

Curriculum Vitae

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Position Associate Professor
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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

- Ph.D. Geography**
(November 2013)
- Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain
 - Dissertation: “Inter-ethnic experiences of Polish Immigrants in south-western European neighborhoods. Comparing Sagrada Familia, Barcelona, and Empuriabrava, Castelló d'Empúries”
 - Directors: Dr. Ricard Morén-Alegret, Dr. Àngels Pascual-de Sans
- M.A. Interdisciplinary Studies**
(December 2013)
- Department of Behavioral Sciences, The University of Texas at Brownsville (UTB), USA
- M.A. Sociology**
(October 2007)
- Department of Social Sciences, University of Silesia, Poland
- Graduate studies in Psychology**
(44.5 graduate credit hours in Psychology)
- Individual Studies in Humanities:
Department of Psychology, University of Silesia, Poland,
Department of Psychology, Jagiellonian University, Poland
- B.A. Sociology**
(June 2005)
- Department of Social Sciences, University of Silesia, Poland

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Associate
Professor**

- The Department of Sociology, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
(Fall 2020 – present)

Graduate courses taught:

- Environmental Sociology (online)
- Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness (online)
- Disaster Vulnerability (online)
- Research Methods (face-to-face)
- Research Methods (online)

Undergraduate courses taught:

- Research Methods (online)
- Race and Ethnic Relations (online)
- Urban Sociology (online)

**Assistant
Professor**

- The Department of Sociology, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
(Fall 2016 – Summer 2020)

Graduate courses taught:

- Environmental Sociology (online)
- Research Methods (face-to-face)
- Disasters and Society (online)
- Disaster Vulnerability (online)
- Disaster Mitigation and Preparedness (online)
- Research Methods (face-to-face)
- Directed Study (face-to-face)
- Thesis I (face-to-face)
- Thesis II (face-to-face)

Undergraduate courses taught:

- Research Methods (face-to-face)
- Urban Sociology (online)
- Race and Ethnic Relations (online)
- Independent Study: GIS for Crime Analysis (face-to-face)

- Lecturer I**
- Sociology and Anthropology Department, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley (Fall 2015 – Summer 2016)

Graduate courses taught:

- Directed Study (face-to-face)
- Thesis I (face-to-face)
- Thesis II (face-to-face)
- Research Methods (face-to-face)
- Geographic Information Systems for Social Scientists (face-to-face)

Undergraduate courses taught:

- Introduction to Social Research (face-to-face)
- Research Methods (face-to-face)
- Urban Sociology (face-to-face & online)
- Race and Ethnic Relations (face-to-face & online)
- Geographic Information Systems for Behavioral Sciences (face-to-face)
- Geographic Information Systems for Social Scientists (face-to-face)

- Lecturer**
- Department of Behavioral Sciences at The University of Texas at Brownsville (Spring 2014 – Summer 2015)

Graduate courses taught:

- Social Psychology (face-to-face)
- Geographic Information Systems and Spatial Analysis for Medical Research and Health Care (face-to-face)

Undergraduate courses taught:

- Statistics (online & face-to-face courses)
- Research Methods (online & face-to-face courses)
- Geographic Information Systems for Behavioral Sciences (face-to-face)
- Geographic Information Systems for Crime Analysis (online)
- Flash Programming for the Behavioral Sciences (face-to-face)

- Teaching Assistant**
- Department of Behavioral Sciences at The University of Texas at Brownsville (Spring 2013 – Fall 2013)

TA for the undergraduate courses:

- Minorities (online)

- Holidays and Cross Cultural Symbolism (face-to-face)
 - Rural Sociology (online)
 - Sexuality and Society (face-to-face)
- Research Technician**
- Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) (Spring 2011 – Fall 2012)
- Adjunct Faculty**
- Department of Behavioral Sciences at The University of Texas at Brownsville (Spring 2010)
- Undergraduate courses taught:
- Introduction to Sociology (face-to-face)
 - Political Sociology (face-to-face)
- Internship**
- Migration Research Group (GRM), Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) (2008 – 2009)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Morén-Alegret, R., & **Wladyka, D.** (2019) *International immigration, integration and sustainability in small towns and villages: Socio-territorial challenges in rural and semi-rural Europe*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peer-reviewed articles and book chapters

