

Kawain LO

Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

sociology of punishment, criminalization of poverty, conflict theory, queer criminology, political influence of non-white immigrant groups on criminal legislation, qualitative methods

Education

The Pennsylvania State University

AUG 2024 - PRESENT (expected 2029) | State College, PA

Ph.D. student in Criminology

University of California, Irvine

SEPT 2020 - JUN 2023 | Irvine, CA

B.A. in Criminology, Law and Society *summa cum laude*

Minor in Political Science

Research Experience

COMMUNITY HOUSE RESEARCH PROJECT | Research Assistant

NOV 2024- PRESENT | Penn State University

Principal Investigator: Derek KREAGER

VOTER OUTREACH TO SYSTEM-IMPACTED CONSTITUENTS |

Research Assistant

APR 2023 - JUL 2023 | UC Irvine

Principal Investigator: Naomi SUGIE

GENDER NON-CONFORMING BEHIND BARS | Research Assistant

JAN 2023 - MAY 2023 | UC Irvine

Faculty Advisor: Keramet REITER

Graduate Student Mentor: Alexis ROWLAND

Principal Investigator: Yuan GU

ANALYSIS OF CHANDLER V. CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION | Research Assistant

OCT 2022 - NOV 2022 | UC Irvine

Principal Investigator: Alexis ROWLAND

Presentations and Conferences

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

NOV 2024 | San Francisco, CA

Presentation: *Sexy Police Officers: Chinese Prisons and Social Media*

Presence

Co-Presenter: Yuan GU

UCI GLOBAL ASIAs 2024

FEB 2024 | UC Irvine, CA

Presentation: *Rehabilitation Practices within the Veil of China's Prisons: A Provincial Exploration of China's Prison Rehabilitation Approaches*

Co-Presenter: Yuan GU

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CRIMINOLOGY 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

NOV 2024 | Philadelphia, PA

Presentation: *Trans Legibility Among State-Level Carceral Regimes*

Co-Presenter: Yuan GU

UCI 30TH UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

MAY 2023 | UC Irvine, CA

Presentation: *Gender Non-conforming Behind Bars*

Co-Presenter: Yuan GU, Dylan GRECO

2022 UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM/HUMANITIES CORE SYMPOSIUM

APR 2022 | UC Irvine, CA

Presentation: *Tailored Bodies and Reconstructed Illusions: The "Authentic" Transgender Figure in The Silence of the Lambs*

Activities and Service

UNDERGRADUATE PEER TUTOR | CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE IN WRITING AND COMMUNICATION

AUG 2022 - JUN 2023 | UC Irvine, CA

MENTOR | UCI COUNSELING CENTER LGBTQ+ MENTORING PROGRAM

MAY 2022 - APR 2023 | UC Irvine, CA

PHONE BANKING | CALIFORNIA STATE SENATE CANDIDATE DAVE MIN CAMPAIGN

SEPT 2020 | Orange County, CA

