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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2024– **Associate Professor, Criminal Justice**, San Diego State University
2019–2024 **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; Quantitative and Computational Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2025 Gibson, C. Ben and **Burrel Vann Jr.** 2025. "A Bootstrapped Robustness Assessment for Qualitative Comparative Analysis." (Forthcoming in the *Journal of Mathematical Sociology*). 
• 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
- 2025 **Vann Jr, Burrel.** 2025. "The Framing of Marijuana in Black Newspapers." *International Journal of Press/Politics* 30:370–397. 
- 2023 **Vann Jr, Burrel.** 2023. "Visualizing the Evolution of Discourse in Cannabis Ballot Initiatives." *Socius* 9:1–3. 
- 2022 **Vann Jr, Burrel.** 2022. "Direct Democracy and the Adoption of Recreational Marijuana Legalization in the United States, 2012–2019." *International Journal of Drug Policy* 102:1–11. 
- 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

Under Review

- Vann Jr, Burrel. "The Social Structure of Support for Marijuana Legalization." (Under Review at *State Politics & Policy Quarterly*)
• 2016 – Bruce D. Johnson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper. Drinking and Drugs Division. Society for the Study of Social Problems

Vann Jr, Burrel. "Barriers to Protest." (Under Review at *Social Science Journal*)

Chanin, Joshua, and Burrel Vann Jr. "Dispensaries, Policing, and Crime in Seattle." (Under Review at *Contemporary Drug Problems*)

Working Papers

Vann Jr, Burrel and Melissa F. Warstadt. "Operationalizing Political Outcomes."

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

Software

Vann Jr, Burrel. "[polimetrics](#): R Tools for Political Measures." R package version 1.0+

Vann Jr, Burrel. "[vannstats](#): Simplified Statistical Procedures for Public Affairs." R package version 1.0+

Gibson, C. Ben and Burrel 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

- 2022 Seed Grant. 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.
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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.

2011 EPOCHS Graduate Student Research Grant. California State University, Fullerton.

2011 EPOCHS Graduate Student Travel Grant. California State University, Fullerton.

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.

2012 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

"Fixed Effects, Crime Counts, and Panel Data." (with Joshua Chanin)

- 2024 – American Sociological Association (Montreal, QC)
- 2024 – Society for the Study of Social Problems (Montreal, QC)
- 2024 – Pacific Sociological Association (San Diego, CA)
- 2024 – Western Society of Criminology (Long Beach, CA)
- 2023 – Pacific Sociological Association (Bellevue, WA)
- 2023 – Western Society of Criminology (Vancouver, BC)

"Race and Policing around Dispensaries." (with Joshua Chanin)

- 2023 – Western Society of Criminology (Vancouver, BC)

"Policing Pot in Seattle." (with Joshua Chanin)

- 2024 – American Sociological Association (Montreal, QC)
- 2022 – Western Society of Criminology (Honolulu, HI)

"Marijuana Policy Change in the U.S."

- 2022 – American Sociological Association (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2022 – Society for the Study of Social Problems (Los Angeles, CA)

"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."

- 2023 – Pacific Sociological Association (Bellevue, WA)
- 2023 – Western Society of Criminology (Vancouver, BC)
- 2022 – American Sociological Association (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2022 – Society for the Study of Social Problems (Los Angeles, CA)
- 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."

- 2024 – American Sociological Association (Montreal, QC)
- 2024 – Society for the Study of Social Problems (Montreal, QC)
- 2023 – Pacific Sociological Association (Bellevue, WA)
- 2022 – American Sociological Association (Los Angeles, CA)
- 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

"Contention and Political Change."