Sepielak, K. & **Wladyka, D.** (Accepted) Readability and suitability of local disaster preparedness materials in predominantly Hispanic border communities: A case study of Cameron County, Texas, *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*

Raysoni, A., Pinakana S., Mendez, E., **Wladyka, D.**, Sepielak, K., & Temby, O. (2023) A Review of Literature on the Usage of Low-Cost Sensors to Measure Particulate Matter, *Earth*, 4(1), 168-186, DOI: doi.org/10.3390/earth4010009

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Yaworsky, W. (2022) Language proficiency and use of interpreters/translators in fieldwork: A survey of US-based anthropologists and sociologists, *Multilingua: Journal of Cross-Cultural and Interlanguage Communication*, DOI: 10.1515/multi-2022-0071

Mendez, E., Temby, O., **Wladyka, D.**, Sepielak, K., & Raysoni, A. (2022) Using Low-Cost Sensors to Assess PM2.5 Concentrations at Four South Texan Cities on the U.S.-Mexico Border. *Atmosphere*, 13(10), 1554, DOI: 10.3390/atmos13101554

Yaworsky, W., **Wladyka, D.**, & Sepielak, K. (2022) Field Research in the Era of the Islamic State and Trump, *Human Organization*, 81(1), 35-46, DOI: 10.17730/1938-3525-81.1.35

Mendez, E., Temby, O., **Wladyka, D.**, Sepielak, K., & Raysoni, A. (2022) Fine Particulate Matter Concentrations during Independence Day Fireworks Display in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Region, South Texas, USA. *The Scientific World Journal*, DOI: 10.1155/2022/8413574

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Yaworsky, W. (2019). Unsung interpreters: The jumbled practice of language translation in contemporary field research – a study of anthropological field sites in the Arab League countries. *Language and Intercultural Communication*. DOI: 10.1080/14708477.2019.1585443

Morén-Alegret, R., Fatoric, S., **Wladyka, D.**, Mas, A., & Fonseca, L. (2018). Challenges in achieving sustainability in Iberian rural areas and small towns: Exploring immigrant stakeholders' perceptions in Alentejo, Portugal, and Empordà, Spain. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 64, 253–266. DOI: 10.1016/j.jrurstud.2018.05.005

Wladyka, D. & Morén-Alegret, R. (2018). A sustainable touristic place in times of crisis? The case of Empuriabrava – a superdiverse Mediterranean resort. In W. Leal Filho, R. Marans & J. Callewaert (Eds.), *Handbook of sustainability and social science research. World sustainability series* (pp. 263–281). Cham: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-67122-2_15

Morén-Alegret, R., **Wladyka, D.**, & Owen, D. (2018). Immigrants' integration challenges and sustainability in Stratford-upon-Avon: Perceptions and experiences from a 'global' small town in nationalistic times. In S. Kordel, T. Weidinger & I. Jelen (Eds.), *Processes of immigration in rural Europe: The status quo, implications and development strategies* (pp. 46–80). Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Yaworsky, W., & **Wladyka, D.** (2018). War in the feudal zone: State failure and the abandonment of anthropological research in Mexico and Central America. *War and Society*, 38(1), 57–73, DOI: 10.1080/07292473.2017.1412188

Wladyka, D., & Yaworsky, W. (2017). The impact of researchers' perceptions of insecurity and organized crime on fieldwork in Central America and Mexico. *Human Organization*, 76(4), 370–380. DOI: 10.17730/0018-7259.76.4.370

Wladyka, D. (2017). The queries to Google search as predictors of migration flows from Latin America to Spain. *Journal of Population and Social Studies*, 25(4), 312–327. DOI: 10.25133/JPSSv25n4.002

Morén-Alegret, R., Mas, A., & **Wladyka, D.** (2016). Inter-group perceptions and representations in Barcelona. A comparison of Poble Sec and Sagrada Familia neighbourhoods. In F. Pastore & I. Pozzo (Eds.), *Inter-group relations and migrant integration in European cities* (pp. 89–121). Cham: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-23096-2_5

