

Department of Criminology Research Series

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Land Use, Taverns, and Bars, Oh My!
Current State of Theory and Research on the
Physical Environment in Small Area Crime Studies

Abstract: There has been substantial recent attention to sub-city level units of analysis in crime research, such as street segments, hot spots, and census-based units such as blocks, block groups, and census tracts. The range of crime predictor variables included in this research has been quite variable. Given the volume of research, it makes sense and will help guide both researchers and practitioners, who otherwise have to rely on a fairly ad hoc selection of indicators. The project is to survey the literature to catalog the indicators used in small area studies and will be discussed today. Phase two, which is just getting under way, will examine these indicators as fully as possible using data for a single city, followed by replication across cities. Different units of analysis will also be considered, where possible. The long term goal is to identify a comprehensive set of predictors, which can serve as a resource for theory and research in small area crime studies.

Friday, April 7 - 10:00
Conference Room 351

Faculty, Staff and Students are Invited