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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2022 – Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Davis

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Merced
2015 M.A., Sociology, University of California, Merced
2013 B.A., Magna Cum Laude, Sociology, University of the Pacific
Minor: Gender Studies

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Intersectionality • Criminalization • Critical Carceral Studies • Latinx Sociology • Education • Chicana Feminist Theory • Law and Society • Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

2022 Lerma, Veronica. “Intersectional Criminalization: How Chicanas Experience and Navigate Criminalization through Relationships with Latino Men and Boys.” *Sociological Perspectives* 66(2):311-330.

Award:

2022 Winner of ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class Graduate Student Paper Award

2022 Hamilton, Laura T., Kelly Nielsen, and Veronica Lerma. “‘Diversity is a Corporate Plan:’ Racialized Equity Labor among University Employees.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 46(6):1204-1226.

Reprinted In:

Reexamining Racism, Sexism, and Identity Taxation in the Academy. 2023. Edited by Laura Hirschfield and Tiffany D. Joseph. London: Routledge

- 2021 Nielsen, Kelly, Laura T. Hamilton, and Veronica Lerma. "Tolerable Suboptimization: The Racial Consequences of Defunding Public Universities." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 7(4):561-578.
- 2021 Lerma, Veronica. "Student Labor and Centers of Support." In *Broke: The Racial Consequences of Defunding the New University*. By Laura T. Hamilton and Kelly Nielsen. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- 2020 Lerma, Veronica, Laura T. Hamilton, and Kelly Nielsen. "Racialized Equity Labor, University Appropriation, and Student Resistance." *Social Problems* 67(2):268-303.

**2020 Social Problems High Impact Articles: Most Downloaded*

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

Lerma, Veronica. "Unfit Hyper-breeders: Controlling Images and the Criminalization of Chicana Motherhood and Reproduction." In preparation.

Hamilton, Laura T., Kelly Nielsen, and Veronica Lerma. "Policing College Campuses: The Production of Racialized Risk." In preparation.

Canizales, Stephanie L., Veronica Lerma, and Marjorie S. Zatz. "Cause Lawyering in Uncertain Times: How Immigration Attorneys Navigate the Landscape of Asylum Claims for Central American Youth Fleeing Gangs." In preparation.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-2019 Research Assistant (Dr. Laura Hamilton), University of California, Merced

2014-2016 Research Assistant (Dr. Marjorie S. Zatz), University of California, Merced

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California, Davis

Undergraduate Courses:

- Intersectionality
- Criminology
- Intersectional Criminalization

University of California, Merced, Teaching Fellow

- Intersectionality
- Sociological Theory
- Introduction to Sociology

GRANTS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

2023-2024	UC Davis Humanities Institute Faculty Research Fellowship
2023	Writing Group Participant, Center for the Advancement of Multicultural Perspectives on Social Science, Arts, & Humanities (CAMPSSAH), UC Davis.
2022-2023	Faculty Fellow, Center for the Advancement of Multicultural Perspectives on Social Science, Arts, & Humanities (CAMPSSAH), UC Davis.
2022	ASA's Section on Race, Gender, and Class Graduate Student Paper Award
2022	Fred and Mitzie Ruiz Fellowship (\$1,000)
2022	UCM Department of Sociology Graduate Student Research Award
2020-2021	UC President's HSI Pre-Professoriate Fellowship
2020	Honorable Mention for Ford Dissertation Fellowship
2019-2020	Fletcher Jones Fellowship
2019	Honorable Mention for Ford Dissertation Fellowship
2018	Honorable Mention for <i>Feminist Criminology</i> Graduate Research Scholarship
2017-2019	William T. Grant Scholars Mentoring Grant (\$60,000)
2017	UC Consortium on Social Science and Law Summer Research Fellowship
2014-2021	UCM Department of Sociology Summer Research Award
2011-2013	Tri-County Academic Scholarship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2023	Lerma, Veronica. "Unfit Hyper-breeders: Controlling Images and the Criminalization of Chicana Sexuality, Reproduction, and Motherhood. American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
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- 2023 Panelist: “The Politics of Racial Diversity Initiatives in U.S. Higher Education.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 Lerma, Veronica. ‘I love my brothers, but...’ How System-Involved Chicanas Navigate Criminalization through Latino Men and Boys.” American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 Lerma, Veronica. “Intersectional Criminalization: How Chicanas Experience Criminalization through Latino Men and Boys.” American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Lerma, Veronica. “Criminalizing Chicanas: How Criminalization is Relationally Constructed and Experienced.” Pacific Sociological Association. Sacramento, CA.
- 2021 Lerma, Veronica. “Chicanisma in the Academic Trenches: Incorporating a Chicana Feminist Working Class Consciousness.” California Sociological Association. Virtual Conference.
- 2021 Lerma, Veronica. “Intersectional Criminalization: How System-Involved Chicanas Experience and Navigate Criminalization through Latino Men and Boys.” California Sociological Association. Virtual Conference.
- 2021 Lerma, Veronica. “Criminalization en el Valle: The Criminalization of Formerly Incarcerated and System-Impacted Chicanas in California’s Prison Alley.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Virtual Conference.
- 2020 Nielsen, Kelly, Laura T. Hamilton, and Veronica Lerma. “Administering Austerity: Racial Consequences for Higher Education.” Sociology of Education Annual Conference. Asilomar, CA.
- 2018 Zatz, Marjorie S. and Veronica Lerma. “Negotiating Asylum Cases for Gang Involved Youth.” Leveraging Social Science Expertise in Immigration Law and Policy Roundtable. Law and Society Association Annual Conference. Toronto.
- 2017 Zatz, Marjorie S. and Veronica Lerma. “Making the Case: How Immigration Attorneys Negotiate the Landscape of Asylum Claims for Gang Involved Youth and Young Adults.” Law and Society Association Annual Conference. Mexico City.
- 2016 Zatz, Marjorie and Veronica Lerma. “Alleged Gang Membership and Asylum Claims.” Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Seattle, WA.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 Guest Lecture. "Criminalization through Familial Ties." ETHS/GEND 4000: Chicana/o/x and Latina/o/x Families. Department of Ethnic Studies. California State University, Stanislaus.
- 2022 Guest Lecture. "Race, Ethnicity, and Intersectionality." Soc 001: Introduction to Sociology. Department of Sociology, University of California, Merced.

MEDIA

- Lerma, Veronica. 2022. "Intersectional Criminalization: How Chicanas Experience and Navigate Criminalization through Relationships with Latino Men and Boys." Invited essay for *Latina/o/x Criminology*.
- Lerma, Veronica. 2022. "Broken Systems." *Being Human and Other Sh!t* Podcast.
- Lerma, Veronica. 2020. "Racialized Equity Labor, University Appropriation, and Student Resistance." The Author's Attic. *Social Problems*.
<https://academic.oup.com/socpro/article/67/2/286/5488730>

SERVICE

Departmental and University Service

- 2023-2024 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2022-2023 Department Representative, Senate and L&S Assembly
- 2022-2023 Member, Sociology Sex/Gender Search Committee

Professional Service

- 2024 ASA section on Race, Gender, and Class Section Organizer
- 2023 ASA section on Race, Gender, and Class Graduate Student Paper Award Committee

Journal Peer Reviewer

- *Social Problems*
- *Sociology of Education*
- *Social Forces*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology

Society for the Study of Social Problems
Pacific Sociological Association
California Sociological Association