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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2010- 2011 Assistant Professor (contract), Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences,
Drew University, Madison, New Jersey

EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D., Sociology
Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
PhD Minor: Research methods
Qualifying Exam: Children and Youth, concentration in Latina/o and immigrant youth
Dissertation: "The Power of Youth in an Emerging Latina/o Community."
Committee: Donna Eder (Chair), William Corsaro, Jennifer Lee, Jose Rosario
- 2003 M.A. in Sociology, Summa Cum Laude
New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico
Thesis: "Testing the Disidentification Hypothesis with Hispanic Subgroup Students"
Committee: Lee Hamilton (Chair), Lisa Frehill, John Nieto-Phillips
- 2001 B.S. in Family Studies, Summa Cum Laude with Honors
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas
Honors Thesis: "The Meaning of Teen Pregnancy: Phenomenological Experiences of Hispanic Girls"

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

children and youth	immigration	research methods (qualitative, quantitative)
race/ethnicity	education	social psychology
social movements	mental health	

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2009-2010 Latino Studies Dissertation Year Award, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2009 Summer Predoctoral Fellow, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
- 2006 Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Scholar, Indiana University and University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2005-2008 National Institute of Mental Health Minority Fellow, American Sociological Association, Washington D.C.
- 2004-2010 Chancellor's Fellow, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- 2004-2008 Tuition Scholarship, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2001- 2003 Commission on Higher Education Graduate Fellow, New Mexico State University
- 2001 Banner Bearer/1st Honor Graduate, Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences
- 2000-2001 Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Texas Tech University

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2008 “Rights, Camera, Action” project grant, Aid for Democracy, Washington, D.C.
- 2006 Summer Methods Training Funds, Indiana University Sociology Department
- 2006 Research Travel Award to Argentina, Indiana University School of Education
- 2005 Summer Research Fellowship, Indiana University Sociology Department

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming “Immigrant Student Educational Experiences in an Emerging Latina/o Community in the Midwest.” Book chapter in *The Education of the Hispanic Population* (co-editors: Richard Verdugo & Billie Gastic), Volume 2 of The Hispanic Population Series.
- 2002 Reyes, Melissa K. “Protective Factors Against Teen Pregnancy from the Hispanic Teen Perspective: A Phenomenological Study,” *McNair Scholars Annual Research Journal, Texas Tech University, Vol. 5, 2000-2001*

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Pocha in the Field: Intersectional Identity and Subject Relations with Latina/o Youth.” Under revision for resubmission to the *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*

“Is Timing Important?: What Age of Immigration Means for Latina/o Student Outcomes” a quantitative analysis using NELS and Add Health data (working paper available)

“Different Soils, Different Flowers: Identity of Latina/o Youth in Emerging Latina/o Communities” (Theoretical model complete, data analysis phase)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2011 *Co-facilitator*: “La Cultura Cura: Sanando el Alma with Activities tha Nurture and Heal the Soul” Indiana Latino Leadership Conference, Ball State University, Muncie, IN.
- 2009 *Presenter*: “Out of the Shadows: How Social Justice Development Affects Immigrant Youth Identity and Consciousness” Society for the Study of Social

Problems Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

- 2009 *Presenter:* “Methods of Working with Latina/o Youth” Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL
- 2008 *Presenter:* “Parallel Processes: Ethnic Identity for Minority Youth within the Identity Theory/Self Esteem Framework” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Boston, MA.
- 2008 *Co-presenter:* “The Latino Youth Collective on Immigration,” The Providence Justice Network, St. Mary of the Woods, Indiana
- 2008 *Co-presenter:* “Los Invenzibles/Our Invincible Youth,” Nuestra America in the U.S.: A Latino Studies Conference, Lawrence, Kansas
- 2006 *Presenter:* “Academic Experiences for Mexican Immigrant Youth: A U.S. Case Study,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
- 2006 *Presenter:* “Academic Engagement for Mexican Immigrant Youth: A U.S. Case Study,” 11th Interamerican Symposium on Ethnographic Educational Research, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2006 *Presenter:* “Latino Immigrant Youth Experiences in a Midwestern Town,” Latino Graduate Student Association Spring Research Symposium, Bloomington, IN
- 2005 *Presenter:* “Some Care More than Others: Academic Disidentification in Hispanic Students,” Latino Graduate Student Association Spring Research Symposium, Bloomington, IN.

