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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019- Assistant Professor, Sociology and International Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison

2018-19 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research
Tulane University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2018

Dissertation: “Worthy of Safe Haven: The Politics of Asylum in Contemporary Brazil”

Committee: Javier Auyero (Chair), Nestor Rodriguez, Ben Carrington, Harel Shapira, Lorraine Leu Moore, Denise Gilman

Specialization: Race and Ethnicity, African and African Diaspora Studies Doctoral Portfolio

M.A. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013

Thesis: “Framing Afrodescendants in a Country ‘*Donde No Hay Negros*’ (Where There Are No Blacks): A Critical Analysis of the 2010 Argentine Census Survey of African Descent”

Coursework in Social Sciences, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2009-2010

B.A. Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Vassar College, 2009

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and ethnicity, political sociology, forced migration, ethnography, Latin America

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Katherine Jensen. 2018. “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 41(15):2615-2633.

* Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention – *Body and Embodiment Section, American Sociological Association*

* Best Social Sciences Article Award, Honorable Mention – *Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association*

Shapira, Harel, Katherine Jensen, and Ken-Hou Lin. 2018. "Trends and Patterns of Concealed Handgun License Applications: A Multi-State Analysis." *Social Currents* 5(1):3-14.

Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, and Javier Auyero. 2017. "A Proposal for Public Sociology as Localized Intervention and Collective Enterprise: The Makings and Impact of *Invisible in Austin*." *Qualitative Sociology* 40(2):191-214.

Auyero, Javier and Katherine Jensen. 2015. "For Political Ethnographies of Urban Marginality." *City & Community* 14(4):359-363.

Katherine Jensen. 2014. "Black Brazil Never Slept." *Contexts* 13(2):44-49.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Katherine Jensen. 2018. "El asilo pensado como un campo: percepciones, posturas y relaciones en el proceso de refugio en Brasil" (Asylum thought as a field: Perceptions, stances and relations in the asylum process in Brazil). Pp. 27-50 in *Pierre Bourdieu en la sociología latinoamericana: El uso de campo y habitus en la investigación* (Pierre Bourdieu in Latin American Sociology: The Use of Field and Habitus in Research), eds. R. Castro and H. J. Suárez. Mexico City, MX: UNAM Press.

Katherine Jensen. 2015. "Kumar: Driving in the Nighttime." Pp. 138-161 in *Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City* edited by J. Auyero. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.

* Press coverage and reviews in *Contemporary Sociology*, *The Guardian*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *Texas Observer*, *Bloomberg Business*, *Austin Monthly*, *Booklist*, *Street Roots News*, *The Daily Texan*

Brenda Pereyra, Nuria Pena, and Katherine Jensen. 2012. "Teaching to remember: Memorials of repression in Argentina and the impact on students." In *International Education and Global Justice: Rethinking the Politics of Sustainability*, edited by T. Belghazi and S. Graiouid. Rabat, Morocco: Publications of the Faculty of Letters.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Katherine Jensen. "Cognition and State Legibility: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination." (Under review).

Katherine Jensen. "Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson's *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale." Invited chapter for *The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School of Sociology for Contemporary Urban Studies*, eds. Dennis Rodgers and Gareth A. Jones. (Manuscript complete, submitted to editors).

Katherine Jensen and Javier Auyero. "Teaching and Learning the Craft: The Construction of Ethnographic Objects." *Urban Ethnography: Legacies and Challenges (Research in Urban Sociology, Volume 16)* edited by R. E. Ocejo. Emerald Group Publishing Limited. (Pre-production).

Katherine Jensen. "Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil." (In progress, draft available).

Katherine Jensen. "Racial Matters in Asylum: The Syrian Exception in Brazil." (In progress).

Katherine Jensen. "Hamid: A Refugee's Search for Firm Ground." (In progress).

BOOK REVIEWS

Katherine Jensen. In Press. "Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria by Julia Dahlvik." *Contemporary Sociology*.

Katherine Jensen. 2019. "Asylum after Empire: Colonial Legacies in the Politics of Asylum Seeking by Lucy Mayblin." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(8):1380-1382.

