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ACADEMIC POSITION

2013-present **Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology and Latin American & Latino Studies Program, and (by courtesy) Gender & Women's Studies
University of Illinois at Chicago

2007-2013 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and (by courtesy) Gender & Women's Studies and Latin American & Latino Studies Program,
University of Illinois at Chicago

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

2017-Present Associate Head and Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology
University of Illinois at Chicago

EDUCATION

2006 Ph.D. Sociology and Women's Studies Doctoral Emphasis (now Feminist Studies Doctoral Emphasis), University of California, Santa Barbara

2001 M.A. Sociology [Honors Distinction]. University of California, Santa Barbara

1996 B.A. Sociology [Departmental Distinction]. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender, Sexuality, Race and Ethnicity, U.S. Latinx Studies, Youth, Qualitative Research Methods

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Race, Gender, and Class, 2013 (*Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself: Latina Girls and Sexual Identity*, 2012, New York University Press)

Office of Social Science Research Seed Grant, UIC, Spring 2013

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Faculty Scholar Grant, UIC, 2012-2013

Teaching Recognition Program Award, UIC, Spring 2011

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Fellowship, UIC, Spring 2010

R. Stephen Warner Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching, Department of Sociology, UIC, Spring 2008

Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Fellowship, UIC, Spring 2007

Fletcher Jones Dissertation Fellowship, UCSB, 2005-2006

Graduate Student Fee Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UCSB, 2003-2004

Dissertation Grant in Women's Studies, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Spring 2003

Social Science Research Council, Sexuality Research Dissertation Fellow, 2002-2003
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, UCSB, 2001-2002

Chicano/Latino Working Poor Research Grant, Center for Chicano Studies, UCSB, 2000-2001

Graduate Student Fee Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UCSB, Spring 2000

Chicano/Latino Working Poor Research Grant, Center for Chicano Studies, UCSB, 1999-2000

Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, UCSB, 1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Garcia, Lorena. 2012. *Respect Yourself, Protect Yourself: Latina Girls and Sexual Identity*. New York: New York University Press.

Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Community Literacy Journal*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Feminist Review*, *Gender and Education*, *Gender & Society*, *Girlhood Studies*, *Journal of Gender Studies*, *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*, *Journal of the History of Sexuality*, *Latino Studies*, and *Sexualities*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications

Garcia, Lorena. 2016. "Intersectionality." *Kalfou: A Journal of Comparative and Relational Ethnic Studies* 3(1): 102-106.

Garcia, Lorena. 2009. "Love at First Sex: Latina Girls' Meanings of Virginity Loss & Relationships." *Identities: Global Studies in Power & Culture* 16: 601-621.

Garcia, Lorena. 2009. " 'Now Why Do You Want to Know About That?': Heteronormativity, Sexism, and Racism in the Sexual (Mis)Education of Latina Youth." *Gender & Society* 23(4): 520-541.

Garcia, Lorena and Mérida Rúa. 2007. "Processing Latinidad: Mapping Latino Urban Landscapes Through Chicago Ethnic Festivals." *Latino Studies* 5(3): 317-339.

Book Chapters and Other Publications

Fields, Jessica and Lorena Garcia. Forthcoming. "Loving Possibilities in the Studies of Sexualities and Youth." In *Cambridge Handbook of Sexual Development: Childhood and Adolescence*, edited by Sharon Lamb and Jen Gilbert. Cambridge University Press.

Garcia, Lorena. 2018. "What School Sex Ed Needs to Learn from #MeToo." *Education Week* (Commentary/OpEd), May 9, 2018.

Garcia, Lorena and Jessica Fields. 2017. "Renewed Commitments in A Time of Vigilance: Sexuality Education in the USA. Sex Education." *Sex Education* 17(4): 471-481.

Garcia, Lorena. 2015. " 'This is Your Job Now': Latina Mothers and Daughters and Family Work." Pp. 411-425 in *Families As They Really Are* [2nd edition], edited by Barbara J. Risman and Virginia Rutter. New York: W. W. Norton & Company.

