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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2026—	Professor and Baca Zinn Chair of Sociology, University of New Mexico
2021—	Associate Professor and Baca Zinn Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico
2019— 2021	Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Affiliate Faculty: Asian American Studies Affiliate Faculty: African American Studies
2019—2020	NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellow
2013-2019	Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

EDUCATION

2007-2013	Ph.D., Sociology, University of Connecticut
2005-2007	M.A, Sociology, Presidency College, India
2002-2005	B.A. (With Honors), Sociology, Presidency College, India

BOOKS

2025	Ray, Ranita <i>Slow Violence: Confronting Dark Truths in the American Classroom</i> . Martin's Press/Macmillan. • 2026 Society of Professors of Education Outstanding Book Award. • Shortlisted for Columbia Journalism School and Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard 's 2024 Lukas Work-in-Progress Prize (title listed as <i>Violent Schools: Slow Death in the American Classroom</i>). • Reviewed in <i>Publisher's Weekly</i>, <i>Kirkus Reviews</i>, <i>The Library Journal</i>, <i>Social Forces</i>, <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i>, <i>Contemporary Sociology</i>, <i>Education Review</i>, <i>Symbolic Interaction</i>. • Featured in <i>Book Riot</i>, <i>The Society Pages</i>, <i>Daily KOS</i>, <i>Shelf-Talk Seattle Public Library</i>, <i>Cultural Studies Podcast</i>, <i>New Books Network Podcast</i>, <i>The Research to Practice Gap Podcast</i>, <i>An Academic Life Newsletter</i>, <i>Bridging the Bones Podcast</i>, <i>The Grade</i>, <i>Politics and Rights Review</i>.
2018	Ray, Ranita. <i>The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Poverty and Mobility in an American City</i> . Berkeley: University of California Press.

- Winner. 2018. C. Wright Mills Award.
- Winner. 2020 Pacific Sociological Association Distinguished Scholarship Award.
- Honorable Mention. 2019. ASA Race, Gender, and Class Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award.
- Finalist. 2020. ASA Sociology of Education Bourdieu Best Book Award.
- Selected for Author Meets Critics. American Sociological Association (2019) & The American Society of Criminology (2018).
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Journal of Family Theory & Review*, *Children's Geographies*, *Anthropology & Education Quarterly*, *Choice*.
- Featured in *The Atlantic*, *Las Vegas Review Journal*, *Las Vegas Sun*, *ASA Children and Youth Section*, *KZSC FM Voces Críticas*, *Innovation*, *Youth circulations*.

2012 Bandana Purkayastha and (alphabetically listed) Miho Iwata, Shweta Majumdar, Ranita Ray, Trisha Tiamzon. *As the Leaves Turn Gold: Aging Experiences of Asian Americans*. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 Ray, Ranita. 2023. "Race-Conscious Racism: Alibis for Racial Harm in the Classroom." *Social Problems* 70 (3): 682–697.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac009>
- 2025 American Sociological Association, Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.
- 2022 Ray, Ranita. "School as a Hostile Institution: How Black and Immigrant Girls of Color Experience the Classroom." *Gender & Society* 36(1): 88-111.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/08912432211057916>
- 2023 American Sociological Association, The Section on the Sociology of Sex and Gender's Distinguished Article Award.
 - 2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award.
 - 2023 American Sociological Association, The Section on Race, Gender, and Class's Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award. Honorable Mention.
- 2021 Ranita Ray & Georgiann Davis. "Cultural Competence as New Racism: Working as Intended?" *The American Journal of Bioethics* 21(9): 20-22.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2021.1952338>

