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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine <i>Race and Justice Emphasis</i>	Expected Spring 2026
J.D.	University of California, Irvine School of Law	Expected Spring 2026
M.A.	Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine Thesis: <i>Anti-Blackness is the American Way: An Integrative Assessment of the Direct and Indirect Effects of Racially Violent Histories</i> Committee: Geoff Ward (chair), Mona Lynch, & John Hipp	2020
B.A.	Psychology and Social Behavior, Social Ecology, Criminology, Law and Society University of California, Irvine <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Racism, Historical Anti-Black Violence, State Violence, Transitional Justice, Reparations, Collective Memory, Policing, Abolition, Community-Based Research

PUBLICATIONS

PUBLISHED MANUSCRIPTS

Echols, C.M. and Nancy Rodriguez. (Forthcoming). "Understanding the Relationship Between Race and Ethnicity, Probation Officers' Recommendations, and Juvenile Court Outcomes." In *Research Handbook on Race, Crime, and Justice*, edited by Kelly Welch. Cheltenham, United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Echols, Courtney M. and Nancy Rodriguez. 2025. "Who Should go Home from Detention?: The Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Probation Officers' Recommendations to the Court." *Crime & Delinquency*, 1-30.

Echols, Courtney M. and Meghan Ballard. 2024. "The Archive as a Site: The Issues,

Challenges, and Benefits of Conducting Archival Research on Anti-Black Violence and Black Resistance in the United States.” In *Communities of Practice and Ethnographic Fieldwork: Creating Supportive Research Experiences*, edited by Lee Cabatingan, Susan Coutin, and Deyanira N. Martinez. New York, NY: Routledge.

Echols, Courtney M. 2022. “Anti-Blackness is the American Way: Assessing the Relationship Between Chattel Slavery, Lynchings, and Police Violence During the Civil Rights Movement.” *Race and Justice* 14(2):217–232.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Williams, Kirk, & **Courtney M. Echols**. “Testing for Racial and Ethnic Bias When Assessing Intimate Partner Violence Defendants.” Revise and resubmit in *Law and Human Behavior*.

Echols, Courtney M. “Refining Slavery, Reproducing Carcerality: White Enlistment, Public Guardianship, and the Racial Regulation of Black Mobility in 1940s Louisiana.” Under review at *Social Problems*.

Echols, Courtney M. ““Data-Driven” Displacement: The Role of Predictive Policing Technology In Gentrifying Black Communities and Safeguarding White Entitlement to Property & Space.” Under review at *Theoretical Criminology*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Sykes, Bryan L., **Courtney M. Echols**, and Vicente Mata. “Triaging the Search for Treatment: Shadow Costs, Rehabilitation Program Providers, and Sequencing Information Inequality in the California Criminal Legal System.” In preparation for *Social Problems*.

Sykes, Bryan L., **Courtney M. Echols**, Vicente Mata, and Jillian Royal. “Rehabilitation Market Enclosure: Shadow Costs, Valuation Inequality, and County-Level Variation in Court-Ordered Treatment Program Pricing.” In preparation for *Law & Society Review*.

Echols, Courtney M. and Bryan L. Sykes. “Tracing the Afterlives of Slavery, Lynching, and Civil-Rights Terror in Today’s Carceral State.” In preparation for *Social Forces*.

Echols, Courtney M. (Dissertation). “From Cotton Fields to Courtrooms: Histories of Anti-Black Violence and the Evolution of Policing, Carcerality, and Racial Capitalism.”

Echols, Courtney M., and Nancy Rodriguez. “Locked In, Holding On: First-Person Insights into the Relational Costs of Incarceration.” In preparation for *Punishment & Society*.

COMMUNITY BASED REPORTS

Garcia, Jamie and **Courtney M. Echols**. 2021. “Automation of Banishment: New Technologies, Old Patterns.” In *Automating Banishment: The Surveillance and Policing of Looted Land*. Available [here](#).

Echols, Courtney M., Tiff Guerra, Jamie Garcia, and Sarah Hamid. 2019. “Abolish Carceral Technologies: The People’s Response.” Available [here](#).

Echols, Courtney M., Tiff Guerra, Jamie Garcia, and Sarah Hamid. 2018. “The People’s Response to OIG Audit Data-Driven Policing.” Available [here](#).

Echols, Courtney M. 2018. “Crime Data: A Biased and Racist Social Construct.” In *Before the Bullet Hits the Body: Dismantling Predictive Policing in Los Angeles*. Available [here](#).