Review of *Amigas y Amantes: Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family*, by Katie L. Acosta (Rutgers University Press, 2013). *American Journal of Sociology* 120(2), September 2014 : 619-621.

Garcia, Lorena. 2013. "Latinas' Mystiques." *Council on Contemporary Families' Online Symposium on The Feminine Mystique's 50th Anniversary: Scholars Identify New Mystiques*. Retrieved February 19th, 2013
<http://www.contemporaryfamilies.org/Gender-Sexuality/50th-anniversary-of-feminine-mystique-publication.html>

Review of *Surviving HIV/AIDS in the Inner City: How Resourceful Latinas Beat the Odds*, by Sabrina Marie Chase (Rutgers University Press, 2011). *CENTRO: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies* 24(1), Spring 2012: 181-183.

Garcia, Lorena and Lourdes Torres. 2009. "Introduction: New Directions in Latina Sexualities Studies." *NWSA (National Women's Studies Association) Journal* 21(3): vii-xvi.

Review of *Virginity Lost: An Intimate Portrait of First Sexual Experiences*, by Laura M. Carpenter (New York University Press, 2005). *American Journal of Sociology* 113(1), July 2007: 294-296.

Review of *When Children Want Children: The Urban Crisis of Teenage Childbearing*, by Leon Dash (University of Illinois Press, 2003). *Journal of the History of Sexuality* 13 (2), April 2004: 236-238.

Review of *Sex and Sexuality Among New York's Puerto Rican Youth*, by Marysol Asencio (Lynne Reinner Publishers, 2002). *Latino Studies* 1(3), November 2003:479-481.

Garcia, Lorena. 2005. "Latina Teen Pregnancy and Sexuality." Pp. 203-204 in *The Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*, v. 4, edited by Deena J. González and Suzanne Oboler. Oxford University Press: New York.

Peer Reviewed Articles, Under Review

Garcia, Lorena. Revised and Resubmitted. "Language and (Re)Negotiations of Latinx Identity: Latinx Parents' Approaches to Spanish and Bilingualism." *Social Problems*

Works In Progress

Garcia, Lorena. Feeling and Being Middle-Class: Social Mobility Among the 'Newly' Latinx Middle-Class. Book manuscript in preparation.

Editorial Activities

Co-editor, *Critical Perspectives on Youth Book Series*, New York University Press, August 2015-Present.

Co-editor (with Prof. Jessica Fields), Sexuality Education in the United States, 2017 special issue of *Sex Education* 17(4).

Editorial Board Member, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* (SREM), Spring 2017-Present.

Editorial Board Member, *Social Problems*, Fall 2014-Present

Editorial Board Member, *Contexts*, January 2014-December 2016

Editorial Board Member, *Gender & Society*, Fall 2011-Fall 2014

Co-Editor (with Lourdes Torres), Latina Sexualities, 2009 special issue of *NWSA* [National Women's Studies Association] *Journal* [now *Feminist Formations*] 21(3).

Manuscript Reviewer: *Black Women, Gender, and the Family*; *Centro: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*; *City & Community*; *Contexts*; *Feminist Studies Journal*; *Gender & Society*; *Latino Studies*; *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*; *Sexuality and Culture*; *Signs: Journal of Women in Culture & Society*; *Social Problems*; *Sociology Compass*

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

"Middle-Class Latina/o Parents' Negotiations of Children's Spanish Language Use," Latina/o Studies Association Biennial Conference, Pasadena, CA, July 7, 2016.

“Laboring Over Family Work: Latina Daughters and Mothers’ Interactions on their Work in the Home,” National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies Annual Meetings, Salt Lake City, UT, April 12, 2014.

Workshop Contributor, The Race and Public Policy Practicum on Black & Latino Males, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, UIC, November 18, 2011.

“Race/Ethnicity in Latina Mother-Daughters’ Negotiations of Gendered Sexuality,” Latin American Studies Association 2010 Congress, Toronto, Canada, October 7, 2010.