- 2021 Tillman, Korey and Ranita Ray. "Feminist Ethnographies." In the *Oxford Handbook of Ethnographies of Crime and Criminal Justice*, edited by Sandra Bucerius, Kevin Haggerty and Luca Berardi. Oxford University Press.
- 2019 Ray, Ranita and Korey Tillman. "Envisioning a Feminist Urban Ethnography: Structure, Culture, and New Directions in Poverty Studies." *Sociology Compass* 13(1): 1-10.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12652>
- 2018 Ray, Ranita. "'Identity of Distance': How Economically Marginalized Black and Latina Women Navigate Risk Discourse and Employ Feminist Ideals." *Social Problems* 65(4): 456–472.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spx025>
- 2019 American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section Best Article Award.
 - 2020 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Honorable Mention.
- 2018 Davis, Georgiann and Ranita Ray. "Pediatric Participation in a Diverse Society: Accounting for Social Inequalities in Medical-Decision Making." *The American Journal of Bioethics* 18(3): 24-26.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2017.1418927>
- 2018 Ray, Ranita and Michael Ian Borer. "Urbanism and Urbanization." Pp 475-488 in *The Cambridge Handbook of Social Problems*, edited by A. Javier Treviño. Cambridge University Press.
- 2017 Banerjee, Pallavi and Ranita Ray. "Afterword: Hunger as Performance." Pp 277-285 in *The Aesthetics and Politics of Global Hunger*, edited by Anastasia, Ulanowicz and Manisha Basu. Palgrave Macmillan.
- 2016 Ray, Ranita and Georgiann Davis. "Pharmacists Can't Administer Opportunity: The Role of Neuroenhancers in Educational Inequalities." *The American Journal of Bioethics* 16(6):41-43.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15265161.2016.1170232>
- 2016 Ray, Ranita. "Exchange and Intimacy in the Inner City: Rethinking Kinship Ties of the Urban Poor," *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 45(3): 343–364.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0891241614568191>

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

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- 2026 Society of Professors of Education Outstanding Book Award.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Michael Harrington Award

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- 2025 American Sociological Association, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award.
- 2024 Columbia Journalism School and Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard, Lukas Work-in-Progress Prize Shortlist.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award.
- University of New Mexico, Internal large Grant (RAC).
- 2023 American Sociological Association, The Section on the Sociology of Sex and Gender's Distinguished Article Award.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award.
- American Sociological Association, The Section on Race, Gender, and Class's Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award. Honorable Mention.
- 2020 Distinguished Scholarship Award, Pacific Sociological Association.
- Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Honorable Mention, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- Sociology of Education Bourdieu Best Book Award, Finalist. American Sociological Association.
- William Morris Award for Excellence in Research. University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- 2019 NAEd/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- Best Article Award, American Sociological Association, Race, Gender, and Class Section.
- Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Award Race, Gender, and Class Section
- 2018 C. Wright Mills Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- National Science Foundation. "Interdependent Water Infrastructure in a Potable Reuse System." Role: Co-PI for Social Science Component on Homelessness. Awarded \$747,026.
- Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Research Fellow - Rutgers University.

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- 2016 William Morris Award for Excellence in Teaching. University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
- 2013 Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award. Department of Sociology. University of Connecticut.
- Dean Ross MacKinnon Award for Excellence in Research. University of Connecticut.
- 2012 National Science Foundation (NSF) Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant.
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award. Graduate School. University of Connecticut
- 2011 Hira Jain Scholarship. Institute of Asian American Studies. University of Connecticut (Awarded annually to academically outstanding incoming or continuing undergraduate or graduate students).
- 2009 Human Rights Research Grant Competition Award. Human Rights Institute University of Connecticut. (Awarded annually to graduate students from any discipline based on overall excellence of the proposed research project on human rights issues)

INVITED TALKS, KEYNOTES AND PANELS

- 2026 California Polytechnic State University, talk on “Slow Violence.”
- 2026 California State University, Long Beach, talk on “Slow Violence.”
- 2026 Culturally Relevant Pedagogy: From Theory to Action Conference organized by antiracist Teaching and Learning Collective, talk on “Slow Violence.”
- 2026 University of Wisconsin, Madison, department of Educational Policy Studies, talk on “Slow Violence.”
- 2026 UCLA Global Critical Studies & Praxis, Panel on “Turn to the Right in Academia.”
- 2026 Culture and Contemporary Life Series, Panel on “Childhood and the Cultural Politics of Gender and Sexuality.
- 2026 University of New Mexico, College of Education & Human Sciences, “Slow Violence.”
- 2026 Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology, “Book Publishing, Publicity, and Academic Parenting” (with Georgiann Davis).
- 2026 James Madison University, Center for Faculty Innovation, “Paths to Publication: Academic Press, Trade Press, and the Stories Behind Them” (with Georgiann Davis).
- 2026 Farmingdale State College, Caregiving Affinity Group, “Book Publishing and Academic Parenting” (with Georgiann Davis).

