

Tues 26th September 5pm

Adolescent Development and the Juvenile Justice System



Caitlin Cavanagh, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor and the Director of Undergraduate Education in the School of Criminal Justice. She is also a Core Member of the MSU Youth Equity Project, the Director of the Adolescent Development and the Justice System (ADJust) Lab, the Research Advisor to the Ingham County 30th Circuit Court - Family Division, and a Trustee on the Lansing Board of Education. As a developmental psychologist and juvenile justice researcher, her goal is to produce policy-applicable research to improve the way that the juvenile justice system interfaces with youth and their families to support healthy youth development.

Tues 10th October 5pm

Spatial and Temporal Reasoning for Natural Language Comprehension and Grounding



Parisa Kordjamshidi, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at Michigan State University. Her main research interests are artificial intelligence and machines. Among other projects, Dr. Kordjamshidi has worked with the Office of Naval Research (ONR) under its Science of AI program. Her MSU research team is working to help AI understand everyday human language, as opposed to computer code, so that it can be put to work in following human instructions in realistic environments. Dr. Kordjamshidi holds an affiliation with Florida's Institute for Human and Machine Cognition as a research scientist. She was a recipient of a National Science Foundation Career Award in 2019.

Tues 24th October 5pm

How Squatters Have Improved Urban Living Conditions in Chile and Latin America



Edward Murphy, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in MSU's Department of History. Dr. Murphy's research and teaching explore themes of mass urbanization, inequality, and state formation, with a focus on low-income groups. Dr. Murphy has primarily worked on Chilean history since the 1950s, but he has also written on Guatemala. In 2015, he published his book *For a Proper Home: Housing Rights in the Margins of Urban Chile*. He has also edited books on urban housing across the globe and the relationship between the disciplines of history and anthropology. In addition, Dr. Murphy volunteers for a women's collective in Guatemala City which helps support low-income women, most of whom have been harmed by gang violence.

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Tues 14th November 5pm

Older adult digital literacy and telehealth readiness



Paul Freddolino, Ph.D., M.Div. is a Professor of Social Work at Michigan State University and teaches courses in research methods and information technology. His research interests include technology and social work practice, distance education, program evaluation, and older adult services research. Most recently, Dr. Freddolino has published on improving telehealth systems, using technology to enhance the life of those with dementia and their caregivers, and bettering transitions in acute stroke patients discharged to home. He has held visiting appointments at the London School of Economics, The University of Hong Kong, and the University of Melbourne.

Tues 28th November 5pm

Russia/Ukraine and the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Central Eurasia



Norman A. Graham, Ph.D., is Professor of International Relations at MSU's James Madison College of Public Affairs. He also serves as the director of the Center for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies at the University. Dr. Graham's interests include international security and economic relations, international organization, Central and Southeastern Europe, and Central and South Asia. He has taught at Columbia University and led the Yale University Summer Seminar on International Business. Dr. Graham has also served as a Research Associate with the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and the Futures Group. The author of several books, Dr. Graham recently published (with Folke Lindahl and Timur Kocaoglu), *Making Russia and Turkey Great Again? Putin and Erdogan in Search of Lost Empires and Autocratic Power*.

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12th December 5pm

Faster, Faster!" The Working Conditions at Amazon Warehouses



Maite Tapia, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor at the School of Human Resources and Labor Relations at Michigan State University. Her research focuses on the worker's voice within the workplace as well as worker organizing and movement-building within the broader society, confronting specifically workers' social identities and systemic inequality. Dr. Taipa has published numerous articles on these topics. In addition, she is the co-editor and co-author of a 2014 Cornell University Press book, *Mobilizing against Inequality: Unions, Immigrant Workers, and the Crisis of Capitalism*. She is also a co-author of a recent study of an Amazon plant in the Southern United States, entitled *Amazon's Policing Power*.

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