“Playing L’il Games:” Latina Girls’ Safe Sex Strategies,” Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 11, 2010.

“Constructing and Reproducing Latina Youth as ‘At Risk’ Through Sex Education,” American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, San Francisco, CA, August 11, 2009.

“ ‘Not Like Those Girls’: Sex Talks between Latina Daughters and Mothers,” Council on Contemporary Families, 12th Annual Conference, Chicago, IL, April 18, 2009.

“¿Que no tienes vergüenza?!: Latina Mothers and Daughters’ Negotiations of Sexuality and Gender,” American Studies Association Annual Mtgs, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 13, 2007.

“Discovering and Explaining ‘Sexual Transgressions’: Sexuality and Gender Construction Among Latina Mothers And Daughters,” American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, New York, NY, August 11, 2007.

“ ‘Spreading Some Knowledge’: The Sexuality Education Experiences of Latina Youth,” National Association of Chicana and Chicano Scholars, San Jose, CA, April 7, 2007.

“Rethinking the Latina ‘Problem’: Collaborative Responses to Latinas’ Gendered and Sexual Realities,” Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy, Critical Issues Series, University of Illinois at Chicago, March 7, 2007.

“How Latina Mothers Reconcile their Traditional Gender and Sexual scripts with the Competing Scripts of their Daughters,” Society for Research In Child Development Annual Mtgs, Atlanta, GA, April 2005.

“Exploring Sexual Subjectivity in the ‘First Time’ Narratives of Latina Youth,” American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

“Desiring to be Empowered Sexual Subjects: Latina Youth and Sexual Agency,” Women’s Sexualities Conference organized by the Indiana University Kinsey Institute/Department of Gender Studies, Bloomington, IN, November 2003.

“Latinidad as Theory and Practice: Notes from the Field,” with Mérida Rúa, American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, Atlanta, GA, August 2003.

“Exploring (Re)Presentations of Chicago Latinidad,” with Mérida Rúa, Latinidad in the New Millennium Graduate Student Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana, Champaign, April, 2003.

“Resisting the Virgin/Whore Dichotomy: Latina Adolescent Sexual Subjectivity,” Thinking Gender Annual Conference organized by the UCLA Center for the Study of Women, Los Angeles, CA, March 2002.

Invited Talks

“Latina Youth Sexuality and Inequality.” UIC Union for Puerto Rican Students Annual Pa’Lante Conference, Panel on *Reclaiming Latina Feminism: A Juxtaposition of Issues of Reproductive Justice for Puerto Rican and Mexican Women*, University of Illinois at Chicago, April 11, 2017.

“Feeling the Pinch”: Preliminary Analysis of Latinas/os’ Transition from Working-Class to Middle-Class.” American Studies Program and Latina/o Studies Program, Williams College, Williamstown, MA, February 23, 2016.

“Talking About It: Latina Youth and Safe Sex.” Latino Studies Program, Indiana University-Bloomington, IN, September 9, 2015.

“Complicating the Good Girl/Bad Girl Binary: Latina Youth and Sexual Agency.”

- Educational Inquiry and Curriculum Studies, Northeastern Illinois State University, April 14, 2016.
- Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Spring Lecture Series, Illinois State University, March 18, 2015.
- Department of Sociology, Colloquium Series, University of Cincinnati, December 5, 2014.

“Studying Latina/o Youth Sexuality.” UCSB Sociology Department 50th Anniversary Conference, Invited Panel on Intersectional Ethnography, University of California, Santa Barbara, February 13, 2015.

“Playin’ It Safe”: Reframing the Sexual Lives of Latina Youth.”

- Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, DePauw University, October 8, 2016.
- Latin American and Latina/o Studies Program, Vassar College, April 1, 2015.
- Latina and Latino Studies Program, Northwestern University, November 6, 2014.
- Department of Latina/Latino Studies, Spring Colloquium Series, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 12, 2014.

