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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Joint Appointment in Department of Sociology, Criminology, & Law and Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, 2017 – present

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Georgia, 2017
Committee: David Smilde (chair, Tulane University), Patricia Richards, Pablo Lapegna, Alice Goffman (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
Dissertation: “Civilian Policing, Socialist Revolution, and Violent Pluralism in Venezuela”

M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2008
Committee: Mauricio Tenorio, Betty Farrell, Nick Dempsey
Magna cum Laude

B.A., Sociology, University of Montevallo, 2006
Summa cum Laude with Honors

Research Interests

Political Sociology; Criminology; Policing; Latin America; Gender; Ethnography and Qualitative Methods

Publications

Books and Special Issues

David Smilde, Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson (eds). 2022. *The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Revolution, crime, and policing during Chavismo*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards (eds). 2022. Gender, violence and the production of knowledge. *The Journal of Men's Studies* 30(2). Special Issue

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. *Harassed: Gender, bodies, and ethnographic research*. 2019. Oakland, CA: University of California Press

Reviewed in:

Choice Reviews by Doreen Mattingly

Gender & Society by Abigail C. Sagay

Social Forces by Gwen Sharp

Times Higher Education Book of the Week by Rachel O'Neill

Jennifer Carlson, Harassed: A Crucial Book on Embodiment, Ethnography & Gendered Violence

Featured on the New Books Network Podcast

Rebecca Hanson (ed). 2018. Ethnographies of Security. *Qualitative Sociology* 41(2). Special Issue

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2024. "Shoutings, scoldings, gossip and whispers: Mothers' responses to armed actors and militarization in two Caracas barrios". *Latin American Research Review* 59:1

*Winner of 2023 Best Article Award from the Latin American Studies Association, Section on Venezuelan Studies 2019

Rebecca Hanson, David Smilde, and Verónica Zubillaga. 2023. "Introduction: The paradox of violence in Venezuela". In *The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Revolution, crime, and policing during Chavismo*, eds. David Smilde, Verónica Zubillaga, and Rebecca Hanson. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press

Rebecca Hanson and David Smilde. 2023. "Who is responsible and what should be done? Public opinion on crime and citizen security reform in Venezuela". In *The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Revolution, crime, and policing during Chavismo*, eds. David Smilde, Verónica Zubillaga, and Rebecca Hanson. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press

Leonard Gómez Núñez and Rebecca Hanson. 2023. "The Pressure to Bring in a Body: How Systematic Killing Transformed Police Raids and Gangs in Post-Chávez Venezuela". In *The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Revolution, crime, and policing during Chavismo*, eds. David Smilde, Verónica Zubillaga, and Rebecca Hanson. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press

Rebecca Hanson, David Smilde, and Veronica Zubillaga. 2023. "Explaining violence in times of revolution: Final reflections and emerging agendas for research". In *The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Revolution, crime, and policing during Chavismo*, eds. David Smilde, Verónica Zubillaga, and Rebecca Hanson. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press

Verónica Zubillaga, Rebecca Hanson, and Francisco Sánchez. 2022. "Gobernanzas criminales en Caracas". *Dilemas*. Special issue "Governança Criminal na América Latina em Perspectiva comparada", edited by Luana Dias Motta and Benjamin Lessing. 4: 529-558

Graeme Blair, Fotini Christia, Jeremy Weinstein, Rebecca Hanson, et al. 2021. "Community policing does not build citizen trust in police or reduce crime in the Global South" *Science* 374: 1-14
Received honorable mention for the Luebbert best article prize from the Comparative Politics section of the American Political Science Association

Rebecca Hanson and Verónica Zubillaga. 2021. "From carceral punitivism to systematic killing: The necropolitics of policing in post-Chávez Venezuela" *Violence: An International Journal* 2(1): 65-84

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2021. "Acoso sexual en el campo: Género, raza, nación y la construcción del conocimiento etnográfico" *Polis, Revista Latinoamericana* Vol 59. Special issue "Re-imaginando diversidad en la academia, en tiempos de activismo feminista y pandemia", edited by Jael Goldsmith Weil and Kelly Bauer

