

Accomplishments of PhD Students in the Department of Criminology, Law & Society, 2016-17

Award Winners

Michelle Smith Pontell Award (recognition of outstanding accomplishments in graduate study)



Rylan Simpson has excelled at all aspects of his graduate studies; he is a well-rounded scholar. His empirical research on policing has been published in excellent journals, he regularly gives well received guest lectures in courses in addition to his outstanding work as a TA, and he links to the community through all the work he has done presenting to various police agencies, thus garnering him attention and requests for presentations as far away as Brisbane, Australia.

Gilbert Geis Award (recognition of excellence in research)



Dallas Augustine has demonstrated a consistent ability to work hard, think critically, and build on her prior graduate and work experience to design and complete an ambitious research project. She interviewed dozens of formerly incarcerated people upon their release from jail or prison in Orange County. Her in-depth, qualitative analysis of the cognitive process of "recovering" from criminal behavior and imprisonment has revealed that the formerly incarcerated struggle as much with keeping work as with finding work, shifting the focus of debates about re-entry success in important ways. Not only is Dallas' research and teaching work within the School of Social Ecology fundamentally oriented towards community engagement and impact, but she has also played an active role volunteering in local Orange County communities to facilitate community members' access to legal and health resources.

Arnold Binder Award (recognition of outstanding service contributions)



Sofia Laguna has demonstrated exemplary service to the department, UCI campus and community. At the department level she has played a key role in development of the new doctoral-level race and justice emphasis. Additionally, she was key student member of our graduate admissions process this past year. Many prospective students commented on how helpful and informative she was. Sofia has mentored students both within and outside of the department, thus earning her recognition for her mentoring two years in a row. For the community at large, Sofia has provided service by volunteering at the Orange County needle exchange in Santa Ana.

Kitty Calavita Award (recognition of best second-year project)



Chris Contreras submitted his second year paper “A Block-Level Analysis of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Crime in the City of Los Angeles”. This paper was published in *Justice Quarterly*, 2016. This outstanding research looks at the effect of marijuana dispensaries on crime rates within socially organized blocks. Chris’s timely contribution provides some much needed analysis for states as they look to revenue sources through legalization of marijuana.

We’ve been getting peer-reviewed publications!

- **Barragan, Melissa**
 - **Chesnut, K., Barragan, M., Gravel, J., Pifer, N., Reiter, K., Sherman, N., & Tita. G.E. (2016). Not an iron pipeline, but many iron capillaries: Regulating passive gun transactions in Los Angeles’ secondary, illegal gun markets. *Injury Prevention* [Online first].**
- **Bartos, Bradley**
 - **McCleary, R., McDowall, D., & Bartos, B. (2017). *Design and Analysis of Time Series Experiments*. Oxford University Press.**
 - **Bartos, B., Renner, M., Newark, C., McCleary, R., & Scurich, N. (2017). Characteristics of Forensic Patients in California with Dementia/Alzheimer’s Disease. *Journal of Forensic Nursing*.**

