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APPOINTMENTS

2026 –	Associate Professor, Sociology and International Studies University of Wisconsin–Madison
2019–2026	Assistant Professor, Sociology and International Studies University of Wisconsin–Madison
2018–2019	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research Tulane University

EDUCATION

2018	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin African and African Diaspora Studies Doctoral Portfolio
2013	M.A. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2009	B.A. Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Vassar College

RESEARCH INTERESTS

race/racism and ethnicity | international migration and refugees | the state, bureaucratic governance
ethnography and qualitative methods | global and transnational sociology | Latin America, Brazil

BOOK

Jensen, Katherine. 2023. *The Color of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

- ◇ 2023 C. Wright Mills Award, Finalist – Society for the Study of Social Problems
- ◇ 2024 Roberto Reis First Book Award, Honorable Mention – Brazilian Studies Association
- ◇ 2024 Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Book Award, Honorable Mention – Sociology of Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association
- ◇ 2024 Edwin H. Sutherland Book Award, Honorable Mention – Law and Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- ◇ 2025 International Political Sociology Book Award, Winner – International Studies Association
- ◇ Author-Meets-Critics Session: Eastern Sociological Society, 2025
- ◇ Featured in *Mother Jones*, *New Books Network*
- ◇ Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *The Latin American Review of Books*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

*Denotes graduate student author

- Forth. Auyero, Javier, Faith Deckard, Alex Diamond, Maricarmen Hernández, Katherine Jensen, Allison Lang,* Eldad Levy, Águeda Ortega, Katherine Sobering, and Mary Ellen Stitt. "Why Ethnography?" *Qualitative Sociology*:1-19. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11133-026-09640-5>
- Forth. Jensen, Katherine. "Confederate Reckoning and Resignifying Racism in Brazil: Local Memory Politics and Anti-Racist Movement Strategies." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 0(0):1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2025.2519801>
- 2025 Jensen, Katherine and Jake Watson. "Transnationalizing Reception: Racial Scripts, Institutional Logics, and Congolese Refugee Processing in the United States and Brazil." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 11(4):556–570.
- 2025 Jensen, Katherine, Monika Krause, and Benny Witkovsky*. "Human Rights as a Lay Category of Thought: Content and Structure in the United States." *Socius* 11:1–17.
 ♦ ASA Podcasts Feature, July 2025
- 2025 Jensen, Katherine. "Epistemological Vigilance as Ethnographic Practice." *Qualitative Sociology* 48(2):353–358.
- 2024 Ortega, Águeda,* Katherine Jensen, and Javier Auyero. "You Will Never Walk Alone: Ethnographic Training as Collective Endeavor." *Teaching Sociology* 52(1):1–14.
 ♦ Lead Article
- 2023 Jensen, Katherine. "From the Asylum Official's Point of View: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 49(13):3455–3472.
 ♦ Best Article Award – Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association
- 2022 Jensen, Katherine and Lisa M. Sousa Dias*. "Varied Racialization and Legal Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil." *American Behavioral Scientist* 66(13):1797–1815.
- 2021 Jensen, Katherine. "Contexts of Reception Seen and Constituted from Below: The Production of Refugee Status Apathy." *Qualitative Sociology* 44(3):455–471.
- 2021 Jensen, Katherine. "The Meanings of Refugee Status." *Contexts* 20(1):10–15.
- 2019 Jensen, Katherine and Javier Auyero. "Teaching and Learning the Craft: The Construction of Ethnographic Objects." *Research in Urban Sociology* (Special Issue, Urban Ethnography: Legacies and Challenges) 16:69–87.
- 2018 Jensen, Katherine. "The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 41(15):2615–2633.
 ♦ Lead Article
 ♦ Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention – Body and Embodiment Section, American Sociological Association

- ◇ Best Social Sciences Article Award, Honorable Mention – Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association

