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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Assistant Professor, Sociology and International Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018-9 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research
Tulane University

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2018
- Dissertation:* “Worthy of Safe Haven: The Politics of Asylum in Contemporary Brazil”
Committee: Javier Auyero (Chair), Nestor Rodriguez, Ben Carrington, Harel Shapira, Lorraine Leu Moore, Denise Gilman
Specialization: Race and Ethnicity, African and African Diaspora Studies Doctoral Portfolio
- M.A. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013
- Thesis:* “Framing Afrodescendants in a Country ‘*Donde No Hay Negros*’ (Where There Are No Blacks): A Critical Analysis of the 2010 Argentine Census Survey of African Descent”
- Coursework in Social Sciences, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2009-2010
- B.A. Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Vassar College, 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and ethnicity, political sociology, forced migration, ethnography, Latin America

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Katherine Jensen and Javier Auyero. Forthcoming. “Teaching and Learning the Craft: The Construction of Ethnographic Objects.” *Research in Urban Sociology* (Special Issue, Urban Ethnography: Legacies and Challenges) 16:69-87.

Katherine Jensen. 2018. “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 41(15):2615-2633.

* Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention – *Body and Embodiment Section, American Sociological Association*

* Best Social Sciences Article Award, Honorable Mention – *Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association*

Shapira, Harel, Katherine Jensen, and Ken-Hou Lin. 2018. "Trends and Patterns of Concealed Handgun License Applications: A Multi-State Analysis." *Social Currents* 5(1):3-14.

Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, and Javier Auyero. 2017. "A Proposal for Public Sociology as Localized Intervention and Collective Enterprise: The Makings and Impact of *Invisible in Austin*." *Qualitative Sociology* 40(2):191-214.

Auyero, Javier and Katherine Jensen. 2015. "For Political Ethnographies of Urban Marginality." *City & Community* 14(4):359-363.

Katherine Jensen. 2014. "Black Brazil Never Slept." *Contexts* 13(2):44-49.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Katherine Jensen. 2018. "El asilo pensado como un campo: percepciones, posturas y relaciones en el proceso de refugio en Brasil" (Asylum thought as a field: Perceptions, stances and relations in the asylum process in Brazil). Pp. 27-50 in *Pierre Bourdieu en la sociología latinoamericana: El uso de campo y habitus en la investigación* (Pierre Bourdieu in Latin American Sociology: The Use of Field and Habitus in Research), eds. R. Castro and H. J. Suárez. Mexico City, MX: UNAM Press.

Katherine Jensen. 2015. "Kumar: Driving in the Nighttime." Pp. 138-161 in *Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City* edited by J. Auyero. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.

* Press coverage and reviews in *Contemporary Sociology*, *The Guardian*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Social Service Review*, *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, *Texas Observer*, *Bloomberg Business*, *Austin Monthly*, *Booklist*, *Street Roots News*, *The Daily Texan*

Brenda Pereyra, Nuria Pena, and Katherine Jensen. 2012. "Teaching to remember: Memorials of repression in Argentina and the impact on students." In *International Education and Global Justice: Rethinking the Politics of Sustainability*, edited by T. Belghazi and S. Graiuid. Rabat, Morocco: Publications of the Faculty of Letters.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

The Color of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil. Book manuscript in preparation.

"Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson's *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale." Invited chapter for *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School of Sociology*, eds. Dennis Rodgers and Gareth A. Jones. Under review at Cambridge University Press. (Chapter complete, submitted to editors).

"The Cognitive Production of State Legibility: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination." (In progress).

"Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil." (In progress).

"Envisioning Refugee Status: The Production of Refugee Apathy." Invited submission for Special Issue "The Social Life of the State" to be submitted to *Qualitative Sociology*. (In progress).

“Hamid: A Refugee’s Search for Firm Ground.” Invited chapter for edited volume project “Invisible in Latin America.” (In progress).

BOOK REVIEWS

Katherine Jensen. In Press. “Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria by Julia Dahlvik.” *Contemporary Sociology*.

Katherine Jensen. 2019. “Asylum after Empire: Colonial Legacies in the Politics of Asylum Seeking by Lucy Mayblin.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(8):1380-1382.

Katherine Jensen. 2013. “Consent of the Damned: Ordinary Argentinians in the Dirty War by David M. K. Sheinin.” *The Latin Americanist* 57(3):106-108.

