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Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Assistant Professor of Sociology, School of Social and Family Dynamics (SSFD),
Arizona State University (2019 – present)

Faculty Affiliate: School of Transborder Studies (STS), Arizona State University (2019 – present)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles (2019)

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles (2014)

M.A. Sociology, University of Nevada, Reno (2012)

B.A. Sociology, Spanish; *Summa cum laude*; California State University, Stanislaus (2008)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Race, Gender, Class; Latinx and Black feminisms; Latinx/a/o sociology; social movements; reproductive justice; social theory; sociology of knowledge; qualitative methods; immigration, migration, colonization; higher education

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

(3 peer-reviewed article publications, 1 peer-reviewed article in production, and 1 article reprint in textbook since ASU appointment began)

6. **García, Rocío R.**, Diya Bose, and Susila Gurusami (equal co-authorship). In Production. “What the Fuck? Surviving Fantasies of Sexual Violence in the Professoriate.” (*Latino Studies*)
5. Gurusami, Susila, **Rocío R. García**, and Diya Bose. 2023. “[Abolishing Carceral Distractions: Refusing the Discursive Punishment of Latinxs.](#)” *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 34(3): 431-50. DOI: 10.1080/10511253.2022.2139850
4. García, Rocío R. 2022. “[‘We’re Not All Anti-Choices’: How Controlling Images Shape Latina/x Feminist Abortion Advocacy.](#)” *Sociological Perspectives* 65(6): 1208-1227. DOI: 10.1177/07311214221112623
*2023 Winner of PSA Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives* Award
3. García, Rocío R. 2020. “[Latinx Feminist Policymaking: On the Necessity of Messiness in Collective Action.](#)” *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 25(4): 441-460.
DOI: 10.17813/1086-671X-25-4-441 [lead article]
*2022 Winner of SSSP Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Kimberlé Crenshaw Article Award
*2021 Winner of ASA Section on Latina/Latino Sociology Distinguished Research Article Award
*2019 Winner of ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class Graduate Student Paper Award
2. García, Rocío R. 2018. “[The Politics of Erased Migrations: Expanding a Relational, Intersectional Sociology of Latinx Gender and Migration.](#)” *Sociology Compass* 12(4): e12571.
DOI: 10.1111/soc4.12571

*Reprinted in *Contemporary Sociological Theory, 4th edition* (2022), edited by Craig Calhoun, Joseph Gerteis, James Moody, Steven Pfaff, and Indermohan Virk. New Jersey: Wiley.

1. García, Rocío. 2015. "[Normative Ideals, 'Alternative' Realities: Perceptions of Interracial Dating Among Professional Latinas and Black Women.](#)" *Societies* 5(4): 807-830. DOI: 10.3390/soc5040807

BOOK

1. García, Rocío R. *Latinx Feminist Thought: On Difference, Messiness, and Politicmaking* (Under advance contract with Routledge Press, *Sociology Re-Wired* series. Manuscript In Progress).

BOOK REVIEWS

(2 book reviews published since ASU appointment began)

3. **García, Rocío R.** and Nicholas Vargas (equal co-authorship). 2022. "[Review of *Inventing Latinas: A New Story of American Racism*, by Laura E. Gómez.](#)" *Sociological Forum* 37(4): 1210-1214.
2. García, Rocío R. 2021. "[Review of *Reproductive Rights as Human Rights: Women of Color and the Fight for Reproductive Justice*, by Zakiya Luna.](#)" *Social Forces* Vol. 100(1): e13.
1. García, Rocío. 2015. "[Review of *Immigrant Women Workers in the Neoliberal Age*, edited by Nilda Flores-González, Anna Romina Guevarra, Maura Toro-Morn, and Grace Chang.](#)" *Labor Studies Journal* Vol. 39(4): 321-323.

