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EDUCATION

City University of New York (CUNY), The Graduate Center Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice	New York, NY 2027
University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) B.S. in Urban Studies Minor in Criminal Justice Brookings Public Policy Minor	Las Vegas, NV 2022
Las Vegas Academy of the Arts Advanced Honors Diploma in International Studies French Language Arts	Las Vegas, NV 2013

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal article:

Belisle, L. & **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.** (2021). [Harm Reduction: A Public Health Approach to Prison Drug Use](#). *International Journal of Prisoner Health*. Vol. 18 No. 4, pp. 458-472.
<https://doi.org/10.1108/IJPH-06-2021-0053>

Opinion-editorials:

Solano-Patricio, Elia D. (2020). [Handling of COVID-19 in Nevada's prisons and jails grossly inadequate](#). *Las Vegas Sun*.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D. (2023). [Nevada needs more mental health professionals, and to keep the ones we do have](#). *Nevada Current*.

Policy brief:

Solano-Patricio, Elia D. (2020). [A City on the Frontlines of an Epidemic: The Opioid Crisis in Las Vegas](#). *Digital Scholarship @ UNLV*, 1-15.

Fact sheets:

Booth, V., Gilbertson, K.M., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [COVID-19: Metro Recovery Index in the Mountain West](#). *Economic Development & Workforce Fact Sheet No. 24*, 1-6.

Vakil, E., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [COVID-19: Payment Protection Program \(PPP\) Loan Impact in the Mountain West](#). *Economic Development & Workforce Fact Sheet No. 25*, 1-4.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D., Saladino, C., Brown, W. E. (2019). [Criminal Arrests in Clark County, Nevada, by Jurisdiction 2006-2016](#). *Criminal Justice Fact Sheet No. 1*, 1-10.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D., Takhtadjian, S., Saladino, C., Brown, W.E. (2022). [Cutting-edge Technology in the Mountain West, 2021](#). *Economic Development Fact Sheet No. 54*, 1-3.

- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., Brown, W. E. (2020). [Immigrants and Their Voting Power in Nevada](#). *Demography Fact Sheet No. 7*, 1-4.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Beavers, K., Saladino, C., Brown, W. E. (2020). [Land Use in Nevada: Counties and the Bureau of Land Management \(BLM\)](#). *Environment Fact Sheet No. 3*, 1-4.
- Cheche, O., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2021). [LVMPD Budget Review, 2018-2021](#). *Criminal Justice Fact Sheet No. 5*, 1-7.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., Brown, W. E. (2020). [Metro Monitor 2020: Las Vegas & Reno](#). *Economic Development & Workforce Fact Sheet No. 20*, 1-4.
- Thymianos, K., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Salahi, S., Saladino, C.J., Brown, W.E. (2021). [Municipal Equality Index \(MEI\) for Nevada Cities and Municipalities](#). *Cities & Metros Fact Sheet No. 1*, 1-3.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [Neighborhood Change in Las Vegas](#). *Real Estate Fact Sheet No. 4*, 1-5.
- Frazee-Bench, M., Llamas, Y., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [Officer-Involved Deaths in Nevada, 2013-2019](#). *Criminal Justice Fact Sheet No. 2*, 1-4.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [Opioids in the Las Vegas Metro](#). *Health Fact Sheet No. 3* 1-3.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Frazee-Bench, M., Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2021). [Police Shootings in the Mountain West, 2015-2021](#). *Criminal Justice Fact Sheet No. 4*, 1-6.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., Brown, W. E. (2020). [Political Parties and Demographic Transformation in Nevada](#). *Demography Fact Sheet No. 6*, 1-4.
- Falcone, M., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [Population Growth in Major Mountain West Metros, 2010-2019](#). *Demography Fact Sheet No. 10*, 1-2.
- Llamas, Y., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [The Southwest Megapolitan Triangle: Immigration and Population Growth](#). *Demography Fact Sheet No. 9*, 1-4.
- Salahi, S., Beavers, K., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., & Brown, W. E. (2020). [Transportation Affordability in the Mountain West](#). *Transportation & Infrastructure Fact Sheet No. 4*, 1-2.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, Saladino, C., Brown, W. E. (2019). [Urban & Suburban Population Growth in the Mountain West](#). *Demography Fact Sheet No. 4*, 1-4.

