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## APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-present Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Southern California (USC)
- 2019-present Faculty Affiliate, USC Dornsife Equity Research Institute
- 2022-2026 Appointed Delegate of the American Sociological Association to the International Sociological Association (under UNESCO)
- 2020-2021 Turnpanjian Post-Doctoral Fellow in Civil Society and Social Change, USC Dornsife Equity Research Institute
- 2019-2020 Provost Post-Doctoral Scholar, USC

## EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles  
*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

## AWARDS

- 2021 Latin American Studies Association (LASA), International Migration Section, Best Article Award (first place)
- 2021 International Sociological Association, Migration Studies (RC31), Best Article Award
- 2018 American Sociological Association, Section on the Sociology of Law, Winner of the Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2018 American Sociological Association Section, International Migration Section, Honorable Mention for the Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award
- 2018 Charles E. & Sue K. Young Graduate Award  
Top award given by the UCLA College Deans for exemplary academic achievement, research and service (only recipient in the social sciences; one of four across UCLA)
- 2018 Sociology Department's Board of Visitors Graduate Student Fieldwork Award
- 2017 International Studies Association-West Emerging Scholars Forum Award

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**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* DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2022.2029374.

- Winner of the Latin American Studies Association's International Migration Section, Best Paper, 2021

**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,” *Advances in Medical Sociology* (19): 205-228.

**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.

- Winner of the International Sociological Association Section of the Sociology of Migration (RC31) Best Article, 2021
- Winner of the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award, 2018
- Honorable Mention of the American Sociological Association Section on International Migration Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award, 2018
- IMR High Impact Article Designation in 2018 for “Most Read” and in 2020-2022 for “Most Cited”

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

**Del Real, Deisy.** Immigrant Legalization: how the Mercosur Residency Agreement prompted the Successful Passage of Humane Immigration Laws in South America. (Book Manuscript in Preparation)

## POLICY PUBLICATIONS

**Deisy Del Real.** 2021. “Migrant Legalization and Rights: Ideas and Strategies from South America.” *USC ERI Blog Series*.

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 Públicas 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.” The Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, Los Angeles, CA.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2021 National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) via USC Keck School of Medicine’s MADRES Center for Environmental Health Disparities [grant #P50MD015705] (\$82,480)
- 2018 UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$36,820)
- 2018 The Center for Engaged Scholarship Fellowship (\$41,820)
- 2018 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2017 UCLA Center for Mexican Studies Tutoring Program Award (\$2,400)
- 2017 National Science Foundation Sociology Program’s Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (\$12,000)
- 2012 UCLA Graduate Division Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Grantee (\$6,000)  
Title: *The Psychological Wellbeing of Undocumented Young Adults*

- 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)

**EXPERT CONSULTANCY**

- 2021-22 Consultant to Chilean migration officials
- 2015-16 Consultant to Chilean and Uruguayan governments and to Mercosur on how to assist migrant children, protect labor migrants, and how to create legalization programs
- 2013-17 Undocumented Student Consultant to the National Association of Fellowship Advisors (NAFA), the Posse Foundation, Pomona College, and Occidental College
- 2014 Consultant to the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans on the legality of accepting DACA students

**INVITED TALKS**

*All Sole Presenter*

- 2022 “Bureaucratic (Mis)Management of South-South Migration,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Presidential Invited Session, Organizer and Presenter.
- 2022 “Three Tips for Securing Funding at Every Stage of your PHD,” University of California-Irvine, Invited Speaker.
- 2022 “Early Career Scholar Panel,” University of Pennsylvania, Invited Speaker.
- 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, Invited Speaker.
- 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, Invited Speaker.
- 2021 “Migrantes venezolanos(as) en Chile y política de inmigración chilena,” UCLA Latin American Institute, Invited Speaker.
- 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, Invited Speaker.
- 2021 “Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence Within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties,” University of California, Merced, Invited Speaker.
- 2021 “Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence Within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties,” University of Chicago, Invited Speaker.
- 2021 “Perro Bomba: The Haitian Immigration in Chile,” UCLA Latin American Institute, Invited Speaker.
- 2021 “Gradations of Legality: the legal status acquisition of Venezuelan immigrants in Argentina, Chile, and Colombia,” University of South Carolina, Invited Keynote Speaker.