Echols, Courtney M. 2018. “LASER’s Racist Feedback Loop.” In *Before the Bullet Hits the Body: Dismantling Predictive Policing in Los Angeles*. Available [here](#).

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Echols, Courtney M. 2023. “Juvenile Probation Officers’ Recommendations Worsen Racial and Ethnic Sentencing Disparities.” The London School of Economics and Political Science. USAPP- American Politics and Policy. Available [here](#).

Echols, Courtney M. and Tremayne W. Wilson. 2022. “Overcoming Obstacles to DEI in the Legal Profession.” *OC Lawyer’s Magazine*.

Echols, Courtney M. and Brooke Weitzman. 2021. “The Housing Crisis in Orange County: A 2021 Update.” *OC Lawyer’s Magazine*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Project Assistant, Shadow Costs, University of California, Irvine; Under the direction of Principle Investigator: Bryan L. Sykes, Ph.D.	2022-present
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National Institution of Justice funded Graduate Research Assistant	2023-2024
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National Science Foundation funded Graduate Research Assistant	2022
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Responsibilities include:

- Serving as project lead on the creation of a comprehensive data set of court mandated program providers in six California counties
- Creating and compiling a comprehensive dataset on program providers, courses offered, course costs, and additional fees from court lists, calls to providers, and providers’ websites

- Working with and overseeing a team of undergraduate and graduate student researchers on various administrative tasks
- Daily interactions with rehabilitation providers and study participants
- Conducting observational field work, sampling and recruiting
- Conducting in-depth entry and exit interviews.

Research Assistant, Dr. Nancy Rodriguez. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine. Responsibilities include:	2021; 2024-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-constructed research questions, study design and theoretical frameworks • Constructed literature reviews, discussion and conclusion sections for manuscript publication • Conducted qualitative analysis and thematic coding of 170 interviews • Mentored and supported system-impacted and formerly incarcerated students in the Next Generation Crime and Justice Scholars Program by reviewing and providing feedback on research proposals, CVs, and graduate school applications 	
Undergraduate Research Assistant Supervisor, University of California, Irvine.	2019-present
CLS Ethnography Lab Member. Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine.	2019-present
Research Assistant, Dr. Kirk Williams. Poverty Stoplight Program Evaluation. University of California, Irvine.	2019-2021
Research Assistant, Dr. Kirk Williams. Cure Violence Prevention Program Evaluation. University of California, Irvine.	2019-2021
Competitive Edge Summer Research Program. University of California, Irvine.	2016
Social Ecology Honors Research Program. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2015-2016
Research Assistant, Dr. Geoff Ward. Legacies of Racial Violence Project. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2014-2016

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED

Echols, C.M. 2023. Panelist. Public Scholarship. Criminology, Law & Society Professional Development Series. University of California, Irvine.

Khan, H., **Echols, C.M.**, & Rahman, S. 2021. *Dismantling LAPD's Predictive Policing Program*, L.A.S.E.R.. University of California, Irvine, School of Law.

Garcia, J., Bro. Pancake, **Echols, C.M.**, Dogon, Gen., & Khan, H. 2021. *What happens Before the Bullets Hits the Body: Dismantling Predictive Policing*. Stiga Museum, Athens, Greece.

Echols, C.M. 2021. (Panelist). *UCI4COLA*. Community Organizing at UCI Panel; Student Leadership Initiative for Climate Resilience. University of California, Irvine.

Echols, C.M. 2020. (Respondent). *American Monument Think Tank Marathon*. Beall Center, University of California, Irvine.

Echols C.M. & Gill, N. 2019. *Examining Histories of Resistance to Police Violence Through the Lens of the Community*. American Monument Think Tank. Beall Center, University of California, Irvine.

Khan, H., Garcia, J., & **Echols, C.M.** 2019. *Stop LAPD Spying: Data is always weaponized*. Data for Black Lives Convening; University of California, Irvine.

Echols, C.M. 2018. (Panelist). *Understanding Legacies of Historical Anti-Black Violence, Informing Transitional Justice Remedies*. Social Justice Research Panel; California State University, Long Beach.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCES

Echols, C.M. 2025. Abolish “Data-Driven” Policing: An Analysis of The Relationship Between Racial Capitalism and the Racist Violence of a “Data-Driven” Policing Program in Los Angeles.” Law and Society Association.

