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PhD candidate
Department of Sociology
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Education

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of California–Davis (expected completion June 2023)
Emphasis in computational social science
- M.A. Sociology, University of California–Davis, 2019
- B.A. Economics, University of California–Davis, 2017 (*summa cum laude*)

Research Positions

- 2022–Present California Department of Justice (DOJ) Research Center
Graduate Student Researcher
- 2017–Present California Health Policy Strategies (CalHPS)
Public Policy Researcher
- 2019–2022 University of California-Davis, Department of Sociology
Graduate Student Researcher with Associate Professor Caitlin Patler
- 2019 California Policy Lab, University of California-Berkeley
Summer Research Fellow
- 2018 University of California-Davis School of Law
Research Assistant for Professor Andrea Chandrasekher
- 2016 Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC)
Summer Research Assistant

Skills

R, Stata, SQL, SAS, GIS, and Excel

Longitudinal analysis, causal inference, and survey data analysis

Data cleaning, administrative data linking, and data visualization

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Data acquisition via scraping, FOIA, API, or negotiated restricted use agreements
Scientific and technical report writing
Project management, communication, teamwork, public speaking, and grant writing

Peer-Reviewed Academic Publications

- 2021 Patler, Caitlin, Altaf Saadi, Maria-Elena De Trinidad Young, Konrad Franco. (2021). "Release from US immigration detention may improve physical and psychological stress and health: Results from a two-wave panel study in California." *SSM-Mental Health*. doi: [10.1016/j.ssmmh.2021.100035](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmmh.2021.100035).
- 2020 Franco, Konrad, Caitlin Patler, and Keramet Reiter. (2020). "Punishing Status and the Punishment Status Quo: Solitary Confinement in U.S. Immigration Prisons, 2013-2017." *Punishment and Society*. doi:[10.1177/1462474520967804](https://doi.org/10.1177/1462474520967804)
- 2019 Franco, Konrad and Ryken Grattet. (2019). "The Effect of Strain, Affect, and Personal/Social Resources on Problem Substance Use among Incarcerated and Non-Incarcerated Youth." *Deviant Behavior*. doi:[10.1080/01639625.2019.1603539](https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2019.1603539)

Other Research Publications (Not Peer-Reviewed)

- 2022 Franco, Konrad. "The Overdose Crisis in California: 2017-2021." California Health Policy Strategies. [Report Link](#).
- 2021 Franco, Konrad. "Trends in California Drug Overdose Deaths, 2015-2019." California Health Policy Strategies. [Report Link](#).
- 2020 Franco, Konrad. "An Analysis of Mental Health Cases and Psychotropic Medication Prescriptions in California Jails, 2009-2019." California Health Policy Strategies. [Policy Brief Link](#).
- 2019 David Panush, Dave Meyers, and Konrad Franco. "Shifting the Paradigm for Mental Health Diversion: The Impact and Opportunity of AB 1810 and SB 215." California Health Policy Strategies. [Policy Brief Link](#).
- 2018 Franco, Konrad, David Panush, and David Maxwell-Jolly. "Criminal Justice System Involvement and Mental Illness Among the Unsheltered Homeless in California." California Health Policy Strategies Reentry Health Project. [Report Link](#).
- 2018 Franco, Konrad. "New Funding Opportunities for Reentry and Justice-Involved Individuals: Mental Health, Housing, and Diversion." California Health Policy Strategies Reentry Health Project. [Policy Brief Link](#).

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- 2018 Franco, Konrad. "Adult Reentry Grant: Overview and Recommendations for Implementation." California Health Policy Strategies. [Policy Brief Link](#).
- 2018 Franco, Konrad, David Panush, and David Maxwell-Jolly. "Whole Person Care Pilots Focusing on the Reentry Population: An Overview." California Health Policy Strategies Reentry Health Project. [Policy Brief Link](#).
- 2018 Franco, Konrad, David Panush, and David Maxwell-Jolly. "How Many Incarcerated Individuals Received Psychotropic Medication in California Jails: 2012-2017." California Health Policy Strategies Reentry Health Project. [Report Link](#).
- 2017 Panush, David, Bruce Wagstaff, David Maxwell-Jolly, Elizabeth Salazar, Sharon Jackson, Diana Recouvreur, Zach Psick, and Konrad Franco. "Reentry Health Policy Project: Meeting the Serious Health and Behavioral Needs of Prison and Jail Inmates Returning to the Community." [Report Link](#).

Research Interests

Law and punishment: jails, prisons, incarceration, immigration detention, and reentry

Health and health care: homelessness, physical and behavioral health care, and hospitals

Manuscripts in Preparation (Working Papers)

"The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Quality of Life and the Defining Role of Racism." (with Caitlin Patler and Whitney Pirtle)

"Local Hospital Psychiatric Inpatient Capacity and Jail Incarceration." (solo)

"Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Clinics and Jail Incarceration." (solo)

"The Effect of Rural Hospital Closures on Local Jails" (solo)

"Tracking the Use of Solitary Confinement in California Prisons, 2005-2020" (with Keramet Reiter)

Presentations

"Mental Illness and Race in Solitary Confinement within US Immigration Prisons." International Workshop: Expanding the Penal Landscape: The Immigration Detention Phenomena, Toronto, Canada. March 2020.

"Trends in Treatment for Mental Illness in California Jails." California Coalition for Mental Health. Sacramento, CA. February 2020.

"Solitary Confinement in Immigration Detention Facilities." American Society of Criminology, San Francisco. November 2019.

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“California Hospital Inpatient Psychiatric Care Capacity and the Incarceration.” American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA. November 2019.

“The Relationship between the Asylum and the Prison.” Upper-division course on total institutions from Professor Bob Faris. University of California-Davis. May 2019.

“Economic Inequality and Crime.” 28th Annual UC Davis Undergraduate Research Conference. University of California-Davis. May 2017

“Testing General Strain Theory on a Sample of Incarcerated and Non-Incarcerated Youth.” 27th Annual UC Davis Undergraduate Research Conference. University of California-Davis. May 2016.

Awards and Honors

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Fellowship (Dissertation Award)

Richard A McGee AJI Graduate Student Award (Dissertation Award)

Beyond the Barriers, UC Davis, Research Award (Paper Award)

Cloggs Scholarship Awardee, ICPSR

Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

Outstanding Senior Commendation, Economics Department

International Economics Honors Society (Omicron Delta Epsilon)

Dean’s Honor List, University of California-Davis College of Letters & Science

Teaching Experience

F 2018 Sociology of Law, Teaching Assistant

S 2018 Intermediate Statistics for Social Science, Teaching Assistant

W 2018 Punishment and Corrections, Teaching Assistant

F 2017 Introduction to Sociology, Teaching Assistant

Service and Professional Affiliations

University/Department Service

UC Davis Graduate Student Association Representative (2020-2022)

Global Migration Center graduate student workshop organizer (2019-2022)

Sociology Graduate Association president (2019-2020)

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Student Representative, sociology Ph.D. program admissions committee (2018-2019)

Journal Referee

Journal of Drug Issues

Deviant Behavior