- 2018 Shapira, Harel, Katherine Jensen, and Ken-Hou Lin. "Trends and Patterns of Concealed Handgun License Applications: A Multi-State Analysis." *Social Currents* 5(1):3–14.
- 2017 Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, and Javier Auyero. "A Proposal for Public Sociology as Localized Intervention and Collective Enterprise: The Makings and Impact of *Invisible in Austin*." *Qualitative Sociology* 40(2):191–214.
- 2015 Auyero, Javier and Katherine Jensen. "For Political Ethnographies of Urban Marginality." *City & Community* 14(4):359–363.
- 2014 Jensen, Katherine. "Black Brazil Never Slept." *Contexts* 13(2):44–49.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2024 Jensen, Katherine. "Hamid: A Life Deferred in Brazil." Pp. 145–162 in *Portraits of Persistence: Inequality and Hope in Latin America*, edited by J. Auyero. Austin: University of Texas Press.
- ◇ Spanish Translation, Forthcoming: "Hamid: una vida aplazada en Brasil." Pp. 203–227 in *Retratos de la persistencia: Desigualdad y esperanza en América Latina*, edited by J. Auyero. Madrid: La Oveja Roja.
 - ◇ Best Books of 2024 – *Literal*, *Latin American Voices Magazine*
 - ◇ Book Salons: Latin American Studies Association, Ethnographic Café
 - ◇ Reviews: *Contemporary Sociology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *CHOICE*, *Journal of Anthropological Research*, *Booklist*, *The Latin American Review of Books*
- 2018 Jensen, Katherine. "El asilo pensado como un campo: Percepciones, posturas y relaciones en el proceso de refugio en Brasil [Asylum thought as a field: Perceptions, stances and relations in the asylum process in Brazil]." Pp. 27–50 in *Pierre Bourdieu en la sociología latinoamericana: El uso de campo y habitus en la investigación*, eds. R. Castro and H. J. Suárez. Cuernavaca, Mexico: UNAM Press.
- 2015 Jensen, Katherine. "Kumar: Driving in the Nighttime." Pp. 138–161 in *Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City*, edited by J. Auyero. Austin: University of Texas Press.
- ◇ Top 20 Bestselling Books of the Decade, University of Texas Press
 - ◇ Reviews and Press Coverage: *Contemporary Sociology*, *The Guardian*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Social Service Review*, *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, *Texas Observer*, *Bloomberg Business*, *Austin Monthly*, *Booklist*, *Street Roots News*, *Science Letter*, *The Daily Texan*
- 2012 Pereyra, Brenda, Nuria Pena, and Katherine Jensen. "Teaching to remember: Memorials of repression in Argentina and the impact on students." In *International Education and Global Justice: Rethinking the Politics of Sustainability*, edited by T. Belghazi and S. Graiouid. Rabat, Morocco: Publications of the Faculty of Letters.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PRESS

Jensen, Katherine. "Whiteness through European Heritage in Latin America's Immigrant Nations." *Whitespaces*, edited by D. L. Brunsma, J. W. Kim, L. E. C. Brown, and E. B. Roberts. Under contract with Bloomsbury. Expected early 2027.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Forth. Jensen, Katherine. "The Borders of Privilege: 1.5-Generation Brazilian Migrants Navigating Power Without Papers by Kara B. Cebulko." *International Migration Review*.
- 2019 Jensen, Katherine. "Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria by Julia Dahlvik." *Contemporary Sociology* 49(1):39–41.
- 2019 Jensen, Katherine. "Asylum after Empire: Colonial Legacies in the Politics of Asylum Seeking by Lucy Mayblin." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(8):1380–1382.
- 2013 Jensen, Katherine. "Consent of the Damned: Ordinary Argentinians in the Dirty War by David M. K. Sheinin." *The Latin Americanist* 57(3):106–108.
- 2012 Jensen, Katherine and Javier Auyero. "Lives at the Urban Margins." *Public Books*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Jensen, Katherine and David Cook-Martín. "Migration Myopias and Insights from the Global South." *Perspectives: Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section* 43(2):8–14.
- 2018 Jensen, Katherine. "Bolsonaro Marks a Xenophobic Turn for Brazil." *States, Power, & Societies: ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter* (Fall):10–12.
- 2015 Jensen, Katherine. "Stop calling it a 'refugee crisis'." *The Daily Texan*.
- 2015 Auyero, Javier, Caitlyn Collins, and Katherine Jensen. "Exposing the Underbelly of Austin's Economic Segregation." *Austin American-Statesman*, June 24.
 ◇ Reprinted in *Texas Perspectives*, *TODO Austin*, and *Life & Letters*
- 2015 Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, Kristine Kilanski, and Javier Auyero. "The Other Side of Austin, Texas." *Metropolitics*.
- 2014 Jensen, Katherine. "Dismantling White Supremacy at Vassar." *Racism Review*.
- 2013 Jensen, Katherine. "When the Bullets Aren't Rubber: Racism and Violence in Brazil's Protests." *Racism Review*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2025 International Political Sociology Section Book Award
International Studies Association
- 2025 ACLS Fellowship, Finalist
American Council of Learned Societies

