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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Southern California (USC)
**Tenure-Clock Pauses for ADA (2021-2022) & (2024-2025)*

2022-26 Appointed Delegate of the American Sociological Association to the International Sociological Association (under UNESCO)

2019 Faculty Affiliate, USC Dornsife Equity Research Institute (ERI)

2020-21 Turpanjian Postdoctoral Fellow in Civil Society and Social Change, ERI

2019-20 Provost Postdoctoral Scholar, USC

EDUCATION

2019 PhD in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
Dissertation: "Documenting the Undocumented: the Construction of Legal Residency as a Substantive Right under the Mercosur Residency Agreement"

2016 Visiting Doctoral Scholar, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

2013 MA in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

2007 BA in Sociology, Grinnell College

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* co-author was a graduate student when written)

Book Manuscript

Del Real, Deisy. 2027. *Unexpected Diplomats: The Making of Immigrant Rights Policy in South America*. Stanford University Press. (Publication date: May 2027)

Articles

Del Real, Deisy. 2025. "Gradations of Migrant Legality: The Impact of States' Legal Structures and Bureaucracies on Immigrant Legalization and Livelihoods." *International Migration Review* 59(4): 2064-2094.

- International Sociological Association, Comparative Sociology (RC20), Best Article Award, 2026
- International Sociological Association, Sociology of Migration (RC31), Best Article Award, 2025
- Latin American Studies Association, International Migration Section, Best Paper Award, 2023 (2nd place)
- *IMR* High Impact Article Designation in 2024, 2025, and 2026 for "Most Cited" in the last three years.

Del Real, Deisy, and Blanca A. Ramirez*. 2025. "Remitting amid Autocracy: Venezuelan migrant remittances to relatives enduring widespread structural violence." *Current Sociology* 73(6): 874-894.

- Shortlisted for the Current Sociology 2025 Sage Best Paper prize, 2026

Del Real, Deisy, and Menjívar, Cecilia. 2024. "The Tools of Autocracy Worldwide: Authoritarian Networks, the Façade of Democracy, and Neo Repression." *American Behavioral Scientist (ABS)* 68(12): 1559-1577.

- *ABS* High Impact Article Designation in 2025 for "Most Read in Last Six Months" and in 2026 for "Most Cited Articles" in the last three years.

Del Real, Deisy, Felipe Crowhurst-Pons, and Lizeth Olave*. 2023."The Work, Economic, and Remittance Stress and Distress of the COVID-19 Pandemic Containment Policies: The Case of Venezuelan Migrants in Argentina and Chile." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 20(4): 3569.

Del Real, Deisy. 2022. "Seemingly Inclusive Liminal Legality: The Fragility and Illegality Production of Colombia's Legalization Programs for Venezuelan Migrants." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* (*JEMS*) 48(15): 3580-3601.

- Latin American Studies Association, International Migration Section, Best Paper Award, 2021 (1st place)
- *JEMS* High Impact Article Designation in 2023 and 2024 for "Most Cited" in the last three years.

Del Real, Deisy. 2019. "Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties," *International Migration Review (IMR)* 53(2): 548-570.

- International Sociological Association, Sociology of Migration (RC31), Best Article Award, 2021
- American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section, Best Student Paper Award, 2018
- American Sociological Association, International Migration Section, Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award, Honorable Mention, 2018
- *IMR* High Impact Article Designation in 2018 for "Most Read" and in 2020, 2021, and 2022 for "Most Cited" in the last three years.

Journal Special Issues

Del Real, Deisy, and Menjívar, Cecilia. 2024 "The Tools of Autocracy Across the World [Part 1 & 2]." *American Behavioral Scientist* 68(12): 1559-1678 (Co-editors of Two Issues).

Chapter

Del Real, Deisy. 2019. "'They See Us Like Trash': How Mexican Illegality Stigma Affects the Psychological Well-Being of Undocumented and US-Born Young Adults of Mexican Descent." Pp. 205–228 in *Immigration and Health*, edited by R. Frank. *Advances in Medical Sociology* 19. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited.

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION (* co-author was a graduate student when written)

Advanced Stages of Review and Publication

Del Real, Deisy. "The Power of Weakness and Velvet Handcuffs: The Microsocial and Recursive Foundations of Interstate Power"

- Stage: Revise & Resubmit.

Del Real, Deisy, and Clara Alvarez Caraveo*. "Legal Inclusion or Economic Security? Explaining Venezuelan Migration to Argentina vs. the United States."

- Stage: Revise & Resubmit.

