

Karina Santellano

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, T. Denny Sanford School for Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University
- Fall 2023 Postdoctoral Research Scholar, T. Denny Sanford School for Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University

EDUCATION

- 2023 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Southern California
- 2019 M.A. Sociology, University of Southern California
- 2015 B.A. Sociology, Duke University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Latinx Sociology, Work/Occupations/Entrepreneurship, Class, Intersectionality, Urban Sociology, Qualitative Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*Indicates doctoral student

- Forthcoming “Cautious Optimism: Perspectives on the American Dream Amongst Latinx Young Adults.” Aurora Munoz Casarrubias*, **Karina Santellano**, Nilda Flores-Gonzalez, and Emir Estrada. *American Behavioral Scientist*.
- 2024 **Santellano, Karina**, and Jody Agius Vallejo. “Feminist Ethnoracial Entrepreneurship among Latina Elite and Middle-Class Entrepreneurs.” *Gender, Work & Organization*, 31(4): 1166–1181. <https://doi.org/10.1111/gwao.13091>.
- 2022 Santellano, Karina. “Pandemic Fieldwork: Navigating Personal Grief and Practicing Researcher Flexibility.” *Latino Studies*, 20(3), 408–414. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41276-022-00350-x>
- 2021 Santellano, Karina. “Compounded Inequality: How the U.S. Paycheck Protection Program is failing Los Angeles Latino small businesses.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 44(5), 794-805. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2020.1844265>
- 2021 **Santellano, Karina**, Kimberly Higuera, and Felicia Arriaga. “Latina Educators in Sociology: Combating Trumpism with Critical Pedagogy.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649220977569>.

- 2020 Council, LaToya, Chelsea Johnson, **Karina Santellano**, and Hajar Yazdiha. “Linking Contexts, Intersectionality, and Generations: Toward a More Complex Theory of Millennials and Social Change.” *Sociological Perspectives* 63(3), 486–495. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121420914294>
- 2019 Santellano, Karina. “Exploring Undocumented Students’ Understanding of the Role of Higher Education during the Trump Era.” *California Journal of Politics and Policy*. Institute of Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley. <https://doi.org/10.5070/P2cjpg11243091>

BOOK REVIEWS

2021. Santellano, Karina. Review of “Frutereros: Street Vending, Illegality, and Ethnic Community in Los Angeles” by Rocío Rosales. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2020.1819550>

BOOK CHAPTERS

2022. Parreñas, Rhacel and **Karina Santellano**. “Migrant Domestic Work.” *Handbook on Women in the Middle East*, editor Suad Joseph. New York: Routledge.

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

- 2023 ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology Co-Winner of the Cristina Riegos Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2023 Winner of the 2023 SSSP Kauffman Foundation Best Student Paper Award in Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- 2023 USC Order of Arête Award for Exemplary Leadership and Service
- 2022-2023 American Association of University Women Dissertation Fellowship (AAUW) (\$20,000)
- 2022 USC Consortium for Gender, Sexuality, Race, and Public Culture Summer Graduate Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2022 Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Scholarship, Honorable Mention (\$1,750)
- 2019, 2022 USC Department of Sociology McClenahan Research Collaboration Grant (\$4,000)
- 2021 ASA Sociology of Culture John Mohr Grant (\$500)
- 2020-2021 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Graduate Fellowship

- 2020-2021 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship (\$15,000)
- 2020 USC Graduate School Summer Research and Writing Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2020 USC Center for the Changing Family Small Grant (\$1,600)
- 2020 ASA Sociology of Culture section COVID Crisis Grant (\$500)
- 2019 Sociology of Education Association (SEA) Student Travel Award (\$250)
- 2018 American Sociological Association (ASA) Student Forum Travel Award (\$250)
- 2015 Distinguished Leadership & Service Award for Commitment to Diversity, Duke University Division of Student Affairs
- 2015 Eastern Sociological Society Runner-Up for Undergraduate Best Poster
- 2011-2015 Bill & Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Arizona State University

Graduate Sociological Theory (with Rocío Garcia), Spring 2024

University of Southern California

USC Center for Excellence in Teaching Future Faculty Teaching Institute Certificate 2021

Teaching Assistantships:

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2019, Summer 2021, Spring 2022)

Grassroots Participation in Global Perspective (Spring 2020)

Social Problems (Spring 2018)

Sociology of Health & Body (Fall 2017)

Other Teaching

USC Upward Bound (TRIO Federal Funded Program) High School Instructor for Social Science Research Methods Course (June-July 2023)

K-12 Substitute Teaching: Lemon Grove Unified School District (October 2015- December 2016)

K-12 Substitute Teaching: San Diego Unified School District (November 2015- July 2016)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024

“Feminist Methodological Notes on Studying Latinx Joy and Inequality: Witnessing the Reproduction and Challenging of the Myth of Mestizaje in the Field,” *Latinx Studies Association*, “Race(ing) the Latinx Body” Panel, Tempe, AZ.

