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Appointments:

1991 -	: Assistant to Full Professor Department of Sociology University of Georgia
1987-1991:	Lecturer, Department of Sociology University of Virginia
1984-1986:	Lecturer Department of Law University of Zimbabwe
1982-1983:	Junior Fellow Center for Criminal Justice Harvard Law School
1978-1980:	Assistant Lecturer Faculty of Law University College Dublin

Degrees:

- 1991: Ph.D.
Department of Sociology
University of Virginia
- 1988: S.J.D.
(Doctor of Juridical Science)
Harvard Law School
- 1981: LL.M.
(Master of Law)
Harvard Law School
- 1980: LL.M.
University College Dublin
National University of Ireland
- 1976: B.C.L.
(Bachelor of Civil Law)
University College Dublin
National University of Ireland

Awards:

- Outstanding Author Contribution Award, Emerald Literati Network, 2016 (for
“Terrorism as Gravitational Attraction” co-authored with Nicole Bigman)
- Senior Teaching Fellowship, University of Georgia 2011-12
- University of Georgia Teaching Academy, inducted 2011
- Special Sandy Beaver Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Georgia,
Franklin College of Arts and Science, 2011
- M.G. Michael Award (for new initiatives in scholarship), University of Georgia,
Franklin College of Arts and Science, 2003

Editorships:

- Board of Editors, American Sociological Review, 2009-2012.
- Editorial Advisory Board, Law and Society Review, 1998-2000.
- Editorial Board: Irish Jurist, 2015-2020.

Major Interests: Conflict and Conflict Management
 Violence
 Family Honor Violence
 Sociology of Morality
 Sociology of Law
 State Violence
 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism

Publications

Books: Phillips, Scott and Mark Cooney. 2022. Geometrical Justice: The Death Penalty in America. New York: Routledge.

 Cooney, Mark, 2019. Execution by Family: A Theory of Honor Violence. New York: Routledge.

 Cooney, Mark. 2009. Is Killing Wrong? A Study in Pure Sociology. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press.

 Cooney, Mark. 1998. Warriors and Peacemakers: How Third Parties Shape Violence. New York: New York University Press.

Papers: Phillips, Scott and Mark Cooney. 2026. "Lynching and social time." *Dielma: Revista de Estudos Conflito e Controle*, forthcoming.

 Phillips, Scott and Mark Cooney. 2025. "The Fate of Black's Theory of Law." *The American Sociologist*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12108-025-09648-4>

 Boches, Daniel, Kaiya R. Mayhew, and Mark Cooney, 2025. "Engineering pure sociology." *The American Sociologist*
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12108-025-09646-6>

 "Sociological beauty: the aesthetics of Donald Black's corpus." 2024. *The American Sociologist*
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12108-024-09638-y>

Cooney, Mark and Jeffery Patterson. 2023. "Individualization and the decline of homicide, England 1250-1750." Journal of Criminal Justice 85: Article 101997
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.101997>

Boches, Daniel. J. and Mark Cooney. 2022. "What counts as "violence?" Semantic divergence in cultural conflicts. Deviant Behavior
<https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2021.2024776>

Cooney, Mark and Scott Phillips. 2017. "When will academics contest intellectual conflict?" Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World 10: 1-15.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2378023117713099>

Cooney, Mark. 2017. "Social and legal responses to homicide." Chapter 4 in The Handbook of Homicide, edited by Fiona Brookman, Edward R. Maguire and Mike McGuire. New York: Wiley-Blackwell.

Cooney, Mark. 2016. "The pure sociology of morality." Societas/Communitas 22 (2): 173-184.

Cooney, Mark and Nicole Bigman. 2015, "Terrorism as gravitational attraction." Pages 25-46 in Terrorism and Counterterrorism Today: Sociology of Crime, Law and Deviance, Volume 20, edited by Matthieu Deflem, Bingley, UK: Emerald.

Phillips, Scott and Mark Cooney. 2015. "The electronic pillory: social time and hostility toward capital murderers." Law and Society Review 49: 725-759.

Cooney, Mark. 2015, "How to commit a perfect murder." International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice (special issue on pure sociology) 43: 295-309.

Cooney, Mark. 2014. "Family honor and social time." The Sociological Review 62: S2: 87-106.

Cooney, Mark. 2014. "Death by family: Honor violence as punishment." Punishment and Society 16 (4): 406-427.

Cooney, Mark. 2013. "Podgórecki and pure sociology" Societas/Communitas 15 (1): 97-104.

