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APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-Present Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Associate Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Sociology and Communication, Central Academic BLDG, 350D, One University Way, San Antonio, TX 78224
- 2016-2017 Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Assistant Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Social Sciences, Central Academic BLDG, 350D, One University Way, San Antonio, TX 78224
- 2011-2016 University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Assistant Professor, College of Social Sciences and Professional Studies, Sociology and Anthropology Department, Kenosha, WI 53144

EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Missouri-Columbia, Title: "Unheard Voices at the Texas-Mexico Border Wall: Fragmentation, Citizenship, and Opposition in a War on Terror." Dissertation Advisor: Tola O. Pearce
- 2006 M.S. Sociology, Oklahoma State University-Stillwater, Title: "The Chicano Movement: The Brown Berets and the Legal Social Control that caused their Disintegration." Thesis Advisor: Thomas E. Shriver
- 2004 B.S. Criminology, Texas A&M University-Kingsville
- 2002 A.S. Criminal Justice, Coastal Bend College-Beeville

RESEARCH INTERESTS

US-Mexico Border Studies, Latinx Studies, Social Theory, Militarization, Environment, Race Relations, Affect, Social Movements, Human Rights, and Public Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Thomas, James M. and **Jennifer G. Correa**. *Affective Labor: (Dis)Assembling Distance and Difference*. Rowman & Littlefield Publisher.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2023 **Correa, Jennifer G.** and James M. Thomas. "It's my home, not a war zone: Mobilizing a multitude to demilitarize the Texas Rio Grande Valley." *Sociology Compass* DOI: 10.1111/soc4.13093.
- Correa, Jennifer G. and Joseph M. Simpson. "Building Walls, Destroying Borderlands: Repertoires of Militarization on the United States—Mexico Border." *Nature and Culture* 17(1): 1-25. DOI: https://doi.org/10.3167/nc.2022.170101.
- 2020 Simpson, Joseph M. and **Jennifer G. Correa**. "Abrogation of Public Trust in the Protected Lands of the Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley." *Society & Natural Resources* 33(6): 806-822. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2020.1725203.
- 2019 **Correa, Jennifer G.** and James M. Thomas "From the Border to the Core: A Thickening Military Assemblage" *Critical Sociology* 45(7-8): 1133-1147. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/0896920518794269.
- 2016 **Correa, Jennifer G.** and Tola O. Pearce "These people have no clue about us, the land, or how we live: Human rights concerns in communities along the Texas–Mexico border" *Societies Without Borders* 11: 1-44. Available at: https://scholarlycommons.law.case.edu/swb/vol11/iss1/11.
- 2015 **Correa, Jennifer G.** and James M. Thomas "The Rebirth of the U.S.–Mexico Border: Latino Enforcement Agents and the Changing Politics of Racial Power" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 1(2): 239-254. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/0921374013487268.
- 2013 Correa, Jennifer G. "After 9/11 Everything Changed: Re-formations of State Violence in Everyday Life on the U.S.-Mexico Border" *Cultural Dynamics* 25(1): 99-119. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/0921374013487268.
- 2011 Correa, Jennifer G. 2011. "The Targeting of the East Los Angeles Brown Berets by a Racial Patriarchal Capitalist State: Merging Intersectionality and Social Movement Research" *Critical Sociology* 37(1): 83-101. DOI: https://doi.org/10.1177/0896920510378766.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Correa, Jennifer G. and James M. Thomas "Racial biopower, modern sovereignty, and security: Operation Lone Star on the Texas-Mexico border" prepared for submission to *Journal of Borderlands Studies* in Spring 2024.

