**Curriculum Vitae**

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**EDUCATION**

Expected 2022 Masters of Arts in Sociology, Sociology

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2017 - 2019 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (Minor in Women’s and Gender Studies)

University of Central Florida

Thesis: Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships

Advisor: Michael Armato

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Transnational Gender and Sexualities; Latinx Diaspora; Queer and Feminist Activism

**PUBLICATIONS**

2021 Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. “Book Review on Expanding the Rainbow: Exploring the Relationships of Bi+, Polyamorous, Kinky, Ace, Intersex, and Trans People.” *Teaching Sociology* 49(3): 309-311.

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2022 Rijo Sánchez. Amaury. “*Soñamos Vida Digna;* An Ethnographic Account of Puerto Rican Feminist Organizing and Activism.” Illinois Sociological Association Annual Conference, November 2022, Decatur, IL.

2022 Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. “Feminist, Transfeminist, and LGBTQ+ Activism in Puerto Rico.” Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Conference, April 2022, Roundtable, Chicago, IL.

2019 Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. “Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships.” Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

*\*Invited Panelist*

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Summer 2022 **Sexuality General Fellow (Summer 2022)**: The California Institute of

Integral Studies (CIIS) recruited fellows for the development of multiple

research studies through the Human Sexuality department. My duties

involve: Supporting the analysis and write up of data from the “LGBTQ

Higher Education” data set, serving as a team support for the research

related to my variables for my assigned paper(s), and work collaboratively

as part of a research team to produce a publishable paper using data and

variables the LGBTQ Higher Education’ data set.

2021 **Graduate Research Assistant**: “Unlearning Racism” Department of Art

and Design. Working as a platform translator. Project intended to bring race

and intersectionality into educational as well as industrial environments.

2018 – 2019 **Undergraduate Honor’s Thesis**: “Gender Negotiation Among People in

Poly/Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships” Topic: By looking at reported communication strategies between polyamorous individuals, this study found that the social location of marginalized sexual and gender identities fosters a sense of solidarity through which people redefine the meaning in their interactions as they inform people’s identity. Nevertheless, these dynamics result in the resistance of some aspects of the dominant social order and the reproduction of others.

2018 **Research Assistant**: “Restoration and Resilience in Coupled Human-

Natural Systems: Reciprocal Dynamics of a Coastal Lagoon” Topic: NSF-funded, interdisciplinary research project that explored the role of small-scale, community-based restoration projects in facilitating enhanced resilience within both human and ecological systems.

2017 – 2018 **Undergraduate Research**: “Social Standards for Femininity and its

correlation to Rape Culture” Topic: A female, frequently, finds her self-

worth in the approval of socially established feminine standards. In the

present study, 300 female college students completed a survey addressing

both social standards for femininity and their experience of sexual

harassment.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Graduate Teaching Assistantships**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Department of Sociology (2019 – Present)

SOC 101: Sociology of Gender – Fall 2019, Fall 2021

SOC 170: Integration, Assimilation, and Multiculturalism: America's Immigrant Society –

Spring 2020

SOC 350: Technology and Society – Spring 2020

SOC 378: Sociology of Law – Spring 2020

SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology – Spring 2021

SOC 196: Introduction to U.S. Law And Legal Institutions – Spring 2022

GWS: Student Success Initiative Collective Study Space for Undergraduate Students – Fall

2021

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Spring 2022

GWS/AAS 275: The Politics of Fashion – Fall 2022

GWS/SOC 202: Sexualities – Spring 2023

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2019 Presider for the paper session “Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Altlanta, GA.

2018 Presider for the paper session “Social Standards for Femininity and its correlation to Rape Culture.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2019 – 2021 **Graduate Student Association Committee** at UIUC – Officer

2019 – Present **Alpha Kappa Delta** International Honor Society of Sociology – Member

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2022 The MSS-AKD Teaching Certificate

2020 CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) Ethics Training Certification

– Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Human Subject Research

Curriculum Completion. Valid until 2023.

2018 – 2019 Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program

**LANGUAGES**

English: Fluent

Spanish: Native speaker