

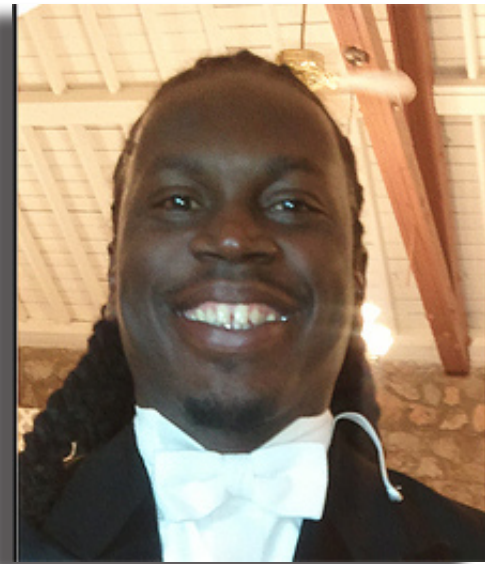
Workshop in Urban Ethnography

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Brian Chad Starks

An Ethnographic Examination of the First Phase of the Criminal Court Process in Atlanta and Philadelphia

Brian Chad Starks is an Assistant Professor in the Sociology and Criminal Justice Department at Delaware State University (beginning August 27, 2012). He completed a PhD in Criminology from the University of Delaware (as of August 2012). His current research draws from the law and society tradition and is grounded in a concern for social justice. He focuses broadly on law and inequality and more specifically, uses courtroom and community ethnography to examine the relationship between law, race/ethnicity, crime and (in)justice. His research agenda captures the social organization aspects of courts and the impact of this institution on the lives of those involved in the criminal court process. His dissertation, “*A Bail of Two Cities*”, examines the first phase of the criminal court systems in two large urban cities. He has been trained and nationally certified as an Instructor by the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, which enables him to bring college students into a prison environment and teach a combined course with the incarcerated. In addition, he is also a community based research consultant, training people from the community to conduct research in their own neighborhoods, while providing employment on local, state and federal grants. He has published works on the inequities in the bail system, disproportionate minority contact in the criminal justice system, the importance of service in education, the impact of teaching criminal justice courses in prisons, and street-life oriented black boys’ attitude towards education.



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