Cooney, Mark and Scott Phillips. 2013. "With God on one's side: The social geometry of death row apologies." Sociological Forum 28 (1): 159-178.

Cooney, Mark. 2012. "Honor cultures and violence." In Oxford Bibliographies Online, edited by Richard Wright. New York: Oxford University Press.

Cooney, Mark. 2009. "Ethnic conflict without ethnic groups: A study in pure sociology." British Journal of Sociology 60: 463-492

Cooney, Mark and Callie Harbin Burt. 2008. "Less crime, more punishment" American Journal of Sociology 114: 491-527.

Cooney, Mark. 2006. "The criminological potential of pure sociology." Crime, Law and Social Change 46: 51-63.

Phillips, Scott and Mark Cooney. 2005. "Aiding peace, abetting violence: Third parties and the management of conflict." American Sociological Review, 70: 334-354.

Cooney, Mark. 2003. "The privatization of violence." Criminology 41: 1377-1406.

Cooney, Mark. 2003. "Missing the mark: Reflections on Greenberg's comment." Criminology 41: 1419-1426,

Cooney, Mark and Scott Phillips. 2002. "Typologizing violence: A Blackian perspective" .International Journal of Sociology and Social Policy 22: 71-104.

Cooney, Mark. 2001. "Feud and internal war: Legal aspects." Pages 5605-5608 in International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, Volume 8, edited by Neil J. Smelser and Paul B. Baltes. Amsterdam: Elsevier.

Cooney, Mark. 1998. "The dark side of community: Moralistic homicide and strong social ties." Sociological Focus 31: 135-153.

Cooney, Mark, 1997. "From warre to tyranny: Lethal conflict and the state." American Sociological Review 62: 316-338.

Cooney, Mark. 1997. "The decline of elite homicide." Criminology 35, 381-407.

Cooney, Mark. 1997. "Hunting among police and predators: The enforcement of traffic law." Studies in Law, Politics, and Society, 16: 165-188.

Cooney, Mark. 1995. "Legal sociology and the new institutionalism." Studies in Law, Politics, and Society, 15: 85-101.

Cooney, Mark. 1994. "Evidence as partisanship." Law and Society Review 27: 833-859.

Cooney, Mark. 1994. "The informal social control of homicide." Journal of Legal Pluralism 34: 31-59.

Cooney, Mark. 1992. "Racial discrimination in arrest." Chapter 5 Virginia Review of Sociology, Volume 1: Law and Social Control, edited by James Tucker. Greenwich: JAI Press .

Cooney, Mark. 1986. "Behavioural sociology of law: A defence." Modern Law Review 49: 262-271.

Review

Essays:

"The scientific significance of Collins's Violence." British Journal of Sociology 60: 586-594, 2009.

"Still paying the price of heterodoxy: The Behavior of Law a quarter-century on." Contemporary Sociology 31: 658-661, 2002.

"Why is economic analysis so appealing to law professors?" Review Essay on Robert C. Ellickson's Order Without Law: How Neighbors Settle Disputes. Stanford Law Review 45: 2211-2230, July 1993.

Book

Reviews:

Moral Time by Donald Black. Revue de Synthèse 135 (4): 429-431 (2014).

Homicide: A Sociological Explanation by Leonard Beeghley. Contemporary Sociology 33: 601-602 (2004).

The Struggle for Control: A Study of Law, Disputes, and Deviance by Pat Lauderdale and Michael Cruit. Social Forces 73: 1174-1175.

Explorations in Law and Society: Toward Responsive Law, by Alan Hunt. Law and Politics Book Review 3: 117-119 (1993).

Legal Secrets: Equality and Efficiency in the Common Law, by Kim Lane Scheppele, American Journal of Sociology 95: 536-537 (1989).

Other:

"Foreword" to The Behavior of Law by Donald Black. Bingley, U.K.: Emerald Group Publishing (special edition 2010; first edition, 1976).

Contribution to editorial debate on "Ossowska's Foundations of Science of Morality 70 Years After." 2016. Societas/Communitas 22 (2): 43-47.

Invited Lectures/Presentations:

"Honor culture and the Family." Presentation at "Antonio Pigliaru: Workshop on Social Norms and Cultural Codes," Cagliari, Sardinia, June 25, 2022.