- 2024 – Brown Bag Series. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University. (San Diego, CA)

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

- 2020 – Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society. Stanford University. (Palo Alto, CA)
- 2020 – Sociology Week. Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society. California State University, Fullerton. (Fullerton, CA)
- 2018 – Department of Sociology. California State University, Los Angeles. (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2018 – Department of Sociology. University of Washington. (Seattle, WA)
- 2018 – Department of Sociology. California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. (Pomona, CA)
- 2018 – Department of Sociology. Mills College. (Oakland, CA)
- 2018 – Department of Sociology. University of Southern California. (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2018 – School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University. (San Diego, CA)
- 2018 – Department of Sociology. New York University. (New York, NY)
- 2017 – Department of Sociology. Indiana University. (Bloomington, IN)
- 2017 – Department of Sociology. California State University, San Marcos. (San Marcos, CA)
- 2017 – Department of Sociology. California State University, Fullerton. (Fullerton, CA)

TEACHING

San Diego State University

2019–

Undergraduate:

- Law in Society; Investigation and Report; Applied Planning, Research, and Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice

Graduate:

- Methods of Analysis for Public Affairs; Quantitative Techniques; Advocacy Organizations and Policy Change; Seminar in the Administration of Justice

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)

- 2024 Best Dissertation Committee. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section. American Sociological Association.
- 2023–2026 Workshop Committee. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section. American Sociological Association.
- 2023 Editorial Board. *Mobilization*.
- 2022 Panelist. Cannabis on the Ballot: Lessons Learned from the Marijuana Reform Movement. Drug Enforcement and Policy Center, Moritz College of Law. The Ohio State University.
- 2022–2024 Editorial Board. *American Sociological Review*.
- 2022 Web Presence, Communications, and Social Media Committee. Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network.
- 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; Journal of Drug Issues; Mobilization; Social Movement Studies; Public Administration Quarterly; Sociological Focus*

Internal (Department/School, College, University, and Community)

San Diego State University

- 2024– Personnel Committee. College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
- 2024– Peer Review Committee. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
- 2023 Faculty Advisor. Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration Honor Society). School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
- 2023– Faculty Advisor. Alpha Phi Sigma (Criminal Justice Honor Society). School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
- 2023 Alumni Discussant. McNair Scholars Research Symposium. Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. California State University, Fullerton.
- 2022– Chair. Social Media and Communications Committee. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
- 2022–2024 Chair. Junior Faculty Steering Committee. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.

2021–	Faculty Search Committee, Program in Criminal Justice. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
2021–2022	Scholar-in-Residence. Residential Education. San Diego State University.
2021–2022	Graduate Admissions Committee, Master's of Public Administration. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
2021–2022	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	Race and Justice/Race and Equity Committee. School of Public Affairs. San Diego State University.
2020–2021	Diversity and Inclusion Committee. San Diego State University.
2019	Discussant. Truth and Reconciliation Panel on " <i>Seven Last Words of the Unarmed</i> " by Joel Thompson. Arts Alive. San Diego State University.

University of California, Irvine

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	Welcome 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

2024–2025	Madison Ruffin. "Fandom, Criminal Allegations, and the Perception of Celebrity." San Diego State University.
2021–2023	Moriah Gaynor. "Abortion Restrictiveness and Maternal Mortality in the U.S." San Diego State University.
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.

Master's Theses – Committee Member

- 2024–2025 Lauren Koenig. "Bail, Pre-Trial Release, and the Question of Public Safety." San Diego State University.
- 2024–2025 Samara Camarillo. "Sexual Assault Prevention: How California Institutions of Higher Education Respond to Reviews." San Diego State University.

Mentorship

- 2024 Toya Smith-Baker. San Diego State University.
- 2023 Jacqueline Galicia. San Diego State University.
- 2023 Victoria Torres. San Diego State University.
- 2023 Cassandra Garcia. San Diego State University.
- 2023–2024 Aby Sosa. San Diego State University.
- 2022 Sheryl Major. San Diego State University.
- 2021–2022 Noah Cohen. San Diego State University.
- 2021–2023 Rachel Zody. San Diego State University.
- 2020–2022 Sarvenaz Karbasi. San Diego State University.
- 2019–2021 Nicole DeFelicis. San Diego State University.
- 2017–2022 Griselda Aguirre. California State University, Fullerton.

TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

R, Python, STATA, SPSS, SAS, EQS, AMOS, GIS, \LaTeX , Perl, SQL, CATI, HTML, CSS, JS