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POSITIONS

2021-present	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Rice University
2015-2021	Assistant Professor, School of Sociology, University of Arizona
2016-2021	Faculty Affiliate, Department of Mexican American Studies
2017-2021	Faculty Affiliate, Department of Latin American Studies

EDUCATION

2015	Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2011	M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
2009	M.A., Sociology, DePaul University
2007	B.A., Sociology, DePaul University

PUBLICATIONS

†Denotes graduate student collaborator

* Denotes equal authorship

Diaz, Christina J., and Jennifer Hyunkyung Lee[†]. Forthcoming. Segmented Assimilation and Mobility among Men in the Early 20th Century. *Demographic Research*.

Flores Morales, Josefina[†], Christina J. Diaz, Jenna Nobles, and Jason M. Fletcher. 2022. "Network Resources and Educational Outcomes among Mexican-origin Youth." *Social Science Research*.

Diaz, Christina J., and Peter D. Ore[†]. 2022. "Landscapes of Assimilation and Appropriation: The Impact of Immigrant-Origin Populations on U.S. Cuisine." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 48(5):1152-1176.

Diaz, Christina J. 2021. "Foreign-Language Curricula and the Influence of Immigrant-origin Groups." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231211065270>.

- Diaz, Christina J.*, and Jeremy E. Fiel*. 2021. "When Size Matters: IV Estimates of Sibship Size on Educational Attainment in the U.S." *Population Research and Policy Review* 40(6):1195-1220.
- Diaz, Christina J. 2020. "Educational Expectations among Immigrant Youth: An Inter- and Intra-generational Test of Segmented Assimilation." *Social Currents* 7(3):252-278.
- O'Connell, Heather A. and Christina J. Diaz. 2020. "Hispanic Population Change and Black-White Inequality: Changing Demographics, Changing Social Positions?" *Spatial Demography* 8(1): 33-61.
- Diaz, Christina J.*, and Michael D. Niño*. 2019. "Familism and the Hispanic Health Advantage: The Role of Generational Status." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 60(3): 274-290.
- Diaz, Christina J., Liwen Zeng[†], and Ana P. Martinez-Donate. 2018. "Investigating Health Selection within Mexico and Across the US Border." *Population Research and Policy Review* 37(2): 181-204.
- Diaz, Christina J., Stephanie Koning[†], and Ana P. Martinez-Donate. 2016. "Moving Beyond Salmon-Bias: Mexican Return Migration and Health Selection." *Demography* 53(6): 2005-2030.
- Diaz, Christina J. and Jeremy E. Fiel. 2016. "The Effect(s) of Teen Pregnancy: Reconciling Theory, Methods, and Findings." *Demography* 53(1):85-116.
- Diaz, Christina J. 2014. "Social Mobility in the Context of Fathering: The Intergenerational Link in Parenting among Co-Resident Fathers." *Social Science Research* 47:1-15.

Other Publications

- Diaz, Christina J. and Jennifer Hyunkyung Lee[†]. 2021. Book Review: Elyakim Kislev's "Happy Singlehood: The Rising Acceptance and Celebration of Solo Living" in *Gender & Society*.
- Diaz, Christina J.*, and Michael D. Niño*. August 2019. "Familism and the Hispanic Health Advantage: The Role of Generational Status." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior Policy Brief* 60(3): 273.
- Nobles, Jenna and Christina J. Diaz. 2016. Book Review: Joanna Dreby's "Everyday Illegal: When Policies Undermine Immigrant Families" in *American Journal of Sociology* 121: 1956-1958

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowships

- 2018 Career Enhancement Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Woodrow Wilson Foundation
- 2011-2014 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2009 Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2003-2007 Centennial Scholarship, DePaul University

Internal Grants (Rice University)

- 2022 Center for Health and Biosciences, Baker Institute for Public Policy, Funded Research Proposal with Sergio Chavez

Internal Grants (University of Arizona)