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (2015). Chinese immigrants in the Sagrada Familia neighbourhood of Barcelona, Spain: Their socio-economic viability and identity. In R. Iredale & F. Guo (Eds.), *Handbook on Chinese migration, identity, and wellbeing* (pp. 238–255). Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd. DOI: 10.4337/9781783476640.00019

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (2014). Polish immigration in Barcelona: The Sagrada Familia neighbourhood as an arena for interaction. *International Migration*, 52(1), 146–164. DOI:10.1111/imig.12101

Conference proceedings

Wladyka, D. (2009). Los migrantes polacos en el mercado laboral español y catalán desde una perspectiva mundial y europea. *VI Conference on Migrations in Spain*. Paper presented at VI Conference on Migrations in Spain, A Coruña. Universidade da Coruña: Servizo de Publicacións.

Academic Blog Post

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Yaworsky, W. (2022). What happens when researcher and researched speak different languages? *Language on the Move*. Macquarie University,

<https://www.languageonthemove.com/what-happens-when-researcher-and-researched-speak-different-languages/>

Reports

Kyne, D., Lomeli, A., Sepielak, K., Temby, O., & **Wladyka, D.** (2018). Community Resiliency from Hurricane Disasters in the Bilingual and Bicultural Rio Grande Valley (pp. 20). Edinburg, Texas: Transforming Our World: The Strategic Initiatives Symposium for UTRGV Office of the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. Available at https://www.utrgv.edu/strategicplan-2015/_files/documents/funded-projects/kyne-disaster-preparedness.pdf

Morén-Alegret, R., Mas, A., & **Wladyka, D.** (2012). *Concordia Discors. Understanding conflict and integration outcomes of intergroup relations and integration policies in selected neighbourhoods of five European cities. Barcelona final report.* Available at International and European Forum on Migration Research Website: <http://concordiadiscors.fieri.it/assets/Barcelona-final-report.pdf>

Morén-Alegret, R., **Wladyka, D.**, & Mas, A. (2011). *Concordia Discors. Understanding conflict and integration outcomes of intergroup relations and integration policies in selected neighbourhoods of five European cities. Barcelona background report.* Available at International and European Forum on Migration Research Website: http://concordiadiscors.fieri.it/assets/BR_Bercelona.pdf

Manuscripts in preparation

Wladyka, D., Yaworsky, W., & Sepielak, K. (in preparation) Translation Challenges in Anthropological Fieldwork

Wladyka, D., Raysoni, A., Sepielak, K. & Temby, O. (in preparation) Implementation of Citizen Science Approach and Mobile Low Cost Air Quality Monitors on Texas – Mexico Border.

CONFERENCES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Papers presented

Raysoni, A., Pinakana, S., Sayeed, A., Temby, O., **Wladyka, D.**, Sepielak, K., & Gupta, P. (January 2023). *Using Satellite Data and Low-Cost Sensors to address Agricultural Burning Issues in the Lower Rio Grande Valley Region of South Texas, USA*, 103rd American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

Mendez, E., Temby, O., **Wladyka, D.**, Sepielak, K., & Raysoni, A. (May 2022). *Assessing Intra-Urban Particular Matter 2.5 Concentrations at Rio Grande Valley (RGV), South Texas using Low-Cost Sensors*, Air Sensors International Conference, Air Quality Research Center, Pasadena, CA.

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Yaworsky, W. (March 2022). *Language, Translation and Interpreting in Contemporary Field Research*, The SfAA Annual Meeting Society for Applied Anthropology in Albuquerque.

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Yaworsky, W. (September 2021). *Contemporary Cross-language Research in Social Sciences: Theory vs. Practice*, European Sociological Association Conference 2021 European Sociological Association, Virtual.

Sepielak, K. A., **Wladyka, D.**, Yaworsky, W. (August 2021). *Vernacular and translation in fieldwork: A breach between the ideal and practice*, 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Virtual.

Wladyka, D., Sepielak, K. A., & Yaworsky, W. (April 2021). *The Role of Language in Fieldwork Conducted by U.S. Researchers Studying Non-English Communities*, American Association of Geographers 2021 Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, Virtual.

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Roman, X. (June 2019). *Availability of accessible emergency preparedness online resources in South Texas*, Media for All 8, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden.

