

# Cristian Apolinar

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## EDUCATION

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- **Ph.D., Criminology, Law & Society**, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, **anticipated June 2026**
- **M.A., Social Ecology**, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, June 2023
- **B.A., Criminology & Justice Studies**, California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA, December 2019
- **A.A., Sociology**, Ventura Community College, Ventura, CA, May 2018
- **A.S., Criminal Justice**, Ventura Community College, Ventura, CA, December 2017
- **A.S., Administration of Justice**, Ventura Community College, Ventura, CA, December 2017
- **A.A., Social and Behavioral Sciences**, Ventura Community College, Ventura, CA, December 2017

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Criminology, Law & Society Internal Quarterly Fellowship (CIQF), Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine, January 2026
- NextGen Pathways Mentor Award, University of California, Irvine, July 2024 (\$100)
- Research Discovery Program (RDP) Mentor Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, June 2024 (\$750)
- Research Discovery Program (RDP) Mentor Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, March 2024 (\$750)
- Criminology, Law & Society Pedagogical Certificate Program Fellowship, University of California, Irvine, December 2023 (\$1,000)
- The Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP) Fellowship, California State University: Office of the Chancellor, June 2020 (\$30,000)
- Community College Transfer Award, Department of Criminology & Justice Studies, California State University, Northridge, May 2020 (\$500)
- Community Volunteer Award, Los Angeles Police Department: Devonshire Community Police Station, December 2019
- Sally Casanova Scholarship, California Pre-Doctoral Program, California State University: Office of the Chancellor, June 2019 (\$3,000)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society (Winter 2026), Instructor: Dr. Teresa Dalton - 700 students
- Crime, Law & Trauma (Fall 2025), Instructor: Dr. Teresa Dalton - 110 students
- Homeland Security & Society (Spring 2025), Instructor: Dr. Ygnacio Flores - 233 students
- Fundamentals of Criminology, Law & Society (Winter 2025), Instructor: Dr. Teresa Dalton - 533 students
- Forensic Science, Law, and Society (Fall 2024), Instructor: Dr. Simon Cole - 110 students
- Miscarriages of Justice (Fall 2024), Instructor: Dr. Simon Cole - 110 students
- Surveillance and Society (Winter 2024), Instructor: Dr. Ygnacio Flores - 220 students
- Fundamentals of Criminology, Law & Society (Fall 2023), Instructor: Mr. Anthony Triola - 200 students
- Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society (Spring 2023), Instructor: Dr. Charis Kubrin - 290 students
- Research Design (Winter 2023), Instructor: Dr. Teresa Dalton - 230 students
- Theories of Punishment (Fall 2022), Instructor: Dr. Keramet Reiter - 110 students
- Crime Hot Spots (Winter 2022), Instructor: Dr. Richard McCleary - 120 students
- The Death Penalty (Fall 2021), Instructor: Dr. Simon Cole - 100 students
- Violence in Society (Spring 2021), Instructor: Dr. George Tita - 130 students
- Field Study Writing Seminar (Winter 2021), Instructor: Dr. Bryan Sykes - 35 students

## HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Doctoral Student**, Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA  
August 2020 - Present

- Conduct policy-relevant research examining the collateral consequences of proactive policing strategies, with a focus on racial and ethnic disparities, community well-being, and police-community relations
- Utilize advanced quantitative methods, spatial statistical techniques, and longitudinal analyses to assess the unintended consequences of aggressive law enforcement tactics
- Provide research guidance and letters of support to promising undergraduate scholars, resulting in students receiving over \$10,000 collectively in competitive scholarships

**Data Analysis Lab Instructor**, School of Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA. January 2024 - March 2024 | Supervisor: Dr. Amanda Geller

- Led weekly lab sessions to teach five doctoral students fundamental data analysis skills using Stata, including writing syntax, coding variables, and generating summary and descriptive tables
- Attended weekly seminars led by Dr. Amanda Geller to learn which statistical concepts the five doctoral students were learning that week, and adjusted my lab presentations accordingly
- Held weekly office hours to address questions or concerns regarding key concepts, lab, or seminar materials

**Research Discovery Program Mentor**, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, January 2024 - July 2024

- Periodically met with four undergraduate mentees during the Winter and Spring academic quarters to address questions or concerns regarding research and collaborating with other students or professors
- Constructed a Google Drive folder containing resources on how to contact academics, create a research poster, build a resume, and a curriculum vitae
- Graded and provided feedback for all four mentees on weekly assignments, including reflection essays and discussion posts

**Graduate Student Researcher**, Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA. July 2023 - September 2023 | Supervisor: Dr. Amanda Geller

