

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Academic Positions

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Assistant Professor, University of Iowa; Department of Sociology

**August 2017-**

## Education

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**Ph.D. Criminology, Law and Society**

**June 2017**

University of California, Irvine

*Dissertation:* The Neighborhood Context of Crime: A Longitudinal Examination Linking Voluntary Organizations, Voting Participation, and Crime

*Committee:* John R. Hipp, Charis E. Kubrin, C. Ronald Huff, Richard McCleary, Katherine Faust

**M.A. Social Ecology**

**December 2012**

University of California, Irvine

**B.A. Sociology (*Summa Cum Laude*)**

**March 2010**

University of California, Irvine

## Areas of Interest

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Criminology, Urban Sociology, Land Uses, Community Organizations, Research Methods, Statistics

## Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

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**Wo, James C.** (in press, 2019). "Understanding the Differential Effects of Land Uses on Crime: An Examination across Philadelphia Neighborhoods." *British Journal of Criminology*.

<https://academic.oup.com/bjc/advance-article/doi/10.1093/bjc/azz019/5420485?searchresult=1>

**Wo, James C.** 2019. "Mixed Land Use and Neighborhood Crime." *Social Science Research*, 78 (February): 170-186.

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June 2019

- Wo, James C.** and JiHye Park. (2018, in print 2019). "Places not Cases? Re-thinking Probation: The Effects of Nonprofit Organizations on Rearrest Rates of Probationers." *Crime & Delinquency*, 65(5): 657-680.  
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- Wo, James C.** 2018. "Understanding the Density of Nonprofit Organizations across Los Angeles Neighborhoods: Does Concentrated Disadvantage and Violent Crime Matter?" *Social Science Research*, 71(March): 56-71  
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- Article featured in *The Society Pages*. Larson, Ryan. November 15, 2016. "Neighborhood Associations Need Time to Reduce Crime."  
<https://thesocietypages.org/discoveries/2016/11/15/neighborhood-associations-need-time-to-reduce-crime/>
- Wo, James C.** (2014, in print 2016). "Community Context of Crime: A Longitudinal Examination of the Effects of Local Institutions on Neighborhood Crime." *Crime and Delinquency*, 62(10): 1286-1312.  
<http://cad.sagepub.com/content/62/10/1286.full>
- Gerlinger, Julie and **James C. Wo**. (2014, in print 2016). "Preventing School Bullying: Should Schools Prioritize an Authoritative School Discipline Approach Over Security Measures?" *Journal of School Violence*, 15(2): 133-157.  
 Online: <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15388220.2014.956321#.VHKp00vNpg0>
- Gennip, Y., Hunter, B., Ahn, R., Elliott, P., Luh, K., Halvorson, M., Reid, S.E., Valasik, M., **Wo, J.**, Tita, G., Bertozzi, A., and Brantingham, J. 2013. "Community detection using spectral clustering on sparse geosocial data." *Siam journal of applied mathematics*, 73(1): 67-83.  
 Online: <http://epubs.siam.org/doi/abs/10.1137/120882093>

## Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries, Other Articles

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- Wo, James C.** 2017. "I want to get a 'good' job, but I also want to master research methods." *Newsletter for the Crime, Law & Deviance section of the American Sociological Association*.  
<http://www.asanet.org/asa-communities/sections/sites/crime-law-and-deviance/newsletter>
- Kubrin, Charis E. and **James C. Wo.** 2015. "Social disorganization theory's greatest challenge: Linking structural characteristics to crime in socially disorganized neighborhoods." In Alex R. Piquero (Ed.), *Handbook of Criminological Theory*. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.  
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<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/B9780080970868450452>
- Wo, James C.** 2014. "Neighborhood institutions like coffee shops and bars can have a significant positive or negative impact on local crime rates." *Invited contributor for the American Politics and Policy Blog at The London School of Economics and Political Science*.  
Online at: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2014/08/22/neighborhood-institutions-like-coffee-shops-and-bars-can-have-a-significant-positive-or-negative-impact-on-local-crime-rates/>