Wladyka, D., & Sepielak, K. (June 2019). *Disaster resilience in linguistically vulnerable communities of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, USA*, The Fourth Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies 2019, The Centre of Natural Hazards and Disaster Science and the Department of

Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at the Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden.

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Roman, X. (June 2019). *Readability and suitability of emergency preparedness materials in the Rio Grande Valley*, The Fourth Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies 2019, The Centre of Natural Hazards and Disaster Science and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at the Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden.

Yaworsky, W., & **Wladyka, D.** (April 2018). *Urbanization, crime, and violence in Mexico and Central America*, 2018 Western Social Science Association Conference, San Antonio, TX, USA.

Wladyka, D., Morén-Alegret, R., & Owen, D. (April 2018). *Immigration and tourism in European small towns. A comparative approach to Stratford-upon-Avon (England, UK) and Castelló d'Empúries (Catalonia, Spain)*, American Association of Geographers 2018 Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, New Orleans, LA, USA.

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (November 2017). *Chinese immigrants and socio-economic local sustainability*, 2017 Southwest Texas Asian Symposium, UTRGV, Edinburg, TX, USA.

Sepielak, K., **Wladyka, D.**, & Fresno Cañada, N. (June 2017). *Emergency management in linguistically vulnerable communities. The case of the Rio Grande Valley, Texas, USA*, Points of View in Translation and Interpreting Conference, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (May 2017). *A sustainable touristic place in times of crisis? The case of Empuriabrava – a superdiverse Mediterranean resort*, Sustainability and Social Science Research Symposium, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA.

Wladyka, D. (April 2017). *Inter-ethnic experiences of Polish immigrants in neighborhoods of small towns and large cities in Spain*, 47th Annual Conference of the Urban Affairs Association, Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis, MN, USA.

Wladyka, D., & Yaworsky, W. (March 2017). *Abandonment of anthropological research in Mexico and Central America*, 46th annual meeting of the Society for Cross-Cultural Research, Society for Cross-Cultural Research, New Orleans, USA.

Correa-Cabrera, G., Machuca, M., & **Wladyka, D.** (July 2016). *Mapping forced migrations from Central*

America and the trafficking in persons along Mexico's eastern migration routes, 16th Conference of the International Association for the Study of Forced Migration "Rethinking Forced Migration and Displacement: Theory, Policy, and Praxis", International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, Poznan, Poland.

Yaworsky, W., & **Wladyka, D.** (October 2015). *Notes and queries on state failure and the abandonment of anthropological research in Mexico and Central America*, The National Association for Hispanic and Latino Studies International Research Forum, the National Association for Hispanic and Latino Studies, South Padre Island, TX, USA.

Yaworsky, W., & **Wladyka, D.** (April 2015). *Violence in Mexico and Central America and its effects on anthropological research*, American Association of Geographers 2015 Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL, USA.

Morén-Alegret, R., **Wladyka, D.**, & Albert Mas. (June 2014). *The neighborhood forum as a community engagement tool in superdiverse areas: experiences from Barcelona*, 1st International Conference on Superdiversity: "Theory, method and practice in an era of change", Institute for Research into Superdiversity, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, UK.

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (March 2014). *Towards a Mediterranean 'superdiverse' small town? Immigration and sustainability in Empuriabrava neighborhood, Catalonia, Spain*, 44th Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Urban Affairs Association, San Antonio, TX, USA.

Wladyka, D. (April 2013). *The neighborhood's micro-geography and the inter-ethnic interactions. The case of Polish immigrants in Catalonia, Spain*, 15th Annual UTB/TSC Research Symposium, UTB/TSC, Brownsville, TX, USA.

Wladyka, D. (February 2012). *Inter-ethnic relations of Polish immigrants in Catalonia*, 10th Annual Seminar Series on Migration, GRM, Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain.

Morén-Alegret, R., **Wladyka, D.**, & Mas, A. (February 2012). *Does the locality size matter? Foreign immigrants' integration in Barcelona, Roses and Castelló d'Empúries (Spain)*, 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, American Association of Geographers, New York, NY, USA.

