumley	2008
Ana Lilia Campos	2007
Hee Jeong Lim	2004

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Sarah Spilman	2004
Stacy Wittrock	2003
Benjamin Earnhardt	2000
Ronald Moser	1997
Thomas D. Stucky	1996
Stacy DeCoster	1995