Sykes, B., **Echols, C.M.** & Mata, V.C. 2024. “Triaging the Search for Treatment: Shadow Costs, Rehabilitation Programs, and Information Inequality in the California Criminal Legal System.” American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Echols, C.M. “*Refined Slavery:*” *Routine Racial Violence and Black Mobility Policing 20th Century Louisiana*.

o 2021. American Studies Association. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

o 2021. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Chicago, Il.

- o 2020. American Sociology Association. San Francisco, CA. (Canceled due to Covid-19).
- o 2020. American Studies Association. Baltimore, MD. (Canceled due to Covid-19).
- Echols, C.M.** 2020. *Histories of Anti-Black Violence & Contemporary Black Death in the Murder Capital of America*. Southern Sociology Society. Jacksonville, FA.
- Echols, C.M.** 2019. *Assessing The Predictors of Transitional Justice Efforts in a U.S. Southern State*. Law & Society Annual Meeting. Washington D.C.
- Echols, C.M.** 2018. *Examining The Role of Civil Rights Era Police Violence*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- Echols, C.M.** 2018. *Legacies of Racial Violence: The Mediating Characteristics of Civil Rights Era Terror*. Western Society of Criminology Conference. Long Beach, CA.
- Bland, L. & **Echols, C.M.** 2018. *Perceptions of Police Use of Drones Among Black Los Angeles Residents*. Western Society of Criminology Conference. Long Beach, CA.
- Echols, C.M.** 2017. *Public Memorials, Collective Memory, and Legacies of Racial Violence: A Case Study of the Frank Morris Murder in Ferriday, Louisiana*. American Society of Criminology Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- Echols, C.M.** 2016. *Do Remedial Efforts Reflect Histories of Racial Violence: A Case Study of Louisiana*. Summer Graduate Research Symposium, University of California, Irvine.
- Echols, C.M.** 2016. *Louisiana's Legacies of Historical Racial Violence*. Annual Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of California, Irvine.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

- Echols, C.M.** 2020. (Presenter & Workshop Organizer). *Public Records Act Requests: An Abolitionist Tool*. Strike University.
- Khan, H., Garcia, J., & **Echols, C.M.** 2018. (Workshop Organizer). *Training for Trainers*. FTP Studies: Special Series. Data & Displacement. Los Angeles, CA.
- Echols, C.M.** 2017. (Presenter & Workshop Organizer). *Situating Reparations in the Larger Context Of Transitional Justice*. Confronting Our Past & Creating A Better Future: A Public Workshop on Reparations for Black Folks in America, Los Angeles, CA.
- Echols, C.M.** 2017. (Presenter & Workshop Organizer). *The Reparations Movement in US History*. Confronting Our Past & Creating A Better Future: A Public Workshop on Reparations for Black Folks in America, Los Angeles, CA.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

Academic Freedom Award, Department of Criminology, Law & Society. University of California, Irvine.	2025
Graduate Dean Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Irvine.	2025
Fletcher Jones Fellowship, University of California, Irvine.	2025
Dolores Zohrab Liebmann Fellowship Nominee, University of California,	2025
Public Impact Fellow, University of California, Irvine.	2024
Presidential Summer Public Service Law Fellow. University of California, Irvine, School of Law.	2022
Pro Bono Achievement Award. University of California, Irvine, School of Law.	2022
Daniel Levy Award (recipient on behalf of Stop LAPD Spying Coalition). National Lawyer's Guild. Los Angeles, CA.	2021
Center on Law, Equality, & Race Scholar. Center on Law, Equality, & Race. University of California.	2021
Pro Bono 50 Hour Award. University of California, Irvine, School of Law.	2021
Outstanding Social Justice Activist Award. Womxn's Hub. University of California, Irvine.	2020
Social Ecology Mentoring Award. School of Social Ecology. University of California, Irvine.	2020
Professional Development Fellowship. School of Social Ecology. University of California, Irvine.	2019
Peer Mentor Award. Department of Criminology, Law & Society. University of California, Irvine.	2019
Research Support Grant. University of California, Irvine.	2018
Nevin Graduate Endowment Fellowship. University of California, Irvine.	2016-2018
Criminology, Law, & Society Fellowship. Department of Criminology, Law & Society. University of California, Irvine.	2016

