

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 2025 Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Dissertation: *Soñamos Vida Digna: A Multiple Qualitative Method Account of Puerto Rican Feminists' Experiences with Organizing and Activism*
Committee: Anna-Maria Marshall (chair), José Atilos Osoria, Zsuzsa Gille, Mimi Thi Nguyen, and Yanira Reyes
- 2022 Masters of Arts in Sociology
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Thesis: *Resilience and Solidarity in Puerto Rican Feminisms*
Committee: Anna-Maria Marshall and Emma D. Vélez
- 2019 Bachelor of Arts in Sociology (Minor in Women's and Gender Studies)
University of Central Florida
Thesis: *Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual Non-Monogamous Relationships*

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Social Inequalities	Sociology of Social Movements
Intersectionality	Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology
Qualitative Methods	Latinx Migration
Sociology of Sex, Gender, & Sexualities	LGBTQ+ Studies
Global and Transnational Sociology	Queer Nightlife
Sociological Theory	
Decolonial Feminisms	

AWARDS & HONORS

Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award. 2023. Department of Gender and Women's Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program. 2018 – 2019. University of Central Florida.

PUBLICATIONS

Published

Tillewein, Heather, and Namrata Shokeen, Presley Powers, Sasha Sandles Palmer, **Amaury J. Rijo Sánchez**, Kristen Desjarlais. 2024. “LGBTQ+ students and the epidemiology of violence in education.” *Sexuality, Gender, & Policy* 1-16.

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury J. 2023. “‘Festival y Protesta’: The Integral Role of Protesting State Violence in Celebrating Puerto Rican Women and Feminists.” *Societies* 13: 251.

Tillewein, Heather, and Namrata Shokeen, Presley Powers, **Amaury J. Rijo Sánchez**, Sasha Sandles Palmer, Kristen Desjarlais. 2023. “Silencing the Rainbow: Prevalence of LGBTQ+ Students Who Do Not Report Sexual Violence.” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 20(3):1-12.

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2021. “Book Review on Expanding the Rainbow: Exploring the Relationships of Bi+, Polyamorous, Kinky, Ace, Intersex, and Trans People.” *Teaching Sociology* 49(3):309-311.

Under review

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury J. “‘Juntxs Somos Más’: Feminist Mobilization in Puerto Rico and the Power of the Masses.” Under review with *Sociological Perspectives*

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury J. “‘Que to’a la’ diabla’ pongan la’ mano’ en la pared’: Gender, Race, Power, and *Perreo Combativo*.” to appear in M. Ryan & N. Naples (ed.) *Genders and Sexualities in Transnational Perspective*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury J., Lampe, Nik M., J. E. Sumerau, and Huff-Corzine, Lin. “More than a Heartbeat: Memorializing the Pulse Massacre”

Rodríguez-Reyes, Maya A. & **Rijo Sánchez, Amaury J.** “‘...Ni Cuerpas Que Lo Aguanten’: Colonial Resistance through Puerto Rican Online Queer Presence”

GRANTS AND SUPPORT

Internal Grants

Conference Travel Award. 2024. Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. PI: \$450.

Conference Participation Scholarship. 2024. The Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. PI: \$1,200.

The Florian Znaniecki Publication Prize. 2024. Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. PI: \$300.

Summer Writing Scholarship. 2023. Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. PI: \$2000.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2024. “‘Juntxs Somos Más’: Feminist Mobilization in Puerto Rico and the Power of the Masses.” Brown Bag Lecture Series, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexualities Studies, University of South Florida.

**Invited Lecturer*

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2024. “‘La Pobreza Tiene Rostro de Mujer’: Puerto Rican Feminists’ Struggles with Economic Precarity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2024. “ASA Honors Program Graduate School Briefing.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

**Invited Panelist*

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2024. “Deconstructing Toxic Masculinities through Feminist Internet Activism”. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Rodríguez Reyes, Maya A., **Rijo Sánchez, Amaury J.**, 2024. “‘...Ni Cuerpas Que Lo Aguanten’: Colonial Resistance through Puerto Rican Queer Performance”. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Des Moines, IA.

Gardner, Courtney, **Rijo Sánchez, Amaury J.**, Lampe, Nik M., & Huff-Corzine, Lin. 2023. “More than a heartbeat: Individual community members react to the Pulse Massacre”. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2023. “*Soñamos Vida Digna*; A Multiple Qualitative Methods' Account of Puerto Rican Feminists' Experiences with Organizing and Activism.” Amber BuckleyShaklee Sociology Conference, Urbana, IL.

