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EDUCATION

In Progress: *Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY.
2018 –

2018 *Bachelor's of Arts, magna cum laude, in General Sociology*, California State University, Northridge, Northridge, CA.

2016 *Associate of Arts with High Honors in Sociology*, Ventura College, Ventura, CA.

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

CUNY Pipeline Fellowship Program, Office of Educational Opportunity and Diversity, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

2020 – 21 Coordinator, academic counselor, and administrative director
Supporting cohorts of 30+ undergraduate students in preparation for graduate studies. Coordinating and facilitating monthly academic workshops, a six-week summer intensive, a three-day winter writing institute, and annual conference

2019 – 20 Assistant coordinator and academic counselor, CUNY Pipeline Fellowship Program

2019 – Graduate student mentor
Supporting an undergraduate student in preparation for graduate studies through monthly check-ins and assisting the student as the student conducts a research project that serves as a thesis for the CUNY Pipeline Fellowship Program

INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York

Spring Adjunct Faculty
2020 "Introduction to Sociology," Department of Sociology

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

Summer Instructor
2019 "Writing the Statement of Purpose and Personal Statement for Graduate School," CUNY Pipeline Fellowship Program, Office of Educational Opportunity and Diversity

California State University, Northridge

Fall Pedagogical Assistant
2017 "Diversity and Social Justice," Department of Sociology

Spring
2017 Upper Division Writing Tutor
Department of Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2018 – 19 Research Assistant to Dr. Paul Attewell
Assisted Dr. Attewell in the development of several research projects, including a project concerning student stop-outs and drop-outs from Borough of Manhattan Community College and a study around US-born and foreign-born Mexican educational attainment by birth year and Public Use Microdata Area (PUMA)
Statistical analysis and data management using Stata

2017 – 18 Project Investigator HSI Pathways/Mellon Student Research
"High School Administrators' Perceptions of Strengths of and Barriers to Low-Income Students of Color with Behavioral, Emotional, and Educational Challenges"
Qualitative interactive interviews, IRB approved

2017 – 18 Research Assistant to Dr. Moshoula Capous-Desyllas
"Understanding the Strengths and Challenges of Work Life Balance Among Sex Workers in Los Angeles, California"
Qualitative research study focusing on individuals working in the sex industry resulting in publication
Transcription in English and Spanish

PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “High School Administrators' Perceptions of Strengths of and Barriers for Low-Income Students of Color with Behavioral, Emotional and Educational Challenges,” *HSI Pathways Cross-Institutional Conference*. Philadelphia, PA, March.
- 2018 “Pushing Square Pegs Through Round Holes: Assessing the Needs of Low-Income Students of Color,” *New Directions in the Humanities*. Northridge, CA, February.
- 2017 “Hindrances to Educational Attainment for Chicax Students From the Points of View of Chicax Administrators,” *California Sociological Association Conference*. Sacramento, CA, November.

OTHER CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2018 Steering Committee Member, *New Directions in the Humanities Symposium*. Northridge, CA, February.
- 2017 Critical Perspectives on Education Session Moderator, *California Sociological Association Conference*. Sacramento, CA, November.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 “Determining Graduate School Fit,” *CSUN HSI Pathways to the Professoriate Summer Seminar*. Northridge, CA, July.
- 2019 “Making the Most Out of Your First Year,” *HSI Pathways Cross-Institutional Conference*. Philadelphia, PA, March.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

- 2020 Open Pedagogy Fellowship, Mina Rees Library, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2018 – 23 Provost Enhancement Fellowship, The Graduate Center, City University of New York
- 2018 – 23 Graduate Center Fellowship, Department of Sociology, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

- 2018 Outstanding Student Accepted to Graduate School Award, California State University, Northridge
- 2017 – Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society Member
- 2016 – HSI Pathways to the Professoriate/ Andrew W. Mellon Student Fellow
The University of Pennsylvania & The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
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SERVICE

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

- 2018 – 21 Awards and Admissions Committee Graduate Student Representative,
Department of Sociology

California State University, Northridge

- 2017 – 18 College of Humanities Student Ambassador
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CERTIFICATES

- 2019 Mental Health First Aid USA Certificate
Trained to provide initial help to people experiencing mental health problems such as depression, anxiety disorders, psychosis, and substance use disorders. Certification expires in 2022.
- 2018 Human Subjects Research for Social and Behavioral Faculty, Graduate Students, and Postdoctoral Scholars Certificate, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Program. Certification expires in 2021.
- 2017 Certificate in Graduate School Preparation, Summer Intensive for Pre-Doctoral Students.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent)
English (fluent)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
American Educational Research Association
Eastern Sociological Society