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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Assistant Professor, Sociology and International Studies
University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2018-9 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research
Tulane University
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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2018
with African and African Diaspora Studies Doctoral Portfolio
- M.A. Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2013
- B.A. Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Vassar College, 2009
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/racism, forced migration, political sociology, ethnography, Latin America

PUBLICATIONS

Book Project

The Color of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Under advance contract.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

*denotes graduate student author

- Forth. **Jensen, Katherine** and Lisa Maria Sousa Dias.* “Varied Racialization and Legal Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil.” *American Behavioral Scientist*.
- 2021 **Jensen, Katherine.** “Contexts of Reception Seen and Constituted from Below: The Production of Refugee Status Apathy.” *Qualitative Sociology* 44:455-471.
- 2021 **Jensen, Katherine.** “The Meanings of Refugee Status.” *Contexts* 20(1):10-15. Special Issue New Ethnographies of the Global South, eds. Victoria Reyes and Marco Garrido.

- 2019 **Jensen, Katherine** and Javier Auyero. "Teaching and Learning the Craft: The Construction of Ethnographic Objects." *Research in Urban Sociology* (Special Issue, Urban Ethnography: Legacies and Challenges) 16:69-87.
- 2018 **Jensen, Katherine**. "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
- 2018 Shapira, Harel, **Katherine Jensen**, and Ken-Hou Lin. "Trends and Patterns of Concealed Handgun License Applications: A Multi-State Analysis." *Social Currents* 5(1):3-14.
- 2017 Collins, Caitlyn, **Katherine Jensen**, and Javier Auyero. "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.
- 2015 Auyero, Javier and **Katherine Jensen**. "For Political Ethnographies of Urban Marginality." *City & Community* 14(4):359-363.
- 2014 **Jensen, Katherine**. "Black Brazil Never Slept." *Contexts* 13(2):44-49.

Book Chapters

- 2018 **Jensen, Katherine**. "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.
- 2015 **Jensen, Katherine**. "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.
- * Top 20 Bestselling Books of the Decade, University of Texas Press
- * Press coverage and reviews in *Contemporary Sociology*, *The Guardian*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Austin American-Statesman*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Social Service Review*, *The Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, *Texas Observer*, *Bloomberg Business*, *Austin Monthly*, *Booklist*, *Street Roots News*, *Science Letter*, *The Daily Texan*
- 2012 Pereyra, Brenda, Nuria Pena, and **Katherine Jensen**. "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. Graioud. Rabat, Morocco: Publications of the Faculty of Letters.

Manuscripts under Review

Jensen, Katherine. “Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson’s *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale.” Invited chapter for *Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School of Sociology*, eds. Dennis Rodgers and Gareth A. Jones. Volume to be submitted for consideration at Cambridge University Press. (Chapter complete, submitted to editors).

Jensen, Katherine. “Hamid: In Search of a Future in Brazil.” Invited chapter for *Portraits of Latin America: Fourteen Stories of Hope and Hardship*, ed. Javier Auyero. (Chapter draft complete, submitted to editor).

Manuscripts in Preparation

“Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil”

“The Cognitive Production of State Legibility: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination”

Book Reviews

- 2019 **Jensen, Katherine.** “Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria by Julia Dahlvik.” *Contemporary Sociology* 49(1):39-41.
- 2019 **Jensen, Katherine.** “Asylum after Empire: Colonial Legacies in the Politics of Asylum Seeking by Lucy Mayblin.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(8):1380-1382.
- 2013 **Jensen, Katherine.** “Consent of the Damned: Ordinary Argentinians in the Dirty War by David M. K. Sheinin.” *The Latin Americanist* 57(3):106-108.
- 2012 **Jensen, Katherine** and Javier Auyero. “Lives at the Urban Margins.” *Public Books*.