2024	Roberto Reis First Book Award, Honorable Mention Brazilian Studies Association
2024	Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Book Award, Honorable Mention Sociology of Human Rights Section, American Sociological Association
2024	Edwin H. Sutherland Book Award, Honorable Mention (Runner-Up) Law and Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
2024	Best Article Award Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association
2024	University Distinguished Teaching Award University of Wisconsin-Madison
2023	C. Wright Mills Award, Finalist Society for the Study of Social Problems
2023	Best Paper Award (First Place) Migration, Displacements, and Mobilities Section, Latin American Studies Association
2021	ACLS Fellowship, Finalist American Council of Learned Societies
2018	Best Social Sciences Article Award, Honorable Mention Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association
2018	Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention Body and Embodiment Section, American Sociological Association
2012	Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention Ford Foundation

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Vilas Associates Award, UW-Madison (\$97,514) Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. "White in Another America: Immigration Past and Present in Latin America's Southern Cone" (\$54,134)
2022	Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. "States of Whiteness: Race, Immigration, and Belonging in the Brazilian South" (\$19,124)
2021	Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity Fellow (2022-2023), Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. "The Cognitive Structure of Human Rights: Implicit Understandings of Rights, Violations, and their Geographies" (\$41,655)
2020	Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. "Expanding Asylum and Its Impacts on Refugee Belonging" (\$35,999)

2019	Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. "In Search of Safe Haven: The Racial Politics of Asylum in Brazil" (\$34,409)
2018	Stone Center for Latin American Studies Travel and Research Award, Tulane University Graduate Student Assembly Travel Grant, UT-Austin Latin American Studies Association Brazil Section Travel Grant
2017	University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT-Austin Graduate Summer Fellowship, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin (declined)
2016	PEO International Scholar Award
2015	US-Brazil Student Fulbright Award Latin American Studies Association Travel Grant University of Texas at Austin Excellence Award Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Fellowship, UT-Austin Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award, UT-Austin Anna Luiza Ozorio de Almeida Field Research Grant, UT-Austin Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin
2014	Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin
2013	Predoctoral Fellowship, UT-Austin Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin
2012	Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, Portuguese Academic Scholarship, UT-Austin College of Liberal Arts Anthropology in Rio Scholarship, UT-Austin International Education Fee Scholarship, UT-Austin
2011	Sociology Department Fellowship, UT-Austin University Tuition Grant, UT-Austin
2009	Maguire Fellowship, Vassar College
2008	Burnam Fellowship, Vassar College

BOOK TALKS

White in Another America: Lessons from Latin America's Southern Cone

2025	UW-Madison, Sociology Department Race & Ethnicity Workshop
2025	Keynote Address. University of Mississippi, 4th Annual Faculty and Graduate Student Forum on Race and Ethnicity. Coalition for the Study of Race and Racism

The Color of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil

University

2025	Williams College, Department of Anthropology and Sociology
2025	UW-Madison, Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies (LACIS)

2024	Duke University, Department of Sociology Race Workshop (virtual)
2023	Tulane University, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research
2023	Vanderbilt University, Borders of Citizenship Initiative Speaker Series
2023	University of Illinois-Chicago, Sociology Department Colloquium
2023	Universidad Central de Chile – Economy, Government, and Communications Department – Max Planck Group in Economy and Society (ESOC-UCEN)
2023	UW-Madison, Sociology Department Board of Visitors
2022	University of Chicago, Sociology Department Colloquium
2022	UW-Madison, Institute for Research in the Humanities
2022	UW-Madison, Community and Environmental Sociology Seminar Workshop