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2021. "Del punitivismo carcelario a la matanza sistemática: El avance de los operativos militarizados en la era post-Chávez". In *La muerte nuestra de cada día: Violencia armada y políticas de seguridad ciudadana en Venezuela*, edited by Verónica Zubillaga, Manuel Llorens, and Francisco Sánchez. Bogotá, Colombia: Universidad del Rosario

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2020. "Shoutings, scoldings, and whispers: Mother's responses to armed actors and militarization in two Caracas barrios" Kellogg Working Paper Series, December 440: 1-33

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2020. "Del punitivismo carcelario a la matanza sistemática". In *Dicen que están matando gente: Violencia armada y políticas de seguridad ciudadana en Venezuela*, eds. Verónica Zubillaga and Manuel Llorens, pp.273-302. Madrid: Editorial Dahbar

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. "Deepening distrust: Why participatory experiments aren't always good for democracy" *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(1): 145-167

Rebecca Hanson and Pablo Lapegna. 2018. "Popular participation and governance in Kirchner's Argentina and Chavez's Venezuela: Recognition, incorporation, and supportive mobilisation" *Journal of Latin American Studies* 50(1): 153-182

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2018. "Del punitivismo carcelario a la matanza sistemática: El avance de los operativos militarizados en la era post-Chávez" *REVISTA M. Estudos sobre a Morte, os Mortos e o Morrer* 3(5): 32-52
Republished in *Nueva Sociedad* 278:59-69
Received honorable mention from the Latin American Studies Association, Section on Venezuelan Studies 2019

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2017. "Sexual harassment and the construction of ethnographic knowledge" *Sociological Forum* 32(3): 587-609

Andrés Antillano, Iván Pojomovsky, Verónica Zubillaga, Chelina Sepúlveda, and Rebecca Hanson. 2015. "The Venezuelan prison: From neoliberalism to the Bolivarian Revolution" *Crime, Law, and Social Change* 65(3): 195-211

Non Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2022. Towards an Embodied Analysis of the Academic Field. Introduction to special issue "Gender, violence and the production of knowledge". *The Journal of Men's Studies* 30(2): 321-330

Verónica Zubillaga, Rebecca Hanson, and Andrés Antillano. 2021. "The mutation of gangs as a response to militarization in Caracas barrios" in *International Handbook of Critical Gang Studies*, eds. David C. Brotherton and Rafael Gude, pp.473-488. New York: Routledge Press

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2020. "What does sexual harassment tell us about the construction of ethnographic knowledge?" *ASA Footnotes* 47(5):4-6

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2020. "La etnografía corporizada en tiempos de pandemia: ¿A dónde vamos desde aquí?" *LASA Forum* 52(1): 24-28

Rebecca Hanson. 2019. "Gender & urban ethnography". In *Research in Urban Sociology*, eds. Richard E. Oejo and Ray Hutchison, pp.173-192. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2019. "Harassment and violence in qualitative research and why we ignore it." *Crime, Law, and Deviance News: Newsletter for the Crime, Law, and Deviance section of the American Sociological Association* Fall/Winter: 4-6

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. Ethnographies of security: Pushing security studies beyond the bounds of international relations. Introduction to special issue "Ethnographies of security". *Qualitative Sociology* 41(2): 135-144

David Smilde and Rebecca Hanson. 2018. "Editors' note: Studying gender and sexuality with qualitative methods" *Qualitative Sociology* 41(3): 333-335

Rebecca Hanson. 2015. "Policing the protests in Post-Chávez Venezuela: How human rights legitimize coercion" In "Hot Spots: Protests and Polarization in Venezuela after Chávez", Amy Cooper, Robert Samet and Naomi Schiller (eds), Society for Cultural Anthropology, February 5

In Press

Books

Rebecca Hanson. *Chaotic order: Policing and coercive power in Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution*. Book manuscript based ethnographic, interview, and survey research conducted in Venezuela between 2012 and 2020. Under contract with Oxford University Press.

