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Education

PhD candidate, University of California Irvine (2018-19 Cohort)

Criminology, Law & Society (CLS) Program with Race and Justice Emphasis

- Elected graduate representative of CLS program in Spring 2019
- 4.0 GPA, along with a full load of teaching assistant work with median 6.5/7 ratings

Bachelor of Arts, Harvard College 2014

Honors in Social Studies, secondary in Psychology

- Senior thesis [*Guns In The Ideal Society*](#) based on 36 interviews with police and gun owners

Publications

- (ReR – Summer 2021) – **Sola, Justin L.** Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun Desirability in a Pandemic. *Sociological Perspectives: Sociological Perspectives on Guns: A Sociology of Firearms for the 21st Century (Special Issue)*.
- *forthcoming* (Summer 2021) – *under non-disclosure*.
- *forthcoming* (Winter 2021) – Sykes, B., Verma, A., Hancock, B.H. & **Sola, J.L.** Generalizability by Another Name: An Empirical Assessment of Case-to-Case Transfer as a Logic of Generalization and Inference in Mixed-Methods Research.
- (2008) **Sola, Justin L.** The New Industrial Revolution in China: Shenzhen and the Migrants Who Created It (1979-2006), *The Concord Review*, Concord, MA.

Presentations

- 2020 – (*accepted for presentation*) **Sola, Justin L.** Deadly Desires: An Experiment on the Impetus of U.S. Gun Desirability. Paper presentation at ASC 2020 Annual Meeting.
- 2020 – (*accepted for presentation*) Huebner, B., ... **Sola, Justin L.** Economic Injustice: Multi-State Studies of Legal and Financial Obligations. Thematic Session at ASC 2020 Meeting.
- 2020 – (*accepted for presentation*) Parker, S., ... **Sola, Justin L.** Guns and Gun Laws: Neighborhoods, Disparities and Illicit Markets. Thematic Session at 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 to present on *Guns in the Ideal Society*, UVM Sociology Department
- 2014 – *Guns in the Ideal Society* (senior thesis), Leverett House, Harvard University

Competitive Funding

- 2020 – Division of Teaching Excellence & Inclusion Fellow of \$5,000 – University of California Irvine
- 2020 – Graduate Student Research Award of \$1,000 – UCI Center for Psychology & Law
- 2018 – Arnie Binder Stipend award of \$20,000 over 5 years – UCI School of Social Ecology

Research Interests and Skills

- Active research on sociolegal causes of community gun interest (personal research), implications of mixed methods case selection (Prof. Sykes), carceral effects on system inclusion and community deprivation (with Prof. Sykes), and differential decline in US gun homicide (with Prof. Tita).
- Experience with community research, participant observation, and semi-structured interviews.
- Analytic and software skills with:
 - **Stata** (via UCI coursework and personal research)
 - **Python** ([via MITx](#)) in conjunction with **SQL**
 - **R** ([via HarvardX](#) and personal research)

- GitHub ([personal site](#))

Community and Volunteer Roles

Editorial Assistant for <i>Sociological Perspectives</i>	2019-2021
Member of Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime	2019-2021
CLS Graduate Representative	2019-2020
Chair of CLS 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 and Teaching Experience

Division of Teaching Excellence & Inclusion Fellow, UCI Summer 2020

- Trained in inclusive teaching and helped transition courses to remote instruction due to pandemic.

Graduate Student Researcher, UCI Summer 2019

- Writing NSF grant to enable the investigation and quantization of the epistemic distortions of case selection and case comparison, particularly in mixed methods.

Teaching Assistant, UCI 2018-2020

- 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
- Mean scores exceeding 6 on a 7-point Likert scale

Research Assistant, University of Vermont 2012

- Summer research project in microsociology and higher education gender policy.

Teaching Assistant, Harvard University 2010-2011

- Developed curricula and taught philosophy in Shanghai during the summer of 2010, under the auspices of Harvard Summit for Young Leaders in China (HSYLC) program.

Professional Experience

Data Analyst at Komodo Tech

Apr 2018 to Aug 2018, Cambridge, MA

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

Consultant at Endeavour Partners

Aug 2014 to Apr 2018, Cambridge, MA

- Led capital investment and cellular data consumption simulations
- Developed NASA centennial strategy focus on public-private partnerships (SpaceX)

References

Prof. Bryan Sykes – Professor of Criminology, Law & Society at UCI - blsykes@uci.edu

Prof. George Tita – Professor of Criminology, Law & Society UCI - gtita@uci.edu

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

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