- Supported a study on aggressive policing as a social determinant of adolescent health outcomes
- Conducted data cleaning, imputed missing observations, merged multiple datasets, and constructed more than twenty descriptive statistical tables using Stata and Excel
- Authored detailed replication materials and documentation to ensure research transparency and reproducibility

**Graduate Student Researcher**, Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA. July 2022 - September 2022 | Supervisors: Dr. Amanda Geller & Princeton University collaborators

- Developed a Python script to collect incident-level firearm data from the Gun Violence Archive (GVA) in support of a National Institute of Justice (NIJ) grant
- Authored Stata syntax files that standardize and append daily incident-level data to obtain clean yearly files for data analysis

**Graduate Student Researcher**, Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA. March 2022 - May 2023 | Supervisors: Dr. George Tita & Dr. Amanda Geller

- Evaluated the Anaheim Critical Care Response Team (CCRT) intervention by conducting spatial analyses for presentation to Citi Net, the Anaheim Police Department, and officials with the City of Anaheim
- Prepared individual-level data for analyses by searching for irregularities, merging and appending datasets, and geocoding addresses using Stata, Excel, Python, and ArcGIS Pro
- Produced graphs and maps using a combination of Stata and ArcGIS Pro to examine crime trends pre- and post-treatment

**Lead Security Officer**, Community Memorial Health System, Allied Universal Security Systems, Ventura, CA  
June 2020 - August 2020

- Gathered the officers at the beginning of each shift, assured officers clocked in and out, that each officer's appearance was up to CMH security standards, that each officer had a working radio, earpiece, and any other necessary work items, and that all pass downs were correctly given and received
- Responded to emergencies first, used discretion to determine if additional security officers were needed, and called for backup when necessary
- Corrected radio traffic, organized break times, ensured that officers carried out patrols and responses correctly, proactively upheld a positive and connected team, and maintained a positive relationship with staff and visitors

**Security Professional**, Community Memorial Health System, Allied Universal Security Systems, Ventura, CA  
February 2020 - June 2020

- Performed the necessary patrol routine in search of any disturbance or suspicious behavior
- Monitored and authorized the entrance and departure of employees, visitors, and other individuals with white glove customer service skills to guard against theft and preserve the security of the premises
- Wrote reports of daily activities and irregularities, such as equipment or property damage, theft, presence of unauthorized persons, or unusual occurrences

**Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Department of Criminology & Justice Studies, California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA. August 2018 - December 2019 | Supervisor: Dr. Nayan G. Ramirez

- Conducted independent research examining the relationship between financial strain and criminal justice system contact, incorporating literature reviews, data visualization, and statistical analyses using MS Excel.
- Assisted with Institutional Review Board (IRB) documentation and helped prepare research materials for presentations at professional conferences (e.g., American Society of Criminology annual meeting) and university events (e.g., CSUNposium)

## **VOLUNTEER WORK**

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**UROP Symposium Poster Presentation Judge**, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA, May 2024

- Supported undergraduate research by assessing ten poster presentations consisting of a 90-second "pitch" followed by a brief Q&A session
- Contributed to scoring that helped select which undergraduate students were recognized at an awards ceremony, receiving the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research and a gift card.

**NextGen Pathways Mentor**, UCI Graduate Division, Mentor Collective, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA  
September 2023 - September 2024

- Counseled an international Master's student to assist in overcoming obstacles and adjusting to college life by providing holistic support concerning academic, emotional, and social challenges
- Shared resources, opportunities, and activities to support mentees' learning and development
- Recognized for exceptional mentor engagement based on the high volume of logged mentor-mentee conversations, demonstrating consistent and impactful support for mentees

**2021 - 2022 Chair**, Community Engagement Committee, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA  
June 2021 - June 2022

- Encouraged community-based research and volunteer opportunities for students and faculty by informing interested individuals about research or collaboration opportunities.
- Enhanced student civic engagement and promoted community partnerships between the CLS Department and local underserved populations

**Community Volunteer**, Devonshire Area Detective Desk, Los Angeles Police Department, Northridge, CA  
August 2019 - December 2019

- Informed civilians about policing policies ranging from minor traffic violations to severe violent offenses
- Sustained a calm and professional demeanor to help ease nerves and de-escalate situations
- Referred civilians to suitable team members, community agencies, and organizations to help resolve issues

**Community Volunteer**, Devonshire Area Records Unit, Los Angeles Police Department, Northridge, CA  
August 2019 - December 2019

- Inspected incoming police reports and made copies before filing
- Sorted police reports by Department Report (D.R.) Number to optimize information gathering with the implementation of a practical filing system
- Adhered to all agency policies and government regulations regarding data oversight and confidentiality to promote overall information security

