

# Justin Lucas Sola

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## EDUCATION

2018 – present	<b>Ph.D Candidate – Criminology, Law &amp; Society</b> Dissertation: “Theory with Consequents: Testing Theories of Neoliberalism in Social Research” Committee: Bryan Sykes (Advisor and Chair), Charis Kubrin, Sora Han, Francesca Polletta (Outside), Justin Pickett (External) Graduate Emphasis in Race and Justice (directed by Ana Muñoz)	University of California Irvine
2018 – 2021	<b>M.A. – Social Ecology</b> Thesis: “Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun Desirability in a Pandemic”	University of California Irvine
2014	<b>A.B. – Honors in Social Studies, Secondary in Psychology</b> Thesis: “Guns in the Ideal Society: Comparing the Sociopolitical Ideology of Gun Owners and Police Officers”	Harvard University

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gun Culture | Racial & SES Inequality | Crime Policy Analysis | Theories of Neoliberalism  
Polarization | Quantitative & Machine-Learning Methods | Experimental & Mixed Methods

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (\*DENOTES EQUAL AUTHORSHIP)

2023	<b>Making the Call: How Does Perceived Race Affect Desire to Call the Police?</b> Justin L. Sola and Charis E. Kubrin <i>Journal of Experimental Criminology</i> (Online First) Winner of the 2023 ASC Division of Experimental Criminology Student Paper Award
2022	<b>Barred: Labor Market Dynamics and Human Capital Development Among People on Probation and Parole</b> Bryan L. Sykes, Meghan M. Ballard*, Daniela Kaiser*, Vicente Celestino Mata*, Joanne Amanda Sharpy*, and Justin L. Sola* <i>Annals of the American Academy of Political &amp; Social Science</i> (Volume 701 Issue 1: 28-45)
2022	<b>Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Public Assistance, Monetary Sanctions, and Financial Double-Dealing in America</b> Bryan L. Sykes, Meghan M. Ballard*, Andrea Giuffre*, Daniela Kaiser*, Vicente Celestino Mata*, and Justin L. Sola* <i>Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences</i> (Volume 8 Issue 1: 148-178)
2021	<b>Transmitting Desire: An Experiment on a Novel Measure of Gun Desirability in a Pandemic</b> Justin L. Sola <i>Sociological Perspectives</i> (Volume 65 Issue 5: 939-969)
2008	<b>The New Industrial Revolution in China: Shenzhen and the Migrants Who Created It (1979-2006)</b> Justin L. Sola <i>The Concord Review</i> (Volume 19 Issue 2)

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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### **A Good Neighbor With a Gun? Experiments on Preferences for Proximity & Interaction**

Justin L. Sola and Justin E. Pickett

Revise & Resubmit for PNAS (*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*)

### **Theory with Consequents: Theories of Neoliberalism in the Study of Social Problems**

Justin L. Sola

*Punishment & Society*

Winner of the 2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems Theory Division Outstanding Student Paper Award

Winner of the 2024 Western Society of Criminology Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition

### **Sheepdogs: Origins and Social Media of a Neo-radical Subgroup of Gun Owners**

Justin L. Sola

*Journal for the Study of Radicalism*

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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### **Firearms, Families, and Financial Distress: Economic Instability and Increased Gun Desire**

Justin L. Sola\* and Tara Warner\*

### **Galvanizing Iron? Gun Desirability in a Time of Protest**

Justin L. Sola\* and Bryan L. Sykes\*

### **Why Not Now? Structural Impediments to the Adoption of a Statistical Model for Latent Fingerprint Evidence**

Simon A. Cole and Justin L. Sola

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2023 – 2025	<b>BRIDGS Emergent Scholar Fellowship,</b> Arizona State University BRIDGS Center (Dr. Jennifer Carlson)	\$1,500
2023 – 2024	<b>Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship,</b> John Randolph Haynes & Dora Haynes Foundation	\$28,600
2023	<b>Criminology, Law &amp; Society Quarterly Fellowship,</b> School of Social Ecology - UC Irvine	\$8000
2022 – 2023	<b>Public Impact Fellowship,</b> Graduate Division – UC Irvine	\$1,000
2022 – 2023	<b>Dissertation Grant,</b> National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research	\$25,000
2020	<b>Graduate Teaching Fellowship,</b> Division of Teaching Excellence & Inclusion – UC Irvine	\$5,000
2018 – 2023	<b>Arnie Binder Fellowship,</b> School of Social Ecology – UC Irvine	\$20,000

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2023	<b>Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition,</b> Western Society of Criminology	\$250
2023	<b>Division of Experimental Criminology Student Paper Award,</b> American Society of Criminology	\$500

