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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Urban Studies
Barnard College, Columbia University
- 2020-2023 Assistant Professor of Sociology
University of New Mexico

EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
Dissertation: In the Shadowland of Oil: Toxicity and Informal Settlements
Committee: Javier Auyero (Chair), Michael Young, Mounira Charrad, Bjørn Sletto
- 2014 M.A. Sociology, University of Texas at El Paso
- 2009 B.A. Anthropology and Border Studies, University of Texas at El Paso

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Environmental Sociology, Social Movements, Political Sociology, Urban Studies, Latin America, Latinx Sociology, Ethnography

PUBLICATIONS

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2022 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** "Putting Out Fires: The Varying Temporalities of Disasters." *Poetics*. 93(A): 101613. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.poetic.2021.101613>
- Hernandez, Maricarmen,** Sam Law, and Javier Auyero. "How Do the Urban Poor Survive? A Comparative Ethnography of Subsistence Strategies in Argentina, Ecuador, and Mexico." *Qualitative Sociology*. (45):1-29. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11133-021-09494-z>
- Hernandez, Maricarmen.** "Memoria Colectiva y el Derecho a la Tierra (Tóxica)." *Papel de Colgadura, Textura de las Humanidades Ambientales*. Vigécima primera edición: 60-76. https://www.icesi.edu.co/papeldecolgadura/images/pdc/vol-22/Memoria_colectiva_y_el_derecho_a_la_tierra.pdf
- 2021 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** "Toxicity and Informal Living in Esmeraldas, Ecuador." *Contexts*, feature article. 20(1):31-35. doi:10.1177/1536504221997866
- 2019 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** "Building a Home: Everyday Placemaking in a Toxic Neighborhood." *Sociological Perspectives*, 62(5):709-727.
*Marvin E. Olsen Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention- *Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association*

Auyero, Javier, **Maricarmen Hernandez**, Mary Ellen Stitt. "Grassroots Activism in the Belly of the Beast: A Relational Account of the Campaign Against Urban Fracking in Texas." *Social Problems* 66(1):28-50.

*Translated to Spanish: **Hernandez, Maricarmen**, Javier Auyero, Mary Ellen Stitt. 2020. "En el Vientre de la Bestia: Una Reconstrucción Relacional de la Campaña contra el Fracking en Texas." *Estudios Sociológicos del Colegio de México* 37(111): 61-658.

2015 **Hernandez, Maricarmen**, Timothy Collins, and Sara Grineski. "Immigration, Mobility, and Environmental Injustice: A Comparative Study of Hispanic People's Residential Decision-Making and Exposure to Hazardous Air Pollutants in Greater Houston, Texas." *Geoforum* (60):83-94.

*Kasperson Graduate Student Paper Award- *American Association of Geographers*

Collins, Timothy, Sara Grineski, Jayajit Chakraborty, **Maricarmen Hernandez**, and Marilyn Montgomery. "Downscaling Environmental Justice Research: A Mixed Method Analysis of Household-level Disparities in Cancer Risks from Air Toxics in Greater Houston, Texas." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 105(4):684-703.

2014 Chakraborty, Jayajit, Timothy Collins, Sara Grineski, Marilyn Montgomery, and **Maricarmen Hernandez**. "Comparing Disproportionate Exposure to Acute and Chronic Pollution Risks: A Case Study in Houston, Texas." *Risk Analysis* 34(11):2005-2020.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

2023 **Hernandez, Maricarmen** and Javier Auyero. "Bricolage at the Urban Periphery" in *Modern Guide on Urban Poverty*, Eds. Enrica Morlicchio, Enzo Mingione, and David Benassi. Submitted.

Hernandez, Maricarmen. "Comunidades Informales y Toxicidad en Esmeraldas, Ecuador" in *Ecología Política, Sufrimiento Socioambiental, y Acción Política*, Eds. Oscar Adan Oropeza and Denisse Roca-Servat. *Submitted*.

Hernandez, Maricarmen. "A Portrait of Toxic life on the Ecuadorian Coast" in *Latin American Studies Reader*, Ed. Javier Auyero. *In Press*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2021 Hernandez, Maricarmen. "Pollution, Poverty, and Environmental Suffering: The Case of Informal Living" in *American Sociological Association Newsletter, Footnotes*. <https://www.asanet.org/pollution-poverty-and-environmental-suffering-case-informal-living>.

Hernandez, Maricarmen. ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter *States, Power, and Societies*, Author Q&A.

