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### EDUCATION

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- In Progress* Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Dissertation: *The Politics of Place: Property, Place-making, and Neighborhood Inequality*  
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

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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

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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

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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

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#### 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

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### 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

- 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

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- 2022 “Producing and Emplacing Difference: Property Regulation, Spatialization, and Urban Fragmentation in Mexico City.” Section Session 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.” 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

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- 2016 “Guestworker Programs, Recruitment Agencies, and International Labor Migration.” Guest lecture for Professor Gay Seidman’s seminar *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

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### University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology

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

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 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**

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- 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 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, Mexico City.
- 2009-2010 Midwest Regional Organizer, United Students Against Sweatshops, Chicago, IL.

## **LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE**

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

Software: R, STATA, GeoDa, Qualtrics

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Community and Urban Sociology Section