- 2018 Research Grant, Center for Educational Resources in Culture, Language, and Literacy (\$4,900)
- 2018 Faculty Small Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (\$3,300)
- 2017 Faculty Seed Grant, Research, Discovery, & Innovation (\$10,000)
- 2016 Course Development Stipend, Social and Behavioral Sciences (\$1,000)
- 2016 Faculty Leveraging Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (\$1,000)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2017 Reuben Hill Award, National Council on Family Relations
- 2015 Student Paper Award, Sociology of Population Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014 Best Poster Award, Population Association of America
- 2014 Student Paper Award, Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association

- 2014 Honorable Mention - Children and Youth Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014 Second Place, Graduate Student Paper Award, Midwest Sociological Society
- 2013 Student Paper Award, Family Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

“Toward a Theory of White Nationalism, Xenophobia, and Fertility: Using U.S. Counties as a Test Case”

- Speaker Series, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University, March 2022.

“Segmented Mobility in the Early 20th Century? An Assessment of Intergenerational Mobility among Immigrant and U.S. Populations”

- Paper presented at Center of Demography and Ecology 60th Anniversary, UW-Madison, October 2022
- Paper presented at American Sociological Association, August 2021
- Poster presented at Population Association of America, May 2021

“Why Are Hispanic Immigrants So Healthy? Exploring Trends in Well-Being and Recent Controversies”

- Society of Rice University Women, Rice University, October 2021.

“Foreign-Language Curricula and the Influence of Immigrant-origin Groups”

- Paper presented at Population Association of America, May 2021

“The Influence of Contemporary Immigration on U.S. Culture”

- Department of Sociology, Rice University, November 2020.

“Does Immigration Boost Native Fertility?”

- Invited Presentation, Department of Sociology and Criminology Colloquium, Penn State, April 2021
- Invited Presentation, Population Research Center (Demography Workshop), University of Chicago, March 2021
- Invited Presentation, Center for Demographic and Social Analysis, University of California Irvine, February 2021
- Invited Presentation at Notestein Seminar, Office of Population Research, Princeton University, October 2020
- Paper presented at American Sociological Association of America, August 2020
- Paper presented at Population Association of America, April 2019

“Familism and the Hispanic Health Advantage: The Role of Generational Status”

- Poster presented at Population Association of America, April 2019, Austin, TX
- Invited presentation at Latin American Studies Speaker Series, University of Arizona, February 2019

“Relational Assimilation and Declining Ethnic Distinction: The Case of Ethnic Restaurants”

- Presentation at Sociology Colloquium, University of Notre Dame, April 2019
- Presentation at Sociology Colloquium, Purdue University, February 2019
- Poster presented at Population Association of America, April 2019, Austin, TX[†]

“Hispanic Population Redistribution and Black-White Inequality: Changing Demographics, Changing Social Positions?”

- Paper presented at Population Association of America, April 2019, Austin, TX

“Educational and Occupational Expectations among Immigrant Youth: An Inter- and Intra-generational Test of Segmented Assimilation”

- Paper presented at American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle, WA

“Moving Beyond Salmon-Bias: Mexican Return Migration and Health Status”

- Invited Presentation at Center for Demographic and Social Analysis, University of California, Irvine, November 2016
- Invited Presentation at Turbeville Speaker Series, Family & Consumer Sciences, University of Arizona, November 2016
- Paper presented at Population Association of America, May 2015, San Diego, CA

“The Effect(s) of Teen Pregnancy: Reconciling Theory, Methods, and Findings”

- Invited Presentation at Inequality & Methods Workshop, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, October 2014
- Poster presented at Population Association of America, May 2014, Boston, MA.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

“How Latinos have reached the heart of America through the stomach and made it grow.” El Día. October 7, 2020.

“How Hispanic and Asian Populations Influence US Food Culture.” University of Arizona News. September 30, 2020

Guest on “Smart Talk with Robin and Al”, 1030 KOVI AM, February 16, 2019.

“For da culture’: Why teens are embracing their heritage on prom night.” Finance, Yahoo News, May 2018.

“New Studies Link U.S. Hispanics’ Longer Life Expectancy to Migration Patterns, Less Smoking” Population Reference Bureau, April 2017.

“Researchers look at teen pregnancy, education and socioeconomic status” The Daily Wildcat, February 1, 2016.

“Study suggests some fathers elevate their games.” Lead Article, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 18, 2014.

