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Community and Environmental Sociology
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology,
University of Wisconsin—Madison
- 2018- *present* Anna Julia Cooper Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Wisconsin—Madison

EDUCATION

- 2018 Doctor of Philosophy; Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2012 Master of Arts; Sociology, University of California Santa Barbara
- 2008 Bachelor of Arts; Women's Studies (B.A) and Deaf Education (B.A)
California State University Fresno, *summa cum laude*

RESEARCH SPECIALIZATIONS

Race and Ethnicity, Health, Environmental Justice, Ethnography, and Latino/a Sociology.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2018 **Anna Julia Cooper Postdoctoral Fellowship**, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- 2017 **Research and Writing Fellowship**, Department of Sociology, UCSB
- 2017 **Chicano Studies Institute**, Dissertation Award, UCSB
- 2015 **Chicano Studies Institute**, Doctoral Research Grant, UCSB
- 2015 **Department Research Grant**, Department of Sociology, UCSB
- 2014 **UC President Dissertation Year Fellowship**, UCSB
- 2014 **Alternate**, Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship
- 2014 **Chicano/a Studies Institute**, Research Grant, UCSB
- 2014 **Continuing Fellowship**, UCSB
- 2013 **Visiting Scholar**, UC Davis Center for Poverty Research, funding provided by the Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality.
- 2013 **Graduate Student Travel Grant Program**, UC California Studies Consortium
- 2013 **Alternate**, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2013 **Chicano Studies Institute Dissertation Fellowship**, UCSB
- 2013 **Department Research Grant**, Department of Sociology, UCSB
- 2012 **Honorable Mention**, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2011 **Departmental Research Award**, Dept of Sociology, UCSB
- 2010 **Diversity in the Graduate Social Sciences (DIGGS)**, UCSB
- 2009 **Deaf Education Personnel Preparation Fellowship (DEPP)**, CSUF
- 2008 **Outstanding Women's Studies Graduate Award**, CSUF
- 2008 **Standard Bearer, College of Social Science Graduating Class 2008** CSUF
- 2007 **Ronald E. McNair Directors Award**, CSUF

2007 **Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Achievement Program, CSUF**
2007 **Student Leadership Award, California Latino Superintendent Association**

PUBLICATIONS

- 2017 Ahault, Cyrus; Haney, Craig; **Sarah Rios**; and Brie A. Williams. 2017. "Reducing the Use and Impact of Solitary Confinement in Corrections." *International Journal of Prisoner Health*, 13(1).
- 2015 Rios, Sarah M. 2015. "Reducing the Impact of Valley Fever in Low-income Communities" Policy Brief. UC Davis Center for Poverty Research.
- 2014 Hoeft KS, **Rios SM**, Pantoja Guzman E, Barker JC. 2015. Using Community Participation to Assess Acceptability of "Contra Caries", a Theory-based, Promotora-led Oral Health Education Program for Rural Latino Parents: A Mixed Methods Study. *BMC Oral Health*; 15:103.
- 2012 Rios. Sarah. 2012. "From Ladies to Organizers: Gender Imagination in the Experiences of Women Cooperative Leaders". MA Thesis.
- 2007 Rios, Sarah M. "Latina Middle School Students & Self Efficacy" *Proceedings of the 2007 Research Symposium, Ronald E. McNair, CSU-Fresno*.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

- 2018 **Poverty, Prisons, Pollution, and Illness: A Social Ecological Analysis of Valley Fever**; Chapter for *Lessons in Environmental Justice*. Sage Publications.
- 2018 **Poverty, Pollution, and Prisons: A Social Ecological Analysis of a Valley Fever Endemic County**. Sarah Rios.
- 2018 *Citizen-Science: Environmental Health Risk Assessments from the Ground-Up*. Sarah Rios. Abstract: Environmental activists in Kern County collect air-pollution and water samples in poor and rural communities using professional scientific techniques to produce new knowledge to oppose environmental conditions created over long periods of neglect. Although scientific and political authorities routinely question community based research, less it known about processes where it is legitimized in communities facing decreasing funding for resolving environmental health and redressing safety.
- 2018 **Justice Coalitions for Prisoners and Rural Communities**. I propose a new way of thinking about solving environmental health risks, from interviews with former

prisoners and prison abolitionists to environmentalists and public health professionals directly addressing concerns about carceral pollution.

TEACHING

- 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology
University of Wisconsin—Madison
- 2017 Teaching Apprentice, Department of Sociology
University of California Santa Barbara
- 2015 Instructor of Record, Ethnographic Research Methods, Dept. of Sociology
University of California Santa Barbara
- 2014 Teaching Apprentice, Black Studies Department
University of California Santa Barbara
- 2010-2014 Collaborate, Technology Services & Support
College of Letters and Science
University of California Santa Barbara
- 2009 Cesar Chavez Education Institute
National Farm Workers Service Center

PRESENTATIONS & LECTURES

- 2018 Bridging the Gap: Race and the Environment, co-presenter with George Lipsitz,
American Sociological Association Pre-Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Chicano Studies Institute, UC Santa Barbara
- 2018 Pacific Sociological Association, Long Beach CA
- 2018 Environmental Movements & Green Parties, Guest Lecture, UC Santa Barbara
- 2017 Feminist Global Movements, Guest Lecture, UC Santa Barbara
- 2017 Environmental Movements & Green Parties, Guest Lecture, UC Santa Barbara
- 2016 University of the Pacific, Department of Sociology, Stockton CA
- 2016 Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland CA
- 2015 Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2015 Department of Anthropology, University of California, Irvine
- 2014 American Sociological Association, San Francisco CA
- 2014 Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco CA
- 2014 Valley Fever Seminar, University of California, Merced CA
- 2014 School of Unlimited Learning, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2013 The Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis CA
- 2012 Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego CA
- 2011 Global Brown Bag Series, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2008--2014 Annual Chicano/a Youth Symposium, Fresno State

LANGUAGES

English (Fluent)
Spanish (Fluent)
American Sign Language (Proficient)

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2016 Committee on the Status of Race and Ethnicity, *Member*, Pacific Sociological Association.
- 2015 Criminal Justice & Health Consortium, University of California Research Initiative
- 2015 Presider of Medical Sociology Roundtable, American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2015 Grant Writer, Committee for a Better Arvin (CBA), Arvin California
- 2014 Environmental Justice Researcher, Kern County, funding provided by UC President Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2013 Visiting Scholar, The Center for Poverty Research, funding provided by the Stanford Center for Poverty and Inequality. University of California Davis
- 2010-2012 Research Assistant II, University of California San Francisco, Contra-Caries Project, Salinas CA
Principal Investigator, Dr. Judith Barker
- 2007 & 2008 Ronald E. McNair Scholars Research Project, California State University Fresno
- 2007 Grant Writing Internship, Family Self Sufficiency Corps Inc.; Fresno County Housing Authorities