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### **EDUCATION**

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. Sociology, 2007

M.A. Latin American Studies, 2002

Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Buenos Aires, Argentina)

*Licenciatura* International Relations (Political Science specialization), 1999

### **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Feminist & Critical Race, Ethnic and Migration Theories and Methodologies; Global and Transnational Sociology; Latin American and Latinx Sociology; Migrations; Intersectional Inequalities & Violence; Health; Social Movements; Collective Memory

### **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

2018 - Present	Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, St. John's University
2015 – 2021	Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, St. John's University
2015 – 2017	Research Fellow – Rielo Institute for Integral Development (RIID)
2015 – 2017	Research Fellow – Hospital Universidad Técnica Particular de Loja, Instituto de Salud de la Migración, Ecuador
2015 – 2017	Collaborating Researcher at Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador- Sede Ibarra

2012 – 2015 Assistant Chair, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
St. John's University

2012 – 2018 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
St. John's University

2007- 2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology,  
St. John's University

2005-2007 Assistant Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

2002-2007 Editorial Assistant, Webmistress, Latin American Research Review (LARR)

2006 Teaching Assistant, Center for Asian American Studies,  
University of Texas at Austin

2003-2004 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

2000-2002 Graduate Research Assistant, Webmistress, Latin American Network  
Information Center (LANIC), Institute of Latin American Studies,  
University of Texas at Austin

2000 Media Assistant, Edelman Salem Viale, Public Relations

2000 Researcher, Grupo Sophia

1999-2000 Research Assistant, Department of Political Science, Universidad Torcuato  
Di Tella

1999 Researcher, Secretary of Strategic Planning of the Presidency of Argentina

1998 Research Assistant, Department of International Relations,  
Universidad Torcuato Di Tella

1998 Researcher, Honorable Cámara de Diputados de la Nación Argentina  
*(Honorable House of Representatives of Argentina)*

#### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS & HONORS**

2025 Center for Faculty Success and Development Fellows Program

2023 CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Global Mini-Grant

2022 Research and Scholarship Leave, St. John's University

2021 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2020 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2019 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2018 SWS-Social Action Award, Sociologists for Women in Society

2018 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2018 Outstanding Faculty Achievement Medal, St. John's University

2017 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2017-2018 CRS (Catholic Relief Services), St. John's University, Global Grant

2016-2017 Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Grant to Ecuador, Council  
for International Exchange of Scholars

2016 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2015 Research and Scholarship Leave, St. John's University

2014 Most Valued Mentor – Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program,  
St. John's University

2014 American Sociological Association Travel Award to attend the  
International Sociological Association XXVII World Congress of Sociology

2013 Office of Grants and Sponsored Research, St. John's University, Mentee

2012 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2011 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2010 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2010 American Sociological Association Travel Award to attend the  
International Sociological Association XXVI World Congress of Sociology

2009 Faculty Recognition Award, St. John's University

2009 Summer Support of Research Program 2009, St. John's University

2008 Summer Support of Research Program 2008, St. John's University

2004 Honors, Ph.D. Comprehensive Exams on Social Theory

2003-2007 Department of Sociology Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin

2003-2005 Graduate Editorial Fellowship, Latin American Research Review,  
University of Texas at Austin

2003 Summer Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American Social Policy,  
University of Texas at Austin

2002-2003 Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship - Latin American Research Review,  
University of Texas at Austin

2002	Summer Field Research Grant, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
2002	Summer Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American Social Policy, University of Texas at Austin
2001	Summer Tuition Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin
2000-2002	Argentine Studies Center Fellowship, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Work in Progress**

Villalón, Roberta. “Decolonizing Sociological Praxis within the Empire: Pedagogical Reflections” [*article in development*]

Villalón, Roberta. “Unmasking the Right/Left Divide: A Comparative Analysis of the Transnational Pendulum of Migrants’ Demonization” [*international project in development*]

Villalón, Roberta, and Omar Montaña. “On “Bad Hombres”: The Pendulum of Demonization in the United States’ Political Theatre.” [*article in development*]

### **Books, Articles, Chapters**

Villalón, Roberta. 2024. *Migración, salud, y desigualdades: Investigación activista crítica a través de fronteras ecuatorianas*. Buenos Aires, Argentina: CLACSO.  
<https://libreria.clacso.org/publicacion.php?p=4073&c=0>

Villalón, Roberta. 2024. “Bridging the Americas: Ideas, Praxis and Belonging,” *Latin American Perspectives* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special Issue, 51(2), 209-212.

Villalón, R. 2024. Comment on Kemy Oyarzún Vaccaro’s commemoration of LAP’s 50 years. *Latin American Perspectives*, 51(2), 104-105.

