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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

Forthcoming September 2023. *The Color of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

*denotes graduate student author

- Forth. Ortega, Agueda,* **Katherine Jensen**, and Javier Auyero. "You Will Never Walk Alone: Ethnographic Training as Collective Endeavor." *Teaching Sociology*.
- 2022 **Jensen, Katherine** and Lisa M. Sousa Dias.* "Varied Racialization and Legal Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil." *American Behavioral Scientist* 66(13):1797-1815.
- 2021 **Jensen, Katherine**. "Contexts of Reception Seen and Constituted from Below: The Production of Refugee Status Apathy." *Qualitative Sociology* 44(3):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, Kirks 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 Inequality through Legal Inclusion: A Processual Approach to Racialized Migrant Hierarchies." Article manuscript under review.

Jensen, Katherine. "From the Asylum Official's Point of View: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination." Article manuscript under review.

Jensen, Katherine. "Hamid: A Life Deferred in Brazil." *Portraits of Latin America: Thirteen Stories of Hope and Persistence*, ed. Javier Auyero. Volume under consideration at University of Texas Press.

Jensen, Katherine. "Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson's *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale." *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.

Manuscripts in Preparation

"Racializing Legality and the State: Forced Migrants and Policy Responses in Brazil" with Lisa M. Sousa Dias*

"Institutional Fields in a Global Racial Order: Racialized Inclusion and Congolese Refugees in the US and Brazil" with Jake Watson

"Discursive Terrain of Refugee Status: Policy Debates Surrounding Venezuelans in Brazil"

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

- 2022 **Jensen, Katherine** and David Cook-Martín. "Migration Myopias and Insights from the Global South." *Perspectives: Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section* 43(2):8-14.

- 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.” *Metropolitica*.
- 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*.
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AWARDS AND HONORS

National and International

- 2018 Best Social Sciences Article Award, Honorable Mention – Brazil Section, Latin American Studies Association
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention – 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
- Student Life Recognition Award, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College
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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 US-Brazil Fulbright Award, U.S. Department of State (\$16,200)

- Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association
- 2012 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese), U.S. Department of Education (\$15,000)
- University**
- 2021 Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity Fellow (2022-2023), Institute for Research in the Humanities, UW-Madison
- Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. Research Grant: “The Cognitive Structure of Human Rights: Implicit Understandings of Rights, Violations, and their Geographies,” with co-PI Monika Krause (LSE, Sociology) (\$41,655)
- 2020 Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. Research Grant: “Expanding Asylum and Its Impacts on Refugee Belonging” (\$35,999)
- 2019 Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. Research Grant: “In Search of Safe Haven: The Racial Politics of Asylum in Brazil” (\$34,409)
- 2018 Travel and Research Award, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University
- Graduate Student Assembly Travel Grant, UT-Austin
- 2017 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$30,185)
- 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
- Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin
- 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)
 - 2008 Burnam Fellowship, Vassar College (\$2,500)
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INVITED TALKS

“The Racial Politics of Inclusion: Racializing Refugees in Brazil”

- University of Chicago, Department of Sociology Colloquium, 2022
- University of Wisconsin, Community and Environmental Sociology Seminar, 2022

“The Ukraine Refugee Crisis in Global Context”

- University of Wisconsin, Institute for Regional and International Studies, Teaching About Ukraine: Webinar for K-12 Educators, 2022

“The Racial Logics of the Refugee Regime in Brazil”

- University of Chicago, Center for Latin American Studies, 2020
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, 2018
- London School of Economics, Department of Sociology, 2018
- University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Department of Sociology, 2018
- Florida Atlantic University, Department of Sociology, 2018
- Sam Houston State University, Department of Sociology, 2018
- University of Toronto, Department of Sociology, 2017
- Washington and Lee University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2017

“Teaching and Learning Ethnography”

- Tulane University, Department of Sociology, 2019
- University of Wisconsin, Research in Qualitative Methodology Workshop Series, 2020

“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, 2019

Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City

- KUT Book of the Month Club, BookPeople, 2018
- “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government, UT-Austin, 2018
- AP Macroeconomics Course, McCallum High School, 2017
- “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government, UT-Austin, 2017
- “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin, 2017
- Institute for Urban Policy and Research, 2016
- Sociology Course, Dripping Springs High School, 2016

- “Sociology in Action” Student Organization, UT-Austin, 2016
- BookPeople, 2015
- Texas Book Festival, 2015
- Humanities Texas Book Fair, 2015
- Moody College of Communication, 2015
- UT Press Advisory Council, 2015
- Abriendo Brecha Activist Scholarship Conference, 2015
- “Doing Public Scholarship” Graduate Course, American Studies, UT-Austin, 2015
- “Fictions of the Real” Graduate Course, Spanish and Portuguese, UT-Austin, 2015
- “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin, 2015

“Seeking Refuge in Our Current Era”

- P.E.O. International, Austin Chapter, 2017

“Diaspora como conceito (Diaspora as a concept)”

- “Diaspora e problemática racial” Panel, Solar dos Abacaxis: Freedom/Territory, in partnership with UNHCR Brazil, 2016

“Introduction to Ethnography”

- Fundamentals of Research Methods Graduate Course, Sociology, UT-Austin, 2015

“Local Implementation”

- Amnesty International Texas State Conference, 2015

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Panels Organized

- 2022 *Scheduled.* “Contexts of Reception in Global and Historical Perspective.” Social Science History (SSHA) Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Papers Presented

- 2022 *Scheduled.* “Congolese Refugees and the Institutional Logics of anti-Blackness in a Global Racial Order.” Social Science History (SSHA) Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Invited panelist, “Refugee Policies and Experiences in Global Perspective” Presidential Thematic Session. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.