Diversity Recruitment Fellowship. University of California, Irvine.	2016
Summa Cum Laude. School of Social Ecology. University of California, Irvine.	2016
Immersive Field Study Award. School of Social Ecology. University of California, Irvine.	2016
Social Ecology Honors Award. School of Social Ecology. University of California, Irvine.	2016
Fellow, Blum Center for Global Engagement. University of California, Irvine	2015
Tau Sigma National Honor Society, University of California, Irvine.	2014
Chancellor's List, Louisiana State University, Shreveport.	2011
Accepting the Challenge of Excellence. Ark-La-Tex District. Bossier City, Louisiana.	2006-2007

SELECT MEDIA COVERAGE

The Guardian, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “LAPD Ended Predictive Policing Programs Amid Public Outcry. A New Effort Shares Many of Their Flaws,” By Johana Bhuiyan, November 8, 2021.

The Guardian, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “Revealed: How LAPD Targeted Nipsey Hussle’s Street Corner and Store,” By Sam Levin, November 7, 2021.

Pulp News, On Air Guest Discussing “The School to Prison Pipeline,” w/ Zoe Howes, November 7, 2021.

Pulp News, On Air Guest Discussing “New UCPD Proposal... Is This Really Necessary?,” w/ Naomi Wilson, May 25, 2021.

ACLU News, Community Organizing Work Featured In “Meet the Activists Fighting to Free People From LA Jails,” By Leila Rafei, March 10, 2021.

The Intercept, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “How the LAPD And Palantir Use Data to Justify Racist Policing,” By Mara Hvistendahl, January 30, 2021.

Bese, Community Organizing Work Featured In “NextNormal: Second Chances,” January 11, 2021.

BuzzFeed News, Community Organizing Work Featured In “Scars, Tattoos, and License Plates: This is What Palantir and The LAPD Know About You” By Caroline Haskins,

September 29, 2020.

LA Times, Interviewee For “Organizers at UCI Collect Donations to Help Prisoners Released Early To Help Stop COVID-19 Spread in Jails,” By Ada Tseng, July 24, 2020.

Ask A Leader, On Air Guest Discussing “Cost of Living Adjustments, UC System Policing Practices, And Student Housing Rental Terms,” w/ Claudia Shambaugh, July 24, 2020.

Voices Of OC, Interviewee For “After Resident Pressing, Irvine City Council Approves Rent Assistance Program,” By Noah Biesiada, June 11, 2020.

Prime, Interviewee For “A Growing Movement Amidst a Global Pandemic,” By Sabrina Huang, June 2020.

Voices Of OC, Interviewee For “Student Protests Spur Irvine City Council to Discuss Rent And Housing Options,” By Noah Biesiada, June 4, 2020.

UCI News, Interviewee For “Courtney Echols and Brenna Biggs Earn Dynamic Womxn of UCI Awards. June 1, 2020.

Daily Nexus, Interviewee For “I Think People Are Just Fed Up”: COLA Organizers Call For Thursday UC-Wide Work Stoppage as Movement Reaches All 10 UC Campuses,” By Evelyn Spence, March 5, 2020.

The New School of Labor Rights, Interviewee For “Grad Students Work Long Hours for Low Wages While Universities Absorb the Profits. At UC, They’re Finally Walking Off the Job. Will It Be Enough to Force Action?”, By Eddie Kim, March 4, 2020.

CBS News, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “LAPD Not Giving Up On Data-Driven Policing, Even After Scrapping Controversial Program,” By Grace Baek, Taylor Mooney, February 23, 2020.

LA Times, Community Organizing Work Featured In “Group that sued LAPD over controversial data policing programs claims victory,” By Emmanuel Morgan, December 10, 2019.

The Atlantic, Community Organizing Work Featured In “Do Algorithms Have a Place in Policing?,” By Eva Ruth Moravec, September 5, 2019.

Boston Globe, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “Can Predictive Policing Help Stamp Out Racial Profiling?,” By Ben Green, April 17, 2019.

Muckrock, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “Eight Years In, LAPD Can’t Measure Predpol’s Effect on Crime, By Beryl Lipton, March 12, 2019.

NPR. Community Organizing Work Featured In “How Data Analysis Is Driving Policing,” By

Martin Kaste, June 25, 2018.

Government Technology, Community Organizing Work Featured In “Activists File Lawsuit Over LAPD’s Predictive Policing Program,” By Brenda Gazzar, June 2018.

The Intercept, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “Aided by Palantir, The LAPD Uses Predictive Policing to Monitor Specific People and Neighborhoods,” By Maha Ahmed, May 11, 2018.