Jensen, Katherine and Javier Auyero. 2012. “Lives at the Urban Margins.” *Public Books*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Katherine Jensen. 2018. “Bolsonaro Marks a Xenophobic Turn for Brazil.” *States, Power, & Societies: ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter*. Fall:10-12.

Katherine Jensen. 2015. “Stop calling it a ‘refugee crisis.’” *The Daily Texan*.

Auyero, Javier, Caitlyn Collins, and Katherine Jensen. 2015. “Exposing the Underbelly of Austin’s Economic Segregation.” June 24, *Austin American-Statesman*.

*Reprinted in *Texas Perspectives*, *TODO Austin*, and *Life & Letters*

Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, Kristine Kilanski, and Javier Auyero. 2015. “The Other Side of Austin, Texas.” *Metropolitics*.

Katherine Jensen. 2014. “Dismantling White Supremacy at Vassar.” *Racism Review*.

Katherine Jensen. 2013. “When the Bullets Aren’t Rubber: Racism and Violence in Brazil’s Protests.” *Racism Review*.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Awards and Honors

2018 Honorable Mention, Best Social Sciences Article Award, Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association

Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Body and Embodiment Section, American Sociological Association

Travel Grant, Brazil Section of Latin American Studies Association

2016-17 P.E.O. Scholar Award, P.E.O. International (\$15,000)

2015-16 Fulbright Award, U.S. Department of State (\$16,200)

- 2015 Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association
- 2012 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (\$15,000)
Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

Internal Awards and Honors

- 2018 Travel and Research Award, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University
Graduate Student Assembly Travel Grant, UT-Austin
- 2017-18 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$30,185)
- 2017 Graduate Summer Fellowship, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin (\$2,500 – *declined*)
- 2015 University of Texas at Austin Excellence Award (\$5,000)
Graduate Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award, UT-Austin
Anna Luiza Ozorio de Almeida Field Research Grant, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin (\$700)
Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$750)
- 2014 Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
- 2013 Predoctoral Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,337)
Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,500)
- 2012 Academic Scholarship, UT-Austin (\$1,236)
Anthropology in Rio Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin (\$1,375)
International Education Fee Scholarship, UT-Austin (\$1,300)
- 2011 Sociology Department Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$5,000)
University Tuition Grant, UT-Austin (\$1,500)
- 2009 Maguire Fellowship, Vassar College (\$17,715)
General and Departmental Honors, Vassar College
Student Life Recognition Award, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College
- 2008 Burnam Fellowship, Vassar College (\$2,500)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Politics of Asylum in Brazil.” Social Science History Association Meeting. Chicago, IL.

- “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” Development in Dialogue Conference. Notre Dame, Indiana.
- “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” Junior Theorists Symposium. New York, New York.
- 2018 “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Meeting. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
- “From the Asylum Officials’ Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination.” ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- “From the Asylum Officials’ Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination.” The Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology: Cultural, Pragmatist, and Psychosocial Approaches Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson’s *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale.” LASA Conference. Barcelona, Spain.
- “The Racial Logics of Determining Refugee Status: A View from Brazil.” Divided We Stand? Race and Immigration in the Trump Era Conference. Austin, Texas.
- 2017 “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and Knowledge Production in Brazil.” ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil.” SSSP Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- “Against the *Illusio*: Troubling Refugee Status.” Graduate Student Affiliate Workshop, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. Austin, Texas.
- “Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson’s *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale.” The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School for Contemporary Urban Studies Workshop. Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2016 “El asilo pensado como un *campo*: percepciones, posturas y relaciones en el proceso de refugio en Brasil.” “Haciendo Trabajar a Pierre Bourdieu Desde America Latina: Habitus y Campo en la Investigación Social” Colloquium. Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2015 “Through a White Logic: Screening Asylum Seekers in Brazil.” LASA Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 “Do You Really Believe He Escaped That House? Racist Epistemologies in the Brazilian Asylum-Screening Process.” SSS Annual Meeting. Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 2013 “A Critique of Credibility: The Asylum-Screening Process in Brazil.” ASA Annual Meeting. New York, New York.
- “‘We Afrodescendants Are Products of the Slave Trade’: Exclusionary Framings of the Argentine 2010 Census Question on African Descent.” ILASSA Conference. Austin, Texas.

