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### EDUCATION

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| Current | <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> , Dept. of Sociology, Doctoral candidate<br><i>Field exams: social demography   race/ethnicity</i> |
| 2019    | <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> , M.A. in sociology  |
| 2016    | <b>University of California, Los Angeles</b> , B.A. in psychology, public health minor  |

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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I study the social demography of Latinos in the U.S., and how short-term exposures to unequal conditions create long-term inequality.

### PUBLICATIONS (\*=graduate student co-author)

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| 2022 | Gaudamuz, J. S., Durazo-Arvizu, R. <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> and Qato, D. M. Citizenship Status and Mortality Among Latino Young Adults in the United States, 1998-2015. Forthcoming at the <i>American Journal of Preventive Medicine</i> .                                     |
| 2021 | <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> , Diaz C., Nobles, J., and J. Fletcher. Network Closure and Educational Mobility in Mexican Families. <i>Social Science Research</i> . <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102694">https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102694</a> |
| 2021 | <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> Aging and undocumented: The sociology of aging meets immigration status. <i>Sociology Compass</i> 15(4): e12859  |
| 2021 | <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> and F. Farago*. "Of course we need to help the undocumented immigrants!": Twitter discourse of COVID19 and undocumented immigrants and its implications. <i>Sociological Perspectives</i> 64(5): 765-785.  |
| 2021 | <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> and Y. Garcia*. Beyond undocumented: Differences in the mental health of Latinx undocumented college students. <i>Latino Studies</i> 19, 374–399.  |
| 2021 | <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> and M. Nkimbeng* (equal co-authorship). An Exploration of the Relationship between Diabetes and Depression among Immigrants in the United States. <i>Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health</i> , 23(3): 444-451.                                    |
| 2020 | Beltrán-Sánchez, H., Goldman, N. Pebley, A. R., and <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> 2020. Calloused Hands, Shorter Life? Occupation and Older Age Survival in Mexico. <i>Demographic Research</i> , 42(32).  |

### Public sociology

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| 2022 | Terriquez, V. and <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> The Undermobilization of Young Voters in California: Tapping the Potential to Build Youth Political Power. <i>UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center</i> .                             |
| 2022 | Reddy, V. and <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> Critical Condition: Prescriptions for Improving Transfer Pathways in the Health Professions. <i>Campaign for College Opportunity</i> .   |
| 2022 | Enriquez, L. E. and <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> Apprehension and the aging of undocumented parents. <i>Generations</i> . <a href="#">Link</a> .  |
| 2021 | <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> Immigrants Age Too: Projections of the Magnitude of the U.S. Undocumented Adult Population. <i>Society of Actuaries Research Institute</i> . <a href="#">Link</a> .                                    |
| 2021 | <b>Flores Morales, J.</b> Health Professions: Associate Degrees for Transfer in Health Majors at the Community Colleges and California State University System. <i>Campaign for College Opportunity</i> . <a href="#">Link</a> . |

- 2019 **Flores Morales, J.** Aging knows no borders. *Public Health Post* op-ed. [Link](#).
- 2019 Aquino, S. **Flores Morales, J.** et al. Healthy Aging: A Conceptual Model of Community-based Solutions in the Face of Climate Change and Global Demographic Changes. *Community Development Review*. [Link](#).

Under review or working paper (WP)

- Flores Morales, J.**, J. Kim (equal co-authorship), and E. Fong. All you need is peers? Diverging peer effects on college expectations by immigrant generation and gender. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- Zang, E., **Flores Morales, J.** Luo, L. and Baid, D. Explaining Obesity Disparities by Urbanicity, 2006-2016: A Decomposition Analysis. Revise and resubmit at *Obesity*.
- Flores Morales, J.**, Enriquez, L.E., and Ayón, Cecilia. Do ties protect? Status privilege, economic insecurity and the mental health of undocumented students in mixed-status families. Under review at *Journal of Family Issues*.
- Flores Morales, J.** Financial Security and Immigration Status: An Analysis of Net Worth in the United States Across Different Racial Ethnic Groups. Working Paper.
- Flores Morales, J.** Immigration Status and the Financial Resources of Older-age Latinx Population WP in prep. for *The Gerontologist*.
- Flores Morales, J.** and Beltrán-Sánchez, H. Opioid mortality, Latinxs and common explanations. Analysis underway- in prep. for *Demography*.
- Flores Morales, J.**, Liu, K., and Beltrán-Sánchez, H. Immigration status and cardiovascular mortality in California. WP in prep. for *American Journal of Public Health*.

