

## NICOLAS GUTIERREZ III

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### EDUCATION

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- 1st Yr. **Ph.D., Sociology**, University of Southern California
- 2023 **M.S., Criminal Justice and Criminology**, San Diego State University  
 Thesis: [“I’m Mostly Trying to Keep My Friends Alive”: Community Resistance to Homeless Encampment Sweeps in Los Angeles, CA](#)  
 Committee: Megan Welsh Carroll (Chair), Shawn Flanigan, Hank Johnston, and Chris Herring (UCLA)
- 2020 **B.A., Criminology, Law and Society** (Minor: Political Science), University of California, Irvine  
 Thesis: *Information Overload: Effects of Digital Neighborhood Watch Apps on Users’ Fear of Crime*  
 Committee: Brandon Golob (Chair) and Amy L. Dent

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Urban Sociology; Criminology; Social Movements; Housing & Homelessness; Criminalization & Policing; Qualitative Methods

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Refereed Journal Articles

- Adams, B., Welsh Carroll, M., & **Gutierrez III, N.** (2023). [Community Acceptance of, and Opposition to, Homeless-Serving Facilities](#). *International Journal on Homelessness*, 3(2), 156–183.
- Welsh Carroll M., Flanigan, S., & **Gutierrez III, N.** (2023). [Black Lives Experiencing Homelessness Matter: A Critical Conceptual Framework for Understanding How Policing Drives System Avoidance among Vulnerable Populations](#). *Public Integrity*, 25(3), 285–300.
- Invited presentation to the San Diego City Council (03/14/23) [[Presentation + Public Comment](#)]
  - Featured in: [Voice of San Diego \[1\]](#), [Voice of San Diego \[2\]](#), [inewssource](#), [CBS 8](#), [NBC 7](#), [ABC 10](#), [NewsRadio AM 600 KOGO](#), [Televisa Californias](#) (Tijuana, BC, MX)

#### Public Reports and Policy Briefs

- Gutierrez III, N.**, Adams, B., & Welsh Carroll, M. (2022). [Understanding Community Acceptance of and Opposition to Homeless-Serving Facilities](#) (Policy Brief). Scholars Strategy Network.
- Adams, B., Welsh Carroll, M., & **Gutierrez III, N.** (2021). *Community Acceptance and Opposition to Homeless-Serving Facilities* (Report). San Diego State University: Social and Economic Vulnerabilities Initiative.

#### Manuscripts in Preparation

- Gutierrez III, N.** Sanitized Criminalization: Homelessness and Policing as Social Determinants of Health during Encampment Sweeps in Los Angeles, CA. [Revising Drafted Manuscript]
- Gutierrez III, N.** No Person Shall Willfully Resist, Delay, or Obstruct: The Criminalization of Mutual Aid at Homeless Encampments in Los Angeles, CA. [Drafting Manuscript]
- Gutierrez III, N.** “It Is a War That’s Waged on This Hyperlocal Level”: Narratives of Encampment Residents and Mutual Aid Organizers Resisting Los Angeles’ War on the Unhoused. [Outlining Manuscript]

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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#### Research Assistant - San Diego State University

- 2022- Project for Sanitation Justice [[link](#)]  
 Principal Investigators: Megan Welsh Carroll, Madison Swayne, Jennifer Felner, and Jerel Calzo
- 2022-23 Social and Economic Vulnerabilities Initiative [[link](#)]  
 Director: Mounah Abdel-Samad, School of Public Affairs

- 2020-22 Community Perspectives on Homelessness and Homeless-Serving Facilities in San Diego, CA  
Principal Investigators: Brian Adams and Megan Welsh Carroll
- 2020-22 Homelessness Survival Strategies Lab [\[link\]](#)  
Principal Investigators: Megan Welsh Carroll and Shawn Flanigan

### Research Assistant - University Of California, Irvine

- 2019-20 Beyond College Degrees and Coffee Shops: Examining Alternative Indicators of Gentrification  
Advisor (independent research project): John R. Hipp
- 2019 Ethnography of Rural Inequality, Social Services, and Community Mobilization  
Principal Investigator: Amy M. Magnus
- 2019 Predicting and Preventing Lethal Intimate Partner Violence: An Analysis of Gun-Involved IPV  
Principal Investigator: Kirk R. Williams