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (February 2012). *Inter-ethnic relations of Polish immigrants in Sagrada Familia neighborhood, Barcelona, and Empuriabrava neighborhood, Castelló d'Empúries (Catalonia, Spain)*, 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, American Association of Geographers, New York, NY, USA.

Morén-Alegret, R., **Wladyka, D.**, & Mas, A. (February 2012). *Latin American immigration in Barcelona. Comparing the cases of Poble Sec and Sagrada Familia neighborhoods*, Latin-American Migration, Patterns of Settlement and Transnational Dynamics. Perspectives from Europe, the USA and South America, New York University, New York, USA.

Wladyka, D. (September 2011). *Immigrants' integration and sustainability in an ethnically diverse small town: Exploring the Case of Castelló d'Empúries, Spain*, 16th International Metropolis Conference, Metropolis, Ponta Delgada, Portugal.

Morén-Alegret, R., **Wladyka, D.**, & Mas, A. (September 2011). *Foreign immigration and the 2011 local elections in Barcelona: Channeling diversity?*, COMPAS conference Ethnography, Diversity and Urban Space, Centre on Migration, Policy & Society, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (September 2011). *Inter-ethnic relations of Polish immigrants in Barcelona. Exploring the case of Sagrada Familia neighborhood*, Eighth Annual International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) Conference, IMISCOE, Warsaw, Poland.

Wladyka, D., Mas, A., & Morén-Alegret, R. (July 2011). *Background report on Barcelona*, Concordia Discors 2nd workshop, International and European Forum on Migration Research (FIERI), Turin, Italy.

Wladyka, D., & Morén-Alegret, R. (February 2011). *Approaching the two selected neighborhoods in Barcelona*, Concordia Discors kick-off workshop, European Policy Centre (EPC), Brussels, Belgium.

Wladyka, D. (March 2010). *Inter-ethnic relations of Polish immigrants in Catalonia. Preliminary introduction and background of the study on cross-cultural attitudes and interactions*, 12th Annual UTB/TSC Research Symposium, UTB/TSC, Brownsville, TX, USA.

Wladyka, D. (September 2009). *Los migrantes polacos en el mercado laboral español y catalán desde una perspectiva mundial y europea. Estudio estadístico*, VI Congreso Nacional sobre la Inmigración en España, A Coruña, Spain.

Conference panels chaired and organized

Wladyka, D. & Sepielak, K. (June 2019). *Accessibility in emergency preparedness*, The Fourth Northern European Conference on Emergency and Disaster Studies, The Centre of Natural Hazards and Disaster Science and the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology at the Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden.

Wladyka, D. (April 2015). *Violence and performance in public spaces*, American Association of Geographers 2015 Annual Meeting, American Association of Geographers, Chicago, IL, USA.

De la Garza, B., Sepielak, K., & **Wladyka, D.** (May 2014). *Theory Meets Practice: Using audio and visual cues to predict bilinguals' performance*, 26th Association for Psychological Science Convention, Association for Psychological Science, San Francisco, CA, USA.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Funded Research Grants

Project title: *B.R.E.A.T.H. Bike & Research: Evaluation of Air for Texans' Health*
Role: **PI**
Funding source: **Office of Faculty Success & Diversity, UTRGV**
Funding amount: \$10,000.00
Funding period: 2023

Project title: *Empowering Air Quality Knowledge Base of the Lower RGV Citizenry in Brownsville- Harlingen – McAllen Metropolitan Area*
Role: **Co-PI** (PI: Amit Raysoni)
Funding source: **North American Development Bank (NADB) / Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), US Government**
Funding amount: \$84,000.00
Funding period: 2023 - 2024

Project title: *Integration of Satellite data on Air Pollution with Socioeconomic Indicators to Assess the Impacts of Agricultural Burning on Local Communities in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of South Texas*

Role: **Co-PI** (PI: Amit Raysoni)

Funding source: **National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**, US Government

Funding amount: \$249,999.00

Funding period: 2022 - 2024

Project title: *Community resiliency from hurricane disasters in the bilingual and bicultural Rio Grande Valley*

Role: **Co-PI** (PI: Dean Kyne)

Funding source: **Office of the Provost and Executive Vice-President for Academic Affairs**, UTRGV

Funding amount: \$12,180

Funding period: 2017 - 2018

Project title: *Immigrants' integration and the role of a diversity of organizations in achieving sustainable small towns and rural areas*

Role: **Researcher** (PI: Ricard Morén-Alegret)

Funding source: **The Ministry of Science and Innovation**, Government of Spain.

