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## Education

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| 2016 | Ph.D., Sociology, Duke University<br>Dissertation: "Inequality, the Welfare State, and Demographic Change"<br>Committee: Kieran Healy (co-chair), Martin Ruef (co-chair), David Brady, and Steven Vaisey  |
| 2013 | M.A. Sociology, Duke University<br>Concentration: Stratification & Inequality   |
| 2009 | B.A. Political Science, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (with honors and distinction)<br><i>Thesis</i> : "New Social Risk: The Effect of Political Factors on Children of Single Mothers in Poverty" (advisor: John Stephens)<br>Second Major: American History |

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## Academic Positions

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| 2023-present | Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley |
| 2016-2023    | Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley |

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## Research Interests

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| • Social Policy                    | • Quantitative methods |
| • Poverty, Inequality and Mobility | • Gender and Family    |
| • Immigration and Migration        | • Political Sociology  |

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## Publications

### Journal Articles, Peer-Reviewed

Bostic, Amie. 2023. "Family, Work, Economy, or Social Policy: Poverty Rates for Child of Single Mothers in Affluent Democracies between 1981-2016." *Population Research and Policy Review*.

Bostic, Amie, and Allen Hyde. 2023 "Dualization, Poverty, and Immigration: A Systematic Analysis of Welfare State Effectiveness and Nativity in 24 Upper-and Middle-Income Democracies. *Social Currents*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965231169253>

Breznau, Nate, Eike Mark Rinke, Alexander Wuttke, Hung H. Nguyen, Muna Adem, Esra Adriaans,...Amie Bostic, others. 2022. Observing many researchers using the same data and hypothesis reveals a hidden universe of data analysis. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119(44), e2203150119

Steele, Liza, Amie Bostic, Scott Lynch, and Lamis Abdelatty. 2022. "Measuring Ethnic Diversity." *Annual Review of Sociology* 48:43-63.

Brady, David and Amie Bostic. 2015. "Paradoxes of Social Policy: Welfare Transfers, Relative Poverty, and Redistribution Preferences." *American Sociological Review* 80(2): 268-298.

### Book Chapters

Restifo, Salvatore J. and Amie Bostic. *Forthcoming*. "Anti-Immigrant Sentiment and Hate: The Past as Prologue." *A Research Handbook on Hate Crime and Society*. Edward Elgar Publishing: Northampton, MA.

O'Rand, Angela, & Amie Bostic. 2016. "Lags and Leaps: The Dynamics of Demography, Economy and Policy and Their Implications for Life Course Research." Pp. 705-720 in *Handbook of the Life Course*. Springer International Publishing.

Bostic, Amie. 2015. "Poverty." Pp. 447-451 in James Ciment and John Radzilowski (Ed.), *American Immigration: An Encyclopedia of Political, Social, and Cultural Change*, Second Edition. New York: Routledge.

### Web Series

Bostic, Amie. 2017. *Your Guide to Multilevel Models*. Durham, NC: Duke University, Social Science Research Institute, ModU.

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### **Selected Research in Progress**

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Bostic, Amie and Samantha Segura (graduate student). "Racial Inequalities in Health and Social Policy: Self-assessed health, Medicaid spending, and racial demographics among single mothers."

Bostic, Amie, Alfonso Mercado, and Francisco Banda (graduate student). "Microaggressions and Ethno-racial Trauma among Mexican Americans: A Vignette Study"

Hyde, Allen, Amie Bostic and Todd Vachon. "Labor Market Structure and the Effects of Immigration on Poverty in in 24 Upper- and Middle-Income Nations"

Restifo, Salvatore, Amie Bostic, and Steven Foy. "Strength in Numbers? Ethnic Group Size and Economic Outcomes."

### **Awards, Fellowships and Honors**

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- 2023 UTRGV Seed Grant, Microaggressions and Ethno-racial Trauma among Mexican Americans: A Vignette Study" (co-PI Alfonso Mercado), \$10,000.
- 2016 EAS Prize for Best Article. "Paradoxes of Social Policy Welfare Transfers, Relative Poverty, and Redistribution Preferences", *American Sociological Review*, 80, 268-298. European Academy of Sociology.
- 2016 Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate School, Duke University
- 2015-2016 Program for Advanced Research in Social Science (PARISS) Fellowship, Duke University
- 2010-2014 James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University
- 2009 Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society Induction, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### **Research Training**

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- 2013-2014 *Research Assistant:* Christina Gibson-Davis, Anna Gassman-Pines, and Elizabeth Ananat, Duke University, Durham, NC.  
Analyzed and managed an original dataset to investigate trends in shotgun marriage. Created figures, added new variables from publicly available sources, and prepared materials for conference submission.
- 2013 *Visiting Research Fellow:* David Brady, WZB Berlin Social Science Research Center, Berlin, Germany.  
Used the Luxembourg Income Study to run sensitivity analyses on various dimensions of social policy, created figures and investigated the influence of political regimes on poverty and public policy.
- 2012-2013 *Research Assistant:* David Brady, Duke University, Durham, NC  
Managed and updated the Comparative Welfare States dataset, converted commands to the new format for the Luxembourg Income Study, and assisted with quantitative analyses. Projects focused on welfare attitudes and the measurement of new welfare state dimensions.