Courthouse News, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “Activists Call For An End To LA’s Predictive Policing Program,” By Martin Macias Jr., May 8, 2018.

The Appeal, Research and Community Organizing Work Featured In “The LAPD Has A New Surveillance Formula, Powered by Palantir,” By George Joseph, May 8, 2018.

Daily News. Community Organizing Work Featured In “Activists demand details on ‘secretive’ LAPD crime-fighting tool,” By Brenda Gazzar, February 13th, 2018.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR

Power, Constructions of Deviance, and Social Control	Department of Criminology, Law & Society. University of California, Irvine.	Fall 2022 & 2021
Juvenile Justice	Department of Criminology and Justice Studies. California State University, Northridge.	Fall 2022
Diversity, Justice, & Crime	Department of Criminology and Justice Studies. California State University, Northridge.	Fall 2021

TEACHING ASSISTANT (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IRVINE)

Urban Sociology	2024
Law and Inequality	2024
Research Design	2021
Crime & Cinema	2021
Inequality & Crime	2020
Domestic Violence	2020
Organized Crime	2019
Comparative Legal Cultures	2019
Naturalistic Field Research	2018
Race, Ethnicity, & Social Control	2018
Crime & Public Policy	2018

Gender & Social Control	2017
Foundations of Criminology, Law & Society	2017
Illegal Economics	2017
Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society	2016

GUEST LECTURER

<i>An Exploration of Race, Law, and Inequality and its Roots in Racial Capitalism</i>	2024
Course: Law and Inequality, Department of Criminology, Law and Society University of California, Irvine	
<i>Policing & The Prison Industrial Complex</i>	2022
Course: Critical Perspectives on Policing, Department of Criminology and Justice Studies California State University, Northridge	
<i>Critical Perspectives on Policing: Abolition 101</i>	2021
Course: Issues in Policing, Department of Criminology, Law and Society University of California, Irvine	
<i>Historical Anti-Blackness in the American Legal System, and the Legal Profession</i>	2021
Course: Law and Legal Process, Department of Sociology and Criminology and Law University of Florida	
<i>American Slavery & Transitional Justice</i>	2017
Course: Crime & Public Policy, Department of Criminology, Law and Society University of California, Irvine	
<i>Historical Representation and Transitional Justice</i>	2017
Course: Historical Representation in the Caribbean: Slavery, Whiteness, Colonization and Power, Department of History University of California, Los Angeles	
<i>The Consequences of Confronting Racially Violent Histories</i>	2016
Course: Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society, Department of Criminology, Law and Society University of California, Irvine	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer: <i>Race and Justice; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity</i>	2021-current
Student Editorial Board Member, <i>Sociological Perspectives</i>	2020

DEPARTMENTAL & SCHOOL SERVICE

CHAIR

Comprehensive Exams Committee Chair, Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2019-2020
Peer Mentor Committee Chair. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2017-2018

MEMBER

Associated Graduate Student Representative, Social Ecology; University of California, Irvine.	2023-2024
Abolitionist Working Group. University of California, Irvine.	2020-2022
Dean's Advisory Committee. School of Social Ecology. University of California, Irvine.	2020
Race & Ethnicity Working Group. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2019-2020
Graduate Student Peer Mentor. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2017-2020
Peer mentor committee. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2017-2019
Diversity Committee. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2016-2019
Social Committee. Department of Criminology, Law & Society; University of California, Irvine.	2017-2018

SELECT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Stop LAPD Spying Coalition Los Angeles, CA	2016-Present
North OC Mutual Aid Coalition Orange County, CA	2020-2023

National Lawyers Guild Los Angeles County, CA Orange County, CA	2016-Present
Lawyers for Black Lives New York, NY	2021-2023
Justice Warriors for Black Lives Los Angeles, CA	2021-2023
City Council and Brown Act Project Orange County, CA	2020-2023
Los Angeles Community Action Network Los Angeles, CA	2020-2021
Strike University University of California	2020-2021
UCI4COLA University of California, Irvine	2020-2023
Showing Up For Racial Justice Los Angeles, CA	2015-2017
William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation Oxford, Mississippi	2015

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Law and Society Association
Southern Sociological Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems
American Society of Criminology
American Studies Association
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

September, 2016 Social Ecology Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program

METHODOLOGICAL TRAINING

Program Evaluation
Structural Equation Modeling I

Structural Equation Modeling II (Latent class analysis; growth curve modeling)

REFERENCES

Available upon request.