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## EDUCATION

In prog. Ph.D. candidate in sociology, University of California, Los Angeles (expected June 2023)  
Field exams: social demography | race/ethnicity

2019 M.A. in sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

2016 B.A. in psychology, public health minor, University of California, Los Angeles

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

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

Gaudamuz, J. S., Durazo-Arvizu, R. **Flores Morales, J.** and Qato, D. M. Citizenship Status and Mortality Among Latino Young Adults in the United States, 1998-2015. Forthcoming at the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.

**Flores Morales, J.**, Diaz C., Nobles, J., and J. Fletcher. Network Closure and Educational Mobility in Mexican Families. *Social Science Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102694>

**Flores Morales, J.** 2021. Aging and undocumented: The sociology of aging meets immigration status. *Sociology Compass* 15(4): e12859

**Flores Morales, J.** and F. Farago\*. 2021. "Of course we need to help the undocumented immigrants!": Twitter discourse of COVID19 and undocumented immigrants and its implications. *Sociological Perspectives* 64(5): 765-785.

**Flores Morales, J.** and Y. Garcia\*. 2021. Beyond undocumented: Differences in the mental health of Latinx undocumented college students. *Latino Studies* 19, 374–399.

**Flores Morales, J.** and M. Nkimeng\* (equal co-authorship) 2021. An Exploration of the Relationship between Diabetes and Depression among Immigrants in the United States. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 23(3): 444-451.

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).

### Public sociology (non-peer reviewed publications)

2022 Terriquez, V. and **Flores Morales, J.** The Undermobilization of Young Voters in California: Tapping the Potential to Build Youth Political Power. *UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center*.

2022 Reddy, V. and **Flores Morales, J.** Critical Condition: Prescriptions for Improving Transfer Pathways in the Health Professions. *Campaign for College Opportunity*.

2022 Enriquez, L. E. and **Flores Morales, J.** Apprehension and the aging of undocumented parents. *Generations*. [Link](#).

- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** Immigrants Age Too: Projections of the Magnitude of the U.S. Undocumented Adult Population. *Society of Actuaries Research Institute*. [Link](#).
- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** Health Professions: Associate Degrees for Transfer in Health Majors at the Community Colleges and California State University System. *Campaign for College Opportunity*. [Link](#).
- 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, 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- Charles E. & Sue K. Young Graduate Award, \$10,000  
23 (Award given by the UCLA College Deans for exemplary academic achievement, research, and service)
- 2021- Annuity Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison- Center for Financial Security, \$7,500  
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- 2021 Dean's Fund for the Study of Diversity and Racial Inequality, UCLA, \$5,000
- 2021- Society for the Study of Social Problems Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship, \$15,000  
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- 2021- Extramural Mentored Fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison- Center for Financial Security,  
22 \$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 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 Graduate Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, \$20,000 (\$17,000+ in fees)

2020 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program, UCLA, \$6,000

2019-20 UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy Graduate Student Training Grants Competition, \$4,000

2020 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Graduate Fellow

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

2012-20 Andres y Maria Cardenas Family Foundation Scholarship, \$11,000 (total across years)

2019 William T. Grant Foundation Travel Award 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 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)

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 awards

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

- 2015 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
- 2013 UCLA Writing Success Program, Janet Brown Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000
- 2012 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

#### Awards and Honors

- 2020 Alternate, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2019 Honorable mention, 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**

- 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**

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

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2021- Research Assistant at the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Institute
- present
- 2020-2021 Research Fellow- The Campaign for College Opportunity
- 2019-2020 Graduate Peer Mentor (GPM) 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 at IDEAS at UCLA
- 2014-2016 Psychology Peer Learning Facilitator, Academic Advancement Program at UCLA (Academic retention program for minority undergraduate students)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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

## **SKILLS/LANGUAGES**

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

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

- 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)