2010-2011                      *Research Assistant:* David Brady, Duke University, Durham, NC  
Collected data and managed the publicly available Comparative Welfare States dataset. Data was both collected from archival sources and with original calculations.

## **Teaching Experience**

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### University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

- SOCI 1301: Intro to Sociology (10 courses)
- SOCI 1323: Social Problems (6 courses)
- SOCI 4310: Sociology of Gender (14 courses)
- SOCI 4360: Sociology of Education (5 courses)
- SOCI 6315: Special Topics-Poverty (2 course)
- SOCI 6315: Special Topics-Political Sociology (2 course)
- SOCI 6364: Sociology of Gender (2 courses)
- SOCI 7300: Thesis I (2 courses)
- SOCI 7301: Thesis II (2 courses)

### Duke University

- SOCIOL 333: Quantitative Analysis of Sociological Data (1 course)
- SOCIOL 338: Theory and Society (Teaching Assistant) (1 course)
- SOCIOL 110: Sociological Inquiry (Teaching Assistant) (1 course)

## **Students Supervised**

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### Graduate Students

Melissa Flores Tavizon (2019-2020, Thesis Chair); Catherine Wacera Muriuki (2021-2022, Thesis Chair); Jorge Contreras (2022, Thesis Committee Member); Luis Macias (2022-2023; Thesis Committee Member)

### Undergraduate Students

Samantha Segura (2022-2023, Engaged Scholar and Artist Award Winner)

## **Selected Presentations**

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| 2024 | Hyde, Allen, Amie Bostic, and Todd Vachon. Labor Market Structure and the Effects of Immigration on Poverty in 24 Upper- and Middle-Income Nations. ASA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. |
| 2023 | Bostic, Amie. Family, Work, Economy, or Social Policy: Poverty Rates for Child of Single Mothers in Affluent Democracies between 1981-2016. TEXPOP, Austin, TX.                             |
| 2023 | Foy, Steven, Salvatore Restifo, and Amie Bostic. Strength in Numbers?: Immigrant Group Size and Economic Outcomes. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC         |

- 2023 Hyde, Allen, Amie Bostic, and Todd Vachon. Labor Market Structure and the Effects of Immigration on Poverty in in 24 Upper- and Middle-Income Nations. III/LIS Comparative Economic Inequality Conference, London.
- 2022 Merhout, Friedolin, Achim Edelmann, and Amie Bostic. Immigration and Public Support for Social Policy: Accounting for the Gender Composition of Immigrant Populations. ASA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Foy, Steven, Salvatore Restifo, and Amie Bostic. Strength in Numbers?: Immigrant Group Size and Economic Outcomes. ASA Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Hyde, Allen, Amie Bostic, and Todd Vachon. Labor Market Structure and the Effects of Immigration on Poverty in in 24 Upper- and Middle-Income Nations. International Labour Process Conference in Padua, Italy.
- 2022 Muriuki, Catherine and Amie Bostic. "Getting by (or not) with a little help from my friends: Intersections of Financial Literacy, Race, and Gender on Source of Financial Information." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting in Birmingham, Alabama.
- 2022 Bostic, Amie. Family, Work, Economy, or Social Policy: Examining Poverty Rates for Children of Single Mothers in Affluent Democracies between 1981-2016. Gender and Women's Studies Program's Annual Spring Speaker Series, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- 2021 Prado, Anna, Amie Bostic, Mario Gil. "Assessing the Mental Health Status of Older Hispanic/Latinx Adults: Focus on the Impact of the Hispanic Cultural Value of Fatalismo on Depressive Symptomatology," UTRGV School of Medicine Research Colloquium The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine.
- 2020 Edelmann, Achim, Amie Bostic, and Friedolin Merhout. "Reassessing the link between immigration and support for social policy. The role of immigrant population demographics." Quantitative Methods Club, University of Copenhagen.
- 2020 Avila, Albert, Anna Prado, Mario Gil, and Amie Bostic. "Social conditions as disease factors: a study on diabetes in Hispanic Americans," UTRGV School of Medicine Research Symposium in McAllen, TX.
- 2019 Bostic, Amie, and Allen Hyde. "Dualization, Poverty, and Immigration: A Systematic Analysis of Welfare State Effectiveness and Nativity in 23 Affluent Democracies." Social Inequality and Social Mobility in Comparative Perspective International Sociological Association; RC28: Social Stratification in Princeton, NJ.