## PRESENTATIONS

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### **No Person Shall Willfully Resist, Delay, or Obstruct: The Criminalization of Activists and Organizers Resisting Homeless Encampment Sweeps**

- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA - August 2023)
  - Highlighted on SSSP's website as a "2023 Featured Abstract"
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting [Roundtable] (Philadelphia, PA - August 2023)

### **Pulling the Strings: The Influence of Police Officers on Sanitation Workers and Community Resistance during Homeless Encampment Sweeps**

- SDSU Student Research Symposium (San Diego, CA - March 2023)
  - Library Award for best presentation with exceptional utilization of literary sources and library resources
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA - August 2023)

### **Services, Not Sweeps: Community Responses to Homeless Encampment Sweeps in Los Angeles, CA**

- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting [Poster] (Atlanta, GA - November 2022)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA - August 2022)
- Public Administration Theory Network Conference (Mexico City, MX - June 2022)
- UCLA Summer Research Symposium (Los Angeles, CA - August 2022)
- SDSU Student Research Symposium (San Diego, CA - March 2022)
  - Dean's Award (College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts) for best oral presentation

### **Dignity, Not Displacement: Narratives from Encampment Residents and Activists in Los Angeles, CA**

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA - August 2022)

### **We the Unhoused: Narratives from Individuals Living in Homeless Encampments in Los Angeles, CA**

- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (Los Angeles, CA - August 2022)
  - Followed by a panel, titled "Stigmatized and Criminalized Existence"

### **Black Lives Experiencing Homelessness Matter: Perspectives on Policing from Unsheltered People in San Diego, CA**

- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (Virtual due to COVID-19 - August 2021)
  - Co-presented with Megan Welsh & Shawn Flanigan
- Public Administration Theory Network Conference (Virtual due to COVID-19 - June 2021)
  - Co-presented with Shawn Flanigan & Megan Welsh
- SDSU Student Research Symposium (San Diego, CA - March 2021)

### **An Examination of Attitudes toward Homelessness and Homeless-serving Facilities in San Diego, CA**

- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (Virtual due to COVID-19 - August 2021)
  - Co-presented with Brian Adams & Megan Welsh

### **Information Overload: Effects of Digital Neighborhood Watch Apps on Users' Fear of Crime**

- UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium (Irvine, CA - May 2021)
- UCI School of Social Ecology Honors Symposium (Irvine, CA - May 2020)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2023      **Teaching Assistant**, University of Southern California
- CORE 195: Crime, Punishment, and Social Control (Summer 2023)
- 2020-22    **Teaching Assistant**, San Diego State University
- CJ 301: Law in Society (Fall 2020)
  - CJ 302: Crime and Behavior (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
  - CJ 303: Criminal Justice and Social Control (Fall 2021)
  - CJ 310: Law Enforcement (Summer 2021)
  - CJ 321: Juvenile Justice (Spring 2021, Spring 2022)
  - CJ 330: Corrections (Summer 2021, Spring 2022)
  - CJ 497: Investigation and Report (Fall 2021)
  - CJ 540: Applied Planning, Research, and Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice (Summer 2021)

## AWARDS & HONORS

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### External

- 2021-22    CSU Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship (\$5,000), The California State University  
(Mentor: Megan Welsh Carroll, SDSU Criminal Justice)
- 2022      UCLA Summer Program for Graduate Research Fellowship (\$8,500), University of California, Los Angeles  
(Mentor: Chris Herring, UCLA Sociology)
- PA Theory Network Fellowship, Public Administration Theory Network
- SSSP Lee Student Support Fund Recipient (\$100), The Society for the Study of Social Problems
- ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Travel Award (\$225), American Sociological Association

### University of Southern California

- 2023-24    W.E.B. DuBois and Ida B. Wells-Barnett Graduate Student Scholars Award, Department of Sociology
- 2023-28    Provost Fellowship, Graduate School
- 2023      External Fellowship Bootcamp Research Grant (\$1,000), Graduate School
- 2023      Constance Ahrons Travel Award (\$985), Department of Sociology

