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EDUCATION

In Progress Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Preliminary Examinations: Sociology of Economic Change and Development, Communities and Urban Sociology

Ph.D. Minor: Geography

2019 M.S., Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Thesis: "Inheriting the City: Movements against Displacement and the Moral Economies of Urbanization in Mexico City"

Committee: Jane Collins (Co-Chair), Gay Seidman (Co-Chair), Gary Green

2010 B.A., History and Latin American Studies (honors), University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Cities and Urbanization; Place and Neighborhoods; Social Movements and Community Organizing; Work and Livelihood; Migration; Ethnographic Methods; Interview Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

2013 Farr, Sarah, Brenda Andazola Acosta, and Rachel Micah-Jones. "Información inaccesible: la falta de transparencia en el reclutamiento de trabajadores mexicanos en los Estados Unidos y las violaciones a los derechos humanos." In *Migrar en las Américas: movilidad humana, información y derechos humanos*, edited by Rodolfo Córdova Alcaraz, Pablo Ceriani Cernadas, and José Knippen. Mexico City: Gedisa, 2013.

Book Reviews

2019 Review of *Migrants and City-Making: Dispossession, Displacement, and Urban Regeneration* by Ayse Çağlar and Nina Glick Schiller (Duke University Press, 2018). *International Sociology Reviews* 34(5) 604-613.

Policy Research and Reports

2013 *Recruitment Revealed: Fundamental Flaws in the H-2 Temporary Worker Program and Recommendations for Change*. Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. Co-authored.

2012 *Monitoring International Labor Recruitment: A Cross-Visa Exploration of Regulatory Challenges*. Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. Co-authored.

Press

2015 Farr, Sarah. “New Tool for Temporary Migrant Workers Seeks to Reduce Risk for Trafficking.” *Human Trafficking Search*. June 22.

2009 Farr, Sarah. “Medical Emergency: The University of Chicago Hospitals face a crisis of conscience.” *The Chicago Weekly*. March 12.

FELLOWSHIPS & HONORS

2016-2019 Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation

2016 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (Alternate and Honorable Mention)

2016 Fieldwork Award, Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS), University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 Crowe Scholarship for Grad Student Thesis/Dissertation Research Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Declined)

2016 Student Research Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015 University Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2010 Fulbright-García Robles Research Grant, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Mexico City

2010 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago Chapter

2010 General Honors in the College, University of Chicago

2009 Human Rights Internship Grant, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

2016 “Expanding the Metropolis: Popular Land Occupations and the Expropriation of Protected Agricultural Land in Mexico City’s Periphery.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, Kentucky.

INVITED TALKS

2014 “El fraude en el reclutamiento y el Derecho de Acceso a la Información Pública.” Panelist for the presentation of edited volume *Migrar en las Américas: movilidad humana, información y derechos humanos* (Gedisa, 2013). Mexico City, Mexico.

- 2014 “Derechos humanos y el programa de visas H-2.” Conference on Subcontracting and Labor Rights in Mexico City: Realities and Challenges. Legislative Assembly, Mexico City.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Teaching Assistant for Methods of Sociological Inquiry with Professor Jordan Conwell (SOC 357, Spring and Fall Semesters), Department of Sociology, UW-Madison. I led two bi-weekly seminar-style discussion sections and graded papers for 30 undergraduate students.
- 2019 Conversational English Tutor, Greater University Tutoring Service, UW-Madison (Fall Semester). I meet for two hours each week with a small group of international students to help them improve their conversational English skills.
- 2016 Guest lecture on guestworker programs and international labor migration for Professor Gay Seidman’s mixed undergraduate-graduate seminar, The Sociology of Development (SOC 630).
- 2010-2015 Popular Educator for Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. in Mexico City. I led dozens of community education workshops with migrants and migrant families and trained migrant leaders as peer educators and policy advocates.
- 2007-2008 Classroom Assistant and Mentor for Gear-Up/Freshman Connection in Chicago. I assisted in a 7th/8th grade Chicago Public School classroom, facilitated small group tutoring, and provided mentoring services.
- 2006-2007 Tutor for the Chicago Youth Program in Chicago. I tutored elementary school students in a weekly one-on-one tutoring program for low-income youth on Chicago’s South Side.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2016 Research Assistant for Professor Monica White, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. I assisted with research on the topics of agricultural economy in the U.S. South after emancipation, sharecropping, and the civil rights movement for Professor Monica White’s book, *Freedom Farmers* (2018).
- 2011-2015 Project Coordinator for the Justice in Recruitment Project at Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. funded by the MacArthur Foundation. I coordinated the design and implementation of a study surrounding the recruitment and employment experiences of Mexican migrant workers recruited to work in the U.S. on H-2A and H-2B. The project included a survey of over 200 migrant workers; analysis of policy documents, legal cases, and administrative data; dozens of community workshops; dissemination of findings with U.S. and Mexican government agencies, press and radio, and through the publication of a report. Subsequent projects included the design of an interactive crowd-source tool for migrant workers, www.contratados.org.

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2019 Conversational English Tutor, Greater University Tutoring Service, UW-Madison (Fall Semester)

- 2017 Cohort Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2016 Prospective Student Hospitality Committee Member, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2015 Justice in Recruitment Project Coordinator, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. Mexico City.
- 2009-2010 Midwest/Chicago Regional Organizer, United Students Against Sweatshops. Chicago, IL.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Professional fluency

Portuguese: reading, basic conversations