- 2012 “Framings of the 2010 Argentine Census Survey of African Descent: African Migrant Communities and the Boundaries of Inclusion.” UT Department of Spanish and Portuguese 20th Colloquium. Austin, Texas.
- “Continuities of State Repression and Social Injustice: Lessons from the Spatial Margins in Argentine Memory-Making.” LAGO Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 *(Scheduled)*. “The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil,” University of Chicago, Center for Latin American Studies
- 2019 “The Cognitive Production of State Legibility: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination,” University of Wisconsin, Sociology of Economic Change and Development Workshop Series
- “Teaching and Learning Ethnography,” Tulane University, Department of Sociology
- 2018 “The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil”
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology
 - London School of Economics, Department of Sociology
 - University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Sociology
 - Florida Atlantic University, Department of Sociology
 - Sam Houston State University, Department of Sociology
- Invited moderator, “Migration and Precarious Citizenship: Identity and Memory in the 20th Century,” LAGO Conference, Tulane University
- “Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”*
- KUT Book of the Month Club, BookPeople
 - “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government, UT-Austin
- 2017 “The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil”
- University of Toronto, Department of Sociology
 - Washington and Lee University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
- “Seeking Refuge in Our Current Era,” P.E.O. International, Austin Chapter
- “Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”*
- AP Macroeconomics Course, McCallum High School
 - “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government, UT-Austin
 - “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin
- 2016 “Diaspora como conceito (Diaspora as a concept),” “Diaspora e problemática racial” Panel, Solar dos Abacaxis: Freedom/Territory, in partnership with UNHCR Brazil
- “Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”*
- Institute for Urban Policy and Research
 - Sociology Course, Dripping Springs High School
 - “Sociology in Action” Student Organization, UT-Austin

2015 “Introduction to Ethnography,” Fundamentals of Research Methods Graduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin

“Local Implementation,” Amnesty International Texas State Conference

“Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”

- BookPeople
- Texas Book Festival
- Humanities Texas Book Fair
- Moody College of Communication
- UT Press Advisory Council
- Abriendo Brecha Activist Scholarship Conference
- “Doing Public Scholarship” Graduate Course, American Studies, UT-Austin
- “Fictions of the Real” Graduate Course, Spanish and Portuguese, UT-Austin
- “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin

TEACHING AND RELATED EXPERIENCE

2019- Assistant Professor, Sociology and International Studies, UW-Madison

Course: Introduction to International Studies (Fall 2019)

2018-19 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Tulane University

Course: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

2015-17 Instructor, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin

Courses: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in American Society
Urban Sociology (Co-taught with Prof. Javier Auyero)

2015 Inclusive Classrooms Teaching Certificate, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, UT-Austin

2013 Teaching Certificate in First-Year Interdisciplinary Instruction, School of Undergraduate Studies, UT-Austin

2010-11 Program Assistant, “Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights,” SIT Study Abroad, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2008-09 ESL Teaching Assistant, Poughkeepsie High School, Poughkeepsie, New York

2006-09 Educational Assistant, Rural and Migrant Ministry, Poughkeepsie, New York

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

2019- Faculty Affiliate, Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies, University of Wisconsin

2012-18 Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin

2015-18 Graduate Student Affiliate, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin

- 2014-17 Research Assistant, Prof. Harel Shapira, “Concealed Carry Permits in the US,”
Department of Sociology, UT-Austin
- 2017 Qualitative Research Analyst, Research and Analytical Services Department, Trellis

LANGUAGES

English, native; Portuguese, fluent; Spanish, fluent

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE AND ACADEMY

- 2014- Reviewer for *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Theory*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *American Political Science Review*, Routledge, and Rowman and Littlefield Press
- 2016-17 Thesis Advisor, Carlos G. Leos, “Inmigración e Integración Regional: La Nafta, El Mercosur, y la Unión Europea,” Master’s in International Relations, Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2013-14 Student Editorial Board Member, *Law and Human Behavior*

SERVICE TO DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY

- 2019- Senator, Sociology Department Representative, Faculty Senate, University of Wisconsin
- 2019- Member, “Race and Ethnic Studies” Standing Committee for Preliminary Exams, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin
- 2019- Member, Web and Online Outreach Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin
- 2018-19 Coordinator, Confronting the Challenges of Poverty and Inequality Workshop, Tulane University
- 2015-18 Co-Organizer, “Ethnographic Approaches” Speaker Series, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin
- 2014-17 Graduate Student Mentor, Sociology Undergraduate Honors Theses, UT-Austin
- 2012-16 Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin
- 2015 Graduate Student Representative, Student Government, UT-Austin
- 2014 Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program, UT-Austin
- 2013 LGBTQ Ally Certification, Gender and Sexuality Center, UT-Austin

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Latin American Studies Association; Social Science History Association; Southern Sociological Society; Society for the Study of Social Problems