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## APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Southern California
- 2020 Turpanjian Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Southern California
- 2019 Provost Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Southern California

## EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles (*expected June 2019*)  
*Dissertation:* Documenting the Undocumented: the Construction of Legal Residency as a Substantive Right under the Mercosur Residency Agreements  
*Committee:* Vilma Ortiz (Chair), William Roy, Ruben Hernandez-Leon, David Cook-Martin, Carola Suárez-Orozco, Lauren Duquette-Rury  
*Field Exams:* International Migration, Race and Ethnicity
- 2016 Visiting Doctoral Scholar, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013 MA in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2007 BA in Sociology, Grinnell College

## AWARDS

- 2018 Winner of the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2018 Honorable Mention of the American Sociological Association Section on International Migration Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award
- 2018 Charles E. & Sue K. Young Graduate Award  
Top award given by the UCLA College Deans for exemplary academic achievement, research and service (only recipient in the social sciences; one of four across UCLA)
- 2018 Sociology Department's Board of Visitors Graduate Student Fieldwork Award
- 2017 International Studies Association-West Emerging Scholars Forum Award

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Del Real, Deisy.** 2018. "Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties," *International Migration Review*.

- Winner of the American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award
- Honorable Mention of the American Sociological Association Section on International Migration Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award

**Del Real, Deisy.** In Press. ““They see us like ‘Trash’: How Mexican illegality Stigma Affects the Psychological Well-being of Undocumented and US-Born Young Adults of Mexican Descent,” *Advances in Medical Sociology* (19).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

**Del Real, Deisy.** “Structural Power Drives Policy Diffusion: The Politics of Ratifying the Mercosur Residency Agreements”

**Del Real, Deisy.** ““They don’t know they have papers”: How Bolivia’s and Paraguay’s low state infrastructural power fosters undocumented migration within South America.’

## POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Barrera, Jorge, Fernando Gómez, and **Deisy Del Real.** 2016. “Intervenciones de Participantes del Seminario Internacional en la Sesión Extraordinaria de la Junta Departamental de San José.” *Observatorio de Políticas Públicas de Derechos Humanos en el Mercosur* 3(3): 27-34.

**Del Real, Deisy.** 2015. “A Century of Jinetes.” Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans Annual Newsletter, *The New American*, Fall Issue.

**Del Real, Deisy,** Dan Ichinose, Victoria Wilson, Karin Wang, Marita Etcubanez, Terry Ao-Minnis and Olivia Chow. 2011. “A Community of Contrasts: Asian Americans in the United States, 2011.” The Asian American Center for Advancing Justice, Los Angeles, CA.

## FELLOWSHIPS AND RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2018     UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$36,820)
- 2018     The Center For Engaged Scholarship Fellowship (\$41,820)
- 2018     Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2017     UCLA Center for Mexican Studies Tutoring Program Award (\$2,400)
- 2017     National Science Foundation Sociology Program’s Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award (\$12,000)
- 2012     UCLA Graduate Division Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Grantee (\$6,000)  
            Title: *The Psychological Wellbeing of Undocumented Young Adults*
- 2012-16   National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$144,450)
- 2011-12   The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans (\$90,000)
- 2011-18   The Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, UCLA (\$88,500)
- 2003     The Posse Foundation, Grinnell Posse One Full Tuition Scholarship (\$100,000)

## EXPERT CONSULTANCY

- 2015-16   Consultant to Chilean and Uruguayan governments and to Mercosur on how to assist migrant children, protect labor migrants, and how to create legalization programs
- 2013-17   Undocumented Student Consultant to the National Association of Fellowship Advisors (NAFA), the Posse Foundation, Pomona College, and Occidental College
- 2014     Consultant to the Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans on the legality of accepting DACA students

