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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., 2018-2022. Sociology. University of California, Riverside.  
Concentrations: Criminology and Medical Sociology. *Graduate Student Research Fellow, Presley Center of Crime and Justice Studies.*

M.A., 2020. Sociology. University of California, Riverside. *Chancellor's Distinguished Fellow.*

M.P.H., 2017. Health Policy, Law, and Ethics. University of Virginia.

B.A., 2015. Public Health Policy. University of California, Irvine. *Cum Laude.*

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Peer-Reviewed Academic Journals**

Warren, Janet I., Grabowska, Anita A., **Gould, April Celeste**, Patterson, Terri, Saathoff, Gregory B., Fancher, Andrea, and Brown, Donald E. (2025). "Using the Moral-Situational-Action Model of Extremist Violence (MSA-EV) to assess fluctuating levels of risk in women: The relevance of risk, promotive, and protective factors." *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2721>

**Gould, April Celeste R.** (2021). "Hate Exhaustion, Emotional Support, and Desistance from White Supremacist Groups." *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology* 10(3). <https://doi.org/10.21428/88de04a1.f94a8367>

Janet I. Warren, James Reed, **April Celeste R. Leviton**, Park E. Dietz, Kristen Lybert, Adrienne N. Isom, Joy Lynn E. Shelton. (2020). "Exploring the Sexual Motivation Behind Child Abduction and Murder: Characteristics and Outcomes of 565 Incidents of Child Abduction." *Behavioral Sciences and the Law*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2495>

Warren, Janet I., **April Celeste R. Leviton**, Gregory B. Saathoff, Anita Grabowska, Andrea D. Fancher, Maihan Far Alam, and Terri D. Patterson. (2020). "An Empirical Examination of the Application of the Moral-Situational Action Model to Women Involved in Extremist Violence." *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management* 7(1-2):41. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tam0000118>

Warren, Janet I., Shelly L. Jackson, Benjamin E. Skowysz, Shelby E. Kiefner, James Reed, **April Celeste R. Leviton**, Maria F. Nacu, Chantee G. Jiggetts, and Gerald G. Walls, G.G. (2019). "The Competency Attainment Outcomes of 1,913 Juveniles Found Incompetent to Stand Trial." *Journal of Applied Juvenile Justice Services*. 6(1): 47-

74. <http://npjs.org/jajjs/>

Heidarysafa, Mojtaba, James Reed, Kamran Kowsari, **April Celeste R. Leviton**, Janet I. Warren, and Donald E. Brown. (2019). "From Videos to URLs: A Multi-Browser Guide to Extract User's Behavior with Optical Character Recognition." In Science and Information Conference, pp. 503-514. Springer, Cham, 2019. [https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-17795-9\\_37](https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-030-17795-9_37)

Warren, Janet I., **April Celeste R. Leviton**, James Reed, Gregory B. Saathoff, Terri D. Patterson, Lauren A. Richards, and Andrea D. Fancher. (2018). "Operationalizing Theory: A Moral-Situational Action Model for Extremist Violence." *Journal of Threat Assessment and Management* 5(4): 205-226. <https://doi.org/10.1037/tam0000118>

### **Book Chapter**

Warren, Janet I., **April Leviton-Gould**, Anita Grabowska, Gregory B. Saathoff, Terri Patterson, Donald E. Brown. (2022). "Moralität und die Radikalisierung von Frauen: Das Moral-Situational-Action-Modell extremistischer Gewalt [Morality and the Radicalization of Women: The Moral-Situational-Action Model of Extremist Violence]." Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft MbH & Co. ISBN-10: 3848763214 ISBN-13: 978-3848763214.

### **Reports**

Nieri, Tanya, Nataly Morales Sandoval, **April Leviton**, Brianna Phamtuong, Devon Sakamoto, Dani Cook, Marisol Torres, Samantha Eastman, and Julie Chobdee. (2021). "ACHF College Well-Being Project Report: Creating Well-Being in Learning Environments at UC Riverside. Riverside, CA. UC Riverside Healthy Campus Well-Being in Learning Environments Subcommittee.