Keynote Speaker, Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Research Symposium, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH, March 28, 2014.

Keynote Speaker, March of Dimes 14th Annual Celebrando La Mujer Latina, Chicago, IL, November 13, 2014.

Invited Talk, Anthropology Department Seminar: Youth Culture in the Americas, City University of New York Graduate Center, New York, NY, November 8, 2013.

“Intersectionality: Lessons Learned and Challenges Ahead,” American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, Invited Panel co-sponsored by Section on Sex and Gender and Section on Race, Gender, and Class, New York, NY, August 12, 2013.

“Thinking Intersectionally about Gender and Sexualities,” Engendering Change: Third Annual Graduate Student Conference on Gender and Sexuality. University of Illinois at Chicago, March 15, 2013.

“Studying Latina Girls’ Sexual Identities and Practices,” University of Maryland Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity and Maryland Population Research Center, October 25, 2012.

“ ‘That Ain’t Gonna Be Me’: Sexual Respectability and Safe Sex Among Second-Generation Latina Girls,” Department of Sociology Colloquium, Northwestern University, November 4, 2010.

“Sexuality, Gender, and Resistance: Latina Girls and the Negotiation of Safe Sex,” Interdisciplinary Sexuality Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, April 9, 2010.

“Rethinking Gender & Sexuality Among Latinas,” Guest Lecture, Introduction to Latina/o Studies (LALS 102), Instructor: Nilda Flores-González, Fall 2009.

Panelist, “Author Meets Critics: Risky Lessons: Sex Education & Social Inequality by Jessica Fields,” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, San Diego, CA, April 10, 2009.

“‘She’s Old School Like That’: Conversations about Sexuality Among Latina Daughters and their Mothers,” Williams College, Williamstown, MA, Feb. 26, 2009.

Panel Discussant, “Hoy Marchamos, Mañana Votamos: Educational Dimensions of Immigrant Rights Mobilization,” American Educational Research Association, Annual Mtgs, Chicago, IL, April 10, 2007.

“Now Why Do You Want to Know about That?”: The School-Based Sexuality Education Experiences of Latina Youth, Sociology Colloquium, Loyola University, March 30, 2007.

Panel Discussant, “Assessing Needs: Promoting Health and Community Practices,” Latina/o Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, February 24, 2007.

“Chicas Atrevidas: Latina Youth and the Negotiation of Sexuality,” Latino Issues Conference, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. April 2003.

COURSES TAUGHT AT UIC

Graduate Courses

Seminar: Latinas in the United States (LALS 502)

Seminar: Sociology of Sexualities (SOC 520)

Seminar: Sociology of Gender (SOC 524)

Undergraduate Courses

Senior Capstone Research Experience (SOC 490)
Race, Gender and Class among U.S. Latinas/os (LALS 277)
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 100)
Sociology of Latinas/os (SOC 229)
Sociology of Youth (SOC 215)
Gender and Society (SOC/GWS 224)
Sociology of Gender (SOC/GWS 424)
Theories of Gender Inequality (UCSB-SOC 185)

SERVICE

Department Service

Colloquium Series Co-Coordinator, August 2015-April 2017
Advisory Committee, 2014-May 2016
Rue Bucher Award Committee 2014; 2016; 2017
Undergraduate Committee, 2013-Present
Faculty Coordinator, Sociology of Sexualities specialization, April 2012-Present
Faculty Coordinator, Race, Gender, and Class specialization, December 2016-Present
Faculty Advisor, Engendering Change Graduate Student Conference, September 2015-March 2016
Graduate Committee, 2012-2013
Faculty Advisor, Engendering Change Graduate Student Conference, August 2012-March 2013
LAS Faculty Meeting Quorum Committee, Spring 2012
Quantitative Asst. Professor Search Committee, Fall 2011
Graduate Committee, 2010-2011
Undergraduate Committee, 2009-2010
Faculty Coordinator, Race, Gender, and Class specialization, 2008-2009
Colloquium Co-Coordinator, 2007-2008
Theory Asst. Professor Search Committee, Fall 2007
Advisory Committee, 2006-2009

University Service

Committee Member, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latina/os, August 2017-Present

Co-Chair, Executive Committee, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, Fall 2017-Present.

