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Research and Teaching Interests

Migration, race/ethnicity, globalization, human rights, social movements, and qualitative methods.

Academic Appointments

2014-Present **University of Pennsylvania**
Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Sociology and Latin American and Latino Studies

Education

2014 **University of California, Berkeley**, Ph.D. in Sociology
Thesis: "Bordered and Borderless Realities: The Opening and Closing of the U.S.-Mexico Border to Mexican Nationals."
Committee: Irene Bloemraad (chair), Cybelle Fox, Cristina Mora, David Montejano
Qualifying Exam Fields: Sociological Theory, Immigration, and Gender

2008 **University of California, Berkeley**, M.A. in Sociology
Thesis: "Organizing 'Below and to the Left': Differences in the Citizenship and Transnational Practices of Two Zapatista Groups in the San Francisco Bay Area."

2004 **University of California, Los Angeles**, B.A. in Sociology and Chicana/o Studies
Summa Cum Laude
Thesis: "Constructing the Self: An Ethnographic Analysis of Self-Representation Among Latina Girls at Berendo Middle School."

2000 **Sacramento City College**, A.A.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Sarabia, Heidy. 2015. "Global South Cosmopolitans from Mexico: Privilege, Mobility and the Reinforcement of Difference in the Global South and the Global North." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 38 (2): 227-242.

Sarabia, Heidy. 2012. "Perpetual Illegality: Results of Border Enforcement and Policies for Mexican Undocumented Migrants in the U.S." *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*. 12(1):49-67.

Peer Reviewed Publications (continued)

Sarabia, Heidy. 2011. "Organizing 'Below and to the Left': Differences in the Citizenship and Transnational Practices of Two Groups in the San Francisco Bay Area." *Sociological Forum*. 26(2): 356-380.

Works Under Review and In Progress

Sarabia, Heidy. "The Transnationalization of Illegality: Pressures, Responses, and Consequences of U.S. Demands on the Mexican State to Filter Irregular Migration." *Under review*.

Sarabia, Heidy. "Borderland Attachments: Citizenship and Belonging Along the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Under review*.

Bloemraad, Irene, Heidy Sarabia and Angela Fillingim. "'Staying out of Trouble': Defensive or Active Citizenship and the Effects of Legal Status on Second-Generation Youth." (Article under review, *American Behavioral Scientist*.)

Bloemraad, Irene, Heidy Sarabia and Angela Fillingim. "Citizenship Acts: Legality, Power and the Limits of Political Action." (Book chapter under review for the edited volume *Within and Beyond Citizenship: Lived Experiences of Political Membership*, N. Sigona and R. G. Gonzales, editors, Stanford University Press.)

Sarabia, Heidy. *Illegality in the Borderlands: Identity and Belonging among Middle- and Working-Class Migrants along the U.S.-Mexico Border*. Book manuscript in progress.

Honors and Awards

2011	Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, Graduate Student in Residence, UC Berkeley
2010	Department of Sociology Grant, UC Berkeley
2009	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2006	Mentor Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2005	Andrew W. Mellon Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2004	Center for Latino Policy Research Grant, UC Berkeley
2004	Diversity Fellowship, UC Berkeley

Teaching Experience

Instructor

Spring 2015	<i>Contemporary Sociological Theory</i> , Sociology Department, University of Pennsylvania
Spring 2014	<i>Sociological Theory, Ethnic and Race Relations, Introduction to Statistics</i> , Sociology Department, CSU Sacramento
Fall 2013	<i>Classical Sociological Theory, Sociology of Globalization</i> , Sociology Department, CSU Sacramento

Teaching Experience (continued)

Spring 2011 *Globalization and Borders*, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley

Graduate Student Instructor

Fall 2011 *Introduction to Sociology*, with Prof. Sandra Smith, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley

Spring 2009 *Social Change in Latin America*, with Prof. Laura Enriquez, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley

Fall 2008 *Sociology of Globalization and Development*, with Prof. Tom Gold, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley

Spring 2007 *Introduction to Sociology*, with Prof. Tom Gold, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley

Fall 2006 *Introduction to Sociology*, with Prof. Ann Swidler, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley

Spring 2003 *Introduction to Sociology Online*. Youth Policy Institute, Van Nuys, CA.

Grader

Spring 2012 *History of the Southwest: Mexican-United States War to Present*, with Prof. David Montejano, Ethnic Studies Department, UC Berkeley

Fall 2012, *Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Social and Cultural Context*, with Prof. Szonja Ivester,
Spring 2013 Sociology Department, UC Berkeley

Presentations

“Human Rights Articulations: Understandings from migrants, discourse from activists, and responses from institutions along the U.S.-Mexico border.” XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. San Juan, PR, May 2015.

