



April 6 & 7

Pittsburgh, PA

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Station Square

The theme for the 2018 meeting in Pittsburgh will be Crime, Punishment and In/Justice. The line between justice and injustice has always been blurry and keeps generating questions about “whose justice?” The question is highly relevant in a number of institutional settings – education, politics, health, work, family, culture – but perhaps nowhere more urgent than in the field of crime and punishment. At every turn of the criminal justice process fresh questions concerning justice arise. Posing questions about what kinds of activities are criminal, what kinds of people get punished, and whose interests are protected by the criminal justice system, scholarship keeps demonstrating not only deep and pervasive inequities but also astounding contradictions in the law and its enforcement. Corporate elites can get away with stealing millions from employee retirement funds while the person who robs a corner store of a few hundred dollars can spend years in prison. “Quality of life” harassments (jay walking, spitting) entangle inner-city youth in the criminal justice system whereas energy corporation get tax breaks for polluting and depleting the environment for future generations. But so much more work needs to be done to reveal the full extent to which injustice pervades the law and criminal justice system. To help inspire the many of you who work in areas that in various ways deal with crime, punishment, and in/justice, we have recruited Professor Victor Rios to deliver the John and Ruth Useem Plenary Address during the 2018 conference. As many of you know, Dr. Rios has produced some of the most important work in this area, including the award winning book entitled *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys*. Looking forward to seeing you all in Pittsburgh, April 6-7, 2018.



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