Committee Member, Assistant Director of Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Search Committee, February 2018-May 2018.

Executive Committee, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, Fall 2014-Present.

Faculty Ambassador, Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Latino Cultural Center, Fall 2013-Present.

Panelist, UIC Faculty and Student Perspectives on the Latinx Undergraduate Experience at UIC, March 11, 2017.

Committee Member, Director of UIC Women's Leadership and Resource Search Committee, May 2016-September 2016.

Committee Member, Associate Director for Equity and Inclusion Search Committee, December 2015-March 2016.

Discussant, Latino Cultural Center (LCC) Film Screening, *Don't Tell Anyone (No Le Digas a Nadie)*, September 10, 2015.

Committee Member, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latina/os, Spring 2015-August 2016.

Co-Chair, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latina/os, Fall 2013-December 2014.

Chancellor's Graduate Fellowship Award Committee, November 2014.

Poster Judge, Illinois African-American and Latino Higher Education Alliance (IALHEA) Conference, April 4, 2014

Committee Member, Diversity Strategic Planning Committee, March 2013-December 2014.

Latin American Recruitment and Educational Services (LARES), Family Day Faculty/Student Panel (Recruitment Event), March 2014.

Committee Member, Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship, Fall 2011; Fall 2012; Fall 2013.

Committee Member, Chancellor's Committee on the Status of Latina/os, Fall 2011-Spring 2013.

Committee Member, Abraham Lincoln Fellowship Selection Committee, February 2013 - April 2013.

Committee Member, Search Committee-Social Justice Cluster Senior Hire, August 2012-March 2013; October 2014-December 2014.

Panel Co-Organizer and Moderator, "What Am I? Latino? Hispanic," UIC Latino Cultural Center, November 28, 2012.

Committee Member, Race and Sexuality Lecture Series, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, Fall 2011-Fall 2012.

Committee Member, Chancellor's Graduate Research Fellowship, Fall 2011.

Panelist, "What is Public Sociology?: Starting the Conversation," Department of Sociology Colloquium, September 2011.

Speaker, “Model World Conference on Women’s and Girls’ Rights,” March 2011

Panelist, UIC Summer Research Opportunity Program, “Leadership Development,” June 2010

Panelist, Research Dialogue on Race, Gender, and Sexuality, Underrepresented Faculty Mentoring Program, February 16, 2010

Associate Director Search Committee, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, Fall 2009

Truman Scholarship Selection Committee, Office of Special Scholarship Programs, December 2009

Judge, UIC-Chicago Civic Leadership Certificate Program (CCLCP) Capstone Competition, May 2009

Panelist, UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, “Engaged Scholarship and Teaching,” April 2009

Panelist, UIC Summer Research Opportunity Program, “Navigating Graduate School and an Academic Career,” July 2009

Faculty Mentor, UIC Summer Research Opportunity Program, June 2008-Present

Professional Service

Committee Member, Woodrow Wilson Women’s Studies Fellowship Award Committee, November 2017-March 2018.

Committee Member, Book Award Committee, ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology, Spring 2018.

Committee Member, Race, Sex, and Power 2018 Conference Steering and Programming Committees, Fall 2016-April 2018.

Council Member, ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology, Fall 2015-Present (Elected Office).

Session Chair, American Studies Association, Midwest Latinidades Panel, Chicago, IL, November 10, 2017.

Committee Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology, Spring 2017.

Committee Member, Woodrow Wilson Women’s Studies Fellowship Award Committee, November 2016-March 2017.

Committee Chair, Nominations Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities, September 2016-January 2017.

Chair, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities, Summer 2015-August 2016 (Elected Office).

Committee Member, Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award Committee, ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology, Spring 2016.

