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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2019– **Assistant Professor, Criminal Justice**, San Diego State University

EDUCATION

2019 **Ph.D. Sociology**, University of California, Irvine
2012 **M.A. Sociology**, California State University, Fullerton
2010 **B.A. Sociology & Psychology**, California State University, Fullerton

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Politics and Policy; Drugs and Crime; Social Movements; Inequality; Race; Quantitative and Computational Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2021 **Vann Jr, Burrel**. 2021. "Persuasive Action and Ideological Polarization in Congress." *Social Problems* 68(4):809–830. [📄](#)
- 2019 Amenta, Edwin, Thomas Elliott, Nicole Shortt, Amber Tierney, Didem Turkoglu, and **Burrel Vann Jr**. 2019. "Making Good News: What Explains the Quality of Coverage of the Civil Rights Movement." *Mobilization* 24(1):19-37. [📄](#)
- 2018 **Vann Jr, Burrel**. 2018. "Movement-Countermovement Dynamics and Mobilizing the Electorate." *Mobilization* 23(3):285-305. [📄](#)
- 2017 Amenta, Edwin, Thomas Elliott, Nicole Shortt, Amber Tierney, Didem Turkoglu, and **Burrel Vann Jr**. 2017. "From Bias to Coverage: What Explains How News Organizations Treat Social Movements." *Sociology Compass* 11(3):1-12. [📄](#)
- 2014 McVeigh, Rory, Kraig Beyerlein, **Burrel Vann Jr**, and Priyamvada Trivedi. 2014. "Educational Segregation, Tea Party Organizations, and Battles over Distributive Justice." *American Sociological Review* 79(4):630-652. [📄](#)

Under Review

- Vann Jr, Burrel. "The Diffusion of Legalization in the American States." (Resubmitted at *International Journal of Drug Policy*)
- Vann Jr, Burrel. "Marijuana Policy Change in the American States." (Under Review at *Policy & Politics*)
- Vann Jr, Burrel. "The Evolution of Marijuana Discourse in the United States, 1990–2016." (Under Review at *Sociological Perspectives*)
- Vann Jr, Burrel and Nicole DeFelicis "Barriers to Protest Participation." (Under Review at *Social Science Quarterly*)

Working Papers

- Chanin, Joshua, and Burrel Vann Jr. "Dispensaries, Policing, and Crime in Seattle, Washington."
- Vann Jr, Burrel. "The Social Structure of Support for Marijuana Legalization, 2000-2012."
• 2016 Bruce D. Johnson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. *Drinking and Drugs Division. Society for the Study of Social Problems*

Parker, Christopher and Burrell Vann Jr. "Mental Health Effects on POC Political Engagement."

Gibson, C. Ben and Burrell Vann Jr. "Bootstrapped Robustness Assessments for QCA." (Revise & Resubmit at *Sociological Methodology*)

- 2016 Clifford C. Clogg Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. Methodology Section. American Sociological Association
- 2015 Robin M. Williams Jr Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine

Vann Jr, Burrell. "Supervised Learning and Classification in the *Dynamics of Collective Action*"

Software

Vann Jr, Burrell. "vannstats: Simplified Statistical Procedures for Public Affairs." R package version 1.0+

Gibson, C. Ben and Burrell Vann Jr. "braQCA: Bootstrapped Robustness Assessment for QCA." R package version 0.9.7-1.0

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

External

2016–2017 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences.

2014–2016 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship. National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences.

2010 Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholar. California Pre-Doctoral Program. The California State University.

2008 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Fellowship. U.S. Department of Education. California State University, Fullerton.

Internal

San Diego State University

2021 Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activities Award. San Diego State University.

2019 University Grants Program. San Diego State University.

University of California, Irvine

2018 Summer Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

2018 William R. Harburger Memorial Dissertation Fellowship. University of California, Irvine.

2017 Summer Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

2017 Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship. University of California, Irvine.

2016 Summer Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

2016 Data Science Summer Fellowship. Data Science Initiative. University of California, Irvine.

2016 Jack W. Peltason Summer Fellowship. Center for the Study of Democracy. University of California, Irvine.

2015 Summer Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

2015 Summer Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

2014 Summer Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

2014 Summer Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

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2013 Summer Research Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

2013 Jack W. Peltason Summer Fellowship. Center for the Study of Democracy. University of California, Irvine.

2013 Summer Fellowship. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.

- 2012 Social Science Merit Fellowship. School of Social Sciences. University of California, Irvine.
- 2011 Summer Research Internship Grant. Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program. The California State University.
- 2011 Graduate Equity Fellowship. California State University, Fullerton.

