

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

Higher Education

The Ohio State University, Ph.D., Sociology, 2002.
The University of Texas at Austin, M.A., Government, 1994.
St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, B.A., Political Science, 1992.

Professional and Academic Positions

Associate Professor
University of New Mexico, August 2014 - present
Assistant Professor
University of New Mexico, August 2010 – July 2014
Lecturer III
University of New Mexico, August 2007 – July 2010
Assistant Professor (3/4 time)
University of Iowa, August 2002-2007

Honors and Awards

Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award, University of New Mexico (2015-2016)
Faculty of Color Award, Mentoring, Project for New Mexico
Graduates of Color, University of New Mexico (2012)
College of Arts and Sciences Award for Teaching Excellence, University of New Mexico
(2010-2011)
Summer Research Institute participant (competitively selected) for the Racial Democracy
Crime and Justice Network, The Ohio State University (2010 & 2011)
Senior Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Center for Health Policy, University of
New Mexico, (2009)
Research Allocation Committee Grant (\$4,000), University of New Mexico, with
Christopher Lyons (2008)
Faculty Research Grant with Christopher Lyons (\$10,000) with the Robert Wood Johnson
Foundation at the University of New Mexico (2008)
Interdisciplinary Research Grant for Collaborative Projects (\$6,000) at the Obermann Center
for Advanced Studies with Stephen Arndt (2006)
Old Gold Fellowship, University of Iowa (2003)
National Consortium on Violence Research, Predoctoral Fellowship, 2000-02
American Society of Criminology, Minority Fellowship, 1997-98

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Honorable Mention for the Minority Fellowship, 1997-98
The Department of Sociology Summer Publishing Fellowship, 1998
The Ohio State University: University Fellowship, 1996-97
American Political Science Association: APSA Fellow, 1992-93

SCHOLARSHIP

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Hernandez, Alma¹, Vélez, María B. and Christopher Lyons. 2016. "The Racial Invariance Thesis and Neighborhood Crime: Beyond the Black-White Divide." *Race and Justice*. DOI: 10.1177/2153368716669986
- Vélez, María B.², Christopher Lyons, and Wayne A. Santoro. 2015. "The Political Context of the Percent Black-Neighborhood Violence Link: A Multilevel Analysis." *Social Problems*. 62:93–119.
- Lyons, Christopher J., María B. Vélez,³ and Wayne A. Santoro. 2013. "Neighborhood Immigration, Violence, and City-Level Immigrant Political Opportunities." *American Sociological Review* 78: 604-632.
- Vélez, María B., Christopher Lyons and Blake Boursaw. 2012 "Assessing the Relationship between Mortgage Lending and Crime: An Analysis of Seattle Neighborhoods (1981-2007)." *Criminology* 50(4):1025-1056.
- Santoro, Wayne A., María B. Vélez, and Stacy Keogh. 2012. "Mexican American Protest, Ethnic Resiliency, and Social Capital: The Mobilization Benefits of Having Social Ties to Whites." *Social Forces*. 91(1):209-231. doi:10.1093/sf/sos060.
- Vélez, María B. and Kelly Richardson⁴. 2012. "The Political Economy of Neighborhood Homicide in Chicago: The Role of Bank Investment". *British Journal of Criminology* 52(3): 490-513. doi:10.1093/bjc/azr092.
- Arndt, Stephan, María B. Vélez, Lisa Segre and Rebecca Clayton. 2010. "Remission from Substance Dependence in U.S. Whites, African-Americans, and Latinos." *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse* 9(4):237-248
- Vélez, María B. 2009. "Banks and the Racial Patterning of Crime: A Study of Chicago Neighborhoods." *The International Journal of Conflict and Violence* 3:154 – 171.
- Vélez, María B. 2009. "Contextualizing the Immigration and Crime Effect: An Analysis of Chicago Neighborhoods." *Homicide Studies* 13:325-335.
- Vélez, María B., Ana L. Campos, and Stephan Arndt. 2008. "City's Racial Composition Shapes Treatment Center Characteristics and Services." *Journal of Ethnicity and Substance Abuse* 7(2):188-199.
- Vélez, María B., Lauren J. Krivo and Ruth D. Peterson. 2003. "Interracial Inequality and Homicide: A Direct Assessment of the Black-White Gap in Killings." *Criminology*

¹ Graduate student

² Equal contribution with Christopher Lyons

³ Equal contribution with Christopher Lyons

⁴ Graduate student

41:645-672.

