

JOSEFINA FLORES MORALES

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. candidate (ABD) in sociology- University of California, Los Angeles Field exams completed: Social Demography, Race/Ethnicity	<i>In progress</i>
M.A. in sociology- University of California, Los Angeles	2019
B.A. in psychology, public health minor- University of California, Los Angeles	2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in the health and social outcomes of immigrants and minorities in the United States. My research also examines differences in socioeconomic status, health conditions, and mortality risk at different stages of the life course.

PUBLICATIONS (* INDICATES GRADUATE STUDENT CO-AUTHOR)

Research in Health, Aging, and Mortality:

Flores Morales, J. 2021. Aging and undocumented: The sociology of aging meets immigration status. *Sociology Compass*. [Link](#)

Beltrán-Sánchez, H., Goldman, N. Pebley, A. R., and **Flores Morales, J.** 2020. Calloused Hands, Shorter Life? Occupation and Older Age Survival in Mexico. *Demographic Research*, 42(32).

Aquino, S., **Flores Morales, J.**, Aung, M. Keovisai, M. and J. K. McGee-Avila. 2019. Healthy Aging: A Conceptual Model of Community-based Solutions in the Face of Climate Change and Global Demographic Changes. *Community Development Innovation Review*, 14(1). [Link](#)

Flores Morales, J. 2019. Aging knows no borders. Public Health Post, (Opinion-Editorial). [Link](#)

Social and health outcomes of immigrants and minorities

Flores Morales, J., and Y. Garcia*. The dual role of family in the anxiety of undocumented college students: Variation by DACA status and gender. Forthcoming at *Latino Studies*.

Flores Morales, J. and M. Nkimbeng*. 2021. An Exploration of the Relationship between Diabetes and Depression among Immigrants in the United States. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. [Link](#)

Flores Morales, J. and Fanni Farago*. "Of course we need to help the undocumented immigrants!": Twitter discourse of COVID19 and undocumented immigrants and its implications." Forthcoming at *Sociological Perspectives*.

UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS

Research in Health, Aging, and Mortality:

Flores Morales, J. Financial security and immigrants' legal status. Working paper with the Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin Madison. [Link](#)

Flores Morales, J. Latinx aging and financial resources such as net worth. Working paper.

Flores Morales, J. and Liu, K. Immigration status and cardiovascular mortality in California. Working paper.

Flores Morales, J. and Beltran-Sanchez, H. Opioid mortality, Latinos and common explanations. Analysis underway.

Zhang, E., Flores Morales, J., Luo, L., and D. Baid. Decomposing the rural-urban obesity gap over time in the United States. Working paper.

Flores Morales, J. Aging, and Strategies for healthcare among Latino/as: U.S. born and Immigrant differences. Analysis underway.

Social and health outcomes of immigrants and minorities

Flores Morales, J., Diaz C., Nobles, J., and J. Fletcher. Network Closure and Educational Mobility in Mexican Families. Revise and resubmit at Social Science Research.

Kim, J., Flores Morales, J. and E. Fong. All you need is peers? Diverging peer effects on college expectations by immigrant generation and gender. Under review at Demographic Research.

Gadamuz ,J. S. Flores Morales, J. Durazo-Arovizu. Citizenship status and mortality among Latinos: Analyses of the US National Health Interview Survey Linked Mortality Files. Working paper.

Flores Morales, L., Enriquez, L.E., and Ayon, Cecilia. The ties that protect: Does having family ties to legal permanent residents/citizens buffer the relationship between economic insecurity and mental health among undocumented students in California? Working paper.

AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS

GRANTED

Extramural Mentored Fellowship University of Wisconsin, Madison Center for Financial Security, \$40,000	2021-22
Health Policy Research Scholars program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$120,000	2016-2020
Health Policy Research Scholars Dissertation Award, \$10,000	2020-21
UC Collaborative to Promote Immigrant and Student Equity Graduate Student Fellowship, \$7,000	2020-21
California Center for Population Research Don Treiman Fellowship , UCLA, \$6,000	2020-21
Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, \$20,000 (\$17,000+ in fees)	2020
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, \$6,000	2020
UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy 2019-2020 Graduate Student Training Grants Competition, \$4,000	2019-2020
American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Graduate Fellow	2020
Social Justice Graduate Fellow, UCLA Institute of American Culture, \$3,300	2019-2020
Small Grant, University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Financial Security, \$5,000	2019-2020

