

Dr. Bienvenido Ruiz Martinez

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Department of Sociology
(956) 665-7843
Email: ben.ruiz@utrgv.edu

Education

PhD, Northwestern University, 2013.

Major: Sociology

Title: Assimilation, Social Mobility and Racial Formation: The Multi-Generational Mexican American Perspective

MA, Northwestern University, 2006.

Major: Sociology

Title: Socioeconomic Background, Race, and Male Disadvantage in Higher Education

BS, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras, 1988.

Major: Chemistry

Employment History

Academic - Post-Secondary

Associate Professor, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. (September 2020 - Present).

Assistant Professor, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. (September 1, 2015 - August 2020).

Assistant Professor, University of Texas-Pan American. (September 2014 - August 2015).

Adjunct Faculty, National Louis University. (January 2014 - June 2014).

Professional

Stata Specialist, Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. (September 2010 - August 2012).

Scientist, Pharmaceutical Research and Development, Pfizer Global R&D. (1998 - 2003).

Associate Scientist, Pharmaceuticals Department, Parke-Davis Division of Warner-Lambert Co. (1990 - 1998).

Professional Memberships

Southern Sociological Society. (2015 - Present).

American Sociological Association. (2003 - Present).

Development Activities Attended

- Webinar, "Leveraging Technology in Online Courses," Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology. (June 30, 2023 - Present).
- Webinar, "Student Activity Reports in Blackboard," Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology. (November 1, 2022 - Present).
- Seminar, ""Online Educational Resources Adoption"," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence. (February 10, 2021).
- Seminar, "Technical Talk," UTRGV Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology. (July 14, 2020 - August 11, 2020).
- Webinar, "Designing for Student Engagement in a Live Online Session," UTRGV Center of Teaching Excellence. (May 20, 2020).
- Webinar, "Designing a Resilient, Digital-Ready Syllabus for an Uncertain Future," Packback, Inc., Chicago, IL. (May 19, 2020).
- Webinar, "Teaching with Technology for Stats and Linguistics," UTRGV Center for Online Learning and Teaching Technology. (May 13, 2020).
- Webinar, "Alternative Forms of Assessment Using Technology Tools," UTRGV Center of Teaching Excellence. (May 7, 2020).
- Webinar, "Increasing Student Engagement Through Technology," UTRGV Center of Teaching Excellence. (March 19, 2020).
- Workshop, "Challenging Mainstream Narratives: Teaching Gender, Sexuality, and the Body," UTRGV Center of Teaching Excellence. (February 21, 2020).
- Workshop, "Just in Time teaching conference workshop: 'Helping Students Engage in Reflection'," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence. (May 2018).
- Workshop, "Just in Time teaching conference workshop: 'Learner-Centered Syllabus & First Day of Class Engaging Activities'," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence. (May 2018).
- Seminar, "Small Teaching Workshop: 'Getting More Students to Read'," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence. (January 2018).
- Seminar, "Small Teaching Workshop: 'Structuring Your Class to Make Learning Stick'," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence. (January 2018).
- Workshop, ""Flipping the College Classroom "," CTE-UTRGV, Edinburg, TX. (July 13, 2017).
- Workshop, "Successfully Delivering a Summer Course," CTE-UTRGV, Edinburg, TX. (May 16, 2017).
- Workshop, ""Teaching through Questioning"," CTE-UTRGV, Edinburg, TX. (November 2, 2015 - December 3, 2015).
- Seminar, "Teaching Online Certification Training," UTRGV Center for Teaching Excellence. (November 2014).

TEACHING

Teaching Experience

The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley

SOCI 1301, Intro to Sociology, 1 course.
SOCI 3347, Sociology of Immigration, 1 course.
SOCI 4313, Race & Ethnic Relations, 1 course.
SOCI 4314, Sociology of Deviance, 9 courses.
SOCI 4333, Social Theory, 13 courses.
SOCI 4352, Social Stratification, 17 courses.
SOCI 4383, Independent Studies, 1 course.
SOCI 6300, Statistics, 4 courses.
SOCI 6301, Social Theory, 1 course.
SOCI 7300, Thesis I, 2 courses.

The University of Texas Pan American

SOCI 4314, Sociology of Deviance, 2 courses.
SOCI 4333, Social Theory, 1 course.
SOCI 4352, Social Inequality, 1 course.

Non-UTRGV Courses Taught

National Louis University
LAS 105, Introduction to Sociology.
National Louis University
LAS 426, Multicultural Dimensions.
National Louis University
LAS 565, Research Design & Methodology.
Northwestern University
SOC 110, Introduction to Sociology.