2020 **Hernandez, Maricarmen**. "Fieldwork in Ecuador." *Ethnographic Marginalia*, podcast episode. New Books Network. <https://newbooksnetwork.com/fieldwork-in-ecuador-a-discussion-with-maricarmen-hernandez>

2019 **Hernandez, Maricarmen**, Javier Auyero. "Living at Risk: Relations, Routines and History." ASA Section on Culture, published June 2019. <https://asaculturesection.org/2019/06/27/living-at-risk-relations-routines-and-history/>

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2019-20 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
Graduate Women International Doctoral Research Award
E.D. Farmer Research Fellowship, Texas Legislature
- 2018-19 American Association of University Women Austin Branch Doctoral Fellowship
- 2017-18 Fulbright U.S. Student Grant
SSRC International Dissertation Research Fellowship, alternate finalist
Pan American Round Tables of Texas Terry Griswold Scholarship
- 2017 E.D. Farmer International Fellowship, Texas Legislature
- 2016 Tinker Field Research Grant; Tinker Foundation

Internal

- 2022 UNM Women in STEM award for collaborative research
UNM WeR1 Advance Faculty Research Award
- 2021 UNM Office of Faculty Research, Faculty Success Program, summer research award
- 2019 Graduate Dean Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Award, UT Austin
Professional Development Conference Travel Award, UT Austin
Department of Sociology, Excellence Award, UT Austin
Graduate Student Assembly Professional Development Award, UT Austin
- 2018-19 Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2017-18 Graduate Dean Prestigious Fellowship Award, UT Austin
- 2017 Global Research Fellowship; University of Texas, International Office, UT Austin
- 2017 International Research Tuition Fee Scholarship, UT Austin
- 2015 Liberal Arts Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, UT El Paso
Sociology Department Recruitment Fellowship, UT Austin
- 2014 Outstanding MA Graduate in Sociology Award, UT El Paso
- 2013 Dodson Student Travel Grant, UT El Paso
- 2009 Outstanding Academic Achievement; Department of Anthropology, UT El Paso

INVITED TALKS

- 2023 ASA Methods Seminar on Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods, invited speaker

University of Washington, Department of Sociology, invited talk

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, Department of Sociology, invited talk
- 2022 Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima, Department of Sociology, invited talk

Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales, sede Quito, Department of Social Science, invited speaker, ethnographic methods seminar
- 2021 Barnard College, Columbia University, Department of Sociology and Urban Studies, invited talk

University of New Mexico, Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, “Resiliency Through Culture,” panel discussion

University of Texas at El Paso, Talk Series, “From the Borderlands to the Andes”

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology, Urban Ethnography Lab, invited talk and workshop.

University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Department of Sociology Colloquium, invited talk.

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia. Department of Sociology Colloquium, invited talk.

Universidad de Hidalgo, México. Seminario Ecología Política y Sufrimiento Socioambiental y Acción Política, invited talk.

University of Utah, Department of Geography Colloquium, invited talk.

2020 University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Department of Sociology, Paper Workshop Series, “Putting Out Fires: The Varying Temporalities of Disasters.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 Hernandez, Maricarmen. “The Environmental Justice Framework in Latin America: Potentials and Challenges,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, regular panel, August 9-12, Los Angeles, California.
Hernandez, Maricarmen. “Hacia el Estudio Cultural de los Desastres y la Temporalidad,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, virtual.
- 2021 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “Putting Out Fires: The Varying Temporalities of Disasters,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, virtual.
- 2019 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “To Build a Home: Everyday Placemaking in a Toxic Neighborhood,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, New York.
- 2018 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “Displaced into Toxicity: An account of unequal toxic exposures in the Latin American City,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Hernandez, Maricarmen. “Building a Home: Informality and Marginality in Latin America,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain.
Hernandez, Maricarmen. “Living with Oil in Esmeraldas, Ecuador,” Fulbright Regional Enhancement Conference, Montreal-Ottawa, Canada.
- 2017 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “Living in the Vicinity of Oil: Informal Settlements and Environmental Inequality in Ecuador,” Chicago Ethnography Conference (CEC), Chicago, Illinois.
- 2014 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “Latino Communities and Environmental Justice: A Comparative Study of Mobility and Exposure to Air Toxics in Houston,” the Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Tampa, Florida.
- 2014 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “Hispanic Communities and Environmental Justice in Houston, Texas,” University of Texas Graduate Research Expo.
- 2013 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “Immigrant Communities and Environmental Justice: A Study of Residential Mobility and Exposure to Air Toxics,” the Association of American Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California.

