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## **Parole Revocation in the Era of Mass Incarceration**

presented by

**Jeffrey Lin,**

**assistant professor of sociology and criminology**

**Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 4:00 p.m.**

**Sturm Hall, room 286**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

The explosive growth of US prison populations over the last 30 years—now known as ‘mass incarceration’—has been driven by harsh sentences delivered to offenders by criminal courts, but the increasingly common practice of parole revocation has also contributed significantly to this phenomenon. As the criminal justice system has been reoriented away from rehabilitation and toward punitive objectives, the function of parole has changed accordingly. No longer focused on the successful reintegration of offenders, parole has been transformed into a managerial instrument that mainly serves to identify and reincarcerate dangerous criminals.

Jeffrey Lin is an assistant professor of sociology and criminology. Prior to joining DU in fall 2008, he served as a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California, Irvine, and received his Ph.D. in sociology from New York University in 2005. His dissertation research explored court decisions to incarcerate juvenile offenders in New York City, as well as the impact of incarceration on the criminal behavior of these young offenders. His courses at DU cover crime, corrections, juvenile justice, inequality and quantitative methods.

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