Katherine Jensen. 2013. "Consent of the Damned: Ordinary Argentinians in the Dirty War by David M. K. Sheinin." *The Latin Americanist* 57(3):106-108.

Jensen, Katherine and Javier Auyero. 2012. "Lives at the Urban Margins." *Public Books*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Katherine Jensen. 2018. "Bolsonaro Marks a Xenophobic Turn for Brazil." *States, Power, & Societies: ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter*. Fall:10-12.

Katherine Jensen. 2015. "Stop calling it a 'refugee crisis'." *The Daily Texan*.

Auyero, Javier, Caitlyn Collins, and Katherine Jensen. 2015. "Exposing the Underbelly of Austin's Economic Segregation." June 24, *Austin American-Statesman*.

*Republished in *Texas Perspectives*, *TODO Austin*, and *Life & Letters*

Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, Kristine Kilanski, and Javier Auyero. 2015. "The Other Side of Austin, Texas." *Metropolitica*.

Katherine Jensen. 2014. "Dismantling White Supremacy at Vassar." *Racism Review*.

Katherine Jensen. 2013. "When the Bullets Aren't Rubber: Racism and Violence in Brazil's Protests." *Racism Review*.

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Awards and Honors

2018 Travel Grant, Brazil Section of Latin American Studies Association

2016-17 P.E.O. Scholar Award, P.E.O. International (\$15,000)

2015-16 Fulbright Award, U.S. Department of State (\$16,200)

2015 Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association

2012 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (\$15,000)

Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

Internal Awards and Honors

- 2018 Travel and Research Award, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University
Graduate Student Assembly Travel Grant, UT-Austin
- 2017-18 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$30,185)
- 2017 Graduate Summer Fellowship, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin (\$2,500 – *declined*)
- 2015 University of Texas at Austin Excellence Award (\$5,000)
Graduate Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award, UT-Austin
Anna Luiza Ozorio de Almeida Field Research Grant, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin (\$700)
Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$750)
- 2014 Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
- 2013 Predoctoral Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,337)
Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,500)
- 2012 Academic Scholarship, UT-Austin (\$1,236)
Anthropology in Rio Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin (\$1,375)
International Education Fee Scholarship, UT-Austin (\$1,300)
- 2011 Sociology Department Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$5,000)
University Tuition Grant, UT-Austin (\$1,500)
- 2009 Maguire Fellowship, Vassar College (\$17,715)
General and Departmental Honors, Vassar College
Student Life Recognition Award, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College
- 2008 Burnam Fellowship, Vassar College (\$2,500)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 *(Scheduled)*. “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” Junior Theorists Symposium. New York, New York.
- (Scheduled)*. “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Politics of Asylum in Brazil.” Social Science History Association Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2018 “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC) Meeting. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.
- “From the Asylum Officials’ Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination.” ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- “From the Asylum Officials’ Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination.” The Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology: Cultural, Pragmatist, and Psychosocial Approaches Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson’s *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale.” LASA Conference. Barcelona, Spain.
- “The Racial Logics of Determining Refugee Status: A View from Brazil.” Divided We Stand? Race and Immigration in the Trump Era Conference. Austin, Texas.
- 2017 “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and Knowledge Production in Brazil.” ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil.” SSSP Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- “Against the *Illusio*: Troubling Refugee Status.” Graduate Student Affiliate Workshop, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. Austin, Texas.
- “Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson’s *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale.” The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School for Contemporary Urban Studies Workshop. Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2016 “El asilo pensado como un *campo*: percepciones, posturas y relaciones en el proceso de refugio en Brasil.” “Haciendo Trabajar a Pierre Bourdieu Desde America Latina: Habitus y Campo en la Investigación Social” Colloquium. Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2015 “Through a White Logic: Screening Asylum Seekers in Brazil.” LASA Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 “Do You Really Believe He Escaped That House? Racist Epistemologies in the Brazilian Asylum-Screening Process.” SSS Annual Meeting. Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 2013 “A Critique of Credibility: The Asylum-Screening Process in Brazil.” ASA Annual Meeting. New York, New York.