Other Publications: Journalistic Writing

2023 Braaten, Daniel, **Jennifer G. Correa**, and Joseph M. Simpson. "Abbott's Border Wall Meets the Endangered Milkweed." April 17, *Deceleration News* URL: https://deceleration.news/2023/04/17/abbot-border-wall-endangered-milkweed/.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Correa, Jennifer G. "Racial biopower and Operation Lone Star on the Texas-Mexico border: A theoretical perspective." Association for Borderlands Studies Conference, April 3-6, San Antonio, TX.
- 2023 Correa, Jennifer G. "Racial Biopower, Sovereignty & Security: Operation Lone Star on the Texas-Mexico Border." Association for Humanist Sociology Conference, Saturday, November 4th, New Orleans, LA.
- 2021 Correa, Jennifer G. "Building Walls, Destroying Borderlands: Repetoires of Militarization on the United States–Mexico Border." Association for Humanist Sociology Conference, Thursday, November 4th, Jackson, MI.
- 2019 **Correa, Jennifer G**. and James M. Thomas, "Re-territorializing Empire and Mobilizing Multitude: A Case Study of Unified Collective Resistance in the Texas Rio Grande Valley," Association for Humanist Sociology Conference, Saturday, November 2nd, El Paso, TX.
- 2019 Correa, Jennifer G. "Benjamin Gregg's The Human Rights State." Southern Political Science Association. Saturday, January 19th, Austin, TX.
- 2018 Correa, Jennifer G. and James M. Thomas. Immigration and Citizenship Presider: Jennifer Correa, Texas A&M University-San Antonio; Regular Session, Presentation Title: "From the Border to the Core: A Thickening Military- Police Assemblage." Southern Sociological Society, 81st Annual, "Racial Theory, Analysis, and Politics in Trump America," Thursday, April 5th, New Orleans, LA.
- Joseph M. Simpson and Jennifer G. Correa. Presentation Title: "Frontera Herida/Wounded Border: A Treadmill of Destruction on the Texas-Mexico Border." Southern Sociological Society, 81st Annual, "Racial Theory, Analysis, and Politics in Trump America," Saturday, April 7th, New Orleans, LA.
- Thomas, James M. and **Jennifer G. Correa** (Organizers). Regular Paper Session, Presentation Title: "Phenomenologies of Power Contending with Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Class as Embodied Practices of Everyday Life." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (April). Charlotte Marriot Center–Charlotte, NC.
- 2012 Correa, Jennifer G. "After 9/11 Everything Changed: (Re)Articulations of Racialized and Gendered Anxieties in South Texas." Paper presented at the National Women's Studies Association (November). Oakland Marriot—Oakland, CA.
- 2012 Correa, Jennifer G. "Securing America's Border: The State as a Lived Experience Along the Texas-Mexico Border." Paper presented at The American Sociological Association (August), Colorado Convention Center–Denver, CO.

- 2012 Correa, Jennifer G. "Living Along the Texas-Mexico Border in a Post 9/11 Era: Landowner Experiences of the State." Paper presented at The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (March 15), Palmer House Hotel–Chicago, IL.
- 2010 Correa, Jennifer G. "Bridging Social Constructionism & Critical Race Theory: Racialized Constructions of Mexicanos/as from 1836-2009." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association Conference (August), Atlanta, GA.
- 2008 Correa, Jennifer G. "Racial Minority Movements as Targets of the Racialized State: The East Los Angeles Brown Berets' Fight Against Oppression." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society Conference (April), St. Louis, MO.
- 2004 Correa, Jennifer G. "An Empirical Test of Differential Association Theory: How Definitions Favorable to Drug Use Among College Students and their Drug Using Peer Associations Contribute to Drug Consumption." Ronald E. McNair Scholar Summer Research Conference, Pennsylvania State University State College, PA.
- 2003 Correa, Jennifer G. "Differential Association Theory: What Are Our Children Learning? Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Mid-South Sociological Association Conference (November), Baton Rouge, LA.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- National Science Foundation (NSF), Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems (DISES) EX, Track 2 Exploratory, Institutional Collaboration: Texas A&M-SA, UT-Austin, UT-El Paso, UT-RGV. Senior Personnel. Amount: \$750,000. (Status: Applied)
- 2020 Summer Writing Fellowship, Texas A&M University San Antonio (Funded: \$3,000)
- 2017 Summer Research Fellowship, Texas A&M University–San Antonio (Funded: \$3,000)
- 2017 President's Commission on Equity, Texas A&M University—San Antonio (Not-Funded: \$2,500)
- 2014 Summer Research Grant, University of Wisconsin–Parkside (Funded: \$2,000)
- 2011 The Robert W. Habenstein Dissertation Fellowship (Funded: \$1,000)
- 2006 University of Missouri, Gus T. Ridgel Fellowship (Funded: \$10,000 a yr/5 yrs)

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Texas A&M University-San Antonio, College of Arts & Sciences

- 2023 Excellence in Scholarship, Outstanding Faculty Award, Award Recipient, College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Sociology & Communication, A&M-San Antonio
- 2023 Outstanding Contributions to Diversity, Equality, & Inclusion (DEI), Award Nominee (Runner-Up), College of Arts & Sciences, Department of Sociology & Communication, A&M-San Antonio

