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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Forth Migrations Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University (Starting January 2022)

EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University (graduation expected: December 2021)

2011 B.A., Social Anthropology, Universidad Veracruzana

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

International Migration; Latin America; Qualitative and Mixed Methods; Youth and Childhood; Race and Ethnicity; Refugees; Latin American Indigenous Populations

DISSERTATION PROJECT

My dissertation, “The Negotiation of Violence in the Migrant Journey: Central American Youth and their Movement through Mexico,” will explain how youth migrants navigate the constant threat of unpreventable violence as they traverse Mexico on their way to the United States.

Committee: Gary A. Fine (Co-chair), John L. Hagan (Co-chair), Héctor Carrillo, Galya Ben-Arieh

PUBLICATIONS

- Forth. **Escamilla García, Angel A.** “When Internal Migration Fails: Central American Youths’ Attempts to Relocate Internally before Migrating Internationally,” *Journal of Migration and Human Security*.
- 2020 **Escamilla García, Angel A.** 2020. “Learning to Look Mexican: Central American Minor Migrants and their Strategies to Minimize the Risks of Migration.” *Deadly Voyages*, edited by Veronica Fynn Bruey, Steve Bender, and Philip Aka. Lexington Press.
- 2019 Redbird, Beth, and **Angel Alfonso Escamilla-García**. April 2019. “Borders within Borders: The Impact of Occupational Licensing on Immigrant Incorporation.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

- 2018 **Escamilla García, Angel A.** and Gary Fine. 2018. “Fair Warnings: The Ethics of Ethnography with Children.” *Handbook of Ethics in Qualitative Research*, edited by R. Iphofen and M. Tolich. London: SAGE.

WORKS IN REVISION & SUBMITTED

- R&R “One Migration and Two Perspectives: Black and White Sociologists’ Scholarship on Black Migration, 1900-1932,” R&R received from *The American Sociologist*.
- Submitted “The “Borderlandization” of Mexico in 2014: Mexico’s New Policies of Deportation and Detention of Migrant Children and Their Effect on Migrant Movement” R&R received from *Sociological Studies of Children & Youth*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Demographics on Guatemalan Indigenous Unaccompanied Minors. This project uses an FOIA request granted on unaccompanied minors detained from 2014 to 2019 to examine the differences in age, gender, and language between Mayan (23 ethnic groups) and Spanish-speaking minors migrant from Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Additionally, I will complement this dataset with interviews with legal servers and their experiences interacting with Mayan-Speakers minor migrants and participant observation with Mayan Children at immigration courts.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & GRANTS

- 2022 Migration Postdoctoral Fellowship – Cornell University
- 2021 Northwestern Buffett Institute Global Impacts Graduate Fellowship
- 2020 Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf Peace Prize (\$2000)
- 2019 Northwestern Presidential Fellowship (Full fellowship; Northwestern’s highest graduate student honor)
- 2019 Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR) Fellowship
- 2019 TGS (The Graduate School) Graduate Research Grant (\$2681)
- 2018 Institute for Policy Research Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2018 Graduate Student Dissertation Research Travel Award (\$4711) — “Territories of Movement: The Migration Experiences of Central American Migrant Minors in Mexico”
- 2018 Buffett Graduate Student Conference Travel Award for the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece (\$395) — “Unaccompanied Mayan Children and the Journey to the United States.”

