

Curriculum Vitae

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BIO

Peter Moskos was born in Chicago, graduated from Evanston Township High School, and lives in New York City in Astoria, Queens. He has worked as a movie theater usher, a Chicago Cubs usher, waiter, cook, bartender, bar manager, theater technician (lights and sound), boat captain, busboy, police officer, and professor.

[*Cop in the Hood*](#) (Princeton University Press, 2008), Moskos's first book, examines the war on the drugs from a first-hand perspective. It focuses on urban crime-prevention and police-specific variables linking drug laws to high-levels of African-American violence and imprisonment.

While enrolled as a Harvard University graduate student, Moskos worked as a Baltimore City police officer from 1999 to 2001 and patrolling midnight shift in Baltimore's high-crime Eastern District. As a police officer, Moskos saw both the damage caused by the illegal drug trade and the futility of an arrest-based solution to the drug problem. While the damage from drug use can be real and severe, drug prohibition is worse.

Moskos is currently working on police-related research projects.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (2004) Harvard University, Department of Sociology
M.A. (2004) Harvard University, Department of Sociology
A.B. (1994) Princeton University, Department of Sociology (*Magna Cum Laude*)

PUBLICATIONS

Cop in the Hood: My Year Policing Baltimore's Eastern District. Princeton University Press, 2008.

"Two Shades Of Blue: Racial Distinctions within a Common Police Identity," 2008. (*In preparation for publication*)

"Nine-One-One and the Failure of Police Rapid Response." *Law Enforcement Executive Forum*. Vol. 7(4): 137-150. May 2007.

"Driving While Black." *New York Times* op-ed. Long Island Weekly Desk. June 30, 2006. "*Ex-Seattle Chief's 'Kiss-and-Tell' Memoir.*" *Law Enforcement News* book review. September 2005.

"Take the Violence Out of the Drug Trade." *Baltimore Sun* op-ed. August 3, 2004.

"Balancing Security and Liberty." *Washington Post* op-ed. August 2, 2004.

"Old-School Cops in a New-School World." *Washington Post* op-ed. August 5, 2003. Reprinted: *The Plain Dealer* (Cleveland), August 7, 2003: "Changing the Police Culture." *The Albuquerque Journal*, August 11, 2003: "Police Need New Kind of Diversity." *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, August 11, 2003: "Traditional Cops Learning a New Method of Policing." *Law Enforcement News* (John Jay College of Criminal Justice/CUNY), October 15, 2005.

"Victims of the War on Drugs." *Washington Post* op-ed. July 9, 2003. Reprinted: *Cannabis News*, July 9, 2003. *Drug Sense Weekly*, July 11, 2003. *Watertown Daily Times* (New York), July 11, 2003: "Change Strategy in the War on Drugs." *Substance Abuse Newsroom*, July 11, 2003: "Change Strategy in the War on Drugs." *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* (Florida), July 13, 2003. *Star-Ledger* (Newark, New Jersey), July 14, 2003. *Sun-Sentinel* (South Florida), July 15, 2003: "Don't Form Drug Policy as a Moral War." *Hartford Courant* (Connecticut), July 15, 2003: "Heavy-Handed Drug Enforcement Leads To Hate." *News & Observer* (Raleigh, North Carolina), July 16, 2003: "Lockups Won't Win Drug War." *Detroit News*, July 23, 2003: "Drug War Contributes to Riots in Benton Harbor." *Holland Sentinel* (Michigan), July 25, 2003: "Tolerance Could Actually Lower Drug Use." *The New Times* (Vicksburg, Mississippi), September 2003.

"Feet on the Street." *New York Post* op-ed. June 23, 2003.

"U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Sowed Confusion, Injustice." *Baltimore Sun* op-ed. April 27, 2001.

Cited: Petition for Rehearing (denied), submitted to US Supreme Court, 99-1408
Atwater, et al. v. Lago Vista, Texas, et al. June 2001.

“Afro-Anglo: America’s Core Culture: A Consolidation of Peoples in the United States.”
National Journal of Sociology. Vol. 9(2), 1995.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Police patrol and crime prevention; drug violence; police culture;
community policing; police/minority relations; qualitative methods.

RESEARCH GRANTS

\$50,000 grant to study the police use of confidential informants (co-P.I.).

\$4,000 grant from the PSC-CUNY Research Award to study the relationship between drug policy, police culture, and the large-scale discretionary arrest of minorities. This research will focus on police and drug laws in Baltimore, Maryland, and Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

\$18,000 grant from the Niarchos Foundation to co-author the third edition of the book *Greek Americans* with the author of the first two editions, Professor Charles Moskos of Northwestern University.