University of Wisconsin-System

2014 UW-System Outstanding Women of Color in Education Award, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, University Level

- 2016 Stella Gray Teaching Excellence Award Nomination, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2015 Stella Gray Teaching Excellence Award Nomination, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2014 Rangers in Action I.D.E.A. (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accountability) Leadership Champion Award, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2014 Stella Gray Teaching Excellence Award Nomination, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2013 Stella Gray Teaching Excellence Award Nomination, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

University of Missouri-Columbia, University Level

2010 Amazing Graduate Student, University of Missouri-Columbia Graduate School

Texas A&M University-Kingsville, University Level

2004 Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

Ronald E. McNair Scholar Certificate of Achievement Award, McNair Scholar Research
Conference, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA.

TEACHING SPECIALIZATIONS

US-Mexico Border Studies, Latinx Studies, Race and Ethnicity, Qualitative/Ethnographic Methods, Classical & Contemporary Social Theory, Social Inequality, Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies

TEACHING EXPEREINCE

Texas A&M University-San Antonio, Associate Professor

2016-Present Principles of Sociology, Sociological Theory, Introduction to Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies, Mexican Americans: Identity, Movements, and Social Justice, LGBTQ+ Studies, Social Movements

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Assistant Professor

2011-2016 Introduction to Sociology; Intro to Sociological Theory; Latinas/os in the US; LGBTQ Studies, Critical Ethnic Studies, Race and Ethnic Relations, Asians in American Society

University of Missouri, Sociology Graduate Instructor

2006-2011 The Female Experience: Body, Identity and Culture Social Problems; Black Americans; Introduction to Sociology; Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Social Inequalities; Self and Society

Oklahoma State University, Sociology Graduate Instructor

2004-2006 Marriage and the Family; Introduction to Sociology

SERVICE COMMITMENTS

Texas A&M-San Antonio, University Level

2023-2026	Faculty Senate, Senator, A&M-San Antonio
2023	American Association of University Professors, At-Large Member, A&M-San Antonio Chapter. President: Daniel Delgado, Sociology/Communication Department, A&M-San Antonio
2018	Latina Leadership Institute Committee, Member, Texas A&M University–San Antonio
2018	Hispanic/Latinx Heritage Committee, Member, Texas A&M University–San Antonio. Committee Chair: Durant Frantzen
2016-2017	Safe Zone Task Force (LGBTQ/Diversity), Texas A&M University–San Antonio. Committee Chair: Kate Gillen

Texas A&M-San Antonio, College of Arts & Sciences

2018-2023 Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, Member, College of Arts and Sciences, A&M–San Antonio

2023	Tenure & Promotion Special Committee, Member, (Mu Hu), Department of Sociology & Communication, A&M-San Antonio	
2022	Post-Tenure Review Committee, Member, Department of Social Sciences, A&M-San Antonio	
2016-2017	Southwest Borderlands Studies Committee, Member, Minor Reconstruction, Texas A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chair: Rosario Torres-Raines	
Texas A&M-San Antonio, Department of Sociology and Communication (2023-Present)		
2023-2024	Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC), Department of Sociology & Communication, Chair: Joseph Simpson, A&M-San Antonio	
2024	Member, Professional-Track Review Committee, Department of Sociology & Communication, A&M-San Antonio	
2023	Coordinator, Mexican American, Latinx, & Borderlands Studies Minor, A&M–San Antonio	
2023-2024	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Hire Pending), Department of Sociology & Communication, A&M-San Antonio	
Texas A&M-San Antonio, Department of Social Sciences (2017-2022)		
Texas A&M-	San Antonio, Department of Social Sciences (2017-2022)	
Texas A&M-, 2022-2023	San Antonio, Department of Social Sciences (2017-2022) Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Erika Grajeda), Department of Social Sciences, A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chair: Joseph Simpson. Department Chair: Durant Frantzen	
	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Erika Grajeda), Department of Social Sciences, A&M University–San Antonio. Committee Chair:	
2022-2023	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Erika Grajeda), Department of Social Sciences, A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chair: Joseph Simpson. Department Chair: Durant Frantzen Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC), Member, Department of Social Sciences,	
2022-2023 2017-2022	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Erika Grajeda), Department of Social Sciences, A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chair: Joseph Simpson. Department Chair: Durant Frantzen Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC), Member, Department of Social Sciences, Chair: Durant Frantzen, Department of Social Sciences, A&M-San Antonio Sociology Coordinator, Sociology Program, Department of Social Sciences,	
2022-2023 2017-2022 2019-2021	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Erika Grajeda), Department of Social Sciences, A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chair: Joseph Simpson. Department Chair: Durant Frantzen Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC), Member, Department of Social Sciences, Chair: Durant Frantzen, Department of Social Sciences, A&M-San Antonio Sociology Coordinator, Sociology Program, Department of Social Sciences, A&M—San Antonio Sociology Program Lead (w/Dr. Shannon Shen), SACSCOC Accreditation	
2022-2023 2017-2022 2019-2021 2019-2021	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Erika Grajeda), Department of Social Sciences, A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chair: Joseph Simpson. Department Chair: Durant Frantzen Faculty Evaluation Committee (FEC), Member, Department of Social Sciences, Chair: Durant Frantzen, Department of Social Sciences, A&M-San Antonio Sociology Coordinator, Sociology Program, Department of Social Sciences, A&M—San Antonio Sociology Program Lead (w/Dr. Shannon Shen), SACSCOC Accreditation Sociology Program Assessment (Fall 2019/Spring 2021), A&M—San Antonio Coordinator, Mexican American, Latinx, & Borderlands Studies Minor, A&M—	

