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APPOINTMENT

2024 **Assistant Professor** University of
Joint in Sociology & the School of Data Science and Society North Carolina
Chapel Hill

EDUCATION

2018 – 2024 **Ph.D in Criminology, Law & Society** University of
Dissertation *Theory with Consequents* California Irvine
Committee Bryan Sykes (Chair), Charis Kubrin, Sora Han,
Francesca Polletta (Outside), Justin Pickett (External)
Emphasis Race and Justice (directed by Ana Muñiz)

2018 – 2021 **M.A. – Social Ecology** University of
Thesis *Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun* California Irvine
Desirability in a Pandemic

2014 **A.B. – Honors in Social Studies, Secondary in Psychology,** Harvard
Harvard University University
Thesis *Guns in the Ideal Society: Comparing the Sociopolitical Ideology of*
Gun Owners and Police Officers

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*DENOTES EQUAL AUTHORSHIP)

2024 **Widespread, bipartisan aversion exists to neighbors owning AR-15s or storing guns insecurely**
Justin L. Sola and Justin T. Pickett
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences 121 (16) e2311825121

2023 **Making the Call: How Does Perceived Race Affect Desire to Call the Police?**
Justin L. Sola and Charis E. Kubrin
Journal of Experimental Criminology (Online First)
Winner of the 2023 ASC Division of Experimental Criminology Student Paper Award

2022 **Barred: Labor Market Dynamics and Human Capital Development Among People on Probation and Parole**
Bryan L. Sykes, Meghan M. Ballard*, Daniela Kaiser*, Vicente Celestino Mata*, Joanne Amanda Sharry*, and Justin L. Sola*
Annals of the American Academy of Political & Social Science (Volume 701 Issue 1: 28-45)

2022 **Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Public Assistance, Monetary Sanctions, and Financial Double-Dealing in America**
Bryan L. Sykes, Meghan M. Ballard*, Andrea Giuffre*, Daniela Kaiser*, Vicente Celestino Mata*, and Justin L. Sola*
Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences (Volume 8 Issue 1: 148-178)

2021 **Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun Desirability in a Pandemic**
Justin L. Sola
Sociological Perspectives (Volume 65 Issue 5: 939-969)

2008 **The New Industrial Revolution in China: Shenzhen and the Migrants Who Created It (1979-2006)**
Justin L. Sola
The Concord Review (Volume 19 Issue 2)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Firearms, Families, and Financial Distress: Economic Instability and Increased Gun Desire
Justin L. Sola and Tara Warner
Sociological Inquiry

Partisan Differences in Hiring and Social Discrimination Against Nonbinary Americans
Justin T. Pickett, Justin L. Sola, Shawn D. Bushway

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Galvanizing Iron? Gun Desirability in a Time of Protest
Justin L. Sola* and Bryan L. Sykes*

First Impressions Matter: Mundane Obstacles to a Forensic Device for Probabilistic Reporting in Fingerprint Analysis
Simon A. Cole and Justin L. Sola

Unpacking the Intersection of Guns and Emotions in the US Context,
Jennifer Dawn Carlson and Justin Lucas Sola
Routledge International Handbook of Criminology and Affect

Theory with Consequents, Justin L. Sola
Winner of 2023 *Society for the Study of Social Problems* Theory Division Outstanding Student Paper Award & 2024 *Western Society of Criminology* Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2023 – 2025	BRIDGS Emergent Scholar Fellowship, Arizona State University Center for the Study of Guns in Society (Dr. Jennifer Carlson)	\$1,500
2023 – 2024	Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, John Randolph Haynes & Dora Haynes Foundation	\$28,600
2023	Criminology, Law & Society Quarterly Fellowship, School of Social Ecology - UC Irvine	\$8000
2022 – 2023	Public Impact Fellowship, Graduate Division – UC Irvine	\$1,000
2022 – 2023	Dissertation Grant, National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research	\$25,000
2020	Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Division of Teaching Excellence & Inclusion – UC Irvine	\$5,000
2018 – 2023	Arnie Binder Fellowship, School of Social Ecology – UC Irvine	\$20,000

AWARDS AND HONORS

2023	Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition, Western Society of Criminology	\$250
2023	Division of Experimental Criminology Student Paper Award, American Society of Criminology	\$500