"The pure sociology of morality." Presentation at conference title "Maria Ossowska: New Sociology of Morals Meets Old Sociology of Morals." Warsaw, Poland, October 25, 2014

"Podgórecki and pure sociology." Presentation at the annual meeting of the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law, International Sociological Association, Warsaw, Poland, October 20, 2012

"The scientific significance of Collin's Violence." Presentation at the seminar on "Theories of Violence", Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri – St. Louis, February 27, 2009.

"How to commit a perfect murder." Presentation at Iowa Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, October 20, 2006.

"Street justice and the reduction of violence." Clarence H. and Adele Patrick Annual Lecture, Department of Sociology, Wake Forest University, January 27, 1997.

Invited Conference Presentations:

Featured author for "Author-Meets-Critics" session on Geometrical Justice: The Death Penalty in America. American Society of Criminology, annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November, 2023.

Featured author for "Author-Meets-Critics" session on Execution by Family: A Theory of Honor Violence, American Society of Criminology annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 16, 2022

Panelist for author-meets-critics session on Suicide: The Social Causes of Self-Destruction by Jason Manning, American Society of Criminology, annual meeting, Chicago, November 2021.

Panelist for author-meets-critics session on The Geometry of Genocide by Bradley Campbell, American Society of Criminology annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 19, 2016.

Panelist for "Author-Meets-Critics" session on Lynched: The Victims of Southern Mob Violence by Amy Kate Bailey and Stewart E. Tolnay. American Society of Criminology, annual meeting, Washington D.C.: November, 2015

Panelist for "Author-Meets-Critics" session on Moral Time by Donald Black. American Society of Criminology, annual meeting, San Francisco: November, 2014

Panelist for "Author-Meets-Critics-Session" on Coercive Confinement in Ireland: Patients, Prisoners, and Penitents by Eoin O'Sullivan and Ian O'Donnell. American Society of Criminology, annual meeting, Chicago: November 2012.

Featured author for "Author-Meets-Critics" session on Is Killing Wrong? A Study in Pure Sociology, American Society of Criminology, annual meeting, San Francisco, November 2010.

"The criminological potential of Blackian theory." Paper presented at the session titled "Selective, Narrow, Distorted, and Unconscious Applications of Sociological Theory in Criminology: Costs, Pitfalls, and Potential" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, November, 2005.

Panelist for Town Hall Meeting on “What’s Missing, Undervalued, and Forgotten in Criminology” organized by Crime, Law and Deviance section, American Sociological Association, annual meeting, Atlanta, August, 2003.

Featured author for “Author-Meets-Critics” session devoted to Warriors and Peacemakers: How Third Parties Shape Violence at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November, 2000.

Featured author on “book round” session devoted to Warriors and Peacemakers: How Third Parties Shape Violence at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Miami Beach, May 2000.

Panelist for author-meets-critics session on Elijah Anderson’s Code of the Streets: Decency, Violence, and Moral Life of Inner City. Eastern Sociological Association, annual meeting, Baltimore, March, 2000.

"How Third Parties Shape Violent Conflict." Mini-plenary presentation made at the Law and Society Association, annual meeting, St. Louis, May, 1997.

Panelist for author-meets-critics session on Robert C. Ellickson's Order Without Law: How Neighbors Settle Disputes. American Sociological Association, annual meeting, Pittsburgh, August, 1992.

Panelist for roundtable on "Law and the New Institutionalism". American Sociological Association, annual meeting, Los Angeles, August, 1994.

Panelist for author-meets-reader session on Setsuo Miyazawa's Policing in Japan: An Essay on Making Crime. Law and Society Association, annual meeting, Chicago, IL, May 1993.

Other Conference Presentations:

“The severity of lynching: A test of Black’s theory of moral time.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington C, November 2025.

“Lynching and social time” (with Scott Phillips). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November 2024.

“The historical decline of European homicide: a revisionist explanation” (with Jeffery Patterson as second author). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

“Measuring the seriousness of crime: a theoretical approach” (with Scott Phillips as first author). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

"The crucial crowd: social time, third parties, and family honor." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., November, 2015.

"Beyond patriarchy: third parties and Type B honor violence." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November 17, 2011.

"With God on one's side: the social geometry of death row apologies" (with Scott Phillips as first author). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., November 18, 2011

"Theorizing honor homicide." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 5, 2009.

"When murder is meritorious." Paper presented at the joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association, Berlin, Germany, July 26. 2007.

"How to commit a perfect murder." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, California, November 4, 2006.

"When deviance is conventional: predicting the quantity of homicide law" (with Callie Harbin Burt as second author). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August, 2006.