Funding amount: €91,960

Funding period: 2010–2013

Project title: *Concordia Discors. Understanding conflict and integration outcomes of inter-group relations and integration policies in selected neighbourhoods of five European cities*

Role: **Researcher** (PI: Ferruccio Pastore)

Funding source: **European Commission**. Amount: €50,000 (Spanish part)

Funding period: 2011–2012

Academic exchange and travel awards

Faculty Travel Award, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, USA (2019)

Faculty Travel Award, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, USA (2018)

Faculty Travel Award, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, USA (2017)

“Erasmus” internship program: Migration Research Group, Department of Geography, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain (2008–2009)

Student’s mobility program “MOST”: Ethnic Relations and International Migration, Latin-American Studies, Psychology at the Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland (2007–2008)

“Socrates – Erasmus” exchange program: Department of Political Science and Sociology and Department of Translation and Interpreting, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain (2006–2007)

Other academic awards

Outstanding Graduate Director Award, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, USA (2019)

Student Talent Scholarship, The University of Texas at Brownsville, USA (2013)

Graduate Assistantship, The University of Texas at Brownsville, USA (2012–2013)

Academic Achievements Award, Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland (2007–2008)

Academic Achievements Award, University of Silesia, Poland (2006–2007)

SERVICE

Journal editor and reviewer

Reviewer, International Migration Review (2023)

Reviewer, Oxford University Press (2020)

Associate Editor, International Journal of Disaster Response and Emergency Management (IJDREM) (2017–present)

Reviewer, Central and Eastern European Migration Review (2017)

Professional memberships and collaborations

Affiliate Faculty, Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin (2021 – present)

Research Group on Ecological Economics, ECONECOL (2017–2021)

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, IASMF (2016–2021)

Urban Affairs Association, UAA (2014–2017)

Migration Research Program of the Research Group on Coastal and Marine Resources, Territories, Landscapes and Migrations, INTERFASE (2014–2017)

American Association of Geographers, AAG (2012–2015)

Association for Psychological Science, APS (2014)

Migration Research Group, GRM, Autonomous University of Barcelona (2009–2014)

University and College service

Committee Member, Department of Psychological Science Chair Search Committee (2022 - 2023)

Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts Assessment Committee (2022 – present)

Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts Graduate Enhancement and Growth Committee (2022 – present)

Committee Member, Department of Psychological Science Chair Search Committee (2021 - 2022)

Committee Member, Department of Psychological Science Chair Search Committee (2020 - 2021)

Committee Member, Interim Associate Dean for Assessment in the College of Liberal Arts Search Committee (2020)

Peer teaching evaluator for Psychological Science department (2020)

Lead Author, UTRGV Strategic Enrollment Planning, Strategy 12 – Build a bilingual curriculum planning group to identify degrees and certificates (UG, post-bac, Grad) that can accelerate our movement toward having truly bilingual programs (2019)

Committee Member, the College of Liberal Arts Sustainability Graduate Certificate Development (2019)

Task Force Member, UTRGV Strategic Enrollment Planning, Graduate Working Group (2018–2019)

Mentor, Presidential Graduate Research Assistantship (2018–2019)

Peer teaching evaluator for Translation and Interpreting program (2018)

Internal Reviewer, National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipends (2016)

Author, Mapping the College of Liberal Arts students' spatial enrollment patterns across campuses (2016)

Recruiter, Collaboration with Learning Center in recruiting tutors for Dual Enrollment program (2016)

Committee Member, UTB Behavioral Sciences Department Scholarship Committee (2014–2015)

Collaborator, organization of the “Medical Interpreting Certificate” ceremony (2014)

Collaborator, organization of the “Day of the Death” on-campus celebrations (2013)

Collaborator, organization of the “International Translation Day” colloquium (2013)

Departmental service

Committee Chair, Assistant Professor in Sociology Search Committee (2022–2023)

