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EDUCATION

- Expected 2024 **Ph.D. Criminology, Law & Society**
University of California Irvine
Emphases: Law, Society, and Culture; Feminist Studies
Committee: Ana Muñiz, Swethaa Ballakrishnen, Elliott Currie, Chris Seeds, and Jeanne Scheper
- 2017 **M.A. Sociological Practice**
California State University San Marcos
Committee: Richelle Swan, Chris Bickel, Mary Robertson
- 2014 **B.A. Criminology and Justice Studies**
California State University San Marcos
- 2013 **A.A. University Studies: Social Sciences**
A.A. General Studies: Social and Behavioral Sciences
A.A. General Studies: Arts and Humanities
Palomar Community College

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Abolition	Critical Criminology	Gender, Sexuality, and Law
Law and Society	Legal Pluralism	Pedagogy and University Teaching
Police, Policing, and Law Enforcement	Prefigurative Politics	Securitization

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2023 Grasso, Jordan C., Valerie Jenness, and Stefan Vogler. "[Understanding the Context for Police Avoidance: The Impact of Sexual Identity, Police Legitimacy and Legal Cynicism on Willingness to Report Hate Crime.](#)" *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* 35(2):269-289.

Book Chapters and Reviews

- In Press Grasso, Jordan C. Review of *Feels Right: Black Queer Women and the Politics of Partying in Chicago* by Kemi Adeyemi. *GLQ: A Journal of Lesbian and Gay Studies*.
- Revise and Resubmit Grasso, Jordan C. "Issues of Accessibility and Affect: Reflections on Changing Fieldsites from Police Departments to Queer Bars" in *Communities of Practice and Ethnographic Fieldwork: Creating Supportive Research Experiences*. Edited by L. Cabatingan, D. N. Martinez, and S. B. Coutin.
- Invited Grasso, Jordan C. Review of *The Rise of Digital Sex Work* by Kurt Fowler. *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy*.

Public Scholarship

- Forthcoming Vogler, Stefan, Jordan C. Grasso, Valerie Jenness, Emily Greytak, and Casey Kindall. "Policing the Rainbow: LGBTQ+ Experiences With and Attitudes Towards the Police." *American Civil Liberties Union Policy Report*.
- 2022 Grasso, Jordan C. "[High Stakes Assessments vs. Reflective Journaling](#)." *UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation*. July 13.
- 2022 Grasso, Jordan C. Op-Ed: "[San Diego Police Department's Militarization Is a Real Cause for Concern](#)." *San Diego Union Tribune*. February 22.
- 2021 Grasso, Jordan C., and Meghan Ballard. Op-Ed: "[Dr. Haynes Does Not Owe Anyone an Apology for his Comments on the Rittenhouse Verdict](#)." *The New University: UCI Official Campus Newspaper*. December 14.
- 2017 Grasso, Jordan C. Op-Ed: "Don't Let the New Attorney General Push Us Back Into the Closet." *Gay San Diego*. March 31. *No longer in print.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Most Promising Future Faculty Award. Council on Teaching, Learning, and Student Experience; Graduate Division; Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2022 Arnold Binder Award for Recognition in Outstanding Service Contributions. University of California Irvine.
- 2022 Kitty Calavita Award for Best Second-Year Research Paper. University of California Irvine.
- 2022 Mentoring Award. Nominated by Dr. Brandon Golob. School of Social Ecology. University of California Irvine.
- 2021 Judges' Highest Score Award for "'Life-Saving' or Deadly? Examining Police Militarization and Weaponization in California Police Departments." University of California Irvine Associated Graduate Student Virtual Symposium.
- 2021 Service Commendation for the 2020 Editorial Board of *Sociological Perspectives*. Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2019 Best Poster Award for "Repercussions of the 1033 Program: Police Militarism and Use of Deadly Force." 5th Annual Social Ecology Poster Session. University of California Irvine.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- Accepted 2024 Criminology, Law and Society Quarterly Fellowship. University of California Irvine.
- 2023 Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Scholars Program Fellowship. Faculty Collaborator: Dr. Andromache Karanika. University of California Irvine. \$5,000.
- 2023 Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Graduate Student & Postdoc Travel Grant. University of California Irvine. \$999.
- 2023 Pedagogical Fellow. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine. \$2,500.
- 2023 Pacific Sociological Association Student Travel Grant for the 2023 Annual Conference in Bellevue, WA