Courses

2025	Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy, Ethnography graduate seminar
2025	UT-Austin, “Readings in Ethnography” undergraduate seminar
2025	Williams College, “Brazil’s Myth of Racial Democracy” undergraduate seminar
2024	Vanderbilt University, “The Politics of Asylum” undergraduate course (virtual)
2024	BYU, “Sociology of Immigration” undergraduate course (virtual)
2024	Williams College, “Introduction to Sociology” undergraduate course (virtual)
2024	University of North Texas, “Qualitative Data Analysis” graduate seminar (virtual)
2024	UW-Madison, “Migration, Mobility & Stoppage” graduate seminar (virtual)
2023	UW-Madison, “Migration and Migrants” graduate seminar
2023	Vanderbilt University, “The Politics of Asylum” undergraduate course

Community

2023	United Nations Association, Dane County Chapter
2023	Room of One’s Own Bookstore, Madison, WI

Portraits of Persistence: Inequality and Hope in Latin America

2025	European University Institute. Florence, Italy
2025	Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress. San Francisco, CA
2025	Barnard College, Columbia University. Undergraduate course (virtual)
2024	Ethnographic Café (virtual)

Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City

University

2016	UT-Austin, Institute for Urban Policy and Research
2015	UT-Austin, Moody College of Communication
2015	UT-Austin, Abriendo Brecha Activist Scholarship Conference

Courses

2025	Williams College, senior capstone undergraduate seminar
2018	UT-Austin, Government, “Politics of Poverty” undergraduate course
2017	McCallum High School, AP Macroeconomics
2017	UT-Austin, Government, “Politics of Poverty” undergraduate course
2017	UT-Austin, Sociology, “Social Scientific Imagination” undergraduate course
2016	Dripping Springs High School, Sociology course

- 2015 UT-Austin, American Studies, "Doing Public Scholarship" graduate seminar
- 2015 UT-Austin, Spanish and Portuguese, "Fictions of the Real" graduate seminar
- 2015 UT-Austin, Sociology, "Social Scientific Imagination" undergraduate course

Community

- 2018 KUT Book of the Month Club
- 2016 UT-Austin, "Sociology in Action" Student Organization
- 2015 Texas Book Festival
- 2015 BookPeople Bookstore
- 2015 Humanities Texas Book Fair
- 2015 KOOP Radio
- 2015 University of Texas Press Advisory Council

OTHER INVITED TALKS

- 2026 Midwest Migration Scholars Workshop. Klau Institute for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame.
- 2026 "Governing Refugees, Past and Present." Immigration Teach-In, LIT Leaders Igniting Transformation UW-Madison Chapter.
- 2025 "Public Sociology in Dark Times." ASA International Migration Section. (virtual)
- 2025 "Ethnography of the Good." UW-Madison, Community & Environmental Sociology Seminar.
- 2025 On Book Writing. UW-Madison, UFAS United Faculty & Academic Staff. (virtual)
- 2024 "Beyond the US-Mexico Border: Insights Across Fields." UW-Madison, Constellations Program. (virtual)
- 2022 "The Ukraine Refugee Crisis in Global Context." UW-Madison, Institute for Regional and International Studies, Teaching About Ukraine: Webinar for K-12 Educators. (virtual)
- 2020 "The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil." University of Chicago, Center for Latin American Studies
- 2020 "Teaching and Learning Ethnography." University of Wisconsin, Research in Qualitative Methodology Workshop
- 2019 "Teaching and Learning Ethnography." Tulane University, Department of Sociology
- 2019 "The Cognitive Production of State Legibility." UW-Madison, Sociology of Economic Change and Development Workshop
- 2018 "The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil"
 - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology
 - London School of Economics, Department of Sociology
 - University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Sociology
 - Florida Atlantic University, Department of Sociology
 - Sam Houston State University, Department of Sociology
- 2017 "Seeking Refuge in Our Current Era." P.E.O. International, Austin Chapter
- 2017 "The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil"
 - University of Toronto, Department of Sociology
 - Washington and Lee University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- 2016 "Diáspora como conceito (Diaspora as a concept)." Solar dos Abacaxis: Freedom/Territory, in partnership with UNHCR Brazil
- 2015 "Local Implementation." Amnesty International Texas State Conference

