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## EDUCATION

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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, University of Chicago

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Cities and Urbanization; Place and Neighborhoods; Property, Home Value, and Homeownership; Community Organizing; Work and Livelihood; Spatial Analysis; Interview Methods; Ethnographic Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Manuscripts in Progress

Farr, Sarah. "Defending the Neighborhood: Livelihood, Social Reproduction, and the Moral Economy of Place in Mexico City"

Farr, Sarah. "Assessing the Reliability and Validity of Homeowner Self-Assessments of Home Value from the American Community Survey (ACS)."

### 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**

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- 2020      Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2020      Crowe Scholarship for Grad Student Dissertation Research Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 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 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 Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010      Fulbright-García Robles Research Grant, Fulbright U.S. Student Program
- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 2021 Lecturer, Data Management for Social Science Research, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison, Spring 2021. The course, designed for undergraduates interested in social science research, introduces students to quantitative data management and basic programming. Topics include data cleaning, documentation, recoding variables, descriptive statistics, dealing with missing data, merging and appending datasets, processing observations across subgroups, reshaping data, and programming for data management.
- 2018-2021 Teaching Assistant, Methods of Sociological Inquiry (SOC 357), Department of Sociology, UW-Madison (four semesters). I led two twice-weekly seminar-style discussion sections and graded assignments for 30 undergraduate students. The course introduces undergraduate students to sociological methods and covers research ethics, research design, sampling procedures, basic survey design, ethnographic methods, and interviewing.
- 2019 Conversational English Tutor, Greater University Tutoring Service, UW-Madison (Fall Semester). I met 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**

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- 2020-2021 Research Assistant for Professor Jenna Nobles, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. I am assisting Professor Nobles in the construction of a database of administrative immigration records related to border crossings at the US-Mexico border during the 1920s-1950s. I manage a team of undergraduate students and assist with programming and data management.
- 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](http://www.contratados.org).

## **UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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- 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**

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- 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**

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English: Native language

Spanish: Fluent

Portuguese: Basic reading and conversation