- **Branic, Nicholas**
 - **Patler, Caitlin and Nicholas Branic. Forthcoming, 2017. "Legal Status and Patterns of Spouse and Child Visitation during Immigration Detention." RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences.**
- **Chavez, Ernest**
 - **Chavez, Ernest (2016). "My Brother's Keeper: Mass Death in the Carceral State." 43-2 Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict & World Order.**
- **Chesnut, Kelsie**
 - **Chesnut, K., Barragan, M., Gravel, J., Pifer, N., Reiter, K. Sherman, N., and Tita, G. (2016) Not an "iron pipeline," but many capillaries: regulating passive transactions in Los Angeles. Injury Prevention. doi: 10.1136/injuryprev-2016-042088**
- **Conner, Emma**
 - **Turney, Kristin, Britni Adams, Emma Conner, Rebecca Goodsell, & Janet Muniz. 2017. "Challenges and opportunities for conducting research on children of incarcerated fathers." Sociological Studies of Children and Youth, 22: 199-221.**
- **Contreras, Christopher**
 - **Contreras, Christopher (2016). "A Block-Level Analysis of Medical Marijuana Dispensaries and Crime in the City of Los Angeles." Justice Quarterly. Advance online publication. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/07418825.2016.1270346>**
- **Dunbar, Adam**
 - **Dunbar, A., Kubrin, C.E., & Scurich, N. (August 2016). The Threatening Nature of "Rap." Psychology, Public Policy, and Law.**
- **Gravel, Jason**
 - **Gallupe, O., & Gravel, J. (Forthcoming). Social network position of gang members in schools: Implications for recruitment and gang prevention. Justice Quarterly.**
 - **Gravel, J., Wong, J. S., & Simpson, R. (2017). Getting in People's Faces: On the symbiotic relationship between the media and police gang units. Deviant Behavior. doi: 10.1080/01639625.2016.1269547**
 - **Gushue, K., Lee, C., Gravel, J., & Wong, J. S. (2017). Familiar gangsters: Gang violence, brotherhood, and the media's fascination with a crime family. Crime & Delinquency. doi: 10.1177/0011128716686340**
 - **Gravel, J., Allison, B., West-Fagan, J., McBride, M., & Tita, G. E. (2016). Birds of a feather fight together: Status-enhancing violence, social distance and the emergence of racially and ethnically homogenous gangs. Journal of Quantitative Criminology, doi:10.1007/s10940-016-9331-8**
 - **Chesnut, K., Barragan, M., Gravel, J., Pifer, N., Reiter, K., Sherman, N., & Tita, G. E. (2016). Not an "iron pipeline", but many capillaries: Regulating passive transactions in Los Angeles' secondary illegal gun market. Injury Prevention, Online First, doi: 10.1136/injuryprev-2016-042088.**
 - **Wong, J. S., Bouchard, J., Gravel, J., Bouchard, M., & Morselli, C. (2016). Can at-risk youth be diverted from crime? A meta-analysis of restorative**

justice diversion programs. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. Online First, doi: 10.1177/0093854816640835

- **Kim, Young-an**
 - **Kim, Young-An and John R. Hipp (2017). "Physical Boundaries and City Boundaries: Consequences for Crime Patterns on Street Segments?" *Crime & Delinquency*. Online: <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0011128716687756>**
 - **Kim, Young-An (2016). "Examining the Relationship between the Structural Characteristics of Place and Crime by Imputing Census Block Data in Street Segments: Is the Pain Worth the Gain?" *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Online: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10940-016-9323-8>**
 - **Hipp, John R. and Young-An Kim (2016). *Measuring Crime Concentration across Cities of Varying Sizes: Complications Based on the Spatial and Temporal Scale Employed*, *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Online: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10940-016-9328-3>**
 - **Kubrin, Charis E., John R. Hipp, and Young-An Kim (2016). "Different than the Sum of Its Parts: Examining the Unique Impacts of Immigrant Groups on Neighborhood Crime Rates" *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*. Online: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10940-016-9320-y>**
- **Magidson, Mark**
 - **Feinstein, R., & Magidson, M. (2017). *Challenges to implementing culturally specific models in juvenile corrections*. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 56(2), 137-155.**
- **Maziarka, Kristen**
 - **Sykes, B. L., Hoppe, T. A., & Maziarka, K. D. (2016). *Cruel Intentions? HIV Prevalence and Criminalization During an Age of Mass Incarceration, U.S. 1999 to 2012*. *Medicine*, 95(16), e3352.**
- **Newark, Carol**
 - **Bartos, B. J., Renner, M. L., Newark, C. J., McCleary, R., Scurich, N. (2017). "Characteristics of Forensic Patients in California with Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease". *The Journal of Forensic Medicine*.**
- **Pitts, David**
 - **Lewis, G. B., & Pitts, D. W. (2017). *LGBT-heterosexual differences in perceptions of fair treatment in the federal service*. *American Review of Public Administration*.**
 - **Lewis, G. B., & Pitts, D. W. (2016). *Deciding to retire from the federal service*. *Review of Public Personnel Administration*.**
- **Renner, Matthew**
 - **Bartos, B. J., Renner, M., Newark, C., McCleary, R., & Scurich, N. (2017). *Characteristics of Forensic Patients in California With Dementia/Alzheimer's Disease*. *Journal of forensic nursing*.**
- **Sherman, Nicole**
 - **Barragan, M., Chesnut, K., Gravel, J., Pifer, N., Reiter, K., Sherman, N., Tita, G. *Not an Iron Pipeline, but Many Iron Capillaries: Regulating Passive Gun Transactions in Los Angeles' Secondary & Illegal Markets*. *Injury Prevention*.**

- **Simpson, Rylan**
 - **Gravel, J., Wong, J., & Simpson, R. “Getting in people's faces: On the symbiotic relationship between the media and police gang units”. *Deviant Behavior*. doi: 10.1080/01639625.2016.1269547**
 - **Simpson, R. “The Police Officer Perception Project (POPP): An experimental evaluation of factors that impact perceptions of the police”. *Forthcoming in Journal of Experimental Criminology*.**

We’ve been getting other publications!