Villalón, Roberta. 2024. “Sobre feminismo descolonial y praxis colectiva: Una entrevista a Ochy Curiel Pichardo (On Decolonial Feminism and Collective Praxis: An Interview with Ochy Curiel Pichardo).” *Gender and Society* Vol 38 No. 1, 114-137. DOI: 10.1177/08912432231216692.

Villalón, Roberta. 2022. *Migration, Health, and Inequalities: Critical Activist Research across Ecuadorean Borders*. Bristol, UK: Bristol University Press.

- Villalón, Roberta and Sarah Kraft. 2022. "Migratory Stress, Health and Gender: An Intersectional Analysis of the Ecuadorean Case," in Jacobs Kronenfeld, J. (Ed.) *Health and Health Care Inequities, Infectious Diseases and Social Factors (Research in the Sociology of Health Care, Vol. 39)*, Emerald Publishing Limited, Bingley, pp. 89-106. <https://doi.org/10.1108/S0275-495920220000039007>
- Villalón, Roberta; Amado, L.; García, M. Oporto, M.; Fernández, M. 2020. "Migración, salud y bienestar: Un estudio interdisciplinario de migrantes Latinoamericanos en Cornellá Barcelona (MISACOR)," in Lasaga, O. and Barraycoya, J. (Eds.) *Problemas Globales, cinco siglos después de la primera vuelta al mundo*. Madrid: CEU Ediciones.
- Villalón, Roberta (Ed.). 2019. "Presentación: Investigación activista en las Américas del siglo XXI" (Introduction: Activist Research in the Americas of the 21st Century), *Revista CS* (29), 11-17. <https://doi.org/10.18046/recs.i29.3746>
- Villalón, Roberta. 2019. "Una aproximación sociológica crítica activista al estudio de salud y migración: el caso ecuatoriano" (A Critical Sociological Activist Approach to the Study of Health and Migration: The Ecuadorian Case), *Revista CS* (29), 103-138. <https://doi.org/10.18046/recs.i29.3481>
- Villalón, Roberta (Ed.). 2017. *Memory, Truth and Justice in Contemporary Latin America*. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Villalón, Roberta (Author and Editor of Special Issue, Part 3). 2016. "The Resilience of Memory, Truth and Justice Processes: Culture, Politics and Social Mobilizations," *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 43 No. 6, 3-7.
- Villalón, Roberta (Author and Editor of Special Issue, Part 2). 2016. "The Complexities of Memory, Truth and Justice Processes: Artistic and Cultural Resistance," *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 43, No. 5, 3-11.
- Villalón, Roberta (Author and Editor of Special Issue, Part 1). 2015. "The Resurgence of Collective Memory, Truth and Justice Mobilizations in Latin America," *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 42, No. 3, 3-19.
- Villalón, Roberta. 2015. "Violence Against Immigrants in a Context of Crisis: A Critical Migration Feminist of Color Analysis," *Journal of Social Distress and the Homeless*. Vol. 24, No. 3, 116-139.
- Villalón, Roberta. 2014. "Latina Battered Immigrants, Citizenship and Inequalities: Reflections on Activist Research," in Shayne, Julie (Ed.), *Taking Risks: Feminists, Activism, and Activist Research in the Americas*, pp. 245-277. Albany: SUNY Press.

- Villalón, Roberta. 2012. "Framing Extreme Violence: Collective Memory-Making of Argentina's Dirty War" in Pascale, Celine (Ed.), *Inequality and the Politics of Representation: A Global Landscape*, pp. 298-315. Thousand Oaks: Sage.
- Villalón, Roberta. 2012. "Accounts of Violence against Women: The Potential of Realistic Fiction," in King, Donna, and Smith, Carrie (Eds.), *Men Who Hate Women and the Women Who Kick Their Asses: Stieg Larsson's Millennium Trilogy in Feminist Perspective*, pp. 32-38. Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press.
- Villalón, Roberta. 2011. "Feminist Activist Research and Strategies from within the Battered Immigrant Women's Movement," *Interface: a journal for and about social movements*, Vol. 3, No. 2, 246-270.
- Villalón, Roberta. 2010. *Violence against Latina Immigrants: Citizenship, Inequality, and Community*. New York: New York University Press.
- Villalón, Roberta. 2010. "Passage to Citizenship and the Nuances of Agency: Latina Battered Immigrants," *Women's Studies International Forum*, Vol. 33, No. 6, 552-560.
- Villalón, Roberta. 2007. "Neoliberalism, Corruption and Legacies of Contention: Argentina's Social Movements, 1993-2006," *Latin American Perspectives*, Vol. 34 No. 2, 139-156.  
*Reprinted:*  
 2008. "Neoliberalism, Corruption and Legacies of Contention: Argentina's Social Movements, 1993-2006" in Stahler-Sholk, Richard, Harry Vanden, and Glenn Kuecker (Eds.), *Latin American Social Movements in the Twenty-First Century: Resistance, Power, and Democracy*, pp. 253-269. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