WORK IN PROGRESS

4. Chavarria, Karina, Laura E. Enriquez, and **Rocío R. García** (equal co-authorship). "Latina Spacemaking: Creating, (Re)Imagining, and Disrupting Academia. (Invited book chapter)
3. **García, Rocío R.** "Racial Investments: Theorizing Disparate Meanings of Latinidad."
2. Gurusami, Susila, **Rocío R. García**, and Diya Bose (equal co-authorship). "House of Horrors: Colonial Nightmares of Academic Socialization."
1. **García, Rocío R.** "Epistemological Gaslighting: How Power Structures Theory-Making."

MEDIA AND OTHER COMMENTARY

(6 media engagements and/or commentaries since ASU appointment began)

11. Interviewed for news story. "[ASU sociologist says debunking myth of 'anti-choice' Latinas critical for inclusive health care.](#)" *ASU News*. January 11, 2023.
10. Interviewed for news story. "[After abortion ruling, what does this loss of bodily autonomy mean for women?](#)" *KJZZ 91.5*. October 11, 2022.
9. García, Rocío R. 2022. "['We're Not All Anti-Choices': How Controlling Images Shape Latina/x Feminist Abortion Advocacy.](#)" Invited academic essay for *Latina/o/x Criminology*.
8. Interviewed for news story. "[Supreme Court's reversal of Roe will be felt most by Latina women in Arizona.](#)" *The Arizona Republic*. July 5, 2022.
7. García, Rocío R. 2020. "[Conversations about Latina/Latino Sociology.](#)" American Sociological Association Latina/o Sociology Section Fall Newsletter.

6. García, Rocío R. 2020. "[Intersectionality with Eleanor Seaton and Rocío García.](#)" *In Conversation with the Sanford School* Podcast.
5. García, Rocío R. 2018. "[Resisting the Violence of Ideology.](#)" UCLA Center for the Study of Women Blog.
4. García, Rocío R. 2018. "[Single-Issue Politics in Intersectional Clothing: What's New about U.S. Women's Movement?](#)" University of Notre Dame's *Mobilizing Ideas* Blog.
3. García, Rocío R. 2017. "[Imagining Utopias: Toward Latinx Feminist Thought.](#)" UCLA Center for the Study of Women Blog.
2. García, Rocío R. 2016. "[How the Reproductive Justice Movement Benefits Latinas.](#)" *Scholars Strategy Network* Policy Brief.
1. García, Rocío R. 2016. "[Beyond Pro-Choice.](#)" Scholars Strategy Network's *No Jargon* Podcast.

ACADEMIC FUNDING & AWARDS

(3 funding applications submitted, 3 article awards, and 1 teaching award nomination since ASU appointment began)

Funding Proposals Submitted

3. "To Beat the HEAT: Humanistic Investigations into a Cultural Politics of Belonging among Transgender Sex Workers in Phoenix, Arizona." 2022. LeMaster, Loretta (PI), **García, Rocío R.** (Co-PI). ASU Institute for Humanities Research Cross-Disciplinary Seed Grant. (not funded)
2. "Imagining Sexual Self-Determination in the Southwest: Latinx Youth Negotiations with Sexual Politics in Phoenix, Arizona." 2022. García, Rocío R. (PI). Russell Sage Pipeline Grants Competition. (not funded)
1. "Latinx Feminist Thought: On Difference, Messiness, and Politicmaking." 2022. American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship. (not funded)

Awards

10. Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives* Award, Pacific Sociological Association (2023)
9. Nominated for College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Zebulon Pearce Distinguished Teaching Award, Arizona State University (2023)
8. Kimberlé Crenshaw Article Award, SSSP Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2022)
7. Distinguished Research Article Award, ASA Section on Latina/Latino Sociology (2021)
6. Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class (2019)
5. Constance Coiner Award, UCLA Center for the Study of Women, \$1,500 (2018)
4. UCLA Excellence in Teaching Award (2016 – 2017)
3. UCLA Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society (2016)
2. Distinguished Undergraduate Paper Award, Pacific Sociological Association (2009)
1. J. Burton Vasche Award, California State University Stanislaus (2008 – 2009)