Book Chapters

Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick and Tara Slough. “Do police-community meetings work? Experimental evidence from Medellín”. In Graeme Blair, Fotini Christia, and Jeremy Weinstein (eds.), *Crime, Insecurity, and Community Policing: Experiments on Building Trust*. In Press

Book manuscript based on field experiments conducted collaboratively in six countries in the Global South, see the [Metaketa Initiative IV](#)

In Process

Books

David Smilde, Verónica Zubillaga, and Rebecca Hanson. *La paradoja de violencia en Venezuela: La revolución, el crimen, y la policía en el Chavismo*. Spanish translation of *The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Revolution, crime, and policing during Chavismo* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2023)

Articles

Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick and Tara Slough. Preaching to the choir: A problem of participatory interventions. Under review at *The Journal of Politics*. Conditionally Accepted 01/06/24

Working Manuscripts

“Police vigilantism” with Dorothy Kronick. In this paper we use qualitative and quantitative data to show how state policies that seek to reduce police violence and discretion can unintentionally contribute to police vigilantism

“Transitional Justice in Venezuela” with David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga. In this paper we analyze the current political crisis in Venezuela through previous scholarship on transitional justice processes in Latin America and Africa.

Policy Reports

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2021. “Soberanías fragmentadas en tiempos de revolución: control territorial, bandas criminales y su relación con el Estado y las comunidades en Caracas”. Report commissioned by Woodrow Wilson International Center for International. Submitted June 29

Eric Arias, Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. 2019. “Perceptions of police corruption in Medellín”. Second policy report submitted to the Development Bank of Latin America. The Development Bank of Latin America is a funding organization of the project “Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia.” Submitted October 22

Rebecca Hanson, Eric Arias, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. 2019. “The bad apple narrative: Police-community dialogue about corruption in Medellín”. First report submitted to the Development Bank of Latin America from ongoing RCT project “Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia.” Submitted March 31.

Rebecca Hanson and Leonard Gómez Núñez. 2018. “Los operativos policiales en Venezuela post-Chávez: Análisis crítico de sus actuaciones desde la perspectiva de los ciudadanos y los funcionarios de los cuerpos de seguridad” Commissioned by the Development Bank of Latin America. Submitted May 31.

Public Sociology

Rebecca Hanson and Verónica Zubillaga. 2022. “Shifting dynamics of violence: The revolution’s most powerful legacy?” *NACLA* 54(1): 96-100

Republished in Spanish, April 2022

Rebecca Hanson. 2021. “Popularity contests deepen Venezuela’s deadly stalemate”. *NACLA* 53(1):15-18

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2020. Harassed: An interview with Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. New Books Network Podcast, June 22

<https://newbooksnetwork.com/rebecca-hanson-and-patricia-richards-harassed-gender-bodies-and-ethnographic-research-u-california-press-2019/>

Rebecca Hanson and Francisco Sánchez. 2019. “The stalemate in Venezuela” *NACLA*, September 12

Republished in *Jacobin Magazine*, September 22

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2019. Harassed: An interview with Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. *ASA Body & Embodiment Section*, June, 18

<http://sectionbodyembodiment.weebly.com/blog/an-interview-with-patricia-richards>

Rebecca Hanson and Francisco Sánchez. 2019. “Venezuela’s popular sectors and the future of a country” *NACLA*, February 13

Republished in Spanish, February 20

Selected for *NACLA* 2019 Editors’ Picks

Tim Gill and Rebecca Hanson. 2019. “How Washington funded the counterrevolution in Venezuela” *The Nation*, February 8

Rebecca Hanson and Tim Gill. 2019. “Venezuela at another crossroads” *NACLA*, January 24

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. “Deciphering Venezuela’s emigration wave” *NACLA* 50 (4): 356-359

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. “Four charts show Venezuela’s worsening migrant crisis” *The Conversation*, September 6

Rebecca Hanson and Leonard Gómez Núñez. 2018. “Behind the scenes of Venezuela’s deadly prison fire” *The Conversation*, April 4.

Rebecca Hanson. 2017. "Protecting the right to life in Venezuela" *NACLA* 49(3): 309-314

Rebecca Hanson. 2016. "Why are police officers dying in Venezuela?" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, September 20

Rebecca Hanson. 2016. "Human Rights Watch and PROVEA release devastating report on Venezuelan citizen security initiative" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, April 18

Rebecca Hanson. 2016. "Amid crisis, Venezuela's National Assembly proposes security reforms" *Insight Crime*, February 10

Rebecca Hanson. 2015. "Venezuela's new security plan turns fight against crime into battle against paramilitaries" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, July 24

Rebecca Hanson. 2014. "Venezuela's 'police revolution': Rolling back or pushing forward reform?" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, November 24