Lola Smallwood Cuevas; Semi Cole; Ellen Reese; and Gary Rettberg; with Sara Bruene, Matthew Byrne, Christian Guerra, Luis Higinio, **April Celeste Leviton**, Bernabe Rodriguez, Ardcha Premruedeelert, and Alexander Scott. (2020). "Ain't No Sunshine: The State of Black Workers and Demands for a Brighter Future for the Inland Empire." Riverside, CA: *Future Inland Empire Black Worker Center Project (IEBWCP) Advisory Group, Center for Social Innovation at UCR, Labor Studies Program at UCR, and Los Angeles Black Workers Center.*

### **Theses**

**Gould, April.** (2022). "Hell Hath No Fury: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Women's Grievances and Lethality in Terrorism." Ph.D. Dissertation. University of California, Riverside. <https://www.proquest.com/openview/866cfefc1c37fb0fa5a8740d501bdb74/1?cbl=18750&diss=y&pq-origsite=gscholar>

**Leviton, April C.** 2020. "White Out: Understanding the Significance of Social Support in the Lives of Former White Supremacists." Master's Thesis. University of California,

Riverside. [escholarship.org](https://escholarship.org/content/qt5kz4h967/qt5kz4h967.pdf). Available:  
<https://escholarship.org/content/qt5kz4h967/qt5kz4h967.pdf>

**Leviton, April C.** 2017. "Academic Motivation, Stress, and Coping." Master's Thesis. University of Virginia.

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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2022 Grad. Slam Graduate Student Presentation Competition Finalist & Honorable Mention. University of California, Riverside.

2021 Doctoral Research Fellowship. Threat Assessment Group. Newport Beach, CA.

2021 Pass with Distinction – Qualifying Examination. University of California, Riverside.

2019. Robert Presley Center for Crime and Justice Studies Graduate Student Research Fellowship. University of California, Riverside. \$7,091.00 (plus fees and tuition).

2018. Chancellor's Distinguished Fellowship. University of California, Riverside. \$18,324.00 (plus fees and tuition).

2015. *Cum Laude* Latin Honor's. University of California, Irvine.

## **CONFERENCES**

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2021. Author Meets Critic with Dr. Rory McVeigh (also authored by Dr. Kevin Estep). "The Politics of Losing: Trump, the Klan, and the Mainstreaming of Resentment. Pacific Sociological Association. Virtual Conference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2021. **April Leviton** (presenting author) and Tanya Nieri, Samantha Eastman, Julie Chobdee, Marisol Torres, Devon Sakamoto, Dani Cook, Nataly Sandoval, and Brianna Phamtuong (non-presenting authors). "Well-Being in Learning Environments: An Exploratory Study of Healthy Pedagogy Strategies." Pacific Sociological Association. Virtual Conference due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

2020. Luis Higinio and **April Celeste Leviton** (presenting authors) and Sara Bruene, Matthew Byrne, Christian Guerra, Bernabe Rodriguez, Ardcha Premruedeelert, Ellen Reese, and Alexander Scott (non-presenting authors). "Black Workers' Experiences in the Inland Empire." Research presentation for The Demand for a Brighter Future for the Inland Empire: A Virtual Briefing on the State of Black Workers Honoring Juneteenth, June 18 (virtual briefing and report release hosted by the Center for Social Innovation, UC-Riverside)

2019. "Extreme Stress: The Collateral Consequences of Women's Participation in White Supremacist Terror Groups." Round Table Presentation. American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, California.

2019. "Using the Moral-Situational Action Model for Risk Assessments of Female Terrorists." Panelist, International Academy of Law and Mental Health. Rome, Italy.

## **ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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2024. "Effective and Respectful Communication with Genderqueer and LGBTQ+ Youth." Illinois Office of the Attorney General. Live Webinar. Virtual.

2024. Personality Disorders and Unwanted and Threatening Communications. Threat Assessment Group. Newport Beach, CA.

2023. "Effective and Respectful Communication with Genderqueer and LGBTQ+ Youth." National District Attorneys' Association. Live Webinar. Virtual.

2023. Presentation with D.D.A. Wendy Patrick. "Use of Risk Assessment to Estimate Lethality." National District Attorneys' Association. CLE Live Webinar. Virtual.

2023. Bruin Synaptogenesis Forensic Psychology and Criminology Speaker Event. Psychology Department. March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. University of California, Los Angeles.

2022. Dissertation Defense: "Hell Hath No Fury: A Mixed-Methods Analysis of Women's Grievances, Durations of Involvement, and Lethality in Terrorism." December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. University of California, Riverside.

