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CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Sociology, 2021 - current

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Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX 78626

Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow, 2019 - 2021

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Marilyn Jacobs Gittell Postdoctoral Fellowship in Urban Studies, 2016-2019

Graduate Center, City University of New York
URBAN Research Network (urbanresearchnetwork.org)

URBAN is a national coalition of 1,800+ scholars, activists, and artists committed to community-engaged research, social change, and democratizing knowledge production. It aspires to create a community of scholars and change-makers who engage and explore big questions now emerging in cities—the future of governance and democracy, the role of markets, stewardship of nature and the environment and the role of race and identity in constructing communities. It aims to do so across academic disciplines and geographies, with special attention to community-based research methodologies and ethics.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Critical Migration Studies
Transnational / Intersectional Feminism
Protest Movements and Culture
Pop Culture and Media Studies

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D., Sociology, 2016
University of Texas at Austin, M.A., Latin American Studies, 2008
California State University - Stanislaus, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

“Karenism” and the Problem of White Women: Reflections on Quotidian Forms of White Vigilantism in the Classroom, *Journal of Men’s Studies* 30, no.3 (2022): 363–382.

Worker centres and coming out politics in migrant struggles, *Citizenship Studies* 25, no.8 (2021): 1023-1041.

Organized Labor, Organized Home: Domestic worker organizing and the contradictory politics of care in the nonprofit industrial complex (with Erica Kohl-Arenas), *Boom California* (2021).

Immigrant worker centers, technologies of citizenship, and the duty to be well, *Critical Sociology* (2018): 1-20.

Inheritance and succession in informal settlements of Latin American cities: A Mexican case study (with Peter M. Ward), *Latin American Research Review* 47, no.4 (2012): 139-62.

Self-help housing policies for second generation inheritance and succession of “the house that mum & dad built” (with Peter Ward, Edith J. Huerta, and Claudia Ubaldo Velázquez), *Habitat International* 35 (2011), 467-485.

Book Chapters

On housing inheritance and succession among pioneer squatters and self-builders: A Mexican case study, In *Settling In: Housing and Social Order in Twenty-First Century Latin American Cities*, (2015) eds. Christien Klaufus and Arij Ouweneel. Oxford, New York: Berghahn Books.

The challenges of consolidation in precarious settlements of Caribbean cities: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, In *Housing Policy in Latin American Cities*, (2014) eds. Peter M. Ward, Edith R. Jiménez Huerta, María Mercedes Di Virgilio. Routledge.

Working Manuscripts

“We fight today so we don’t die tomorrow”: Feminist Rage, Protest, and Pleasure in Contemporary Mexico (for submission to *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society*)

Migrant Entitlement, Suffering and the Cultural Politics of Protest: The Case of “Lady Frijoles” (for submission to *Feminist Media Studies*)

HONORS

Fellowships and awards

Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2015
 Dissertation Writing Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, 2014
 E. D. Farmer International Fellowship, Mexican Center, University of Texas at Austin, 2013
 Urban Ethnography Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2012
 Bergen Summer Research School Fellowship, University of Bergen, Norway, 2012
 Summer School on Comparative Urban Studies Scholarship, International Sociological Association, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2011
 Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Latin American Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2010
 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin, 2008 & 2009
 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship, South Asia Institute, University of Texas at Austin, 2009
 E. D. Farmer International Fellowship, Mexican Center, University of Texas at Austin, 2007
 Developing Civil Society Summer Fellowship Program, RGK Center for Philanthropy and Community Service, LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 2007
 E. D. Farmer International Fellowship, Mexican Center, University of Texas at Austin, 2006
 C.B. Smith Chair in US-Mexico Relations Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin, 2015
 C.B. Smith Chair in US-Mexico Relations Grant for Extended Fieldwork and Data Collection, University of Texas at Austin, 2013

Grants and funding

The Research Assistantship Program, Southwestern University (2020-2021)

LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2018. With Anima Adjepong, Shantel G. Buggs, and Ben Carrington. Race and the Academy. The Race and Ethnicity Working Group, University of Texas at Austin, April 27.
- 2017. With Erica Kohl-Arenas. Mediating Progressive Voice: Foundation-funded media campaigns at an immigrant worker center. NGO & Nonprofit Interest Group of the American Anthropological Association, November 27-28.
- 2017. Our Lives, Our Stories? Testimonial Theatre and Storytelling in Contemporary Domestic Worker Organizing in the U.S. Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis, MN, April 19-22.
- 2017. Activist Scholarship Special Session: Translation and Healing Justice in the Face of Trauma in Community-Engaged Scholarship. Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis, MN, April 19-22.
- 2015. A “safe space” for Latina immigrant workers? Gender, day labor centers, and community organizing. American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, Aug. 22-25.
- 2014. Working for “God’s chosen people”: Gender, race, and religion on a Brooklyn Corner. American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 16-19.
- 2012. Informality in housing production along the Texas-Mexico border: A transnational interrogation. Bergen Summer Research School PhD Conference, Transnational Migration and Global Development. Bergen, Norway, June 20-22.