Del Real, Deisy. "Bureaucratic Grit: How Mid-Level State Bureaucrats Advanced Immigrant Rights Laws in Brazil and Paraguay"

- Stage: Revise & Resubmit.

In Preparation

Del Real, Deisy. "Internalizing the Border: Explaining Intra-Group Resentments among Venezuelan Asylum Seekers."

- Invited manuscript under preparation for *The Russell Sage Foundation (RSF) Journal of the Social Sciences*
- For the thematic issue, "The New Asylum Seekers: Subnational Dynamics of Migration Governance in the United States" (eds. Angela S. Garcia, Rebecca Hamlin, and Abigail Fisher Williamson)

Del Real, Deisy. "Multiple Legalities." Manuscript in preparation.

Del Real, Deisy and Lucibel Contreras*. "Racialized Gradations of Legality." Manuscript in preparation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Book Review

Del Real, Deisy. 2022. *Unauthorized Love: Mixed-Citizenship Couples Negotiating Intimacy, Immigration, and the State* by Jane Lilly López (Stanford University Press). *International Migration Review*. Online First (link).

Op-Eds, Newsletters, and Reports

Del Real, Deisy. 2026. "Disruptive Transitions: Why We Need to Study Immigrant Legalization as a Process." *International Sociological Association RC-31 Newsletter* June: 35-17. (link)

Del Real, Deisy. 2026. "Welcoming new council member: Deisy Del Real," *World on the Move* 32(1): 10-11. (link)

Menjívar, Cecilia, and Deisy Del Real. 2024. "Meet the New Autocrats Who Dismantle Democracies from Within." *Scientific American*. (link)

Del Real, Deisy. 2023. "Don't Be Fooled by Biden's Plan for Migration Centers," *Newsweek Magazine*. (link)

Del Real, Deisy. 2023. "Enriching Sociology Through Global Collaborations." *ASA Footnotes*, Spring (link)

Del Real, Deisy. 2023. "The Political Violence of Relocating Immigrants." *CALÓ News*. (link)

- Named one of the best *CALÓ News* op-eds in 2023

Del Real, Deisy. 2021. "Migrant Legalization and Rights: Ideas and Strategies from South America." *USC ERI Blog Series*. (link)

Barrera, Jorge, Fernando Gómez, and Deisy Del Real. 2016. "Intervenciones de Participantes del Seminario Internacional en la Sesión Extraordinaria de la Junta Departamental de San José." *Observatorio de Políticas Publicas de Derechos Humanos en el Mercosur* 3(3): 27-34.

Del Real, Deisy. 2015. "A Century of Jinetes." Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans Annual Newsletter, *The New American*, Fall Issue.

Del Real, Deisy, Dan Ichinose, Victoria Wilson, Karin Wang, Marita Etcubanez, Terry Ao-Minnis, and Olivia Chow. 2011. "A Community of Contrasts: Asian Americans in the United States, 2011." *Asian Americans Advancing Justice*, Los Angeles, CA.

AWARDS

2026 International Sociological Association, Comparative Sociology (RC20), Best Article Award

2026 Shortlisted for the Current Sociology 2025 Sage Best Paper prize

2025 International Sociological Association, Sociology of Migration (RC31), Best Article Award

2023 Latin American Studies Association, International Migration Section, Best Article Award (2nd place)

2021 Latin American Studies Association, International Migration Section, Best Article Award (1st place)

2021 International Sociological Association, Sociology of Migration (RC31), Best Article Award

2018 Charles E. & Sue K. Young Graduate Award
Highest honor by the UCLA College Deans for exemplary academic achievement, research, and service (One of four across UCLA; only recipient in the social sciences)

2018 American Sociological Association, The Sociology of Law Section, Winner of the Graduate Student Paper Award

2018 American Sociological Association, International Migration Section, Honorable Mention for the Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award

HONORS

2022-26 Delegate of the American Sociological Association to the International Sociological Association (under UNESCO) - 2022-2026

2023 Named one of the Best *CALÓ News* Op-eds of 2023

RESEARCH GRANTS

2026-28 The Russell Sage Foundation with the Carnegie Corporation of New York ($75,000)
- Project: "Becoming Undeserving - Venezuelan Migrants' Incorporation Across Time" (USA)

2025-26 The Center for Engaged Scholarship Grant ($3,000)
- Project: "The Incorporation Venezuelan Migrants in Florida" (USA)

2024-25 The Russell Sage Foundation with the Gates Foundation, Pipeline Grant ($35,000)
- Project: "The Socioeconomic Incorporation and Well-Being of Venezuelan Migrants Across the Americas" (USA, Argentina, Colombia, and Chile)