Other Publications

- 2018 **Jensen, Katherine.** “Bolsonaro Marks a Xenophobic Turn for Brazil.” *States, Power, & Societies: ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter*. Fall:10-12.
- 2015 **Jensen, Katherine.** “Stop calling it a ‘refugee crisis’.” *The Daily Texan*.
- 2015 Auyero, Javier, Caitlyn Collins, and **Katherine Jensen.** “Exposing the Underbelly of Austin’s Economic Segregation.” *Austin American-Statesman*, June 24.
- * Reprinted in *Texas Perspectives*, *TODO Austin*, and *Life & Letters*
- 2015 Collins, Caitlyn, **Katherine Jensen**, Kristine Kilanski, and Javier Auyero. “The Other Side of Austin, Texas.” *Metropolitix*.
- 2014 **Jensen, Katherine.** “Dismantling White Supremacy at Vassar.” *Racism Review*.

2013 **Jensen, Katherine.** “When the Bullets Aren’t Rubber: Racism and Violence in Brazil’s Protests.” *Racism Review*.

AWARDS AND HONORS

National and International

2018 Honorable Mention, Best Social Sciences Article Award, Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association

2018 Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Body and Embodiment Section, American Sociological Association

2012 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

University

2014 Distinction, Comprehensive Exams in Race and Ethnicity, UT-Austin

2009 General and Departmental Honors, Vassar College

2009 Student Life Recognition Award, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

National and International

2018 Travel Grant, Brazil Section of Latin American Studies Association

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

2015 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)

University

2021 Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison (\$35,999)

2020 Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison (\$34,409)

2018 Travel and Research Award, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University

2018 Graduate Student Assembly Travel Grant, UT-Austin

- 2017 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)
- 2015 Graduate Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
- 2015 Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award, UT-Austin
- 2015 Anna Luiza Ozorio de Almeida Field Research Grant, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin
- 2015 Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin
- 2014 Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
- 2013 Predoctoral Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,337)
- 2013 Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,500)
- 2012 Academic Scholarship, UT-Austin (\$1,236)
- 2012 Anthropology in Rio Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin (\$1,375)
- 2012 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)
- 2008 Burnam Fellowship, Vassar College (\$2,500)

INVITED TALKS

- 2021 “Publishing as a Qualitative Scholar,” University of Wisconsin, Department of Sociology, Research in Qualitative Methodology Workshop Series
- 2020 “The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil”
 - University of Chicago, Center for Latin American Studies
- “Teaching and Learning Ethnography,” University of Wisconsin, Department of Sociology, Research in Qualitative Methodology Workshop Series

- “Hamid: In Search of a Future in Brazil,” Invisible in Latin America Book Workshop, UT-Austin (*Covid-19 postponed*)
- 2019 “The Cognitive Production of State Legibility: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination,” University of Wisconsin, Sociology of Economic Change and Development Workshop Series
- “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
- Invited moderator, “Migration and Precarious Citizenship: Identity and Memory in the 20th Century,” LAGO Conference, Tulane University
- “Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”*
- KUT Book of the Month Club, BookPeople
 - “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government, UT-Austin
- 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
- “Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”*
- AP Macroeconomics Course, McCallum High School
 - “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government, UT-Austin
 - “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin
- 2016 “Diaspora como conceito (Diaspora as a concept),” “Diaspora e problemática racial” Panel, Solar dos Abacaxis: Freedom/Territory, in partnership with UNHCR Brazil
- “Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”*
- Institute for Urban Policy and Research
 - Sociology Course, Dripping Springs High School
 - “Sociology in Action” Student Organization, UT-Austin
- 2015 “Introduction to Ethnography,” Fundamentals of Research Methods Graduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin
- “Local Implementation,” Amnesty International Texas State Conference
- “Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City”*
- BookPeople

