Serial Killers

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Types of Multiple Killers

	Mass	Spree	Serial
# of victims	4+	2+	3+
# of events	1	1	3+
# of locations	1	2+	3+
Cooling-off period	no	no	yes

Serial Killer Frequency

- Hickey (2002)
  - 337 males and 62 females in U.S. from 1800-1995
  - 158 males and 29 females in U.S. from 1975-1995
- Gorby (2000)
  - 300 international serial killers from 1800-1995
- Radford University Data Base (1/24/2010)
  - 1,961 serial killers
    - US: 1,140
    - International: 821
  - Number of serial killers goes down with each update because many names listed as serial killers are not actually serial killers

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General Serial Killer Profile
Demographics - Worldwide

- Male
  - Our data base: 88.27%
  - Kraemer, Lord & Heilbrun (2004) study of 157 serial killers: 96%
- White
  - 66.5% of all serial killers (68% in Kraemer et al, 2004)
  - 64.3% of male serial killers
  - 83% of female serial killers
- Average intelligence
  - Mean of 101 in our data base (median = 100)
  - n = 107
- Seldom involved with groups

General Serial Killer Profile
Age at First Kill

Race	N	Mean
Our data (2010)	1,518	29.0
Kraemer et al. (2004)	157	31
Hickey (2002)		28.5

General Serial Killer Profile
Demographics – Average age is 29.0

- Males
  - 28.8 is average age at first kill
    - 9 is the youngest (Robert Dale Segee)
    - 72 is the oldest (Ray Copeland)
  - Jesse Pomeroy (Boston in the 1870s)
    - Killed 2 people and tortured 8 by the age of 14
    - Spent 58 years in solitary confinement until he died
- Females
  - 30.3 is average age at first kill
    - 11 is youngest (Mary Flora Bell)
    - 66 is oldest (Faye Copeland)

General Serial Killer Profile
Race

Race	U.S. N=1,140	U.S. & International N=1,932
White	69.3%	67.8%
Black	24.5%	17.3%
Hispanic	5.0%	5.6%
Asian	0.8%	9.1%
Native American	0.4%	0.3%

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A Problem with Profiling

- Typical Serial Killer Profile in the Media
  - A white, male, in his mid to late twenties
- Statistics (U.S. Serial Killers)
  - Male (89.2%)
  - White (69.3%)
  - Mid to late twenties (29.6%)
  - White, male (59.7%)
  - White male in his mid to late twenties (17.4%)

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Serial Killing is a White Thing
1980-2006

	Serial Killers	1980, 1990, 2000 Census
White	72.82%	74.40%
Black	21.33%	11.95%
Hispanic	5.13%	9.55%
Asian	0.72%	2.81%

Race
Prolific African American Serial Killers

- 44 Jake Bird
- 34 Brandon Tholmer
- 30 Loving Mitchell
  John Floyd Thomas
- 23 Wayne Williams
- 17 Maury Troy Travis
- 16 John Muhammad & Lee Boyd Malvo
- 15 Richard Jameswhite
  Fred Glover
  O'Delle & Pearl Jackson
  John Reed
- 14 Vincent Groves
  Jesse Lee Cooks
  Larry Green
  Mitchell Hulon
  Franklin Lynch
  Manuel Moore
  J.C.X. Simon
  Clarence Walker

- 13 Sydney Jones
  Lorenzo Gilyard
  Cleamon Demone Johnson
  Chester Dewayne Turner
- 12 Nathaniel Burse
  Michael Clark
  Elton Manning Jackson
  Garland Jackson
  Edward Moran
  Eddie Lee Mosley
  Darrell Patry
  Kody Scott
  Donald & Reuben Taylor
  Coral Eugene Watts
  Robert Wilson

Race
Prolific Hispanic Serial Killers

- 27 Angel Colon Maldonado
- 25 Juan Corona
- 23 Adolfo Constanzo
- 15 Richard Ramirez
- 12 Robert & David Diaz
- 11 Juan Chavez
- 10 Eddie Seda
- 9 Jorge Deniquez
- 9 Lloyd Gomez
- 9 Rolando Garcia
- 9 Dorothea Puente

- 7 Fernando Cota
- 7 Tondy Herrera
- 7 Diana Lumbrera
- 7 David Villarreal
- 6 Juan Cordoba
- 6 Paul Ruiz
- 6 Efren Saldivar
- 5 Ramon T. Hernandez
- 5 Alfredo R. Prieto
- 5 Leslie Torres
- 5 Richardo Caputo