Committee Chair, Part-Time Lecturer in Sociology Search Committee (2022)

Peer teaching evaluator (2022)

Collaboration, Climate Justice and Community Resilience – Keynote speech by Ramón Cruz (2022)

Committee Chair, 3-year Lecturer in Sociology Search Committee (2021 - 2022)

Committee Member, Associate/Full Professor in Sociology (Disaster Studies) Search Committee (2021)

Committee Member, 3-year Lecturer in Sociology (Disaster Studies) Search Committee (2021)

Committee Member, Sociology Annual Review Committee (2020 – 2022)

Committee Chair, Part Time Lecturer in Sociology Search Committee (2020)

Committee Chair, 3-year Lecturer in Sociology Search Committee (2020)

Committee Member, Sociology and Anthropology Workload Policy (2018–2020)

Committee Member, MS in Sociology Re-Development (2017–2018)

Peer teaching evaluator (2016–2018)

Committee Chair, Assistant Professor in Sociology Search Committee (2016–2017)

Committee Chair, 3-year Lecturer in Sociology Search Committee (2016–2017)

Graduate coordination and assessment

Committee Member, MS in Sociology Assessment Committee (2019–present)

Committee Chair, MA in Disaster Studies Assessment Committee (2017–present)

Assessment Coordinator, MA in Disaster Studies (2017–present)

Co-Director, MA in Disaster Studies (2016–2019)

Coordinator, Development of promotional materials for MA in Disaster Studies (2016–2019)

Graduate Advisor, MA in Disaster Studies (2016–present)

Committee Member, Disaster Studies Committee (2016–present)

Collaborator, Development of the MA in Disaster Studies curriculum (2016–2019)

Committee Member, Sociology Graduate Curriculum Committee (2016 – 2017)

Coordinator, MA in Disaster Studies at the UTRGV Brownsville campus (2016–present)

Participated in Graduate Directors/Coordinators meetings (2016–2019)

Represented MA in Disaster Studies at the UTRGV Graduate Fairs (2016–2018, 2023)

Represented MA in Disaster Studies at CLA Graduate Information Sessions (2016–2018)

Represented MS in Sociology at CLA Graduate Information Sessions (2016)

Represented MS in Sociology at Graduate Fairs (2015–2016)

Graduate Advisor for MS in Sociology (2015–present)

Graduate Advisor for MAIS in Sociology (2014–2017)

Graduate Advisor for MA in Psychology (2014–2015)

Dissertations, Theses and Comprehensive Exams committees

Master's Thesis Committee Member, School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences: Kasandra Jimenez (2023 - present)

Master's Thesis Committee Member, School of Earth, Environmental, and Marine Sciences: Esmeralda Mendez, *Assessing Intra-Urban Particulate Matter (PM2.5) Concentrations at the Lower Rio Grande Valley (RGV), South Texas, USA, Using Low-Cost Sensors* (2022)

Master's Thesis Committee Member, MS in Disaster Studies: Ashrafuzzaman Nazim, *Community-based Evacuation Preparedness Plan for Decision Making, One-step further to Hurricane Resilient Community in Rio Grande Valley* (2022)

Doctoral Advisory Committee Member, El Colegio de la Frontera Norte – Tijuana: Line Françoise Lucienne Crettex, *Ciudad inclusiva y migración: Barcelona como ciudad refugio y Los Ángeles como ciudad santuario en la era del COVID-19* (2020 - 2022)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MAIS: Cristina Madrid (2019)

Master's Thesis Committee Chair, MA in Disaster Studies: Brianna Bautista (2019–2020)

Master's Thesis Committee Chair, MA in Disaster Studies: Leslie Seaton Sanchez (2019–2020)

Graduate Capstone/Senior Project, MA in Disaster Studies: Bernardino Palacios, *Pediatrics in Disasters: Emergency Management Planning and Preparation* (2020)

Master's Thesis Committee Member, MA in Disaster Studies: Yajaira Ayala, *Understanding Local Vulnerability in the Rio Grande Valley* (2018 – 2019)

Master's Thesis Committee member, MA in Disaster Studies: Cristina Madrid, *Local disaster planning and preparedness coordination in the Rio Grande Valley* (2017–2018)

Master's Thesis Committee Chair, MS in Sociology: Yasmin Cordero, *International migration in Santa María Huatulco, Oaxaca* (2016–2018)

Master's Thesis Committee Chair, MAIS in Sociology: Cecile Caddel, *The Hispanic female scholars: Experiences of an underrepresented minority. A study of The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley* (2016–2017)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MAIS in Sociology: Samantha Garcia (2017)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MA in Communication: Myrhanda Ortega (2017)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MA in Communication: Patricia Montemayor (2017)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MAIS: Amanda Fisher (2016)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MAIS in Sociology: Armando Garza (2015)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MAIS: Maria Guadarrama (2015)

Master's Thesis Committee member, MA in Psychology: Isis Lopez, *Don't bring me down: A study of the perceived emotional impact of positive, negative, and neutral content on Facebook* (2015)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MA in Psychology: Celeste Ledezma (2015)

Master's Comprehensive Exam Committee member, MA in Psychology: Luis Garcia (2015)

Master's Thesis Committee member, MA in Psychology: Kathleen Glynn, *Gratitude and kindness: Just what the doctor ordered* (2015)

Directed student learning and research supervision

- Graduate Assistant supervisor, SEEMS: Kasandra Jimenez (2023)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Disaster Studies: Leslie Seaton Sanchez (2019–2020)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Disaster Studies: Brianna Bautista (2019–2020)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MS in Sociology: Karen Flores (2018–2019)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MS in Sociology: Alberto Avila (2018–2019)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Disaster Studies: Xochilth Roman (2018)
- Graduate Supervised Research, Xochilth Roman & Samantha Garcia, *University's commitment to sustainable access to potable water* (2018)
- Graduate Directed Study, MA in History: Isabel Shea (2017)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Disaster Studies: Sarah Ward (2016)
- Undergraduate Directed Study, BA in Sociology: Wendy Macias (2016)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Psychology: Victoria Vento (2015)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Psychology: Celeste Ledezma (2015)
- Supplementary Instructor supervisor, MA in Psychology: Daniel Avila (2015)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Psychology: Helen Wagstaff (2014)
- Graduate Assistant supervisor, MA in Psychology: Jose Gomez (2014)
- Supplementary Instructor supervisor, MA in Psychology: Daisy Martinez (2014)
- Research Experience Student Intern supervisor, MA in Psychology: Jose Gomez (2014)
- Research Experience Student Intern supervisor, MA in Psychology: Luis Garcia (2014)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPEMENT

Workshops and trainings

- Training, Closing the 5-year Assessment Framework / TK20 (2021)
- Training, Development of the 5- year Assessment Framework / Watermark (2021)
- Workshop, Keys to Research (2020 - 2021).
- Workshop, CLA Assessment Training / Workshop (2019)
- Training, UTRGV Action Planning Webinar (2019)
- Workshop, Tk20 Student Learning Outcomes Annual Result Training (2018)
- Workshop, Marketing and Recruiting Across the Adult Student Lifecycle (2018)
- Training, FPT Crash Course (2018)
- Workshop, NFSP: Session VIII – Getting Published: Tools & Strategies (2017)
- Workshop, College of Liberal Arts Faculty Orientation Meeting (2017)
- Workshop, NFSP: Session VII – Navigating External Funding (2017)
- Training, Applying the Quality Matters Rubric Training and Certification (2016 and 2018)
- Workshop, Assessment 101: An Introductory Workshop on Assessment, (2016)
- Workshop, NFSP: Session II – Exploring Internal Funding Sources (2016)
- Workshop, NFSP: Session V– Preparing for your 1st Year Review: Expectations & Dossier Preparation (2016)
- Workshop, College of Liberal Arts New Faculty Orientation Meeting (2016)
- Workshop, NFSP: Session III – Managing Your Time: Teaching, Research, and Service (2016)

Related professional skills

Geographic Information Systems: ArcGIS

Statistics: SPSS

Language proficiency

	Reading	Speaking	Writing
Polish	native	native	native
English	fluent	fluent	fluent
Spanish	fluent	fluent	fluent
Catalan	good	basic	basic