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Areas of Specialization

Migration, Citizenship, Borders and Integration
Social Inequality and Intersectionality
Qualitative Research, Interpretive Methods and Multi-scalar Analysis

Academic Positions

2018- Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, California State University, San Bernardino
2014-2018 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, Scarborough
2010-2014 Course Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto

Education

2012 Ph.D., Sociology in Education
University of Toronto (Ontario Institute for Studies in Education).
2006 M.A. Women Studies
San Francisco State University
2004 B.A. Molecular and Cell Biology, Minor Women's Studies,
University of California, Berkeley

Publications

Book Manuscript

Villegas, P.E. (Under contract, UBC Press, expected Fall 2020) *Assembling Migrant Illegalization: Mexican Migrants in Toronto*.

Journal Articles Under Review

Villegas, P.E. Flexible and Assembled Bordering Practices: The imposition and revocation of a visa for Mexican nationals traveling to Canada. **Article**.

Villegas, P.E. Landolt, P. Basu, R., Freeman, V., Hermer, J. and Videkanic, B. Crossing Scarborough: Differential Inclusion, Migration, Space, and Settler Colonialism. **Article**.

Manuscripts in Progress

Villegas, P.E. "I don't want to go to school and I'm 35...and I never have papers": Access to Postsecondary Schooling for Precarious Status Students in Toronto. **Article**.

Villegas F.J. and Villegas, P.E. *Los Niños Florero*: Internal Borders, Migrant Illegalization, and our Undocumented Migrant Experience. *Detained Voices/ Voces Detenidas*. Edited by M. Montserrat Feu López and Amanda Venta. **Book Chapter**.

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Villegas, P.E, Barrie, B., Pena, S., Alphonso, J., and Mamoon, A. (published online) Integration, Settler Colonialism, and Precarious Legal Status Migrants in Canada. *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-019-00670-3>

Villegas, P.E. (2019) “I made myself small like a cat and ran away”: Workplace sexual harassment and precarious immigration status and legal violence. *Journal of Gender Studies* 28(6) 674-686 <https://doi.org/10.1080/09589236.2019.1604326>

Villegas, P.E. and Aberman, T. (2019) “A double punishment: The context of postsecondary access for racialized precarious status migrant students in Toronto, Canada.” *Refuge: Canada’s Journal on Refugees*. 35(1) 72-82.

Villegas, P.E. and Blower, J. (2019) “Part of *being Canadian* is having access to health care”: Framing the boundaries of healthcare deservingness for non-citizens through the Interim Federal Health Benefits Plan *Canadian Journal of Communication*. 44(1) 69-88.

Villegas, P.E. (2018) “We must use every legal means to ... put them behind bars, or to run them out of town”: “Failed” racialized citizens and the deservingness of presence and immigration status in Toronto’s inner suburbs. *Journal of Critical Race Inquiry* 5(1) 27-41.

Villegas, P.E. (2015) Moments of Humiliation, Intimidation and Implied ‘Illegality’: Encounters with Immigration Officials at the Border and the Performance of Sovereignty. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 41(14), 2357-2375.

Villegas, P.E. (2015) Fishing for Precarious Status Migrants: Surveillant Assemblages of Migrant Illegalization in Toronto, Canada. *Journal of Law and Society* 42(2), 230-52.

Villegas, P.E. (2015) Interlocking migrant illegalization with other markers of social location: The experiences of Mexican migrants moving and working in Toronto. *Women Studies International Forum*. 48 (January-February), 185-192

Villegas, P.E. (2014) “I can’t even buy a bed because I don’t know if I’ll have to leave tomorrow”: Temporal orientations among Mexican precarious status migrants in Toronto. *Citizenship Studies*. 18 (3-4), 277-91.

