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Criminology Preliminary Exam Reading List (7/07)

Classical Readings


Anomie/ Strain/ Social Disorganization


Thrasher, Frederick (1927). “What is a gang?” Pp. 4-8 in Classics of Criminology edited by
Social Control


Quantitative Criminology 4:347-359.


Self Control


Longshore, Douglas, Susan Turner, and Judith Stein. 1996. “Self-Control in a Criminal Sample:
An Examination of Construct Validity.” *Criminology* 34:209-228.


**Control as a Dependent Variable (Donald Black’s work)**


**Control Balance Theory**


**Power Control Theory**


Theories of Offender Decision-Making: Deterrence, Rational Choice, and Routine Activities


**Deterrence and Capital Punishment**


**Life Course Criminology**


**Conflict/ Marxist**


Quinney, Richard. 19 “The social reality of crime.”


**Labeling**


Social Learning Theory, Neutralizations, Differential Association


**Criminal Ethnographies/Ethnographic Research**


Gender and Crime


**Books**