Race
Prolific White Serial Killers

- 60 Dr. Michael Swango
  Donald Evans
- 48 Gary Ridgeway
  Amy Archer-Gilligan
- 41 Gerald Stano
  Billy Gohl
- 37 Donald Harvey
- 36 Ted Bundy
- 34 Gerard Schaefer

- 33 John Wayne Gacy
  Bruce Davis
- 32 Patrick Kearney
- 31 Jane Toppan
- 30 Morris Bolber
- 29 Charles Cullen
- 28 David Douglas Hill
- 27 Dean Corll
  Elmer Henley
  Herman Mudgett

Serial Killer IQ

- Media/Internet
  - High IQ
- Our Database (N = 107)
  - Mean = 101
  - Median = 100
  - Range (57 – 165)
- Rape
  - Yes (98.8)
  - No (105)
- Method of Killing
  - Bomb (138)
  - Gun (101.5)
  - Hands (100.3)

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Intelligence
The Smart

- 165 Ted Kaczynski (155)
- 160 Charlene Gallego
- 152 Carroll Cole
- 145 Ed Kemper (136)
- 140 Charles Albright
  Robert Browne
- 138 Michael Carson
- 136 Ted Bundy (125)
- 134 Thomas Dillon
  Jeffrey Schrader

- 130
  - Lawrence Bittaker
  - Harvey Glatman
  - Gary Heidnik
  - Marcel Petiot
  - Angel Resendez
  - Gerald Schaefer
- 129 Bill Heirens
  Paul Knowles
  Randy Kraft
- 128 Joel Rifkin
- 127 James Debardeleben

Intelligence
The Not So Smart

- 57 Simon Pirela
- 58 John Staffen
- 60 Eugene Britt
- 63 Arthur Goode
- 65 Clarence Victor
  Karl Lee Myers
  Derrick Todd Lee
- 68 Bruce Lee (Peter Dinsdale)
- 68 Lorenzo Fayne
- 69 Louis Craine
  Christine Falling
  Luis Aguilar Perez

- 70 Kuno Hofmann
  Alfredo R. Prieto
- 72 Gerald Pizzuto
- 73 Hubert Geralds
  Michael Wayne Howell
- 75 Coral Watts
- 75 Marty Graham
- 78 Marie Noe
- 80 Tommy Lynn Sells
- 84 "Zoo Man" Huskey
- 84 Joseph Kallinger
- 85 Otis Toole
- 85 Daniel Blank

Family Comparison

	Serial Killers	U.S. Population
Birth parents	79.0%	76.1%
Adopted	7.8%	2.5%
Relative	7.3%	3.1%
Foster home	3.8%	0.4%
Orphanage	1.5%	?
Abandoned	0.5%	?
	N =396	2000 Census

Birth Order Comparison

	Serial Killers	U.S. Presidents	U.S. Population
First Born	32.6%	33.3%	28.36
Middle Born	27.4%	50.0%	15.90
Youngest	24.8%	14.3%	28.36
Only Child	15.2%	2.4%	27.39
	N = 310		2000 Census

General Serial Killer Profile
Childhood

- Unstable home (37%)
- Absence of loving and nurturing relationship
- Physical ailments and disabilities
- Head injuries
- Triad
  - bed wetting
  - fire starting
  - animal torture

Effects of the Family
Child Abuse

Comparison of Serial Killers to the General Population (Mitchell & Aamodt, 2005)		
Type of Abuse	General Population	Serial Killers
Physical	6%	36%
Sexual	3%	26%
Psychological	2%	50%
Neglect	18%	18%
Other	6%	Not applicable
No Abuse Reported	70%	32%

A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Gary Heidnik

- 3 years old
- Didn't clean room properly
- Father hung him by his feet out of a 3rd story window

A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Henry Lee Lucas

- 3 years old
  - Mother forced him to watch her have sex with strangers
- 7 years old
  - Mother made him go to school dressed like a girl
  - Mother beat him when his teacher gave him a pair of shoes
- 10 Years old
  - Mother's lover showed him how to kill animals and then have sex with them

A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Danny Rolling

- 6 months
  - Father kicked him into a wall
- 1 year old
  - Father beat him when he crawled funny
- 6-8 years old
  - Father beat him twice a week
- 13 years old
  - Father handcuffs him to brother, beats them, leaves them outside

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A Strange Way to Raise a Child
Robert Garrow