### **Public Sociology Publications**

- Villalón, Roberta. February 26, 2025. "Políticas anti-migratorias en Estados Unidos: Impacto en la salud y movilizaciones en la comunidad latina," Webinar, World Organization of Family Doctors, (WONCA) Iberoamericana-CIMF, Medicina Familiar de Salud y la Migración, <https://youtu.be/JMvDH8-PZSE?si=ipEr4koNTH-75D9O>
- Villalón, Roberta. February 5, 2025. Resistir o Sucumbir. Blog post available at <https://es.robortavillalon.com/post/resistir-or-sucumbir> [y en inglés, Resist or Succumb <https://www.robortavillalon.com/post/resist-or-succumb>]
- Villalón, Roberta. November 1, 2023. "Overcoming." Blog post available at <https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/post/overcoming>

Villalón, Roberta. May 17, 2023. "Migración y Salud," Salud y Querencia Talkshow, Episode 16, Bernalillo County Health Equity Council. Accessible at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1063225897971171>

Villalón, Roberta. April 18, 2023. "Transnational Migration and Health Access," Global Health Conversation Series, USF Health International, with Drs. Beatriz Padilla and Arlene Calvo. Accessible at <https://youtu.be/ZpYWwvVGHJQ>

Villalón, Roberta. February 23, 2023. [Speaking Non-English]. Blog post available at <https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/post/speaking-non-english>

Villalón, Roberta [author & designer]. 2022. *Salud y Migración*. Educational website: [www.saludymigracion.com](http://www.saludymigracion.com)

Villalón, Roberta [designer & manager]. 2022. *Latin+ Feminist Sociology Collective*. Educational and organizational website: [www.latinplusfeministcollective.org](http://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org)

Villalón, Roberta, and Erika Busse-Cárdenas. November 13, 2022. "Vulnerabilities in the Academy: Experiences and Latin+ Strategies." Blog post available at <https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/post/vulnerabilities-in-the-academy-experiences-and-latin-strategies>

Villalón, Roberta, Erika Busse-Cárdenas, and Verónica Montes. July 13, 2022. "Latin America's Marea Verde's Lessons to Fight Against Roe v. Wade Reversion." Blog post available at <https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/post/latin-america-s-marea-verde-s-lessons-to-fight-against-the-reversion-of-roe-v-wade>

Villalón, Roberta. April 30, 2022. "Latin-qué?" Blog post available at <https://www.latinplusfeministcollective.org/post/latin-que>

### **Book Review Essays**

Villalón, Roberta. 2026. Private violence: Latin American Women and the Struggle for Asylum. By Carol Cleaveland and Michele Wasling. New York, New York University Press, 2024. 288p. *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 24, No. 1, pp. 463-465. doi:10.1017/S1537592725103447

Villalón, Roberta. 2017. "The Catholic Church and Argentina's Dirty War" by Gustavo Morello, *Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 46, No. 3, pp. 340-341.

Villalón, Roberta. 2011. "Remaking Citizenship: Latina Immigrants and New American Politics" by Kathleen Coll, *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 9, No. 3, pp. 669-671.

### **Dissertation and Theses**

Villalón, Roberta. 2007. "Gatekeeping and Acts of Passage: Battered Immigrants, Nonprofits, and the State." Dissertation, University of Texas at Austin.

Villalón, Roberta. 2002. "Piquetes, Cacerolazos y Asambleas Vecinales. Social Protests in Argentina, 1993-2002," Thesis, University of Texas at Austin.

Villalón, Roberta. 1999. "Proteccionismo y Política Industrial en la Argentina de los '90: la Economía Política de la Reconversión del Sector Automotriz." Tesis de Licenciatura, Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.

### **Reports**

Villalón, Roberta. 2003. "Navigating Clientelist Networks: The Beginnings of a Journey, Neuquen, Argentina 2003," Summer Field Research Report, September 2003, Austin, Center for Latin American Social Policy, University of Texas at Austin.

Villalón, Roberta. 2001. "Los gobiernos y las ONGs de la región concentran en Internet mayor información sobre la mujer en la PYME", in *InfoPYME*, October 2001, Austin, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

### **PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS & GUEST SPEAKER ENGAGEMENTS**

*Presenter.* On "Bad Hombres:" The Pendulum of Demonization in the United States' Political Theatre." Latino/x/a Studies Association Conference. Austin, TX, March 2026.