Vélez, María B. 2001. "The Role of Public Social Control in Urban Neighborhoods: A MultiLevel Analysis of Victimization Risk." *Criminology* 39(4):837-864.

- Reprinted in *Crime and Social Institutions*, ed. Richard B. Rosenfeld. Hampshire: Ashgate Publishing Limited. July 2006.

Roscigno, Vincent J., *María B. Vélez* and Jim Ainsworth-Darnell. 2001. "Language Minority Achievement, Family Background, and the Impact of Bilingual Education." *Race and Society* 4(1):69-88.

Book Chapters

Vélez, María B. and Christopher Lyons. 2012. "Situating the Immigration and Neighborhood Crime Relationship across Multiple Cities" in *Punishing Immigrants: Policy, Politics, and Injustice*, edited by Charis Kubrin, Marjorie Zatz, and Ramiro J. Martinez. New York, N.Y.: New York University Press.

Vélez, María B. 2006. "Toward an Understanding of the Lower Rates of Homicide in Latino Versus Black Neighborhoods: A Look at Chicago" in *The Many Colors of Crime: Inequalities of Race, Ethnicity and Crime in America*, edited by Ruth D. Peterson, Lauren J. Krivo, and John Hagan, New York, N.Y.: New York University Press.

Bellair, Paul E., Vincent J. Roscigno, and *María B. Vélez*. 2003. "Occupational Structure, Social Learning, and Adolescent Violence" in *Social Learning Theory and the Explanation of Crime: A Guide for the New Century*, edited by Ronald L. Akers and Gary F. Jensen, Advances in Criminological Theory, Volume 11. New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Press.

Peterson, Ruth D., Lauren J. Krivo and *María B. Vélez*. 2001. "Segregation and Youth Criminal Violence: A Review and Agenda." Pp. 277-286 in Susan O. White, ed., *Handbook of Youth and Justice*. New York, N.Y.: Plenum Publishers.

Edited Volumes

Vélez, María B, Rod Brunson, and Jody Miller. 2011. "Editor's Introduction: Between Black and White." Special Issue on Between Black and White: Theorizing Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*. 27:256-260.

Guest Editorships

Vélez, María B, Rod Brunson, and Jody Miller. 2011. Special Issue on "Between Black and White: Theorizing Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*. 27:255-398.

Encyclopedia Entry

Vélez, María B. 2014. "Informal Social Control". *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Bruinsma, Gerben and David Weisburd (Eds.) New York: Springer Verlag.

Trujillo, Sandra and María B. Vélez. Forthcoming. "Chapter X – Ethnicity and Crime." *The Handbook of Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice Contributor Agreement*

Invited

Baumer, Eric, Vélez, María B., Rosenfeld, Richard. Forthcoming. "Understanding Contemporary Crime Trends: A Critical Assessment of Documented Shifts and Existing Research, and a Blueprint for Future Inquiry." Inaugural issue of *Annual Review of Criminology*.

Vélez, María B., and Christopher J. Lyons. 2014. "Making or Breaking Neighborhoods." *Criminology & Public Policy* 13 (2):225-235.

Published Reviews of Scholarship

Vélez, María B. 1999. Book review of Lisa Dietrich's "Chicana Adolescents: Bitches, 'Ho's, and Schoolgirls." *Contemporary Sociology* 28(6):670.

In Progress

Krivo, Lauren J., María B. Vélez, Christopher J. Lyons, Jason Phillips, and Elizabeth Sabbath. Race, Crime, and the Changing Fortunes of Urban Neighborhoods (1999-2013). Under review at *The Du Bois Review*.

Vélez, María B. "The Ways in which Mass Incarceration Erodes Black Political Mobilization."

Santoro, Wayne A., María B. Vélez, and Harold J. Toro. "Segmented Assimilation Theory and Puerto Rican Political-Engagement: A Partial Test of the Downward Assimilation Thesis."

EXTERNAL GRANT APPLICATIONS

"Racialized Incarceration and Democracy: Black and Latino Political Attitudes, Civic Engagement, and Electoral Outcomes, 1950 – 2015." National Institute of Justice, W.E.B. DuBois Scholar on Race and Crime. \$496,999. May 2016. (not funded)

"Mass Incarceration and Democracy, Advocacy Track II." Vélez, María B. Soros Foundation Justice Advocacy Fellowship. February 2016. (not funded).