2024-25 American Bar Foundation (ABF)/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Faculty Scholar ($70,000)
- Project: "The Legal and Socioeconomic Incorporation of Venezuelan Migrants Across the Americas" (USA, Argentina, Colombia, and Chile)

2021-22 National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)
Principal Investigator, independent NIH-reviewed pilot project under the USC Keck School of Medicine's MADRES Center's grant [#P50MD015705] ($82,480)
- Project: "The Impact of COVID-19 Containment Measures on the Socioeconomic Incorporation and Psychological Well-being of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia"

2018 Sociology Department's Board of Visitors Graduate Student Fieldwork Grant Award ($2,500)
- Project: "Why do Most South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights? The Case of Mercosur" (Argentina)

2017-18 National Science Foundation, Sociology Program's Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Award ($11,975)
- Project: "Why do Most South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights? The Case of Mercosur" (Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay)

FELLOWSHIPS

2025 The Summer Institute on Organizations and Their Effectiveness at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS), Stanford University

2023 PD Soros and the Op-Ed Project Public Voices Fellowship

2020 Turpanjian Postdoctoral Fellow in Civil Society and Social Change, USC

2019 Provost Postdoctoral Fellow, USC

2019 Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Postdoc (declined)

2019 Harvard Academy for International and Area Studies, finalist

2018 The Center for Engaged Scholarship Fellowship ($41,820)

2018 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention

2018 UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship ($36,820)

2017 UCLA Center for Mexican Studies Tutoring Program Award ($2,400)

2012 UCLA Graduate Division Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Grantee ($6,000)

2012-16 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship ($144,450)

2011-12 The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans ($90,000)

2011-18 The Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, UCLA ($88,500)

2003 The Posse Foundation, Grinnell Posse One Full Tuition Scholarship ($100,000)

COMPETATIVE WORKSHOPS (All Invited)

2026 Structure and Organization of Government (SOG) Research Committee Workshop (RC IPSA) on Assessing the Policy Influence of Career Civil Servants in Turbulent Times, Montreal, Canada

2026 The New Asylum Seekers: Subnational Dynamics of Migration Governance in the United States, the Russell Sage Foundation

2026 On the Move: Migration Policies in Latin America and the Caribbean, the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and the UCLA Center for the Study of International Migration

2024 What Works? Understanding Positive Performance and Improvement in Public Sector Organizations in the Global South, University of Notre Dame & the Centro de Investigacion y Docencia Economicas, CIDI, Mexico

2023 Summer Workshop on Public Sector Organizational Effectiveness (University of Notre Dame)

2021 UC-Los Angeles and UC-San Diego Emerging Scholars Workshop

2017 International Studies Association-West Emerging Scholars Forum Award

2017 Law and Society Association's Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop

EXPERT CONSULTANCY

2025 Academic Consultant to Film about former U.S. Secretary of Labor Julie Su

2016-25 Academic Consultant to Chilean migration authorities

2023 Academic Consultant to IX Ronda del Proceso de Quito (twice)

2022 Academic Consultant to XX Conferencia Suramericana Sobre Migraciones

2013-22 Undocumented Student Consultant to the National Association of Fellowship Advisors (NAFA), the Posse Foundation, Pomona College, and Occidental College

2015-16 Consultant to Chilean and Uruguayan governments and to Mercosur on how to assists migrant children, protect labor migrants, and create legalization program

2014 Consultant to the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans on the legality of accepting DACA students

INVITED TALKS

Book *Unexpected Diplomats: The Making of Immigrant Rights in South America*

2027 University of California, Irvine, CA, USA.

2026 Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIFAR), Boundaries, Membership & Belonging Program, Alberta, Canada.

Other Research-based Invited Presentations

2027 Invited Discussant for Antje Ellermann and Mireille Paquet's Book Workshop, Concordia Institute for Research on Migration and Society (IRMS), Montreal, Canada.

2026 "Bureaucratic Grit," Structure and Organization of Government (SOG) Research Committee Workshop (RC IPSA) on Assessing the Policy Influence of Career Civil Servants in Turbulent Times, Montreal, Canada.

2026 "Immigrant Legalization Across the Americas" 2026 ND Mexico City Migration Conference, University of Notre Dame, Mexico City, Mexico (unable to attend).

2026 "Bureaucratic Grit," American Political Science Association Conference, Special Session on "Rethinking Migration Governance: Regularization, Rights, and the State. Boston, MA.

2026 "Internalizing the Border," The Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY.