2023	<b>Theory Division Graduate Student Outstanding Paper Award,</b> Society for the Study of Social Problems	\$200
2022	<b>Center for Psychology and Law Dissertation Award,</b> UC Irvine Center for Psychology & Law	\$5,000
2022	<b>Dr. Kimchi Memorial Graduate Travel Award,</b> American Society of Criminology	\$300
2022	<b>Dickman Award for Dissertation Research,</b> Criminology, Law & Society – UC Irvine	\$1,500
2021	<b>Kitty Calavita Award for Best 2nd Year Research Project,</b> Criminology, Law & Society – UC Irvine	\$500
2021	<b>Editorial Board Service Commendation,</b> Pacific Sociological Association	
2020	<b>Graduate Student Research Award,</b> UC Irvine Center for Psychology & Law	\$1,000

## RESEARCH ENGAGEMENTS

2022 – present	<b>Researcher for Federal Public Defenders Office,</b> Gun Policy and Sentencing Deterrence Research	Kevin Lerman, Federal Defender
2022 – present	<b>Graduate Research Assistant,</b> NORC LGBT Attitudes Toward Law Enforcement	Professor Valerie Jenness
2021 – present	<b>Graduate Student Researcher,</b> Center for Statistics and Applications in Forensic Evidence	Professor Simon Cole
2020 – present	<b>Research Team Member,</b> Shadow Costs Project	Prof. Bryan Sykes
2019 – present	<b>Graduate Member,</b> Irvine Laboratory for the Study of Space and Crime	University of California Irvine
2022	<b>Leroy Butts v City of Lancaster,</b> Consultant to ACLU SoCal & UCI Law	Professor Bryan Sykes
2021	<b>Graduate Research Assistant,</b> Criminological Literature and Policy Review	Professor Jennifer Doleac
2019	<b>Graduate Student Researcher,</b> National Science Foundation Grant Writing	Professor Bryan Sykes
2012	<b>Research Assistant,</b> Higher Education Gender Policy	Professor Eleanor Miller

## SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

2023	<b>A Good Neighbor With a Gun? Experiments on Preferences for Social Proximity and Interaction,</b> National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms	Chicago, Illinois
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2023	<b>Theory with Consequents: Theories of Neoliberalism in the Study of Social Problems,</b> Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting <i>Winner of the Social Problems Theory Student Paper Award</i>	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2023	<b>How Can We Measure Crime?,</b> Invited Lecture in C108: Criminological Theory	University of California, Irvine
2023	<b>Lifetime Risks of Incarceration in the United States – The (mis-)Measurement of Race?,</b> Population Association of America Annual Meeting	New Orleans, Louisiana
2023	<b>Experimental and Comparative Research Designs,</b> Invited Instructor for Graduate Research Methods II (Two Classes)	University of California Irvine
2022	<b>Galvanizing Iron: Racial Justice Protests and Gun Desirability During a Global Pandemic,</b> National Research Conference on Firearm Injury Prevention	Washington, D.C.
2022	<b>Making a Call: What Impacts Desire to Call the Police in Ambiguous Situations?,</b> American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Atlanta, Georgia
2022	<b>Appearing Indigent: Judicial Decision-making and the Assessment of Poverty in the Imposition of Monetary Sanctions,</b> Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	Lisbon, Portugal
2022	<b>Do You Believe in Magic? Using Skepticism to Understand and Operationalize Research,</b> Invited Lecture in Graduate Research Methods II	University of California Irvine
2022	<b>Call Me Maybe? The Role of Race in Desire to Call the Police,</b> Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Oahu, Hawai'i
2021	<b>Theories of Neoliberalism in Law and Society,</b> Socio-Legal Studies Workshop Presentation	University of California Irvine
2021	<b>When Do We Want to Call the Police?,</b> Invited Lecture in C167: Crime Measurement	University of California Irvine
2021	<b>The New Undesirables: Gun Desirability at a Time of Protest,</b> American Sociological Association Annual Meeting	Virtual Meeting
2021	<b>Robbing Peter to Pay Paul: Financial Double-Dealings, Public Assistance, and the Repayment of Criminal Justice Debt,</b> Russell Sage Foundation	Virtual Meeting
2021	<b>Deadly Desires: An Experiment on the Impetus of U.S. Gun Desirability,</b> Law and Society Association Annual Meeting	Virtual Meeting
2020	<b>Economic Injustice: Multi-State Studies of Legal and Financial Obligations,</b> American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Accepted for Presentation
2020	<b>Guns and Gun Laws: Neighborhoods, Disparities and Illicit Markets,</b> American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Accepted for Presentation

2019	<b>The Formation of Sheepdogs and an Experiment on the Proximal Causes of US Gun Acquisition,</b> American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	San Francisco, California
2019	<b>Case-to-Case Transfer as a Logic of Generalization and Inference in Mixed-Methods Research,</b> Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting	Boston, Massachusetts
2019	<b>Sheepdogs: Origins, Social Media, and Sociopolitical Ideology of a Subgroup of Gun Owners,</b> Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Oahu, Hawai'i
2018	<b>Mass General Hospital &amp; Kennedy Institute Gun Violence Prevention Summit,</b> Invited Expert on Gun Violence	Boston, Massachusetts
2014	<b>Guns in the Ideal Society,</b> Invited Lecture in Sociology Department	U. Vermont

