

Department of Sociology  
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PhD Qualifying Examination in Criminology  
**Core Theory Reading List**  
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### **General**

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- Peterson, R.D., Krivo, L.J., and Hagan, J. (Editors) (2006). *The many colors of crime: Inequalities of race, ethnicity, and crime in America*. New York, NYU Press.
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### **Control Theories of Crime**

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- Laub, J. H., & Sampson, R.J. (1995). "Turning points in the life course: Why change matters in the study of crime." *Criminology*, 31, 301-325.

### **Deterrence, Rational Choice, and Routine Activities Theories of Crime**

- Kposowa, A.J. 1999. "The effect of occupation and industry on homicide victimization in the United States." *Homicide Studies*. 3:47-77.

### **Social Disorganization Theories of Crime**

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- Cullen, Francis T., and Pamela Cox. 2010. "Sampson, Robert J.: Collective Efficacy Theory" Pp. 802-805 in *Encyclopedia of Criminological Theory*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications
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- Wilson, William Julius. 1991-1992. "Another Look at the Truly Disadvantaged." *Political Science Quarterly* 106:639-56.
- . 1996. *When Work Disappears: The World of the New Urban Poor*. New York: Vintage Books.

### **Anomie and Strain Theories of Crime**

- Kulis, Stephen, Flavio F. Marsiglia, and Tanya Nieri .2009. "Perceived Ethnic Discrimination versus Acculturation Stress: Influences on Substance Use among Latino Youth in the Southwest" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 50:443-459
- Messner, Steven F., and Richard Rosenfeld. 2001. *Crime and the American Dream*. Belmont: Wadsworth/Thompson Learning.

### **Social Learning Theories of Crime**

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- Matthew Grindal and Tanya Nieri. 2015. "The Relationship between Ethnic-Racial Socialization and Adolescent Substance Use: An Examination of Social Learning as a Causal Mechanism" *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*, DOI: 10.1080/15332640.2014.993785
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## **Labeling Theories of Crime**

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