- 2025 CUNY Graduate Center, Department of Sociology, “Slow Violence.”
- 2025 Ethnographic Café, University of California, Berkeley, Conversation with Randol Contreras on *The Marvelous Ones*.
- 2024 University of Pennsylvania, Penn Graduate School of Education, Featured Speaker for Ethnography in Education Research Forum Annual Conference.
- 2023 Buffalo University, School of Education, “The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Going From Unruly Fieldnotes to Coherent Theory.”
- 2023 California State University, Theory Conference Keynote Speaker, “Educational Institutions and Racial Violence.”
- 2023 Syracuse University, South Asian American Invisibility Mini Conference, “Navigating Sociology and the Academy as a South Asian American.”
- 2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, Invited Panel, “Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Publishing.”
- 2023 University of New Mexico, Feminist Research Institute, “Methodology Mingles.”
- 2022 Wittenberg University, Keynote Lecture, “Racialized Gender Violence in Schools.”
- 2021 Baruch College, CUNY, “Racialized Gender Violence in Schools.”
- 2021 University of New Mexico, Sociology Colloquia Series, “Racialized Gender Violence in Schools.”
- 2021 Harvard University, Contemporary Ethnography, and Inequality Workshop, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2021 Kent State University, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2021 University of Southern California, Department of Sociology Colloquium, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2021 Central New Mexico Community College, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2021 Pacific Sociological Association Annual meeting, Invited Panel, “Ethnography: The Ethnographer’s Circle: ‘How to Do Research: An Open Discussion.’”
- 2020 University of Texas, Austin, Sociology Department, “Public Education and Racial Dominance.”
- 2019 University of California, Santa Cruz, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2019 California State University, Long Beach, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”

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- 2019 Northwestern University, Department of Sociology, “Public Education and Racial Dominance.”
- 2019 Black Mountain Institute, Las Vegas, “‘The Art of Listening’ with Adrian Nicole LeBlanc.”
- 2019 Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Invited Panel, “Transcending the Academy: How, Why, and When to Practice Public Sociology.”
- 2019 UNLV William S. Boyd School of Law, “Introducing the Program on Race, Gender & Policing.”
- 2019 CSN Women's Alliance, “Disproportionate impact of reproductive health care restrictions on marginalized youth.”
- 2019 Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Invited Panel, “What Counts as Violence: Rethinking Risk Narratives and the Reproduction of Class.”
- 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Invited Panel, “Interdisciplinary Collaboration for Publishing.”
- 2018 Mississippi State University, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2018 Hastings College, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2018 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Department of Psychology, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2018 Rutgers University, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Summer Research Institute, “‘Disciplining Subjects: A Longitudinal study of policing and educational OUTCOMES among economically marginalized Black and Brown students.’”
- 2018 American Sociological Association Sexualities Pre-conference, Invited Panel, “How to Create an Elevator Speech for your Research.”
- 2016 University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2016 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, African American Studies, “Making of a Teenage Service Class.”
- 2017 Sociologists for Women in Society, Invited Panel, “The Pedagogy of the ‘Newcomers’: Navigating The First Few Years as Faculty at the Intersection of Oppressions.”
- 2014 “Nevada KIDS COUNT Conference, “Education and Inequality.”
- 2014 National Coalition of 100 Black Women, “Inequalities in Healthcare.”