“‘We Afrodescendants Are Products of the Slave Trade’: Exclusionary Framings of the Argentine 2010 Census Question on African Descent.” ILASSA Conference. Austin, Texas.

2012 “Framings of the 2010 Argentine Census Survey of African Descent: African Migrant Communities and the Boundaries of Inclusion.” UT Department of Spanish and Portuguese 20th Colloquium. Austin, Texas.

“Continuities of State Repression and Social Injustice: Lessons from the Spatial Margins in Argentine Memory-Making.” LAGO Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

INVITED TALKS

2019 “Teaching and Learning Ethnography,” Tulane University, Department of Sociology

2018 “The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil”

- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology
- London School of Economics, Department of Sociology
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Sociology
- Florida Atlantic University, Department of Sociology
- Sam Houston State University, Department of Sociology

Moderator, “Migration and Precarious Citizenship: Identity and Memory in the 20th Century.” LAGO Conference. Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

On *Invisible in Austin* – KUT Book of the Month Club, BookPeople; “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government Dept

2017 “The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil”

- University of Toronto, Department of Sociology
- Washington and Lee University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

“Seeking Refuge in Our Current Era,” P.E.O. International, Austin Chapter

On *Invisible in Austin* – “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government Dept; AP Macroeconomics Course, McCallum High School; “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology Dept

2016 “Diaspora como conceito (Diaspora as a concept),” “Diaspora e problemática racial” Panel, Solar dos Abacaxis: Freedom/Territory, in partnership with UNHCR Brazil

On *Invisible in Austin* — Sociology Course, Dripping Springs High School; Institute for Urban Policy and Research; Sociology in Action

2015 “Introduction to Ethnography,” Fundamentals of Research Methods Graduate Course, Sociology Department, UT-Austin

“Local Implementation,” Amnesty International Texas State Conference

On *Invisible in Austin* — Abriendo Brecha Activist Scholarship Conference; “Doing Public Scholarship” Graduate Course, American Studies Dept; BookPeople; UT Press Advisory Council; Texas Book Festival; “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology Dept; Moody College of Communication; “Fictions of the Real” Graduate Course, Spanish and Portuguese Dept; Humanities Texas Book Fair

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-19 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Tulane University
Course: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2015-17 Instructor, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin
Courses: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in American Society
Urban Sociology (Co-taught with Prof. Javier Auyero)
- 2015 Inclusive Classrooms Teaching Certificate, Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, UT-Austin
- 2013 Teaching Certificate in First-Year Interdisciplinary Instruction, School of Undergraduate Studies, UT-Austin
- 2010-11 Program Assistant, “Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights,” SIT Study Abroad, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2008-09 ESL Teaching Assistant, Poughkeepsie High School, Poughkeepsie, New York
- 2006-09 Educational Assistant, Rural and Migrant Ministry, Poughkeepsie, New York

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2012-18 Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin
- 2015-18 Graduate Student Affiliate, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin
- 2014-17 Research Assistant, Professor Harel Shapira, “Concealed Carry Permits in the US,” Department of Sociology, UT-Austin
- 2017 Qualitative Research Analyst, Research and Analytical Services Department, Trellis

LANGUAGES

English, native; Portuguese, fluent; Spanish, fluent

SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE, DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY

- 2014- Ad Hoc Reviewer for *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *American Political Science Review*, Routledge, and Rowman and Littlefield Press.
- 2018-19 Coordinator, Confronting the Challenges of Poverty and Inequality Workshop, Tulane University
- 2015-18 Co-Organizer, “Ethnographic Approaches” Speaker Series, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin
- 2014-17 Graduate Student Mentor, Sociology Undergraduate Honors Theses, UT-Austin
- 2016-17 Thesis Advisor, Carlos G. Leos, “Inmigración e Integración Regional: La Nafta, El Mercosur, y la Unión Europea,” Master’s in International Relations, Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 2012-16 Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin
- 2015 Graduate Student Representative, Student Government, UT-Austin
- 2014 Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program, UT-Austin
- 2013-14 Student Editorial Board Member, *Law and Human Behavior*
- 2013 LGBTQ Ally Certification, Gender and Sexuality Center, UT-Austin

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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