### San Diego State University

- 2022-23    Cognella Graduate Student Scholarship in Public Affairs (\$1,000), School of Public Affairs
- Class of 2020 Legacy Scholarship (\$1,000), SDSU Alumni Association
- Library Award (\$250) (for best presentation and utilization of literary sources), Student Research Symposium
- 2021-22    Most Outstanding Criminal Justice Graduate Student Award, School of Public Affairs
- Graduate Equity Fellowship (\$2,500), College of Graduate Studies
- Dean's Award (\$250) (for best oral presentation), Student Research Symposium
- Cognella Graduate Student Scholarship in Public Affairs (\$1,000), School of Public Affairs
- John Fowler Graduate Endowed Scholarship in Public Administration (\$1,000), School of Public Affairs
- 2020-21    Graduate Equity Fellowship (\$500), College of Graduate Studies

### University of California, Irvine

- 2020-21    Outstanding Contribution to the School of Social Ecology Award, School of Social Ecology
- 2019-20    Exceptional Achievement in Undergraduate Research Award, School of Social Ecology
- Social Ecology Honors Student, School of Social Ecology
- UROP Research Fellowship (\$350), Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program
- Above and Beyond Award, School of Social Ecology
- 2018-20    Dean's Honor List, University of California, Irvine
- 2017-18    Global Service Scholar, Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation/Living Peace Foundation
- 2016      LSAMP-CAMP Scholar, Louis Stokes California Alliance for Minority Participation

## SERVICE

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### University of Southern California

- 2023- Race and Gender Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology
- 2023 Hiring Committee, Student Liaison, Department of Sociology

### San Diego State University

- 2022 SPA Task Force, Student Representative, School of Public Affairs
- Hiring Committee, Student Representative (Criminal Justice), School of Public Affairs
- Hiring Committee, Student Representative (Public Administration), School of Public Affairs
- 2021 Hiring Committee, Student Representative (City Planning), School of Public Affairs
- 2021-23 Economic Crisis Response Team Advocate, Department of Well-being & Health Promotion

### Community

- 2022-23 Homelessness Outreach Volunteer, South Bay Mutual Aid & Care Club (Los Angeles, CA)
- 2020-23 Community Outreach Organizer (Founding Member), West Adams Mutual Aid Group (Los Angeles, CA)
- Homelessness & Public Safety Committees Member, West Adams Neighborhood Council (Los Angeles, CA)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### University of Southern California

- 2023- Feedback in Solidarity Working Group, Department of Sociology
- Dornsife Ph.D. Academy, Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
- 2023 Statistics and Programming Bootcamp, Graduate School
- External Fellowship Bootcamp, Departments of Sociology & Political Science and International Relations

### University of California, Los Angeles

- 2022- Urban Sociology Working Group, Department of Sociology

### San Diego State University

- 2023 Graduate Certificate in College Teaching, Center for Teaching and Learning
- Leadership Certificate, Center for Leadership and Service
- 2022 Flexible Course Design Institute Certificate, Center for Teaching and Learning
- Identity & Allyship Awareness Certificate, Center for Inclusive Excellence
- 100 Hours of Community Service Certificate, Center for Leadership and Service

## CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 Community Engagement Consultant, deborah murphy urban design + planning  
Project: LA METRO Western/Slauson First/Last Mile Project | Funding: Metro Active Transport Program
- 2021-22 Community Engagement Consultant, Yolanda Davis-Overstreet Consulting  
Project: LADOT Adams Blvd. Safety Project | Funding: Southern California Association of Governments
- 2021-22 Community Education Consultant, Yolanda Davis-Overstreet Consulting  
Project: Go Human Safety Campaign | Funding: Southern California Association of Governments

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Latina/o/x Criminology (LC)
- Scholars Strategy Network (SSN) ([Member Profile](#))
- Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

## SKILLS

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- Languages: English (Native) & Spanish (Fluent)
- Research Software: R & RStudio; IBM SPSS Statistics; Qualtrics XM; NVivo
- Other Software: Zotero; Mendeley; Adobe Photoshop; Canva; Microsoft Office; Google Workspace