Small Grants

- 2018 Lee Student Support Award. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2017 Lee Student Support Award. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2016 Lee Student Support Award. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2015 Associated Graduate Students Travel Grant. University of California, Irvine.
- 2015 Student Forum Travel Award. American Sociological Association.
- 2015 Lee Student Support Award. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2014 Associated Graduate Students Travel Grant. University of California, Irvine.
- 2012 EPOCHS Graduate Student Research Grant. California State University, Fullerton.
- 2011 ICC Travel Grant. College of Humanities and Social Sciences. California State University, Fullerton.
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- 2011 ICC Travel Grant. College of Humanities and Social Sciences. California State University, Fullerton.
- 2010 ICC Travel Grant. College of Humanities and Social Sciences. California State University, Fullerton.
- 2009 Undergraduate Research Grant. Faculty Development Center. California State University, Fullerton.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2021 Fellow. Summer Research Institute of the Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network. Rutgers University.
- 2020 Junior Scholar. Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society. Stanford University.
- 2017 Young Scholar in Social Movements. Center for the Study of Social Movements. University of Notre Dame.
- 2016 Bruce D. Johnson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. Drinking and Drugs Division. Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2016 Clifford C. Clogg Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. Methodology Section. American Sociological Association.
- 2015 Robin M. Williams Jr Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.
- 2013 Jack W. Peltason Fellow. Center for the Study of Democracy. University of California, Irvine.
- 2012 Affiliate. Center for the Study of Democracy. University of California, Irvine.
- 2012 Outstanding Graduate/Master's Thesis in Sociology. California State University, Fullerton.
- 2010 Outstanding Undergraduate in Sociology. California State University, Fullerton.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Policing Pot in Seattle." (with Joshua Chanin)
 - 2022 *Western Society of Criminology (Honolulu, HI)*
- "The Adoption of Marijuana Legalization in the American States."
 - 2022 *Western Society of Criminology (Honolulu, HI)*

- 2021 American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)
- 2020 American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA)

“Discursive Shifts and the Struggle for Marijuana Policy Change.”

- 2022 Western Society of Criminology (Honolulu, HI)
- 2021 American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)
- 2021 Society for the Study of Social Problems (Chicago, IL)
- 2019 Mobilization Conference (San Diego, CA)
- 2018 American Sociological Association (Philadelphia, PA)
- 2018 Society for the Study of Social Problems (Philadelphia, PA)
- 2017 American Sociological Association (Montreal, QC)
- 2017 Young Scholars in Social Movements Conference (South Bend, IN)

“Structural Segregation and Marijuana Legalization.”

- 2020 American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA)
- 2020 Society for the Study of Social Problems (San Francisco, CA)
- 2019 American Sociological Association (New York, NY)
- 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems (New York, NY)
- 2016 American Sociological Association (Seattle, WA)
- 2015 Conference of Ford Fellows (Washington, DC)
- 2015 American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)
- 2015 Society for the Study of Social Problems (Chicago, IL)
- 2015 Pacific Sociological Association (Long Beach, CA)

“Politicians Do Pander: Social Movements and Politician Decision-Making.”

- 2021 American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)
- 2020 Mobilization Conference (San Diego, CA)
- 2020 American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA)
- 2020 Society for the Study of Social Problems (San Francisco, CA)
- 2017 American Sociological Association (Montreal, QC)
- 2016 American Sociological Association (Seattle, WA)

“The Bootstrapped Robustness Assessment for Qualitative Comparative Analysis.” (with C. Ben Gibson)

- 2016 American Sociological Association (Seattle, WA)
- 2015 American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)

“Electoral Counter-Mobilization as a Social Movement Outcome.”

- 2017 American Sociological Association (Montreal, QC)
- 2015 Pacific Sociological Association (Long Beach, CA)
- 2014 Conference of Ford Fellows (Irvine, CA)
- 2014 American Sociological Association (San Francisco, CA)
- 2014 Society for the Study of Social Problems (San Francisco, CA)
- 2014 Pacific Sociological Association (Portland, OR)

“Strategies, Stories, and the Quality of News Coverage of the Civil Rights Movement.” (with Edwin Amenta, Thomas Elliott, Nicole Short, Amber Tierney, and Didem Turkoglu)

- 2016 American Sociological Association (Seattle, WA)
- 2015 American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)

“Barriers to Participation in CSU Budget-Cut Protests.”

- 2021 Pacific Sociological Association (San Diego, CA)
- 2012 Western Psychological Association (San Francisco, CA)
- 2012 Pacific Sociological Association (San Diego, CA)
- 2011 Western Psychological Association (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2011 Diversity in Graduate Education Conference (Fullerton, CA)
- 2010 Pacific Sociological Association (Oakland, CA)

“Cultural Orientation as a Primer in False Confessions.”

- 2012 American Psychology-Law Society (San Juan, PR)
- 2010 Psychology Day Colloquium (Fullerton, CA)
- 2010 American Psychology-Law Society (Vancouver, BC)

“Why Here, Why Now?: Mobilizing the 1964 Free Speech Movement at Berkeley.”

- 2009 McNair Scholars Colloquium (Fullerton, CA)
- 2009 McNair Scholars Research Symposium (Berkeley, CA)

INVITED TALKS

“The Evolution of Marijuana Politics During the War on Drugs, 1990–2016.”

