The Criminology of Place: Street Segments and Our Understanding of the Crime Problem

The study of crime has focused primarily on why particular people commit crime or why specific communities have higher levels of crime. In this presentation Professor Weisburd presents findings from a forthcoming Oxford University Press Book (co-authored with Elizabeth Groff and SueMing Yang), that identifies a different way of looking at the crime problem by examining why specific streets in a city have specific crime trends over time. This study of the “criminology of place,” focuses our attention on small units of geographic analysis, or micro communities. The study shows that much information about crime is necessarily lost by focusing on larger units such as neighborhoods or communities. The authors identify a large group of possible crime risk and protective factors of street segments.

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Refreshments will be served

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