## INVITED TALKS

### *All Sole Presenter*

- 2018 “Empowered, Persuaded, and Coerced: Paraguay’s role in the negotiations of the Mercosur Residency Agreements,” UCLA’s Theory and Research in Comparative Social Analysis, Invited Presenter.
- 2017 “Documenting the Undocumented: How Migrant Sending And Receiving Countries in South America use Mercosur to Resolve Unauthorized Migration,” UCLA Sociology Board of Directors, Invited Speaker.
- 2017 “Living in Impossible,” The Posse Foundation Glitter Soiree, Los Angeles, CA, Guest of Honor for Sneak Preview of film based on my life.
- 2017 “Documenting the Undocumented,” The Posse Foundation Liaisons Conference, The Posse Foundation, New York, NY. Invited consultant to 57 partnered colleges and universities on how to meet the needs of students who are undocumented or have Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).
- 2016 “Why And How did the South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur,” Global Politics of Migration and Refuge, Grinnell College, Invited Speaker.
- 2016 “Can Regional Integration Efforts Open National Borders to Immigrants?: The Case of Mercosur,” Grinnell College, Invited Speaker.
- 2015 “Opinión Consultiva OC-21/14: La Condición de los Inmigrantes Indocumentados en los Estados Unidos: Testimonio.” Junta Departamental de San José, Uruguay, Invited Academic Consultant.
- 2015 “La Condición de los Inmigrantes Indocumentados en los Estados Unidos.” Niños, niñas y adolescentes migrantes: Derechos, Educación, Cultura y Salud. La Opinión Consultiva OC-21/14 de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, MERCOSUR, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay and the Inter-American Children’s Institute, Invited Academic Consultant.
- 2015 “Research Overview: Undocumented Youth in the US and Mercosur’s Open Borders and Immigrant Rights Policy,” Occidental College, Invited Speaker.
- 2014 “The Admissibility of Students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA),” The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship Board of Directors Meeting, Invited Consultant.
- 2013 “Fellowships and Undocumented College Students: The Role of College Advisors.” The National Association of Fellowship Advisors 2013 Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, Invited Speaker and Workshop Presenter.
- 2013 “Undocumented: Navigating College Life, Opportunities and Psychological Well-being,” Pomona College, Invited Speaker.
- 2013 “AB540: Life and Health.” *The Graduate Student Intern for a Summer Institute’s AB540 Panel.* Occidental College, Invited Speaker and Moderator.
- 2013 “Living in Impossible: Navigating an Undocumented Life,” Grinnell College, Invited Speaker.

- 2012 "Round table on Deferred Action: current fellows discuss the impact of this ruling on their outreach projects in immigrant communities." Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans Conference, Open Society Institute, Invited Speaker.
- 2012 "Keynote Welcome Honorable Michael Bloomberg, Mayor of the City of New York," Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans Conference, Open Society Institute, Invited Q&A Panelist.
- 2012 "UndocuTalk," Occidental College, Invited Panel Moderator.
- 2011 "A Community of Contrasts: Asian Americans in the United States, 2011," Advancing Justice Conference, San Francisco, Invited Speaker.

## **ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

*All Sole Presenter*

- 2018 "“They don’t know they have papers”: How Bolivia’s low infrastructural power fosters undocumented migration.’ American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Round Table Presenter.
- 2017 "“How Institutional Entrepreneurs in South American Convinced Governments to Legalize Immigrants and Give them Rights: the origins and proliferation of the Mercosur Residency Agreements,” International Studies Association-West, Emerging Scholars Forum Presenter.
- 2017 "“How did the South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur’s Residency Agreements,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada, Regular Session Presenter.
- 2017 "“Migrants and Global Labor Markets,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada, August, Regular Session Discussant.
- 2017 "“Toxic Ties: The Reproduction of Legal Violence Within Mixed-Status Familial and Friendship Ties,” SSSP in Montreal, Canada, Round Table Presenter.
- 2017 "“What Happens When Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur’s Residency Agreements,” International Studies Association CISS/IDSS Conference at the University of Bologna, Italy, Regular Session Presenter.
- 2017 "“What Happens When Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur’s Residency Agreements,” International Meeting on Law and Society in Mexico City, Regular Session Presenter.
- 2017 "“Why And How did the South American Countries Legalize Intra-Regional Migrants and Give Them Rights?: The Case of Mercosur,” *Going Global Conference: Collaborative Visions for a Sustainable Future*, UCLA, Regular Session Presenter.
- 2013 "“They See Us Like Trash,” The Impact of Anti-immigrant Stigma Stress on the Psychological Well-being of Unauthorized Mexican Young Adults,’ *Colegio de la Frontera Norte at UCLA Graduate Student Presentations*, UCLA, Student Panel Presenter.
- 2013 "“They See Us Like Trash,” The Impact of Anti-immigrant Stigma Stress on the Psychological Well-being of Unauthorized Mexican Young Adults,’ *The International Symposium on Illegality, Youth, and Belonging Conference*, Harvard University, Regular Session Presenter.