Villegas, P.E. (2013) Assembling a visa requirement against the Mexican ‘wave’: Migrant illegalization, policy, and affective ‘crises’ in Canada. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 36 (12) 2200-19. DOI:10.1080/01419870.2012.705009

Book Chapters

Villegas, P.E. and Aberman, T. (forthcoming 2020) Now I constantly challenge society by bringing my existence forward’: Creating Counterspaces and Counterstories with Sanctuary Students in Post-Secondary Education in Toronto. In *A Better Future: The Role of Higher Education for Displaced and Marginalized People*. Edited by Jacqueline Bhabha, Wenona Giles and Faraaz Mahomed. Cambridge University Press.

Villegas, P.E. (forthcoming 2020) Beds, Masks and Prayers: Mexican Migrants and the Immigration Regime in Canada. *Asylum for Sale: Profit and Protest in the Asylum Industry*. Edited by Adrienne Pine and Siobhan McGuirk. PM Press.

Villegas, P.E. and Villegas, F.J. (2019) Migrant Illegalization and Minoritized Populations. In Ratuva S. (Ed.) *The Palgrave Handbook of Ethnicity*. Cham, Switzerland, 1-17 https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-13-0242-8_87-1

Villegas, P.E (2019) “Bridging Borders: Teaching a Bridging Course with Precarious Status Students Transitioning to the University” in Villegas F. and Brady, J. (Eds.) *Critical schooling: Transformative theory and practice* Cham, Switzerland: Springer, 245-268.

Villegas, F.J. and Villegas, P.E. (2019). Bordered Lives: An Autoethnography of Transnational Precarity in, Hurd, E. (Ed.) *The Reflexivity of Pain and Privilege: Auto-Ethnographic Collections of Mixed Identity*. Boston, MA: Brill Sense, 175-190.

Villegas, P.E. (2013) “Negotiating the boundaries of membership: Health care providers, access to social goods and immigration status” in Luin Goldring and Patricia Landolt Eds., *Producing and negotiating non-citizenship: Precarious legal status in Canada*. Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 221-237. (Peer Reviewed)

Edited Volumes

Aberman, T., Villegas, F., Villegas, P. (Eds.) (2016) *Seeds of Hope, Creating a Future in the Shadows*. FCJ Refugee Centre. Toronto.

Non-Refereed

Villegas, P.E. (2014). Introduction. *Latin American Encounters: A Journal of the Latin American Researchers of Ontario* 2.

Villegas, P.E. (2013) Migrant Illegalization and Transnational Precarities in Maya’s Toronto. *Latin American Encounters: A Journal of the Latin American Researchers of Ontario*, 1, 41-47.

Villegas, P.E. (2009). Mexican migrants and immigration status in Canada. *Border-Lines*, 3, 110-126.

Reports

Landolt, P., Villegas, P. E., & Villegas, F. (2012). Social Citizenship, Politics in the Global City: Negotiating Access to Public Goods for Toronto Immigrants with Precarious Status (pp. 1-12). Toronto: CERIS – The Ontario Metropolis Centre.

Book Reviews

Villegas, P.E. (accepted). “Robert J. Durán: The Gang Paradox: Inequalities and Miracles on the U.S.-Mexico Border” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Villegas, P.E. (2012). “Patricia Zavella: I’m Neither Here nor There: Mexicans’ Quotidian Struggles with Migration and Poverty. Durham and London: Duke University Press 2011.” *Labour/Le Travail* 70, 329-331.

Villegas, P.E. (2011) "Kathleen M. Coll. Remaking Citizenship: Latina Immigrants and New American Politics. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2010. 248pp." *Camino Real*, 5. 237-239

Magazine and Newspaper articles

Villegas, P. (2016). Desinformación Sobre La Visa Para Mexicanxs En Canadá: Un Llamado De Solidaridad Ante Un Pánico Moral (Misinformation about the Visa for Mexicans in Canada: A Call for Solidarity in the Face of a Moral Panic). *Revista Debate*. December 6.