2012. Informality in housing production: A transnational and transborder interrogation. American Association of Geographers, New York, NY, Feb. 24-28.
2011. Superada la informalidad, nuevos desafíos. Políticas para colonias populares consolidadas. Centre of Economic and Managerial Sciences (CUCEA), Universidad de Guadalajara MX, November 8.
2011. La herencia de la vivienda familiar en situaciones de pobreza y privación en colonias populares consolidadas. El caso de México. International Seminar on Poverty and Urban Development in Latin America, Latin American School of Social Sciences (FLACSO). Guatemala City, Guatemala, August 22-23.
2011. Gender, inheritance and succession in Latin America's former irregular settlements. International Sociological Association, Amsterdam, the Netherlands, July 7-9.
2010. Inheritance among second and third generation squatter household in Latin America: A Mexican Case Study. Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, Oct. 6-9.
2009. Inheritance and property succession across Latin America. Transformaciones en el habitat informal en ciudades de América Latina, Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina. Nov. 11.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor of Sociology*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Southwestern University, Sociological Theory, Spring 2021
- Assistant Professor of Sociology*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Southwestern University, Sex & Violence in Popular Culture, Spring 2021
- Assistant Professor of Sociology*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Southwestern University, Introduction to Sociology (2 sections), Fall 2021
- Assistant Professor of Sociology*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Southwestern University, Sex & Violence in Popular Culture, Fall 2021
- Mellon Teaching Fellow*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Southwestern University, Social Patterns and Processes, Fall 2019 & Spring 2020; Fall 2020 & Spring 2021
- Mellon Teaching Fellow*, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Southwestern University, Erotic Capitalism, Spring 2020; Fall 2020
- Instructor*, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, Sex & Violence in Popular Culture (Enrollment=44), 2016
- Instructor*, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, Sociology of Health and the Body (Enrollment=46), 2016
- Instructor*, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, Diversity in American Families (Enrollment=48), 2015
- Teaching Assistant*, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, Introduction to the Study of Society; Life and Death Decisions; Introduction to Urban Sociology, 2013-2014
- Teaching Assistant*, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas at Austin, Anthropology of Latin America, 2012
- Teaching Assistant*, LBJ School of Public Affairs, Advanced Empirical Methods for Policy Analysis (graduate-level course), 2011

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE

Employment

Research Assistant to Dr. Kurt Organista and Dr. James Quesada. Structural-environmental factors, alcohol and HIV risk in Latino migrant laborers. University of California - Berkeley, School of Social Welfare, and San Francisco State University, Department of Anthropology, 2014

Research Assistant to Dr. Peter M. Ward. Colonias and Public Policy along the Texas-Mexico Border. Department of Sociology and the William Wayne Justice Center for Public Interest Law, University of Texas at Austin, 2012

Research Assistant to Dr. Alexander Weinreb. Reporting family planning use to strangers: A survey-based experiment from the Dominican Republic. Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, 2011

Co-PI with Dr. Peter M. Ward. The challenges of consolidation in precarious settlements of Caribbean cities. Department of Sociology and LBJ School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 2010

Research Assistant to Dr. Peter M. Ward. Housing Policy in Latin American Cities: Third Generation (3G) Housing Policies in Consolidated Low-income Settlements. Department of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin, 2009

SERVICE

Sexual Misconduct Hearing Board, Southwestern University, 2021-2022 (1-year term)
Organized the Anthropology and Sociology Alumni Panel, Fall 2021 (with Dr. Naomi Reed)

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research coordinator, MISMA (Mujer Inspirada en Sueños, Metas y Acciones), Texas Domestic Workers Network, Austin, TX, 2016

Bay Area Organizing Drive Coordinator, California Domestic Workers Coalition, San Francisco, CA, 2014

Intern, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Austin, TX, 2008

Intern, Office of the President of Mexico, Political Analysis Department, Mexico City, MX, 2007

Community liaison, Department of Special Education, Modesto City Schools, Modesto, CA, 2006

Testing Coordinator, First 5 California Children and Families Commission & Department of Psychology, California State University - Stanislaus, 2004

Precinct Organizer, United Farm Workers (UFW) Union, Modesto, CA, 2003

LANGUAGES

Fluent: English, Spanish

Intermediate: Urdu

Conversational: Hindi

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Studies Association

International Sociological Association

National Women's Studies Association

REFERENCES

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