- 2022 Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Summer Fellowship. Faculty Collaborator: Dr. Mona Lynch. University of California Irvine. \$5,000.
- 2022 Associated Graduate Students Conference Grant. University of California Irvine.
- 2021 Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Summer Fellowship. Faculty Collaborator: Dr. Val Jenness. University of California Irvine. \$5,000.
- 2020-2024 California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Program Fellowship. CSU Chancellor's Office. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Richelle Swan (CSU San Marcos). \$30,000.
- 2020 Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Summer Fellowship. University of California Irvine. \$5,000.
- 2019 Newkirk Fellowship for Incoming Doctoral Students. University of California Irvine. \$8,000.
- 2019 Summer Bridge Grant. Department of Criminology, Law & Society. University of California Irvine. \$2,000.
- 2018 LGBTQ Student Center Graduate Fellowship. University of Miami.
- 2016-2017 San Diego and Imperial County Community College Association Fellowship. Faculty Mentor: José Briceño. Palomar Community College.

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Conference Presentations

- Accepted 2023 “Challenges, Opportunities, and the Horizons in Teaching Criminology and Social Justice.” Roundtable Organizer and Panelist. *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA.
- Accepted 2023 “Who Keeps Us Safe? We Keep Us Safe!” Preconfiguring Safety Outside the Bounds of the State.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 “Queering Safety: What We Can Learn About Alternative Safety Practices from Queer Women’s Bars and Events.” *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting*. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2023 “Practical Flipped Classroom Techniques: Fostering In-Person Discussions Based on Required Readings.” *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Bellevue, CA.
- 2022 “Teaching in Criminology/Criminal Justice.” Roundtable Panelist. *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 “Increase Police Training? Differential Association in the Police Academy and Outcomes of Violence” with Kariar Al-Naiem. *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Sacramento, CA.
- 2022 “The Paradox Of Reporting To The Police: How Sexual Minorities, Police Legitimacy, and Legal Cynicism Impact Hate Crime Reporting” with Valerie Jenness and Stefan Vogler. *Western Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*. Honolulu, HI.
- 2021 “‘Increase Police Training!’: An Analysis of Hours Spent on Police Training and Outcomes of Violence” with Kariar Al-Naiem. Poster Presentation at the *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 “Weaponizing California Cops: An Analysis of Gun Discharges and Militarization in California Police Departments.” *Justice Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Virtual due to COVID-19.
- 2021 “‘Law and Ethnography’: A Lab Approach to Building a Research Community.” Roundtable Panelist. *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. Virtual due to COVID-19.

- 2021 “Evaluating Police Militarism: Theories, Research, and Future Prospects.” *Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Virtual due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “‘Life-Saving’ or Deadly? Examining Police Militarization and Weaponization in California Police Departments.” *Justice Studies Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. Canceled due to COVID-19.
- 2019 “Repercussions of the 1033 Program: Police Material Militarism and Use of Deadly Force.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, CA.