- **Bartos, Bradley**
 - **Bartos, B., Newark, C., Renner, M., & McCleary, R. (2016). *The DSH prototype model: year-two projections report*. Submitted to California Department of State Hospitals.**
- **Branic, Nicholas**
 - **Branic, Nicholas and Charis E. Kubrin. *Forthcoming, 2017. “Gated Communities and Crime in the United States.”* In Gerben J. N. Bruinsma and Shane D. Johnson (Eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Environmental Criminology*. New York: Oxford University Press.**
- **Chavez, Ernest**
 - **(Accepted with revisions) Sykes, B.L., Chavez, E.K., Patteron, E. (2017). *Public Health and Criminology*. Oxford Bibliographies.**
- **Gravel, Jason**
 - **Valasik, M., Reid, S. E., West, J., & Gravel, J. (Forthcoming). *Group process and gang delinquency intervention: Gang activity regulation and the group nature of gang violence*. In J. Ireland, C. A. Ireland, and P. Birch (eds.), *International Handbook of Aggression: Current Issues and Perspectives*. Routledge.**
 - **Gravel, J. (2017). *Book review: Tremblay et al.- Le délinquant affilié*. *Canadian Journal of Criminology and Criminal Justice*.**
 - **Gravel, J. (2016). *Book review: Tremblay et al.- Le délinquant affilié*. *Revue de Science Criminelle et de Droit Pénal Comparé*, 4.**
- **Hanink, Peter**
 - **Book Review of Bryan Stevenson, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, Spiegel & Grau, 2014 in *Punishment and Society* (forthcoming)**
- **Magnus, Amy**
 - **Magnus, A. (forthcoming, 2018). *Specializing Justice for Youth and Families in America*. In Jane Stoeber (Ed.), *The Politicization of Safety*. New York, NY: NYU Press.**
 - **Magnus, A. (2017). *Swimming Away from the ‘Sink or Swim’ Mentality: Rethinking the Traditional Graduate School Experience*. In Beth M. Huebner, (Ed.), *The Criminologist Doctoral Student Forum*.**
- **Mejia Mesinas, Analicia**
 - **Mejia Mesinas, Analicia. “Student’s Taking Action: High School Student Activism in Los Angeles”. In Sarah Pickard and Judith Bessant, eds. *Re-Generating***

Politics: Young People and New Forms Politics in Times of Crises. Palgrave Macmillan

We've been writing (and sometimes getting!) external grants

- **Barragan, Melissa**
 - **UC Consortium on Social Science and the Law, Summer Fellowship. Award: \$2,233. Title: An Ethnographic Study of Gun Violence Dynamics in Three California Cities**
- **Chesnut, Kelsie**
 - **Law and Society Travel Subsidy - \$500, "A qualitative examination of (non)compliance in high-violence communities"**
- **Gerlinger, Julie**
 - **National Institute of Justice, Graduate Research Fellowship Program in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: \$32,000. Title: Structural Inequality in School Discipline: Regulating Intolerance in Public Schools**
- **Gonzalez, Gabriela**
 - **Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship. Ford Foundation/National Academy of Sciences- \$24,000**
 - **Law and Society Association. International Meeting Student Travel Grant- \$500.**
- **Greenbaum, Rosa**
 - **NSF GRFP, \$34,000, NA**
 - **UCCSSL Summer Fellowship, \$2,333, NA**
- **Mejia Mesinas, Analicia**
 - **Law and Society Graduate Student Travel Award, \$500**
- **Renner, Matthew**
 - **2 year contract from The CA Dept. of State Hospitals, ~\$550,000, Discrete Events Simulation Model for CA DSH Population**
- **Roesch-Knapp, Andrew**
 - **UC Consortium on Social Science and Law Summer Fellowship amount: \$2,233. Project title: The Production of Preventative Knowledge**
- **Torres, Jose**
 - **2017, Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Award Recipient. National Science Foundation.**

