

Justin Lucas Sola

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Education

2018 to present – University of California Irvine, candidate for PhD in Criminology, Law & Society

- **Dissertation:** “Theory with Consequents: Testing Theories of Neoliberalism in Social Research”
- **Committee:** Bryan Sykes (Chair), Charis Kubrin, Sora Han, Francesca Polletta (Sociology), Justin Pickett (SUNY Albany)
- **Advisor:** Professor Bryan Sykes
- **Doctoral Exams:** Law & Society (High Pass) and Criminology (Pass)

2018 to 2021 – University of California Irvine, M.A. in Social Ecology

- **Thesis:** “[Transmitting Desire](#)”
- **Committee:** Bryan Sykes (Chair), Emily Owens, George Tita

2009 to 2014 – Harvard College, Bachelors of Arts in Social Studies

- Honors in Social Studies, Secondary in Psychology
- Senior honors thesis “[Guns in the Ideal Society](#)”

Publications

– Sykes, B., & Sola, J. *Forthcoming 2022*. “Barred: Labor Market Dynamics and Human Capital Development Among People on Probation and Parole.” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

– Sykes, B., & Sola, J. 2022. “Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Public Assistance, Monetary Sanctions, and Financial Double-Dealing in America.” *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* (Volume 8 Issue 1).

– [Sola, Justin Lucas](#). 2021. “Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun Desirability in a Pandemic.” *Sociological Perspectives* (Volume 65 Issue 5).

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

Competitive Funding and Awards

2021 – Grants (led by Bryan Sykes) for ‘Shadow Costs’ research – \$1.5 million – NSF, RSF

2021 – Kitty Calavita Award for Best Second Year Research Project – \$500 – UCI CLS Program

2021 – Service Commendation Editorial Board of Sociological Perspectives – Pacific Sociological Assoc.

2020 – Division of Teaching Excellence & Inclusion Fellow – \$5,000 – University of California Irvine

2020 – Graduate Student Research Award – \$1,000 – UCI Center for Psychology & Law

2018 – Arnie Binder Stipend – \$20,000 over 5 years – UCI School of Social Ecology

Research Experience

Graduate Student Researcher, NSF and RSF grants on Shadow Costs

2021-2023

- Spring 2021-Fall ‘23 – Prof. Bryan Sykes – Survey & interview research on monetary sanctions

- Graduate Student Researcher, UCI** **2019-2022**
- Spring 2021-Fall '22 – Prof. Simon Cole – [CSAFE](#) Research on sociology of forensic statistics
 - Summer 2019 – Prof. Bryan Sykes –NSF grant on mixed methods research epistemics

- Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime** **2019-2022**
- Spatial sociology and criminology research group

- Research Assistant, University of Vermont** **Summer 2012**
- Prof. Eleanor Miller – Research project in microsociology and higher education gender policy

Teaching Experience

- Teaching Assistant, UCI** **2018-2021**
- Teaching scores exceeding 6 on a 7-point Likert scale
 - TA for C7 Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Fall 2018) - Prof. Muñiz
 - Sole TA for C110 Community Contexts of Crime (Winter 2019) - Prof. Tita
 - Sole TA for C103 US Legal Thought (Spring 2019) - Prof. Seeds
 - TA for C7 Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Fall 2019) - Prof. Dalton
 - Sole TA for C106 Crime & Public Policy (Winter 2020) - Prof. Owens
 - TA for C7 Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Spring 2020) - Prof. Reiter
 - Sole TA for C132 Forensic Science (Fall 2020) – Prof. Cole
 - Sole TA for C164 Social Control of Delinquency (Winter 2021) – Prof. Magidson

- Division of Teaching Excellence & Inclusion Fellow** **Summer 2020**
- Trained in inclusive teaching, successfully transitioned courses to remote instruction

- Teaching Assistant, Harvard University** **2010-2011**
- Taught philosophy in Shanghai Harvard Summit for Young Leaders in China (HSYLC) program