- 1 year old
  - Father made him kneel for hours in the corner
- 2 years old
  - Mother splits his head open with a crowbar during a beating
- 5 years old
  - Knocked unconscious when mother hits him in the head with a piece of wood
- 6 Years old
  - Beaten unconscious by his father
  - Made to wear his sister's bloomers out to play

General Serial Killer Profile
Forensic History

- Triad
- Most have a criminal history
  - 85.6% were previously arrested
  - 74.9% had spent time in jail or prison
- Many received prior psychiatric treatment
- Many spent time in a forensic unit
- 7.7% killed prior to their serial killing

Categorizing the Serial Killer

- Killer
  - sex, race, age
  - IQ
  - psychopathology
- Crime Scene
  - type of weapon
  - use of torture
  - attempt to hide body
  - location
- Motive
  - sex
  - power
  - financial gain
- Victim
  - sex, race, age
  - occupation
  - personality

	Type of Victim					
Motive	Spouse, Family	Random Strangers	Specific Type	Specific Strangers	Employees	Patients
Money	Black Widow		Contract Killer		Cost Cutter	Lethal Caretaker
Sex		Disorganized Lust	Organized Lust			
Thrill		Disorganized Thrill	Organized Thrill			
Power	Bluebeard					Angels of Death
Revenge	Revenge					
Psychosis		Visionary				
Hate			Missionary			
Attention	Munchausen					Munchausen
No motive		Anti-social				

Types of Serial Killers
Visionaries

- Psychotic - told to kill
  - paranoia, schizophrenia
  - 1% of killers are psychotic (Henn et al., 1976)
- Examples
  - Herbert Mullin
  - Miguel Rivera
  - Joseph Kallinger

Herbert Mullin

- Crimes
  - Operated during 1972-1973
  - Killed 13 in Santa Cruz, CA
  - Shot most of his victims
- Vision
  - Voices told him to shave his head and burn his penis with a cigarette (he obeyed)
  - Voices told him to kill in order to prevent a catastrophic earthquake

Joseph Kallinger

- Crimes
  - Operated during 1974-1975
  - Murdered 3 in NJ and PA (including one of his sons)
  - Robbed and assaulted many others
  - His 13 year old son was his accomplice
- Vision
  - Told by God (through a large floating head with tentacles) to murder young boys and sever their genitals
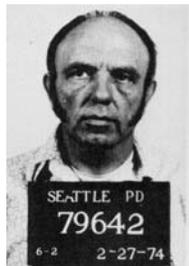
Harvey Carignan

- Crimes
  - Known as the "Want-ad Killer"
  - Operated in Seattle 1973-1974
  - Killed 3 (probably many more) by smashing their skull with a hammer
- Vision
  - Told by God to kill women
  - God didn't tell him why

Types of Serial Killers
Missionaries

- Kill to "Clean-up" world
- Examples
  - Joseph Franklin
    - Killed interracial couples and African Americans
    - Wounded Vernon Jordan and Larry Flynt (*Hustler* Magazine)
  - Wolfgang Abel
    - Killed drug addicts
  - Axe Man of New Orleans
    - Killed 11 (most were Italian grocers)
  - Carroll Cole

Carroll Edward Cole

- Crimes
  - Operated during 1975-1980
  - Killed at least 13 women in several western states
- Mission
  - Rid the world of loose women
  - All his victims cheated on their significant-other with Cole

Types of Serial Killers
Hedonists

- Kill for fun or profit
- Subtypes
  - Lust Killers (kill for sexual gratification)
    - Organized
    - Disorganized
    - Mixed
  - Thrill Killers (kill for the thrill of killing)
  - Gain Killers
    - Contract Killers
    - Black Widows
    - Lethal Caretakers
    - Cost Cutters

Examples of Lust Killers

- Organized Killers
  - Ted Bundy
  - John Gacy
  - Chris Wilder
  - Kenneth Bianchi
  - Ed Kemper

- Disorganized Killers
  - Arthur Shawcross
  - Richard Chase
  - Jeffrey Dahmer
  - Danny Rolling

Hedonists-Gain Killers
Black Widows

- The Crime
  - Kill husbands, lovers, or relatives for financial gain
  - Almost always women
  - Almost 90% use poison to kill their victims
- Examples
  - Diana Lumbrera (killed her 6 children for insurance)
  - Nanny Hazel Doss (killed 4 husbands, 2 sisters, 1 mother)
  - Lydia Trueblood (killed 4 husbands, 1 child, brother in-law)
  - Amy Gilligan (killed 5 husbands, several patients)

