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Education

2018 to present: University of California Irvine, candidate for PhD in Criminology, Law & Society (CLS)

- **Dissertation:** “Theory with Consequents: Testing Theories of Neoliberalism in Social Research”
- **Committee:** Bryan Sykes (Chair – UCI CLS), Charis Kubrin (UCI CLS), Sora Han (UCI CLS), Francesca Polletta (UCI Sociology), Justin Pickett (SUNY Albany Criminal Justice)
- **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 of 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, 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 Lucas. 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

- 2022** – [National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research Dissertation Award](#) – \$25,000
- 2022** – Dickman Award for Dissertation Research – \$1,500 – UCI CLS Program
- 2021** – Grants (led by Prof. 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 Fellowship Stipend – \$20,000 over 5 years – UCI School of Social Ecology

Research Experience

Graduate Student Researcher – funded by NSF, RSF, NIST, and Haynes grants **2019-2023**

- Spring 2021-23 – Prof. Bryan Sykes – Survey & interview research as part of [Shadow Costs](#)
- 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 **2012**
● Prof. Eleanor Miller – Research project in microsociology and higher education gender policy

Teaching Experience

Instruction at UC Irvine **2022**
● Sole Instructor, including syllabus design, for C126 Drugs, Crime, and Social Control – Fall 2022

Graduate Teaching Assistant at UC Irvine (6+/7 mean teaching evaluations) **2018-2021**
● Sole TA for C164 Social Control of Delinquency (Winter 2021) – Prof. Magidson
● Sole TA for C132 Forensic Science (Fall 2020) – Prof. Cole
● TA for C7 Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Spring 2020) – Prof. Reiter
● Sole TA for C106 Crime & Public Policy (Winter 2020) – Prof. Owens
● TA for C7 Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Fall 2019) – Prof. Dalton
● Sole TA for C103 US Legal Thought (Spring 2019) – Prof. Seeds
● Sole TA for C110 Community Contexts of Crime (Winter 2019) – Prof. Tita
● TA for C7 Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Fall 2018) – Prof. Muñiz

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

Consultant to ACLU SoCal & UCI Law in Leroy Butts v City of Lancaster suit **2022**

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 Editorial Assistant for *Sociological Perspectives* **2019-2022**

Peer Mentor for CLS Department **2019-2022**

Graduate Representative for CLS department **2019-2020**

Chair of social committee for CLS department **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)
- Analytic and software skills: **Stata** (UCI and research), **R** ([HarvardX](#) and research), **Python** ([MITx](#), professional, and research), **SQL** (professional experience), **GitHub** ([personal site](#))

Selected Presentations and Lectures

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** – Sola, Justin L. *Invited Lecture*. Do You Believe in Magic? Using Skepticism to Understand and Operationalize Research. C202 Graduate Research Methods II, UC Irvine, February 9th.
- 2022** – Sola, Justin L., Bryan L. Sykes. Galvanizing Iron: Racial Justice Protests and Gun Desirability in the United States. Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, *Paper Presentation*.
- 2022** – Sola, Justin L., Charis E. Kubrin. Call Me Maybe? The Role of Race in Desire to Call the Police. Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, *Public Perceptions of Police Panel*.
- 2021** – Sola, Justin L. Theory with Consequents: Neoliberalism Theories in Law and Society. *Socio-Legal Studies Workshop Presentation* November 5th.
- 2021** – Sola, Justin L. *Invited Guest Lectures*. Call Me Maybe: When Do We Want to Call the Police? C167: Crime Measurement, UC Irvine, September 29th and October 6th.
- 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 *Panel Presentation*.
- 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** – 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, Verma, Hancock, & Sola. 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. Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, *Paper Presentation*.
- 2018** – *Invited expert* at MGH Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit, Kennedy Institute.
- 2014** – *Invited presentations* on Guns in the Ideal Society, UVM Sociology & Harvard Leverett House.

Professional Experience

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

- Cleaned, merged, and analyzed large signal datasets with Python, SQL, Github, and Linux

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