Justin Lucas Sola

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Education

PhD student, University of California Irvine (2018-19 Cohort), 4.0 GPA

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

- Passed comprehensive exams in 2021 with high honors in Law and Society
- Elected program grad representative 2019-20, Social Ecology school representative 2021-2
- Teaching assistant scores exceeding 6 on a 7-point Likert scale

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

– *Proofing* (August 2021) – **Sola, Justin L.** Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun Desirability in a Pandemic. *Sociological Perspectives – COVID-19 and Society Special Issue.*

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

Ongoing Publications

– *Under Review* (Summer 2021) – Sykes, B., …. & **Sola, J.** Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Financial Double-Dealings, Public Assistance, and the Repayment of Criminal Justice Debt. *Russell Sage Foundation.*

Competitive Funding and Awards

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, UCI   *2019-2021*

- (Summer 2019) – Prof. Bryan Sykes – Writing NSF grant investigating the epistemic distortions of case selection and case comparison in social sciences, particularly mixed methods research
- (Spring-Summer 2021) – Prof. Simon Cole – CSAFE Research on sociology of forensic statistics

Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime   *2019-2021*

- Sociology and spatial 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*
- 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, 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

School of Social Ecology Graduate Representative	**2021-2022**
Reviewer for *Criminology*	**2020-2021**
Editorial Assistant for *Sociological Perspectives*	**2019-2021**
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**

Presentations

- **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. *Socio-Legal Studies Workshop* presentation December 4th.
- **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*, *UVM Sociology Department.*
- **2014** – Invited presentation on *Guns in the Ideal Society*, *Leverett House, Harvard University.*

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), heterogeneity in desire for police service (with Prof. Kubrin), and the sociology of forensic statistics and lab practice (Prof. Cole)
- Experience with community research, participant observation, and semi-structured interviews
- Analytic and software skills:
  - **Stata** (via UCI coursework and research)
  - **Python** (via MITx and professional experience)
  - **SQL** (via professional experience in conjunction with Python)
  - **R** (via HarvardX and research)
  - **GitHub** (via personal site and professional experience)

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 and cellular data consumption simulation efforts
- Developed NASA centennial strategy focus on public-private partnerships (e.g., SpaceX)

References

Prof. Bryan Sykes – Associate 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 - Assistant Dean of Students at Harvard College - lbrandt@fas.harvard.edu

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