<http://www.revistadebate.net/desinformacion-sobre-la-visa-para-mexicanxs-en-canada-un-llamado-de-solidaridad-ante-un-panico-moral/>

Villegas, P. (2014) Somos Nosotras, Parte del Festival de la Imagen y la Palabra [We are us, festival of images and words]. *El Correo Canadiense*. October 17. http://issuu.com/cmjournal.com/docs/cc_oct17_2014

Villegas, P. & Leonty, S. (2008) Between borders: An immigrant's story. *Shameless Magazine*, Issue 12.

Fellowships and Awards

2019 Faculty Member of the Year, Undocumented Student Success Center, California State University, San Bernardino.

Elevate Fellow (Enriching Learning, Enhancing Visibility & Training Educators) early career faculty training program. Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions (CMSI) Philadelphia, PA, May 29-31, 2019. (Competitive Application)

2016-2017 University of Toronto, Scarborough Professor of the year award. *The Underground* (University of Toronto Student Publication) <http://the-underground.ca/2016-2017-professors-of-the-year/>

2016 Between the TRC and Immigrant Scarborough, Workshop. Organized with Patricia Landolt. Funded by University of Toronto Sesquicentennial Fund.

2013 The Leithwood Award: the OISE Outstanding Thesis of the Year

2006-2011 Connaught Scholarship, University of Toronto

2009 Mary Smith Memorial Bursary, OISE/UT
CERIS – The Ontario Metropolis Centre Graduate Student Research Award

Research Professional Development

2019 Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute (IQRMI), University of Maryland Consortium on Race, Gender and Ethnicity (CRGE) (Competitive Application)

Advisory Research History

2008 *The Right to Learn: Access to Public Schooling for Non-status Immigrants*. Toronto: The Toronto Social Planning Council of Toronto

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2019 Villegas, P.E. “Flexible and Assembled Bordering Practices: The imposition and revocation of a visa for Mexican nationals traveling to Canada.” Association for Borderlands Studies. San Diego, California. April 27.
- 2018 Villegas P.E. “I don’t want to go to school and I’m 35...and I never have papers”: Access to Postsecondary Schooling for Precarious Status Students in Toronto. Workshop: Spectrums of Migrant Exclusions (Convened by Rhacel Parrenas, Rachel Silvey, Tanya Golash-Boza, Patricia Landolt and Luin Goldring). Toronto, October 5.
- 2018 Villegas, P.E. “What do precarious legal status migrants learn about settler colonialism? Critical Ethnic Studies Association. Vancouver, British Columbia June 23.
- 2018 Villegas, P.E. “Flexible and Assembled Bordering Practices: The imposition and revocation of a visa for Mexican nationals traveling to Canada.” Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies. Montreal, Quebec. May 16.
- 2016 Villegas, P.E. “Sexual Harassment and Immigration Status.” Canadian Sociological Association. June 2. University of Calgary, Canada.
- 2015 Villegas, P.E. & Blower, J. “Framing Deserving and Undeserving Precarious Status Migrants in Canada’s Interim Federal Health Benefits Program.” Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, Toronto, Canada May 14.
- Villegas, P.E. “Precarious Status Migrants and Criminalized Citizens: Public Discourses of Deservingness, Citizenship and Belonging in Toronto.” Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Toronto, Canada April 30.
- Villegas, P.E. “University-Community Partnerships: A Case-Study in the Scarborough Settlement Services Sector.” National Metropolis Conference, Vancouver Canada, March 27.
- 2014 Villegas, P.E. “Surveillant Assemblages of Illegalization in Toronto Canada” Canadian Sociological Association. May 28, 2014. Brock University, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.
- 2013 Villegas, P.E. “The immigration system as a funnel: Access to healthcare for precarious status migrants” Canadian Sociological Association. June 5, 2013. Victoria, Canada.
- 2012 Villegas, P.E. “I can’t even buy a bed because I don’t know if I’ll have to leave tomorrow”: Mexican precarious status migrants in Toronto and their ability to plan for the future. Workshop on Time & Globalization organized by the Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada.
- Villegas, P.E. “I can’t even buy a bed because I don’t know if I’ll have to leave tomorrow”: Mexican precarious status migrants in Toronto and their ability to plan for the future. National Metropolis Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- 2011 Villegas, P.E. Visa restrictions, transnational migrant illegalization and Mexicans in/and Canada. Canadian Sociological Association 46th Annual Meeting, Fredericton, NB, Canada.