2019	Sociology Lecturer Search Committee, (Sarah Pollock), Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University–San Antonio. Committee Chair: Jennifer Correa
2018	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, Member, (Shannon Shen), Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chairs: Daniel Delgado and Vicky Elias. Department Chair: Durant Frantzen
2017	Sociology Program Lead, Sociology Program Assessment, College of Arts & Sciences, Texas A&M University–San Antonio
2017	Lecturer Search Committee, Spanish Program, Member, Texas A&M University—San Antonio. Committee Chairs: Ann Bliss and Marcus Palmer
2017	Sociology Tenure Track Search Committee, (Daniel Delgado), Department of Social Sciences, Texas A&M University–San Antonio. Committee Chair: Jennifer Correa. Department Chair: Durant Frantzen
Texas A&M-	-San Antonio, Student Organizations
2018	Sociology Club & LGBTQA Coalition, Southwest of Salem: The Story of the San Antonio Four, Vista Room Film Event (October 10), Texas A&M University-San Antonio
2017-2018	Advisor, Alpha Kappa Delta, The International Sociology Honor Society, Sociology Program Chapter, Texas A&M University–San Antonio
University of	f Wisconsin-Parkside, University Level
2013-2016	Faculty Senator, Sociology/Anthropology Department, University of Wisconsin Parkside
2012-2016	Center for Race & Ethnic Studies Committee, Member, University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Committee Chair: Fay Akindes
2012-2016	Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies Committee, Member, University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Committee Chair: Linda K. Crafton
University of	f Wisconsin-Parkside, College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies
2013	Ad Hoc Grade Appeals Committee, Member, College of Social Sciences & Professional Studies, University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Committee Chair: Jeffrey Alexander
University of	f Wisconsin-Parkside, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
2014-2016	Grade Appeals Committee, Member, Sociology/Anthropology Department, University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Committee Chair: Kate Gillogly

University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Student Organizations

- 2013-2015 Co-Advisor, Latinos Unidos, University of Wisconsin–Parkside
- 2014 Sigma Lambda Gamma, Distinct Women's Leadership Panel, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2013 Multicultural Open House Speaker, Admissions Office, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2012 Bilingual Open House Speaker, Admissions Office, University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Service Learning Projects

- 2019 Summer Service-Learning Trip, South Texas Human Rights Center, Falfurrias, Texas (June 20th, 21th, and 22th), Humanitarian Water Stations Project, w/ Dr. Joseph Simpson
- 2018 Summer Service-Learning Trip, South Texas Human Rights Center, Falfurrias, Texas (June 7th, 8th, and 9th), Humanitarian Water Stations Project, w/ Dr. Joseph Simpson