INVITED LECTURES/PANELS

- 2010 *Panel discussant:* Adelante Mujer: Latina Activism. La Casa Cultural Center, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- 2009 *Panel discussant:* The Confident Graduate Student: Successful Strategies for Dealing with Feelings of Self-doubt. ASA Student Forum, Professional Workshop
- 2008 *Guest lecturer:* Sociology social psychology/service learning class. Presentation on Latino youth group and participatory research techniques.
- 2008 *Guest lecturer:* Presentation on Participatory Action Research as method. Methods class, Sociology department, Indiana University
- 2008 *Panel discussant:* “Diversity in the classroom: Teaching Diversity Issues as a Student of Color,” Graduate Sociology Seminar, Indiana University
- 2008 *Guest lecturer:* Presentation on Latino youth group and participatory theatre techniques as pedagogy, Sociology service learning class, Indiana University

- 2008 *Panel discussant:* “Public Sociology in Action,” Public Sociology Colloquium, Indiana University
- 2005 *Panel discussant:* “The Graduate School Experience,” Latino Leadership Conference, Indiana University
- 2004 *Panel discussant:* “The Graduate School Experience,” Alliance for Graduate Education in the Professoriate (AGEP), New Mexico State University
- 2003 *Guest Lecturer:* Presentation on Hispanic high school dropouts, Sociology social problems class, New Mexico State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2010-11 *Assistant Professor,* Drew University
Research Methods in Behavioral Sciences
 Multidisciplinary quantitative/qualitative research methods class, 15 students
The Individual and Society
 Upper level sociological social psychology class, 20 students
Race and Mental Health in Behavioral Sciences
 Senior seminar, self designed course, 20 students
Introductory Sociology
 2 sections of 30 students each
- 2010-11 *Internship Advisor:* Drew University
 Advising students on conceptual, theoretical and methodological issues in various field experiences throughout the east coast, 10 students.
- 2008 *Instructor:* Indiana University
Sociology of Childhood
 Upper level class of 50 students
- 2008 *Co-facilitator:* Latino Youth Collective summer workshop, Indianapolis, IN
 Instructed immigrant and Latino youth on interviewing techniques as method
- 2007 *Facilitator:* El Puente/FIRME summer workshops, Indianapolis, IN.
 Instructed immigrant and Latino youth to film, create video and design murals
- 2007 *Instructor:* Youth and Society, New Mexico State University.
 Online class of 30+ students.
- 2004 *Graduate Teaching Assistant:* Indiana University
Social Organizations: grading, grade management, review sessions
- 2004 *Adjunct Faculty:* El Paso Community College, El Paso, Tx.
Introductory Sociology, 2 sections
 30+ bilingual students
- 2004 *Instructor:* New Mexico State University

Introductory Sociology
75 students

- 2003 *Instructor: New Mexico State University*
Freshman Year Experience Course
Freshman success course for 30+ children of farm workers and first generation college students
- 2003-2001 *Graduate Teaching Assistant: New Mexico State University*
Introductory Sociology, 3 sections: grading, review sessions, tutoring, grade management

