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## **Sociology & Criminal Justice Graduate Student Conference**

March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

9:00am – 3:30pm  
Trabant 209/211

Keynote Speaker  
**Victoria Pitts-Taylor, Ph.D.**  
*City University of New York*  
3:30-5:00pm  
Kirkbride 205

About the Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Victoria Pitts-Taylor is Professor of Sociology, Director of the Center for the Study of Women and Society, and Coordinator of Women's Studies at the Graduate Center, City University of New York. She is the author of *Surgery Junkies: Wellness and Pathology in Cosmetic Culture* (Rutgers University Press 2007) and *In the Flesh: the Cultural Politics of Body Modification* (Palgrave Macmillan 2003), and many articles and book chapters on social and cultural aspects of the body, medicine, and health and wellness. She is Editor of the two-volume *Cultural Encyclopedia of the Body* (Greenwood Press, 2008). She has won an Advancement of the Discipline Award from the American Sociological Association. She is co-Editor of the journal *Women's Studies Quarterly*

Please join us for a reception following the keynote address at Kildare's Irish Pub  
45 East Main Street (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)

## Schedule of Events Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Coffee Reception
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Greeting and Opening Remarks Ronet Bachman, Chair
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Panel 1
10:45 AM – 11:00 AM	Break
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Panel 2
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM – 3:15 PM	Panel 3
3:15 PM – 3:30 PM	Break
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Victoria Pitts-Taylor, Ph.D. City University of New York

**Panel 1:**

9:45-10:45

“The Changing Labels of the Social Problem of Low-Income Youth: “At-risk” to “Resilient”

*Sarah Williams Leng, University of Delaware*

“The Impact of Bullying Behaviors on School Avoidance”

*Kirsten Hutzell, Villanova University*

“Workforce Development Program: Experiences of 80 Probationers in the U.S. Probation Office, District of Delaware”

*Nicole Smolter, Christy Visher, and Dan O’Connell, University of Delaware*

**Panel 2:**

11:00-12:00

“Choice, Will and Action: Capturing Agency Within a Life-Course Perspective”

*Erin Kerrison, University of Delaware*

“Bloody Fists and Broken Noses: The Transgressive Netherworld of Human Fighting”

*John J. Brent, University of Delaware*

“Participant Observation Research In Violent And Risky Environments”

*Mehdi Pahlavan, Howard University*

**Panel 3:**

2:00-3:15

“Institutional Fads and the Medicalization of Drug Addiction”

*Holly Swan, David Lane, and Tammy L. Anderson, University of Delaware*

“Doing Gender, Doing Sexuality: Mixed Messages at the Go-Go Club”

*David Lane and Brian Newby, University of Delaware*

“(937): OMG- I’m drunk, high, & just f\*cked someone???”

*TFLN, A Public Arena for Personal Experiences: Illuminating the Culture of the Twenty-Somethings” Emily Bonistall and Kathleen Kelley, University of Delaware*

“Surfing the Third Wave: The Present-Day Feminist Movement Online”

*Nena Craven, University of Delaware*

**Keynote Speaker: Victoria Taylor-Pitts, Ph.D.**

3:30-5:00

*“Beyond social constructionism: thinking and teaching the body”*