

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, 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

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 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 [Shadow Costs](#)

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

University of California, Irvine **2018-2022**

- **Instructor** for C126 Drugs, Crime, and Social Control – *Planned Fall 2022*
- TA for C7 Intro to Criminology, Law & Society (Fall 2018) – Prof. Muñoz
- 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), **R** ([HarvardX](#) and research), **Python** ([MITx](#), professional, and research), **SQL** (professional experience), **GitHub** ([personal site](#))

Selected Presentations and Lectures

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: 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** – 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