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2022	<b>Instructor - C126: Drugs, Crime, &amp; Social Control</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full course prep approved by UC Irvine Faculty Senate</li> <li>• Taught undergraduates to read primary research on crime policy, and critically analyze the equity and efficiency of those policies</li> </ul>	University of California Irvine
2018 – 2021	<b>Teaching Assistance</b> Administered, graded, & taught sections for 8 courses (descending): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• C164: Social Control of Delinquency (Mark Magidson), Sole TA</li> <li>• C132: Forensic Science (Simon Cole), Sole TA</li> <li>• C7: Intro to Criminology, Law &amp; Society (Keramet Reiter)</li> <li>• C106: Crime &amp; Public Policy (Emily Owens), Sole TA</li> <li>• C7: Intro to Criminology, Law &amp; Society (Terry Dalton)</li> <li>• C103: US Legal Thought (Chris Seeds), Sole TA</li> <li>• C110: Community Contexts of Crime (George Tita), Sole TA</li> <li>• C7: Intro to Criminology, Law &amp; Society (Ana Muñiz)</li> </ul>	University of California Irvine

## PROFESSIONAL AND EDITORIAL SERVICE

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2023	<b>Session Chair: Firearm Policies, Public Perceptions, &amp; Public Policy,</b> American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2022 – present	<b>Special Issue Guest Editor,</b> Statistical Models for Fingerprint Analysis: Thinking Broadly About the Future	Law, Probability & Risk
2019 – present	<b>Ad Hoc Reviewer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminology</li> <li>• American Sociological Review</li> </ul>	
2022	<b>Session Chair: Impacts of Increased Police Presence and Police Contacts,</b> American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting	Atlanta, Georgia
2022	<b>Forecasting Participant,</b> Risk Persuasion Tournament	Tetlock et al.
2019 – 2022	<b>Student Editorial Board Member for Sociological Perspectives</b>	

## DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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2021 – 2022	<b>Social Ecology Graduate Representative,</b> Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2019 – 2020	<b>Peer Mentor,</b> Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2019 – 2020	<b>Graduate Representative,</b> Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2019 – 2020	<b>Social Committee Chair,</b> Criminology, Law & Society Department	UC Irvine
2017 – 2018	<b>Sophomore Advisor,</b> Leverett House	Harvard
2014 – 2018	<b>Social Studies Tutor,</b> Leverett House	Harvard

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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2021 – present	<b>Statistics Tutor for Incarcerated Persons,</b> California State Prison Solano	Underground Scholars Initiative
2020 – present	<b>Community Emergency Response Team Volunteer (#84-2472),</b> Office of Emergency Management	Irvine, California
2022	<b>Prison Pandemic Project Reader</b>	UC Irvine
2020 – 2022	<b>COVID-19 Vaccine Study Volunteer,</b> Phase 2/3 Clinical Trial of BNT162b2	Pfizer & Biontech
2017 – 2019	<b>Civic Series Boston Meeting Organizer</b>	Massachusetts

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2018	<b>Data Analyst,</b> Komodo Tech <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Merged and analyzed large signal datasets using Python and SQL</li></ul>	Cambridge, Massachusetts
2014 – 2018	<b>Business Strategy Consultant,</b> Endeavour Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Modeled data consumption, developed NASA centennial strategy</li></ul>	Cambridge, Massachusetts

## PROGRAMS & CERTIFICATES

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<b>Institute in Computational Social Science</b> Summer 2023 – UCLA	<b>ChatGPT, AI, &amp; Education Seminar</b> 2023 – UC Irvine Division of Teaching Excellence
<b>Mentoring Excellence Program</b> 2022-23 – UC Irvine Graduate Division	<b>Intensive Pedagogy Certificate</b> 2022-24 – UC Irvine Criminology, Law & Society
<b>Improvisation for Teaching</b> 2022 – UC Irvine Graduate Division	<b>Data Science in R</b> 2018 – HarvardX School of Public Health
<b>Computer Science Using Python</b> 2015 – MITx 6.00.1x	<b>Electronic Trading in Financial Markets</b> 2016 – New York Institute of Finance

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Stata

R

Python

Machine learning

Github

SQL

Qualtrics

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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Institute in Computational Social Science • National Collaborative for Gun Violence Research

American Sociological Association • Society for the Study of Social Problems

American Society of Criminology • Western Society of Criminology

Population Association of America • Research Society for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms

Rockefeller Institute Affiliate: Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium

## REFERENCES

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