2022. "Dissertation Chapter: The Qualitative Coding of Violent Extremist Women's Grievances." Graduate Student Research Forum. Departmental Presentation. University of California, Riverside.

2022. Mental Illness, Personality Disorders, and Suicide Prevention. Threat Assessment Group. Newport Beach, CA.

2022. "Why Did She Do It?" Grad Slam Speech Competition. Campus-Wide Presentation. University of California, Riverside.

2021. "Grievances, Lethality, and Durational of Involvement Among Violent Extremist Women." Departmental Presentation. University of California, Riverside.

2021. Mental Illness, Personality Disorders, and Suicide Prevention. Threat Assessment Group. Newport Beach, CA.

2020. Graduate Student Open House. Departmental Presentation. University of California, Riverside.

2020. "White Out: Understanding the Significance of Social Support in the Lives of Former White Supremacists." Departmental Presentation. University of California, Riverside.

2020. Luis Higinio and April Celeste Leviton (presenting authors) and Sara Bruene, Matthew Byrne, Christian Guerra, Bernabe Rodriguez, Ardcha Premruedeelert, Ellen Reese, and Alexander Scott (non-presenting authors). "Black Workers in the Inland Empire: "Black Workers' Experiences in the Inland Empire." Presentation to the Future Inland Empire Black Worker Center Project (IEBWCP) Advisory Group at the UDW/AFSCME 3930 union hall in Riverside, CA on March 11, 2020.

2018. Presentation with James Reed. "Project Examining Allegations of Sexual Abuse within a National Youth Serving Organization." Case Conference. Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2021. Guest Lecturer. Stigma As a Social Determinant of Health. Dr. Lucie Kalousova. Vanderbilt University. Nashville, Tennessee.

2021. Teaching Assistant. Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc. 004). Dr. Matthew Mahutga. University of California, Riverside.

2021. Teaching Assistant. Deviance (Soc. 180). Dr. Sharon Oselin. University of California, Riverside.

2021. Teaching Assistant. Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc. 004). Dr. Amy Kroska. University of California, Riverside.

2020. Teaching Assistant. Social Determinants of Health (Soc. 127). Dr. Lucie Kalousova. University of California, Riverside.

2020. Teaching Assistant. The Sociology of Gender (Soc. 028). Dr. Jennifer Simmers. University of California, Riverside.

2020. Teaching Assistant. Medical Sociology (Soc. 167). Dr. Richard Carpiano. University of California, Riverside.

2018. "Moral-Situational Risk Assessment Training" Research Specialist. Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy. Charlottesville, Virginia.

2016. Health Behavior Theory. Guest Lecturer. University of California, Irvine.

2015-2016. The Biology of Cancer (Bio. 25). Head Student Coordinator. University of California, Irvine.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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2023 – present. Criminology Expert. Park Dietz and Associates. Newport Beach, CA.

2021-present. Research Criminologist & Instructor. Park Dietz and Associates/Threat Assessment Group. Newport Beach, California.

2025-present. Textbook Project Manager. *Clinical Textbook of Addictive Disorders* (5<sup>th</sup> Edition). Dr. Avram Mack.

2023 – 2024. Subject Matter Expert, National District Attorneys' Association (NDAA). Remote.

2022 - 2023. Senior Research Analyst (Course5 Intelligence) on contract with Grammarly. Remote.

2018-2022. Socio-behavioral Researcher. University of California, Riverside.

2017-2021. Research Assistant. Park Dietz and Associates/Threat Assessment Group. Newport Beach, California.

2018-2021. Research Specialist, Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy. University of Virginia.

*\*In collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

2019-2020. Healthy Campus Graduate Research Assistant. Supervisor: Julie Chobdee. University of California, Riverside.

2017-2018. Research Manager, Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy. University of Virginia.

*\*In collaboration with the Federal Bureau of Investigation.*

2017. Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Evaluation Research Assistant for Wendy Novicoff, Ph.D., University of Virginia.

2016-2017. Advanced Graduate Research Assistant, Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy. University of Virginia.

2014. Practicum Research Assistant, Anaheim Regional Medical Center. Anaheim, California.

## **CRIMINAL & CIVIL LITIGATION EXPERIENCE**

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2025. Expert Witness. *Nevada vs. Oglesby*. Case No. 22-C269109. Charges: first-degree murder and three counts of child abuse neglect/endangerment. Criminal court.