2010 Villegas, P.E. Travel Visas and Denied Claims: The Discursive and Material Production of Mexican/Migrant Illegality in Toronto: Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada.

Villegas, F., Landolt, P., & Villegas P.E. Precarious Status and the Reorganization of Public Services in Toronto—The Case of Health & Public education. 12th National Metropolis Conference Montreal Canada.

Organized Workshops

2017 Crossing Scarborough: Nation, Migration and Place Making between the 150 and the TRC. Co-organized with Patricia Landolt. University of Toronto, Scarborough, September 28, 2017

Invited Addresses and Guest lectures

2019 We Carry the Borders on our Bodies: Bridging and maneuvering immigration status barriers in U.S. and Canadian postsecondary education CSUSB Yotie Talk March 7, 2019.

Considering the PhDream. CSUSB Undocumented Student Success Center's 3rd Annual Dreaming of Grad School Conference January 12th, 2019

2018 Canadian Dreamers and Access to Postsecondary Education. CSUSB Social and Behavioral Sciences Junior Faculty Research Symposium December 4, 2018.

2017 The State of Postsecondary Education and Immigration Status: A U.S. / Canada comparison. Great Explorations, UTSC Speaker's Series. University of Toronto, Scarborough. October 17, 2017.

2017 Migration, Displacement and Belonging (Co-taught with Luin Goldring). Young Amautas of the Americas Youth Summer Program. Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC), York University, July 20, 2017.

2016 Immigration Status and Sexual Harrassment, presented at II Conferencia Pro-Empoderamiento de la Mujer Ecuatoriana en Canada (Second Conference promoting the empowerment of Ecuadorian Women in Canada) Consulate of Ecuador, Toronto, February 27.

2015 Mexican Migration to Canada, presented at a Roundtable of Mexican Migration, Mexico Days, University of Calgary, October 28, 2015.

Immigration status as constitutive of gender-based violence: Mexican migrants and precarious immigration status in Toronto. Guelph University, International Women's Day Celebration, March 6, 2015.

Teaching

California State University, San Bernardino

- Qualitative Research (Winter 2019, Spring 2019)
- Sociology of Gender (Winter 2019)
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Spring 2019)
- Immigration, Inequality, and Social Policy (Spring 2019)

University of Toronto, Scarborough

- Advanced Seminar in Migration and Ethnicity- 4th year seminar on migration, race and qualitative methods (Fall 2017, Winter 2017, Fall 2015, Fall 2014 - Collaboration with the departments of Women and Gender Studies and History)
- Migrations and Transnationalisms—(Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Winter 2015, Fall 2010)
- Queer Migrations (Winter 2017)
- Immigrant Scarborough – 4th year seminar on migration and research methods. (Fall 2016, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, Winter 2014)
- Social Inequality (Winter 2018, Fall 2016, Winter 2016, Winter 2015, Winter 2014, Winter 2012)
- Supervised Independent Research (undergraduate): Immigration and Access to Social Goods in Canada (Summer 2015, Summer 2014)
- Supervised Independent Research (undergraduate): Queer Migrations and Homonationalisms (Summer 2015)
- Gender and Work (Winter 2018, Summer 2014)
- Sociology of Gender (Winter 2018)

York University

- Critical Approaches to Migration and Uprootedness – Bridging Program for Precarious Status Students (Winter 2017, Summer 2017)

Curriculum Development

2016 Bridging Course, York University for migrant students. FCJ Refugee Centre, funded by City of Toronto.

2013-2014 Immigrant Scarborough. University of Toronto, Scarborough

Pedagogical Development

Presentations

2016 Liddle, K, Villegas, F & Villegas P.E. "Teaching objectives" or The Objective of Teaching?: Allied practices and collective resistance alongside student partners. UTSC 8th Annual Celebration of Teaching and Faculty Showcase, April 6.

