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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2016-Present      California State University, Sacramento  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
- 2014-2016      University of Pennsylvania  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology and Latin  
American and Latino Studies

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International migration, immigration laws and policies in the U.S., Latinos in the U.S., race/ethnicity, globalization, stratification, U.S.-Mexico border, social movements, and methods.

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## EDUCATION

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- 2014      University of California, Berkeley, Ph.D. in Sociology
- 2008      University of California, Berkeley, M.A. in Sociology
- 2004      University of California, Los Angeles, B.A. in Sociology and Chicana/o  
Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2001      Sacramento City College, A.A.

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## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Sarabia, Heidy. *Forthcoming*. "Citizenship in the Global South: Policing Irregular Migrants and Eroding Citizenship Rights in Mexico." *Latin American Perspectives*.
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2017. "Uprooted: identity and illegality among return migrants in Mexico." *Carta Económica Regional*. 29 (120):83-104.
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2016. "Borderland Attachments: Citizenship and Belonging Along the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Citizenship Studies*. 20 (3-4):342-58.
- Bloemraad, Irene, **Heidy Sarabia**, and Angela Fillingim. 2016. "Staying out of Trouble" and Doing what is "Right:" Citizenship Acts, Citizenship Ideals and the Effects of Legal Status on Second-Generation Youth. *American Behavioral Scientist*. 60(13) 1534-1552.

Peer Reviewed Publications (continued)

- Sarabia, Heidy. 2015. "Global South Cosmopolitans from Mexico: Privilege, Mobility and the Reinforcement of Difference in the Global South and the Global North." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 38 (2): 227-242.
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2012. "Perpetual Illegality: Results of Border Enforcement and Policies for Mexican Undocumented Migrants in the U.S." *Analyses of Social Issues and Public Policy*. 12(1):49-67.
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2011. "Organizing 'Below and to the Left': Differences in the Citizenship and Transnational Practices of Two Groups in the San Francisco Bay Area." *Sociological Forum*. 26(2): 356-380.

**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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- Sarabia, Heidy, and Diana M. Gonzalez. *Forthcoming*. "En las fronteras de la ilegalidad y la violencia: El caso de 26 mujeres deportadas de EEUU a México." Book chapter in *Gobernanza, Sociedad Civil y Fronteras*. Ed. Kenia María Ramírez Meda. Universidad Autónoma de Baja California.
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2017. "Caging Paloma: illegality and violence along the U.S.-Mexico border" in *Forced Out and Fenced In: Immigration Tales from the Field*, Tanya Golash-Boza, editor. Oxford University Press.
- Bloemraad, Irene, **Heidy Sarabia**, and Angela Fillingim. 2017. "Citizenship Acts: Legality, Power and the Limits of Political Action" Solicited book chapter in *Within and Beyond Citizenship: Lived Experiences of Political Membership*, Nando Sigona and Roberto G. Gonzales, editors. Routledge, Chapman & Hall
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2017. "Three" in *Basta: 100+ Latinas Against Gender Violence*. Emma Sepulveda, editor. Reno: The Latino Research Center at the University of Nevada.
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2016. "Detention, Incarceration, and Deportation" in *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today (5 of 5 volumes - Immigration/Migration)*, Eds. Alvaro Huerta, Norma Iglesias-Prieto and Donathan L. Brown. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO / Greenwood.
- Sarabia, Heidy and Aida Rodriguez. 2016. "Unaccompanied Undocumented Minors" in *Contemporary Issues for People of Color: Surviving and Thriving in the U.S. Today (5 of 5 volumes - Immigration/Migration)*, Eds. Alvaro Huerta, Norma Iglesias-Prieto and Donathan L. Brown. Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO / Greenwood.
- Sarabia, Heidy. 2012. "U.S.-Mexico Border." *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*. Edited by George Ritzer.
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## **WORKS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS**

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Brooks, Jacqueline, **Heidy Sarabia** and Aya K. Ida. *Race and Ethnicity in the U.S.: From the Sociological Imagination to Sociological Mindfulness. (Under contract with Cognella Academic Publishing).*