In progress:

- Reed, S. M., & **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.** (Book chapter). [The invisibility of LGBTQ+ survivors of IPV and rape: Institutional framings of violence as barriers to seeking help from victim service providers](#). In S. Kelly, S. Cleverger, & E. O'Neal (Eds.) *Queering the system: Challenging hetero-cis-normative examinations of criminal-legal response*. Texas Review Press.
- Beavers, K., & **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.** (Policy brief). [The Housing Crisis in Southern Nevada](#). The Lincy Institute.
- Solano-Patricio, Elia D. (Working paper). [The Fiscal Impact of Marsy's Law: A financial analysis of victims' rights policy in Nevada](#).
- Martinez, M., Beavers, K., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, & Cummings, T. (Working paper). [Pandemic Inequity: Nevada's Experience](#).
- Martinez, M., Beavers, K., **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, & Cummings, T. (Working paper). [What Home Means in Nevada: A Responses to Inequity Amplified by the Pandemic](#).
- Martinez, **Solano-Patricio, Elia D.**, & Betancourt, F. (Working paper). [Our Future East Las Vegas: An Auto-ethnographic Understanding of Urban Planning, Coalition Building, and Educational Opportunities](#)

AWARDS & HONORS

1st Place Research Poster (2021)
UNLV Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum

Best Podium Presentation Award in Arts, Humanities, & Social Science (2022)
UNLV Office of Undergraduate Research

Kriss Drass Undergraduate Research Award in Criminal Justice (2021)
Kriss Drass Undergraduate Research Fund

Lance & Elena Calvert Award for Advanced Undergraduate Research (2020)
UNLV Libraries

Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher Award (2022)
UNLV Office of Undergraduate Research

Sophomore of the Year Award (2020)
UNLV Greenspun College of Urban Affairs

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship (2020)	\$3,000
Center for Academic Enrichment & Outreach AANAPISI Research Stipend (2019)	\$2,000
CSUN Research Continuation Scholarship, UNLV (2019)	\$2,000
Governor Guinn Millennium Scholarship (2017)	\$10,000
Graduate Center Fellowship, CUNY (2023)	\$16,000
Graduate Provost Initiative Scholarship (2023)	\$600
McNair Summer Research Institute Research Grant (2021)	\$5,000
McNair Summer Research Institute Research Grant (2022)	\$4,500
National Science Foundation Criminal Justice Grant (2018)	\$500
Provost Enhancement Fellowship, CUNY (2023)	\$10,000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Beavers, K. & Solano-Patricio, Elia D., (2023, April). [Pandemic Inequity: Nevada Recovery.](#)

Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Beavers, K. & Solano-Patricio, Elia D., (2023, April). [What Home Means in Nevada: Responses to Inequity Amplified by Crisis.](#)

Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Martinez, M., Betancourt, F., & Solano-Patricio, Elia D., (2023, March). [Our Future East Las Vegas: An Auto-Ethnographic Understanding of Urban Planning, Coalition Building, and Educational Opportunities.](#)

American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D., (2022, December). [The Fiscal Impact of Marsy's Law: A financial analysis of victims' rights policy in Nevada.](#)

UNLV Fall 2022 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Las Vegas, NV.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D., & Reed, S. M., (2022, April). ["We Could and Should be Doing More:" Domestic Violence Advocates' Perceptions of Agency Training.](#)

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

24th Annual Graduate & Professional Student Research Forum, Las Vegas, NV.

UNLV Spring 2022 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Las Vegas, NV.