2023	Theory Division Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems	\$200
2022	Center for Psychology and Law Dissertation Award, UC Irvine Center for Psychology & Law	\$5,000
2022	Dr. Kimchi Memorial Graduate Travel Award, American Society of Criminology	\$300
2022	Dickman Award for Dissertation Research, Criminology, Law & Society – UC Irvine	\$1,500
2021	Kitty Calavita Award for Best 2nd Year Research Project, Criminology, Law & Society – UC Irvine	\$500
2021	Editorial Board Service Commendation, Pacific Sociological Association	
2020	Graduate Student Research Award, UC Irvine Center for Psychology & Law	\$1,000

RESEARCH ENGAGEMENTS

2024 – present	Carolina Center for Population Aging and Health Affiliate, Carolina Population Center	
2024 – present	Researcher, Southern California Homelessness Study	
2020 – present	Researcher, Shadow Costs Project	
2022 – 2024	Graduate Research Assistant, NORC LGBT Attitudes Toward Law Enforcement	Professor Valerie Jenness
2022 – 2023	Researcher for Federal Public Defenders Office, Gun Policy and Sentencing Deterrence Research	Kevin Lerman, Federal Defender
2021 – 2024	Graduate Student Researcher, Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence	Professor Simon Cole
2019 – 2024	Graduate Member, Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime	University of California Irvine
2022	Leroy Butts v City of Lancaster, Consultant to ACLU SoCal & UCI Law	Professor Bryan Sykes
2021	Graduate Research Assistant, Criminological Literature and Policy Review	Professor Jennifer Doleac
2019	Graduate Student Researcher, National Science Foundation Grant Writing	Professor Bryan Sykes
2012	Research Assistant, Higher Education Gender Policy	Professor Eleanor Miller

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

2024	Widespread, bipartisan aversion exists to neighbors owning AR-15s or storing guns insecurely, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	Denver, Colorado
2024	Discussant: Methodological Innovations in Studying the Criminal Legal System, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	Columbus, Ohio
2023	A Good Neighbor With a Gun? Experiments on Preferences for Social Proximity and Interaction, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms	Chicago, Illinois
2023	Theory with Consequents: Theories of Neoliberalism in the Study of Social Problems, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting <i>Winner of the Social Problems Theory Student Paper Award</i>	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2023	How Can We Measure Crime?, Invited Lecture in C108: Criminological Theory	University of California, Irvine
2023	Lifetime Risks of Incarceration in the United States – The (mis-)Measurement of Race?, Population Association of America Annual Meeting	New Orleans, Louisiana
2023	Experimental and Comparative Research Designs, Invited Instructor for Graduate Research Methods II (Two Classes)	University of California Irvine
2022	Galvanizing Iron: Racial Justice Protests and Gun Desirability During a Global Pandemic, National Research Conference on Firearm Injury Prevention	Washington, D.C.
2022	Making a Call: What Impacts Desire to Call the Police in Ambiguous Situations?, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Atlanta, Georgia
2022	Appearing Indigent: Judicial Decision-making and the Assessment of Poverty in the Imposition of Monetary Sanctions, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	Lisbon, Portugal
2022	Do You Believe in Magic? Using Skepticism to Understand and Operationalize Research, Invited Lecture in Graduate Research Methods II	University of California Irvine
2022	Call Me Maybe? The Role of Race in Desire to Call the Police, Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Oahu, Hawai'i
2021	Theories of Neoliberalism in Law and Society, Socio-Legal Studies Workshop Presentation	University of California Irvine
2021	When Do We Want to Call the Police?, Invited Lecture in C167: Crime Measurement	University of California Irvine
2021	The New Undesirables: Gun Desirability at a Time of Protest, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	Virtual Meeting

2021	Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Financial Double-Dealings, Public Assistance, and the Repayment of Criminal Justice Debt, Russell Sage Foundation	Virtual Meeting
2021	Deadly Desires: An Experiment on the Impetus of U.S. Gun Desirability, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	Virtual Meeting
2020	Economic Injustice: Multi-State Studies of Legal and Financial Obligations, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Accepted for Presentation
2020	Guns and Gun Laws: Neighborhoods, Disparities and Illicit Markets, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Accepted for Presentation
2019	The Formation of Sheepdogs and an Experiment on the Proximal Causes of US Gun Acquisition, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	San Francisco, California
2019	Case-to-Case Transfer as a Logic of Generalization and Inference in Mixed-Methods Research, Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting	Boston, Massachusetts
2019	Sheepdogs: Origins, Social Media, and Sociopolitical Ideology of a Subgroup of Gun Owners, Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Oahu, Hawai'i
2018	Mass General Hospital & Kennedy Institute Gun Violence Prevention Summit, Invited Expert on Gun Violence	Boston, Massachusetts
2014	Guns in the Ideal Society, Invited Lecture in Sociology Department	U. Vermont

