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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

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/racism, refugees and immigration, political sociology, ethnography, global and transnational sociology, Brazil and Latin America

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Katherine Jensen. 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

- Jensen, Katherine. "From the Asylum Official's Point of View: Frames of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*:1-18.
- Ortega, Agueda,* **Katherine Jensen**, and Javier Auyero. "You Will Never Walk Alone: Ethnographic Training as Collective Endeavor." *Teaching Sociology*:1-14.

- 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.
- Jensen, Katherine. "Contexts of Reception Seen and Constituted from Below: The Production of Refugee Status Apathy." *Qualitative Sociology* 44(3):455-471.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
 - ♦ Lead Article
 - ♦ 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. "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.
- Auyero, Javier and **Katherine Jensen**. "For Political Ethnographies of Urban Marginality." *City & Community* 14(4):359-363.
- Jensen, Katherine. "Black Brazil Never Slept." *Contexts* 13(2):44-49.

Book Chapters

- In press **Jensen, Katherine**. "Hamid: A Life Deferred in Brazil." *Portraits of Persistence: Inequality and Hope in Latin America*, edited by J. Auyero. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press.
- 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.

- 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 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
- 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. Graiouid. Rabat, Morocco: Publications of the Faculty of Letters.

Manuscripts under Review

"Racial Inequality through Legal Inclusion: A Processual Approach to Racialized Migrant Hierarchies." Invited to revise and resubmit.

"Institutional Fields and Global Racial Orders: Racialized Inclusion of Congolese Refugees in the US and Brazil," with Jake Watson. Article manuscript under review.

"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: Imagining Forced Migrants and Constructing Policy Responses in Brazil" with Lisa M. Sousa Dias*

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

Book Reviews

- Jensen, Katherine. "Inside Asylum Bureaucracy: Organizing Refugee Status Determination in Austria by Julia Dahlvik." *Contemporary Sociology* 49(1):39-41.
- Jensen, Katherine. "Asylum after Empire: Colonial Legacies in the Politics of Asylum Seeking by Lucy Mayblin." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 42(8):1380-1382.
- Jensen, Katherine. "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. "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. **Jensen, Katherine**. "Stop calling it a 'refugee crisis'." *The Daily Texan*. 2015 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 Collins, Caitlyn, Katherine Jensen, Kristine Kilanski, and Javier Auyero. "The Other 2015 Side of Austin, Texas." Metropolitics. 2014 Jensen, Katherine. "Dismantling White Supremacy at Vassar." Racism Review. Jensen, Katherine. "When the Bullets Aren't Rubber: Racism and Violence in Brazil's 2013 Protests." Racism Review. AWARDS AND HONORS National and International 2023 Best Paper Award (First Place) - Migration, Displacements, and Mobilities Section, Latin American Studies Association 2021 Semi-Finalist, American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship 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

University

2012

Distinction, Comprehensive Exams in Race and Ethnicity, UT-Austin
 General and Departmental Honors, Vassar College
 Student Life Recognition Award, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College

Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

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				
2022	Fall Research Competition Award, UW-Madison. Research Grant: "States of Whiteness: Race, Immigration, and Belonging in the Brazilian South" (\$19,124)			
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)

INVITED TALKS

The Color of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil

- University of Wisconsin, Institute for Research in the Humanities, 2022

"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"

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

"Diáspora 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 "Contexts of Reception in Global and Historical Perspective." Social Science History (SSHA) Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Papers Presented

2023 (scheduled). "Racial Inequality through Legal Inclusion: A Processual Approach to Racialized Migrant Hierarchies." Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, UCLA Center for the Study of International Migration. Los Angeles, CA. (*Strike solidarity rescheduled, to October*)

(scheduled). "Institutional Fields in a Global Racial Order: Racialized Inclusion and Refugees in the US and Brazil." American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

(scheduled). "Racializing Legality and the State: Forced Migrants and Policy Responses in Brazil"

- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Conference, Vancouver, Canada

(scheduled). "Racialized Logics and Bureaucratic Mandates: Immigrant Legalization and the Production of Differential Belonging." Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis, Sociology Department, UCLA.

2022 "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*)

"After: Refugee Apathy" in *The Color of Asylum*. Boston Area Migration Workshop Series. (*Covid remote*)

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) Annual Congress. 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-

Courses: 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

Course: SOC 2012: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality

Department of Sociology, UT-Austin 2015-17

Courses: SOC 308: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in American Society

SOC 321: Urban Sociology (Co-taught with Prof. Javier Auyero)

Certificates and Programs

Madison Teaching and Learning Excellence Fellow 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
RESEARCH AND INSTITUTE AFFILIATIONS	
University of Wisconsin-Madison	
Faculty Coordinator – Wisconsin Collective for Ethnographic Research (WISCER)	2020-
Faculty Affiliate – Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies	2019-
Member – Abolition and Refuge Borghesi-Mellon Workshop	2022-
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	
Discipline	

Thomas and Znaniecki Best Book Award Committee

2023

International Migration Section, American Sociological Association

Student Editorial Board Member Law and Human Behavior

2013-14

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, International Migration Review, American Political Science Review, Routledge, Springer, and Rowman and Littlefield

Departmental and University

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Chair, '21-22 Member, '19-21
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2020-2021
2019-21
2018-19
2015-18

Public

Expert Witness and Consultant, Brazil Country Conditions for U.S. Asylum Claims 2019-

Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, UC College of the Law, San Francisco;
 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