Sarabia, Heidy and Maria Perales. “Operation Streamline: producing legal violence, racialized *illegality*, and perpetual exclusion.” *Under review.*

Brooks, Jacqueline, and **Heidy Sarabia**. “The Sandra Bland Case: Dissecting Intersectionality and Institutional Segregation in Post-racial America.” *Under review.*

Sarabia, Heidy. “‘Felons, not Families’: criminalized *illegality*, stigma, and membership among deported criminal aliens in Mexico.” *Under review.*

Sarabia, Heidy and Aida Rodriguez. “Reframing and Expanding the Boundaries of Illegality by Targeting and Deporting Central American Refugees.” *In Progress.*

Sarabia, Heidy. “Framing violence: migrant, activist, and state articulations of violence along the U.S.-Mexico border.” *In progress.*

Sarabia, Heidy and Laura Zaragoza. “U-Visas: the process of naming, blaming, claiming in a Mexican immigrant community.” *In progress.*

Sarabia, Heidy and Laura Zaragoza. “(Re) Framing Legal Vulnerability: identity, abjection, and resistance among DACAmented immigrants in the Trump era.” *In progress.*

Sarabia, Heidy. “‘Bad Hombres’: the emergence of the “criminal alien” as a new social and racialized problem in the United States.” *In progress.*

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2016-Present California State University, Sacramento  
Undergraduate courses: *Introduction to Statistics, Sociological, Theory, Sociology of Globalization (online)*  
Graduate courses: *Social Change*

2016 Princeton: *Latinos in American Life and Culture*

2014-15 University of Pennsylvania: *Contemporary Sociological Theory*

2012-13 CSUS: *Introduction to Statistics, Sociological Theory, Sociology of Globalization, Race and Ethnicity*

2012 UC Berkeley *Globalization and Borders*

## **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2017 “Teaching Sociology in Today’s Online Classroom,” with Dr. Jacqueline Brooks and Dr. Bohsiu Wu. The Sociology Teaching and Research Symposium. CSU Sacramento.
- 2017 “Felons, Not Families: criminalized illegality, stigma, and membership of deported ‘criminal-aliens.’” The Sociology Teaching and Research Symposium. CSU Sacramento.
- 2016 “What to expect from Trump in terms of immigration enforcement.” Social Justice in a Trump Presidency: A symposium for the campus community. CSU Sacramento.
- 2016 “Stigmatizing Deportation: How Mexican and U.S. Migration Policies along the Border Shape Unauthorized Migrants’ Sense of Self and Cross-Border Intentions.” The Center for Migration and Development. Princeton University.
- 2016 Keynote Speaker at Princeton Latinos y Amigos 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Latina Celebration. Princeton University.
- 2015 “Borderland Attachments: Ties, Belonging, and Citizenship Along the U.S.- Mexico Border.” Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Workshop. University of Pennsylvania.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2017 “(Re) Framing Legal Vulnerability: Identity, abjection, and resistance among DACAmented immigrants in the Trump era” with Laura Zaragoza. California Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Sacramento, CA.
2017. “Leveling the Playing Field: Making Learning Affordable by Adopting Open-Sourced Materials.” California Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Sacramento, CA.
- 2017 “Fragmented Illegalities: Differentiated Legal Status among Undocumented Immigrants.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 “They Don’t Relate to Us: Perceptions of Care, Service, and Discrimination in Health Care Institutions,” with Dr. Amada Armenta (University of Pennsylvania). American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 “Citizenship in the Global South: Policing Irregular Migrants and Eroding Citizenship Rights in Mexico.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada.