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

### Graduate-level

- 2022-23 **Charles E. & Sue K. Young Graduate Award**, UCLA \$10,000  
(Award given by the UCLA College Deans for exemplary academic achievement, research, and service)
- 2021-22 **Annuity Fellowship**, University of Wisconsin, Madison- Center for Financial Security, \$7,500
- 2021 **Dean's Fund for the Study of Diversity and Racial Inequality**, UCLA, \$5,000
- 2021-22 **Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship**, Society for the Study of Social Problems \$15,000
- 2021-22 **Extramural Mentored Fellowship**, University of Wisconsin, Madison- Center for Financial Security, \$40,000
- 2020-21 **Health Policy Research Scholars Dissertation Award**, \$10,000
- 2016-20 **Health Policy Research Scholars program**, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$120,000
- 2020-21 **Graduate Student Fellowship**, UC Collaborative to Promote Immigrant and Student Equity, \$7,000
- 2020-21 **Don Treiman Fellowship**, California Center for Population Research, UCLA, \$6,000
- 2020 **Graduate Research Mentorship Program**, UCLA, \$20,000 (\$17,000+ in fees)
- 2020 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program**, UCLA, \$6,000

- 2019-20 **Graduate Student Training Grants Competition**, UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy, \$4,000
- 2020 **Graduate Fellow**, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education
- 2019-20 **Social Justice Graduate Fellow**, UCLA Institute of American Culture, \$3,300
- 2019-20 **Small Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Financial Security, \$5,000
- 2012-22 **Scholarship**, Andres y Maria Cardenas Family Foundation, \$11,000 (total across years)
- 2019 **Travel Award**, William T. Grant Foundation for RC28 Conference \$1,500
- 2018 **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
- 2017 **Funded Participant**, Columbia Population Research Center and Center on Poverty and Social Poverty, Poverty Tracker Data Training.
- 2017 **Eugene V. Cota Robles fellow**, UCLA (tuition, fees, and stipend)
- 2016 **Helen Firstbrook Franklin Scholarship Program**, Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program (LACIS), University of Wisconsin- Madison (Full tuition, registration, fees, and stipend)

#### Undergraduate-level

- 2016 **Young Scholars Program**, Society for Research on Adolescence
- 2016 **Chancellor's Service Award**, UCLA
- 2016 **Best Poster Award**, UCLA Powell Research Week
- 2016 **Mexican-American Dream Scholarship**, Council of Mexican Federations, \$1,000
- 2016 **Professional Advancement Program Fellow**, Pre-Health Dreamers Health, \$1,000
- 2016 **Community Development of Social Justice Scholars Program**, UCLA, \$2,000
- 2015 **Psychology Research Opportunities Program**, UCLA Psychology Dept., \$2,000
- 2015 **Poster Award**, Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology
- 2015 **Undergraduate Travel Grant**, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center
- 2013 **Janet Brown Memorial Scholarship**, UCLA Writing Success Program, \$1,000
- 2012 **NEW Leadership Southern California Fellow**, Scripps College
- 2012 **Scholarship**, Comision Femenil de San Fernando Valley, \$1,000
- 2012 **Rigoberto Ruelas Memorial Scholarship**, United Teachers Los Angeles, \$1,000

#### Awards and Honors

- 2022 **Faculty First Look Fellow**, New York University,
- 2020 **Alternate**, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2019 **Honorable Mention**, UCLA California Center for Population Research, Don Treiman Fellowship

2018 **Finalist**, Immigrants Rising Entrepreneurship Grant (17 of 200+ applicants)

2018 **Honorable Mention**, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

## **SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 **Population Association of America**, paper presentation, “The Kids Are (Not) Alright: Healthcare Access Before and After the Medical Expansion in 2016: An Analysis Using the California Health Interview Survey”
- 2021 **Population Association of America**, poster, “Deaths of Despair in the United States and Its Implications for the Mortality of Latinxs”
- 2018 **Population Association of America**, poster, “Immigrants Age, too: Projections of the Magnitude of the US Undocumented Adult Population”
- 2017 **Population Association of America**, paper presentation, “Network Closure and Educational Mobility in Mexican Families”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2020-2021 **UndocuBruins Research Program Coordinator** - UCLA Academic Advancement Program (creating syllabus for research program, and 1-1 mentoring and teaching for an undergraduate research program)
- 2014-2016 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**- Fiat Lux on Undocumented Student Experience (w/ Prof. Susan Plann), UCLA

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- 2021-present **Research Assistant**, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Institute
- 2020-2021 **Research Fellow**, The Campaign for College Opportunity
- 2019-2020 **Graduate Peer Mentor for Extramural Fellowships**, UCLA Graduate Division
- 2016-2017 **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Wisconsin, Madison - Center for Demography and Ecology PI: Jenna Nobles, Ph.D.
- 2015-2016 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Institute for Immigration, Globalization, and Education (at UCLA) PI: Carola Suárez-Orozco, Ph.D.
- 2014-2016 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools. PI's: Howard Adelman, Ph.D. and Linda Taylor, Ph.D.
- 2015-2016 **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)
- 2014-2015 **Citizenship Class Teacher**, Hermandad Mexicana Nacional (non-profit legal aid and immigration organization in Los Angeles)
- 2014-2015 **Workshop Project Director**, IDEAS at UCLA
- 2014-2016 **Psychology Peer Learning Facilitator**, Academic Advancement Program at UCLA (Academic retention program for minority undergraduate students)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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

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## **SKILLS/LANGUAGES**

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Spanish (conversational)  
STATA (advanced)  
R (proficient)

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## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

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- 2020 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography- Bayesian Methods
- 2019 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 Center for Financial Security and Howard University's Center on Race and Wealth Junior Scholar Intensive Training (travel and lodging award)