*Presenter.* "Migración, salud y desigualdades: Una investigación activista del caso ecuatoriano." X Conferencia Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Ciencias Sociales. Bogotá, Colombia, June 2025.

*Co-presenter* (with Omar Montaña). "On "Bad Hombres": The Pendulum of Demonization in the United States' Political Theatre." X Conferencia Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Ciencias Sociales. Bogotá, Colombia, June 2025.

*Discussant.* "Mental Health and Migration: Addressing Violence, Grief, and Resilience Among Migrant Populations in Latin American." Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress. San Francisco, May 2025.

*Session Organizer and Presenter.* "Poner el cuerpo en proyectos académico-activistas transnacionales." Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress. San Francisco, May 2025.

*Author Book Presentation.* "Migración, salud y desigualdades: Investigación activista crítica a través de fronteras ecuatorianas." Sponsor: CLACSO Editorial. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress. San Francisco, May 2025.

- Panelist.* “Resiliencia migratoria desapercibida: ¿por qué y cómo revertirla?” Red Athena XIV Congreso Internacional sobre Migración y Salud Mental (Athena Network 14<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Migration and Mental Health). Ciudad de México, October 2024.
- Panelist.* “The Transformative Power of Relational Mentoring: Latin+ Activist Sociology Reflections.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress. Bogotá, Colombia, June 2024.
- Workshop Organizer and Co-Presenter.* “Leadership Sustainability, Inclusivity and Institutional Memory: A Collective Conversation.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2024 Winter Meeting. Santa Ana Pueblo, January 2024.
- Panelist.* “South-North-South Migrations & Health Challenges: Latines' Strategies of Prevailing.” Athena Network 13<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Migration and Mental Health. Paris, France, October 2023.
- Workshop Organizer and Co-Presenter.* “Language Justice Struggles.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2023 Summer Meeting. Philadelphia, August 2023.
- Workshop Organizer and Co-Presenter.* “Demystifying Nominations and Sustainable Leadership.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2023 Summer Meeting. Philadelphia, August 2023.
- Guest Speaker.* “Migration, Health, and Inequalities: Critical Activist Research across Ecuadorean Borders. Spencer Cahill Memorial Colloquium Series.” University of South Florida, Tampa, April 2023.
- Panelist.* “Reflexiones del Colectivo de Sociología Feminista Latin+” (Reflections of the Latin+ Feminist Sociology Collective). Encuentro Autonomías en Práctica. El Cambalache, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico, March 2023.
- Guest Speaker.* “Migration, Health and Critical Activist Research: Latin+ Contributions.” Wake Forest University’s Societies in Crisis: Inequities and Social Change Academic Talk Series. Winston-Salem, North Carolina, February 2023.
- Panelist.* “Migration, Health, and Inequalities: A Critical, Activist Research Across Ecuadorean Borders. Presentation at Book Salon.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2023 Winter Meeting. New Orleans, January 2023.
- Panelist.* “Decolonial Feminisms: An Interview to Ochy Curiel, Inaugural SWS Honorary Feminist Sociology Distinction Recipient.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2023 Winter Meeting. New Orleans, January 2023.

- Poster Presentation.* “Migrazione e salute nel caso equadoregno: uno studio interdisciplinare.” Società Italiana di Medicina delle Migrazione (SIMM) Congresso Nazionale 2022. Roma, Italia, October, 2022.
- Conference Organizer (as President).* “Rethinking Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics – Part Two” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2022 Summer Meeting. Los Angeles, August 2022.
- Panelist.* “On Publishing: Q&A with Book and Journal Authors.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2022 Summer Meeting. Los Angeles, August 2022.
- Presenter.* “Transnational South/North Migrations, Health and Well-being: A Critical Intersectional Study.” American Sociological Association (ASA) 2022 Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, August 2022.
- Conference Organizer (as President-Elect).* “Rethinking Feminist Sociologies in the Era of Global Pandemics” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2022 Winter Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo. March, 2022.
- Co-organizer and presenter.* “Latinx Feminist Collective: Strategies of Resistance, Transformation and Action Workshop.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2022 Winter Meeting, Santa Ana Pueblo. March, 2022.
- Panelist.* “Transnational Activist Research: Working towards Equity during Highly Unequal Times.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2022 Winter Meeting, Pre-Conference Workshop: Transnational Feminist Praxis in Pandemic Times. Santa Ana Pueblo. March, 2022.
- Panelist.* “Una aproximación sociológica crítica activista al estudio de salud y migración: el caso ecuatoriano.” III Seminario de estudios sobre las comunidades nativas americanas, afrodescendientes y latinas en los Estados Unidos. Casa de las Américas, La Habana, Cuba. Virtual. November, 2021.
- Panelist.* “Activist Research Across Borders: Latinxs’ Experiences as the Basis for Theorizing on Health and Migration.” American Sociological Association (ASA) 2021 Annual Meeting. Virtual. August, 2021.
- Co-Panelist.* “Migration and Well-being: Visualizing Migrants' Health Processes and Psychosociocultural Coping Mechanisms.” American Sociological Association (ASA) 2021 Annual Meeting. Virtual. August, 2021.
- Panelist.* “Memory, Truth and Justice in Contemporary Latin America.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress. Virtual. May, 2021.