2026 "Best Article Award - Gradations of Migrant Legality," the 2nd RC20 Regional Conference on Comparative Sociology & the 1st RC56 Regional Conference on Historical Sociology & the 5th RC33 Regional Conference on Social Science Methodology: Asia. Khon Kaen, Thailand and Tokyo, Japan.

2026 "Bureaucratic Grit," Universidad de Nebrija, Facultad de Derecho y de Relaciones Internacionales, Madrid, Spain.

2026 "Legal Inclusion or Economic Prosperity?" UCLA Center for the Study of International Migration, Los Angeles, CA.

2025 "Multiple Legalities Multiply Temporal Injustices." American Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Faculty Scholars Workshop, Chicago, IL.

2025 "Multiple Legalities Multiply Temporal Injustices." Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant Recipients' Workshop, New Jersey, NY.

2025 "Venezuelan Migrant Legalization Across the Americas." American Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Faculty Scholars Workshop, Phoenix, AZ.

2025 "Immigration: Is There a Way Forward?" USC Dornsife Center for the Political Future, Los Angeles, CA.

2024 "Venezuelan Migrant Legalization Across the Americas." American Bar Foundation's Access to Justice Faculty Scholars Workshop, Chicago, IL.

2024 "California Issues Forum: Immigration & Immigrant Rights." Institute on Race, Power, and Political Economy, and the Scholars Strategy Network Los Angeles Unified, Los Angeles, CA.

2024 "Movilidad y migraciones en América Latina y el Caribe," Universidad de Nebrija, Facultad de Derecho y de Relaciones Internacionales, Madrid, Spain.

2024 "Chapter 7: Why the Delay? Regional Dynamics Indirectly Impact on Immigration Reform in Brazil and Paraguay," Historical Comparativists Day, UCLA and Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.

2023 "Gobernanza Migratoria," Colombian Consulate, Los Angeles, CA.

2023 "Inside Migration Bureaucracy," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Invited Discussant, Philadelphia, PA.

2023 "Primer encuentro regional de la Academia sobre movilidad humana en América Latina y el Caribe," Proceso de Quito Invited Academic Representative, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2023 "Toolkit of Emerging Autocrats," XX ISA World Congress, Invited National Association Session (competitive process), Co-organizer with Cecilia Menjívar, Melbourne, Australia.

2023 "What does it mean to conduct community-engaged research," USC Equity Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 "Encuentro de la Conferencia Suramérica sobre Migraciones con actores de la academia." XX Conferencia Suramericana Sobre Migraciones," Invited Academic Consultant, Santiago, Chile.

2022 "Bureaucratic (Mis)Management of South-South Migration," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Presidential Invited Session, Organizer and Presenter, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 "La acogida gubernamental de los migrantes en América Latina: entre la migración como derecho humano y la producción de irregularidad," Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs & REDLAC, Santiago, Chile.

2022 "Preliminary Findings Report 2: The Impact of COVID-19 Containment Measures on the Socioeconomic Incorporation and Psychological Well-being of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia," USC MADRES, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 "Gradations of Legality: the impact of regional agreements, immigration laws, executive administrative action, and disruptive transitions on the legalization and incorporation of Venezuelan migrants in Argentina and Chile," University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO.

2021 "Gradations of Legality: the legal status acquisition of Venezuelan immigrants in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia," UC-Los Angeles and UC-San Diego Emerging Scholars Workshop, Los Angeles, CA.

2021 "Migrantes venezolanos(as) en Chile y política de inmigración chilena," UCLA Latin American Institute, Los Angeles, CA.

2021 "Preliminary Findings Report 1: The Impact of COVID-19 Containment Measures on the Socioeconomic Incorporation and Psychological Well-being of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia," USC MADRES, Los Angeles, CA.

2021 "The Impact of COVID-19 Containment Measures on the Socioeconomic Incorporation and Psychological Well-being of Venezuelan Migrants and Refugees in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia," USC MADRES, Los Angeles, CA.

2021 "Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence Within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties," University of California-Merced, Merced, CA.

2021 "Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence Within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties," University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

2021 "Perro Bomba: The Haitian Immigration in Chile," UCLA Latin American Institute, Los Angeles, CA.

2021 "Gradations of Legality: the legal status acquisition of Venezuelan immigrants in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia," University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC.

2020 "El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur," Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago, Chile.

2020 "COVID-19 y migrantes venezolanos y venezolanas en Chile y Argentina," Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile.

2020 "El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur," Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago, Chile.

2020 "El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur," Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano, Santiago, Chile.

2020 "El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur," Universidad del Desarrollo, Santiago, Chile.

2020 "Kochenov's "Citizenship" Author Meets Reader,' Law and Society Association's Annual Meeting, Invited Reader, Online.