Rebecca Hanson. 2014. "The Quinta Crespo siege and the dilemmas of combatting police violence" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, November 3

Rebecca Hanson. 2014. "La desconfianza: The view from western Caracas II" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, March 12

Rebecca Hanson. 2014. "Venezuelan protests: The view from western Caracas" *Foreign Policy in Focus*, February 27

Rebecca Hanson. 2013. "Police reform on a political tightrope: Citizen security and public perceptions, part 3" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, November 21

Rebecca Hanson and David Smilde. 2013. "What should be done to reduce crime in Venezuela?" with David Smilde. *Insight Crime*, October 17

Rebecca Hanson and David Smilde. 2013. "Citizen security reform in Venezuela: Gun control" *Insight Crime*, August 7

Rebecca Hanson. 2013. "The impact of Plan Patria Segura on police reform in Venezuela" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, May 19

Rebecca Hanson. 2013. "Why did Maduro adopt crime as a campaign issue?" *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, May 3

Rebecca Hanson. 2012. "No housing? No problem: Some Venezuelans support Chávez despite lack of homes" *Christian Science Monitor*, September 21

Media Quotes and Interviews

“Regresamos a la vieja cultura de la militarización policial”. 2023. PRODAVINCI. Interview by Hugo Prieto, June 6

“Bouncy Castles and Grenades: Gangs Erode Maduro’s Grip on Caracas”. 2021. *New York Times*, article by Isayen Herrera and Anatoly Kurmanaev, May 30

“Fact-checking Matt Gaetz on gun bans in Australia and Venezuela”. 2019. *POLITIFACT*, article by Amy Sherman, August 10

“Understanding the Venezuelan Crisis”. 2019. *Understanding Latin American Politics Podcast*, UNC-Charlotte, interviewed by Greg Weeks. Episode 62, February 1

“Two Men claim to be the president of Venezuela”. 2019. Knowledge @Wharton, University of Pennsylvania. January 25

“Venezuelan student protestors seek to woo poor”. 2014. *AP Press*, by Frank Bajak, March 19

“Civil unrest in Venezuela”. 2014. Let Your Voice Be Heard! Radio, WHCR 90.3FM New York City, March 9

“Chávez cult no match for Venezuela’s crisis”. 2014. *AP Press*, by Joshua Goodman, March 2

Book Reviews

Gangs of the El Paso-Juárez Borderland: A History. By Mike Tapia, University of New Mexico Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 126(6): 1518-1520, 2021

Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa. By Nicholas Rush Smith, Oxford University Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 126(2): 508-510, 2020

We Created Chávez: A People’s History of the Venezuelan Revolution. By George Ciccariello-Maher, Duke University Press. *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina y el Caribe* 25 (2): 133-135, 2014

Active Grants & Fellowships

2025	Visiting Fellowship at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at University of Notre Dame
2024	Peggy Rockefeller Visiting Fellowship at the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard University
2023	Visualizing & Sensing Spaces: A Workshop Series Center for the Humanities and the Public Sphere, University of Florida

Amount: \$3,760

2022 Post-Conflict Security Structures and Citizen Buy-In (Co-PI)
Department of Defense, FY2021 Minerva Research Initiative
Amount: \$1,423,151

Past Grants & Fellowships

2022	An Institutional Biography of the Venezuelan Police (PI) University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Fund \$8,400
2021	Understanding violence in Venezuela: Retrospective and Perspectives of Justice and Reparation (Co-PI) Fulbright NOFO 75th competition \$20,640
2019	Community Information Sharing on State-Sponsored Violence in Venezuela (PI) University of Florida International Center \$12,000
2019	Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia (Co-PI) Evidence in Governance and Politics \$3,900
2019	Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia (Co-PI) Evidence in Governance and Politics \$25,500
2018	Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia (Co-PI) Development Bank of Latin America \$15,000
2017	Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia (Co-PI) Evidence in Governance and Politics \$170,878
2017	Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia (Co-PI) Economic Development and Institutions \$120,510
2017	Police Raids, Police Violence, and the Reorganization of Organized Crime: A Comparative Study (PI)