*Panelist, Co-organizer.* “Latinx Antiracist Feminist Liberatory Praxis: A Workshop to Collectively Strengthen our Activism.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2020 Summer Meeting. Virtual. January, 2021.

*Panelist, Organizer.* “Latinx Antiracist Feminist Liberatory Praxis: A Bilingual Roundtable.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2020 Summer Meeting. Virtual. August, 2020.

*Invited Panelist, Presidential Plenary.* “Traversing and Transcending (Border) Politics: Latin Americans’ Quest for Well-being.” Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) 2020 Winter Meeting. San Diego. January, 2020.

*Poster Presentation (with graduate student, Sarah Kraft)* “Intersecting Migrations, Gender and Health: Activist Research Across Ecuadorean Borders.” Athena Network 8<sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress on Migration and Mental Health, New Paltz. October, 2019.

*Poster Presentation.* “Intersecting Migrations and Health: Critical Activist Research across Ecuadorean Borders.” 14<sup>th</sup> Summer Institute on Migration and Global Health. Oakland/Berkeley. July, 2019.

*Panelist.* “Investigación académica activista contra-hegemónica: Experiencias transnacionales.” VIII Conferencia Latinoamericana y Caribeña de Ciencias Sociales y el 1er Foro Mundial del Pensamiento Crítico, CLACSO 2018. Buenos Aires, Argentina. November, 2018.

*Invited Panelist.* “Breaking through knowledge dissemination barriers: An activist transnational feminist approach.” XIX International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology. Toronto, Canada. July, 2018.

*Organizer.* “Memoria, Reconciliación e Interseccionalidad” (Memory, Reconciliation and Intersectionality). XIX International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology. Toronto, Canada. July, 2018.

*Organizer.* “Global Social Problems: Theories, Discourse and Action.” XIX International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology. Toronto, Canada. July, 2018.

*Panelist.* “Feminist Activist Transnational Research. Sociologists for Women in Society.” Winter Meeting. January, 2018.

*Keynote Speaker.* Mapas de la Memoria: Segunda Ola de Reconciliación y Justicia en América Latina. Universidad ICESI, Cali, Colombia. November, 2017.

*Panelist.* “Investigación activista: Estrategias de resistencia y reflexiones transnacionales,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress. Lima, Peru. April, 2017.

*Co-Organizer.* “Diálogo de Saberes y Feminismos Latinoamericanos” Feminist and Gender Studies, and Sexualities Sections Pre-Conference, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress. Lima, Peru. April, 2017.

- Keynote Speaker.* “Violencias Entrecruzadas: Género, Etnicidad y Ciudadanía” (Intersecting Violences: Gender, Ethnicity and Citizenship.” Jornada Les Formes Menys Visibles de la Violencia Masclista (Conference on the Least Visible Means of Male Violence against Women). Barcelona, Spain. November, 2016.
- Co-Organizer and Panelist.* “Activist Research and Transnational Feminism.” A Historical Perspective on Feminism in Contexts of Change and Crisis: A Dialogue between Activists and Academics. Feminist and Gender Studies Section Pre-Conference, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 50<sup>th</sup> International Congress. New York. May, 2016.
- Panelist.* “Memory, Truth and Justice in Latin America: Transnational Activist Editing,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 50<sup>th</sup> International Congress. New York. May, 2016.
- Keynote Speaker.* “Action Research Across Borders,” 2016 Borderlands Symposium, University of Connecticut-Storrs. April, 2016.
- Guest Speaker.* “Violence Against Latina Immigrants – Overlapping Inequalities and Justice,” University of Scantron. March, 2016.
- Keynote Speaker.* “Violencia contra Latinas Inmigrantes: Ciudadanía, Desigualdad y Comunidad,” 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Forum: East Latinas in Action, SEPA Mujer. Long Island, NY. March, 2016.
- Co-organizer and Panelist.* “Migración e Inequidades de Salud: Una Investigación Transnacional.” *First Ecuadorian Congress of Health and Migration. Loja, Ecuador.* February, 2016
- Panelist.* El Resurgimiento de Movilizaciones por Memoria Colectiva, Verdad y Justicia en América Latina. Latin American Association of Sociology (ALAS) 2015 Congress. San Jose, Costa Rica. November/December, 2015.
- Panelist.* Investigación Activista contra la Violencia de Género a Inmigrantes Latinoamericanas. Latin American Association of Sociology (ALAS) 2015 Congress. San Jose, Costa Rica. November/December, 2015.
- Panelist.* Violence against Latina Immigrants & Teresa Margolles' Political Art: We have a common thread. The Neuberger Museum of Art, Purchase, NY. July, 2015.
- Keynote Speaker.* Violencia, Genero y Migración. Primer Encuentro Nacional de Salud y Migracion. Sociedad Ecuatoriana de Salud y Migracion, Hospital Universidad Tecnica Particular de Loja. Loja, Ecuador. July, 2015.
- Panelist.* “Curricular and Administrative Feminist Activism: A Latina Sociologist in Rough Waters.” Sociologists for Women in Society 2015 Winter Meeting. Washington, DC. February, 2015.