2019 "Power and Policy Diffusion: The Politics of Ratifying the Mercosur Residency Agreements," University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

2018 "Legal Status Acquisition among Venezuelan Immigrants in South America," Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA.

2018 "Power and Policy Diffusion: The Politics of Ratifying the Mercosur Residency Agreements," NYU-Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

2018 "Power and Policy Diffusion: The Politics of Ratifying the Mercosur Residency Agreements," University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

2018 "Empowered, Persuaded, and Coerced: Paraguay's role in the negotiations of the Mercosur Residency Agreements," UCLA's Theory and Research in Comparative Social Analysis, Los Angeles, CA

2017 "Documenting the Undocumented: How Migrant Sending and Receiving Countries in South America use Mercosur to Resolve Unauthorized Migration," UCLA Sociology Board of Visitors, Los Angeles, CA

2016 "Why And How did the South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur," Global Politics of Migration and Refuge, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA.

2016 "Can Regional Integration Efforts Open National Borders to Immigrants?: The Case of Mercosur," Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA.

2015 "Opinión Consultiva OC-21/14: La Condición de los Inmigrantes Indocumentados en los Estados Unidos: Testimonio." Junta Departamental de San José, Uruguay, Invited Academic Consultant, San Jose, Uruguay.

2015 "La Condición de los Inmigrantes Indocumentados en los Estados Unidos." Niños, niñas y adolecentes migrantes: Derechos, Educación, Cultura y Salud. La Opinión Consultiva OC-21/14 de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, MERCOSUR, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and the Inter-American Children's Institute, Montevideo, Uruguay.

2015 "Research Overview: Undocumented Youth in the US and Mercosur's Open Borders and Immigrant Rights Policy," Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.

2013 "Living in Impossible: Navigating an Undocumented Life," Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA.

2011 "A Community of Contrasts: Asian Americans in the United States, 2011," Advancing Justice Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Service-based Invited Presentations

2027 *The Heart of Mentorship* Book Panel, USC.

2023 "Navigating the Academic Job Market," Demographers of Color.

2022 "Three Tips for Securing Funding at Every Stage of your PHD," University of California-

Irvine.

2022 "Early Career Scholar Panel," University of Pennsylvania.

2017 "Living in Impossible," The Posse Foundation Glitter Soiree, Los Angeles, CA, Guest of Honor for Sneak Preview of a film based on my life.

2017 "Documenting the Undocumented," The Posse Foundation Liaisons Conference, The Posse Foundation, New York, NY. Invited consultant to 57 partnered colleges and universities on how to meet the needs of students who are undocumented or have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

2014 "The Admissibility of Students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)," The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship Board of Directors Meeting, Invited Consultant.

2013 "Fellowships and Undocumented College Students: The Role of College Advisors." The National Association of Fellowship Advisors 2013 Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

2013 "Undocumented: Navigating College Life, Opportunities and Psychological Well-being," Pomona College.

2013 "AB540: Life and Health." *The Graduate Student Intern for a Summer Institute's AB540 Panel*. Occidental College.

2012 "Round table on Deferred Action: current fellows discuss the impact of this ruling on their outreach projects in immigrant communities." Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans Conference, Open Society Institute.

2012 "Keynote Welcome Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York," Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans Conference, Open Society Institute.

2012 "UndocuTalk," Occidental College, Invited Panel Moderator.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 "Bureaucratic Grit: How Mid-Level State Bureaucrats' Activism and Entrepreneurship Advanced Immigrant Rights Laws in Brazil and Paraguay," The American Political Science Association Conference, Regular Session Presenter.

2026 "Legal Inclusion or Economic Prosperity? Venezuelan Migration Decisions to Argentina and the United States," The American Sociological Association Conference, Table Session Presenter.

2026 "Bureaucratic Grit: How Mid-Level State Bureaucrats' Activism and Entrepreneurship Advanced Immigrant Rights Laws in Brazil and Paraguay," The *British Journal of Sociology* & London School of Economics Special Conference, Regular Session Presenter.

2026 "Bureaucratic Grit: How Mid-Level State Bureaucrats' Activism and Entrepreneurship Advanced Immigrant Rights Laws in Brazil and Paraguay," Law and Society Annual Meeting, Regular Session Presenter.

2025 "Bureaucratic Grit: How Mid-Level State Bureaucrats' Activism and Entrepreneurship

Advanced Immigrant Rights Laws in Brazil and Paraguay," Latin American Studies Association, Regular Session Presenter.