MEDIA AND OTHER WRITINGS

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- 2026 Ray, Ranita. "[In Times of Extreme Political Polarization, Here's How Teachers Can Support the Most Vulnerable Students](#)." TEACHmag. June 9th.
- 2026 Ray, Ranita. "[Teaching in and against the state](#)." *Red Pepper*. April 10th.
- 2025 Ray, Ranita. "[Finding a joyful school: How to pick a school where your child won't experience the slow violence of everyday classroom racism](#)." *The Grade*. June 11th.
- 2024 Ray, Ranita. [Why's there so little coverage of everyday teacher racism?](#) The "slow violence" of everyday teacher racism rarely gets the attention it warrants. *The Grade*. April 3rd.
- 2023 Ray, Ranita. ASA Sociology of Education Newsletter, [Commentary of Education and Sociology](#).
- 2023 Ray, Ranita. Review of *The Movement for Reproductive Justice: Empowering Women of Color through Social Activism* by Patricia Zavella. *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2022 Ray, Ranita. [It Never Seems to Be a Good Time to Talk About Teachers' Racism](#) Educators are under siege for teaching "CRT." But curriculum isn't everything. *Slate*. March 1st.
- 2021 Ray, Ranita. [Schools as Hostile Institutions: Everyday Violence Against Black Girls and Immigrant Girls of Color](#). *Gender & Society Blogs*, December 17th.
- 2020 Ray, Ranita. Review of *Reclaiming Community: Race and the Uncertain Future of Youth Work* by Bianca J. Baldrige. *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2020 Ray, Ranita. Review of *Manufactured Insecurity Mobile Home Parks and Americans' Tenuous Right to Place* by Esther Sullivan. *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2019 Ray, Ranita. Review of *The Cost of Being a Girl: Working Teens and the Origins of the Gender Wage Gap* by Yasemin Besen-Cassino. *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2019 Jenkins, Nicole and Ranita Ray. "Racial and Class Inequalities Among Youth in the U.S." Entry in Encyclopedia in *Teen-lives around the world* by ABC-CLIO.
- 2019 Ray, Ranita. "[Rethinking the 'At-Risk' Narrative and Reimagining a New Future Alongside Black and Brown Youth](#)." Youth Circulations Blog.
- 2018 Ray, Ranita. "[The Scholar-Activist Paradox](#)," University of California Press Blog.
- 2017 Ray, Ranita. "[The Rules of Social Mobility](#)," University of California Press Blog
- 2009 Purkayastha, Bandana and Ranita Ray. 2009. "South Asian Americans: Contemporary Issues." Entry in *Greenwood Encyclopedia on Contemporary Asian American*.

SELECT REFERRED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

July 2026

- 2026 National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference, Panelist, "Going Trade: How and Why to Publish a Trade Book in Fascist Times."
- 2025 Society for the Study of Social Problems. Critic. Author Meets Critic Session on Nora Gross's *Brothers in Grief: The Hidden Toll of Gun Violence on Black Boys and Their Schools*.
- 2022 Sociologists for Women in Society. Panelist. "Dissertation to Book: Tips and Tricks for Navigating the Undertakings of Transforming Your Dissertation to Your Book."
- 2018 American Sociological Association. Discussant. Ethnography Panel.
- 2017 American Sociological Association. "The Making of A Teenage Service Class: Race, Class, Gender, and College For All." Panel on Higher Education.
- 2016 National Women Studies Association. "Identity of Distance: Construction of Risk and Employment of Feminist Ideals Among Marginalized Black and Latina Women." Panel Discussion.
- 2016 Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Conference. "How Poor Black and Latina Girls Defy Odds: Race, Class and Gender in Determining Educational Outcomes."
- 2015 Society for the Study of Social Problems. *Human Rights, Human Dignity: Conversations on Claiming Human Rights*. "In Search of Success: Education, Work Prospects, and Urban Youth in the US."
- 2014 American Sociological Association. *Culture and Inequality Regular Panel*. "Meaning Of Work and Money In The Ghetto."
- 2012 American Sociological Association. *Ethnography Regular Panel*. "All Things Called Love: Romance Among Low-Income Urban Youth."
- 2012 Society for the Study of Social Problems. *Family Formation: Co-Parenting and Contemporary Family Forms Regular Panel*. "Low-Income Youth and Romantic Relations."
- 2012 Eastern Sociological Society. "Against The Odds."
- 2012 Urban Affairs Associations Annual Conference. "Against The Odds: Urban Youth, Poverty and Success."
- 2011 Society for the Study of Social Problems. "Urban Poverty and Access to Food."
- 2011 American Sociological Association. (with Purkayastha Bandana.) "Challenges In Localizing Global Human Rights"

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2011 Society For the Study of Symbolic Interactions. "Organizational Responses to Urban Food Insecurity."