	Development Bank of Latin America \$10,000
2017	The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach (Co-PI) Development Bank of Latin America \$10,000
2017	The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach (Co-PI) Fulbright Association \$2,900
2015	The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach (Co-PI) The Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies at Tulane University \$5,000
2010	Participatory Democracy in Venezuela (PI) Tinker Foundation Grant \$1300

Awards

2022	International Educator of the Year award
2018-2021	University of Florida Term Professorship award

Conference Organizing

“Asegurando Justicia para Víctimas de la Violencia en Venezuela” Co-organized with David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga, Caracas, Venezuela, Universidad Católica Andrés Bello. July 6 – 8, 2022

“Ethnographic Horizons of the Americas: Method, Evidence, Aesthetics” Co-organized with Richard Kernaghan, annual conference of the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida. March 30 – April 2, 2022

“Impasses políticos y los caminos hacia un futuro mejor en Venezuela” Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida. March 26, 2021

“The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach II” Co-organized with David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga, Caracas, Venezuela. March 30 – 31, 2017

“The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach I” Co-organized with David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga, Tulane University. October 29 – 31, 2015

Invited Presentations

Author Meets Critic: *The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Revolution, crime and policing during Chavismo*, by David Smilde, Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. Social Science History Association. November 18, 2022

“Gritos, regaños, charlas y susurros: Respuestas de las madres a los actores armados y la militarización en dos barrios de Caracas”, with Verónica Zubillaga, Centro de Estudios de Género-Colmex y Programa para el Estudio de la Violencia-CIDE. Organizers: Karine Tinat and Sandra Ley. April 20, 2022

“Police and the revolution: Chaos, conflict, and state violence in Venezuela”. Center for Latin American Studies Colloquium, University of Florida, February 18, 2022

“Gobernanzas criminales en Caracas” at “Governança Criminal na América Latina em Perspectiva Comparada”, with Verónica Zubillaga and Francisco Sánchez. Virtual workshops organized by Luana Dias Motta and Benjamin Lessing. June 8 and August 6, 2021

“Rentas ilegales, actores armados y desigualdad: Conflictos y reconfiguraciones”, REACIN Caracas, Venezuela. Organizers: Chelina Sepulvada, Andrés Antillano, Verónica Zubillaga, and Ivan Pojomovsky. July 6-9, 2021

“Re-imaginando diversidad en la academia, en tiempos de activismo feminista y pandemia”, Universidad de Chile. Organizers: Jael Goldsmith Weil and Kelly Bauer. May 13, 2021

“Acoso sexual en el campo: Género, raza, nación y la construcción del conocimiento etnográfico”. Re-imaginando diversidad en la academia, en tiempos de activismo feminista y pandemia panel, Universidad de Chile. Organizers: Jael Goldsmith Weil and Kelly Bauer. May 13, 2021

“Violencia policial en la Venezuela post-Chávez”. Asegurando Justicia para Víctimas de la Violencia en Venezuela Conference, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame University. Organizers: David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga. May 7-8, 2021

“Sexual Harassment and Fieldwork”, with Patricia Richards. Dependency, Vulnerability and Embodied Fieldwork Conference, Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, University of Bonn. Organizer: Sinah Kloss. April 21-22, 2021

“Harassed: Gender, bodies, and ethnographic research,” Temple Department of Sociology. Co-sponsored by Anthropology; Center for the Humanities; Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies; Geography and Urban Studies; Public Policy Lab; and Science, Technology, and Society Network. Organizer: Laura Orrico. February 24, 2021

“The Covid-19 crisis: Effects on criminal violence and public security in Latin America,” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Michigan. Organizer: Edgar Franco-Vivanco. November 20, 2020

Book discussion: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research*, Women's & Ethnic Studies Program at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Organizer: Tre Wentling. November 10, 2020

Book Salon: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research* with Patricia Richards. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Co-sponsored by The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality at the University of Chicago. Organizer: Kristen Schilt. July 15, 2020

Book discussion: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research*, with Patricia Richards, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida. January 23, 2020

Book discussion: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research*, with Patricia Richards, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia. October 4, 2019

"Constituent power and Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution: A reader-authors roundtable" Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Boston, MA. May 27, 2019

"Community policing and public trust: Evidence from Colombia" LACEA-LAMES, Guayaquil, Ecuador. November 8, 2018

