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EDUCATION

- In Progress* Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation: *The Politics of Homeownership: Property Relations, Distributive Struggles, and Group Formation*
Committee: Gay Seidman (chair), Katherine Curtis, Max Besbris, Jane Collins, Stephen Young (Geography)
Preliminary Exams: Economic Change & Development; Communities & Urban Sociology
Ph.D. Minor: Geography
- 2019 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 B.A., History and Latin American Studies, University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community & Urban Sociology	Citizenship
Economic Sociology	Identity Formation
Housing/Property Markets	Spatial Analysis
Place Inequality	Qualitative Methods
Work & Livelihood	Historical-Comparative Methods

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Peter Catron, María Vignau-Loría, and Sarah Farr. “Contextual Boundaries: Skin Tone Stratification and Skill Transferability Among Mexican Immigrants in the Age of Mass Migration.” *Under Review*. ([Working Paper available on SocArXiv](#))

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Sarah Farr. “Segregation Beyond Sorting: Pathways to Homeownership and the Production of Emplaced Social Difference in Mexico City.”

Sarah Farr. “The Moral Economy, Revisited: Custom, Contention, and Popular Market Regulation.”

Sarah Farr. “Redistributing Inequality: Community Organizations, Privatized Urban Governance, and the Politics of Property Value in Milwaukee’s Neighborhood Improvement Districts.”

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. [Published in Spanish. English: “Inaccessible Information: The Lack of Transparency in the Recruitment of Mexican Workers in the United States and Human Rights Violations.”]

Book Reviews

2019 Farr, Sarah. 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 Reports

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

2012 *Monitoring International Labor Recruitment: A Cross-Visa Exploration of Regulatory Challenges*. Centro de los Derechos del Migrante. Lead Author.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & HONORS

External

2022 Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

2020 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19)

2016-2019 Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation

2016 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

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

Internal

2023 Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2022 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2022 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2020 Crowe Scholarship for Graduate Student Dissertation Research Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

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, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago Chapter
- 2010 Honors in the College, University of Chicago
- 2009 Human Rights Internship Grant, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2023 *[Scheduled]* “The Moral Economy, Revisited: Custom, Contention, and Popular Market Regulation.” Economic Sociology Section Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21.
- 2023 *[Scheduled]* “Contextual Boundaries: Skin Tone Stratification and Skill Transferability Among Mexican Immigrants in the Age of Mass Migration.” Racial and Ethnic Inequality Regular Session Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21. (Co-authored with Peter Catron and María Vignau-Loría)
- 2022 “Producing and Emplacing Difference: Property Regulation, Spatialization, and Urban Fragmentation in Mexico City.” Community and Urban Sociology Section Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-8.
- 2022 “Neighborhood Racial Change and the Locational Decisions of Financial Services in Metro Detroit.” Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-8. Co-authored with Terri Friedline and Xan Wedel.
- 2022 “Neighborhood Improvement Districts and the Politics of Property in Milwaukee.” Oral Presentation. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-7.
- 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. February 26-27.

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “Guestworker Programs, Recruitment Agencies, and International Labor Migration.” Guest lecture for *The Sociology of Development*, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 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. [Presented in Spanish. English: “Fraud in Recruitment and the Right to Access Public Information”]
- 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. [Presented in Spanish. English: “Human Rights and the H-2 Visa Program”]

TEACHING

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology

2021 - Spring	<i>Lecturer</i> , Data Management for Social Science Research (Soc 365)
2020 - Fall	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)
2020 - Spring	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)
2019 - Fall	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)
2019 - Spring	<i>Teaching Assistant</i> , Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020-*present* Research Assistant for Professor Jenna Nobles, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison. Construction and management of a database of administrative immigration records related to border crossings at the US-Mexico border during from 1919-1952.
- 2015-2016 Research Assistant for Professor Monica White, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, UW-Madison. Madison, WI. Primary and secondary research on the agricultural economy in the U.S. South after emancipation, sharecropping, and the civil rights movement.
- 2011-2015 Justice in Recruitment Project Coordinator, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante. Research on the recruitment and employment of Mexican migrant workers in the U.S. on temporary work visas. Included a survey of over 200 migrant workers; analysis of policy documents, legal cases, and administrative data; policy advocacy with U.S. and Mexican government agencies; dissemination of findings through press, radio, and public reports.

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2022 Coordinator, Spatial Thinking Workshop, Department of Environmental & Community Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2019 Conversational English Tutor, Greater University Tutoring Service, UW-Madison
- 2017 Cohort Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2016 Prospective Student Hospitality Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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

LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE

Languages: English (native language), Spanish (fluent)

Software: R, STATA, GeoDa, Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Community and Urban Sociology Section
- Theory Section
- Economic Sociology Section
- Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section