## Under Review and Ongoing Projects

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- Wo, James C.** and Young-An Kim. "A Block-level Analysis of Specific Land Uses, Land Use Heterogeneity, and Crime in San Francisco." *Revised and Resubmitted*.
- Hipp, John R., Young-An Kim and **James C. Wo.** "Micro-scale, macro-scale, and temporal scale: Comparing the relative importance for robbery risk in New York City." *Under Review*.
- Kim, Young-An., **James C. Wo** and John R. Hipp. "Age Matters? A Temporally Dynamic Aspect of Businesses and Crime in Place" *Manuscript completed*.
- Wo, James C.** "Understanding Differences in Voting Participation across Neighborhoods: Do Crime Rates and Nonprofit Organizations matter?" *Manuscript completed*.
- Wo, James C.**, Caglar Koylu and Mart T Berg. Description: Using twitter to examine the activity pulse and connectedness of Los Angeles neighborhoods. Do they help to explain neighborhood crime beyond what administrative measures have shown thus far? *Manuscript in progress*.
- Wo, James C.** and JJ Park. Description: An examination of the effects of land uses and schools on crime in Chicago neighborhoods. *In progress*.

## **Fellowships and Grants**

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Summer Scholars Program with Caglar Koylu and Mark T Berg (\$3,000) Public Policy Center University of Iowa	2019
Interdisciplinary Research Grant with Caglar Koylu (\$12,000) Obermann Center for Advanced Studies University of Iowa	2018
Professional Development Fellowship for Winter Quarter (\$10,745) Department of Criminology, Law and Society <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2017
Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship for Fall Quarter (\$11,669) School of Social Ecology <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2016
Summer Research Funding (\$7,950) Department of Criminology, Law and Society <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2011-2016
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship (\$130,500) Field of Study: Sociology; three years of tuition, fees, and stipend <i>National Science Foundation</i>	2011
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship (\$31,416) Graduate Division <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2010-2011
Research Grant (\$300) Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2008-2009

## **Awards and Honors**

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Scholar-in-Residence (\$1500) Public Policy Center University of Iowa	Spring, 2019
Gil Geis Award for excellence in research by a graduate student (\$500) Department of Criminology, Law and Society <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2016
Third Place for the Gene Carte Student Paper Competition (\$200)	2013

“Community Context of Crime: A Longitudinal Examination of the Effects of Local Institutions on Neighborhood Crime.”  
*The American Society of Criminology*

Order of Merit School of Social Sciences <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2010
Student Scholar of Distinction School of Social Sciences <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2010
Sociology Honors Program (thesis) School of Social Sciences <i>University of California, Irvine</i>	2008–2009

## **Presentations**

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“Understanding Neighborhood Crime: An examination of different predictors” (with Caglar Koynu and Mark T Berg). Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2018.

“Mixed Land Use and Neighborhood Crime.” Presented at Sociology colloquium, University of Iowa, March 2018.

“Mixed Land Use and Neighborhood Crime.” Presented at Geographical and Sustainability Sciences colloquium, University of Iowa, March 2018.

“Voluntary organizations and neighborhood crime: A longitudinal examination of organizational presence, organizational capacity, and crime rates.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

“Places not cases? Re-thinking probation: The effects of nonprofit organizations on re-arrest rates of probationers” (with JJ Park). Co-author of presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017.

“The neighborhood context of crime: A longitudinal examination linking voluntary organizations, voting participation, and crime.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2016.

“Studying micro processes across different macro spatial scales: The case of robbery” (with John R. Hipp and Young-An Kim). Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2015.

