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Academic Appointments

Sociology Teaching Instructor in the Department of Sociology, Criminology & Law, University of Florida, 2020 – present

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Florida (In progress)

Committee: Rebeca Hanson (chair), Yao Li, Heather Vrana, Tanya Koropeckyj-Cox.

Dissertation: “Anti-ableist feminist resistance: How women with disabilities in the Global South resist violence. Experiences of women with disabilities and allies in feminist social movements.”

M.A., Sociology, University of Toledo, (2020)

Committee: Karie Peralta (chair), Ally Day, Shanna Arps

Dissertation: “Experiences of Bolivian Disabled Activist Women”

B.A., Communications Studies, Universidad Católica Boliviana, 2015

Committee: Rafael Loayza (Chair), Guadalupe Cajías.

Thesis: Social construction of Suma Qamaña discourse.

Research Interests

Transnational Feminisms and Decolonial Studies; Policing in Latin America; Critical Disability Studies; Gender; Participatory Action Research, Ethnography, and Qualitative Methods.

Publications

Articles and Chapters

Murillo Lafuente, I. E. (2023). Spaces of Anti-Ableist, Feminist Resistance. *Space and Culture*, 26(3), 433-450*.

Lafuente, E. M. (2022). Knitting an autoethnography. In *Global Feminist Autoethnographies During COVID-19* (pp. 250-262). Routledge.

Grand'Maison, V., & Lafuente, E. M. (2022). Dys-Femicide: Conceptualizing the Femicides of Women and Girls with Disabilities. *Sociation Today*, 21(1)*.

* Indicates peer review.

Murillo, I., and Sherry, M. (2021) “Disability in Bolivia: A feminist Global South perspective.” In: *Centering Dis/ability in Latin America*. Palgrave Macmillan.

In Process

Under Review

Murillo L, I. Edelweiss. Searching for Intersectional Activism: Women with Disabilities Navigating Legal Violence in Bolivia, in the book *When the Light Gets in during the Darkest Days: New Democratic Initiatives in authoritarian 21st Century Latin America*. Erigal-Concordia University*.

Working Manuscripts

“CEDAW and disability. A systemic review of China and Bolivia.” with Janie Zhang. In this paper, we compare gender legislation in these two countries to understand the position of Chinese and Bolivian women with disabilities regarding CEDAW.

“Artivism and Diska Art: Feminist Tools to Challenge Symbolic Violence.” In this paper, I analyze three artistic creations of activists with disabilities in Bolivia and their efforts to create new social imaginaries of disability.

“Student Organizations and Their Response to Policies Banning Solidarity with Palestine: A Case Study Analysis in Florida” with Unna Yared and Rosario Fernandez-Romero.

“Thinking Bolivia from the World: Reimagining Racism, Ableism, Gender, Sexualities and Development.” With Danny Mollericono and Daniel Murillo.

Book Reviews

Disability, Health and Human Development. Sophie Mitra, *Disability and the Global South*, 2019. Vol.6, No. 1, 1695-1697. ISSN 2050-736

Awards

2024	Esther Ngan-ling Chow and Mareyjoyce Green Dissertation Scholarship (\$18,000)
2023	Social Actions Initiative Award from Sociologists for Women in Society (\$1000)
2023	Rothman Doctoral Fellowship in the Humanities (\$3,000)
2023	University of Florida Center for Latin American Studies Field Research Grant (\$2000)
2022	Association of University Women (AAUW) Gainesville Branch Grant (\$300)
2021	Jerome A. Connor Dissertation Award Amount. Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law (\$500)

Conference Presentations

“Artivism and Diska Art: Feminist Tools to Challenge Symbolic Violence” at the Graduate Humanities Summer Institute. May 2024.

“Global Feminist Resistance and Advocacy in Addressing Poverty, Homelessness, and Financial Inequity” Organized and moderated a panel at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women-NGO Parallel Event. March 2024, New York, USA.

“Student Activism, Public Policy, and the United Nations: “Colleges for CEDAW” and how to get involved.” SWS Virtual Student and Junior Community Scholar Symposium (SJCSS) October 12-14, 2023

“Women with disabilities confronting state violence” at the Book Seminar “When the Light Gets in during the Darkest Days: New Democratic Initiatives in authoritarian 21st Century Latin America.” Érigal-Concordia University. August, 2023 Montreal, Canada

“Colleges for CEDAW” Sociologists for Women in Society meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S. January 2023

“Activism and art” Participatory Action Research Summer Camp organized by The Bertha von Suttner private University. Innsbruck, Austria July 2022

“Spaces of Anti-ableist, Feminist Resistance: Las FemiDiskas” United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women CSW66. March 2022

“Ecofeminism and La Amazonia” Equity, Diversity and Justice Conference at Hollins University. Virtual. June 2021

“Global and Transnational feminism in the Dominican Republic” Ohio Latin Americanist Conference. February 2020

“Experiences of Bolivian disabled women” Sociologists for Women in Society meeting. January 2020

“Transnational Feminism and Disability in the Global South” Michigan Sociological Association meeting. October 2019

“The 2016 Disability protest in Bolivia: a social movement perspective” Eastern Sociological Society conference. March 2019

“Suma Qamaña: Challenges by Disability activists” Eastern Sociological Society conference. March 2019

“Youth and Peoples Diplomacy in Bolivia” Bolivian Sociological Conference. March 2017

Professional Associations

Florida Society of Social Sciences, Sociologists for Women in Society, US Women Caucus at the UN (USWCUN).

Professional Service

University

Treasurer for Colleges for CEDAW at UF	2024 – 2025
President for the Florida Society of Social Sciences (F3S)	2023 - 2024
Secretary for the student aggregate	2021 – 2022

Associations

ECOSOC delegate for SWS	2024 - 2027
Member at the Ethnography Lab at UF	2023 – Ongoing
Executive Board member for USWC-UN	2023 – Ongoing
Chair for the Communications committee for USWC-UN	2021 – 2023
SWS International Committee member	2020 – Ongoing
SWS CEDAW subcommittee	2020 – Ongoing
Colleges for CEDAW Advocate	2022 – Ongoing

Courses

Undergraduate

- ◇ Introduction to Sociology
- ◇ Sociology of Globalization (In-Person and Online format)
- ◇ Sociology of Social Movements (Prepared Syllabus)

Invited Lectures

- ◇ Women with disabilities participation in Social Movements at the Institute for Learning in Retirement in Gainesville, FL. (2024)
- ◇ Transnational Feminist Research in Dr. Esther Hernández-Medina's class at Pomona College (2024)
- ◇ Participatory Action Research in Dr. Roberta Villalon's class at St. John's University, New York City. (2024)

Languages

Spanish: Native
English: Fluent
German: Basic
French: Basic
Bolivian Sign Language: Basic