- 2010 **Hernandez, Maricarmen.** “VAWA (Violence Against Women’s Act): Immigration and Gender on the Border.” Social Capital Discussion Panel at the Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA) Annual Meeting in Merida, Mexico.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020- University of New Mexico, Department of Sociology
Qualitative Research Methods, Graduate Seminar
Environmental Sociology
Introduction to Sociology
Readings in Environmental Sociology, graduate independent
- 2019 Instructor, Texas Prison Education Initiative, Garner Betts Juvenile Detention Center, Austin, Texas. (Class for college credit, Austin community college)
Introduction to the Study of Society
- 2017-2019 Instructor, International Summer Program in Buenos Aires, Argentina. University of Texas, at Austin, McCombs School of Business
Cultural Analysis
- 2014-2016 Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology
Border Control/Death
Life and Death Decisions
The Sociological Imagination
Introduction to the Study of Society

MENTORSHIP

University of New Mexico

- 2022 Independent Study, Readings in Critical Race and Decolonial Theory. Student: Korey Tillman, Sociology graduate student
Master’s thesis committee member, student: Vittoria Tottaro.
- 2021 El Puente undergraduate research program mentor, student: Kevin Rios
Independent Study, Readings in Environmental Sociology. Student: Vittoria Tottaro, Sociology graduate student

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology

- 2017-2018 *Fulbright Research Scholar, Fulbright Commission, Ecuador.*
- 2016 *Graduate Research Assistant, National Science Foundation, “Environmental Suffering, Toxic Uncertainty and Collective Inaction in Latin America.” (PI: Javier Auyero)*
- 2015- 2016 *Graduate Research Assistant, UT College of Liberal Arts Research Grant, “When the Toxic Doxa Broke: Fracking, Risk Perceptions, and Collective Action.” (PI: Javier Auyero)*
- 2012-2015 *Graduate Research Assistant, National Science Foundation, “Environmental Suffering, Toxic Uncertainty and Collective Inaction in Latin America.” (PI: Javier Auyero)*

University of Texas at El Paso, Department of Sociology & Anthropology

- 2012-2014 *Graduate Research Assistant, National Science Foundation, “Advancing Environmental Equity Research: Vulnerability to Air Pollution and Flood Risks in Houston and Miami.” (IMEE) Program. (PI: Timothy Collins; Co-PI: Sara Grineski).*

- 2011 Project: “*Forced Migrants: Negotiating Identity in a Transnational Space*,” Ethnography of the Borderlands
- 2009-2010 Project: “*VAWA and Immigrant Women*,” Immigration and Gender Violence
- 2007-2009 Honors Project: “*Women in Maquiladoras, Childcare and the Restructuring of Families*”
Cross-border fieldwork with children of *maquiladora* workers in Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua

SERVICE

Professional

- 2023 Editorial Board, Debates en Sociología
American Sociological Association, treasurer elect of the environmental sociology section
- 2018 Latin American Studies Association, session co-organizer and president, “Urban Peripheries: Comparative Latin American Evidence from the Margins”
- 2017-2018 Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales sede Quito, Ecuador, Associate Researcher, Power, History and Society working group coordinator
- 2016

Academic

Peer Reviewer:

Gender and Society
Sociological Theory
American Journal of Sociology
Sociological Perspectives
Qualitative Sociology
Extractive Industries and Society
Theory and Society
Social Problems
Social Forces
Poetics
American Ethnologist
Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies
Journal of Latin American Studies
Roadsides
Sociological Methodology
Research in Political Sociology

Community

- 2018-2022 ASLIMSUR Community-based worker cooperative, Esmeraldas, Ecuador, co-founder and administrator
- 2019 Graduate Women International Invited Speaker, Members Annual Meeting
- 2017-2019 Vivienda Emergente, Emergency Housing Association, Esmeraldas, Ecuador, co-founder and administrator
- 2015-2017 La Posada, Refugee and Immigrant Shelter, Austin, TX Volunteer Case Worker
- 2015-2018 CARITAS, Refugee Resettlement Project, Translator
- 2009-2010 Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center, El Paso, TX, Legal Intern
- 2008-2009 Diocese Migrant and Refugee Service, El Paso, TX, Citizenship Fair Organizer
- 2008 Center for Civic Engagement, UTEP, ESL and Naturalization Exam Teacher
- 2006-2008 Mexican-American Student Association, UTEP, Member and Organizer

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native)

English (native)

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Association of American Geographers (AAG)

REFERENCES

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