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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019--present Assistant Professor, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology,
University of Wisconsin—Madison
2018 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, & GRANTS

- 2021 **Somos Faculty Development Award**, Chicano@ Latino@ Studies Program,
University of Wisconsin Madison
2020 **Hatch Project Grant**. UW Madison College of Agricultural & Life Sciences.
National Institute for Food and Agriculture, USDA.
2019 **Fall Research Competition**. Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and
Graduate Education, University of Wisconsin Madison
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

2020 Rios, Sarah. 2020. “Poverty, Prisons, Pollution, and Valley Fever” *In Lessons in Environmental Racism: From Civil Rights to Black Lives Matter and Idle No More*. Ed. Michael Mascarenas. Sage Publications Inc.

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 Hoefft 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.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

2020 Diseases Have No Eyes. [Book Manuscript] The people of this study are as old as the Spanish Conquest of the 1500’s and as recent as tomorrow’s ex-convicts returning home from state and federal prisons with their belongings in hand to join relatives in major cities and rural towns of California. While they work or serve time in the Central Valley, farm workers and prisoners are exposed to an environmental illness known as Valley Fever. This qualitative study asks why are people who *work outside* and people who are *locked inside* among the most vulnerable to contract and die from this disease.

2020 Co-author [Article Manuscript] Research Movidas: Intersectional Methodological Approaches to Center the Voices of People.

2020 Movement as a Methodology: Finding the Right Tools for Doing Equity Oriented Research. Based on a qualitative case study that I conducted about an

infectious disease known as Valley Fever and its disproportionate impact on farmworkers and people who are incarcerated, this piece examines my own search for the right tools to do equity-oriented research. I found that my inquiry required an appreciation of movement as a research tool. In my work, movement refers both to research conducted by traversing places and exploring a plethora of research sites, but also applies to conducting research as part of a movement organized through social and political contestations for power. My research process involved of shifting in and out of multiple field sites and creating accompaniment with grass roots eyewitnesses to environmental racism and the health problems it produces.

2021 **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.

TEACHING

2019- present 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

2021 Movement as a Methodology: Finding the Right Tools for Doing Equity Oriented
Research, UW-Madison.

2020 Farmworkers' Health and Environmental Justice, UW-Madison.

2019 Poverty, Pollution, and Prisons; Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison.

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

2021-- *present* Affiliation Chicano/a Latino/ Studies Program, University of Wisconsin
 Madison
 2020--*present* Affiliation Nelson Institute, University of Wisconsin Madison
 2019--*present* Affiliation Institute for Poverty Research, University of Wisconsin Madison
 2019--*present* Latino Task Force, University of Wisconsin Madison
 2019--*present* Environmental Sociology Preliminary Exam Committee
 2019--*present* Seminar Coordinator, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology
 2019--*present* Minority Recruitment and Retention, Joint Graduate Program, Department of
 Community and Environmental Sociology.
 2016 Committee on the Status of Race and Ethnicity, 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