"Aiding peace, abetting violence: third parties and the management of conflict" (with Scott Phillips as first author). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 2004.

"Declining deviance, expanding law." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November, 2001.

"Law and the retreating enemy." Paper presented at the joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association, Budapest, July, 2001.

"Law and violence: siblings or strangers?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, November, 2000.

"Typologizing violence" (with Scott Phillips as second author). Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, August, 1999.

"Beyond Hobbes: qualitative effects of the state on violence." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C., November, 1998.

"Sex and style in the law of homicide." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August, 1998.

"Reducing violence through street courts." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, November, 1996.

"The peculiarity of crime: law and the warping of violence." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August, 1996.

"Law and the warping of violence." Paper presented at the joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association, Glasgow, Scotland, July 1996.

"Community and Homicide" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Boston, November, 1995.

"Spousal homicide as execution and rebellion." Round-table presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August, 1995.

"The state and homicide". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Miami, November 1994.

"Supporting homicide." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Phoenix, Az, October, 1993.

"The morality of strangers." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, Pa, August, 1992.

"Legal facts as social things." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Philadelphia, Pa, June, 1992.

"The social production of evidence." Paper presented at the joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association, Amsterdam, The Netherlands June, 1991.

"Two traditions of legal sociology: an existential analysis." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Vail, CO, 1988.

Professional Contributions

Conference Activity:

Presider and organizer of session on "Law across Space and Time" at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August 21, 2011.

Presider of session "Homicide: Structure, Honor, and Resources" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 5, 2009.

Presider of author-meets-critics session on Hal Pepinsky's "Peacemaking: Reflections of a Radical Criminologist" at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, November 15, 2007.

Presider of session “Studies in Pure Sociology” at the joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association, Berlin, Germany, July 26, 2007.

Presider of session on “Pure sociology and Social Control” at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, November 1, 2006.

Organizer of session on “The Pure Sociology of Crime, Law and Deviance” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August, 2006

Organizer of session on “The Social Structure of Law” at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August, 2004.

Member, James F. Short Award Committee, Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association, 2004.

Member, Kalven Prize Committee, Law and Society Association, 2003.

Member of Council, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association, 2000-2002.

Chair, Nominations Committee, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association, 2002.

Member, Nominations Committee, Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association, 2002.

Member of the Membership Committee of the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association, 1995-1996.

Member of Law and Society Association’s Graduate and Undergraduate Student Prize Committees, 1999.

Co-organizer of panel entitled “Studies in Pure Sociology” for 2002, annual Meeting of Law and Society Association, Vancouver, Canada.

Presider of panel entitled “Gulags, Gallows, and Public Attitudes Toward Crime” for 2001 annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta.

Co-organizer of panel entitled “Beyond The Behavior of Law: Studies in Blackian Sociology” for 2001 annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Budapest, Hungary.

Organizer and Presider of session on "Blackian Perspectives on Violence", World Congress on Violence and Human Coexistence, Dublin, Ireland, August, 1997.

Presider of session on "Legal Aspects of Violence", World Congress on Violence and Human Coexistence, Dublin, Ireland, August, 1997.

Organizer and Presider of author-meets-readers session on The Executive Way: Conflict

Management in Corporations, by Calvin Morrill. Panel held at the joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association, Glasgow, Scotland, July, 1996.

Organizer of session on "What Should We Be Doing? A Discussion of Donald Black's "The Epistemology of Pure Sociology."" Panel held at the joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association, Glasgow, Scotland, July, 1996.

Organizer of author-meets-readers session on Sociological Justice by Donald Black. Panel held at the annual meeting of the Law and Society Association, Philadelphia, PA., June, 1992.

Reviewer:

National Science Foundation
 Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation
 NWO (Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research)
American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
British Journal of Sociology
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Criminology
Ethnic and Racial Studies
Homicide Studies
Journal of Crime, Law, and Delinquency
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Justice System Journal
Law and Society Review
Qualitative Criminology
Sociological Focus
Social Forces
Social Sciences and Humanities
Sociological Forum
Sociological Inquiry
Sociological Perspectives
Social Psychology Quarterly
Social Science History
Social Sciences and Humanities
Sociological Theory
State and Local Government Review
Studies in Law, Politics, and Society
Theory and Society
Violence against Women
 Cambridge University Press
 Oxford University Press
 Palgrave Macmillan
 St. Martin's Press
 University of Virginia Press