Conference Presentations (continued)

- 2017 “U-Visas: The Process of Naming, Blaming, Claiming in a Mexican Immigrant Community” with Laura Zaragoza (CSU Sacramento). Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.
- 2016 “From *Illegality to Criminality*: How policing immigrants and borders shifted from civil to penal punishment.” California Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Riverside, CA
- 2016 “Identity, Cultural Belonging, and Legal Belonging among Returned Migrants in Mexico.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Migrants, Activists, and State Framings of Violence Along the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Between the U.S. and Mexico: Border Enforcement in Mexicali.” Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS). Philadelphia, PA.
- 2015 “The Use of Legal Violence by State and Non-State Actors in Mexico along the U.S.-Mexico Border.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Illegality in the Borderlands: Citizenship, Identity, and Settlement of Return Migrants in Mexico.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Human Rights Articulations: Understandings from migrants, discourse from activists, and responses from institutions along the U.S.-Mexico border.” XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. San Juan, PR.
- 2015 “Theorizing Transnational *Illegality*.” Eastern Sociological Association. New York City, NY.
- 2015 “Gender Violence at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Sociologist for Women in Society. Washington D.C.
- 2014 “Mapping the Borderlands: Border-Crossing Practices Along the US-Mexico Border.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Blending, Bending, and Blurring in the Borderlands: Crossing the US-Mexico Border.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Conference Presentations (continued)

- 2013 “‘Staying out of Trouble:’ Defensive or Active Citizenship and the Effects of Legal Status on Second-Generation Youth.” *Illegality, Youth and Belonging: International Symposium* Conference. Harvard University (with Irene Bloemraad, and Angela Fillingim).
- 2013 “Human Rights Along the U.S.-Mexico Border: Articulations from Below and Responses from Above.” California Sociological Association. Berkeley, CA.
- 2013 “Mapping the Borderlands: Border-Crossing Practices Along the US-Mexico Border.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York, NY.
- 2012 “Helping Vulnerable Women and Desperate Men: Making sense of micro- and macro-violence against undocumented men and women along the US-Mexico border.” Sociologist for Women in Society Regional Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 “Global South Cosmopolitans: The Opening and Closing of the U.S.-Mexico Border for Mexican Tourists.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Denver, CO.
- 2012 “From Illegal to Criminal: The Legal and Social Membership of ‘Criminalized’ Migrants deported to Mexico.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. Denver, CO.
- 2012 “Exiled Mexicans Along the Border: Social and Legal Membership before and after Deportation from the U.S.” UC Latino Issues Conference. Center for Latino Policy Research. Berkeley, CA.
- 2011 “Disciplining Bodies Along the US-Mexico Border: A Comparison of Border Policing and Law Enforcement in California and Arizona.” Western Historical Association. Oakland, CA.
- 2011 “The Makings of Criminalized Perpetual Outlaws: Deporting Long-term US Residents to Mexico.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 “The US-Mexico Border as Liminal Space: Transnational problems, local institutions, and vulnerable migrants.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NE.
- 2011 “The Transnationalization of Criminality: Deporting ‘Criminal Aliens.’” Second Annual University of California International Migration Conference. UC Davis, Davis, CA.

### Conference Presentations (continued)

- 2009 “Immigrant Belonging: Conceptions of Citizenship and American Identity.” Institute for the Study of Social Change Research Symposium. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.
- 2009 “Belonging in ‘A World Where Many Worlds Fit’: Differences in the citizenship practices of two Zapatista groups.” National Association of Ethnic Studies. San Diego, CA.
- 2007 “Illegality in Academia.” SBES/AGEP Conference. UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2007 “Citizenship in Academia.” Changing the Culture of Academia Conference. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.
- 2003 “Constructing the Self: An ethnographic analysis of self-presentation among girls at Berendo Middle School.” Annual Alpha Kappa Delta (Sociological Honor Association) Conference. UC Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2002 “Women in Top Academic Professions: The Supply Angle.” Annual Summer Research Opportunity Program Symposium. UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

### **ADDITIONAL PARTICIPATION AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

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- 2017 Panel Organizer. Policing Immigrants. California Sociological Association (CSA) Annual Meeting. Sacramento, CA.
- 2017 Organizer of Roundtables. Global Division. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference (SSSP), Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 Session Presider. “Latino Sociology: Immigration, Marginalization, and Resistance.” Pacific Sociological Association (PSA). Portland, OR.
- 2016 Session Chair. “Policing the border and immigrants in the era of Homeland Security.” California Sociological Association (CSA), Riverside, CA.
- 2016 Session Chair. “Citizenship in Comparative Perspective.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference (SSSP), Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Session Chair. “Standing on the Border: Issues of Immigration and Law Enforcement.” Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies (MACLAS), Temple University.