Other Panels and Symposia

- 2021 “‘Life-Saving’ or Deadly? Examining Police Militarization and Weaponization in California Police Departments.” UCI Associated Graduate Student Virtual Symposium. Irvine, CA.
- 2019 “Repercussions of the 1033 Program: Police Militarism and Use of Deadly Force.” Poster Presentation at the *5th Annual University of California Irvine Social Ecology Poster Session*. Irvine, CA.
- 2018 “How Did We Get Here?: A Sociological Analysis of Police Brutality and Body-Worn Cameras.” *Palomar Community College Political Economy Days*. San Marcos, CA.
- 2018 “The Marriage of Militarism and Police: Why Body-Worn Cameras Are Not Enough to Combat Police Brutality.” *California State University San Marcos Sociology and Criminology & Justice Studies Annual Student Research Symposium*. San Marcos, CA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022-Current Policing the Rainbow (Funded by the National Institute of Justice)
PIs: Stefan Vogler, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign; Valerie Jenness, University of California Irvine
Responsibilities: Survey and interview guide creation, interviewing, transcribing, qualitative and quantitative data analysis
- 2020-2021 Analyzing the Formation of Property After Disaster
PI: Lee Cabatingan, University of California Irvine
Responsibilities: Social media data collection, timeline creation, data coding
- 2019 Citizens in Democratic Hard Times
PI: Sara Wallace Goodman, University of California Irvine
Responsibilities: Content analysis and coding

MEDIA AND INTERVIEWS

- 2022 “[Final Laguna Beach Vintage Gay Bar Set to Close](#)” by Teri Sforza. *The Orange County Register*. October 21.
- 2022 “[Experiences and Advice in Designing an Online Course](#)” by Jennifer Fount. *UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Teaching Blog*. February 27.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

All classes listed below were fully in-person unless they include any of the following notations: AO - Asynchronous Online; SO - Synchronous Online; H - Hybrid

Instructor of Record

California State University San Marcos

Analysis of the Justice System and Criminal Law (Spring 2023 AO, Fall 2023 H, Spring 2022 H)
Capstone Seminar in Community Service (Fall 2023 AO)
Internship in Criminology and Justice Studies (Fall 2023 AO)
Law Enforcement (Spring 2022 H)

California State University Northridge

Law Enforcement & Security (Spring 2023 AO)
Critical Perspectives on Policing (Fall 2022)
Introduction to Criminology and Justice Studies (Spring 2022)

University of California Irvine

Gender and Social Control (Summer 2023)
Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society (Summer 2021 AO)

Orange Coast Community College (Costa Mesa, CA)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2018)

Palomar Community College (San Marcos, CA)

Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2018, Fall 2017)

Teaching Assistant

University of California Irvine

Anthropology of Law (Fall 2020 SO)
Digital Media Archive (Fall 2021)
Comparative Study of Legal Cultures (Winter 2021 SO, Winter 2020 SO)
Hate Crime (Winter 2020)
Surveillance and Society (Fall 2022)

University of Miami (Miami, FL)

Race and Ethnic Relations (Spring 2019, Fall 2018)
Sport and Society (Spring 2019, Fall 2018)

Palomar Community College (San Marcos, CA)

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2016)
Statistics for Behavioral Sciences (Spring 2017)

California State University San Marcos

- Drugs and Alcohol in Society (Spring 2017)
- Juvenile Delinquency (Fall 2015)
- Senior Capstone: Sociology and Criminology (Spring 2016)
- Sex and The Law (Fall 2016)

Other Teaching Experience

- 2022 Online Course Development and Design. University of California Irvine.
Research Design Completely Online Course
- 2021-2022 Online Course Development and Design. University of California Irvine.
Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society Completely Online Course
- 2019 Private Contractor for MPS North America.
Introduction to Criminal Justice Test Preparation Exam Writing.
- 2018-2019 Tutor. University of Miami Athletics Department.
Courses: *Research Methods; Sport and Society; Theories of Deviant Behavior; Quantitative Research Methods; Introduction to Sociology; Criminology*