Invited Panelist on Presidential Plenary Panel, “How Ethnographers Understand Social Permissiveness in their Research.” *Pacific Sociological Association*. San Diego, CA.

2023

“Thinking Deeply about Gente-Fication,” *Boston University Initiative on Cities, Gentrification and Displacement Conference, An International Dialogue*. Boston, MA.

2022

“Racialized, Classed, and Gendered Consumerism: A Latinx-Millennial Crafted Economy,” *American Sociological Association*, Race, Class, Gender Section for Panel *Intimate and Community Life*. Los Angeles, CA.

“From Hashtags to Memes: Teaching, Researching, and Creating the Virtual Collective during a Pandemic,” with Dr. Maricela Becerra, Dr. Jorge Leal, Dr. Alberto Morales, and Dr. Brenda Nicolas. *Latin American Studies Association*. Virtual.

2021

“Latinx Entrepreneurship and Coffee Shops” for *American Planning Association*, Latinos and Planning Division LUGARES Conference. Invited. Virtual.

“Compounded Inequality: How the U.S. Paycheck Protection Program is failing Los Angeles Latino small businesses,” *American Sociological Association*. Latina/o Section for Panel *Latinxs and Crises*. Virtual.

“Compounded Inequality: How the U.S. Paycheck Protection Program is failing Los Angeles Latino small businesses,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. Virtual.

“Compounded Inequality: How the U.S. Paycheck Protection Program is failing Los Angeles Latino small businesses,” *Southern Sociological Society*. Virtual.

2020

“Navigating Student Class and Race Privileges in the Classroom as Latina Working-Class Teaching Assistants,” with Lizette Solórzano Perez and Blanca Ramirez. *American Sociological Association*, Symposium on Teaching and Learning. Virtual.

2019

“It is Very Dominated by Latinos Here: Places and Meanings of Racialized Illegality,” *American Sociological Association*, Section on Racial & Ethnic Minorities Roundtable. New York City, NY.

“Dream Resource Centers: Facilitating Undocumented Students’ Incorporation in Higher Education Across Institutions,” *Pacific Sociological Association*. Oakland, CA.

- “Dream Resource Centers: Facilitating Undocumented Students’ Incorporation in Higher Education Across Institutions,” *Sociology of Education Conference*. Monterey, CA.
- 2018**
- “Dream Resources Centers: Examining Youth Immigrant Incorporation in Higher Education,” *American Sociological Association*, Latino/a Sociology Section Roundtable, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Dream Resources Centers: Examining Youth Immigrant Incorporation in Higher Education,” *UCLA Community College Studies Conference*. Los Angeles, CA.
- “Institutional Support for Undocumented Students: Examining Illegality in Higher Education,” *Pacific Sociological Association*, Long Beach, CA.
- 2017**
- “Solidarity in the Face of Whiteness: African American & Latino Student Friendship at an Elite, Predominately White Institution (PWI),” *Pacific Sociological Association*, Portland, OR.
- 2015**
- “The African American and Latino/a Close Friendship Experience at an Elite, Predominately White Institution,” Honors Thesis Presentations, Duke University Department of Sociology. Durham, NC.
- “The African American and Latino/a Close Friendship Experience at an Elite, Predominately White Institution,” *Eastern Sociological Society*, New York City, NY.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-2023

Co-PI, Latina Micro-Businesses in Los Angeles Project with Dr. Jody Agius Vallejo, University of Southern California

2018- 2019

Research Assistant to Dr. Rhacel Parreñas, USC Korean Studies Institute

February-August 2015

Undergraduate Research Assistant, American Sociological Association: Stratification in Academic Career Trajectories with Dr. Eduardo Bonilla-Silva

PUBLIC WRITING

- 2022 Santellano, Karina. “A Space for Indigenous and Afro-Mexican Food Wisdom: ‘LA Plaza Cocina’ is for Everyone.” *LA TACO*. <https://www.lataco.com/mexican-food-museum/>

Santellano, Karina. "From Tijuana to Madison Square Garden: Mexican Wrestler Rey Mysterio Jr. Celebrates 20 Years in the WWE." *LA TACO*. <https://www.lataco.com/rey-mysterio-jr-tijuana-wwe/>

Santellano, Karina. "Cajeta, Mazapan, and Rompopo Lattes: Ten Latino-Owned Coffeeshops To Try in L.A. " *LA TACO*. <https://www.lataco.com/latino-owned-coffee-la/>

- 2021 Santellano, Karina. "The Need for Racial Equity in COVID-19 Small Business Policy." USC Equity Research Institute. Immigrant Integration Wire Blog. <https://dornsife.usc.edu/eri/blog-racial-equity-small-business-policy-covid19/>
- 2018 Santellano, Karina. "Alumni Should Be Activists for Institutional Change." *Inside Higher Ed*. <https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2018/06/01/alumni-should-support-students-working-against-institutional-injustices-opinion>
- 2017 **Santellano, Karina** and Jody Agius Vallejo. "Three Reasons to Protect DACA." USC Equity Research Institute. <http://dornsife.usc.edu/csii/blog-protect-daca/>