Organization of University Campus Speaker Events

- Organized Guest Speakers: Dr. C.J. Alvarez (Associate Professor, UT-Austin), Tricia Cortez (Executive Director, Rio Grande International Study Center), Martin Castro (Watershed Science Director, Rio Grande International Study Center), October 22, A&M-San Antonio, Sponsored by: Sociology, Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies, History, and Water Resources. Contact: Jennifer G. Correa. Open to University/Community.
- Organized Guest Speakers: Eddie O. Canales (South Texas Human Rights Center) and Dr. Kate Spradley (Forensic Anthropologist Texas State University), October 25, A&M—San Antonio, Sponsored by: Department of Social Sciences & Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies. Contact: Jennifer G. Correa. Open to University/Community.
- 2019 Organized Guest Speaker: Juan B. Mancias, Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribal Chairman, September 9, A&M San Antonio, Sponsored by: Department of Social Sciences, Sociology Program, & Mexican American, Latinx, and Borderlands Studies. Contact: Jennifer G. Correa. Open to University/Community.
- 2019 "My Name is Maria de Jesus," Documentary Film Panel, A&M–San Antonio, (October 7th), Documentary Film by Director Maria Ochoa, Sponsored by: Department of Language, Literature, & Arts, Panel Discussants: Drs. **Jennifer G. Correa**, Esther Garza, Philis Barragan-Goetz and included Rosie Castro (former Mayor Julian Castro's Mother) and Director Maria Ochoa. Contact: Dr. Ann Bliss. Open to University/Community.

Invited Speaking Engagements

- 2021 **Correa, Jennifer G.** and Daniel Delgado. Youth Program, *Fuerza Unida* (local non-profit), "Institutional Inequalities and Resilience," June 22.
- 2018 **Correa, Jennifer G.**, Adrianna Santos, Phillis Barragan-Goetz, and Alicia Reyes-Barrientez. Latina Leadership Institute, under direction of Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson. "Soy Mujer: The (Mis)Education of Latinas," (March 23) Texas A&M University–San Antonio. March 23.
- 2017 **Correa, Jennifer G.**, Adrianna Santos, and Phillis Barragan-Goetz. "Soy Mujer: Latina Identity & Empowerment" Texas A&M University—San Antonio, September 21.
- 2017 Correa, Jennifer G. "Human Rights from Below: Texas Rio Grande Valley Residents' Struggle Living in a Militarized Zone," College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Talk Series. Texas A&M University—San Antonio.
- 2013 Correa, Jennifer G. "Militarizing Effects on the Texas-Mexico Border." Latino Student Activist Conference, Latinos Unidos (LU), University of Wisconsin-Parkside.
- 2012 Correa, Jennifer G. "Bad Romance: The State vs. Women's Citizenship Rights." Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Conference, University of Wisconsin–Parkside.
- 2012 Correa, Jennifer G. "America's History of Lynching: A Form of (Symbolic) Violence." Racial and Ethnic Studies Conference, Untangling Racism: Reflection, Dialogue, and Synthesis, University of Wisconsin–Parkside.
- 2011 Correa, Jennifer G. "The Secure Fence Act: Constructing the Border Fence and Community Reactions." The Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Conference Workshop, University of Texas—Austin.
- 2009 Hispanic Heritage Month Speaker, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, Program Coordinator: Erin McClure, Student Activities, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, MSC 133 700 University Blvd, P: (361) 593-2795, Kingsville, TX 78363, (October 1).
- 2009 Correa, Jennifer G. "Voice and Collective Consciousness: The Civil Rights and Feminist Movements of the 1960s and 1970s Texas A&M University–Kingsville.
- 2009 Correa, Jennifer G. "Narratives of Othering: The War on Terror and the Social Construction of Mexican Americans." Women and Gender Studies Colloquium Series, University of Missouri–Columbia.
- 2008 Graduation Commencement Speaker, Dilley High School, Principal: Oscar Martinez, Superintendent: Jack R. Seals, Address: 230 Hwy 117, Dilley, TX 78017, P: (830) 965-1912, (May 25).

- 2007 Correa, Jennifer G. "Racial Minority Movements and the Role of the State." Presented to Sociology of Violence, Texas A&M University–Kingsville.
- 2004 Correa, Jennifer G. "El Movimiento: East L.A. Brown Berets and the Legal Social Control that Caused their Disintegration" Sociology Graduate Student Association Research Symposium, Oklahoma State University.

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (2021-2024)

Reviewer, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (2023)

Reviewer, Critical Sociology (2019-2020)

Reviewer, Theory and Society (2018)

Reviewer, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (2017)

Reviewer, Qualitative Sociology (2016)

Reviewer, Social Problems

Reviewer, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (2015)

Reviewer, Critical Sociology (2012)

Reviewer, Qualitative Inquiry (2012)

Reviewer, Sociological Compass (2008)

FACULTY WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

2023 UndocuAlly Workshop, Kimberley Nanez (Exec. Director Student Success), April 25th. 5:30-7:30 p.m.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association for Humanist Sociology (AHS)

Association for Borderlands Studies (ABS)