PRESENTATIONS

“Rapid Response in High-Drug Areas: a misuse of police patrol.” *Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security*. Istanbul, Turkey. June 2007.

“Bloods, Crips, and Beyond: Anti-Gang Initiatives from Cities to Suburbs.” Princeton University. April 2006.

“Hell Freezing Over: Broken Windows and Police Action Reclaiming NYC’s Port Authority Bus Terminal.” *The American Society of Criminology Conference Annual Meeting*. Toronto. November 2005 (In preparation for publication).

“Police Training for Effective Counter-Terrorism.” *Istanbul Conference on Democracy and Global Security*. Istanbul, Turkey. June 2005.

“Participant P.O. Field Work.” *Philadelphia Ethnography Conference*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. April 2005.

“Police, Drugs, and Arrest Discretion.” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting*. Chicago. March 2005.

“Police in the ’Hood.” *The Millsaps Faith and Work Initiative*. Sponsored by the Lilly Endowment, Inc. and the Departments of Sociology and Anthropology. Millsaps College. Jackson, Mississippi. April 2004.

“Public Health, Policing, and Law Enforcement: The Case of HIV/AIDS Prevention.” *The Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA)*. Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Yale University. November 2003.

“Police and Race in Baltimore.” *The Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference*. Stockholm University. March 2003.

“The Failure of 911 Rapid Police Response.” *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting*. Boston. March 2003.

“Two Shades Of Blue: Racial Distinctions within a Common Police Identity.” *The American Society of Criminology Conference Annual Meeting*. Chicago. November 2002.

“*Vaksurveillance en Ordehandhaving* [Beat Patrol and Order Maintenance],” translated into Dutch by Sjaak Aussems. *Politieburo Prinsengracht*. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. October 1998.

“Community Policing and Crime Prevention in America and Holland.” *The Center for Police Studies*, Departments of Criminal law and Criminology of the Law, Vrije Universiteit. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. December 1997.

“Changes in the Racial Differential in Imprisonment in the U.S. from the 1920s to the 1990s” (with Chris Winship and Steve Morgan). *IRP Summer Research Workshop: Problems of the Low-Income Population*. Madison, Wisconsin. June 1996.

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Department of Law, Police Science, and Criminal Justice Administration. 2004 – present.

Baltimore City Police Officer. October 1999 – July 2001, Eastern District, uniformed patrol (April 2000 – July 2001). Baltimore City Police Academy (October 1999 – April 2000), Certified in Less Lethal Weaponry and as a Maryland Medical First Responder.

New York Academy of Medicine. Authored and presented to Harlem Police Precincts on the Expanded Syringe Access Demonstration Program (ESAP). Spring 2003.

Vera Institute of Justice. Consultant on New York Police Department community relations memo. December 2002.

Baltimore City Police Academy and Eastern District Police Station. Participant-observation field work, interviews, and panel-study questionnaire. August 1999 – July 2001.

Pieter Aertszstraat Police Station, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Participant-observation field work and evaluation of the program, “Cops Without Cars” (*Blauw uit Blik*). October 1997 – August 1998.

Prinsengracht Police Station, Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Participant-observation field work and analysis of police strategy towards controlling weekend crowds on a busy nightlife square (*Rembrandtplein*). May – June 1998.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Issues in Criminal Justice: Corrections and Police (CRJ 711). Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2007.

Introduction to Criminal Justice (CRJ 101). Spring 2005, Fall 2006.

Police Ethics (CRJ 742). Spring 2006.

Police and the Community (CRJ 757). Fall 2005, Fall 2007.

Seminar in Police Problems (PSC 401). Fall 2004 (2 sections), Spring 2005, Fall 2007 (2 sections)

Introduction to Policing (PSC 101). Fall 2004, Spring 2005.

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101), Teaching Fellow, Harvard University. Fall 1998.

HONORS

Invitation and travel grant to attend the Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference. Stockholm, Sweden. March 2003.

Baltimore Sun op-ed cited in Petition for Rehearing (denied), submitted to US Supreme Court, 99-1408 Atwater, et al. v. Lago Vista, Texas, et al. June 2001.

Baltimore Police Department Special Service Commendation Medal. March 2001.

City of Baltimore Citizen Citation. April 2000.

Harvard University Scholarship. 1995 - 1997.

Isadore Brown Thesis Award for best Sociology Thesis, Princeton University. 1994.

Magna Cum Laude, Princeton University. 1994.

Princeton University Hellenic Studies' Seegar Grant for study in Greece. 1993.

Chicago Cubs Award in Recognition of Outstanding Achievement in Crowd Management. 1988.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Society of Criminology

American Sociological Association

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

LEAP: Law Enforcement Against Prohibition