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2022. “*Soñamos Vida Digna*; An Ethnographic Account of Puerto Rican Feminist Organizing and Activism.” Illinois Sociological Association Annual Conference, Decatur, IL.

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2022. “Feminist, Transfeminist, and LGBTQ+ Activism in Puerto Rico.” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Rijo Sánchez, Amaury. 2019. “Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual Non Monogamous Relationships.” Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.

**Invited Panelist*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Spring 2024 (*on going*) **Independent Autoethnographic Fieldwork:** As I continue to expand my research, I have begun to collect autoethnographic reflections in the form of audio recordings of my participation in Queer Nightlife as a drag performer in the rural Midwest. Building from my ethnographic research experience, I am independently developing an additional set of data to scaffold innovating directions to my research agenda.

Summer 2022 **Sexuality General Fellow:** The California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS) Sexualities Summer Fellowship connects scholars at different stages of their academic career to collaborate on research and publishing opportunities drawing from a data set on “LGBTQ Higher Education”. My duties include: surveying previous research and drafting literature reviews, supporting the analysis and write up of data, and peer editing. Supervisor: Penny Harvey

2021 **Graduate Research Assistant:** “Unlearning Racism” Department of Art and Design. Working as a platform translator. Project aims to bring race and intersectionality into educational as well as industrial environments. Supervisor: Lisa Mercer

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record (2023 - Present)

Department of Sociology / Department of Gender and Women’s Studies University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Semester	Undergraduate Course	Format	Size
Spring 2025	Politics of Fashion	In-Person	43

Summer 2024	Politics of Fashion	Asynchronous Online	18
Summer 2023	Politics of Fashion	Asynchronous Online	23

Graduate Teaching Assistant (2019 - Present)

Department of Sociology / Department of Gender and Women's Studies

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Semester	Undergraduate Course	Format
Fall 2024	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	Synchronous Online
Spring 2024	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	In-Person
Fall 2023	Introduction to Gender and Women's Studies	Synchronous Online
Spring 2023	Sexualities	Synchronous Online
Fall 2022	Politics of Fashion	In-Person
Spring 2022	Introduction to U.S. Law and Legal Institutions	In-Person
Fall 2021	Sociology of Gender	Asynchronous Online
Spring 2021	Introduction to Sociology	Asynchronous Online
Fall 2020	Sociology of Gender	Asynchronous Online
Spring 2020	Technology and Society	Asynchronous Online
Spring 2020	Sociology of Law	Asynchronous Online
Spring 2020	Integration, Assimilation, and Multiculturalism: America's Immigrant Society	In-Person
Fall 2019	Sociology of Gender	Asynchronous Online

Undergraduate Advising and Support

Department of Gender and Women's Studies

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Semester	Undergraduate Program	Format
Spring 2022	Student Success Initiative Collective Study Space for Undergraduate Students	Synchronous Online
Fall 2021	Student Success Initiative Collective Study Space for Undergraduate Students	Synchronous Online

Writers Workshop

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Semester	Undergraduate Program	Format
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Fall 2024	Writers Workshop Graduate Writing Consultant	In-Person
Summer 2024	Illinois Scholarship Program's Graduate Consultant	In-Person

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 Latina/o Sociology
 Race, Class, and Gender
 Sociology of Sex and Gender
 Sociology of Sexualities
 National Women's Studies Association
 Latin American Studies Association
 Sociologists for Women in Society
 Midwestern Sociological Society

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Conference coordinator for the 2024 Common Difference: Transnational Feminist Resistance(s) Against Contemporary Violence(s). Urbana, IL.

Discussant for the regular session "Bureaucracies of Trans Displacement, Displacing Bureaucracies of the Gender Binary." 2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Presider for the paper session "Gender Negotiation Among People in Poly/Consensual NonMonogamous Relationships." 2019 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Presider for the paper session "Social Standards for Femininity and its Correlation to Rape Culture." 2018 Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2019 – Present **Alpha Kappa Delta** International Honor Society of Sociology – Member

2019 – 2021 **Graduate Student Association Committee** at UIUC – Officer

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Lions Club International – Aguadilla (Ramey), PR (2022 – 2024)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2022 MSS-AKD Teaching Certificate Program – Midwestern Sociological Society.
- 2023 CITI (Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative) Ethics Training Certification
– Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Human Subject Research
Curriculum Completion. Valid until 2026.

LANGUAGES

English: Fluent
Spanish: Native speaker
French: Intermediate Mid

REFERENCES

Anna-Maria Marshall, Ph.D., J.D. (*dissertation chair*)
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Department of Sociology
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