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2008-present *Co-researcher, Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, IN.*
El Puente: Latino Youth in a Community Organization, Principal Investigator: Jose Rosario
- 2005 *Research Assistant, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*
State Education Policy, Regional Climates, and Local Practice for the Incorporation of Indiana's Newcomer Latino Students, Principal Investigator: Bradley Levinson
- 2005 *Research Assistant, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*
7 demographic database comparison to determine usefulness in analyzing health effects of racism and discrimination for Quincy Stewart.
- 2004 *Research Assistant, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN*
From Black Power to Black Studies, book project for Fabio Rojas
- 2002-2004 *Principal investigator, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM*
Master's thesis work with National Education Longitudinal Study of 1988
- 2002 *Research Assistant, New Mexico Alliance for Graduate Education for the Professorate (AGEP), Las Cruces, NM, Principal Investigator: Lisa Frehill*
- 2000-2001 *Research Assistant, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX*
The Meaning of Teen Pregnancy and Motherhood: Phenomenological Experiences of Hispanic and African American Girls, Principal Investigator: Yvonne Caldera

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2008 *Cross-Ethnic Collaborative Research, Indiana Intensive Didactic Seminars, Indiana University*
- 2008 *Oncourse Discussion Forums and Gradebook: utilizing online forums and grading to facilitate teaching, Indiana University Intensive Didactic Seminars*

- 2007 *Qualitative Methods Workshop*, Karl F. Schuessler Institute Intensive Program, Indiana University
- 2007 *Democracy School: Train the Trainers*: Political education/leadership development program, Fair Immigration Reform Movement, Chicago, IL.
- 2006 *Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program*, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- 2003 “*Teaching Minority and First-Generation College Students*,” Teaching Seminar. Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University
- 2003 “*Publish and Flourish*” Semester-Long Writing Sem., Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University
- 2003 “*Be All You Can Be-Teach!*” Teaching Seminar, Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University
- 2003 “*The Work of Writing*” Interactive writing workshop, Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University
- 2003 “*Managing Your Time, Managing Your Paper*” (how to get organized and manage time), Organization Seminar, Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University
- 2002 “*Learning it and Using It*” WebCt Seminar, Information and Communication Technologies, New Mexico State University

SERVICE

To the Profession

- 2008-present Occasional reviewer for *Social Problems*, a publication of the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2008-2010 Race and Ethnic Relations Committee, Indiana University, founding member
- 2008-2010 Public Sociology Forum, Indiana University, member
- 2008 “Social Research on Race: Building Bridges across the Academic Pipeline,” Diversity Series Symposium, Indiana University, steering committee member

To the University

- 2010 DREAM IU Student Organization, Bloomington, IN, advisor
- 2004-2010 Latino Graduate Student Association, Indiana University (Treasurer 2005-2006)
- 2003–2004 Teaching Academy, New Mexico State University, Distinguished Member
- 2003-2004 Student Voices for Peace, New Mexico State University

- 2003 1st Annual Sociology and Anthropology Spring Symposium, New Mexico State University, steering committee member, facilitator
- 2002- 2003 MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Atzlan) de New Mexico State University, member
- 2000-2001 Phi Upsilon Omicron, Texas Tech University, Initiation Chair
- 2000-2001 Minority Scholars Reading and Discussion Group, Texas Tech University Department of Human Development and Family Studies, founding member
- 2000-2001 Human Sciences Ethnic Minority Organization, Texas Tech University

To the Community

- 2007-present Latino Youth Collective, Indianapolis, IN, facilitator
- 2003-present Las Cruces-Chiapas Connection, Las Cruces, NM: organization promoting fair trade sale of weavings for indigenous Maya communities, founding member
- 2002-2004 Amigas de las Mujeres de Juarez, Las Cruces, NM: international organization seeking justice for murdered women of Juarez, Mexico, member
- 2001-2002 Pen pal program, Literacy Council, Las Cruces, NM
- 1999-2000 Americorps Member, Lubbock, Tx. (service to Special Olympics, the Food Bank, Toys for Tots, the Children's Home and Women's Protective Services)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association
Section Memberships: Children and Youth, Latino/a Sociology, Collective Behavior/Social Movements
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
Section memberships: Community Research and Development; Conflict, Social Action and Change; and Youth, Aging and the Life Course
- Alpha Kappa Delta
 Golden Key National Honor Society

REFERENCES

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