Fellowships

10. American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program (2018 – 2019)
9. Inter-University Program for Latino Research/Mellon Foundation Dissertation Fellowship,

- \$25,000 plus fees (2018 – 2019)
8. California State University Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program (2016 – 2019)
 7. UCLA Department of Sociology Summer Research Fellowship, \$6,000 (2015)
 6. UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, \$20,000 plus fees (2014 – 2015)
 5. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, \$6,000 (2014 – 2015)
 4. Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Diversity Fellowship Alternate (2014)
 3. UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, \$6,000 (2013)
 2. Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Diversity Fellowship Honorable Mention (2013)
 1. UCLA Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship, \$21,000/year plus fees (2012 – 2017)

Grants

5. Society for the Study of Social Problems Lee Student Support Travel Grant (2018)
4. UCLA Center for the Study of Women Travel Grants (2017)
3. UCLA Instructional Improvement Grant (2017)
2. California Humanities Community Stories Grant, \$10,000 (2016)
1. UC Collaboratory for Ethnographic Design Summer Research Grant, \$1,000 (2015)

INVITED TALKS

(9 invited talks since ASU appointment began)

13. ““We’re Not All Anti-Choices”: How Controlling Images Shape Latina/x Feminist Abortion Advocacy.” Invited panelist, annual meeting of the American Historical Association, forthcoming January 2024.
12. ““How Controlling Images Shape Latina/x Feminist Abortion Advocacy.” Invited speaker, North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD) Office of Diversity and Compliance, March 2023.
11. ““We’re Not All Anti-Choices”: How Controlling Images Shape Latina/x Feminist Abortion Advocacy.” Invited speaker, Latinx Studies in Sociology undergraduate course at American University, November 2022.
10. “Latinx Feminist Thought.” Invited speaker, Latinx Sociology undergraduate course at Brandeis University, December 2021.
9. “Book Forum for Laura Gómez’s *Inventing Latinos: A New Story of American Racism*.” Invited panelist, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2021.
8. “The Transformative Power of Messy Storytelling.” Invited speaker for the Women’s Campus Connection (WCC) group at California State University, Stanislaus, November 2020.
7. “Transnational Political Economy of Social Reproduction.” Invited discussant for symposium on “Gender, Labor and Migration” at Arizona State University, February 2020.
6. “Latinx Feminist Politicmaking: On the Messiness of Collective Action.” Invited panelist for inaugural Emerging Scholars Program at Boston University, October 2019. The symposium’s theme, “30 Years of Intersectionality Theory: Milestones and Future Directions,” honors Kimberlé Crenshaw’s 1989 publication articulating the foundations of intersectionality theory.

5. “Latinx Intersectionalities.” Race, Gender, and Class Section invited discussant, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019.
4. “The Next Generation.” Invited panelist for closing plenary at the Consortium on Higher Achievement and Success (CHAS) and Institute for Transformative Practice (ITP) Symposium at Brown University, March 2019.
3. “Latinx Feminist Thought.” Invited panelist for session honoring the legacy of Patricia Hill Collins’ *Black Feminist Thought* at the annual meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, August 2018.
2. “Doing Intersectionality, Doing Self-Determination: Latina/x Resistance and Reproductive Justice.” Invited speaker for UCLA Chicana/o Studies Gendered Politics and Chicana/Latina Political Participation seminar, November 2016.
1. “How Reproductive Justice Activism Creates New Meaning-Making Processes in Reproductive Politics.” Invited speaker for UCLA Chicana/o Studies Health in the Chicana/o Latina/o Population seminar, February 2016.

