Workshop in Urban Ethnography Fall 2012

Chris Winship and Joe Krupnick Keeping Up the Front: How Disadvantaged Black Youth Avoid Street Violence in the Inner City

Christopher Winship, Diker-Tishman Professor of Sociology, and member of the faculty of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government (HKS), was born in Topeka, Kansas and grew up in New Britain, Connecticut. He did his undergraduate work in sociology and mathematics at Dartmouth College and his graduate work in this department, receiving his degree in 1977. After leaving Harvard he did a one year post-doctoral fellowship at the Institute for Research on Poverty at the University of Wisconsin and a two-year fellowship at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University



of Chicago. In 1980 he joined the Sociology Department at Northwestern University. During his twelve years at Northwestern he was Director of the Program in Mathematical Methods in the Social Sciences and for four years chair of the Department of Sociology. He was a founding member of Northwestern's Department of Statistics, and held a courtesy appointment in Economics. From 1984 to 1986 he was Director of the Economics Research Center at NORC. He has been a member of the Harvard department since 1992. Since 1995 he has been the editor of Sociological Methods & Research (SMR). He is a faculty associate of the the Harvard Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) and Harvard Hauser Center for Nonprofit Organizations, and is currently doing research on several topics: The Ten Point Coalition, a group of black ministers who are working with the Boston police to reduce youth violence; statistical models for causal analysis; the effects of education on mental ability; causes of the racial difference in performance in elite colleges and universities; changes in the racial differential in imprisonment rates over the past sixty years.



Joseph C. Krupnick is a PhD candidate in Sociology at Harvard University studying urban cultural processes, particularly among Afro-Americans in the U.S. inner city. His primary focus is violent crime, gang activity, and micro-sociological and relational approaches to urban ethnographic inquiry. He is also writing writing papers on ethnographic methods, the explanatory limits of "category"-based analysis, and the links between objective and symbolic modes of interpretation and causal reasoning in the practice of social science.

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