- 2020 “El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur,” Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile, Invited Keynote Speaker.
- 2020 “COVID-19 y migrantes venezolanos y venezolanas en Chile y Argentina,” Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile, Invited Presenter.
- 2020 “El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur,” Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Chile, Invited Presenter.
- 2020 “El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur,” Universidad Academia de Humanismo Cristiano, Chile, Invited Presenter.
- 2020 “El Derecho a la Regularización Migratoria: la política de ratificación del Acuerdo sobre Residencia del Mercosur,” Universidad del Desarrollo, Chile, Invited Presenter.
- 2020 ‘Kochenov's "Citizenship" Author Meets Reader,’ Law and Society Association’s Annual Meeting, Invited Reader.
- 2019 “Power and Policy Diffusion: The Politics of Ratifying the Mercosur Residency Agreements,” University of Chicago Department of Comparative Human Development, Invited Presenter.
- 2018 “Legal Status Acquisition among Venezuelan Immigrants in South America,” Harvard University Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Invited Presenter.
- 2018 “Power and Policy Diffusion: The Politics of Ratifying the Mercosur Residency Agreements,” NYU-Abu Dhabi, Invited Presenter.
- 2018 “Power and Policy Diffusion: The Politics of Ratifying the Mercosur Residency Agreements,” University of Southern California Sociology Department, Invited Presenter.
- 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, Invited Presenter.
- 2017 “Documenting the Undocumented: How Migrant Sending And Receiving Countries in South America use Mercosur to Resolve Unauthorized Migration,” UCLA Sociology Board of Visitors, Invited Speaker.
- 2017 “Living in Impossible,” The Posse Foundation Glitter Soiree, Los Angeles, CA, Guest of Honor for Sneak Preview of 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).
- 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, Invited Speaker.
- 2016 “Can Regional Integration Efforts Open National Borders to Immigrants?: The Case of Mercosur,” Grinnell College, Invited Speaker.

- 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.
- 2015 “La Condición de los Inmigrantes Indocumentados en los Estados Unidos.” Niños, niñas y adolescentes 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, Invited Academic Consultant.
- 2015 “Research Overview: Undocumented Youth in the US and Mercosur’s Open Borders and Immigrant Rights Policy,” Occidental College, Invited Speaker.
- 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, Invited Speaker and Workshop Presenter.
- 2013 “Undocumented: Navigating College Life, Opportunities and Psychological Well-being,” Pomona College, Invited Speaker.
- 2013 “AB540: Life and Health.” *The Graduate Student Intern for a Summer Institute’s AB540 Panel.* Occidental College, Invited Speaker and Moderator.
- 2013 "Living in Impossible: Navigating an Undocumented Life," Grinnell College, Invited Speaker.
- 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, Invited Speaker.
- 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, Invited Q&A Panelist.
- 2012 "UndocuTalk," Occidental College, Invited Panel Moderator.
- 2011 "A Community of Contrasts: Asian Americans in the United States, 2011," Advancing Justice Conference, San Francisco, Invited Speaker.

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

*All Sole 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.
- 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.

- 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.
- 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 American 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

- 2022 Professor, "Migration, Law, and Society," USC
- 2020-22 Professor, "Comparative International Migration," 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

2010-17 Fellowships and Career Mentor, Posse Foundation  
2017 Tutor, the UCLA Labor Center Tutoring Program at Garment Workers Center

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP**

Dissertation Committee Member (w/ Leland Saito, Manuel Pastor, Jody Vallejo), 2021-2022, Dr. Lizette G. Solorzano Perez, “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.

Dissertation Committee, (w/ Ben Roth, John Doering-White, and Bre Grace), 2021-present, Karen Andrea Flynn, University of South Carolina’s College of Social Work.

Empirical Paper Committee (w/ Nina Eliasoph and Paul Roger Lichterman), 2020-2023, Vaclav Masek, USC Sociology.

Empirical Paper Committee (w/ Rhacel Salazar Parrenas), 2022-present, Urmi Bhattacheryya, USC Sociology.

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

Research Assistant, 2022-present, Blanca Ramirez, Doctoral Candidate, USC Sociology.

Research Assistant, 2022-present, Demetrius Murphy, Doctoral Student, USC Sociology.

Research Assistant, 2022-present, Rocio Leon, Doctoral Student, USC American Studies and Ethnicity.

## **SERVICE WORK**

### External

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Forum*, *International Migration Review*, *JEMS*, *Psychological Violence*, *Society and Mental Health*

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

Organizing Committee (2021-present), ASA International Migration Section’s Mini-Conference

Organizing Committee (2021-present), ASA Comparative-Historical Section’s Mini-Conference

Invited Organizer (2021-2022), ASA 2022 Presidential Theme Session “State (Mis)Management of South-to-South Migration”

Award Committee Member (2018-19), ASA’s Sociology of Law Section

### University of Southern California

Co-Chair (2022-2023) & Organizing Committee Member (2021-2022), Sociology Department Colloquium

Political Sociology Qualifying Exam Committee (2021-2023), Sociology Department

Conference Organizer (2019-2021), “Encuentro: Defending Migrant Rights Across the Americas,” Dornsife Equity Research Institute

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Member, American Sociological Association

Member, International Sociological Association

Member, International Studies Association

Member, Latin American Studies Association

Member, Law and Society Association  
Member, International Studies 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 transcribe in-depth interviews of undocumented immigrant youth.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Impact Producer**, *Chingona*, Los Angeles—2017 to 2018  
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 an 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.

## **SKILLS**

**Software:** R, Stata, HyperRESEARCH, MS (Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook).

**Languages:** English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (beginner)

**Sociological Research Methods:** qualitative and quantitative research methods and comparative historical methods of analysis.



