

ROCÍO R. GARCÍA

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; Latine/x/a/o sociology; social movements; reproductive justice; social theory; sociology of knowledge; qualitative methods; immigration, migration, abolition; higher education

BOOK

1. García, Rocío R. In Production. [*Latinx Feminist Thought: Ideas, Movements, and the Pursuit of Reproductive Justice*](#). Routledge Press.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

6. **García, Rocío R.**, Susila Gurusami, and Diya Bose. 2024. “[What the Fuck? Surviving Fantasies of Sexual Violence in the Professoriate.](#)” *Latino Studies* 21(4):502-522 DOI: 10.1057/s41276-023-00442-2
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 Politiemaking: 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 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

INVITED BOOK CHAPTER

1. **García, Rocío R.**, Diya Bose, and Susila Gurusami. 2026. "Who Are You Accountable to in this World?": Black Feminist Inspiration for Research." In *Black Feminist Sociology: Perspectives and Praxis, 2nd edition*, edited by Zakiya Luna, Whitney N. Laster Pirtle, and Jasmine Kelekay. Routledge Press.

BOOK REVIEWS

3. **García, Rocío R.** and Nicholas Vargas. 2022. "[Review of *Inventing Latinos: A New Story of American Racism*, by Laura E. Gómez](#)." *Sociological Forum* 37(4): 1210-1214. DOI: 10.1111/socf.12848
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. DOI: 10.1093/sf/soab033
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. DOI: 10.1177/0160449X14567295d

ARTICLE MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

2. Peguero, Anthony A., Kay S. Varela, Angélica Lopez*, Daniel Tei*, **Rocío R. García**, Jennifer M. Bondy, Priscilla Owiredu*, Nana Adwoa Agyapong, and Janice Iwama. "Representation in Criminological and Criminal Justice Research: Utilizing a Critical Race Theoretical Lens." Revise and resubmit decision from *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.
1. Peguero, Anthony A., Angélica Lopez*, Daniel Tei*, **Rocío R. García**, Priscilla Owiredu*, Jennifer M. Bondy, Nana Adwoa Agyapong*, and Kay S. Varela. "What is the Publishing Representation of Early Career Criminologists?" Revised and resubmitted to *Race and Justice*.

* Indicates graduate student co-author

WORK IN PROGRESS

1. **García, Rocío R.**, Karina Santellano, and Uriel Serrano. “Introduction.” Guest editor analytical introduction in preparation for *Sociological Perspectives* special issue titled “Toward an Unruly Latinx Sociology.”
2. Chavarria, Karina, Laura E. Enriquez, and **Rocío R. García**. “Latina Spacemaking: Creating, (Re)Imagining, and Disrupting Academia. (Invited book chapter)

Special Issue Journal Editorship

1. **García, Rocío R.**, Karina Santellano, and Uriel Serrano (Editors). Special issue titled “Toward an Unruly Latinx Sociology” for *Sociological Perspectives*. (In Progress).

MEDIA AND OTHER COMMENTARY

12. Interviewed for news story. “[Abortion-rights groups are courting Latino voters in Arizona and Florida.](#)” *Associated Press*. September 27, 2024.
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

Proposals Funded

1. “Latinx Youth Negotiations with Sexual Politics Across Social Institutions.” 2026. García, Rocío R. (PI). ASU Institute for Social Science Research Seed Grant. (\$7,621.07)

Proposals Not Funded

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.
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.
1. “Latinx Feminist Thought: On Difference, Messiness, and Politicmaking.” 2022. American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship.

Awards

10. Distinguished Contribution to *Sociological Perspectives*, 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

4. ““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.
3. ““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.
2. “Latinx Feminist Thought.” Invited speaker, Latinx Sociology undergraduate course at Brandeis University, December 2021.
1. “The Transformative Power of Messy Storytelling.” Invited speaker for the Women’s Campus Connection (WCC) group at California State University, Stanislaus, November 2020.