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Panels Organized

- 2025 "Transnational Solidarities for Racial Justice" (with Zophia Edwards). American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Global and Transnational Sociology Section. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 "Contexts of Reception in Global and Historical Perspective" (with Jake Watson). Social Science History (SSHA) Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Papers Presented

- 2025 "Exalting Whiteness to Save a Community: Heritage Tourism and Immigrant Nostalgia in Latin America's Southern Cone." Latin American Studies Association Congress. San Francisco, CA.
- "Hamid: A Life Deferred in Brazil." Latin American Studies Association Congress. San Francisco, CA.
- 2024 "The Cognitive Structure of Human Rights: Implicit Understandings of Rights, Violations, and Geographies." ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- "Exalting Whiteness to Salvage a Community: Heritage Tourism and Immigrant Nostalgia in Latin America's Southern Cone." ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- "Curating and Commemorating Whiteness in the Landscape: European Immigrant Settler Nostalgia in the Southern Cone." RC21 Conference. Santiago, Chile.
- "Curating European Settler Nostalgia: Commemoration and Saudade Tourism in the Brazilian South." BRASA Brazilian Studies Association Congress. San Diego, CA.
- 2023 "Racial Inequality through Legal Inclusion: A Processual Approach to Racialized Migrant Hierarchies." Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, UCLA Center for the Study of International Migration. Los Angeles, CA. (*Strike solidarity rescheduled*)
- "Institutional Fields in a Global Racial Order: Racialized Inclusion and Refugees in the US and Brazil." ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- "Racializing Legality and the State: Forced Migrants and Policy Responses in Brazil"
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
 - Latin American Studies Association Congress, Vancouver, Canada
- "Racialized Logics and Bureaucratic Mandates: Immigrant Legalization and the Production of Differential Belonging." Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis, Sociology Department, UCLA.
- 2022 "Congolese Refugees and the Institutional Logics of Anti-Blackness in a Global Racial Order." SSHA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- Invited panelist, "Refugee Policies and Experiences in Global Perspective" Presidential Thematic Session. ASA Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- "Racializing Legality and the State: Forced Migrants and Policy Responses in Brazil." Emerging Voices in Migration Scholarship, ASA International Migration Section Quadrennial Mini-Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
- "Hamid: A Life Deferred in Brazil." *Portraits of Latin America* Book Workshop, UT-Austin. (*Covid postponed from 2020*)

- "After: Refugee Apathy" in *The Color of Asylum*. Boston Area Migration Workshop Series. (*Covid remote*)
- 2021 Invited panelist, "Migration as Displacement" Thematic Session. ASA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid remote*)
- "Varied Racialization and Legal Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil." ASA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid remote*)
- "Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil." ISA International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology. Porto Alegre, Brazil. (*Covid postponed, remote*)
- 2020 "Varied Racialization and Political Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil." Racialization and Immigration Conference. North Carolina State University. (*Covid remote*)
- "Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil." ASA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (*Covid remote*)
- 2019 "Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil"
- SSHA Meeting. Chicago, IL
 - Development in Dialogue Conference. University of Notre Dame, IN
 - Junior Theorists Symposium. New York, NY
- 2018 "Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil." Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
- "From the Asylum Officials' Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination"
- ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA
 - The Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology: Cultural, Pragmatist, and Psychosocial Approaches Conference. Philadelphia, PA
- "Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson's *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale." LASA Congress. Barcelona, Spain.
- "The Racial Logics of Determining Refugee Status: A View from Brazil." Divided We Stand? Race and Immigration in the Trump Era Conference. Austin, TX.
- 2017 "The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and Knowledge Production in Brazil"
- ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada
 - SSSP Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada
- "Against the *Illusio*: Troubling Refugee Status." Graduate Student Affiliate Workshop, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. Austin, TX.
- "Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson's *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale." The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School for Contemporary Urban Studies Workshop. Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam. Netherlands.