Panel sponsored by Development Bank of Latin America

"Harassed: Gender, bodies, and ethnographic research" with Patricia Richards, Columbia University. Organizer: Shamus Khan. September 14, 2018

"Getting out of our heads: Taking theory into the body, space, and place" American Sociological Association's 2018 Junior Theorists Symposium, Philadelphia, PA. August 10, 2018

Author-Meets-Critics: Enrique Desmond Arias' *Criminal Enterprises and Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 6, 2018

Conference Presentations

"Hacia una nueva política feminista contra el autoritarismo y violencia policiaca y estatal reconociendo las luchas de mujeres en América Latina". Roundtable at the Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Vancouver, May 2023

"Más allá de la justicia versus la paz: víctimas de la violencia policial y la búsqueda de democratización en Venezuela" with David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. Understanding Authoritarianism in Latin America: Incumbent Strategies, Defections, and Mobilization Panel. Vancouver, May 2023

"Police reform in Latin America: An analysis of its triggers, enablers, results, and lessons" Roundtable at the Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Vancouver, May 2023

"Official vigilantism" with Dorothy Kronick, Latin American Studies Association International Congress Virtual Conference. The State and Criminal Violence in Latin America Panel. May 2022

“Police and the revolution: Chaos, conflict, and state violence in Venezuela” Latin American Studies Association International Congress Virtual Conference. Political and Social Polarization in Chávez- and Maduro-Era Venezuela Panel. May 2022

“Del punitivismo carcelario a la matanza sistemática” LASA-Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela. La mutación criminal en la era Post Chávez Panel. June 2021

Workshop on sexual harassment, violence, and the construction of knowledge with Patricia Richards, American Sociological Association, sponsored by the ASA Working Group on Harassment, New York. August 2019

Special Session Organizer/Chair. “La mutación criminal en la era post Chávez” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Boston, MA. May 2019

“Making security forces insecure: Police vulnerability, pluralized violence, and urban politics in Venezuela” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018

“Gendered bodies, sexual harassment, and field research” with Patricia Richards, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018

Special Session Organizer/Chair. “The paradox of violence in Venezuela: Crime, violence and left-wing citizen security” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Barcelona. May 2018

“Gendered bodies and field research” with Patricia Richards, Sociologists for Women in Society, Atlanta, GA. February 2018

Special Session Organizer/Chair. “Sexual harassment and the production of ethnographic knowledge” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. August 2016

“Policing violent democracies: Understanding new relations of power and police violence in plurally violent contexts” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Violence session, Seattle, WA, August 2016

Panel organizer. “Padding the iron fist? Ethnographic approaches to ongoing criminal justice and citizen security reforms in Latin America” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, New York, May 2016

“Policing violent democracies: Understanding new relations of power and police violence in plurally violent contexts” Unequal Security in the Americas, Brown University, April 2016

“Quién es el responsable y qué debería pasar? Opinión pública sobre la inseguridad y las reformas de seguridad ciudadana en Venezuela” with David Smilde, Crimen y Violencia en Venezuela: Insumos para la Formulación de Políticas Públicas, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas, Venezuela, November 2015

“Who is responsible and what should be done? Public opinion on crime and citizen security reform in Venezuela” with David Smilde. *The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach*, Tulane University, October 2015

“Sexual harassment and the construction of ethnographic knowledge” with Patricia Richards, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Ethnography session, Chicago, August 2015

Panel organizer. “Trust, intimacy, and sexual harassment: What doing “good” qualitative research means for women in the field” Sociologists for Women in Society, Washington, D.C., February 2015

“When participation ‘fails’: The implications of struggling organizations for participatory democracy” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Political Culture Section, August 2014

“States controlling citizens controlling the police: Negotiating citizen participation and its institutionalization within Venezuela’s police reform” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014

Panel Organizer. “Beyond the dichotomous divide” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014

Panel Chair “Policing democratic Latin America: A comparative perspective” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014

“The Bolivarian Revolution and citizen security reform: Taking stock of ‘socialist-humanist’ security six years in” *Venezuela After Chávez: Challenges of Democracy, Security, and Governance*, Brown University, April 2014

“Policing 21st century socialism: Community policing in Caracas.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Washington, D.C., May 2013