Directed Student Learning

Master's Thesis Committee Chair, "The Politics of Emotion in Transborder Families across the US-Mexico border," Department of Sociology and Anthropology, SOCI 7300-90L, (January 2023 - Present)
Aaron Adame

Master's Thesis Committee Chair, "Who Carries the Burden? A sociology of emotions approach for the struggle to maintain relationship across the US-Mexico border," Department of Sociology and Anthropology, SOCI 7300, (August 23, 2021 - December 13, 2021)
Aaron Adame

Undergraduate Supervised Research, Psychology (UTPA), SOCI 4383, (January 17, 2017 - May 2017)
Carlos De León

RESEARCH

Published Intellectual Contributions

Book Review

Ruiz Martinez, B. (2007). *Parades and Power: The Boricua Odyssey* (594th ed.). New York, New York: City Limits Weekly. www.citylimits.org/news/articles/3363/parades-and-power

Book, Chapter in Scholarly Book-New

Ruiz Martinez, B. (2022). "Dependence". In James Hawdon, Bryan Miller, and Matthew Costello (Ed.), *Marijuana in America: Cultural, Political, and Medical Controversies*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Ruiz Martinez, B. (2022). "History of Dependence". In James Hawdon, Bryan Miller, and Matthew Costello (Ed.), *Marijuana in America: Cultural, Political, and Medical Controversies*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Ruiz Martinez, B. (2022). "Prevalence of Dependence". In James Hawdon, Bryan Miller, and Matthew Costello (Ed.), *Marijuana in America: Cultural, Political, and Medical Controversies*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Journal Article, Academic Journal

Restifo, S. J., Ryabov, I., Ruiz Martinez, B. (2023). Race, Gender, and Nativity in the Southwest Economy: An Intersectional Approach to Income Inequality. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 42, 1-32. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11113-023-09779-x>

Ruiz Martinez, B., Ulibarri, B. J., Lomeli, A. S., Guerra, R. S., Longoria, R. R. (2018). The Relative Influence of Legal Pressure on Outcomes in a Rehabilitation Aftercare Drug Court. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 19. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-018-9465-3>
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12103-018-9465-3>

Ruiz Martinez, B., Guerra, R. S., Lomeli, A. S., Longoria, R. R., Ulibarri, B. J. (2018). The Catholic Church and Mexican American Social Mobility in the Postwar Midwest: Evidence from Life and Family Histories. *Social Currents*, 5(1), 32-48.
journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2329496517704870 10.1177/2329496517704870

Ruiz Martinez, B. (2017). Latino Group Consciousness as a Resource: The Case of Second and Third Generation Mexican Americans. *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies*, 42(2), 17-47.
<http://www.ingentaconnect.com/content/csrc/aztlan/2017/00000042/00000002/art00003>

Sandoval, J.S. Onésimo, Ruiz Martinez, B. (2011). Pan-Latino Neighborhoods: Contemporary Myth or Reality. *Sociological Focus*, 44(4), 295-313.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/00380237.2011.10571400> 10.1080/00380237.2011.10571400

Chen, L. R., Wesley, J. A., Bhattachar, S., Ruiz Martinez, B., Bahash, K., Babu, S. (2003). Dissolution Behavior of a Poorly Water Soluble Compound in the Presence of Tween-80. *Pharmaceutical Research*, 20(5), 797-801. 10.1023/A:1023493821302

Presentations Given

- Ruiz Martinez, B., Garza Treviño, A. D., Ulibarri, B. J., (March 30, 2023). *"Identity Interruption Processes among Young Adults in Community Supervision: Evidence from Interactive Journaling"*, 2023 Southwestern Social Science Association annual meeting Southwestern Social Science Association in Fort Worth, TX.
- Ruiz, B., Ulibarri, B. J., Guerra, R., Lomeli, A., Trevino-Garza, A., (November 2020). *Subjective Processes in Desistance among Young Adults in Community Supervision: Evidence from Interactive Journaling*, American Society of Criminology Texas A&M University in Washington, D.C.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., Restifo, S. J., Ryabov, I., (August 2019). *Dynamic Inequalities: Race, Sex, and Nativity in the Southwest Economy*, Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association American Sociological Association in New York, NY.
- Restifo, S. J., Ruiz Martinez, B., Ryabov, I., (April 2019). *Race, Sex, and Income Inequality in the Southwest*, Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America Population Association of America in Austin, TX.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., Guerra, R. S., Ulibarri, B. J., (November 2018). *The Relative Influence of Legal Pressure in an Aftercare Drug Court*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., Ulibarri, B. J., Guerra, R. S., Lomeli, A. S., (November 15, 2018). *The Relative Influence of Legal Pressure on Outcomes in a Rehabilitation Aftercare Drug Court*, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting 2018 American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., (October 26, 2016). *The Catholic Church and Mexican American Social Mobility in the Postwar Midwest: Evidence from Life and Family Histories*, International Research Forum Conference National Association of Hispanic & Latino Studies in South Padre Island, TX.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., (2013). *Are Latinos a racial Minority? Latino identity and racial formation(s)*, Dickinson College in Dickinson College.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., (August 2013). *Social Mobility and Ethnic Cultural Capital among Second and Third Generation Mexican Americans*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting American Sociological Association in New York, NY.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., (April 2007). *Socioeconomic Background, Race and Current Male Disadvantage in Higher Education*, American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting American Educational Research Association in Chicago, IL.
- Ruiz Martinez, B., (March 2007). *Pan-Ethnic Diversity in U.S. Latino Enclaves*, Population Association of America Annual Meeting Population Association of America in New York, NY.