INVITED WORKSHOPS

(3 invited workshops since ASU appointment began)

3. “Abolishing Carceral Distractions: Refusing the Discursive Punishment of Latinxs” with Susila Gurusami and Diya Bose, Department of Criminology, Law & Justice Faculty Workshop, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 14, 2022.
2. “Who is Imagined as Latina? On Latinidad, Discursive Politics, and Theorizing Messiness.” Berkeley Latina Collective Workshop, UC Berkeley, June 4, 2021.
1. “House of Horrors: Colonial Nightmares of Academic Socialization” with Susila Gurusami, Racism and Racial Experiences (RARE) Research Lab, Rice University, March 31, 2021.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

(7 refereed presentations and 2 panel sessions organized since ASU appointment began)

22. “In-Solidarity: Centering Joy in Theorizing Intersectionality.” Thematic session, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, forthcoming August 2024 (PANEL CO-ORGANIZER with Salvador Vidal-Ortiz).
21. “I’m Not Your Santa’: Latina/x Feminist Advocacy for Abortion Care.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2022.
20. “Resisting la Santa: Latina/x Feminist Advocacy for Abortion Care.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2022.
19. “Resisting la Santa: Latina/x Feminist Advocacy for Abortion Care.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, April 2022.
18. “Epistemological Gaslighting: How Power Structures Theory-Making.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2021.
17. “The Meanings of Colonialism, Racism, and Latinidad for Black Latinxs.” Race, Gender, and Class Section, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2021 (PANEL ORGANIZER).

16. “Doing Intersectionality: The Making of Messy Latinx Feminist Politics.” Latinx Politics: Resistance, Disruption, and Power conference hosted by The Latinx Project at New York University, September 2020.
15. “Zombies, Robots, and Vampires: The Dystopian Cartographies of Academic Diversity.” With Dr. Susila Gurusami at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2020 (in-person conference canceled due to COVID-19).
14. “The Distinguishing Features of Latinx Feminist Thought.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019.
13. “(Dis)Placement: Latinx Reproductive Justice as Intersectional Placemaking.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2018.
12. “(Student) Scholar Activism in the Wake of Trump.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, April 2018 (PANEL ORGANIZER).
11. “The Politics of Erased Migrations: Toward a Relational, Intersectional Sociology of Latinx Gender and Migration.” Annual meeting of the National Women’s Studies Association, November 2017.
10. “The Politics of Erased Migrations: Toward a Relational, Intersectional Sociology of Latinx Gender and Migration.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2017.
9. “The Politics of Erased Migrations: Toward a Relational, Intersectional Sociology of Latinx Gender and Migration.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2017.
8. “Regulating the Reproduction of Latinxs: How Ideology Manifests in the Movement for Reproductive Justice.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, April 2017.
7. “Ideological Violence in the Political Borderlands: Historicizing Latinx Controlling Images.” Norte Dame Intersectional Inquiries Conference, March 2017.
6. “Reproducing *Choices*: Navigating Latinx Controlling Images in Reproductive Politics.” Latina/o Studies Association Conference, July 2016.
5. “Graduate School: Getting in & Choosing the Right Program.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association Conference, April 2016.
4. “Hidden Society: Impostor Syndrome and the Historically Marginalized College Student.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association Conference, April 2015.
3. “Coloring the Wife-Mother Ideal: Racial Differences in Dating and Family Formation among Professional Women of Color.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Conference, August 2014.
2. “Electoral Politics in a Battleground State.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association Conference, April 2013.
1. “PSA 101: Students Doing a Conference.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association Conference, April 2013.

TEACHING**(3 undergraduate courses and 2 graduate seminars created since ASU appointment began)**ASU Graduate Seminars

2. Intersectional Feminist Theories (SOC 598)
1. Sociological Theory (SOC 585)

ASU Undergraduate Courses

3. Sociology of Gender (SOC 264/FAS 264)
2. Sociological Theories (SOC 483)
1. Contemporary Sociological Theory (SOC 486)

UCLA Undergraduate Courses

2. Latinx Feminist Thought
1. Introductory Sociology

Guest Lectures and Panels at ASU

3. “The Why and How of Community-Engaged Research,” Summer Undergraduate Program for Engaging with Research (SUPER) in SSFD, Summer 2021.
2. “The Why and How of Community-Engaged Research,” Summer Undergraduate Program for Engaging with Research (SUPER) in SSFD, Summer 2020.
1. “The Importance of Mentorship,” GSA roundtable discussion in SSFD, Fall 2020.

