

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2024	Ph.D., Sociology, State University of New York at Stony Brook
2018	M.A., Sociology, State University of New York at Stony Brook
2013	M.A., Liberal Studies, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York
2009	B.S., Cornell University, School of Industrial and Labor Relations

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT AND AFFILIATION

2023- Present	School of Industrial and Labor Relations Extension, Cornell University The Worker Institute, Extension Associate Faculty
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DISSERTATION

"Transnational Political Participation in the Global Age: The Salvadoran Case of Diaspora Politics." This dissertation explores how different forms of legality—legal status—affect modalities of political participation among the Salvadoran diaspora in the United States.

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Labor Rights, Labor Leadership Development, Immigration and transnationalism; Latinx in the United States and the relationship between immigration and diaspora political participation; Transnational political participation of Latin Americans in the United States; Deportation and deportee participation in transnational politics

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2021	Graduate Student Fellowship Program (GSFP), American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, 2022 AAHHE
2021	Tanur Dissertation Fellowship, Soc. Department, Stony Brook University, \$4,000
2021	Turner Academic Year Research Grant, Stony Brook University, \$2,000
2020	The Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Finalist
2020	Turner Summer Research Grant, Stony Brook University \$2,000
2020	Turner Dissertation Fellowship Award, Stony Brook University \$20,000
2016	Tinker Grant Fieldwork Award, Stony Brook University \$2,500
2015	David L. Fergusson Merit Award, Stony Brook University \$2,000

PUBLICATIONS

- 2024 Tejada, K., & **Navas, N.** 2024. "Making meaning from the 'yo no se:' Agency and truth-telling in Salvadoran women. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/02654075241270924>
- 2023 Tejada-Peña, Karen and **Natalia Navas**. 2023. "Examining 'La Ayuda:' Law Enforcement and Latinos on Long Island during COVID-19." *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*.
Published online: <https://www.ijcv.org/index.php/ijcv/article/view/6681/5990>
- 2019 Frederickson, L., Sullivan, M., Ohayon, J., Kohl, E., Lamdan, S., Cordner, A., Hu, A., Kaczowka, K., **Navas, N.** and Wicks, L. "tA Sheep in the Closet: The Erosion of Enforcement at the EPA." EDGI. Available at:
<https://envirodatagov.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Sheep-in-the-Closet.pdf>
- 2016 "Abrazando el Espiritu: Bracero Families Confront the US-Mexico Border" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* October 2016 2: 596-597

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

- 2024 (In Progress) Navas, Natalia. 2024. "A Critical Analysis of Nayib Bukele's Populism and Trumpism."
- 2024 (In Progress) Navas, Natalia. 2024. "You Don't Even Live Here! The discord between Salvadorans and the Salvadoran Diaspora's Political Influence on Local Salvadoran Politics."

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2022- 2024 *Field Researcher and Community Engagement Coordinator*
"Stories of Belonging: Central American TPS Workers & the Defiant Struggle to Stay Home in the US" under Dr. Patricia Campos-Medina, Cornell University, New York
This multi-year study explores the historical engagement of TPS workers in the struggle for their rights as migrant workers, immigrant worker justice, workplace justice, union organizing, and American rights of citizenship.
- 2019-2023 *Graduate Research Assistant*
Book Project under Dr. Karen Tejada-Pena, University of Hartford, Connecticut
This is a multi-year study that examines how the cooperation and presence of ICE impact community-policing relations in Long Island. More specifically, the research seeks to understand how local police and ICE relations affect Salvadoran communities in Brentwood and Hempstead. This project is funded through a Russell Sage Foundation Grant.
- 2018- 2019 *Graduate Research Assistant*
The Environmental Data and Governance Initiative (EDGI) Project- Interviewing
The EDGI Project is an international network of academics and non-profits addressing potential threats to federal environmental and energy policy, and to the scientific research infrastructure built to investigate, inform, and enforce them.

2017-2018 *Graduate Research Assistant*
TrueChild.org

TrueChild is a network of experts and researchers dedicated to helping funders, policy-makers, and practitioners challenge rigid gender norms through intersectional approaches that reconnect race, class and gender.