*Co-organizer and Presenter.* "Marginalized Faculty and Academic (In)Justice: Challenges & Strategies for Action." Sociologists for Women in Society 2015 Winter Meeting. Washington, DC. February, 2015.

*Panelist.* "The Politics of Counter-Hegemonic Memory-Making." International Sociological Association 2014 World Congress. Yokohama, Japan. July, 2014.

*Panelist.* "Economic Crisis and Violence Against Immigrants in the US." International Sociological Association 2014 World Congress. Yokohama, Japan. July, 2014.

*Panelist.* "Violence Against Latina Immigrants: Citizenship, Inequality and Community" - Author Meets Critic. International Sociological Association 2014 World Congress. Yokohama, Japan. July, 2014.

*Co-organizer.* "Activism, Media and Justice." International Sociological Association 2014 World Congress. Yokohama, Japan. July, 2014.

*Panelist.* "Labor Trafficking of Latino/as in the U.S.: Observations from the Field." Latin American Studies Association 2014. Chicago, IL. May, 2014.

*Organizer.* "Contentious Politics of Memory-Making in Bolivia, Peru, Brazil and Colombia." Latin American Studies Association 2014. Chicago, IL. May, 2014.

*Discussant.* "Transitional Justice from the Margins: Struggles over Memory Politics in Brazil." Latin American Studies Association 2014. Chicago, IL. May, 2014.

*Guest Speaker.* "Violence against Latina Immigrants: Inheriting, Reproducing and Challenging Inequalities." Hofstra College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Criminology Program, Department of Sociology ~ The Annual Lecture Series *Crime, Law and Justice*. Hempstead, NY. March, 2014.

*Panelist.* "The Politics of Trafficking: Critical Local and Global Perspectives." Sociologists for Women in Society 2014 Winter Meeting. Nashville, TN. February, 2014.

*Co- Organizer & Discussant.* "Feminist Social Justice Work in Academia: Attacks and Defense Strategies." Sociologists for Women in Society 2014 Winter Meeting. Nashville, TN. February, 2014

*Co-organizer.* "Learning to be Agents of Change in Our Institutions." Sociologists for Women in Society 2014 Winter Meeting. Nashville, TN. February, 2014

*Keynote Speaker.* "Violence Against Latina Immigrants." Foro Latinas en Accion: Sepa Mujer. Islip, Long Island, New York. December, 2013.

*Organizer & Co-Chair.* "Reframing Historical Representations & Collective Memory-Making." Latin American Studies Association 2013 International Conference, Washington DC, U.S. May, 2013.

*Chair.* "Empowerment from the Margins." Latin American Studies Association 2013 International Conference, Washington DC, U.S. May, 2013.

*Panelist.* "Immigration and Violence: Traversing Theoretical and Practical Boundaries." Eastern Sociological Society 2013 Annual Meeting, Boston, U.S. July, 2013.

*Panelist.* "Violence against Immigrant Women: Politics, Action and Activism" SWS Parallel Side Event of Committee on the Status of Women, United Nations, 2013, New York, U.S. March, 2013.

*Panelist.* "What Assistant Professors should think about before making a commitment to contribute to an edited collection?" Sociologists for Women in Society, 2013 Winter Meeting. Tamaya, U.S. February, 2013.

*Organizer.* "Is this Discrimination or What?" Sociologists for Women in Society, 2013 Winter Meeting. Tamaya, U.S. February, 2013.