“Theorizing Transnational *Illegality*.” Eastern Sociological Association. New York City, February 2015.

“Gender Violence at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Sociologist for Women in Society. Washington D.C. February 2015.

“Mapping the Borderlands: Border-Crossing Practices Along the US-Mexico Border.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

“Blending, Bending, and Blurring in the Borderlands: Crossing the US-Mexico Border.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

“‘Staying out of Trouble:’ Defensive or Active Citizenship and the Effects of Legal Status on Second-Generation Youth.” *Illegality, Youth and Belonging: International Symposium* Conference. Harvard University, October 2013. (with Irene Bloemraad, and Angela Fillingim).

“Human Rights Along the U.S.-Mexico Border: Articulations from Below and Responses from Above.” California Sociological Association. Berkeley, CA. October 2013.

Presentations (continued)

- “Mapping the Borderlands: Border-Crossing Practices Along the US-Mexico Border.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York, NY. August 2013.
- “Blending, Bending, and Blurring in the Borderlands: Crossing the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. New York, NY. August 2013.
- “Helping Vulnerable Women and Desperate Men: Making sense of micro- and macro-violence against undocumented men and women along the US-Mexico border.” Sociologist for Women in Society Regional Meeting. San Francisco, CA. September 2012.
- “Global South Cosmopolitans: The Opening and Closing of the U.S.-Mexico Border for Mexican Tourists.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Denver, CO. August 2012.
- “From Illegal to Criminal: The Legal and Social Membership of ‘Criminalized’ Migrants deported to Mexico.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. Denver, CO. August 2012.
- “Exiled Mexicans Along the Border: Social and Legal Membership before and after Deportation from the U.S.” UC Latino Issues Conference. Center for Latino Policy Research. Berkeley, CA. May 2012.
- “Disciplining Bodies Along the US-Mexico Border: A Comparison of Border Policing and Law Enforcement in California and Arizona.” Western Historical Association. Oakland, CA. October 2011.
- “The Makings of Criminalized Perpetual Outlaws: Deporting Long-term US Residents to Mexico.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV. August 2011.
- “The US-Mexico Border as Liminal Space: Transnational problems, local institutions, and vulnerable migrants.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NE. August 2011.
- “The Transnationalization of Criminality: Deporting ‘Criminal Aliens.’ Second Annual University of California International Migration Conference. UC Davis, Davis, CA. February 2011.
- “Immigrant Belonging: Conceptions of Citizenship and American Identity.” Institute for the Study of Social Change Research Symposium. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. May 2009.
- “Belonging in ‘A World Where Many Worlds Fit’: Differences in the citizenship practices of two Zapatista groups.” National Association of Ethnic Studies. San Diego, CA. April 2009.
- “Illegality in Academia.” SBES/AGEP Conference. UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA. May 2007.
- “Citizenship in Academia.” Changing the Culture of Academia Conference. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. March 2007.
- “Constructing the Self: An ethnographic analysis of self-presentation among girls at Berendo Middle School.” Annual Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociological Honor Association) Conference. UC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA. May 2003.
- “Women in Top Academic Professions: The Supply Angle.” Annual Summer Research Opportunity Program Symposium. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA. July 2002.

Research Experience

- 2015 Prof. Emilio Parrado, Prof. Chenoa Flippen, and Prof. Amada Armenta, Sociology and Demography , University of Pennsylvania
On the South Philadelphia Research Project, I am in charge of supervising the collection of surveys in South Philadelphia among recent immigrants from Latin America, as well as conducting in-depth interviews with key informants in order to contextualize the quantitative findings.
- 2015 Prof. Shannon Gleeson, Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz [now at Cornell]
I am in charge of conducting phone interviews with representatives of organizations throughout the United States that provide services and resources for Mexican immigrants.
- 2009 Center for Science & Education Opportunity, UC San Francisco
I was in charge of guiding focus-group discussions with Spanish-speaking immigrant parents about their college-bound children.
- 2006 Prof. Irene Bloemraad, Institute for the Study of Social Change, UC Berkeley
I conducted interviews, coded and analyzed interview data, and wrote theoretical memos about the political socialization of immigrant parents and their U.S.-born citizen children.
- 2003 Prof. Edward Telles, Sociology Department, UC Los Angeles
I coded and analyzed statistical data and wrote theoretical memos about the educational pipeline of Latinos.
- 2002 Prof. Cristina Pons, Chicana/o Studies Dept., UC Los Angeles
I developed a literature review of Mexican writers.

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologist for Women in Society
Eastern Sociological Association
California Sociological Association
Latin American Studies Association

Languages

English and Spanish: writing, reading and verbal fluency