Reed, S.M., & Solano-Patricio, Elia D., (2021, November). [Institutional Framings of Domestic Violence: Assessing Inclusivity Through Victim Service Provider Literature.](#)

American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D., (2021, May). [Police Shootings in the Mountain West, 2015-2021.](#)

UNLV Spring 2021 Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium, Las Vegas, NV.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D. (2020, November). [Neighborhood Change in Las Vegas.](#)

UNLV Fall 2020 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Las Vegas, NV.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D., (2019, August). [The Nexus Between Population and Criminal Arrests in Clark County, Nevada, by Jurisdiction 2006-2016.](#)

UNLV Summer 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Las Vegas, NV.

Solano-Patricio, Elia D. (2019, November). [The Opioid Epidemic in Las Vegas.](#)

UNLV Fall 2019 Undergraduate Research Symposium, Las Vegas, NV.

ACADEMIC AND FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE

Academic

John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Currently, Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Deborah Koetzle

2023-Present

Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice

Fieldwork

Brookings Mountain West | The Lincy Institute

2020-2023

The Impact of COVID-19 in Nevada:

- Conducted qualitative research interviews with Nevada leaders and stakeholders
- Confirmed transcripts for subject interviews using qualitative research program Otter.ai
- Conducted an inter-rater reliability test by coding samples using qualitative research software program Atlas
- Presented findings at various national research conferences including by the Western Political Science Association and the Urban Affairs Association
- Co-hosted the podcast series *Conversation to Transformation: Opportunities Borne from the Pandemic*

UNLV Department of Criminal Justice

2021

The Institutional Framings of Domestic Violence: Assessing Inclusivity Through Victim Service Provider Literature

- Confirmed transcripts for subject interviews
- Conducted an inter-rater reliability test by coding samples using qualitative research software program MAXQDA

UNLV Department of Criminal Justice

2020

A Side-by-Side Comparison of a Gender-Neutral and Gender-Responsive Risk Needs Assessment Tool: The Women's Risk and Needs Assessment (WRNA)

- Conducted a literature review, wrote a structured abstract, and created a research poster on

risk-needs assessment instruments in the U.S.

- Trained on the use of a gender-responsive risk-assessment survey instrument alongside Southern Nevada scholars, policy practitioners, court officials, and non-profit leaders
- Conducted virtual interviews with formerly incarcerated women using (the “WRNA”) the Women’s Risk-Needs Assessment tool for case management and community supervision
- Talled survey results and calculated a risk score as well as a needs score for each client

Wichita State University School of Criminal Justice

2020

COVID-19 and Families of Incarcerated Persons

- Confirmed transcripts for subject interviews
- Created geographic data visualizations for a nationally streamed webinar

UNLV Center for Crime and Justice Policy

2018

[Public Attitudes About Body-Worn Cameras in Police Work: A National Study of the Sources of Their Contextual Variability](#)

- Canvassed neighborhood tracts and interviewed residents of metropolitan Las Vegas regarding their opinions about drones, body-worn cameras, and police procedures
- Coded and entered survey results using Excel

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Employment

Research Assistant, The Research Foundation, John Jay College of Criminal Justice 2023-Present

Under the guidance of Dr. Deborah Koetzle, this national research study funded by the National Institute of Justice, focuses on the piloting, implementation, and evaluation of a probation and parole model called The Coaching Model. As research assistant, I get to conduct:

- Demographic and crime statistics
- Literature Reviews
- Translational Research

Owner, Solano Enterprises, LLC dba SOLANO MULTISERVICES 2022-Present

Experienced paralegal, notary, and translator with a demonstrated history of providing legal and document preparation services including but not limited to the following areas:

- Estate Planning and Asset Protection (trusts & wills)
- Business Planning, Formation, and Acquisition
- Probate and Estate Administration
- Power of Attorney
- Contracts & Transactions (lease, purchase & sale agreement)
- Name Change
- Protective Orders