Andres y Maria Cardenas Family Foundation Scholarship, \$11,000 (total across years) 2012-2020	
William T. Grant Foundation Travel Award for RC28 Conference \$1,500	2019
Best Poster Award (top 5% of posters), Population Association of America- "Immigrant Age too: Projections of the magnitude of the US Undocumented Adult Population"	2018
Graduate Scholar Fellow, American Voices Project, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, \$2,500	2018
Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, \$6,000	2018
Columbia Population Research Center and Center on Poverty and Social Poverty Funded participant: Poverty Tracker Data Training.	2017
Eugene V. Cota Robles fellowship, UCLA (tuition, fees, and stipend)	2017
Helen Firstbrook Franklin Scholarship Program Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program (LACIS), University of Wisconsin- Madi- son. Full tuition, registration/fees, and stipend.	2016
Young Scholars Program, Society for Research on Adolescence	2016
Chancellor's Service Award recipient, UCLA	2016
Best Poster Award, UCLA Powell Research Week	2016
Council of Mexican Federations Mexican American Dream Scholarship, \$1,000	2016
Pre-Health Dreamers Health Professional Advancement Program Fellow, \$1,000	2016
Community Development of Social Justice Scholars Program, UCLA, \$2,000	2016
Psychology Research Opportunities Program, UCLA, \$2,000	2015
Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology Poster Award	2015
UCLA Undergraduate Research Center, Undergraduate Travel Grant	2015
UCLA Writing Success Program, Janet Brown Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000	2013
NEW Leadership Southern California Fellow- Scripps College	2012
Comision Femenil de San Fernando Valley Scholarship, \$1,000	2012
Rigoberto Ruelas Memorial Scholarship, United Teachers Los Angeles, \$1,000	2012

HONORABLE MENTION/ALTERNATE

Alternate, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship	2020
Honorable mention, California Center for Population Research Don Treiman Fellowship	2019
Finalist, Immigrants Rising Entrepreneurship Grant 2018 (17 of 200+ applicants)	2018

TRAINING

6th Annual Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography - Bayesian Methods	2020
University of California Network on Child Health, Poverty, and Public Policy Summer School (travel and lodging award).	2019
Summer Institute on Migration Methods at Penn State University (travel and lodging award).	2019
University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Financial Security and Howard University's Center on Race and Wealth's Junior Scholar Intensive Training (travel and lodging award).	2019
ESTIMATE- Early Summer Tutorial in Modern Applied Tools of Economics, Michigan State University.	2019
2016-2020 Health Policy Research Scholars Program training in policy and communications training and leadership development, George Washington University.	2016-2020
Center for Popular Economics Summer Institute, Amherst, Massachusetts.	2017

WORK AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Research Fellow- The Campaign for College Opportunity	2020
UndocuBruins Graduate Mentor - UCLA Academic Advancement Program	2020
Graduate Peer Mentor (GPM) for Extramural Fellowships - UCLA Graduate Division	2019-2020
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin, Madison - Center for Demography and Ecology PI: Jenna Nobles, Ph.D.	2016-2017
Undergraduate Research Assistant, Institute for Immigration, Globalization, and Education (at UCLA) PI: Carola Suarez-Orozco, Ph.D.	2015-2016
Undergraduate Research Assistant. UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools. PI's: Howard Adelman, Ph.D. and Linda Taylor, Ph.D.	2014-2016
Research Assistant, Sentient Research (Research consultancy group based in Los Angeles)	2015-2016
Research Assistant, Children's Institute Inc. (non-profit mental health agency in Los Angeles)	2015-2016
Citizenship Class Teacher, Hermandad Mexicana Nacional (non-profit legal aid and immigration organization in Los Angeles)	2014-2015
Teaching assistant- Fiat Lux on Undocumented Student Experience (w/ Prof. Susan Plann), UCLA	2014-2016
Workshop Project Director at IDEAS at UCLA	2014-2015
Psychology Peer Learning Facilitator, Academic Advancement Program at UCLA (Academic retention program for minority undergraduate students)	2014-2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Population Association of America
 American Sociological Association
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
 International Sociology Association