COURSES TAUGHT

University of New Mexico

Spring 2026	Inequality and Power Reproductive Justice	Undergraduate Graduate Seminar
Fall 2025	Inequality and Power Qualitative Research Methods	Undergraduate Graduate Seminar
Spring 2025	Inequality and Power Social Stratification	Undergraduate Graduate Seminar
Spring 2024& Fall 2024	Social Theory Inequality and Power	Undergraduate Undergraduate
Fall 2023	Reproductive Justice Inequality and Power	Graduate Seminar Undergraduate
Spring 2023	Social Theory	Undergraduate
Fall 2022	Parental Leave	
Spring 2022	Inequality and Power Social Theory	Undergraduate Undergraduate
Fall 2021	Social Inequality	Graduate Seminar

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Spring 2021	Social Inequality	Undergraduate
	Social Inequality	Undergraduate
Fall 2020	[Spencer Fellowship]	
Spring 2020	[Sabbatical]	
Fall 2019	[Spencer Fellowship]	
Spring 2019	Social Inequality Social Stratification	
Fall 2018	Honors Seminar Social Inequality	Undergraduate
Spring 2018	Social Inequality Contemporary Theory	Undergraduate Undergraduate
Fall 2017	Social Inequality Contemporary Theory	Undergraduate Undergraduate
Spring 2017	Social Inequality Social Stratification	Undergraduate Graduate Seminar
Fall 2016	Social Inequality Contemporary Theory	Undergraduate Undergraduate
Spring 2016	Social Inequality Contemporary Theory	Undergraduate Undergraduate
Fall 2015	Sociology of Poverty Social Inequality	Undergraduate Undergraduate

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Spring 2015	Social Inequality	Undergraduate
	Social Stratification	Graduate Seminar
Fall 2014	Sociology of Poverty	Undergraduate
	Social Inequality	Undergraduate
Spring 2014	Contemporary Social Issues	Undergraduate
Fall 2013	Contemporary Social Issues	Undergraduate

University of Connecticut, Storrs

Spring 2013	Sociological Perspectives on Poverty	Undergraduate
Fall 2012	Social Problems	Undergraduate
Spring 2012	Sociological Perspectives on Poverty	Undergraduate
Fall 2011	Sociological Perspectives on Poverty	Undergraduate
Spring 2011	Social Problems	Undergraduate
Fall 2010	Social Problems	Undergraduate
Spring 2010	Social Problems	Undergraduate
Fall 2009	Criminology	Undergraduate
Spring 2009	Criminology	Undergraduate
Fall 2008	Criminology	Undergraduate

STUDENT SUPERVISION—MASTERS THESIS AND DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Ph.D. In Progress	Chair	Susana Echeverri Herrera, University of New Mexico
Ph.D. In Progress	Chair	Alejandro Tovar, University of New Mexico
Ph.D. In Progress	Co-Chair	Alejandra Lemus, University of New Mexico
Ph.D. In Progress	Co-Chair	Aida Revilla, University of New Mexico
Ph.D. In Progress	Chair	Luna Moreno, University of New Mexico
Ph.D. In Progress	Chair	Alicia Esquivel, University of New Mexico
Ph.D. In Progress	Chair	Masi Swanagan, University of New Mexico
M.A. In Progress	Chair	Noelia Mann, University of New Mexico
2026, M.A.	Chair	Attiya White, University of New Mexico
2024, M.A.	Chair	Nancy Flores, University of New Mexico
2023, Ph.D.	Chair	Korey, Tillman, University of New Mexico Current Position: Assistant Professor, Northeastern University