Academic Service and Volunteer Roles

- Statistics Tutor for incarcerated at California State Prison Solano** **2021-2022**
- Graduate Representative for School of Social Ecology** **2021-2022**
- Reviewer for *Criminology*** **2020-2022**
- Student Editor for *Sociological Perspectives*** **2019-2022**
- CLS program Graduate Representative** **2019-2020**
- Chair of CLS program social committee** **2019-2020**
- Organizer, Civic Series, Boston** **2017-2019**
- Sophomore Advisor, Harvard University** **2017-2019**
- Python User Group Founder, Endeavour Partners** **2015-2018**
- Social Studies Tutor, Harvard University** **2014-2018**

Research Interests and Skills

- Sociolegal causes of gun interest, mixed methods case selection (Prof. Sykes), community deprivation (Prof. Sykes), desire for police service (Prof. Kubrin), forensic statistics (Prof. Cole)
- Experience with community research, participant observation, and semi-structured interviews

- Analytic and software skills: **Stata** (UCI and research experience), **R** ([HarvardX](#) and research experience), **Python** ([MITx](#), professional experience, and research experience), **SQL** (professional experience), **GitHub** ([personal site](#))

Presentations

- 2021** – Sola, Justin L. Theory with Consequents: Neoliberalism Theories in Law and Society. Socio-Legal Studies Workshop presentation November 5th.
- 2021** – Sola, Justin L, Bryan L. Sykes. The New Undesirables: Gun Desirability at a Time of Protest. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Political Sociology Roundtable.
- 2021** – Sola, Justin L. Transmitting Desire. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Contagion and Climate Change: Theorizing the Pandemic, Pollution, and Inequality.
- 2021** – Sola, Justin L. Deadly Desires: An Experiment on the Impetus of U.S. Gun Desirability. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Everyday Legality During COVID-19 Panel.
- 2020** – Sola, Justin L. Deadly Desires: An Experiment on the Impetus of U.S. Gun Desirability. Accepted for presentation as a paper at ASC 2020 Annual Meeting.
- 2020** – Huebner, B., ... Sola, Justin L. Economic Injustice: Multi-State Studies of Legal and Financial Obligations. Accepted for presentation at Thematic Session of ASC 2020 Meeting.
- 2020** – Parker, S., ... Sola, Justin L. Guns and Gun Laws: Neighborhoods, Disparities and Illicit Markets. Accepted for presentation at Thematic Session of ASC 2020 Meeting.
- 2019** – Sola, Justin L. The Formation of Sheepdogs and an Experiment on the Proximal Causes of US Gun Acquisition. Roundtable paper presentation at ASC Annual Meeting.
- 2019** – Sykes, B., Verma, A., Hancock, B.H. & Sola, Justin L. Case-to-Case Transfer as a Logic of Generalization and Inference in Mixed-Methods Research. Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2019** – Sola, Justin L. Sheepdogs: Origins, Social Media, and Sociopolitical Ideology of a Subgroup of Gun Owners. Paper presentation at Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.
- 2018** – Invited expert at MGH Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit & Hack-a-thon, Kennedy Institute.
- 2014** – Invited presentation on Guns in the Ideal Society thesis, UVM Sociology Department.
- 2014** – Invited presentation on Guns in the Ideal Society thesis, Leverett House, Harvard University.

Professional Experience

Data Analyst at Komodo Tech, Cambridge, MA **2018**

- Used Python, SQL, Github, and Unix to clean, merge, and analyze large signal datasets

Consultant at Endeavour Partners, Cambridge, MA **2014-2018**

- Led capital investment & cellular data modeling efforts, developed NASA centennial strategy

References

Prof. Bryan Sykes – UCI Chancellor’s Fellow & Prof of Criminology, Law & Society - blsykes@uci.edu

Dr. Lauren Brandt – Associate Dean of Students at Harvard College - lbrandt@fas.harvard.edu

Prof. Eleanor Miller – Professor of Sociology at UVM - eleanor.miller@uvm.edu