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# EMPLOYMENT & APPOINTMENTS

**Director, International Studies** 2020-present

Kenyon College

**R. Todd Ruppert Professor of International Studies** 2020-present

Kenyon College

**Professor, Department of Sociology** 2020-present

Kenyon College

**Associate Professor, Department of Sociology** 2011-2019

Kenyon College

**Chair, Department of Sociology** 2014-2017

Kenyon College 2011-2012

**Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology** 2005-2010

Kenyon College

**Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology & Sociology** 2002

Roosevelt University

**Affiliated Scholar, Center for Right-Wing Studies** 2012-present

University of California, Berkeley

*Areas of Expertise:* social movements, border studies, globalization, sociology of law, political sociology, urban sociology, Mexico

EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Sociology), University of Chicago 2005

M.A. (Sociology), University of Chicago 1996

B.S. (Foreign Service), Georgetown University 1988

PUBLICATIONS

**Books**

*Grandmothers on Guard: Making & Remaking Nation at the U.S.-Mexico Border* (May 2021, University of Texas Press).

(with Beatriz Canabal, et. al., eds.). 2002. *Moviendo Montañas: Transformando la Geografía del Poder en el Sur de México*. Chilpancingo, Guerrero: Colegio de Guerrero.

**Articles & Book Chapters**

(with Shannan Mattiace). 2018. “Securing the City in La Polvorilla: The Spatial Logic of Self-Sufficiency.” Pp. 147-70 in *Mapping the Megalopolis: Order and Disorder in Mexico City*, Glen David Kuecker and Alejandro Puga, eds. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

(with Shannan Mattiace). 2018. “Securing the City in Santa Fe: Privatization and Preservation.” Pp. 91-126 in *Mapping the Megalopolis: Order and Disorder in Mexico City*, Glen David Kuecker and Alejandro Puga, eds. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

2015. “‘Border Granny Wants You!:’ Grandmothers Policing Nation at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Pp. 35-59 in *Border Politics: Social Movements, Collective Identities and Globalization*, Nancy A. Naples and Jennifer Bickham Mendez, eds. New York: New York University Press.

2012. “Mobilizing Minutewomen: Gender, Cyberpower and the New Nativist Movement.” *Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change* Vol. 32, Emerald Group Publishing/JAI Press.

2012. “Peasant Movements.” Pp. 1651-5 in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*, George Ritzer, ed. Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell.

2007. “When the Poor Police Themselves: Public Insecurity and Extra-Legal Criminal Justice Administration in Mexico.” Pp. 167-85 in *Legitimacy and Criminal Justice Administration: International Perspectives*, Tom R. Tyler, et. al., eds. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

2007. “Deregulating Markets, Reregulating Crime: Extralegal Policing and the Penal State in Mexico.” Pp. 263-80 in *Deciphering the Global: Its Scales, Spaces and Subjects*, Saskia Sassen, ed. London and New York: Routledge.

(collaborating author). 2006. “Archer Park: A Taste of Mexico in Chicago.” Pp. 97-127 in *There Goes the Neighborhood: Racial, Ethnic and Class Tensions in Four Chicago Neighborhoods and Their Meaning for America*, William Julius Wilson and Richard P. Taub. New York: Knopf.

2002. **“**What's Globalization Got To Do With It?: Political Action and Peasant Producers in Guerrero, Mexico." *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 26 (52): 267-83.

2002. “¿Abriendo brechas se derrumban montañas?: Reflexiones sobre la solidaridad transnacional y la transformación del corporativismo en el campo guerrerense.” Pp. 31-8 in *Moviendo Montañas: Transformando la Geografía del Poder en el Sur de México*, Beatriz Canabal, et. al., eds. Chilpancingo, México: El Colegio de Guerrero.

1998. “New Actors in Latin American Environment and Development.” Pp. 69-89 in *Cultural Environments and Development Debates in Latin America*, Alan Kolata, ed. Chicago: Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago.

##### GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Alternate, Fulbright-Fondazione Con Il Sud Award for Teaching & Research 2021

Università degli Studi di Napoli “L’Orientale”

Faculty Teaching Grant, “Preparing a 2nd Generation Prison Exchange Course” 2019

Kenyon College

Faculty Travel Award “Challenging Borders in Israel & the Palestinian Territories” 2018

Mellon Foundation & Great Lakes Colleges Association

New Directions in Global Scholarship Award, “Security & Solidarity in Mexico City” 2017

Mellon Foundation & Great Lakes Colleges Association

Collaborative Grant, “Transforming Education in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands” 2016

Mellon Foundation & the Great Lakes Colleges Association

Collaborative Research Grant, “Mapping the Megalopolis” (Mexico City) 2015

Mellon Foundation & the Great Lakes Colleges Association

Global Course Connection Fellowship 2018

Global Liberal Arts Alliance 2014

Newton Chun Research Award 2011

Kenyon College

Labalme Travel Grant 2009

Kenyon College

Summer Stipend 2007

Kenyon College

Eisenhower/Roberts Fellowship 2001

IIE Fulbright Fellowship 1999

Inter-American Foundation Fellowship 1999

Centennial Scholarship 1997

University of Chicago

Title VI, Amer-Indian Languages Fellowship 1993-1996

U.S. Department of Education

Hewlett Pre-Dissertation Fellowship 1995

Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED LECTURES

*Grandmothers on Guard* Author Meets the Critics Session. Invited Talk for Immigration & Citizenship Seminar at Allegheny College. Online. Oct. 2020.

(with Shannan Mattiace). "People Power and the Worlding of Mexico City:  Evidence from the *Programa Comunitario de Mejoramiento Barrial*."  XXXVI Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Barcelona, Spain.  May 2018.

(with Shannan Mattiace). "Security and Solidarity on Mexico City's Periphery."  Invited Talk for the Departments of Sociology at the American College of Greece (Athens) and John Cabot University (Rome).  Mar. 2018.

 “The Potential of Embedded Travel Courses for Teaching and Learning about Borders.” Global Liberal Arts Alliance Interdisciplinary Teaching and Research Workshop, “Borders in the Liberal Arts.” Lugano, Switzerland. July 2017.

“Tough Enough to Take It: Women, Walls & Gender Ideologies in the Militant Anti-Immigration Movement.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Feb. 2017.

(with Shannan Mattiace). “Transforming Urban Space in Two Mexico City Neighborhoods: Citizen Responses to Insecurity.” XXXIV Latin American Studies Association International Congress, New York, NY. May 2016.

“Gendered Transitions to Old Age & Identity Work in the New Nativist Movement.” 110th Annual ASA Meeting, Chicago, IL. Aug. 2015.

“Constructing Patriotic Grandmotherhood: Anti-Immigrant Militancy & Aging Women in New Nativist America.” 109th Annual ASA Meeting, San Francisco, CA. Aug. 2014.

“Border Granny Wants You!” Grandmothers Policing Nation at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Invited Lecture at University of California-Berkeley, Center for Research on Social Change. Apr. 2013.

 “Policing Nation & Gender at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Invited Lecture at Denison University, Spectrum Series on Migrations. Sept. 2011.

“Mobilizing Minutewomen: Gender, Cyberpower & the New Nativist Movement.”

 105th Annual ASA Meeting, Atlanta, GA. Aug. 2010.

“Revenge of the Techno-Grannies!: Negotiating Age, Gender & Race in Cyberspace.” 104th Annual ASA Meeting, San Francisco, CA. Aug. 2009.

“Human Rights, Due Process & Public Security in Mexico” Research Workshop Panelist. University of California-San Diego, Center for U.S.-Mexico Studies. Oct. 2009.

“Violence Beyond the Border in Contemporary Mexico.” Invited Lecture at Ohio Wesleyan, Latin American Studies Dept. & Office of Minority Affairs. Nov. 2009.

