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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, Río Piedras, 1988.
Major: Chemistry

Employment History

Academic - Post-Secondary

Associate Professor, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. (September 1, 2020 – present)

Assistant Professor, University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley. (September 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).

Professional Memberships

Southern Sociological Society. (2015 - Present).

American Sociological Association. (2003 - Present).

Development Activities Attended

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 3347, Sociology of Immigration, 1 course.
 SOCI 4314, Sociology of Deviance, 7 courses.
 SOCI 4333, Social Theory, 10 courses.
 SOCI 4352, Social Stratification, 13 courses.
 SOCI 4383, Independent Studies, 1 course.
 SOCI 6300, Statistics, 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

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

RESEARCH

Published Intellectual Contributions

Book Review

Ruiz, 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, B. (in press). Marijuana 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

Ruiz, B., Ulibarri, B. J., Lomeli, A., Guerra, R., Longoria, 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, B., Guerra, R., Lomeli, A., Longoria, 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, B. (2017). Latino Group Consciousness as a Resource: The Case of Second and Third Generation Mexican Americans. *Aztlan: 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, 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, 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

Under Contract

Book, Chapter in Scholarly Book-New

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

Presentations Given

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*, Annual Meeting American Society of Criminology in Washington, D.C.

Restifo, S., Ryabov, I., Ruiz, B., (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., Ruiz, 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.

Guerra, R., Ruiz, B., Lomeli, A., 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, B., (November 15, 2018). *The Relative Influence of Legal Pressure on Outcomes in a Rehabilitation Re-entry Drug Court*, 2018 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting American Society of Criminology in Atlanta, GA.

Ruiz, 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, B., (2013). *Are Latinos a racial Minority? Latino identity and racial formation(s)*, Dickinson College in Dickinson College.

Ruiz, 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, 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, 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) (March 14, 2019)
<https://www.marketplace.org/2019/03/14/border-life-unique-housing-market-mcallen/>

Research Currently in Progress

"Adult Probation in Hidalgo County, TX" (Writing Results).

This research examines the predictors of successful probation success in Hidalgo County, TX. This project is in collaboration with Adult Probation in Hidalgo County.

"Adult Probation--DWI courts study, Hidalgo County" (Planning).

Part of the Adult Probation project, this study uses a qualitative approach to investigate the substance abuse rehabilitation process in local problem-solving court programs.

"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.

"Dynamic Inequalities: Race, Sex, and Nativity in the Southwest Economy" (Writing Results).

This research project explores the impact of immigration on metropolitan patterns of racial and ethnic inequality along the U.S./Mexico border.

"Youthful Offender Probation/Diversion Court Study, Hidalgo County" (Planning).

Part of the Adult Probation project, this study uses a qualitative approach to investigate the programming and rehabilitation process in a local problem-solving court specialized in probation-level offenders ages 18-to-25.

SERVICE

Department Service

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

Committee Member, Part-time Lecturer in Sociology Search. (November 2019 - December 2019).

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).

University Service

Program Coordinator, Undergraduate Curriculum Coordinator, Sociology program. (September 2018 - Present).

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

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

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

Professional Service

Other

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

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

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).