INVITED WORKSHOPS

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 PRESENTATIONSInvited Discussant or Invited Panelist

6. “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.
5. “Transnational Political Economy of Social Reproduction.” Invited discussant for symposium on “Gender, Labor and Migration” at Arizona State University, February 2020.
4. “Latinx Feminist Policymaking: 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.
3. “Latinx Intersectionalities.” Race, Gender, and Class Section invited discussant, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019.
 2. “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.
 1. “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.

Panels Organized

4. “Towards an Unruly Latinx Sociology.” Thematic session, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2025 (PANEL CO-ORGANIZER with Uriel Serrano).
3. “In-Solidarity: Centering Joy in Theorizing Intersectionality.” Thematic session, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2024 (PANEL CO-ORGANIZER with Salvador Vidal-Ortiz).
2. “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).
1. “(Student) Scholar Activism in the Wake of Trump.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, April 2018 (PANEL ORGANIZER).

Research Presentations

19. “‘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.
18. “Resisting la Santa: Latina/x Feminist Advocacy for Abortion Care.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2022.
17. “Resisting la Santa: Latina/x Feminist Advocacy for Abortion Care.” Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, April 2022.
16. “Epistemological Gaslighting: How Power Structures Theory-Making.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2021.
15. “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.
14. “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).
13. “The Distinguishing Features of Latinx Feminist Thought.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019.
12. “(Dis)Placement: Latinx Reproductive Justice as Intersectional Placemaking.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2018.

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

ASU Graduate Seminars

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

ASU Undergraduate Courses

5. Sociology of Reproduction (SOC 394)
4. Careers in Sociology (SOC 201, iCourse)
3. Sociology of Gender (SOC/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

1. Arianna Vargas, Sociology, ASU (2020 – 2026; graduated)

Dissertation Committee Member

7. Deborah Erickson, Sociology, ASU (2026 – present)
6. Amina Melendez-Mayfield, Sociology, ASU (2022 – 2023)
5. Daniela Carreon, Sociology, ASU (2022 – present)
4. Rowan Moore, Sociology, ASU (2022 – 2023)
3. Dacheng Zhang, School of Human Communication, ASU (2022 – 2024; graduated)
2. Priscilla Owiredu, Sociology, ASU (2021 – 2026; graduated)
1. Annie Ferguson, Sociology, ASU (2021 – 2025; graduated)

Comprehensive Exam Committees

4. Daniela Carreon, Sociology, ASU (member; completed 2024)
3. Arianna Vargas, Sociology, ASU (co-chair; completed 2023)
2. Priscilla Owiredu, Sociology, ASU (co-chair; completed 2023)
1. Annie Ferguson, Sociology, ASU (member; completed 2022)

MA Thesis Committee Member

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

Graduate Mentorship Outside of ASU

Brittney Jimenez, Latin American & Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz, Crossing Latinidades Mentorship Program (2023)

UCLA Undergraduate Advising

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

SERVICE

National

13. Council Member, Pacific Sociological Association (2027 – 2029)
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

American Sociological Review, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Gender & Society, Latino Studies, Sociological Perspectives, Social Problems, American Journal of Sociology, Sociological Quarterly, Contemporary Sociology, Mobilization: An International Quarterly, Sociological Forum, British Journal of Sociology, Men and Masculinities, Sexuality Research and Social Policy, Social Currents

Ad Hoc Reviewer for Book Proposals

2. University of California Press (2025)
1. Routledge Press (2024)

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

9. Chair, SSFD Sociology Graduate Recruitment Subcommittee (2025 – 2026)
8. Member, BRIDGS Initiative Job Search Committee (2025)
7. Member, SSFD Sociology Career Track Faculty Job Search Committee (2023)
6. Member, SSFD Sociology Joint Appointment Search Committee (2022)
5. Member, SSFD Sociology Career Track Faculty Job Search Committee (2022)
4. Member, SSFD Sociology Career Track 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 Graduate Committee (2019 – present)

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)