Additional Participation at Professional Meetings (continued)

2015 Session Discussant. “Section on Race, Gender and Class Session. Intersectional Approaches to Understanding Migration, Legal Status and Transnationalism.” American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

Occasional Reviewer for: *Law & Society Review, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Social Forces, Anthropology of Work Review, Sage Open*

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2014-16 Prof. Emilio Parrado, Prof. Chenoa Flippen, and Prof. Amada Armenta, Sociology and Demography, University of Pennsylvania  
On the South Philadelphia Research Project, I was in charge of supervising the collection of surveys in South Philadelphia among recent immigrants from Latin America, as well as conducting in-depth interviews with key informants in order to contextualize the quantitative findings.
- 2014-16 Prof. Shannon Gleeson, Latin American and Latino Studies, UC Santa Cruz [now at Cornell]  
I was in charge of conducting phone interviews with representatives of organizations throughout the United States that provide services and resources for Mexican immigrants.
- 2009-10 U.S.-Mexico Border Research Project (Dissertation project)  
I conducted 60 in-depth interviews with border residents in the border city of Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico; I also conducted Participant Observation at the Migrant Help Center (“Juntos en el Camino”).
- 2009 Center for Science & Education Opportunity, UC San Francisco  
I was in charge of guiding focus-group discussions with Spanish-speaking immigrant parents about their college-bound children.
- 2006-08 Prof. Irene Bloemraad, Institute for the Study of Social Change, UC Berkeley  
I conducted interviews, coded and analyzed interview data, and wrote theoretical memos about the political socialization of immigrant parents and their U.S.-born citizen children.
- 2005-08 Transnational Activism Project (M.A. Project)  
I conducted participant observation and in-depth interviews with activists in the San Francisco Bay Area who organized around the Zapatista call to organized locally and globally.



## Research Experience (continued)

- 2003-04 Prof. Edward Telles, Sociology Department, UC Los Angeles  
I coded and analyzed statistical data and wrote theoretical memos about the educational pipeline of Latinos in the UC system.
- 2002 Prof. Cristina Pons, Chicana/o Studies Department, UC Los Angeles  
I developed a literature review of Mexican writers.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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- 2016 College of Social Science and Interdisciplinary Studies Faculty Research Fellow, CSU Sacramento
- 2011 Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, Graduate Student in Residence, UC Berkeley
- 2010 Department of Sociology Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2009 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2006 Mentor Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2005 Andrew W. Mellon Summer Research Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2004 Center for Latino Policy Research Grant, UC Berkeley
- 2004 Diversity Fellowship, UC Berkeley

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2016-18 Member, Sociology Department Curriculum Committee, CSUS
- 2016-18 Member, Sociology Department Graduate Program Committee, CSUS
- 2016-18 Member, College of SSIS Taskforce on Race Center, CSUS
- 2016-18 Member, College of SSIS Taskforce on Race Center: Mentoring Subcommittee, CSUS
- 2016-18 Member, College of SSIS Taskforce on Race Center: Hiring Committee for Director, CSUS
- 2017-18 Member, College of SSIS Taskforce on Race Center: Research Subcommittee, CSUS

## **ADVISING AND MENTORING**

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M.A. Committee Member at CSU Sacramento  
Alejandra Aguilar (Sociology, chair)  
Eric de Leon (Sociology, chair)  
Laura Zaragoza (Sociology, chair)

### External

Kendy Rivera (UCLA), mentor through the IUPLR's Andrew W. Mellon Fellow Program at the University of Illinois-Chicago

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association  
Society for the Study of Social Problems

Professional Affiliations (continued)

Pacific Sociological Association  
California Sociological Association  
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies

**LANGUAGES**

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English and Spanish: writing, reading and verbal fluency