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# EDUCATION

**Doctoral Candidate** Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2016-present

**Gradate Minor in Gender and Women Studies,** University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign2019

**M.A.,** Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign 2019

**B.S.** Anthropology and Sociology**,** California State Polytechnic University Pomona 2012

# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sexuality and Gender; Race; Urban Sociology; Latino/a Studies; Political Economy; Resistance; Women of Color Feminisms; Queer of Color Theory; Intersectional Feminism; Transnationalism

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Summer 2020 Graduate Teaching Assistant as a Group Leader for the Summer Predoctoral Institute in the Graduate College

Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant for Criminology Online

Fall 2019 Teaching Assistant for Introduction to Sociology: Teaching three discussion sections

Oct 2019 Guest lecture for Spanish: Race and Ethnicity with Dr. Vincent Cervantes: “Latinx Resistance in LA: Disidentification and Counterspace”

April 2019 Guest lecture for Sociology: Race and Ethnicity with Dr. Ghassan Moussawi: “Latinx Life in LA: Creating Space and Artistic/ Creative Practices”

Mar 2019 Guest lecture for Human Development and Family Studies with Dr. Robin Jarrett: “Work and Family”

April 2018 Guest lecture for Sociology: Race and Ethnicity with Dr. Ghassan Moussawi: “Latinx Resistance in LA: Disidentification and Counterspace”

# FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND DISTINCTIONS

2019 Graduate College Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2018 Department of Sociology Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2018 Graduate College Conference Travel Grant, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2018 High Pass - Qualifying Paper/ Master’s Thesis: “Foster Youth Perspectives: Mobilizing Rights within the Foster Care System”

2018 High Pass - Transnational Gender and Sexuality Qualifying Exam

2016-19 Graduate College Distinguished Fellowship Recipient, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2015-16 Cecil Brown Endowment Scholarship Recipient, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

2014-15 Ronald E. McNair Scholar’s Stipend Recipient, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

2012 Academic Grant, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

# CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Aug 2020 “Los Angeles: How Space is Taken Up, Reimagined and Created Despite Gentrification” National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Annual Conference (accepted but cancelled)

Aug 2020 “Los Angeles: How Space is Taken Up, Reimagined and Created Despite Gentrification” American Sociological Association Annual Conference - Latina/o Sociology Panel: An Invitation to Reflexivity: Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality and Latinx Sociology (accepted but cancelled)

Aug 2019 “Latinx Resistance in the Everyday” American Sociological Association Annual Conference – Latina/o Sociology Roundtable, New York City

Aug 2018 “Negotiating Sexuality, Identity, and Marginalization: How Latinx Women Assert Power and Place in the City” American Sociological Association - Sexualities Preconference: Sexualities, Race & Empire: Resistance In An Uncertain Time, Philadelphia

April 2018 **“**Latinx American Women: Negotiating Dominant Representations and Marginality in Los Angeles” Amber Buckley-Shaklee Graduate Student Conference in Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

April 2017 **“**Perceptions and Behavior: How Foster Youth Mobilize Their Rights” Amber Buckley-Shaklee Graduate Student Conference in Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

July 2016 “Cultural Differences in Experience with Civil Justice Problems” Illinois Summer Research Symposium, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Aug 2015 “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk” Cal Poly Pomona Creative Activities and Research Symposium

Aug 2015 “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk” University of California, Berkeley Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program 23rd California Scholars Program Symposium

July 2015 “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk” Purdue University SROP Research Symposium

May 2015 “Legal and Personal Perspectives on the American Foster Care System” Cal Poly Pomona Lowell Overton Undergraduate Research Conference

May 2015 “Legal and Personal Perspectives on the American Foster Care System” Cal Poly Pomona 3rd Annual Student Research Conference

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 Research Assistant: Collected qualitative data for Dr. Rebecca Sandefur under the Community Needs and Services Study, University of Illinois – Urbana-Champaign

2014-16 Ronald E. McNair Research: Conducted original research titled “Legal and Personal Perspectives on the American Foster Care System”, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

2015 Summer Research Opportunity Program: Conducted original research titled “Incarcerated Mothers: Babies’ Limited Access to Breast Milk”, Purdue University

# PENDING PUBLICATIONS

2019 Foster Youth Perspectives: Mobilizing Rights within the Foster Care System:Submitting to *Sociological Perspectives Journal*

# SERVICE ACTIVITIES

May 2020- Mentor for the “Research Support/ Experience Collaboration” by Sociology for Women in Society /American Sociological Association

Sept 2019 Solidarities of Difference Conference: Panelist and Organizing Committee, Gender and Women’s Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Aug 2019 Navigating Graduate School as a Person of Color: Panelist, University of California, Los Angeles

2018-2019 Graduate Student Advisory Committee: Elected member, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2018-present Sociology Graduate Student Mentor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2018-present Illinois Science and Technology Institute: Mentor for high school students pursuing research in higher education

2018 Society for the Advancement of Hispanics, Chicanos and Native

Americans in Science: Mentor for undergraduates and prospective graduate students, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2017 Community of Scholars Program Conference Facilitator: Graduate College, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

2014-17 Seeds of Peace Organization: Intern/ Mentor, Pomona, CA

2014-15 Renaissance Scholars: Undergraduate Intern, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

# PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Summer Pre-Doctoral Institute, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Ronald E McNair Scholar, California State Polytechnic University Pomona

**LANGUAGES**

**Spanish**: Proficient in reading, speaking, and writing

# COMPUTER SKILLS

**Applications**: IBM SPSS & STATA