2024 "Gradations of Legality: The Impact of Multilayered Immigration Policies and Procedures on Immigrant Legalization and Incorporation," Latin American Studies Association, Regular Session Presenter.

2024 "Gradations of Legality: The Impact of Multilayered Immigration Policies and Procedures on Immigrant Legalization and Incorporation," Law and Society, Regular Session Presenter.

2023 "Inside the Liberal Paradoxes: How State Actors Outside the Limelight Deploy Multiple (Contradictory) Frames to Pass Inclusive Immigration Policies," American Sociological Association, Regular Session Presenter.

2023 "Inside the Liberal Paradoxes: How State Actors Outside the Limelight Deploy Multiple (Contradictory) Frames to Pass Inclusive Immigration Policies," XX ISA World Congress, Regular Session Presenter.

2023 "Transnational Caregiving amid Crises: how internationally displaced Venezuelans seek to ensure the survival of elderly relatives left behind," Global Carework Summit 2023, Regular Session Presenter with Blanca Ramirez.

2023 "Liminal Legality and Irregularity: The Fragility of Colombia's Special Legalization Permits for Venezuelan Migrants," Latin American Studies Association Conference, Regular Session Presenter.

2022 "Gradations of Legality: The Impact of Multilayered Immigration Policies and Procedures on Immigrant Legalization and Incorporation," International Studies Association Annual Convention, Regular Session Presenter.

2022 "Emerging Voices in Migration Scholarship," International Migration ASA Section's Mini-Conference, Conference Organizer.

2022 "Engaging History: Legacies, Omissions, and New Directions in Comparative Historical Sociology," Comparative Historical ASA Section's Mini-Conference, Conference Organizer.

2021 "Liminal Legality and Irregularity: The Fragility of Colombia's Special Legalization Permits for Venezuelan Migrants," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session Presenter.

2021 "Liminal Legality and Irregularity: The Fragility of Colombia's Special Legalization Permits for Venezuelan Migrants," Law and Society Annual Meeting, Regular Session Presenter.

2020 "Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence Within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties," Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session Presenter.

2017 "How do Institutional Entrepreneurs in South America Convinced Governments to Legalize Immigrants and Give them Rights: the origins and proliferation of the Mercosur Residency Agreements," International Studies Association West, Emerging Scholars Forum Presenter.

2017 "How did the South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur's Residency Agreements," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada, Regular Session Presenter.

2017 "Migrants and Global Labor Markets," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada, August, Regular Session Discussant.

2017 "Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence Within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties," SSSP in Montreal, Canada, Round Table Presenter.

2017 "What Happens When Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur's Residency Agreements," International Studies Association CISS/IDSS Conference at the University of Bologna, Italy, Regular Session Presenter.

2017 "What Happens When Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur's Residency Agreements," International Meeting on Law and Society in Mexico City, Regular Session Presenter.

2017 "Why And How did the South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur," *Going Global Conference: Collaborative Visions for a Sustainable Future*, UCLA, Regular Session Presenter.

2013 "They See Us Like Trash," The Impact of Anti-immigrant Stigma Stress on the Psychological Well-being of Unauthorized Mexican Young Adults,' *Colegio de la Frontera Norte at UCLA Graduate Student Presentations,* UCLA, Student Panel Presenter.

2013 "They See Us Like Trash," The Impact of Anti-immigrant Stigma Stress on the Psychological Well-being of Unauthorized Mexican Young Adults,' *The International Symposium on Illegality, Youth, and Belonging Conference*, Harvard University, Regular Session Presenter.

2013 "The Psychological Well-being of Undocumented Mexican Young Adults: Anti-immigrant Stigma and Migrant Social Networks." UC-Wide Immigration Conference at UCLA, February, Organizer and Presenter.

TEACHING

2027 Professor, "Soc 675 - Seminar in Immigration," USC
2022-27 Professor, "Soc 235g: Migration, Law, and Society," USC
2020-26 Professor, "Soc 460: Key Issues in Contemporary International Migration," USC
2024-25 Professor, "Soc 590: Directed Research," USC
2023 Professor, "Soc 490: Directed Research," USC
2018 Teaching Assistant, "Comparative Acculturation and Assimilation," UCLA
2018 Teaching Assistant, "Race and Ethnicity in American Life," UCLA
2017 Teaching Assistant, "Political Sociology," UCLA
2017-18 Admissions Consultant, Shemmassian Academic Consulting
2017 Tutor, the UCLA Labor Center Tutoring Program at Garment Workers Center
2010-17 Fellowships and Career Mentor, Posse Foundation