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

CONFERENCES

Papers Presented

- 2022 *Scheduled.* Invited panelist, “Refugee Policies and Experiences in Global Perspective” Presidential Session. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Invited panelist, “Migration as Displacement” Thematic Session. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid-19 remote*)
- “Varied Racialization and Legal Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid-19 remote*)
- “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum of Sociology. Porto Alegre, Brazil. (*Covid-19 postponed, remote*)
- 2020 “Varied Racialization and Political Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil.” Racialization and Immigration Conference. North Carolina State University. (*Covid-19 remote*)
- “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (*Covid-19 remote*)
- 2019 “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil”
- Social Science History Association (SSHA) Meeting, Chicago, IL
 - Development in Dialogue Conference, University of Notre Dame, IN
 - Junior Theorists Symposium, New York, NY
- 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”
- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
 - 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.” Latin American Studies Association (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, TX.
- 2017 “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and Knowledge Production in Brazil”
- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
 - Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- “Against the *Illusio*: Troubling Refugee Status.” Graduate Student Affiliate Workshop, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. Austin, TX.
- “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.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 “Do You Really Believe He Escaped That House? Racist Epistemologies in the Brazilian Asylum-Screening Process.” Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting. Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 “A Critique of Credibility: The Asylum-Screening Process in Brazil.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. New York, NY.
- “‘We Afrodescendants Are Products of the Slave Trade’: Exclusionary Framings of the Argentine 2010 Census Question on African Descent.” ILASSA Conference. Austin, TX.
- 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, TX.
- “Continuities of State Repression and Social Injustice: Lessons from the Spatial Margins in Argentine Memory-Making.” LAGO Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Invited Discussant

- 2021 “Knowledge, Power and Politics in the Global South.” Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid-19 remote*)
- Chicago Ethnography Conference, Depaul University (*Covid-19 cancelled*)

TEACHING

Course Instruction

- 2019- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology and International Studies
Courses: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
Refugees in Global Context
Introduction to International Studies
Asylum and Refugees
- 2018-19 Department of Sociology, Tulane University
Course: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality
- 2015-17 Department of Sociology, UT-Austin
Courses: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in American Society
Urban Sociology (Co-taught with Prof. Javier Auyero)

Certificates and Programs

- 2020-21 Fellow, Madison Teaching and Learning Excellence, UW-Madison
- 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
- 2013 LGBTQ Ally Certification, Gender and Sexuality Center, UT-Austin

Related Experience

- 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

MENTORING AND THESIS COMMITTEES

PhD Dissertations

Committee Member – Kristina Fullerton (Sociology); Lisa Maria Sousa Dias (Political Science)

Master’s Theses

Chair – Carlos G. Leos, “Inmigración e Integración Regional: La Nafta, El Mercosur, y la Unión Europea,” International Relations, Universidad de Belgrano, Argentina (2016-2017)

Committee Member – Ally Shepherd, Education Policy, University of Wisconsin (2021)

Bachelor’s Thesis

Advisor – Cat Larsen, “Gender and U.S. Asylum Policies,” International Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison (2020)

Mentor and Advisor

Advisor – Mariah Lindsay (PhD Student, Sociology)

Faculty Research Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, University of Wisconsin (Spring 2020)

RESEARCH AND INSTITUTE AFFILIATIONS

2020- Country Conditions Expert, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, UC Hastings College of the Law

Diversity Scholars Network, National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan

2019- Faculty Affiliate, Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies, University of Wisconsin

2012-18 Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin

2015-18 Graduate Student Affiliate, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin

2017 Qualitative Research Analyst, Research and Analytical Services Department, Trelis

LANGUAGES

English, native; Portuguese, fluent; Spanish, fluent

SERVICE

Discipline and Academy

Reviewer for Journals and Presses (*American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Theory*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *American Political Science Review*, Routledge, Springer, and Rowman and Littlefield)

2013-14 Student Editorial Board Member, *Law and Human Behavior*

Departments and University

- 2019- Senator, Sociology Department Representative, Faculty Senate, University of Wisconsin
 Member, “Race and Ethnic Studies” Standing Committee for Preliminary Exams, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin
 Member, Web and Online Outreach Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin
- 2020- Faculty Advisor, Research in Qualitative Methodology Graduate Workshop
- 2020- Review Committee, Newman Family Scholarship Award
- 2021- Qualitative Methods Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin
- 2021 Review Committee Member, IRIS Area and International Studies Recruitment Awards
- 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
- 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

Community

- 2019- Expert Witness and Consultant on Brazil Country Conditions for U.S. Asylum Claims
- University of Texas School of Law Immigration Clinic
 - University of Connecticut School of Law Legal Clinic
 - University of Chicago Law School Immigrants’ Rights Clinic

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Latin American Studies Association; International Sociological Association; Social Science History Association; Society for the Study of Social Problems