2020, Ph.D.	Chair	Nicole Jenkins, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Current Position: Assistant Professor, Howard University
2017, M.A.	Co-Chair	Jonathan Jimenez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2018—2021	Chair	Jeannette Hernandez, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
In Progress	Committee Member	Lacey Hites, University of New Mexico
In Progress	Committee Member	Karla Poblano-Rodriguez, University of New Mexico
In Progress	Committee Member	Jaqueline Martinez, University of New Mexico
M.A., 2023	Committee Member	Bianca Ruiz-Negron, University of New Mexico
2024, Ph.D.	Committee Member	Machienvee Lammey, University of New Mexico
2023, Ph.D.	Committee Member	Celine Ayala, University of New Mexico. Current Position, Assistant Professor, Georgia State University
2015, Ph.D.	Committee Member	Chris Connor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Current Position: Teaching Assistant Professor, University of Missouri
2019, Ph.D.	Committee Member	Jennifer Reed, University of Nevada, Las Vegas.
2017, M.A.	Committee Member	Maddie Evans, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2017, M.A.	Committee Member	Josiah Kidwell, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2018, M.A.	Committee Member	Jessica Fasano, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2021, Ph.D.	Committee Member	Christina Parreira, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2022, M.A.	Committee Member	Camisha Fagan, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

STUDENT SUPERVISION—COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATIONS

Lacey Hites	University of New Mexico
Masi Swanagan	University of New Mexico
Susana E Herrera	University of New Mexico
Vittoria Totaro	University of New Mexico
Nicole Jenkins	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Korey Tillman	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Celine Ayala	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Jonathan Jimenez	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Jeannette Hernandez	University of Nevada, Las Vegas

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Josiah Kidwell	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Daniel Krystosek	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Jan Ballestros	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Karen Villa	University of Nevada, Las Vegas

STUDENT SUPERVISION—OTHER MENTORSHIP

Chadea' Gipson	University of New Mexico	McNair Scholars Program
Monse Rodriguez-Rico	University of New Mexico	Career/Graduate School Mentorship
Lauren Galloway	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Dean's Summer Research Award
Josiah Kidwell	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Dean's Summer Research Award
Korey Tillman	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Dean's Summer Research Award
Jeannette Hernandez	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Dean's Summer Research Award
Michelle Parra	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Mentor for California Sally Casanova Program Summer
Germaine Koziarski	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Undergraduate Independent Study
Esmeralda Cruz Lopez	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Undergraduate Research
Vera Anderson	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Undergraduate Independent Study
Nawodya Guruwala Manamperige	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Undergraduate Independent Study
Andrea Hicks	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Undergraduate Independent Study
Katerina Fuller	University of Nevada, Las Vegas	Undergraduate Independent Study

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Elected Positions

2026-2028	Nominating Committees	American Sociological Association
2026-2029	Board of Directors	Society for the Study of Social Problems

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2022-2025	Chair-Elect, Chair, Past Chair	American Sociological Association Race, Gender, and Class Section
2021-2024	Council Member	American Sociological Association Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section
2020-2023	Council Member	American Sociological Association Children & Youth Section
2022-2023	Member	Pacific Sociological Association Publications Committee
2017-2019	Co-Chair	Sister to Sister Committee, Sociologists for Women in society
2017-2019	Section Chair	Society for the Study of Social Problems, Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division
<i>Committees</i>		
2026	Member	ASA, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Founders Award
2025	Member	American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting Program Committee
2025 & 2021	Member	C Wright Mills Book Award Committee
2023	Chair	ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Book Award
2024-2026	Member	ASA, Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award
2023		ASA Children & Youth Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award
2023-2025	Member	ASA Dissertation Award Committee
2022	Chair	ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Devah Pager Article Award
2022	Member	ASA, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award
2022	Member	SSSP Annual Meeting Program Committee
2022-2023	Chair Elect and Chair	SSSP Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee
2021	Chair	American Sociological Association, Children and Youth Section Nominations Committee
2021-2022	Member	Sociologists for Women in Society, Nominations Committee
2020	Member	American Sociological Association Children and Youth Section Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
2020	Member	AERA Maureen Hallinan Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
2020-2021	Member	Society for the Study of Social Problems Elections Committee
2012 & 2020	Member	Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting, Program Committee
2019	Member	American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting, Program Committee