Hedonists - Gain Killers
Cost Cutters

- Crime
  - Kill to save money
- Examples
  - Joseph Briggen
    - Killed 12 ranch hands when their pay was due
    - Fed the people to his prize-wining pigs
  - Georg Grossman
    - Killed over 50 people, put the meat into his hotdogs
  - Joe Ball

Joe Ball

- Operated during the late 1930s
- Killed at least 5, probably 14, waitresses at his tavern (The Sociable Inn) in Texas
- Threw them into a pit with 5 alligators in the back of the tavern

Hedonists-Gain Killers
Lethal Caretakers - Profit

- The Crime
  - Kill patients for profit
  - Usually women
- Examples
  - Dorthea Puente killed 7 elderly to cash social security checks
  - Antoinette Scieri killed 12 elderly patients so that she could take their assets
  - Anna Hahn poisoned 5 elderly men she cared for to get their insurance

Types of Serial Killers
Power Seekers

- Kill to exert power over strangers
- Examples
  - Ted Bundy
  - David Berkowitz
  - Angelo Buono
  - Edward Kemper

Power Seekers
Angels of Death

- The Crime
  - Usually women
  - Kill patients for feelings of power and control
- Examples
  - Genene Jones - As a nurse, she killed between 11 and 46 babies by injecting them with a muscle relaxant
  - Terri Rachals killed 9 patients through injections of potassium chloride
  - David Harvey is an example of a male angel of death
  - Gwendolyn Graham and Catherine Wood

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Catherine Wood

- Killed 5 patients in Alpine Manor (a nursing home)
- Initial plan was to spell MURDER with the first letter in the last name of each victim
- Graham did all the killing and Wood kept watch

Power Seekers
Blue Beard Killers

- Males who kill their spouses
- Examples
  - Johann Hoch
  - Henri Landru
  - Harry Powers
  - James Watson

Henry Landu

- Romanced more than 300 women out of their money during the early 1900s in France
- Ran personal ads to meet his women
- Married and killed 10 of them
- Put their bodies in an oven to dispose of them

Lethal Caretakers
Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy

- The Crime
  - Kill or hurt others in order to be admired for curing them or to get sympathy for the death of a loved one
  - Mostly females
- Examples
  - Beverly Allitt injected insulin and potassium into 26 children (4 died, 9 had irreparable brain damage) over a 58-day period
  - Martha Woods - 27 respiratory attacks in 9 children resulted in 7 being killed (3 were her own children)

Types of Serial Killers
Revenge Killers

- Kill for revenge
- Examples
  - Martha Wise: Killed 3 family members opposing her marriage
  - Ellen Etheridge: Killed 4 of her 8 step-children because she was jealous of their relationship with her husband
  - Martha Johnson
    - Had 4 fights with her husband
    - After each fight, suffocated a child as revenge
    - Suffocated by laying on top of them (she weighed 250 pounds)

Types of Serial Killers
Antisocial Personalities

- Definition
  - Pattern of irresponsible or harmful behavior
  - Lack of conscience
  - Ignore social rules and laws
  - Impulsive
  - Fail to learn from punishment
- Examples
  - Gang Members
  - Criminals who kill for no reason

The Crime Scene

	Serial Killer Type	
Crime Characteristic	Disorganized	Organized
Body	disfigured	hidden
Sex	after death	before death
	unsuccessful	successful
Weapons	finds at scene	brings
Viciousness	torture	quick
Sophistication	low	high, learns each time

The Crime Scene

	Serial Killer Type	
Crime Characteristic	Disorganized	Organized
Totem	not taken	taken
Follows crime in news	no	yes
Victim	high risk	low risk
Gets to crime by	walking, bus	drives

Killer Profile

Characteristic	Serial Killer Type	
	Disorganized	Organized
Residence	close to crime	further
IQ	less intelligent	intelligent
Employment	menial or unemployed	normal
Appearance	unattractive	attractive
Self-image	feels inferior	feels superior
Social	loner	outgoing

Killer Profile

Characteristic	Serial Killer Type	
	Disorganized	Organized
Romance	lives alone	affairs, short relationships
Anger	keeps inside	acts out, bully, class clown
Birth order	low	high
Habits	nighttime	daytime
Childhood discipline	harsh	lax or inconsistent

Killer Profile

Characteristic	Serial Killer Type	
	Disorganized	Organized
Family	alcoholism, mental illness	
Father's work	unstable	stable