"Collaborative Research: Crime and Community in a Changing Society: The National

Neighborhood Crime Study 2” Lauren J. Krivo (lead PI), Christopher Lyons (Co-PI) and *María B. Vélez* (PI at UNM) National Science Foundation, Sociology and Law and Social Sciences Program 2013-2015 (funded: total \$539,142; UNM share \$146,214), (NES#1356252)

Bureau of Justice Statistics/JRSA, “Victimization Study Planning and Pilot Grant,” Lisa Broidy (PI), Christopher Lyons (Co-PI), *María Vélez* (Co-PI), August 1, 2012-July 31, 2013, (Awarded \$75,000).

ACADEMIC EVALUATOR

Maximizing Access to Research Careers (MARC) - Evaluation Team Leader, Graduate Assistants: Danielle Duran, Department of Sociology. This program is designed to prepare high achieving underrepresented minority (URM) undergraduates for careers in biomedical research. PI: Professor Diane Marshall, UNM Biology department. Funded by National Institutes for Health (NIH/NIGMS – 2011- 2016)

Initiative to Maximize Student Diversity (IMSD) Independent Evaluation Team Leader, Graduate Assistant: Danielle Duran, Department of Sociology. The project goal is to enhance the educational experience of minority undergraduate majors in the natural sciences—in particular biology at UNM. PI: Professor Maggie Werner-Washburn, Biology department. Funded by the National Institutes for Health (NIH/NIGMS – 2013 - 2018).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

National

Sabbath, Elizabeth, Lauren Krivo, Christopher J. Lyons, Jason Phillips and *María B. Vélez*. 2016. “The Dynamics of Neighborhood Crime: A Multi-City Longitudinal Analysis.” Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology; New Orleans, LA.

Painter-Davis, Noah, Christopher J. Lyons, and *María B. Vélez*. 2015. “The Political Context of The War on Drugs: A Longitudinal Analysis of Minority Political Power and Racial/Ethnic Gaps in Drug Arrests.” Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology; Washington D.C.

Hernandez, Alma⁵, *Vélez*, *María B.* and Christopher Lyons. 2014. “The Racial Invariance Thesis and Violent Crime Across 5 Different Racial/ethnic Type Neighborhoods.” American Sociological Association. Regular Criminology Session, San Francisco, CA.

Vélez, *María B.* and Christopher J. Lyons. 2011. “Neighborhood Immigration, Violence, and City Contexts of Incorporation”. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology; Washington D.C.

Vélez, *María B.* and Christopher J. Lyons. 2011. “Race, Crime and Minority Political Opportunity Structures: A Multi-Level Exploration across US Cities”. Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.

⁵ Graduate student

- Vélez, María B. and Christopher J. Lyons, 2009. "The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006)". Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Vélez, María B. 2006. "External Resources and the Racial Patterning of Crime: A Study of Chicago Neighborhoods." American Sociological Association. Regular Criminology Session, Montreal, Canada.
- Zevenbergen, Matthew⁶ and Vélez, María B. 2004. "The Importance of Neighborhood Ties to Local Police: An Analysis of Victimization Rates and Risk" Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN.
- Vélez, María B. 2003. "The Role of City Resources in Accounting for the Racial Patterning of Crime: A Study of Chicago Neighborhoods" Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO.
- Vélez, María B. 2001. "Public Social Control in Chicago Neighborhoods: Helping Explain Links between Race, Disadvantage, and Crime." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Vélez, María B. 1999. "The Role of Community Social Control and Neighborhood Disadvantage: A Contextual Analysis of Victimization Risk." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, Canada.
- Vélez, María B. 1998. "Neighborhood Disadvantage, Informal Social Control and Victimization: A Contextual-Effects Analysis." Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.
- Vélez, María B. and Vincent J. Roscigno and Jim Ainsworth-Darnell. 1997. "Language Minority Achievement, Family Background, and the Impact of Bilingual Education." Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Toronto, Canada.

Invited Presentations

- Sampson, Robert J., William Julius Wilson, and María B. Vélez. 2016. "Presidential Panel: Reassessing "Toward a Theory of Race, Crime, and Urban Inequality:" Enduring and New Challenges in 21st Century America Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology; New Orleans, LA.
- Vélez, María B. 2015. Luncheon speaker for the Hispanic Bar Association of New Mexico, "Inequality and the Criminal Justice System."
- Vélez, María B. 2015. Invited to speak for the State Bar of New Mexico on "Inequality and the Criminal Justice System", Continuing Legal Education credit.
- Hernandez, Alma⁷, Vélez, María B. and Christopher Lyons. 2015. "The Racial Invariance Thesis and Violent Crime Across 5 Different Racial/ethnic Type Neighborhoods." Sociology Colloquium Series.
- Vélez, María B. 2015. Invited Presidential Panel for the Western Society of Criminology. "The Role of City Politics in Shaping the Protective Influence of Immigration on Crime."
- Vélez, María B.⁸, Christopher Lyons, and Wayne A. Santoro. 2014. "The Political Context of