- 2013 "The Psychological Well-being of Undocumented Mexican Young Adults: Anti-immigrant Stigma and Migrant Social Networks." UC-Wide Immigration Conference at UCLA, February, Organizer and Presenter.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Decisions to naturalize in immigrant families - a preliminary survey, McGill University (PI: Prof. Thomas Soehl) — 2017

Conducted 20 in-depth interviews with Latino legal permanent residents and naturalized citizens.

**Research Analyst**, "A Community of Contrasts: Asian Americans in the United States, 2011," Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles —2010 to 2011

Analyzed Census data from 2000 to 2010 and wrote a national demographic report on the Asian American population.

**Research Assistant**, "Asian Pacific American Legal Center 2010 Census Evaluation," Loyola Marymount University (PI: Prof. Curtiss Takada Rooks) — 2010

Reviewed archival data collected from 1998 to 2010 on the outreach and development of the Asian Pacific Islander Complete Count California Network.

Conducted focus groups and key informant in-depth interviews.

**Research Assistant**, "Integration of the Children of Immigrants in Los Angeles Study," University of California Los Angeles (PI: Prof. Caitlin Patler) —2010

Conducted and transcribe in-depth interviews of undocumented immigrant youth.

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

2018 Teaching Assistant, Comparative Acculturation and Assimilation, UCLA

2018 Teaching Assistant, Race and Ethnicity in American Life, UCLA

2017 Teaching Assistant, Political Sociology, UCLA

2017-18 Admissions Consultant, Shemmassian Academic Consulting

2010-17 Fellowships and Career Mentor, Posse Foundation

2017 Tutor, the UCLA Labor Center Tutoring Program at Garment Workers Center

## MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE WORK

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, and *International Migration Review*

Award Committee Member (2018-19), American Sociological Association's Sociology of Law Section

Graduate Affiliate, UCLA, Theory and Research in Comparative Social Analysis

Graduate Affiliate, UCLA, Center for the Study of International Migration

Graduate Student Member, American Sociological Association

Graduate Student Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Graduate Student Member, Law and Society Association

Graduate Student Member, International Studies Association

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**Impact Producer**, *Chingona*, Los Angeles—2017 to 2018

Short Film about my family's immigration experience directed by Stefan Forbes

**Founder**, Express the Real, New York and Chicago—2007 to 2009

Researched and developed an empowerment through the arts program and worked with over 200 immigrant women and youth.

**Production Assistant**, Esperanto Films, New York —2007

Assisted Alfonso Cuarón, Carlos Cuarón and Frida Torresblanco in the post-production of the film “Rudo y Cursi”

**Founder**, College Preparatory Center, Phnom Penh, Cambodia —2006

Collaborated with the Minister of Education to research, design, publicize and implement a college preparatory program

**Intern**, The Embassy of Chile, Washington D.C. —2005

Assisted the cultural attaché with the logistical arrangements of key diplomatic events

**Intern**, The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles — 2005

Collaborated in the creation of the California Dream Network of undocumented students.

**SKILLS**

**Software:** R, Stata, HyperRESEARCH, MS (Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Word, Outlook).

**Languages:** English (fluent), Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (beginner)

**Sociological Research Methods:** qualitative and quantitative research methods and comparative historical methods of analysis.