- 2016 "El asilo pensado como un *campo*: percepciones, posturas y relaciones en el proceso de refugio en Brasil." "Haciendo Trabajar a Pierre Bourdieu desde América Latina: Habitus y Campo en la Investigación Social" Colloquium. Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2015 "Through a White Logic: Screening Asylum Seekers in Brazil." LASA Annual Congress. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 "Do You Really Believe He Escaped That House? Racist Epistemologies in the Brazilian Asylum-Screening Process." SSS Annual Meeting. Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 "A Critique of Credibility: The Asylum-Screening Process in Brazil." ASA Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- "We Afrodescendants Are Products of the Slave Trade': Exclusionary Framings of the Argentine 2010 Census Question on African Descent." ILASSA Conference. Austin, TX.
- 2012 "Framings of the 2010 Argentine Census Survey of African Descent: African Migrant Communities and the Boundaries of Inclusion." UT Department of Spanish and Portuguese 20th Colloquium. Austin, TX.
- "Continuities of State Repression and Social Injustice: Lessons from the Spatial Margins in Argentine Memory-Making." LAGO Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Discussant and Presider by Invitation

- 2024 Presider. "The Politics of Internal Migration: Displacement and Belonging." International Migration Section, ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2022 Discussant. "Frontiers of Global Theorizing." Joint Session for Theory Section and Global and Transnational Sociology Section, ASA Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- Discussant. "Ethnographic Practice." Chicago Ethnography Conference, UW-Madison. (*Covid remote*)
- 2021 Discussant. "Knowledge, Power and Politics in the Global South." Global and Transnational Sociology Section, ASA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid remote*)
- Discussant. Chicago Ethnography Conference, Depaul University (*Covid cancelled*)
- 2018 Discussant. "Migration and Precarious Citizenship: Identity and Memory in the 20th Century." LAGO Conference, Tulane University. New Orleans, LA.

TEACHING

Course Instruction

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology and International Studies

2019-

IS 101: Introduction to International Studies

SOC 300: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality

IS 403: Latin American Lives

SOC 496: Asylum and Refugees

IS 601: Refugees in Global Context

Tulane University, Department of Sociology SOC 2012: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality	2018-19
UT-Austin, Department of Sociology SOC 308: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in American Society SOC 321: Urban Sociology (Co-taught with Prof. Javier Auyero)	2015-17

Awards and Certificates

UW-Madison Distinguished Teaching Award Emily H. Steiger Award for excellence in junior faculty teaching	2024
Teaching and Learning Excellence Fellow UW-Madison	2020-21
Inclusive Classrooms Teaching Certificate Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, UT-Austin	2015
Teaching Certificate in First-Year Interdisciplinary Instruction School of Undergraduate Studies, UT-Austin	2013
LGBTQ Ally Certification Gender and Sexuality Center, UT-Austin	2013

Related Experience

Program Assistant, "Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights" SIT Study Abroad, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2010-11
ESL Teaching Assistant Poughkeepsie High School, New York	2008-09
Educational Assistant Rural and Migrant Ministry, Poughkeepsie, New York	2006-09

MENTORING AND THESIS COMMITTEES

(defense in parenthesis)

PhD Dissertations

Committee Member – *Sociology*: Kristina Fullerton Rico (2024), Chiara Packard (2024), Frankie Frank (2024), Ruby Bafu (2025), Jungmyung Kim (2026), Morgan Henson (2026), Emma-Claire LaSaine, Anna Popovych; *Political Science*: Lisa Maria de Sousa Dias

Master's Theses

Chair – Xuan Nguyen, Sociology (2026); Mariah Lindsay, Sociology (2025); Carlos G. Leos, International Relations (2017, Universidad de Belgrano)

Committee Member – *Sociology*: Johanna Nunez (2025), Pedro Moises (2025), Catalina Valdez (2025), Emma-Claire LaSaine (2022); *Education Policy*: Ally Shepherd (2021)

Bachelor's Thesis

Advisor – Cat Larsen, "Gender and U.S. Asylum Policies," International Studies, UW-Madison (2020)