“When Movements ‘Sub-Emerge:’ Evidence for Rethinking Movement Demobilization following Democratic Transition.” 98th Annual ASA Meeting, Atlanta GA. Aug. 2003.

(with Judith A. Boruchoff). “Reconfiguring the Mexican State from the Inside Out & the Outside In: Impacts of Community Action Within & Beyond Guerrero.” XXIV Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Dallas TX. Mar. 2003.

“The Political Economy of State Formation on the Margins of Modern Mexico.” ASA Collective Behavior & Social Movements Section Workshop “Authority in Contention: Interdisciplinary Approaches,” Notre Dame, IN. Also, 97th Annual ASA Meeting, Chicago, IL. Aug. 2002.

“What's Globalization Got To Do With It?: Political Action & Peasant Producers in Guerrero, Mexico.” XXIII Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Washington, DC. Sept. 2001.

 “¿Abriendo brechas se derrumban montañas?: Reflexiones sobre la solidaridad transnacional y la transformación del corporativismo en el campo guerrerense.” “Moviendo Montañas: Transformando la Geografía del Poder en el Sur de México,” Acapulco, Mexico. Mar. 2001.

“Defying the Movement-Party Disjuncture?: Social Movements & Democratic Transition in Mexico.” 95th Annual ASA Meeting, Washington, DC. Aug. 2000.

“Resource Mobilization, Rural Development & the Redefinition of Peasant-State Relations: A Case Study of Peasant Organization in Guerrero, Mexico.” XX Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Guadalajara, Mexico. Apr. 1997.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION & LEADERSHIP

Workshop Organizer & Moderator, “Doing Interdisciplinarity” Faculty Learning Community, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH. Oct. 2021-May 2022.

Midwest Faculty Fellow, “Thomas Piketty’s *Capital in the Twenty-First Century*,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Feb. 2016.

Session Discussant, “Ciudadanías en cuestión: entre la precariedad y nuevas formas emergentes” XXVIII Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Juan, PR. May 2015.

Session Organizer & Chair, “Policing Immigration in the Shadows of the Security State,” XXV Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Francisco, CA. May 2012.

Session Discussant, “Negotiating Power in Transnational Spaces: Cross-Border Political Participation of Migrants in North & Central America” XXV Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Francisco, CA. May 2012.

Midwest Faculty Fellow, “Migration: Displacement & Belonging,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL. Feb. 2011.

Session Organizer & Chair, “Policing & Protesting the U.S.-Mexico Border,” XXIV Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Toronto, Canada. Oct. 2010.

Roundtable Presider, “Collective Mobilization,” 105th Annual ASA Meeting, Atlanta, GA. Aug. 2010.

Conference Participant, “Institutional Review Boards & the Ethical Conduct of Research,” The Five Colleges of Ohio at Kenyon College. Apr. 2010.

Conference Participant, “Difficult Dialogues,” National Women’s Studies Association, Atlanta, GA. Nov. 2009.

Conference Participant, “Integrating Study Abroad into the Academic Curriculum: Transforming On-Campus Teaching & Learning,” Beloit College. Nov. 2009.

Session Discussant, “Measuring the Intersection of Customary Practices, State ‘Positive Law’ & Local Governance: Comparing Findings from Mexico & the Andes,” XXVIII Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. June 2009.

Conference Participant, “Transnational Dialogues: De-Centering the Academic Debate on Global Feminisms,” Great Lakes College Association at Kenyon College. Sept. 2008.

Workgroup Organizer & Moderator, “Social Movements in ‘the Absence’ of Authority,” ASA Collective Behavior & Social Movement Section’s “Authority in Contention: Interdisciplinary Approaches,” South Bend, IN. Aug. 2002.

Colloquium Organizer, “Moviendo Montañas: Transformando la geografía del poder en el sur de México,” Acapulco, Mexico. Mar. 2001.