- 2018 Bostic, Amie. "Dualization, Poverty, and Immigration: A Systematic Analysis of Welfare State Effectiveness and Nativity in 17 Affluent Democracies," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Brady, David, and Amie Bostic. "Paradoxes of Social Policy Welfare Transfers, Relative Poverty, and Redistribution Preferences", EAS 17th Regular Meeting European Academy of Sociology in Paris, France.
- 2017 Bostic, Amie. "Exploring the Relationship between Religion and Welfare Preferences: Protestant Ethic, Substitution Effect, and Minority Status." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2016 O'Rand, Angela M. and Amie Bostic. "Lags and Leaps: The Dynamics of Demography, Economy and Policy and Their Implications for Life Course Research." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2015 Bostic, Amie. "School Composition, Teacher Quality, and Teacher Retention." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2015 Bostic, Amie. "School Composition, Teacher Quality, and Teacher Retention in New Immigrant Destinations." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2014 Gibson-Davis, Christina, Anna Gassman-Pines, Elizabeth Ananat, and Amie Bostic. "The Increasing Significance of Shotgun Marriage." Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- 2012-2013 Bostic, Amie. "Immigrant Poverty in Comparative Perspective: A Multi-Level Analysis Across 17 Affluent Democracies."
  - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
  - Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting.
- 2013 Bostic, Amie and E. Paige Borelli. "Money in the Bank? Welfare Generosity and Household Financial Asset Ownership." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2012-2013 Brady, David and Amie Bostic. "Paradoxes Lost and Found: The Dimensions of Social Welfare Transfers, Poverty and Redistributive Preferences in Rich Democracies."
  - Bremen International Graduate School in the Social Sciences, University of Bremen
  - Swedish Institute for Social Research (SOFI), Stockholm University
  - Welcome Lecture, Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences

- The Network for European Social Policy Analysis Annual Meetings
- Conference In/Equalities, Democracy and the Politics of Transition, EDDA – Center of Excellence, University of Iceland

2012 Bostic, Amie. “New Social Risk: the Effect of Political Factors on Children of Single Mothers in Poverty.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

### **Department & University Service**

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2023-2019 Vaquero Roundup (Freshman Orientation), Participant, UTRGV  
 2022 Moderator, UTRGV Distinguished Speaker Series with Lana Condor  
 2021 Panel Member, DisemPOWERED, UTRGV  
 2019-Pres. Graduate Curriculum Committee, Member, UTRGV  
 2016-2021 Core Assessment Committee, Member, UTRGV  
 2018-Pres. Sociology Club, Faculty Advisor, UTRGV  
 2018-Pres. Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Member, UTRGV  
 2018-2021 Outreach Committee, Chair, UTRGV  
 2016-2017 Search Committee, Three Year Lecturer, Member, UTRGV  
 2016-2017 Search Committee, Latino/a Sociology Assistant Professor, Member, UTRGV  
 2013-2015 Sociology Graduate Student Forum, Social Chair, Duke University  
 2012-2013 Sociology Graduate Student Forum, Co-chair, Duke University  
 2011-2012 Sociology Graduate Student Forum, Secretary, Duke University

### **Professional Service**

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2020 Session Chair, Social Welfare, ASA Annual Meeting  
 2019-2020 Committee Member, ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Outreach/Mentoring Committee.

#### Occasional Reviewer for:

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Child and Youth Services Review, European Societies, European Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of European Social Policy, Political Behavior, Social Forces, Social Problems, The Sociological Quarterly

### **Media Contributions**

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2022 The Monitor; McAllen, TX Newspaper  
 2022 Pulse Magazine; UTRGV Student Publication  
 2019 The Rider; UTRGV Student Newspaper  
 2017 The Rider; UTRGV Student Newspaper

### **Additional Training**

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- 2017 PSID Data User Workshop. ICPSR: University of Michigan.
- 2017 LIS Introductory Summer Workshop. LIS Data Center: University of Luxembourg.
- 2012 Multi-Level Models Workshop  
WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany
- 2007 Semester Exchange, Lund University, Sweden

### **Professional Memberships**

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- American Sociological Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Research Affiliate, University of Texas Population Research Center