*Panelist.* "Framing Extreme Violence: Collective Memory-Making of Argentina's Dirty War." American Sociological Association 2012 Annual Meeting, Denver, U.S. August, 2012.

*Panelist.* "Countering Gender Violence with Realistic Fiction." American Sociological Association 2012 Annual Meeting, Denver, U.S. August, 2012.

*Organizer.* "A Workshop on the Current Status of Discrimination in the Workplace." Sociologists for Women in Society 2012 Summer Meeting. Denver U.S. August, 2012.

*Organizer.* "The Language of Collective Memory." Second International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology: Social Justice and Democratization. Buenos Aires, Argentina. August, 2012.

*Panelist.* "The Nuances of Agency: Latina survivors of gender violence and gatekeepers of citizenship in the U.S." Second International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology: Social Justice and Democratization. Buenos Aires, Argentina. August, 2012.

*Organizer.* "Struggles to End Gender Violence in Latin America." Latin American Studies Association 2012 International Congress. San Francisco. May, 2012.

*Invited Speaker.* "Beyond Gender-Based Inequalities: Latina Immigrant Survivors of Violence in the US." 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Women's Rights Forum, University of San Francisco. March, 2012.

*Panelist.* "Anti-Immigrant Policies and the Demise of the Battered Women's Movement." Border Patrols: The Legal, Racial, Social, and Economic Implications of U.S. Immigration Policy. St. John's University, School of Law, New York. March, 2012.

- Author/Panelist.* "Violence Against Latina Immigrants: Citizenship, Inequality and Community." 2012 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New York, U.S. (*Author Meets Critics Session*) February, 2012.
- Panelist.* "Latina Stories of Migration and Abuse: Telling, Re-Telling, Translating and Accessing Citizenship." 2012 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New York, U.S. February, 2012.
- Presider.* "Transnational Approaches to Gender." 2012 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New York, U.S. February, 2012.
- Speaker.* "Overcoming Insidious Inequalities Against Latina Battered Immigrants in the U.S." Migration Matters. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, U.S. February, 2012.
- Panelist.* "Fair Immigration Regimes: A Real Utopia?" Sociologists for Women in Society 2012 Winter Meeting. St. Petersburg, U.S. February, 2012.
- Panelist.* "Activism and Academy: Within and Beyond Borders." Barnard Center for Research on Women 40th Anniversary Conference, 2011. New York, U.S. September, 2011.
- Panelist.* "Overcoming Insidious Inequalities against Latina Battered Immigrants in the U.S." Women's Worlds 2011. Ottawa-Gatineau, Canada. July, 2011.
- Organizer.* "Activist Research and Gender Justice." Women's Worlds 2011. Ottawa-Gatineau, Canada. July, 2011.
- Panelist.* "Latina Battered Immigrants and Exclusionary Motherhood Ideals." Eastern Sociological Society. 2011. Philadelphia, U.S. February, 2011.
- Panelist.* "Writing about Violence against Women: Fiction Versus Reality." Eastern Sociological Society. 2011. Philadelphia, U.S. February, 2011.
- Critic.* "Making Transnational Feminism: Rural women, NGO Activists and Northern Donors in Brazil by Milicent Thayer" Eastern Sociological Society. 2011. Philadelphia, U.S. February, 2011.
- Panelist.* "Latina Survivors of Violence and Economic Crisis." Latin American Studies Association XXIX International Congress, 2010, Toronto, Canada. May, 2010.
- Panelist.* "Married? *Casada?*" Battered Latina Immigrants, Heteronormativity and Patriarchy," American Sociological Association 2010 Annual Meeting, Atlanta, U.S. August, 2010.
- Panelist.* "Bracing the Fight to End Violence against Immigrant Women: Ideas from Below." Society for the Study of Social Problems 2010 Annual Meeting. Atlanta, U.S. August, 2010.

