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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley — Ph.D. (Expected 2027)

Sociology, Emphasis on Migration, Latin America, Political Sociology, Race/Ethnicity

Dissertation: “De Aquí y De Allá”: Young Return Migrants’ (Re)Integration in Mexico

Committee: Cristina Mora & Cybelle Fox (Co-Chairs), Tianna Paschel, Cal Morrill, Irene Bloemraad

University of California, Berkeley — M.A. (2016)

Latin American Studies

Thesis: “El Sueño Mexicano: Returning Migrant Youth’s Adaptation Experience in Oaxaca, Mexico”

University of California, Davis — B.A. (2012)

International Relations & Anthropology, Emphasis in Peace & Security and Latin America

Thesis: “Undocumented Minors’ Unaccompanied Journey to the U.S: A Mexico-U.S. Case Study”

Study Abroad: University of Granada, Spain (08/10–06/11); UCEAP Cusco, Peru (06/09–07/09)

PUBLICATIONS

Ramírez, Adriana P. *Forthcoming*. “The Road to Return: Children’s Experiences of (Un)Anticipated US Departure.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* Special Issue: Migration across the Americas.

Ramírez, Adriana P. 2024. “Double Citizenship as a Double-Edged Sword: Young Return Migrants’ Code-Switching for Belonging in Mexico.” *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spae025>

**Winner, Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award (2025), International Migration Section, ASA

**Honorable Mention, Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award (2024), Latina/o Sociology Section, ASA

**Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society Graduate Student Paper Prize (2022)

Ramírez, Adriana P. “The Time in Between: Children’s Experiences of Departing the U.S. and “Returning” to Mexico.” (2026). Berkeley, CA: UC Berkeley Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.

<https://clasberkeley.wpcomstaging.com/2026/02/08/the-time-in-between-childrens-experiences-of-departing-the-u-s-and-returning-to-mexico/>

Ramírez, Adriana P. “El Sueño Mexicano: Returning Migrant Youth’s Adaptation Experience in Mexico.” (2019).

Berkeley, CA: UC Berkeley Center for Latin American Studies. <https://clasberkeley.wpcomstaging.com/2019/04/22/el-sueno-mexicano-returning-migrant-youths-adaptation-experience-in-mexico/>

AWARDS

Duster Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley	2025–2026
Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Graduate Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2024–2026
Anticolonial Lab Summer Graduate Student Grant, UC Berkeley	Summer 2025
UC Berkeley CLACS Summer Dissertation Writing Fellowship	Summer 2025
Bridge Connect Summer Fellowship, UC Berkeley	Summer 2024
UC-Alianza MX Short-Term Research Grant	Spring 2024
UC Berkeley Institute for International Studies ABD Research Grant	2022–2023
First-Year Connect Summer Fellowship, UC Berkeley	Summer 2022
UC-MEXUS CONACYT Doctoral Fellowship	2018–2022
Migration Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley	2021
Institute for International Studies Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, UC Berkeley	2020
Bridge Connect Summer Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2020

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award	2020
Ford Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention	2020
Berkeley Connect Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley	2019–2020
Berkeley Social Justice Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley	2019
Tinker Summer Field Research Grant, UC Berkeley Center for Latin American Studies	2018
Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant—Brazil (Declined)	2017
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	2015–2016
Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, UC Berkeley	2014–2015
Dean of Graduate Division Block Grant, UC Berkeley	2014–2015
Hilda M. Sparling Scholarship, UC Davis	2008–2012
Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, UC Davis	2010
Christine Diane Fisher Memorial Scholarship, UC Davis	2010

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Independent Research Project , UC Berkeley	Summer 2015, Summer 2018, present
Graduate Student Researcher , UC Berkeley Institute of Governmental Studies	July 2022–present
Graduate Student Researcher , Taking Count Project, UC Berkeley Sociology	06/19–08/19
Graduate Student Researcher , Professor Cristina Mora, UC Berkeley Sociology	03/19–05/19
Graduate Student Researcher , Professor Irene Bloemraad, UC Berkeley Sociology	10/18–12/18
Research Assistant , Professor Dina Okamoto, UC Davis Sociology	07/11–09/12
Honors Research Seminar , International Relations Program, UC Davis	09/11–03/12