Media Contributions

Radio

- Marketplace program (distributed by American Public Media) interview: "Border life: A unique housing market in McAllen". (March 2019).

TV

Interview on Texas-Mexico border refugee situation for local ABC affiliate KRGV. (January 2021).

Research Currently in Progress

"Affluent Migrant Enclaves across the Texas Mexican Border Region" (On-Going).

The project seeks to understand the relocation of relatively affluent families from Mexico to the Texas border regions and the increase of this migration pattern occurring in recent decades. Middle and upper-middle class Latino immigrants are an often overlooked demographic sector of the U.S. foreign-born population, and their higher concentration in border regions is having an economic and social impact that is still poorly understood. This project makes use of regional geocoded data in combination with statistical modeling in order to track demographic changes at the census tract, county and metropolitan area levels.

"Subjective Processes in Desistance among Young Adults in Community Supervision: Evidence from Interactive Journaling" (Writing Results).

Study investigating identity changes linked to the offender desistance process among young adults under court-mandated community supervision. Qualitative methodology is used to analyze data from interactive journaling and other records secured under agreement with the HCCSCD. This project was also supported by funding from UTRGV's Sociology Department in July 2020 (\$1995).

SERVICE

Department Service

Committee Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee. (September 2021 - Present).

Committee Co-Chair, Tenure Track Faculty Annual Review Committee. (September 2021 - Present).

Committee Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Sociology Program. (September 1, 2018 - Present).

Committee Member, Educational Program Student Learning Outcomes assessments committee, Sociology. (September 2016 - Present).

Committee Member, Assistant Professor in Sociology/CLA search. (July 27, 2021 - August 31, 2022).

Committee Co-Chair, General Education Core Assessment Committee, Sociology Department. (September 1, 2021 - August 1, 2022).

Committee Member, Part-Time Lecturer in Sociology search. (November 1, 2019 - January 13, 2020).

Committee Member, One-Year Appointment: Lecturer I Sociology Search. (June 2019 - September 2019).

Committee Member, Part-time Lecturer in Sociology Search. (August 2017 - September 2017).

Committee Member, One-Year Appointment: Lecturer I Sociology Search. (July 2017 - September 2017).

Committee Co-Chair, Sociology Colloquium organizing committee. (January 2015 - August 2017).

Committee Member, Assistant Professor search (Latina/o Sociology, Border and Political Sociology) Sociology and Anthropology/College of Liberal Arts. (September 2016 - February 2017).

Committee Chair, One-Year Lecturer in Sociology Search. (October 2016 - January 2017).

Committee Chair, Part-time Lecturer in Sociology Search. (September 2016 - December 2016).

Committee Chair, One-Year Lecturer in Sociology/College of Liberal Arts search. (April 2016 - August 2016).

Committee Chair, 3-year Lecturer I in College of Liberal Arts/Sociology. (November 2015 - March 2016).

Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Sociology search (race/ethnicity, politics, gender, family, and/or culture). (September 2015 - March 2016).

Committee Chair, 3-year Sociology Lecturer I search. (September 2015 - December 2015).

Committee Member, Sociology of Family/Poverty Assistant Professor search committee. (August 2015 - December 2015).

Committee Chair, Part-time Sociology Lecturer search. (May 2015 - August 2015).

Committee Chair, One-Year Sociology Lecturer search. (May 2015 - July 2015).

Committee Member, Environmental Sociology/GIS Assistant Professor search. (March 2015 - July 2015).

Committee Chair, Sociology Lecturer I search. (March 2015 - July 2015).

Committee Member, Sociology of Health Open faculty search committee. (January 2015 - May 2015).

College Service

Faculty Mentor, Faculty mentor to Dr. James Parisot (Political Science) on behalf of the College of Liberal Arts. (October 2022 - Present).

Equity & Diversity Advocate, Associate/Full Professor of Public Affairs and Security Studies/CLA search (FRGV1322). (June 2022 - July 2023).

University Service

Dream Zone faculty advocate for Office of Student Success. (June 2018 - Present).

Faculty Advisor, UTRGV LGBT faculty Ally. (January 2015 - Present).

Task Force Member, CMAS #BLM Task Force member. (May 2021 - February 2022).

Program Coordinator, General Education Core Assessment Coordinator, Sociology. (September 2016 - August 2021).

Professional Service

Other

Reviewer, Journal Article, Journal of Offender Rehabilitation. (June 2018 - August 2023).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Sociology Compass. (September 21, 2020 - February 12, 2021).

Reviewer, Journal Article, American Journal of Criminal Justice. (November 2018 - August 2019).

Reviewer, Journal Article, Social Problems journal. (September 2018 - December 2018).

Public Service

Guest Speaker, First United Methodist Church of McAllen Seminar, McAllen, TX. (July 2018).

Guest Speaker, Texas Methodist Foundation "Encuentro" Conference, McAllen, TX. (October 11, 2017).

* indicates undergraduate student

** indicates graduate student