⁶ Graduate student

⁷ Graduate student

⁸ Equal contribution with Christopher Lyons

- the Race-Violence Link: A Multilevel Analysis.” Colloquium Series, University of New Mexico, Department of Sociology.
- Vélez, María B. 2013. “Beyond Neighborhoods: City Politics and Neighborhood Crime.” Keynote Speech for the Undergraduate Sociology Conference at Adams State University.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and María B. Vélez. 2012. “Neighborhood Immigration, Violence, and City Political Opportunity Structures” Invited to present for “Issue of Immigration in Criminal Justice” at the Center on Race, Crime and Justice at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY.
- Vélez, María B. and Christopher J. Lyons. 2012. “Race, Crime and Minority Political Opportunity Structures: A Multi-Level Exploration across US Cities”. Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Crime, Law and Deviance Invited Session. Denver, CO.
- Vélez, María B. 2009. “The Implications of a Foreign Born Community for Community Homicide Levels in Albuquerque and Chicago.” NSF Supported Immigration Research Workshop, Social Science Research on Immigration: The Role of Transnational Migration, Communities and Policies. Conference held at Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
- Vélez, María B. and Christopher Lyons. 2008. “The Long Term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Homicide: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990 – 2006). Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Summer Workshop.
- Vélez, María B. 2008. “The Implications of a Foreign Born Community for Community Homicide Levels.” University of Washington Institute for the Study of Ethnicity, Race and Sexuality, Conference on Issues Facing the Latino Community.
- Vélez, María B. and Ramiro Martinez. 2007. “Latino Population Growth and Arrest Rates in a New Gateway: An Analysis of Iowa.” Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Summer Workshop.
- Heimer, Karen and Vélez, María B. 2005. “Bringing in Gender and Race: Moving Toward Inclusiveness in Criminology.” American Sociological Association. Special Panel to celebrate 100th Anniversary of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.
- Vélez, María B. 2003. “Toward an Explanation of the Race-Crime Link: The Role of City Resources,” sponsored by the University of Iowa’s Center for Criminology and Sociological Studies, Iowa City, IA.
- Vélez, María B. 2002. “Heightened Levels of Crime in Latino Neighborhoods: The Role of Inequality in the Distribution of City Resources.” Latinos – Ignored No Longer: Contemporary Social Science Research on Latino Populations, sponsored by the Council on the Status of Latinos, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA.

SERVICE

1. Profession

Member, Roundtable on Crime Trends in America, Committee on Law and Justice, National Research Council (NRC) of the National Academies (2013-2016)

Editorial Board Member, *Criminology* (2012-2014:2015-2017)

Editorial Board Member, *Sociology Compass* (2015-2017)

Steering Committee Member, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice (2006 to present)

Vice-Chair, Division of People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology (2014-2016)

Elected, Executive Counselor, American Society of Criminology, election in summer of 2016

Program Committee Member for American Society of Criminology 2005, 2007, 2013, 2017 Annual Meetings

Program Committee Member, Section on Crime, Law and Deviance, 2012 Annual Meetings, American Sociological Association

Chair, Minority Affairs Committee, American Society of Criminology, 2009; member 2011

Member, Outstanding Article Award Committee, American Society of Criminology, 2011

Member, Herbert Bloch Award, American Society of Criminology, 2015

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*; *Criminology*; *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*; *National Science Foundation*; *Sociological Focus*; *Social Forces*; *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; *Criminal Justice Review*; *Sociological Quarterly*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*

2. Department

Coordinator, Sociology/Criminology Internship (2007 – 2012)

Criminology Task Force (2007 – present)

Undergraduate Committee (member, 2007-2008) (chair, Fall 2011; 2015-16)

Graduate Committee (2008 – 2009; 2013-2014; 2014-15)

Criminology Recruitment Committee (2007, 2008, 2010, 2012; 2013)

Associate Chair (Spring 2014)

3. College

4. University

Member, Southwest Hispanic Research Institute, Director Search (2011, 2014)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Center for Health Policy, Fellowship Selection

Committee (2009)
Mellon Foundation Advisory Committee (2007 to 2012)

Memberships

American Society of Criminology
American Sociological Association
Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network