Session Chair & Discussant, “Modern Methods of Social Movement Analysis,” XX Latin American Studies Association Congress, Guadalajara, Mexico. Apr. 1997.

COURSES TAUGHT

#### **At Kenyon College (undergraduate)**

Borders & Border Crossings\*

Contemporary Global Issues (Senior Seminar in International Studies)

Expansion of International Society (Sophomore Seminar in International Studies)

Global Cities Seminar

Qualitative Methods

Senior Seminar in Sociology

Social Inequality

Society in Comparative Perspective (Introductory Course in Sociology)

Sociology of Food

Sociology of Law

Transnational Social Movements

Vigilantism & the Law Seminar

\*with experiential learning component in Tucson, AZ & Nogales, Mexico

**At Roosevelt University (graduate & undergraduate)**

Social Inequality

ADVISING & MENTORING

**John W. Adams Summer Legal Scholars Faculty Mentor, Kenyon College**

Maya Street-Sachs, “Joining the Education-in-Prison Movement: A Proposal for an Inside Out Course at Kenyon” (2016)

Peter Thomson, “The Secret Kings of America: Race, Class & Right-Wing Ideology” (2016)

Eliza Fairbrother, research assistant for “‘Border Granny Wants You!:’ Minutewomen Policing Nation in Global America” (2014)

Christian Martínez-Canchola, “Hypothetically, What if I Were Undocumented?” (2012)

Brittany Grabel, “Nothing but Resettlement: The Legal Integration & Collective Experiences of Mauritanian Refugees in Ohio” (2012)

Molly Elizabeth Schlemmer, “Net Detectives: Cyber-Sleuthing as Legal Vigilantism” (2008)

**Honors Thesis Committee Member, Kenyon College**

George Halliday, “On Staying Sexy & Not Getting Murdered: Gender Identity & True Crime Fandom Online” (Sociology, 2019)

Katia Roque, “Re-Defining Identity: A Study of Ch’orti & Toursim” (Anthropology, 2012)

Kate Gunby, “The Role & Legitimacy of Former Liberation Movements in Democratic Society: A Comparative Study of South Africa & Poland” (Sociology, 2009)

Rose Calnin, “Considering Cultural Definitions of Health & Healing: the Integration of Medical Systems in Intercultural Hospitals in Mexico” (International Studies, 2007)

**Silverweed Minority Student Faculty Mentor, Kenyon College**

Christian Martínez-Canchola (2008)

Michael Hernández (2006)

**Fulbright Liaison for Student Research Grants, Kenyon College** 2014-2016

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

**Manuscript Reviewer**

Journals: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Estudios Mexicanos/Mexican Studies Ethnography, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Latin American Research Review, Mobilization, Social Forces, Social Science Quarterly*

Presses: Rowman & Littlefield, Yale University Press, Westview Press

**Advisory Board Member**

Reimagining International Engagement Summit 2021-present

Great Lakes Colleges Association

Earlham College Border Studies Program 2007-present

**Member**

American Sociological Association 2000-present

Latin American Studies Association 1997-present

COLLEGIATE SERVICE

**Faculty Standing Committees, Kenyon College**

Resource Allocation Committee 2022-present

Executive Committee 2022-present

Curriculum & Policy Committee 2016-2018

Student Conduct Review Board 2010-2016

**Interdisciplinary Major & Program Committees, Kenyon College**

Chair, International Studies Major Faculty Steering Committee 2020-present

International Studies Major Faculty Steering Committee 2013-2017 2006-2011

Latin@ Studies Program Advisory Board 2014-present

Law & Society Program Advisory Board 2006-present

American Studies Major Advisory Board 2013-2015

**Student Grant & Fellowship Committees**

Graduate & Undergraduate Mini-Grants Program 2012-2013

Berkeley Center for Right-Wing Studies

Awards & Fellowships Committee 2007-2009

Kenyon College

**Other**

Faculty Advisor, Kenyon *Sin Fronteras* student organization 2019-present

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