

“Thinking About Terrorism: Theory and Measurement”



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Date: Tuesday, October 17th, 2017

Time: 12:30 – 2 p.m.

Location: SBSG 1517

ABSTRACT:

This workshop is designed to stimulate thinking about how a criminology program might be strengthened with a curriculum on terrorism -- what makes terrorism an important branch of criminology, what it has in common with other acts of aggression and how it differs, how theories of criminology apply and complement theories of terrorism from other disciplines, and how the Department of Criminology, Law and Society might build on its already substantial strengths to develop such a curriculum. A prepared presentation will provide substantive information for the discussion. The first half will focus on theories of terrorism and definitional problems; after a break, we will discuss data and policy issues.

Below are two links to relevant, recent readings that participants might want to review prior to the workshop:

<https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/12/21/defining-terrorism-down/>

<https://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2016/08/12/terrorisms-media-politics-complex.>

BIO:

Brian Forst is Visiting Professor in Residence at the Department of Criminology, Law and Society and Professor Emeritus at American University, Washington, DC. His eight books and scores of articles focus on terrorism, errors of justice, the exercise of discretion by prosecutors and police, sentencing, performance measurement, and justice policy. His curriculum vitae is available on request.

Lunch will be provided.

Please [RSVP](#) by: October 10th, 2017