STUDENT MENTORSHIP

Dissertation Committees
- Clara Alvarez Caraveo, Dissertation Committee Member (w/ Jody Vallejo, Manuel Pastor, and Maureen Eger), 2025-present, Sociology Department.
- Karen Andrea Flynn, Dissertation Committee Member, (w/ Ben Roth, John Doering-White, and Bre Grace), 2021-2026, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina. "We Were Born with Another Chip": A Case Study of Venezuelan Physicians in Argentina." (Position: Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice).
- Dr. Lizette G. Solorzano Perez, Dissertation Committee Member (w/ Leland Saito, Manuel Pastor, Jody Vallejo, and George Sanchez), 2021-2022, Sociology Department, USC, "Navigating DACA Precarity: The Lived Experiences of Latina(o) DACA Recipients in Los Angeles Before and During the Trump Era." (Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology at Vanguard University).

Empirical Paper Committees
- Kyle Chrustal, Empirical Paper Committee, 2026-present, USC Sociology.
- Ximena Sanchez Martinez, Empirical Paper Committee, 2024-2026, USC Sociology.
- Isaac Lam, Empirical Paper Committee, 2024-2026, USC Sociology.

Undergraduate Research Thesis Supervision
- Karla Mejia Bonilla, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Supervisor, 2022-2023, USC Sociology.

Research Assistants
- Abram Garces, Graduate Research Assistant, 2026-present, master's student of public policy at USC.
- Adela Ortiz, Graduate Research Assistant, 2026-present, master's student of public policy at USC.
- Lucibel Contreras, Graduate Research Assistant and co-author, 2023-present, master's student of public administration at University of Harrisburg.
- Amanda Gregolin, Graduate Research Assistant, 2020-present, master's student of government at Universidad Diego Portales, Chile.
- Clara Alvarez Caraveo, Graduate Research Assistant and co-author, 2024-2025, PhD student at USC.
- Blanca Ramirez, Graduate Research Assistant and co-author, 2022-2024, PhD student at USC.
- Lizeth Olave, Graduate Research Assistant and co-author, 2019-2023, MA student at Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Argentina.
- Camila Baquero, Research Assistant, 2020-2022, Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile.
- Demetrius Murphy, Graduate Research Assistant, 2022, PhD student at USC.
- Rocio Leon, Graduate Research Assistant, 2022, PhD student at USC.
- Janeth Cabido, Graduate Research Assistant, 2016-2020, MA student at Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile.
- Makenzie E. Nohr, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2016-2017, BA student at Columbia University.
- Stephanie Mertens, Research Assistant, 2016, Professional Interpreter from the Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, Brazil.
- Daysi Analuisa, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2012-2014, BA student at California State University-Los Angeles.
- Julie Aguilar, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2013, BA student at Grinnell College.
- Rocio Safe, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2011-2012, BA student at Grinnell College.

Qualifying and Oral Exams
- Ximena Sanchez Martinez, Health and Medicine qualifying exam, and oral exam committee, 2026-2027
- Katherine King, Health and Medicine qualifying exam, and oral exam committee, 2026-2027

- Isaac Lam, International Migration qualifying exam, and chair of oral exam committee, 2025-2026, USC Sociology.
- Clara Alvarez Caraveo, International Migration qualifying exam, and oral exam committee, 2024-2025, USC Sociology.
- Raquel Delerme, Race and Ethnicity qualifying exam, and oral exam committee, 2023-2024, USC Sociology.
- Shawntae Mitchum, Race and Ethnicity qualifying exam, and oral exam committee, 2023-2024, USC Sociology.
- Maria Labourt, Political Sociology qualifying exam, and oral exam committee, 2022-2023, USC Sociology.
- Maggie Davis, Political Sociology qualifying exam, and oral exam committee, 2022-2023, USC Sociology.

Informal Mentoring
- Neha Lund, Dissertation development, 2026, Brown University, Department of Sociology.
- Benjamin Waldman, Dissertation development, 2025-2026, Harvard University, Department of Government.
- Nathan Tsang, Dissertation development, 2026, USC Sociology.
- Joyce Kim, Article manuscript feedback, 2025, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology.
- Brandon Saucedo Pita, Article manuscript feedback, 2026, USC Sociology.
- Ulises Flores Mendoza, Empirical paper design, 2024, USC Sociology.
- Raquel Delerme, Dissertation proposal design, and article manuscripts feedback, 2023-2024, USC Sociology.
- Kennedy Wong, Article manuscripts feedback, 2022-2024, USC Sociology. (Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology at the King's University, Canada)
- Blanca Ramirez, Dissertation proposal design, job market mentorship, and article manuscripts feedback, 2019-2023, USC Sociology. (Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Texas-Austin).
- Demetrius Murphy, Dissertation proposal design, and article manuscripts feedback, 2021-2023, USC Sociology. (Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology and African & African Diaspora Studies at Boston College)
- Urmi Bhattacheryya, Empirical paper design, 2022-2023, USC Sociology. (Position: Assistant Professor, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, India)
- Karina Santellano, Job market mentorship, 2022, USC Sociology. (Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology at Arizona State University).
- Minwoo Jung, Job market mentorship, 2019-2020, USC Sociology. (Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology at Loyola University Chicago).