- 2018 TGS Conference Travel Grant for the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference in Thessaloniki, Greece (\$800) — “Unaccompanied Mayan Children and the Journey to the United States”
- 2017 Buffett Institute Keyman Modern Turkish Studies Research Grant (\$3,643) — “Unaccompanied Minors in Transit: A Comparison of Transit through Mexico and Turkey”
- 2016 MacArthur Summer Research Grant (\$1,200) — “The Cushion Effect: Transit Countries in International Migration Flows”
- 2016 EDGS Graduate Student Summer Research Grant (\$2,500) — “Between Borders: The Strategies of Central American Child Migrants and the Insight of Civil Organizations in Mexico and Guatemala”
- 2016 Alumnae of Northwestern University Grant (\$2,750) — “Between Borders: The Strategies of Central American Child Migrants and the Insight of Civil Organizations in Mexico and Guatemala”
- 2016 MacArthur Summer Research Grant (\$1,200) — “Fair Warnings: The Ethics of Ethnography with Children”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 “When Internal Migration Fails: Central American Youths’ Attempts to Relocate Internally before Migrating Internationally” — The Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (Virtual), April 2021
- 2020 “The Negotiation of Violence by Central American Youth Migrants Crossing Mexico” — Northwestern Law School (Virtual), October 2020
- 2020 “When Internal Migration Fails: Central American Youths’ Attempts to Relocate Internally before Migrating Internationally” — University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign Department of Sociology (Virtual), September 2020
- 2019 “One Migration, Two Perspectives: Black and White Sociologists’ Scholarship on the Great Migration, 1890-1930” — American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Panel Session, New York, August 2019
- 2019 “The Migration Experience of Minors in Transit Through Mexico” — Pro Bono Asylum Representation Children’s Project, October 2019
- 2019 “The Migration Experience of Minors in Transit Through Mexico” — 2nd Annual Binational Institute, Project JUSTICIA, Loyola University Chicago, August 2019
- 2018 “Central American Migrants Crossing Mexico and the Migrant Caravan” — Northwestern Law School, November 2018

- 2018 “Unaccompanied Mayan Children and the Journey to the United States” — International Association for the Study of Forced Migration 2018 Annual Conference, Panel, Thessaloniki, Greece, July 2018
- 2018 “Demographics of Central American Unaccompanied Minors and Their Reasons for Leaving Their Home Countries” — Northwestern Immigration Working Group, May 2018
- 2018 “Demographics of Central American Unaccompanied Minors and Their Reasons for Leaving Their Home Countries” — Global Café Event Series, Northwestern University, April 2018
- 2017 “Cushion Countries: How Recent Immigration Policies in Mexico and Turkey Reduce Transit Migration” (with Melike Arslan) — International Meeting on Law and Society, Roundtable, Mexico City, June 2017
- 2017 “Truly Unaccompanied: Central American Child Migrants and Their Migration Strategies” — International Meeting on Law and Society, Panel, Mexico City, June 2017
- 2016 “Working with Indigenous Unaccompanied Minors” — Pro Bono Asylum Representation Children’s Project, October 2016
- 2016 “Numbers and Narratives: Unaccompanied Mayan Children and the Journey North” — ASA Annual Meeting, Roundtable, Section on International Migration, August 2016

TEACHING AND RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

- Instructor, SOC 392: Latin American Migration to the U.S.: Past, Present, and Future (Spring 2021)
- Research Assistant, Dr. Beth Redbird, Occupational Labor Markets and Migration (Winter 2018 and Spring 2019)
- Teaching Assistant, Sociological Analysis (Spring 2018)
- Teaching Assistant, Methods of Observing Human Behavior (Fall 2017 and Winter 2018)
- Teaching Assistant, Class and Culture (2017 Fall)
- Teaching Assistant, Economy and Society (Spring 2017)
- Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Immigration (Winter 2017)
- Teaching Assistant, Society and Law (Fall 2016)
- Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2016)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Expert Witness on Indigenous Migrants, Case Details Confidential
- Contract Data Analyst, Pro Bono Asylum Representation Children’s Project, Harlingen, Texas, 2014 – present
- Chair, 21st Chicago Ethnography Conference, “Issues of Gender in Ethnography,” Evanston, Illinois 2018–2019
- Paralegal, Pro Bono Asylum Representation Children’s Project, Harlingen, Texas, 2012–2014

- Research Assistant, Dr. Jacqueline Hagan of UNC Chapel Hill, Guanajuato, Mexico, Summer 2010
- Research Assistant and Community Coordinator, Community Service Branch of the Universidad Veracruzana (“Casas UV”), Tlapala, Veracruz, 2007–2008