TEACHING

Rice Teaching

SOCI 334: Sociology of Family (Undergraduate)
Fall 2022

SOCI 340: Sociology of Immigration (Undergraduate)
Spring 2022, Spring 2023

SOCI 582: Quantitative Data Analysis (Graduate)
Fall 2022

Linear Models I workshop, Statistical Training and Research (STaRT)
Fall 2021

University of Arizona

Social Statistics (Graduate):
Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Fall 2020

Quantitative Reasoning in Sociology (Undergrad):
Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2020

Families & Society (Undergrad):
Fall 2016, Fall 2017, Spring 2020

International Migration (Undergrad):
Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Spring 2021

Migration Inequality (Graduate):
Spring 2018, Spring 2021

Guest lectures:
Research Methods in the Department of Sociology (Undergraduate) on multivariate analyses
(Spring 2022, Rice University)

Research Methods in Family Studies and Human Development (Graduate) on multiple-decrement lifetables (Fall 2017, University of Arizona)

SERVICE

Editorial Boards:

<i>Social Science Research</i>	2020-present
<i>Sociological Perspectives</i>	2020-present
<i>American Sociological Review</i>	2019-2022
<i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i>	2019-present

American Sociological Association:

2021: Elected Council Member, Section on Sociology of Population

Population Association of America:

- 2022: Invited discussant “Racialization, Heterogeneity in Immigrant Adaptation, and the Impacts of Migration”
- 2021: Invited discussant “Social Context, Immigration, and Health”
- 2021: Invited discussant “Immigration, Health, and Education”
- 2021: Session chair “Violence, Sexuality, Reproductive Health”
- 2020: Invited discussant “Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in Health and Mortality”
- 2020: Invited discussant “Documentation Status and Immigrant Health”
- 2019: Poster Session Judge for Fertility, Family Planning, Sexual Behaviors & Reproductive Health 1
- 2018: Invited discussant “Adolescent Transitions into Parenthood”
- 2017: Session Organizer “Race, Ethnic, and Social Class Differences in Reproductive Health and Fertility” and “Racial Disparities in Fertility Behaviors”
- 2011: Session Chair “Emerging Puzzles in Self-Rated Health”

Reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*; *Child Development Perspectives*; *Demographic Research*; *Demography*; *Economics and Human Biology*; *Journal of Family Issues*; *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; *Journal of Human Resources*; *Journal of Marriage and Family*; *Population Research and Policy Review*; *Population, Space, and Place*; *Public Health Reviews*; *Social Currents*; *Social Forces*; *Social Problems*; *Social Science Research*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Spectrum*; *Sociology of Education*; *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

June 2021: Guest speaker, CAL-ADAR graduation ceremony, UC Berkeley

Rice University

Co-chair of postdoc selection committee, Department of Sociology (2022)

Member, SSRI Faculty Advisory Committee, School of Social Sciences (2021-present)

Co-coordinator for Sociology Speaker Series, Department of Sociology (2021-present)

Graduate Mentoring

Co-advisees: Michael Carroll, Moses Biney

Dissertation Committee Member: Jauhara Ferguson, Min Ju Kim, Jasmin Lee, Bianca Mabute-Louie, Xiaorui Zhang

External Dissertation Committee Member: Jennifer Hyunkyung Lee (University of Arizona), Liwen Zeng (University of Arizona 2022)

Master's Committee Member: Simon Fern, Bianca Mabute-Louie

External Master's Committee Member: Victoria Bejarano (University of Houston)

Undergraduate Mentoring

Mellon Mays Mentor: Anna Alves, Roberto Morales Quintero

2022 SURF Research Assistants: Jaquelyne Bardales, Ithzel Rubio

2022 Research Assistants: Jaquelyne Bardales, Brendan Frizzell, Roberto Morales Quintero

University of Arizona

Hiring Committee, School of Government and Public Policy (2020)

Graduate Studies Committee (2019-21)

Hiring Committee (2017-18)

Executive Committee (2016-18)

Undergraduate Studies Committee (2015-16)

Graduate Mentoring

Research Assistants: Jennifer Hyunkyung Lee, Peter D. Ore

Other Service

Faculty advisor, Hermes Telehealth Committee (2022-present)