“Co-constitutive subject formation in Venezuela’s Bolivarian Revolution: The case and non-case of the communal councils” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Francisco, May 2012

Panel Organizer. “Emerging political subjectivities and Venezuela’s Bolivarian Revolution” with Donald Kingsbury, Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Francisco, May 2012

“Clients of the state: How social policies shape social movements and civil society in South America” with Pablo Lapegna, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Gainesville, FL, March 2012

“Deepening or extending democracy? The contestation over space and equality in Venezuela's 21st century socialism” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Social Theory and Inequality Section Roundtable Session, August 2011

“Avoiding participation: An ethnographic perspective on mobilization in Venezuela's participatory democracy” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 2011

“Defend your civic center! The symbolic struggle over space in 21st century socialism” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Marxist Sociology Section Roundtable Session, August 2010.

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association, Latin American Studies Association, Sociologists for Women in Society, La Red de Activismo e Investigación por la Convivencia (REACIN), The Strategic Hub for Organised Crime Research (SHOC)

Professional Service

University

Director of UF's International Ethnography Lab 2023 – present

Faculty Coordinator of the Qualitative Methods Working Group 2020 – present

Chair of Gender, Sexuality, and Social Movements in Latin America 2023
Search Committee in the Center for Latin American Studies

UF Faculty Senate 2019 – 2022

Member of Human Rights, Peace, and Transitional Justice 2018
Search Committee in the Center for Latin American Studies

Faculty Co-Coordinator of the Crime, Law, and Governance in the Americas
Working Group and MALAS specialization 2017 – 2023
<https://www.latam.ufl.edu/academics/graduate-programs/malas/las-specializations/crime-law-and-governance-in-the-americas/>

Faculty Advisor for Florida Society of the Social Sciences (F3S) 2017 – 2023
<https://f3s.soccrim.clas.ufl.edu/home/>

Associations

Security and Violence Track Chair, Latin American Studies Association 2022 – 2023
International Congress in Vancouver, May 2023

Chair for the Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Awards Committee	2019 – 2022
SWS Meeting Program Committee member	2019 – 2022
SWS Committee on Committees member	2020 – 2022

Executive Committee Member for the Section on Venezuelan Studies Latin American Studies Association	2019 – 2021
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Moderator and Contributor to the Washington Office on Latin America blog Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights	2012 – 2016
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Journals

Managing Editor, <i>Qualitative Sociology</i>	2010 – 2019
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Editorial Board member, <i>Qualitative Sociology</i>	2019 – present
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Courses

Graduate

- ◊ Advanced Qualitative Methods
- ◊ Criminological Theory
- ◊ Crime and Violence in Latin America
- ◊ Design and Methods of Research in Latin American Studies
- ◊ Gangs and Society
- ◊ Law and Order in Latin America
- ◊ Policing the Americas

Undergraduate

- ◊ Crime and Deviance
- ◊ Crime and Violence in Latin America
- ◊ Introduction to Sociology
- ◊ Law and Order in Latin America
- ◊ Policing the Americas
- ◊ Research Methods

Graduate Students, Current

Name	Degree	Expected Graduation
Unna Yared	Phd, Sociology	August 2024
Morgan Averette	Phd, Sociology	August 2024
Claudia Odgers	PhD, Criminology	August 2024
Iblin Edelweiss Murillo Lafuente	Phd, Sociology	May 2025
Martina Speranza	Phd, Sociology	May 2025
Rosario Fernández-Romero	Phd, Sociology	May 2026
Laura Botero	MA, Latin American Studies	May 2024
Rodrigo Mezarina	MA, Latin American Studies	May 2024

Graduate Students, Former

Name	Degree	Graduation Date	Current Position
Dominique Fairley	Phd, Sociology	August 2023	Adjunct Professor in sociology at University of Florida
Francisco Sánchez	MA, Latin American Studies	May 2023	Enrolled in the doctoral program in sociology at University of Texas-Austin
Michael McKenna	MA, Latin American Studies	May 2021	Staff member at the Americas Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies
Treethep Srisa-Nga	MA, Latin American Studies	May 2021	Currently enrolled in the doctoral program in political science at University of Florida
Sophia Rogner	MA, Latin American Studies	May 2020	Attorney at HR Law

Languages

English: Native
Spanish: Fluent