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EDUCATION

Doctoral Candidate (ABD) Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	2016-present
Graduate Minor in Gender and Women's Studies , University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	2019
M.A. Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign	2019
B.S. Anthropology and Sociology, California State Polytechnic University Pomona	2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexuality and Gender; Race; Urban Sociology; Latino/a Studies; Political Economy; Resistance;
Women of Color Feminisms; Queer of Color Theory; Intersectional Feminism; Transnationalism

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2021	Hernandez, Jessennya. 2021. "Foster Youth Perspectives: How Foster Youth Navigate and Mobilize Their Rights within the Foster Care System." <i>Humanity and Society</i> . DOI: 10.1177/0160597621991546
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FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND DISTINCTIONS

2021	Department of Sociology Summer Writing Fellowship, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2020	Graduate College Conference Participation Grant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2020	Nominated for Grad Representative for American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Sexualities and Race, Class, and Gender Section
2019	Graduate College Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2018	Department of Sociology Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2018	Graduate College Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
2018	High Pass - Qualifying Paper/ Master's Thesis: "Foster Youth Perspectives: Mobilizing Rights within the Foster Care System"
2018	High Pass - Transnational Gender and Sexuality Qualifying Exam

- 2016-19 Graduate College Distinguished Fellowship Recipient, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2015&16 Cecil Brown Endowment Scholarship Recipient, California State Polytechnic University Pomona
- 2014&15 Ronald E. McNair Scholar's Stipend Recipient, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2021 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies: Teaching two discussion sections
- Winter 2020 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Sociology
- Fall 2020 Teaching Assistant for Politics of Fashion: Teaching two discussion sections
- Summer 2020 Teaching Assistant for the Summer Predoctoral Institute in the Graduate College
- Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant for Criminology
- Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Sociology: Teaching three discussion sections
- October 2019 Guest lecture for Spanish: Race and Ethnicity with Dr. Vincent Cervantes: "Latinx Resistance in LA: Disidentification and Counterspace"
- April 2019 Guest lecture for Sociology: Race and Ethnicity with Dr. Ghassan Moussawi: "Latinx Life in LA: Creating Space and Artistic/ Creative Practices"
- March 2019 Guest lecture for Human Development and Family Studies with Dr. Robin Jarrett: "Work and Family"
- April 2018 Guest lecture for Sociology: Race and Ethnicity with Dr. Ghassan Moussawi: "Latinx Resistance in LA: Disidentification and Counterspace"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- August 2020 "Los Angeles: How Space is Taken Up, Reimagined and Created Despite Gentrification" Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Annual Conference
- August 2020 "Los Angeles: How Space is Taken Up, Reimagined and Created Despite Gentrification" National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Annual Conference (accepted but cancelled)
- August 2020 "Los Angeles: How Space is Taken Up, Reimagined and Created Despite Gentrification" American Sociological Association Annual Conference - Latina/o Sociology Panel: An Invitation to Reflexivity: Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality and Latinx Sociology

- August 2019 “Latinx Resistance in the Everyday” American Sociological Association Annual Conference – Latina/o Sociology Roundtable, New York City
- August 2018 “Negotiating Sexuality, Identity, and Marginalization: How Latinx Women Assert Power and Place in the City” American Sociological Association - Sexualities Preconference: Sexualities, Race & Empire: Resistance In An Uncertain Time, Philadelphia
- April 2018 “Latinx American Women: Negotiating Dominant Representations and Marginality in Los Angeles” Amber Buckley-Shaklee Graduate Student Conference in Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- April 2017 “Perceptions and Behavior: How Foster Youth Mobilize Their Rights” Amber Buckley-Shaklee Graduate Student Conference in Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- July 2016 “Cultural Differences in Experience with Civil Justice Problems” Illinois Summer Research Symposium, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- Aug 2015 “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk” Creative Activities and Research Symposium, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- Aug 2015 “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk” Ronald E. McNair Scholars 23rd California Scholars Program Symposium, University of California, Berkeley
- July 2015 “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk” SROP Research Symposium, Purdue University
- May 2015 “Legal and Personal Perspectives on the American Foster Care System” Lowell Overton Undergraduate Research Conference, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- May 2015 “Legal and Personal Perspectives on the American Foster Care System” 3rd Annual Student Research Conference, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Research Assistant: Collected qualitative data for Dr. Rebecca Sandefur under the Community Needs and Services Study, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign
- 2014-16 Ronald E. McNair Research: Conducted original research titled “Legal and Personal Perspectives on the American Foster Care System”, California State Polytechnic University Pomona
- 2015 Summer Research Opportunity Program: Conducted original research titled “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk”, Purdue University

SERVICE ACTIVITIES AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZING

- 2021 Organizer and Presider for Sexualities Section Invited Panel on “Decolonizing Sexualities Studies”, American Sociological Association, August
- 2020 - Mentor for the “Research Support/ Experience Collaboration” by Sociology for Women in Society /American Sociological Association
- 2019 Panelist and Organizer for “Solidarities of Difference” Conference, Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, September
- 2019 Panelist for “Navigating Graduate School as a Person of Color”, University of California, Los Angeles, August
- 2018-2019 Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Elected Member
- 2018 - Sociology Graduate Student Mentor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2018 - Mentor for Illinois Science and Technology Institute
- 2018 Mentor for Society for the Advancement of Hispanics, Chicanos and Native Americans in Science, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2017 Facilitator for “Community of Scholars” Program Conference in the Graduate College, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- 2014-17 Intern and Mentor for Seeds of Peace Organization, Pomona, CA
- 2014-15 Undergraduate Intern for the Renaissance Scholars, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Sexualities
Race, Class, and Gender
Latina/o Sociology
Sociologists for Women in Society
Summer Pre-Doctoral Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Ronald E McNair Scholar, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Proficient in reading, speaking, and writing

COMPUTER SKILLS

Applications: IBM SPSS & STATA