- 2020 Stanford University. Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society. (Palo Alto, CA)
- 2020 California State University, Fullerton. Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society's Sociology Week (Fullerton, CA)

- 2018 California State University, Los Angeles. Department of Sociology (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2018 University of Washington. Department of Sociology (Seattle, WA)
- 2018 California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. Department of Sociology (Pomona, CA)
- 2018 Mills College. Department of Sociology (Oakland, CA)
- 2018 University of Southern California. Department of Sociology (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2018 San Diego State University. School of Public Affairs (San Diego, CA)
- 2018 New York University. Department of Sociology (New York, NY)
- 2017 Indiana University. Department of Sociology (Bloomington, IN)
- 2017 California State University, San Marcos. Department of Sociology (San Marcos, CA)
- 2017 California State University, Fullerton. Department of Sociology (Fullerton, CA)

TEACHING

San Diego State University

- 2019– Undergraduate:
 • *Law in Society; Investigation and Report*
- Graduate:
 • *Methods of Analysis for Public Affairs; Methods of Quantitative Analysis*

Past

- 2018–2019 Instructor of Record. Department of Behavioral Sciences. Palomar College
 • *Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences*
- 2018 Instructor of Record. Department of Sociology. California State University, San Marcos.
 • *Justice Studies*
- 2016–2019 Instructor of Record. Department of Sociology. California State University, Fullerton.
 • *Social Movements & Collective Behavior; Research Methods; Statistics for the Social Sciences; Graduate Statistics*
- 2016 Instructor of Record. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.
 • *Research Methods*
- 2015–2017 Teaching Assistant. Department of Public Health. University of California, Irvine.
 • *Methods of Demographic Analysis*
- 2012–2019 Teaching Assistant. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.
 • *Statistics for Sociology II; Statistics for the Social Sciences I; Computer Research in the Social Sciences; Statistics for Sociology I*
- 2009–2010 Teaching Assistant. Department of Psychology. California State University, Fullerton.
 • *Computer Applications in Psychology*
- 2012 Teaching Assistant. Department of Sociology. Fullerton College.
 • *Probability and Statistics*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

External (Discipline)

- 2022–2024 Member. Editorial Board. *American Sociological Review*.
- 2021 Presider. Political Sociology Section Roundtables. American Sociological Association.
- 2021 Presider. Social Movements Session on *Dynamics of Individual Participation*. Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2018 Presider. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section Roundtables. American Sociological Association.
- 2015– Contributing Editor.
 • *Mobilizing Ideas*
- 2011– Ad-Hoc Reviewer.
 • *American Sociological Review; American Journal of Sociology; American Political Science Review; Mobilization; Social Movement Studies; Sociological Focus*

Internal (Department, University, and Community)

- 2021– Faculty Search Committee, Program in Criminal Justice. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.

- 2021– Scholar-in-Residence. Residential Education. San Diego State University.
- 2021 Graduate Admissions Committee, Master’s of Public Administration. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
- 2021 Graduate Admissions Committee, Master’s of Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
- 2020 Panelist. Graduate School & Personal Statement Workshop. Black Resource Center and African American Mentoring Program. San Diego State University.
- 2020 Discussant. Graduate School and Academic Life Panel. Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society. California State University, Fullerton.
- 2020–2021 Committee Member. Race and Equity Committee. San Diego State University.
- 2020–2021 Committee Member. Diversity and Inclusion Committee. San Diego State University.
- 2019 Discussant. Truth and Reconciliation Panel on “*Seven Last Words of the Unarmed*” by Joel Thompson. Arts Alive. San Diego State University.
- 2018 CSUF McNair Scholars Graduate School Symposium. University of California, San Diego.
- 2018 UCLA McNair Scholars Graduate School Symposium. University of California, San Diego.
- 2018 Graduate School Panel. Social Sciences Academic Resource Center. University of California, Irvine.
- 2016 The Know-How Sessions: Graduate Applications 101. Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE). University of California, Irvine.
- 2015 Surviving Graduate School Workshop. Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. California State University, Fullerton.
- 2014–2016 Dean’s Ford Fellowship Workshop. School of Social Sciences. University of California, Irvine.
- 2014–2019 Dean’s Fellowship Advisory Committee. School of Social Sciences. University of California, Irvine.
- 2014–2016 Graduate Admissions Committee. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.
- 2013–2014 Organizing Committee. Statistics Reading Group. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.
- 2013 Welcoming Committee Chair. Sociology Graduate Student Association. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.
- 2012–2019 Webmaster. Sociology Graduate Student Association. Department of Sociology. University of California, Irvine.
- 2009–2010 President. Alpha Kappa Delta. Department of Sociology, California State University, Fullerton.

Master’s Theses – Chaired

- 2021–2023 Sheridamae Gudez. “Using Social Disorganization Theory to Understand Police-Community Interaction in a Multi-Ethnic City: A Quantitative Study on Police Behavior in San Diego.” San Diego State University.
- 2020–2021 Penelope Oseguera. “(Sometimes) Speaking Out: Temporal Analysis of Interaction with #DefundThePolice on Twitter.” San Diego State University.

Advisement

- 2021 Rachel Zody. Education & Counseling. San Diego State University.
- 2020 Sarvenaz Karbasi. Law School. San Diego State University.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

R, Python, STATA, SPSS, SAS, EQS, AMOS, GIS, L^AT_EX, Perl, SQL, CATI, HTML, CSS, JS