SERVICE WORK

External
- Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems, Social Forces, The Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, International Migration Review, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Sociological Forum, Psychological Violence, Society and Mental Health, Hong Kong's General Research Fund, and Political Research Exchange*
- Article Award Committee Member, (2026-2027), American Sociological Association (ASA), International Migration Section
- Elected Council Member (2025-2028), ASA, International Migration Section
- Appointed Delegate (2022-2026), of the ASA to the International Sociological Association under UNESCO

- Co-organizer (2022-2023) "Toolkit of Emerging Autocrats," XX ISA World Congress, Invited National Association Session (competitive process)
- Organizing Committee (2021-2022), ASA International Migration Section's Mini-Conference
- Organizing Committee (2021-2022), ASA Comparative-Historical Section's Mini-Conference
- Invited Organizer (2021-2022), ASA 2022 Presidential Theme Session "State (Mis)Management of South-to-South Migration"
- Article Award Committee Member (2018-19), American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section

University of Southern California

- Faculty Review Committee – Elected (2022 and 2026), Sociology Department
- Colloquium, Co-Chair (2022-2023) & Organizing Committee Member (2019-2022, 2024-2026, 2026-2027), Sociology Department
- Health and Medicine Qualifying Exam, Committee Member (2026-2027), Sociology Department
- International Migration Qualifying Exam, Committee Member (2024-2026), Sociology Department
- Race and Ethnicity Qualifying Exam, Committee Member (2023-2024), Sociology Department
- Political Sociology Qualifying Exam, Committee Member (2021-2023), Sociology Department
- Graduate Admissions, Committee Member (2023-2024), Sociology Department
- Conference Organizer (2019-2021), "Encuentro: Defending Migrant Rights Across the Americas," USC Dornsife Equity Research Institute

MEMBERSHIP

Member & Former Delegate, American Sociological Association
Member & Former Delegate, International Sociological Association
Member, American Political Science Association
Member, International Studies Association
Member, Latin American Studies Association
Member, Law and Society Association
Graduate Affiliate, UCLA, Theory and Research in Comparative Social Analysis (2014-19)
Graduate Affiliate, UCLA, Center for the Study of International Migration (2011-19)

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant, Decisions to naturalize in immigrant families - a preliminary survey, McGill University (PI: Prof. Thomas Soehl) — 2017

Conducted 20 in-depth interviews with Latino legal permanent residents and naturalized citizens.

Research Assistant, "Asian Pacific American Legal Center 2010 Census Evaluation," Loyola Marymount University (PI: Prof. Curtiss Takada Rooks) — 2010

Reviewed archival data collected from 1998 to 2010 on the outreach and development of the Asian Pacific Islander Complete Count California Network. Conducted focus groups and key informant in-depth interviews.

Research Assistant, "Integration of the Children of Immigrants in Los Angeles Study," University of California, Los Angeles (PI: Prof. Caitlin Patler) — 2010

Conducted and transcribed in-depth interviews of undocumented immigrant youth.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Impact Producer, *Chingona*, Los Angeles—2017 to present
Short film about my family's immigration experience directed by Stefan Forbes.

Research Analyst, Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles —2010 to 2011
Analyzed Census data from 2000 to 2010 and wrote a national demographic report on the Asian American population.

Founder, Express the Real, New York and Chicago—2007 to 2009
Researched and developed empowerment through the arts program and worked with over 200 immigrant women and youth.

Production Assistant, Esperanto Films, New York —2007
Assisted Alfonso Cuarón, Carlos Cuarón and Frida Torresblanco in the post-production of the film *Rudo y Cursi.*

Founder, College Preparatory Center, Phnom Penh, Cambodia —2006
Collaborated with the Minister of Education to research, design, publicize and implement a college preparatory program.

Intern, The Embassy of Chile, Washington D.C. —2005
Assisted the cultural attaché with the logistical arrangements of key diplomatic events.

Intern, The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles — 2005
Collaborated in the creation of the California Dream Network of undocumented students.