MENTORSHIPASU Graduate Advising**Dissertation Co-Chair**

2. Arianna Vargas, Sociology, ASU (2022 – present)
1. Priscilla Owiredo, Sociology, ASU (2021 – present)

Dissertation Committee Member

5. Amina Melendez-Mayfield, Sociology, ASU (2022 – present)
4. Daniela Carreon, Sociology, ASU (2022 – present)
3. Rowan Moore, Sociology, ASU (2022 – present)
2. Dacheng Zhang, School of Human Communication, ASU (2022 – present)
1. Annie Ferguson, Sociology, ASU (2021 – present)

Comprehensive Exam Committees

3. Arianna Vargas, Sociology, ASU (co-chair; completed in 2023)
2. Priscilla Owiredo, Sociology, ASU (co-chair; completed in 2023)
1. Annie Ferguson, Sociology, ASU (member; completed in 2022)

MA Thesis Committee Member

1. Amina Melendez-Mayfield, Justice Studies, School of Social Transformation, ASU (completed in 2022)

First Year Graduate Mentor

1. Arianna Vargas, Sociology, ASU (2020)

ASU Research Assistant Supervisions*Graduate Research Assistants*

1. Arianna Vargas (Fall 2020 – Summer 2021)

Undergraduate Research Assistants

1. Vanessa Lara (Fall 2019)

UCLA Undergraduate Advising

2. Mentor, Sociology Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentoring Program (2014 – 2015)
1. Student Affairs Advisor, Scholarship Resource Center (2014 – 2015)

SERVICENational

12. Council Member, ASA Latina/o Sociology Section (2023 – 2026)
11. Editorial Board, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, ASA SREM Journal (2023 – 2026)
10. Member, ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award Committee (2022)
9. Member, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Founder's Award Committee (2022)
8. Chair, ASA Race, Gender, Class Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award Committee (2021 – 2022)
7. Member, SWS Feminist Activist Award Subcommittee (2021 – 2023)
6. Member, ASA Race, Gender, Class Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2021)
5. Council Member, ASA Race, Gender, Class Section (2020- 2023)
4. Member, ASA Race, Gender, Class Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (2020)
3. Member, PSA Student Affairs Committee (2016 – 2018)
2. Member, ASA Race, Gender, Class Section Book Award Committee (2016)
1. Member, ASA Sex and Gender Section Feminist Scholar Activist Award Committee (2014)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for Academic Journals

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Gender & Society, Latino Studies, Sociological Perspectives, Social Problems, American Journal of Sociology, Contemporary Sociology, Mobilization: An International Quarterly

Ad Hoc Reviewer for Policy Reports

1. UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute. 2022. "[Differential Citizenship: How Abortion Bans Impact Latinas in Their Childbearing Years.](#)"

ASU

7. Member, SSFD Sociology Teaching Faculty Job Search Committee (2023)
6. Member, SSFD Sociology Joint Appointment Search Committee (2022)
5. Member, SSFD Sociology Teaching Faculty Job Search Committee (2022)
4. Member, SSFD Sociology Teaching Faculty Job Search Committee (2022)
3. Member, SSFD Latino Resilience Enterprise (LRE) Leadership Team (2021)
2. Member, SSFD Senior Sociologist Search Committee (2021)
1. Member, SSFD Sociology Program Graduate Committee (2019 – present)

UCLA

1. Co-Coordinator, UCLA Sociology Race/Ethnicity Working Group (2013 – 2014)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

1. Participant, 12-week Faculty Success Program, National Center for Faculty Development & Diversity (2020)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

1. Intern, Community Education and Leadership, California Latinas for Reproductive Justice (2014 – 2017)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
 Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)
 Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)
 National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)
 Latina/o Studies Association (LSA)
 Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honors Society
 The Honors Society of Phi Kappa Phi
 Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociology Honors Society)