2012-2013 *Graduate Research Assistant*
Book Project under Dr. Ana Aparicio, Northwestern University

Research supported by the National Science Foundation. This project is a study of the complex transformations taking place in US suburbs in the 21st century, focusing on the suburbanization of poverty in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The purpose of the research is to follow neoliberal economic transformations as well as the formation of a Latino identity in non-traditional receiving areas.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-Present *Lecturer Department of Sociology- SUNY Geneseo*
Introduction to Social Problems and Social Policy

2016- 2023 *Lecturer Department of Sociology,*
SUNY Stony Brook University
Sociology of Drugs and Alcohol Use
Sociology of Crime
Sociology of Medicine
Media and Society

GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University

2015-2023 Media and Society
Sociology of Reproduction
Ethnic and Racial Relations
Social Problems in a Global Context
War and the Military
Introduction to Sociology
Media and Society
Sociology of Drugs and Alcohol
Media and Society

CONFERENCE AND SPEAKER ACTIVITY

2023 “Decolonizing The University: Ethnic Studies Lecture Series” Speaker, University of Hartford, Humanities Center Lecture Series, Spring 2023

2023 “Understanding Today’s Central America” Speaker, Stony Brook University’s Latin America and Caribbean Studies Speaker Series, Spring 2023

2020 Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute for Advanced Doctoral Students, The University of Texas at Austin

2020	<p>"100 days of 'New Ideas'? A Critical Analysis of Nayib Bukele's Populism in El Salvador "</p> <p>Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA</p>
2019	<p>"Politics in the fight against inequality: a case study of "Red Solidaria," a Conditional Cash Transfer Programs and its challenges tied to party alliances in El Salvador" Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting Boston, MA</p>
2019	<p>"The State of Scholarship on Central Americans in United States and its Implications in the Understanding of Current Immigration Trends"</p> <p>Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies, Stony Brook, NY</p>
2018	<p>"Inequality by the Numbers," Stone Center, CUNY Graduate Center, New York</p>
2017	<p>"An Ethnography of Salvadoran Political Agents in New York"</p> <p>Stony Brook University Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center Student Conference, New York, NY</p>
2016	<p>"Here and There: Transnational Networks of Salvadorans and their ties to Long Island New York"</p> <p>Tinker Grant Summer Research Presentation, Stony Brook, NY</p>

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2015-Present	<p>American Sociological Association (ASA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latino/a Sociology Section • Political Sociology Section • World Systems Section • Eastern Sociological Society
2017-Present	<p>Latin American Studies Association (LASA)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central American Studies Section
2018-2019	<p>Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies</p>

NOT-FOR-PROFIT AND GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

2022-2023	<p><i>Lead Organizer</i></p> <p>National TPS Alliance- National Day Laborer Organizing Network (NDLON)</p>
2013-2015	<p><i>Workforce Development/Occupational Health/Safety Coordinator</i></p> <p>New Immigrant Community Empowerment-NICE, Jackson Heights, NY</p>
2010- 2011	<p><i>Employment Specialist</i></p> <p>Center for Family Life in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, NY</p>
2009- 2010	<p><i>Faith-Based Community Organizer</i></p> <p>Queens Congregations United for Action (FAITH IN NY)-PICO National Network, Corona, NY</p>

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

2018-Present	<i>Expert Witness</i> Northwest Immigrants' Rights Project Offer expert witness testimony for Central American refugees facing unjust deportation
2018- Present	<i>Project Reunify</i> -Volunteer Legal Interpreter Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law Help conduct interviews of detained immigrant children and their families to assess legal cases through the <u>Flores Settlement</u> .
2017-Present	<i>Legal Volunteer</i> National TPS (Temporary Protective Status) Alliance Campaign- Assist TPS holders in their TPS renewal process in Brentwood, NY
2011-2018	<i>Active 20-30 Club US & Canada, New York City</i> Organized local and international campaigns and fundraising events to assist immigrant children survivors of domestic violence

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2018-2019	ASA Latino/a Sociology Section Welcome Committee
2016-2017	Stony Brook University Sociology Student Conference Steering Committee

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Native Spanish Speaker