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “Future Cop to Critical and Queer Research Scholar.” Sex and the Law (SOC 407). California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Professor Dawn Lee. November 28.
- 2022 “Tips for Applying to Ph.D. Programs.” Proseminar in Sociological Practice (SOC 500). California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Richelle Swan. September 22.
- 2021 “Tips for Applying to Ph.D. Programs.” Proseminar in Sociological Practice (SOC 500). California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Richelle Swan. September 15.
- 2021 “Queer Gender Identities and Expressions.” Gender in Society (SOC 315). California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Professor Dawn Lee. July 8.
- 2021 “Intersecting Terrorism and Policing.” Global Perspectives in Crime and Justice (CJS 448). California State University Northridge, Department of Criminology and Justice Studies. Invited by Dr. Stacy Timmer. April 29.
- 2020 “Tips for Applying to Ph.D. Programs.” Proseminar in Sociological Practice (SOC 500). California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Richelle Swan. September 17.
- 2019 “Tips for Applying to Ph.D. Programs.” Proseminar in Sociological Practice (SOC 500). California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Richelle Swan. September 17.
- 2016 “Bridging Sociology and English Studies through an Analysis of Revenge, Hamlet, and Power Structures in Society.” Grade 12 English Class. Rancho Buena Vista High School. Invited by Mrs. Anne Beatty. February 25.

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS AND PANELS

Invited 2024	“They Haven’t Been Sued Yet: Hooked by Capitalism and Caught in Legal Netting” Socio-Legal Workshop Series. UCI Center in Law, Society and Culture. University of California Irvine.
2023	Panelist for “Qualitative Practicum.” Invited by Dr. Tony Cheng. Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
2021	Panelist for “Recruitment Week COVID Information Student Panel.” Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
2021	Panelist for “Recruitment Week Diversity Panel.” Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
2021	Panelist for “Peer Advisory Collective Panel.” Wellness Initiative in Social Ecology (WISE). University of California Irvine.
2020	Panelist for “Being LGBTQIA+ in Graduate School.” LGBT Resource Center. University of California Irvine.
2020	“Effective Writing Skills for Collegiate Level Academics.” Anthropology of Law. University of California Irvine, Department of Criminology, Law and Society. Invited by Dr. Lee Cabatingan. October 22.
2019	“Police Militarism.” Perspectives on U.S. Militarism. California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Theresa Suarez. September 18.
2019	“Police Use of Force.” Criminology. University of Miami, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Amie Nielsen. April 17.
2019	“Police Militarization.” Criminology. University of Miami, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Amie Nielsen. April 15.
2019	“Research Methods in Policing Research.” Introduction to Social Research. University of Miami, Department of Sociology. Invited by Professor Stacy Timmer. March 29.
2017	“Police Subculture and Officer Perceptions of Body-Worn Cameras.” Drugs and Alcohol in Society. California State University San Marcos, Department of Sociology. Invited by Dr. Chris Bickel.

SERVICE

Department/School

2023-2024	Graduate Ambassador. Department of Criminology, Law and Society and the School of Social Ecology. University of California Irvine.
2023-2024	Graduate Diversity Committee Co-Chair. Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
2023	Peer Mentor Award Committee Member. Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.

- 2022-2024 Graduate Strategic Communications Committee Co-Chair. Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
 - ▶ Organizer and Facilitator for “Conferencing Workshop Series” on Writing Abstracts, Preparing Presentations, and Public Speaking
 - ▶ Organizer and Panelist for “Teaching Fellowships” Professional Development Series Panel
 - ▶ Organizer, Facilitator, and Panelist for “Public Scholarship” Professional Development Series Panel
 - ▶ Organizer and Facilitator for “Entering the Job Market” Professional Development Series Panel
- 2021-2022 Outreach, Publicity, and Events Committee Member. Department of Criminology and Justice Studies. California State University Northridge.
 - ▶ Social Media Content Creator for CSUN Criminology and Justice Studies Instagram
- 2021-2023 Graduate Peer Mentor. Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
- 2021-2022 Graduate Social Committee Co-Chair. Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
- 2021-2022 Graduate Representative. School of Social Ecology Student Government Association. University of California Irvine.
- 2020-2021 Graduate Peer Mentoring Committee Co-Chair. Department of Criminology, Law and Society. University of California Irvine.
- 2020 Website Committee. Law and Ethnography Lab. University of California Irvine.
- 2018-2019 Cofounder and Coordinator. Graduate Reading Group on Topics Related to Gender Studies. University of Miami.
- 2016-2017 Graduate Peer Mentor. Department of Sociology. California State University San Marcos.