Co-Chair, Sister to Sister Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society, February 2014-February 2016 (Elected Office).

Session Co-organizer, "Sister to Sister Research & Writing Workshop," Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Winter Meeting, February 2016.

Council Member, ASA Section on Race, Gender and Class, Fall 2012-Fall 2015 (Elected Office).

Chair, Distinguished Article Award Selection Committee, ASA Section on Race, Gender and Class, Spring 2015-Fall 2015.

Chair, Article Award Selection Committee, ASA Section on Sociology of Sexualities, Spring 2015-Fall 2015.

Session Co-organizer, "Marginalized Faculty and Academic (In)Justice." Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Winter Meeting, February 2015.

Planning Committee, An International Latina/o Studies Conference: Imagining the Past, Present and Future (July 2014), January 2013-July 2014.

Chair, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award Selection Committee, ASA Section on Race, Gender and Class, Spring-Summer 2014.

Nominations Committee, ASA Section on Race, Gender and Class, Fall 2013.

Manuscript Reviewer, "Latino Communities in Old and New Destinations: Multi-disciplinary Approaches to Assessing the Impact of Legal Reforms" Conference, November 2013.

Session Co-organizer, "Inter-Class and Inter-Race Relations Among Latina/os," Latina/o Sociology Section, American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, New York, NY, August 2013.

Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award Committee, ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology, Spring-Summer 2013.

Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Latina/o Sociology, Spring-Summer 2013.

Chair, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Race, Gender and Class, Spring-Summer 2013.

Session Co-organizer, “Latina/o Gender and Sexual Lives: New Insights, Conversations, and Research Directions, Latina/o Sociology Section (co-sponsored with Sex and Gender Section), American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, Denver, CO, August 2012.

Secretary/Treasurer, American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Sexualities, Fall 2010-Summer 2013 (Elected Office).

Panelist, “Doing Well in Graduate School: The Recent Professor and Graduate Student Perspective,” 2011 Norma Williams Graduate Student/New Faculty Professional Development Workshop, Latina/o Sociology Section, American Association Annual Mtgs, Las Vegas, NV, August 2011.

Moderator, “Negotiating Sexuality and Gender in Adolescence and Young Adulthood,” 2011 Engendering Change Conference, Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, May 2011.

Sexualities Section Roundtable Co-Organizer, American Sociological Association Annual Mtgs, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.

Panel Organizer, “Girls of Color, Intersectionality, and Agency: Lessons on Engaged Feminisms,” Sociologists for Women in Society Annual Winter Mtgs, February 2010.

James E. Blackwell Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Spring 2009.

Session Organizer, “The Multiplicity of Latina Feminisms,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Latina/o Studies Track, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, June 2009.

Co-Chair, Latino Studies Section, Latin American Studies Association, Fall 07-Summer 09

Panel Organizer, “Surveillance and Subversion: Ethnographic Accounts of Girls’ Sexuality,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Mtgs, St. Charles, IL, June 30, 2007

Panel Organizer, “(Un)Bound Latinas: Reproduction, Sexuality, and Power,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2006.

Planning Committee, Race, Sex, and Power National Conference, Fall 06-Spring 08

Annual Meetings Proposal Reviewer, National Assoc. of Chicana and Chicano Studies, Fall 07

Graduate Student Council Representative, American Sociological Association Section on Latina/o Sociology, 2003-2005 (Elected Position).

Community Service

Career Day, Talcott Fine Arts and Museum Academy Elementary School, May 2017.

Youth Council Advisory Board, Mujeres Latinas en Acción, Fall 2011-Fall 2013

Mentor, Erie Neighborhood House TEAM Alumni Mentoring Program, Fall 2008-Summer 2009
Mentor, Erie Neighborhood House TEAM, Fall 2002-Summer 2005
Career Day, Irma C. Ruiz Elementary School, May 2009

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
American Studies Association
Latin American Studies Association
Latina/o Studies Association
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies
National Women's Studies Association
Sociologists for Women in Society