Villegas, P.E. Body Maps for Teaching Migration. University of Toronto's Teaching & Learning Symposium. May 10

Memberships

2016-2018 Critical Pedagogy Working Group. University of Toronto, Scarborough.

Training

2019 Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Institute. California State University, San Bernardino

2018-2019 Project Based Learning Institute. California State University, San Bernardino.

Professional Service

Department of Sociology, California State University, San Bernardino

2018 Sociology of Family Faculty Search Committee

Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, Scarborough

2017-2018 Alumni Relations

- 2016-2017 Campus Visit, Applicant Showcase Committees
- 2016-2015 Communications Committee
Undergraduate Research Day Committee
- 2015-2014 Academic Plan Committee

Interviews and Artistic Expressions

- 2019 Villegas, P.E. (2019) *Mis roots* (poetry). in, Hurd, E. (Ed.) *The Reflexivity of Pain and Privilege: Auto-Ethnographic Collections of Mixed Identity*. Brill. 89-90.
- Cover art for book *Critical Schooling: Transformative Theory and Practice*. Springer.
- 2018 Interview: Los inmigrantes mexicanxs en Canadá entre fronteras flexibles y multiples [Mexican migrants in Canada between flexible and multiple borders]. Conducted by Leonora Chapman May 29. <http://www.rcinet.ca/es/2018/05/29/los-inmigrantes-mexicanos-en-canada-entre-fronteras-flexibles-y-multiples/>
- Art Exhibit: *Arbitrary Borders*. Organized by *Beyond Fear Arts Collective* and the *Quaker Committee for Refugees*. Curated by Helen Melbourne. Toronto. April 5-7
- 2017 Poetry Reading. Migration and Gender. Casa Maiz, International Women's Day. March 4
- Interview. Canada: Legislacion Vigente Criminaliza al Migrante. [Canada: Current Legislation Criminalizes Migrants] conducted by Luis Alberto Laborda. February 24. http://www.rcinet.ca/es/2017/02/24/canada_legislacion_vigente_criminaliza_al_migrante/
- 2016 Art Exhibit participant. Casa Maiz. Migration, Gender and Violence as part of Pinceles Latinos Art Exhibit. December 17. Toronto.
- Art Exhibit participant. Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) event. Wychwood Barnes. Toronto. October 29.
- Reading of *Mis Roots* (my roots, poetry). The Global Symposium on Violence Prevention. Peel Institute on Violence Prevention. June 23, 2016. Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.
- Art Exhibit participant: Beyond Fear and Loss, Reaching for Hope: The visual expression of refugee experience of flight from homeland, and the journey to a new life in Canada. Organized by the *Quaker Committee for Refugees*, April 1, Toronto, Canada.
- 2014 "I carry the border with me": Intersections between art, academic research and personal experience. Presented at the 23rd Festival of Words and Images, Glendon College, October 11.
- 2013 Interview. "Procesos de ilegalización de los Migrantes" [Migrants' processes of illegalization] conducted by Pablo Gomez Barrio, Radio Canada (also features painting "Braceros"), April 15. www.rcinet.ca/es/2013/04/15/procesos-de-ilegalizacion-de-los-migrantes/

Cover art for book *Producing and Negotiating Non-Citizenship: Precarious Legal Status in Canada*, edited by Luin Goldring and Patricia Landolt, University of Toronto Press.

2012 Cover art for book *La Tolvanera* by Jesus Maya (poetry), published by Latin American Researchers of Ontario.

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS)
Critical Ethnic Studies Association
Affiliate, Centre for Excellence for Immigration and Settlement (CERIS)
Associate Fellow, Center for Research on Latin American and the Caribbean (CERLAC)
External Research Associate, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego

Languages

Spanish – Reading: fluent; Conversational: professional; Translation to English: fluent;
Writing: limited