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor , UC Berkeley IGS Cal in Sac Program	Spring & Summer 2025
Head Graduate Student Instructor , UC Berkeley Sociology Department Class: “Social Theory 102,” Professor: Ricarda Hammer	Fall 2024
Graduate Student Mentor , Bridge Connect, UC Berkeley	Summer 2024
Graduate Student Senior Mentor , First-Year Connect, UC Berkeley	Summer 2022
Graduate Student Instructor , UC Berkeley Sociology Department Class: “History of Social Theory 102,” Professor: Michael Burawoy	Spring 2021
Graduate Student Instructor , UC Berkeley Sociology Department Class: “History of Social Theory 101,” Professor: Michael Burawoy	Fall 2020
Graduate Student Instructor , Bridge Connect, UC Berkeley Sociology	Summer 2020
Graduate Student Instructor , Berkeley Connect, UC Berkeley Sociology	Fall 2019 & Spring 2020
Graduate Student Instructor , UC Berkeley Sociology Department Class: “Contemporary Migration in a Global Perspective,” Professor: Irene Bloemraad	Spring 2019
Graduate Student Instructor , UC Berkeley College of Letters & Science Class: “Migration, Arts, and Transformation,” Professor: Alex Saragoza	Fall 2018
Spanish Teacher , Mission High School, San Francisco, CA	2016–2017
Latinx Project Manager , PSR Center for LGBTQ & Gender Studies	2016
Graduate Student Instructor , UC Berkeley Spanish Department	Fall 2015 & Summer 2016
Latino Outreach Director , Garamendi for Congress Campaign, Woodland, CA	2012

PRESENTATIONS (*INVITED)

*New Directions: Borderlands Panel , UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix “Ready or Not: The Road to Return”	October 2025
Latin American Studies Association Conference , San Francisco, CA Taller: Mujeres haciendo trabajo de campo en América Latina: Una conversación multidisciplinaria	May 2025

Pacific Sociological Association Conference , San Francisco, CA	March 2025
The Myth of “Mesearch”: Reclaiming Lived Experience as Scholarly Authority Panel	
*Universidad Autónoma de Chapingo , Facultad de Sociología, Texcoco, México	March 2024
De Aquí y de Allá: La (Re)integración a México de Jóvenes Migrantes Retornados	
*Matrix on Point: Border Crossing Panel , UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix	April 2023
“Belonging as Acquired Code-Switching: The Experience of Young Return Migrants in Mexico”	
American Sociological Association Conference , Los Angeles, CA	August 2022
“La Promesa Nacional:” Returning Migrant Youth and Young Adults Negotiating Membership in Oaxaca, Mexico	
American Sociological Association Conference , Virtual [accepted—did not present]	August 2020
“La Promesa Nacional:” Immigrant Belonging and Identity Regular Session	
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies FOCO Conference , Sacramento, CA	March 2020
“La Promesa Nacional:” Young Return Migrants Negotiating Membership in Oaxaca, Mexico	
Tinker Summer Field Research Presentation , Berkeley, CA	February 2019
“El Sueño Mexicano: Returning Migrant Youth’s Adaptation Experience in Mexico”	
*Peralta Hacienda Historical Park , “Undocumented Heart,” Oakland, CA	September 2018
Latin American Studies in a Globalized World International Congress , Barcelona, Spain	May 2018
*The Diablo International Resource Center , Walnut Creek, CA	May 2017
UC Davis Undergraduate Research Conference , Davis, CA	April 2012

SERVICE

Co-organizer , Interdisciplinary Conversations in Migration Working Group, UC Berkeley	Spring 2026
Co-organizer , Anticolonial Workshop, UC Berkeley	Fall 2025
Graduate Student Representative , Graduate Admissions Committee, UC Berkeley Sociology	Spring 2025
Member , Citizenship Reading Group, UC Berkeley Sociology	Spring 2023
Mentor , Undocumented Research Cohort (URC), UC Berkeley	Fall 2021–Spring 2022
Graduate Student Representative , Faculty Search Committee, UC Berkeley Sociology	Fall 2021
Coordinator , Immigration Workshop, UC Berkeley Sociology Department	Fall 2020–Spring 2021
Co-Mentor , Undocumented Research Cohort (URC), UC Berkeley	Spring 2019–Spring 2021
Mentor , Sociology Honors Thesis Mentoring Program, UC Berkeley	August 2018–May 2019
Organizer , Sociologists of Color & Allies, UC Berkeley	September 2018–May 2019
Member , Graduate Students de la Raza, UC Berkeley	September 2018–May 2019
Volunteer , Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network, Woodland, CA	June 2012–June 2014

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING & LANGUAGE SKILLS

Technical:

Proficient in Microsoft Office, Excel, PowerPoint, Express Scribe, WordPress, MAXQDA, and Stata.

Languages:

Spanish: Bilingual reading, writing, and speaking. 9+ years working with Spanish-speaking communities.

Portuguese: Intermediate level of Brazilian Portuguese.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Pacific Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST