School of Social Ecology Based Placements

Types of Placements Available:

- **Research Assistantships (LA)**
  - Research assistant positions with faculty within the School of Social Ecology**

- **Learning Assistantships (RA)**
  - Learning assistant positions for courses within the School of Social Ecology**
  - Learn more about Learning Assistantships here: [https://dtei.uci.edu/certified-learning-assistants-program-clap/](https://dtei.uci.edu/certified-learning-assistants-program-clap/)

**Helpful Reminders:**

- **Research and Learning Assistantships WITHIN the School of Social Ecology, NOT LISTED on this catalog, could be approved as a field study placement, along as you have approval from the faculty in charge to use their lab/class as a field study placement and they agree to take on the role of supervisor**

- **Research and Learning assistantships OUTSIDE of the School of Social Ecology must be reviewed and approved by the Field Study Director before they can be submitted as a field placement.**

- **IMPORTANT: Please carefully read about the unit and enrollment requirements for research/learning assistantship positions [HERE](https://dtei.uci.edu/certified-learning-assistants-program-clap/) before applying.**

If you have any questions contact us at [sefieldstudy@uci.edu](mailto:sefieldstudy@uci.edu)!
**OPPORTUNITY:** Research Assistant

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<td>Disparate Local Implementation of California Housing Law: The Case of Orange County</td>
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**Supervisor Information**

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**Placement Information**

California was the first state to mandate local governments to plan for the housing needs of all residents. Seeking to overcome competing jurisdictional interests, housing allocation disparities, weak oversight capacity, and persistent barriers to low-income housing production, recent state and assembly bills have ramped up the pressure on local compliance. Given the contentious housing politics, unaffordability, and diversity among Orange County jurisdictions, this research 1) evaluates OC’s 34 cities in their support to low-income housing provision, and 2) gauges their reactions to recent bills, new housing allocations, and their mandated revision of housing plans or elements by ranking them on several demographic and housing metrics, documenting remote Housing Element meetings, and reviewing diverse public accounts.

**Requirements (subject to change)**

Interest in housing pressures and policies, good writing and reading skills, use of Excel and GIS a plus.

**How to Apply**

Brief email stating interest and skills + resume
**OPPORTUNITY:** Research Assistant | **Virtual/Remote/Hybrid**

**Placement Name** | Hybrid (mix of in-person and remote)

Law, Justice, & Popular Culture: A Digital Media Archive | **Placements available = FULL**

**Supervisor Information**

Name: Brandon Golob

Title: Assistant Professor of Teaching, Criminology, Law & Society

Email Address: bgolob@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

Are you a true crime fanatic? Do you find yourself watching the latest true crime Netflix series, listening to My Favorite Murder, or even engaging as an internet sleuth for your favorite case? Have you ever sat in a Criminology, Law & Society course and thought about how the material was related to popular media? If so, this is the research project for you. In this experiential learning lab, students critically analyze content from a variety of new media outlets, examining how streaming services and podcasts shape public perception of legal systems, law enforcement, and law and justice issues generally. Specifically, they are trained to screen and code media content for presentation in a digital media archive. This archive is part of a free media literacy web resource for educators and students working in criminology, law, and related fields. Ultimately, whether your interest is in media, education, or law (or perhaps all three), this project and is your opportunity to explore these topics and more!

**Requirements (subject to change)**

All students are welcome to apply but applications should reflect: (1) strong interest in media covering crime & justice issues; (2) excellent organizational skills & attention to detail; (3) commitment to self-motivation & time management; (4) proficiency with Google docs/sheets.

**How to Apply**

https://forms.gle/YSHjSDHbALaPs9bw7
### OPPORTUNITY: Research Assistant

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#### Supervisor Information

| Name: Maria G Rendon | |
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| Title: Assistant Professor, Urban Planning & Public Policy | |
| Email Address: mgrendon@uci.edu | |

#### Placement Information

As part of this project, students will be asked to engage in newspaper archival research. We will focus on the years 1920-1940, during the first large Mexican immigration wave to southern California and their repatriation in the 1930s. Students will examine and identify local stories on the Mexican community in Los Angeles and Orange County. This research will examine rhetoric around the Mexican group to better understand the local context that shaped the social and economic integration/exclusion of the group. The analysis will inform Dr. Rendon’s new Book.

#### Requirements (subject to change)

Students interested in racial/ethnic disparities, urban neighborhoods and segregation.

#### How to Apply

Email your resume and cover letter to mgrendon@uci.edu
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**Supervisor Information**

Name: Tony Cheng  
Title: Assistant Professor Criminology, Law & Society  
Email Address: tony.cheng@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

While scholarship often links perceptions towards police to demographic variables like race, class, and age, sentiments towards police are in fact temporally dynamic. This project examines one external source of influence that can interact with established demographic variables to polarize attitudes towards police: online media. The principal research question is: What dimensions of online content shape polarization towards police? This study will incorporate data from online media, social media, and citizen surveys in New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

**Requirements (subject to change)**

Applicants with experience or skills in policing, quantitative methods, and/or social media analytics will be preferred. If you're unsure, please do not hesitate to submit an application to determine fit.

**How to Apply**

Please email tony.cheng@uci.edu with a resume and any relevant coursework, skills, or experiences in policing, quantitative methods, or social media analytics.
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**Supervisor Information**

Name: Avipsa Roy

Title: Assistant Professor of Urban Planning & Public Policy

Email Address: avipsar@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

The research at STANCE lab is highly interdisciplinary and involves developing methods in urban analytics and geospatial data science to answer overarching questions in transportation planning, public health, environmental science, and social equity. The research we conduct follows three overarching themes: 1) the development of quantitative methods to analyze spatial-temporal processes like human mobility patterns, 2) the application of computational & statistical techniques to monitor changes in urban environments, and 3) building a data-driven framework to assess risk, equitable access and minimize exposure in transportation networks. We focus on developing context-aware geospatial methods for data analytics in urban planning, time-series analysis, use of novel data platforms such as Unmanned aerial systems (e.g. LiDAR) for urban mapping and planning, space-time models for environmental spread processes, analyzing infectious disease spread as well as vulnerability assessment in the face of natural hazards.

**Requirements (subject to change)**

Major - urban planning/environmental science, minimum GPA - 3.5

**How to Apply**

Email me with resume and cover letter highlighting research interests
**OPPORTUNITY:** Research Assistant  
**Virtual/Remote/Hybrid**

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**Placement Information**

Recently, the Federal government has made a commitment through the Justice40 initiative to better direct investments to disadvantaged communities. One priority area is drinking water infrastructure. Yet, one complication is that each state has a different definition of ‘disadvantaged community’. This project will survey state definitions of disadvantaged communities, how these definitions differ across regions, and consider implications for infrastructure investment.

**Requirements (subject to change)**

Students should have an interest in environmental justice and/or water issues. Experience is preferred with managing datasets and literature reviews.

**How to Apply**

Email resume & a letter explaining your interest and experience
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**Supervisor Information**

- **Name:** David Feldman
- **Title:** Professor; Director, MPP and Water UCI Urban Planning & Public Policy
- **Email Address:** feldmand@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

Students will support for outreach and education activities related to water center activities.

**Requirements (subject to change)**

- Interest in the subject of our center

**How to Apply**

email with CV and cover letter
**OPPORTUNITY:** Learning Assistant

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Email Address: bgolob@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

**Requirements (subject to change)**

Student should have previously completed the course with Professor Golob (or a professor-approved, equivalent course). Moreover, this position requires: (1) excellent writing & editorial skills; (2) strong organizational skills & attention to detail; (3) proficiency with Google docs/sheets; (4) interest in education & media.

**How to Apply**

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**Supervisor Information**

Name: Alejandra Reyes

Title: Assistant Professor, Urban Planning & Public Policy

Email Address: lreyesru@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

Tu Th 12:30 - 1:50 pm

**Requirements (subject to change)**

Strong reading and communication skills and interest in housing topics.

**How to Apply**

Short email describing their interest and qualifications and attached resume
**OPPORTUNITY:** Learning Assistant | **Virtual/Remote/Hybrid**
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**Placement Name** | Remote
SOCECOL 13 Statistics | Placements available = 4

**Supervisor Information**

Name: Karna Wong
Title: Lecturer, Urban Planning & Public Policy
Email Address: karna.wong@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

**Requirements (subject to change)**

Taken SE13 with B or higher grade; familiar with Canvas and Zoom; enjoys engaging with students; interested in learning more about video editing

**How to Apply**

Email karna.wong@uci.edu with resume & cover letter.
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**Supervisor Information**

- **Name:** Karna Wong
- **Title:** Lecturer, Urban Planning & Public Policy
- **Email Address:** karna.wong@uci.edu

**Placement Information**

**Requirements (subject to change)**

- Taken UPPP 5 with B or higher grade; familiar with Canvas and Zoom; enjoys engaging with students; interested in learning more about video editing

**How to Apply**

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