University/Campus-Wide

- 2023 Facilitator. Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2023 Judge for the Annual University of California Irvine Undergraduate Research Symposium. University of California Irvine.
- 2022 Committee Member. Learning Experience Design and Online Teaching Award Committee. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2021-2022 Application Coordinator. University of California Irvine Leveraging Inspiring Futures Through Educational Degrees (LIFTED) Program Inaugural Cohort.
- 2019-2023 LGBTQ Peer Mentor. Counseling Center. University of California Irvine.

Professional

- Ongoing Manuscript Reviewer: *Excursions; Sociological Forum*
- 2023-2024 Presidential Panel Organizer for “Teaching in a Time of Turmoil.” American Society of Criminology 2024 Annual Conference.
- 2023-2024 Committee Chair. Pacific Sociological Association Committee on the Status of LGBTQIA+ Persons in Sociology.
- 2023-2024 Program Committee Assistant. American Society of Criminology Program Committee and American Society of Criminology President, Dr. Valerie Jenness (ASC President 2024).

- 2022-2024 Committee Member. Pacific Sociological Association Committee on the Status of LGBTQIA+ Persons in Sociology.
- 2021 Program Committee Member. Justice Studies Association 2021 Annual Conference.
- 2020-2022 Student Editorial Board Member. *Sociological Perspectives*. Editors: Dr. Bryan Sykes and Dr. Black Hawk Hancock

Community

- 2022-2023 Event and Safety Coordinator. Cherry Bomb Queer Pop-Up Events.
- 2022 Presentation Developer for Dr. Valerie Jenness' Presentation on "Pride' and Policing: Making History X2." Richard J. Donovan Correction Facility.
- 2021-2022 Event Support. Hot Donna's Clubhouse Queer Pop-Up Events.

CERTIFICATES, MICROCREDENTIALS, & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 Certificate in Preparing Future Faculty Careers. Graduate Division. University of California Irvine.
- 2023 Certificate in Effective Online Teaching Practices. Association of College and University Educators. California State University Northridge.
- 2021 Microcredential in Promoting Active Learning Online. Association of College and University Educators. California State University Northridge.
- 2022 Certificate in Transformative Teaching and Learning. Faculty Development; Learning Resource Center. California State University Northridge.
- 2021 Certificate in Transparent Assignments. Faculty Development; Learning Resource Center. California State University Northridge.
- 2021 Certificate in Mental Health First Aid. San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Inc.
- 2021 Certificate in Inclusive Hybrid Teaching. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2021 Certificate in Inclusive Excellence. Office of Inclusive Excellence. University of California Irvine.
- 2021 Certificate in Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning - Associate Level. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2021 Certificate in Course Design. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2021 Certificate in Teaching Excellence. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2021 Certificate in Mentoring Excellence. Office of Inclusive Excellence. University of California Irvine.
- 2020 QPR Gatekeeper: Suicide Prevention. Counseling Center. University of California Irvine.
- 2020 Certificate in Remote Instruction. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.

- 2020 Certificate in Transforming Your Research Into Teaching. Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation. University of California Irvine.
- 2016 Certificate in QPR Gatekeeper: Suicide Prevention. Community Health Improvement Partners.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)	Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)
Law and Society Association (LSA)	Western Society of Criminology (WSC)

REFERENCES

Dr. Ana Muñiz | Associate Professor | Criminology, Law and Society
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Dr. Valerie Jenness | Distinguished Professor | Criminology, Law and Society and by Courtesy Sociology and the School of Nursing
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Dr. Swetha Ballakrishnen | Associate Professor | Law and by Courtesy Criminology, Law and Society, Sociology, and Asian American Studies
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