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Arizona State University

- 2024 Member, SSFD Tenure-Track Faculty Job Search Committee
- 2024 Inclusive Climate Committee Member, SSFD (Spring only)

Qualification Exam Committee Member

- 2024 Tanairi Ochoa-Martinez (School of Transborder Studies)

Dissertation Committee Member

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University of Southern California

- 2023 External M.A. Paper Peer Reviewer (2x) for Writing for Sociology Publication Course
- 2020-2022 Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA) Founder and Co-Chair
Co-Founder of the W.E.B. Du Bois and Ida B. Wells Scholar Program
Alpha Kappa Delta Anti-Racism Initiative Grant (\$1,200) Team Awardee
- 2020-2022 Latina PhDs at USC Social Media Director

- 2019-2020 Latina PhDs at USC Vice President
- 2019 Invited Panelist for Public Sociology, Soc. Graduate Professionalization Series
- 2018-2020 Sociology Race & Gender Equity Graduate Student Liaison
- 2019-2020 Sociology Graduate Peer Mentorship Program Co-Coordinator
- 2019 Co-Moderator, USC Soc Colloquium Panel for Cecilia Menjivar & Victor Agadjanian
- 2018-2019 Sociology Colloquium Committee Member
- 2017-2018 Sociology Graduate Cohort Representative
- 2016-2018 Immigration Graduate Workgroup Co-Coordinator, USC Equity Research Institute

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- 2023 Panelist for Section for Latino/a Sociology Section Norma Williams Mentoring Workshop Panel on Wellbeing
- 2022 Presider for Section of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Regular Session, ASA Annual Conference
- 2019-2021 Student Representative (Elected), ASA Latino/a Section
NOTAS Newsletter Co-Editor for ASA Latino/a Section
- Events Co-Organized with Grad Committee:
1. Let's Talk: Election Reflections Graduate Student Discussion (11/05/2020)
 2. Persisting while Prioritizing with Dr. Angel Jones (3/26/2021)
 3. Writing for Healing and Joy: Resisting the Traumatic Experience of the Dissertation Process with Dr. Cynthia D. Villarreal (4/07/2021)
- 30th Anniversary Planning Committee Member for Virtual Event
- 2020-2021 ASA Student Forum Chair
2019-2020 Student Forum Member (Elected), Communications Committee Member

The Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

- 2022 Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award Committee Member, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2019-2021 Social Problems Journal Student Advisory Editor

2021 2021 SSSP Annual Meeting, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Organizer for Panel: The Relevance of Racial Capitalism to Today’s Moment

Other External Service

2024 Moderator for “Race(ing) the Latinx Body” Panel for the Latinx Studies Association (LSA) Conference

2023 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Graduate Student Fellowship Program Application Reviewer

2022 Panelist for “Latina Scholar Panel” Scripps College, Scripps Communities of Resources and Empowerment (SCORE) Center

2021 Panelist for Teaching Event “Teaching about anti-racism, anti-capitalism, and anti-sexism” organized by Drs. Tanya Golash-Boza and Raúl Pérez

2021 Latinx Student Graduation Young Alum Keynote, Duke University Center for Multicultural Affairs

2017-2019 Community College 2 Ph.D. (CC2PhD) Program Graduate Mentor

AD HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER

American Behavioral Scientist, Economic Development Quarterly, City & Community, Mobilization: An International Quarterly, Social Problems, Sociological Focus, Sociological Perspectives, Sociology of Race & Ethnicity

OTHER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND RESEARCH MEDIA COVERAGE

Featured in “Latina doctoral candidates are first in their families to pursue PhDs; now they’re set for USC graduation,” USC News. 2023. <https://news.usc.edu/207828/usc-latina-phd-candidates/>

Santellano, Karina. 2021. “Conversations about Latina/Latino Sociology,” American Sociological Association, Latina/o Sociology Section Spring Newsletter.

Invited Expert for The Western Planner Conference Mobile Tour hosted by Latinos and Planning Division of the American Planning Association (APA): Café y Comunidad: An Exploration of Latinidad in Phoenix’s Local Coffee Scene. August 2021.

Guest on “Kneeling and Healing” Weekly Class hosted by Preuss High School teachers TJ Carr and Oscar Ramos. June 2020.

Featured in:

Cárdenas, Sofia. 2020. "New Center Headquartered at USC Dornsife Studies COVID-19's Effect on Families > News > USC Dornsife." *USC Dornsife*. Retrieved September 7, 2020 (<https://dornsife.usc.edu/news/stories/3303/center-for-the-changing-family-covid-19-research/>).

Highlighted in: "Undergraduates Shine at ESS Conference." 2015.
<https://sociology.duke.edu/news/undergraduates-shine-ess-conference>

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute (IQRMI) for Early Career Faculty, University of Maryland at College Park, June 2024.