2025. Mitigation Specialist. *Nevada vs. Easley*. Case No. C-18-336822-1. Capital murder (three deaths). Death penalty case.

2025. Mitigation Specialist. *Nevada vs. Hall*. Case No. C-20-352509-1. Charges: murder with a deadly weapon (two deaths). Death penalty case.

2025. Consulting Expert (non-testifying). *Jane Doe v. The Perkiomen School*.

- Alleged sexual assault on a high school campus. Civil litigation.
2024. Expert Witness. *Lee vs. Cho*. Case No. 30-2022-01294975-CU-PO-WJC. Allegations of assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, California civil rights violation (Calif. Civil Code §§52.1(B), (C), & 51.7), and domestic abuse. Pursuant to Domestic Violence Statute, C.C.P. §§340.15 & 1708.6. Civil litigation.
2024. Expert Witness. *Nevada vs. Mask*. Case No. 23-C378969. Open murder with use of a deadly weapon and domestic violence. Criminal court.
2024. Consulting Expert (non-testifying). Allegations of child sexual abuse on an elementary school campus. Civil Litigation.
2024. Consulting Expert (non-testifying). Hate crime and murder at a place of worship. Civil Litigation.
2024. Pro Bono Consulting Expert. Threat assessment of a K-12 school district. Private threat assessment.
2024. Pro Bono Consulting Expert. Threat assessment of a place of worship. Private threat assessment.
2023. Research Assistant. Allegations of wrongful death, sexual abuse of a minor, and substance abuse. Civil litigation.
2021. Research Assistant. Matricide. Civil litigation.
2018. Research Assistant. Mass murder and suicide. Intelligence Report.
2017. Research Assistant. Child sexual abuse and suicide. Civil litigation.
2017. Research Assistant. Allegations of child sexual abuse and a wrongful death involving a religious leader. Civil litigation.
- 2016-2018. Research Assistant. Allegations of child sexual abuse within a national youth serving organization. Civil litigation.

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#### **PEER REVIEW EXPERIENCE**

*Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Policing, Intelligence, and Counterterrorism*, and Handling Allegations in a Ministry by Theresa Sidebotham (book review)

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#### **MEDIA EXPERIENCE**

2025. Criminology Expert. "My Nightmare Stalker." FORTÉ ENTERTAINMENT. Paramount+.

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#### **CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

2021. Course Reader. Sociology 137: Population. Dr. Lucie Kalousova. University of

California, Riverside.

2019-2020. Healthy Campus Student II Assistant. Supervisor: Julie Chobdee.  
University of California, Riverside.

2019. Contributor, Veritas Vincit, Vol. 6, Issue 2. Spring Sociology Newsletter.  
University of California, Riverside.

2018-2019. Colloquium Committee Student Representative. Sociology Graduate  
Student Association. University of California, Riverside.

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

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### **Quantitative**

Structural equation modeling, advanced statistical analysis, causal analysis, linear and logistic regression, factor analysis, advanced epidemiological analysis, survey development and analysis, network analysis, database management

### **Qualitative**

Advanced in-depth interviewing, content analysis, focus group moderation, ethnographic analysis, thematic coding, transcription, recruiting, forensic report writing, case analysis, transcription, risk and threat assessment, research project management

### **Software**

STATA 17MP/16SE, SPSS, SAS, Qualtrics, Figma, SurveyMonkey, GIS/ArcMap, NVivo, Dedoose, TreeAge Pro., LinkedIn recruiter, Salesforce/CASCADE, PureSpectrum, UserTesting, ProPresenter, Canva, LaTeX

### **Socio-Behavioral**

Characteristics of workplace misconduct (TAG), creating and maintaining a safe workplace (TAG), assessing risks (TAG), investigation (TAG), intimate partner violence (TAG), stalking and cyberstalking (TAG), safe termination (TAG), personality disorder (TAG), mental illness (TAG), suicide prevention (TAG), unwanted communications and visits (TAG), preparing for an armed attack (TAG), domestic violence counselors 40-hour training curriculum (CPEDV), behavioral threat assessment units: a guide for state and local law enforcement to prevent targeted violence (United States Secret Service)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS**

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Certified Research Professional, International Institute for Procurement and Market Research, 2023, ID C16AB0QRPCEX

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)



## REFERENCES

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