Researcher, Brookings Mountain West & The Lincy Institute 2019-2023

Brookings Mountain West and The Lincy Institute is a collaborative think tank partnership with The Brookings Institution. The initiative, through the Data Hub repository, provides web-based access to

timely data and information related to the Las Vegas metropolitan statistical area, the State of Nevada, the Mountain West region, and beyond. As a research associate, I;

- Co-authored fact sheets, presented research, and engaged policymakers covering myriad public policy topics in fields including criminal justice, demography, economics, environmental science, immigration, and transportation;
- Helped develop interview protocols and collect primary data related to economic recovery policies in the Las Vegas Valley during the COVID-19 recession;
- Analyzed qualitative interview data;
- Extracted data from local and national repositories for indicators such as arrest trends, mortality rates, housing changes, and other demographic information;
- Coded data and conduct statistical analyses;
- Produced data visualizations;
- Fundraised and lobbied for policy formulation and evaluation, especially during state legislative sessions.

Research Intern, The Brookings Institution, Foreign Policy

2020

- Researched, attended virtual policy conferences, and prepared policy deliverables under the guidance of Dr. Vanda Felbab-Brown with the Center for Security and Strategy in the Foreign Policy program at the Brookings Institution
- Tracked policy impact by entering data on events, citations, publications, blog posts, articles, policy reports, and interviews.
- Wrote distribution summaries of blog posts and events on topics such as U.S.-Mexico relations, security challenges in Somalia, zoonotic diseases, and illicit wildlife trafficking
- Produced bulleted research briefings, such as on right-wing armed groups in the U.S., a new European Union law on pandemics, and the impact of COVID-19 on the world's most vulnerable economies
- Attended various conferences on topics including conservation and national security in the U.S., police reform in Latin America, peacekeeping in Colombia, and governance challenges surrounding the coronavirus crisis in Africa.
- Created photo presentations, such as for a United Nations lecture on the nexus between antiquities trafficking and terrorism

Senior Paralegal/Office Manager, Callister Law, PLLC

2017-2019

- Led a team of paralegals, legal assistants, and interns for a multifaceted practice that serviced an impressive, diverse client base and international businesses
- Prepared first drafts of legal documents such as chronologies, witness statements, deeds, contracts, court orders, motions, legal discovery, trial binders, etc. and processed contractual documentation
- Prepared and notarized legal documentation for execution by relevant parties; interviewed and prepped clients and witnesses
- Kept up to date with changing probate legislation and estate administration case law
- Assigned and supervised the work of junior staff; prepared invoices and monitored time recorded against fee estimates; received and paid the firm's administrative invoices; designed firm's case management system; managed employee hiring & training

Litigation Paralegal, Callister & Associates, LLC

2013-2017

- Prepared files for issue of court proceedings on cases including criminal defense, civil litigation, family law, personal injury, bankruptcy, and immigration
- Managed several master-planned real estate development projects and negotiated millions in acquisition funds; applied for rezoning and licensure of permits

- Reviewed and organized discovery (police reports, crime scene photos, autopsy reports, medical records, victim statements, witness statements, etc.)
- Conducted & synthesized legal research on several class action and labor lawsuits
- Translated for Spanish-speaking clients during court proceedings

Community Service

Committee Member, Our Future East Las Vegas Initiative

2022-Present

Nuestro Futuro Este de Las Vegas (Our Future East Las Vegas) is a multifaceted community development project aimed at bringing economic development, housing options, public infrastructure, and services to neighborhoods in the east valley. The initiatives are all a part of the 2050 Master Plan, which provides the foundation for future land development, parks accessibility, transportation improvements, and job creation in the greater area of east Las Vegas. Contributions include attending regular committee meetings, recording presentations for campaign materials, and working directly with local leadership to provide feedback on plan deliverables.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Criminal Justice Honor Society, Alpha Phi Sigma
Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program
Western Political Science Association
Urban Affairs Association

SKILLS

Language: Spanish, French

Data Analysis & Visualization Software: Canva, Prezi, Tableau, MAXQDA, Atlas.ti, Otter.ai