**Student Intern**, Ventura College Police Department, Ventura College, Ventura, CA  
August 2016 - December 2016

- Served a diverse student body by attending walk-ins and responding to emergency phone calls
- Monitored and reviewed security footage to help locate suspects or lost or stolen items
- Shadowed staff members for educational attainment (e.g., ride-alongs, dispatch, LiveScan, etc.)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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### **Languages**

- Native tongue - Spanish. Fluent in English and limited working proficiency in Italian

### **Licenses**

- Guard Registration, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, California Department of Consumer Affairs, February 2020 - February 2022

### **Certifications**

- Adult CPR/AED, Pediatric CPR, and First Aid, American Red Cross, February 2023 - February 2025
- Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Training, QPR Institute, November 2022 - November 2024

### **Certificates of Achievement**

- Student Success Analytics Cert. Program, California State University: Office of the Chancellor, November 2024
- 2024 Veteran Health & Wellness Summit Certificate of Participation (6-Hours), Orange County Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health Services, Behavioral Health Training Services, October 2024
- Mentor Certificate of Completion, 2024 Research Discovery Program, University of California, Irvine, June 2024
- DE&I Foundations Mentor Training, Mentor Collective, November 2023
- Student Success Mentor Training, Mentor Collective, September 2023
- UCI Community Police Academy, Class #6, University of California, Irvine Police Department, November 2022
- 2020-2021 Inclusive Excellence Certificate Program, University of California, Irvine, October 2021
- UCI Newkirk Center for Science & Society Certificate in Community-based Research, University of California, Irvine, September 2021
- Introduction to Incident Command System, Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, March 2020
- Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, March 2020
- California Bureau of Security and Investigative Services "Powers to Arrest" and "Weapons of Mass Destruction," Practical Defense Systems, February 2020
- Human Subjects Research Basic Course for Social-Behavioral-Investigators, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Program, July 2019
- Human Subjects Research Basic Course for Social-Behavioral-Educational Researchers, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Program, July 2019

## **Presentations**

- Apolinar, C. (2025, November). Examining the secondary effects of the LAPD's Operation LASER on Los Angeles neighborhoods [Conference presentation]. Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Seattle, WA, United States.
- Apolinar, C. (2025, February). The collateral consequences of proactive policing: Examining potential impacts on assessment scores [Conference presentation]. Western Society of Criminology (WSC), Seattle, WA, United States.
- Zavita, K.R., Alvarez, G., Punla, C., Apolinar, C., & Aguirre, A. (2024, November). ASC presidential panel: Training the teachers of tomorrow during trying times [Conference presentation]. American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA, United States.
- Apolinar, C., Bencomo, A., Cogswell, H., Lewis, T., Mounts, I., Rivera, B., Sta. Cruz, S., Wang, C., & Serpas, D. (2024, Fall). Identifying and addressing disparities in high DFW courses: Insights and proposed actions [Interactive gallery walk presentation]. Data Action Project Interactive Gallery Walk, Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP), California State University (CSU) Chancellor's Office, Online.
- Apolinar, C. (2024, February). The impact of hot spot policing on neighborhood desirability [Conference presentation]. Western Society of Criminology (WSC), Long Beach, CA, United States.
- Apolinar, C. (2023, March 3, 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm). Criminology & Justice Studies Graduate/Law School Panel. California State University, Northridge (CSUN), Northridge, CA, United States.
- Apolinar, C. (2022, February). Examining the secondary effects of the LAPD's Operation LASER on Los Angeles neighborhoods [Conference presentation]. Western Society of Criminology (WSC), Honolulu, HI, United States. (Preliminary results)
- Apolinar, C., Brooks, J., Garcia, Y., Johnson, C., & Martinez, N. (2021, April 9, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm). Criminology & Justice Studies Graduate/Law School Panel. California State University, Northridge (CSUN), Northridge, CA, United States.
- Apolinar, C. & Ramirez, N.G. (2019, November). Examining the relationship between financial disadvantage and contact with the police [Conference presentation]. American Society of Criminology (ASC), San Francisco, CA, United States.

## **Publications**

- Geller, A., Al-Naiem, K., Apolinar, C., Hobby, S., Iliff, C., Jones, P., Livings, M., Ornelas, Y., & Yang, P. (2025, December). Aggressive policing as an individual and environmental social determinant of health among urban adolescents. Under review.

## **Peer Reviews**

- Manuscript reviewer - Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, January 2026

## **TECHNICAL AND SOFTWARE SKILLS**

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### **Quantitative, Spatial, and Computational Methods**

- Stata, IBM SPSS Statistics, Microsoft Excel (statistical analysis, data management)
- ArcGIS Pro (spatial analysis, crime mapping, geocoding)
- Python (data management, web scraping, geocoding)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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### **Scholarly Memberships**

- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Western Society of Criminology (WSC)
- Law and Society Association (LSA)
- Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)