Sociology PhD Advisor – Xuan Nguyen; Catalina Valdez
 Faculty Research Mentor, McNair Scholars Program (2020)

RESEARCH AND INSTITUTE AFFILIATIONS

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Faculty Coordinator Wisconsin Collective for Ethnographic Research (WISCER)	2020–
Faculty Affiliate Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies	2019–
Member Abolition and Refuge Borghesi-Mellon Workshop	2022–23

External

Country Conditions Expert Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, UC Law San Francisco	2019–
Diversity Scholars Network Phillip J. Bowman Center for Scholarship to Practice, University of Michigan	2019–

Previous Institutions

Graduate Fellow & Coordinator Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin	2012–18
Graduate Student Affiliate Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin	2015–18

LANGUAGES

English, native; Portuguese, fluent; Spanish, fluent

SERVICE

Discipline

Council Member ASA International Migration Section	2024–2027
Council Member ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section	2024–2027
Council Member ASA Sociology of Human Rights Section	2024–2027
Quadrennial Mini-Conference Subcommittee ASA International Migration Section	2025–2026
Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee ASA Sociology of Human Rights Section	2026

Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section	2025
Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Book Award Committee ASA Sociology of Human Rights Section	2025
Nominations Committee ASA Global and Transnational Sociology Section	2025
Chair, International Relations/Global Studies Track Latin American Studies Association Congress	2024
Nominations Committee ASA Sociology of Human Rights Section	2024
Thomas and Znaniecki Best Book Award Committee ASA International Migration Section	2023
Mentoring Program ASA International Migration Section	2023
Student Editorial Board Member <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>	2013-2014
Occasional Reviewer for Journals and Presses— <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>Social Forces</i> , <i>Social Problems</i> , <i>Sociological Theory</i> , <i>Qualitative Sociology</i> , <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> , <i>Sociology of Race & Ethnicity</i> , <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> , <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i> , <i>International Migration Review</i> , <i>International Migration</i> , <i>American Political Science Review</i> , <i>Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology</i> , <i>Brazilian Political Science Review</i> , University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, Routledge, Springer, Rowman and Littlefield	

University

Steering Committee Havens Wright Center for Social Justice	2024-2027
Area and International Studies Recruitment Awards Review Committee Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS), UW-Madison	2021

Sociology Department

Race and Ethnic Studies Standing Committee for Preliminary Exam	2019-
Faculty Advisor, Research in Qualitative Methodology Graduate Workshop	2020-
Qualitative Methods Committee	2021-
Ethnography Standing Committee for Preliminary Exam	2024-
TA Training and Professional Development Committee	2025-2026
Undergraduate Curriculum, Program Planning & Assessment Committee	2023-2025
Chair, BIPOC Recruitment and Retention Committee	2024-25
Department Colloquium Committee	2023-24
Social Committee	2023
Web and Online Outreach Committee (Chair, '21-22)	2019-22
Faculty Senate Department Representative	2019-21

International Studies Program

Newman Family Scholarship Award Review Committee	2020-
IS and Geography Faculty Search Committee	2023-24
IS and Anthropology Faculty Search Committee	2021-22
International Studies Major Self-Study Committee	2020-21

Previous Institutions

Coordinator, Confronting Challenges of Poverty and Inequality Workshop Tulane University	2018-19
Co-Organizer, "Ethnographic Approaches" Speaker Series Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin	2015-18
Graduate Student Coordinator Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin	2012-16

Public

Expert Witness, Brazil Country Conditions for U.S. Asylum Claims – Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, UC College of the Law, San Francisco; Columbia Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic; University of Texas School of Law Immigration Clinic; University of Connecticut School of Law Legal Clinic; University of Chicago Law School Immigrants' Rights Clinic; Georgia State University Immigration Clinic; Northwest Immigrant Rights Project; American Gateways; Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project; Catholic Charities of Central Colorado; August Legal LCC; Keegan Immigration Law; Central Vermont Refugee Action Network; Georgetown University, Center for Applied Legal Studies; Church World Service; Human Rights First

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Latin American Studies Association; Brazilian Studies Association; International Sociological Association; Social Science History Association; Society for the Study of Social Problems