- “High opportunity costs: A block-level analysis of the criminogenic influence of medical marijuana dispensaries in the City of Los Angeles” (with John R. Hipp and Christopher Contreras). Co-author of presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2015.
- “Crime hot spots in Anaheim: Land use, intensity, and temporal change” (with Young-An Kim and John R. Hipp). Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2014.
- “A dynamic view of organizations: The longitudinal examination of how ‘newer’ and ‘older’ voluntary organizations differ in their ability to control crime” (with John R. Hipp and Adam Boessen). Presented at the UCI Criminology, Law and Society graduate student research symposium (a recruitment event that showcases the research of current graduate students to admitted doctoral students), Irvine, CA, March 2014.
- “A dynamic view of organizations: The longitudinal examination of how ‘newer’ and ‘older’ voluntary organizations differ in their ability to control crime” (with John R. Hipp and Adam Boessen). Presented at the Western Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Honolulu, HI, February 2014.
- “Capitalizing on social capital: A longitudinal assessment of how ‘newer’ and ‘older’ voluntary organizations differ in their ability to control crime” (with John R. Hipp and Adam Boessen). Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, November 2013.
- “Capitalizing on social capital: A spatial examination of how access to voluntary-related organizations impacts neighborhood crime” (with John R. Hipp and Adam Boessen). Presented at the Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 2013.
- “Community context of crime: A longitudinal examination of the effects of local institutions on neighborhood crime” (with John R. Hipp). Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2012.
- “Social network analysis: Conditions associated with the stability and instability of gang networks” (with George Tita, Katherine Faust, Shannon Reid, Megan Halvorson, Matthew Valasik). Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November 2011.
- “Stability and change of gang networks following (or preceding) violent Events” (with George Tita, Katherine Faust, Shannon Reid). Co-author of presentation at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2010.
- “Social networks: The differing mechanisms involved in the social process of joining campus social organizations.” Presented at the UCI Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Symposium, Irvine, CA, May 2009.

## **Instructor (University of Iowa)**

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“Research Methods in Criminology.” Undergraduate course. Fall 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.

“Communities and Crime.” Undergraduate course. Spring 2018, Spring 2019.

“Communities and Crime.” Graduate course. Fall 2018.

## **Teaching Assistant (University of California, Irvine)**

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“Crime Hotspots.” Undergraduate upper division course. With Richard McCleary. Winter 2017.

“Structural Equation Modeling (SEM).” Graduate course with one lab. Statistical software used: Stata and Mplus. With John R. Hipp. Spring 2014.

“Statistical Data Analysis II (Econometrics).” Graduate course with two labs. Statistical software used: Stata. With John R. Hipp. Winter 2014.

“Statistical Data Analysis I (Introductory Statistics).” Graduate course with two labs. Statistical software used: Stata. With Teresa Dalton. Fall 2012.

## **Professional Service**

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Member of the Search Committee for Criminology, Law, and Justice Position; Department of Sociology at the University of Iowa. Review applications, determine a shortlist of candidates for other faculty members, and coordinate candidate visits. 2019.

Chair of the American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. Collect submissions, establish review guidelines, and facilitate the process of determining winners. 2019.

Member of the Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology at the University of Iowa. 2018-2019 school year.

Member of the Executive Committee, Department of Sociology at the University of Iowa. 2018-2019 school year.

Member of the American Society of Criminology Gene Carte Student Paper Competition. Review submissions and determine winners of the competition. Summer 2018.

Informal Sessions on Secondary Data Analysis using ArcGIS and Stata (held for graduate students). University of Iowa, Summer 2018.

Member of the American Society of Criminology Methods Workshop Committee for the 2018 Annual Meeting. Identify and coordinate the methodological workshops for the 2018 Meeting. 2017.

Panelist for the UCI Graduate Resource Center Workshop, “Interviewing and the Campus Visit” as part of the spring 2017 certificate series, "Preparing for a Faculty Career." May 2017.

Member of the search committee for the UCI Criminology, Law and Society, Postdoctoral Fellowship/Position. Evaluate applications and help the faculty reach a decision on who to appoint. 2014.

Member of the UCI Criminology, Law and Society, social committee. Coordinate social events that enhance cohesion and collaboration within the department. 2012–2014.

Member of the UCI Criminology, Law and Society WIG (Workshops, IRB, Grants) committee. Organize and participate in events. 2011-2012.

Panelist for the UCI Graduate Resource Center Workshop, “The NSF GRFP Fellowship Application Experience,” October 2011.

Panelist for the UCI Graduate Resource Center Workshop, “The Fellowship Application Experience,” August 2011.

### **Professional Associations**

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- The American Society of Criminology
  - Member of Communities and Place Division
- The Western Society of Criminology

### **Referee Activities**

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- *Criminology; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Justice Quarterly; Journal of Criminal Justice; American Journal of Criminal Justice; Journal of Crime and Justice; Journal of School Violence; Public Administration Review; City & Community; Urban Affairs Review; Social Science Research; Social Problems*

### **References**

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Available upon request