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2022	Instructor - C126: Drugs, Crime, & Social Control <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full course prep approved by UC Irvine Faculty Senate • Taught undergraduates to read primary research on crime policy, and critically analyze the equity and efficiency of those policies 	University of California Irvine
2018 – 2021	Teaching Assistance Administered, graded, & taught sections for 8 courses (descending): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C164: Social Control of Delinquency (Mark Magidson), Sole TA • C132: Forensic Science (Simon Cole), Sole TA • C7: Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Keramet Reiter) • C106: Crime & Public Policy (Emily Owens), Sole TA • C7: Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Terry Dalton) • C103: US Legal Thought (Chris Seeds), Sole TA • C110: Community Contexts of Crime (George Tita), Sole TA • C7: Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Ana Muñiz) 	University of California Irvine

PROFESSIONAL AND EDITORIAL SERVICE

2023	Session Chair: Firearm Policies, Public Perceptions, & Public Policy, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2022 – present	Special Issue Guest Editor, Statistical Models for Fingerprint Analysis: Thinking Broadly About the Future	Law, Probability & Risk

2019 – present	Ad Hoc Reviewer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Sociological Review • Criminology • JAMA • Scientific Advances • Social Problems 	
2022	Session Chair: Impacts of Increased Police Presence and Police Contacts , American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Atlanta, Georgia
2022	Forecasting Participant , Risk Persuasion Tournament	Tetlock et al.
2019 – 2022	Student Editorial Board Member for Sociological Perspectives	

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2021 – 2022	Social Ecology Graduate Representative , Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2019 – 2020	Peer Mentor , Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2019 – 2020	Graduate Representative , Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2019 – 2020	Social Committee Chair , Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2017 – 2018	Sophomore Advisor , Leverett House	Harvard
2014 – 2018	Social Studies Tutor , Leverett House	Harvard

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2021 – 2023	Statistics Tutor for Incarcerated Persons , California State Prison Solano	Underground Scholars Initiative
2020 – 2024	Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer (#84-2472) , Office of Emergency Management	Irvine, California
2022	Prison Pandemic Project Reader	UC Irvine
2020 – 2022	COVID-19 Vaccine Study Volunteer , Phase 2/3 Clinical Trial of BNT162b2	Pfizer & Biontech
2017 – 2019	Civic Series Boston Meeting Organizer	Massachusetts

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018	Data Analyst , Komodo Tech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merged and analyzed large signal datasets using Python and SQL 	Cambridge, Massachusetts
2014 – 2018	Business Strategy Consultant , Endeavour Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modeled data consumption, developed NASA centennial strategy 	Cambridge, Massachusetts

PROGRAMS & CERTIFICATES

Institute in Computational Social Science

Summer 2023 – UCLA

Mentoring Excellence Program

2022-23 – UCI Graduate Division

Improvisation for Teaching

2022 – UCI Graduate Division

Computer Science Using Python

2015 – MITx 6.00.1x

ChatGPT, AI, & Education Seminar

2023 – UCI Division of Teaching Excellence

Intensive Pedagogy Certificate

2022-24 – UCI Criminology, Law & Society

Data Science in R

2018 – HarvardX School of Public Health

Electronic Trading in Financial Markets

2016 – New York Institute of Finance

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Stata

R

Python

Machine learning

Github

SQL

Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Institute in Computational Social Science • National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research • American Sociological Association • Society for the Study of Social Problems • American Society of Criminology • Western Society of Criminology • BRIDGS Center • Population Association of America • Research Society for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms • Rockefeller Institute
Affiliate: Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gun Culture | Racial & SES Inequality | Crime Policy Analysis | Theories of Neoliberalism | Polarization | Quantitative & Machine-Learning Methods | Experimental & Mixed Methods

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

2024 **PsyPost**, article and interview on gun ownership research

2024 **LA Times**, article and interview on gun ownership research and national context

REFERENCES

Dr. Bryan L. Sykes (Chair) – Associate Professor of Sociology & Public Policy at Cornell University,

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Dr. Charis E. Kubrin – Professor of Criminology, Law & Society at UC Irvine,

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