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The Neighbors and the Gang: A Multimethod Comparative Case Study of Local Community Moral Orders



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The Neighbors and the Gang is a comparative case study of three neighborhoods: one black, one white, and one integrated. Using multimethods of surveys, participant observation, interviews, and archives, the research explores the ways in which the three neighborhoods construct distinctly different moral orders in defining the gang problem and organized responses to it.

Lunch Served *** All Welcome

Monday, April 8, 11:30a-1:20p
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