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2019	Member	American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minority Founder's Award
2018 & 2020	Member	American Sociological Association, Race, Gender, and Class Section Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award
2018, 2019 & 2020	Member	American Sociological Association, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Junior Faculty Status Committee
2018	Member	American Sociological Association, Children and Youth Section Nominations Committee
2016	Member	Society for the Study of Social Problems Poverty, Class, and Inequality Student Paper Competition
2016	Member	Society for the Study of Social Problems Youth, Aging, and Life Course Best Graduate Student Paper Award
2016, 2017 & 2018	Member	Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Program Committee
Reviewer	Grants and Fellowships	National Endowment for the Humanities, The American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Innovation Fellowships, Ontario Research Fund
Reviewer	Book presses	University of Chicago Press, Princeton University Press, University of California Press, New York University Press, Routledge, Stanford University Press, University of North Carolina Press
Reviewer	Journals	American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Sociology of Education, Gender and Society, Social Problems, Criminology, Youth & Society, Sociological Inquiry, Societies Without Borders, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Forum, Qualitative Sociology, British Journal of Sociology, The Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, The Anthropology & Education Quarterly.
Editorial Board	Critical Perspectives on Youth Series, New York University Press Sociology of Education (January 2021-December 2026) Qualitative Sociology (2019—), Journal of Contemporary Ethnography (2026—). Youth and Society (2026—), Contexts Magazine (2027—2029).	
Panel Organizer	Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. 2023. Panel Organization, Gender Inequality, Regular Session. Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. 2023. Panel Organization, Futures of Intersectionality, Section Session. Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. 2019. Invited Special Session, "Feminist Urban Ethnography: Imagining A Queer of Color Sociology" Annual American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. 2019. Invited Special Session, "Intersectionality"	

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Regular Session Organizer for Children/Youth/Adolescents, 2020)
 Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Meeting. 2019. Invited Panel, “Scholar activism”
 Pacific Sociological annual meetings, Sessions on Inequality, Poverty, and Stratification 2016, 2017, 2018
 Society for the Study of Social Problems 2017. Communities and Neighborhoods in Poverty” session.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2025—2027	Member	Graduate Committee	University of New Mexico
2024—2025	Member	College Lecturer Promotion and Tenure Committee	University of New Mexico
2021-2022 & 2023-2024 & 2024-2025		Executive Committee	University of New Mexico
2023 Spring	Member	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee	University of New Mexico
2016-2019	Chair	Sociology Brown Bag Committee	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2018-2019	Member	Personnel Committee	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2014-2018	Member	Sociology Graduate Studies Committee	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2016 (two committees) & 2019	Member	Ad-Hoc Faculty Search Committees	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2013-2014	Member	Bylaws Committee	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2017	Member	William Morris for Excellence in Teaching Award Committee	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2018-2018	Faculty Fellow	Housing and Residential Life	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2015-2016	Member	The Mentoring Circle	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
2012, Graduate Representative	Member	Faculty Search Committee	University of Connecticut
Graduate Representative	Member	Orientation Committee for Graduate Students	University of Connecticut
Graduate Representative	Member	Affirmative Action committee	University of Connecticut
Graduate Representative	Member	Recruitment and Retention Committee	University of Connecticut
Graduate Representative	Member	Undergraduate Planning Committee	University of Connecticut

COMMUNITY/PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2026 [New Books Network Podcast](#), Interview on *Slow Violence*
- 2026 [Bridging the Bones Podcast](#), Interview on *Slow Violence*
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- 2012— Co-Founder and Board Member, Hearing Youth Voices, Featured in ASA [Sociology in Action](#).
- 2018 Speaker at TEDx UNLV, [Let’s Change How We Think About Poverty](#)
- 2014 [Las Vegas Weekly](#), Interview On Climbing the Economic Ladder
- 2012 Designed and coordinated Participatory Action Research “Hearing Youth Voices” in New London, Connecticut.
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