“Racializing Legality and the State: Forced Migrants and Policy Responses in Brazil.” Emerging Voices in Migration Scholarship, ASA International Migration Section Mini-Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

“Hamid: A Life Deferred in Brazil.” *Portraits of Latin America* Book Workshop, UT-Austin. (*Covid postponed from 2020*)

- “Chapter 7-After: Refugee Apathy” in *The Color of Asylum*. Boston Area Migration Workshop Series. (*Covid remote*)
- 2021 Invited panelist, “Migration as Displacement” Thematic Session. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid remote*)
- “Varied Racialization and Legal Inclusion: Haitian, Syrian, and Venezuelan Forced Migrants in Brazil.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid remote*)
- “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” International Sociological Association (ISA) Forum of Sociology. Porto Alegre, Brazil. (*Covid 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 remote*)
- “Racializing Refugees: The Racial Logics of Asylum in Brazil.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (*Covid 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

- 2022 “Frontiers of Global Theorizing.” Joint Session for Theory Section and Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- “Ethnographic Practice.” Chicago Ethnography Conference, UW-Madison (*Covid remote*)
- 2021 “Knowledge, Power and Politics in the Global South.” Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. (*Covid remote*)
- Chicago Ethnography Conference, Depaul University (*Covid cancelled*)
- 2018 “Migration and Precarious Citizenship: Identity and Memory in the 20th Century,” LAGO Conference, Tulane University

TEACHING

Course Instruction

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology and International Studies	2019-
<i>Courses:</i> SOC 496: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality	
IS 601: Refugees in Global Context	
IS 101: Introduction to International Studies	
SOC 496: Asylum and Refugees	
Department of Sociology, Tulane University	2018-19
<i>Course:</i> SOC 2012: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality	
Department of Sociology, UT-Austin	2015-17
<i>Courses:</i> SOC 308: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in American Society	
SOC 321: Urban Sociology (Co-taught with Prof. Javier Auyero)	

Certificates and Programs

Fellow, Madison Teaching and Learning Excellence UW-Madison	2020-21
Inclusive Classrooms Teaching Certificate Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, UT-Austin	2015
Teaching Certificate in First-Year Interdisciplinary Instruction School of Undergraduate Studies, UT-Austin	2013
LGBTQ Ally Certification Gender and Sexuality Center, UT-Austin	2013

Related Experience

Program Assistant, “Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights” SIT Study Abroad, Buenos Aires, Argentina	2010-11
ESL Teaching Assistant Poughkeepsie High School, New York	2008-09
Educational Assistant Rural and Migrant Ministry, Poughkeepsie, New York	2006-09

INSTITUTE AFFILIATIONS

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Faculty Coordinator – Wisconsin Collective for Ethnographic Research (WISCER)	2020-
Faculty Affiliate – Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies	2019-

External

Country Conditions Expert – Center for Gender and Refugee Studies UC Hastings College of the Law	2019-
Diversity Scholars Network – National Center for Institutional Diversity University of Michigan	2019-

Previous

Graduate Fellow & Coordinator – Urban Ethnography Lab UT-Austin	2012-18
Graduate Student Affiliate – Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice UT-Austin	2015-18

LANGUAGES

English, native; Portuguese, fluent; Spanish, fluent

SERVICE

Professional

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

Student Editorial Board Member <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>	2013-14
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Departmental and University

Race and Ethnic Studies Standing Committee for Preliminary Exams Department of Sociology, UW-Madison	2019-
Faculty Advisor, Research in Qualitative Methodology Graduate Workshop Department of Sociology, UW-Madison	2020-
Review Committee, Newman Family Scholarship Award International Studies Program, UW-Madison	2020-
Qualitative Methods Committee Department of Sociology, UW-Madison	2021-
Web and Online Outreach Committee Department of Sociology, UW-Madison	Chair, 2021-22 Member, '19-21
Faculty Search Committee Department of Anthropology and International Studies Program, UW-Madison	2021-22

Area and International Studies Recruitment Awards Review Committee Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS), UW-Madison	2021
Committee Member, International Studies Major Self-Study International Studies Program, UW-Madison	2020-2021
Sociology Department Representative Faculty Senate, UW-Madison	2019-21
Coordinator, Confronting the Challenges of Poverty and Inequality Workshop Tulane University	2018-19
Co-Organizer, “Ethnographic Approaches” Speaker Series Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin	2015-18
Graduate Student Coordinator Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin	2012-16
Graduate Student Representative Student Government, UT-Austin	2015
Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program UT-Austin	2014

Public

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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