We've been writing (and sometimes getting!) internal grants

- **Bland, LaBreonna**
 - **Graduate Division Fellowship - \$5,000**
 - **CLS Department Fellowship - \$5,000**
- **Chesnut, Kelsie**
 - **UCI AGS Travel Grant - \$400, Summer 2016 Conference funding**

- **Echols, Courtney**
 - **Nevin Graduate Endowment Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2016-2017, (\$5,000.00)**
 - **Criminology, Law & Society Department Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, 2016-2017, (\$5,000.00)**
- **Gerlinger, Julie**
 - **Social Ecology Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship: \$11,832. Title: Structural Inequality in School Discipline: Regulating Intolerance in Public Schools**
- **Gravel, Jason**
 - **UCI Social Ecology Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship (\$11,831)**
 - **UC Irvine Data Science Initiative Fellowship (\$13,000)**
- **Hanink, Peter**
 - **\$1000, School of Social Ecology, Dissertation Data Collection Stipend for Spring 2017**
 - **\$1000, Center for Engaged Instruction, Pedagogical Fellowship**
 - **\$400, AGS, Travel Grant**
- **Magnus, Amy**
 - **Kugelman Research Fellowship – UCI Center for Citizen Peacebuilding, 2016-2017 (\$2,500)**
 - **2017 Pedagogical Fellowship (\$2,000)**
 - ***Awaiting news about the Faculty Mentor Program, 2017-2018 Kugelman Research Fellowship, and UCI Initiative to End Family Violence Graduate Student Fellows Program**
- **Mejia Mesinas, Analicia**
 - **UCI DECADE Conference Travel Award, \$1000**
- **Sherman, Nicole**
 - **Public Impact Distinguished Fellow - \$12000, Reintegrating an “Army of One”: Understanding the Culture and Mechanisms in Veterans Treatment Courts**
- **Wo, James**
 - **Professional Development Fellowship for Winter Quarter, CLS, 2017.**
 - **Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship for Fall Quarter, Social Ecology, 2016**
- **Yang, Fei**
 - **Social Ecology Dean's Advancement Fellowship for Diversity Students, UCI School of Social Ecology, \$11,831.50, Behind the Camera: Understanding the Politicalization of Police Violence through the Debates about Police Body-Worn Cameras**

We've been getting external awards!

- **Contreras, Christopher**
 - **Western Society of Criminology: 2016-2017 Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Competition Honorable Mention**
 - **Finalist for the UCI Graduate Division's Faculty Mentor Program (FMP) fellowship**

- **Dunbar, Adam**
 - **Student Paper Award, Division of Experimental Criminology, American Society of Criminology**
- **Kim, Young-an**
 - **Outstanding Student Paper Award, Korean Society of Criminology in America (KOSCA)**
- **Laguna, Sofia**
 - **Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention 2017**

We've been getting internal awards and other accomplishments!

- **Contreras, Christopher**
 - **Graduate Student Mentoring Award 2017**
- **Dunbar, Adam**
 - **Public Impact Fellowship; Social Ecology Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship; People's Choice Award, Associated Graduate Student Symposium**
- **Hanink, Peter**
 - **Pedagogical Fellow award, presented at Celebration of Teaching In Recognition of Teaching Excellence & Service to the Academic Community**
- **Magnus, Amy**
 - **Tom Angell Fellowship Nominee**
- **Simpson, Rylan**
 - **UCI Campuswide Grad Slam Finalist**
 - **Judges' Award at UCI AGS Research Symposium**
 - **UCI Social Ecology Poster Session Winner**
 - **UCI AGS Travel Grant**
- **Torres, Jose**
 - **Mentoring Excellence Program Certificate. Graduate Division. University of California, Irvine, 2016.**
- **Wo, James**
 - **Gil Geis Award for excellence in research by a graduate student, 2016**
- **Yang, Fei**
 - **Graduate Student Mentoring Award, Spring 2016**

Congrats to our graduates as they head off to new locales!



Adam Dunbar - TBD



**Natalie A. Pifer - Assistant Professor,
Department of Criminology and Criminal
Justice, University of Rhode Island**



**Julie Gerlinger - Assistant Professor,
Department of Sociology, University of
Oklahoma**



**Pao-Yang (Puma) Shen – Assistant
Professor, Program in Criminology,
National Taipei University**



Nicole Sherman - Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice, Cal State University Chico



Anjuli Verma - Assistant Professor, Department of Politics, University of California, Santa Cruz (via Presidential Postdoc)



James Wo - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa