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EDUCATION

Exp. 2027 Ph.D., Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine.
Committee: Shauhin Talesh (chair), Elliott Currie, Sora Han, Valerie Jenness

2018 B.A. with Honors in Sociology and Policy Studies, Rice University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Law; Law & Organizations; Law & Social Change; Higher Education; Sociology of Education; Gender, Sex & Sexuality; Sexual Harassment; Immigration

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2026 **Isabel Patten**. "By We, I Mean You: Operationalization and Responsibilization in University Sexual Violence Prevention Training." Accepted at *Law & Social Inquiry*.

2026 Valdivia, Carolina and **Isabel Patten**. "Constructing Compliance, Institutionalizing Creative Solutions: Higher Education Professionals as Legal Intermediaries Serving Undocumented College Students." *Law & Society Review*.

2026 Valdivia, Carolina, **Isabel Patten**, Josefina Espino, and Danielle Puretz. "Deepening Our Understanding of Basic Needs Through the Lens of Undocumented College Students." *Journal of Latinos and Education*.

2025 Valdivia, Carolina, Marisol Clark Ibanez, **Isabel Patten**, Jose Ruiz Escutia, and Josefina Espino. "Fear and Stigma: How Undocumented Students Navigate Disclosure Amidst Heightened Immigration Enforcement and Rising Anti-Immigrant Sentiment." *Sociological Perspectives*.

UNDER REVIEW

Patten, Isabel. "The Curriculum of Complaint Management: How Third-Party Title IX Training Socializes Higher Education Staff." Revise & Resubmit at *Law & Society Review*.

Patten, Isabel and Carolina Valdivia. "Resource-Seeking: How Undocumented Students Acquire, Spread, or Forego University Resources." Under Review at *Sociology of Education*.

Valdivia, Carolina and **Isabel Patten.** "Enforcing (Il)legality: Immigration and Customs Enforcement Tactics Through the Narratives of Undocumented Communities." Under Review at *Law & Social Inquiry*.

IN PROGRESS

Patten, Isabel. "Compliance Brokers: Third-Party Companies and the Construction of Title IX on Campus."

Talesh, Shauhin and **Isabel Patten**. "Legal Training, Organizations, and Law." Invited to Submit to *Annual Review of Law and Social Science.*

Valdivia, Carolina, **Isabel Patten**, and Blanca Villagomez. "How Uncertainty in U.S. Immigration and Higher Education Shapes Undocumented College Students' Career Aspirations and Outcomes."

Patten, Isabel. "Beyond Ambiguity: How Change, Complexity, and Capacity Condition Title IX Professionalization."

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

2026 **Patten, Isabel** and Carolina Valdivia. 2026. "How Higher Education Professionals Navigate Law and Support Undocumented Students' Success."

2026 Golob, Brandon, **Isabel Patten**, and Karma Rose Zavita. "Graduate Students as Pedagogical Partners." *The Criminologist* 52 (1): 19-21.

2025 **Patten, Isabel**. "How Resource Centers Can Support Undocumented Students Through Networking." *My Undocumented Life.*

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External Fellowships and Grants

2025 National Science Foundation Law and Science Dissertation Grant ($11,250)

Internal Fellowships and Grants

2025 Graduate Student Fellowship, UCI Initiative to End Family Violence ($2500)
2025 Academic Freedom Award, Criminology, Law & Society Department ($1240)
2025 Dickman Dissertation Award, Criminology, Law & Society Department ($1500)
2025 Quarterly Fellowship, Criminology, Law & Society Department ($9000)
2024 Fellowship, UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation ($5000)
2023 Fellowship, UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation ($5000)
2023 Research Grant, UCI Center for Organizational Research ($1000)
2023 Peer Mentoring Award, UCI School of Social Ecology ($200)
2021 UCI Newkirk Center for Science & Society Fellowship ($8000)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021–2025 Research Assistant for Carolina Valdivia, University of California, Irvine.
2025 Research Assistant for Valerie Jenness, University of California, Irvine.
2019–21 Research Assistant for Robert Werth, Rice University.

TEACHING

2026 Instructor, Law & Inequality, University of California, Irvine.

2024 Course Developer, Hate Crimes (in collaboration with Valerie Jenness and Brandon Golob).

2023 Course Developer, Leadership (in collaboration with Brandon Golob).

2022–26 Teaching Assistant:

Miscarriages of Justice, Simon Cole.
Crime, Law, and Trauma, Teresa Dalton.
Social Problems and Crime, Elliott Currie.
Hate Crimes, Brandon Golob.
Public Policy and Government, Alejandra Reyes.
Leadership, Brandon Golob.
Hate Crimes, Brandon Golob.
Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society, Valerie Jenness.
Criminal Law, Matt Barno.
Social Media Law, Brandon Golob.
Criminological Theory, Matt Barno.
Police and Society, Richard McCleary.
Community Contexts of Crime, George Tita.

PRESENTATIONS

"The Curriculum of Complaint Management: How Third-Party Title IX Training Socializes Higher Education Staff to Manage Students, Complaints, and Risk."

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York. 2026.
- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco. 2026.

"Criminology in the Classroom - Pedagogy Amid Political Polarization."

- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. 2025.

"Organizational Responses to Sexual Violence."

- Invited Guest Lecture, California State University, Fullerton, October 2025.

"'She Opened Up the Phonebook and Accused Everyone:' Logics of Title IX Legal Intermediaries."

- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 2025.

"Exploring Gender-Based Violence Research: Unraveling Methodologies, Navigating Challenges, and Gaining Insights."

- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2026.

"Converting Risk into Responsibility: How Title IX Training Teaches Students to See and Manage Risk in their Sexual Lives."

- Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, June 2024.

"Time Management Skills for Scholar-Professionals."

- Invited Guest Lecture, University of California, Irvine, May 2024.

"Teaching Social Science Skills"

- Criminology, Law, and Society Pedagogical Certificate Program, Irvine, May 2024.

"Challenges, Opportunities, and the Horizons in Teaching Criminology and Social Justice."

- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, November 2023.

"Building an Effective Teaching Team."

- Co-presented with Brandon Golob and Karma Rose Zavita. Division for Teaching Excellence and Inclusion, University California, Irvine, 2023.

"Technicality vs Humanity: 'Violation' Discourses & Legal Subject Construction in Title IX Litigation."

- Co-presented with Jackson Neagli. Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, June 2022.

SERVICE

2026–	Mentoring Committee, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association
2022–	Editorial Assistant, Law & Society Review
2024	Colloquium Committee, Criminology, Law & Society Department
2024	Peer Mentoring Committee, Criminology, Law & Society Graduate Program
2023	Strategic Communications Committee, Criminology, Law & Society Graduate Program