- Panelist.* "Activist Research, Inequality and Beyond: Violence against Latina Immigrants," Association of Black Sociologists 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, 2010, Atlanta, U.S. August, 2010.
- Panelist.* "Dissident and Hegemonic Discourses in the Struggle to End Violence Against Immigrant Women in the U.S." International Sociological Association XXVI World Congress of Sociology, 2010. Gothenburg, Sweden. July, 2010.
- Panelist.* "The Invaluable Power of Resistance Art: from Tucumán to Texas." International Sociological Association XXVI World Congress of Sociology, 2010. Gothenburg, Sweden. July, 2010.
- Workshop Organizer and Panelist.* "Bridging Community and Academia in the Struggle to End Violence Against Latin@s." Abriendo Brecha Activist Scholarship Conference, 2010, Austin, U.S. February, 2010.
- Panelist.* "Violence Against Immigrant Women, Bodies/Border Laws and Activist Research." Sociologists for Women in Society 2010 Winter Meeting. Santa Barbara, U.S. February, 2010.
- Panelist.* "Latina Battered Immigrants' Quest for Citizenship: The Nuances of Agency." American Sociological Association 2009 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, U.S. August, 2009.
- Panelist.* "'Luckily, her abuser is American...' Violence Against Immigrant Women and the Legal Guards of Whiteness." Society for the Study of Social Problems 2009 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, U.S. August, 2009.
- Session Co- Organizer.* "Outsiders Within Sociologists in the Late 2000's: Achievements, Limitations, and Strategies." Society for the Study of Social Problems 2008 Annual Meeting, Boston, U.S. February, 2008.
- Panelist.* "Battered Immigrants, Immigration Laws, and Gatekeeping: The Subtleties of Selection." Society for the Study of Social Problems 2008 Annual Meeting, Boston, U.S. February, 2008.
- Panelist.* "Gatekeepers by Default: Legal Nonprofits, the State, and Battered Immigrants." American Sociological Association 2008 Annual Meeting, Boston, U.S. February, 2008.
- Panelist.* "One Step Forward, Two Steps Back: Latina Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Nonprofits, and the State." American Sociological Association 2007 Annual Meeting, New York City, U.S. August, 2007.
- Panelist.* "Dysfunctional Colonization: Habermas, Merton and Argentina's Recent Crisis." American Sociological Association 2006 Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. August, 2006.
- Panelist.* "Necropolitics and Women in Argentina's Dirty War, 1976-1983." American Sociological Association 2004 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, U.S. August, 2004.

*Panelist.* "La lucha es cruel y es mucha." Society of Latin American Studies Annual Conference 2004, Leiden, The Netherlands. April, 2004.

*Panelist.* "Reconversión del Sector Automotriz: el Juego Político." III National Congress of Political Science 1999 - Sociedad Argentina de Análisis Político (SAAP) - Buenos Aires, Argentina. November, 1999.

## **COURSES DESIGNED & TAUGHT**

- Decolonial Sociologies;
- Feminist Sociological Theories;
- Migration, Labor and Justice;
- Global Poverty;
- Sociology of Poverty, Migration and Marginalization;
- Immigration and Inequality;
- International Migrations, Health, and Inequalities;
- Migration and Refugees in Development: Humanitarianism, Gender and Inequities;
- Human Trafficking;
- Sociology of Latinxs in the U.S.;
- Latin American Social Movements;
- Sociology of Gender;
- Gender in a Global Context;
- Gender and Development;
- Gender and Violence in Film;
- World History Seminar in Women and Gender History;
- Family Violence;
- Sociology of Family;
- Research Methods (I & II);
- Classical Sociological Theory;
- Contemporary Sociological Theory;
- Introduction to Sociology;
- Senior Sociology Seminar

## **AFFILIATIONS AT ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**

Department of Sociology & Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (*home*)

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)

Women, Gender and Sexualities Studies Program  
Global Development and Social Justice (M.A. Program)

#### **UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AND COMMITTEE SERVICE**

- Undergraduate & Graduate Education Curriculum Committees (ongoing)
- M.A. Global Development and Social Justice Committee (ongoing)
- Women, Gender, and Sexualities Minor Program Committee (ongoing)
- Department Chairperson (2015-2021)
- Department Assistant Chair (2012-2015)
- Personnel and Budget Committee (2015-2021)
- College of Liberal Arts Council (2012-2021)
- Graduate Council (2015-2021)

#### **CHAIRPERSON SERVICE (2015-2021)**

- Implemented initiatives to increase recruitment and retention of students for Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work and Criminology undergraduate and graduate programs;
- Restructured the Sociology Major to offer thematic tracks;
- Restructured the MA Sociology Program to offer a hybrid intensive version and concentrations;
- Activated social media communications for the Department;
- Set up agreements with international universities for pathways of study from BA Psychology to MA Criminology;
- Set up agreements with national universities for pathways of study from BA Sociology to MA Sociology;
- Set up agreements with doctorate-granting universities for pathways of study from MA Sociology to Ph.D. Sociology;
- Created new and promoted existing combined degree programs between our department's programs and those from Journalism, Communication Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Law, Psychology, and Public Health;
- Successfully secured and conducted three faculty searches (Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology) resulting in five hirings;

- Actively participated in the University’s Provost search and indirectly participated in the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s search;
- Led Chairperson’s network to coordinate action and create initiatives within and across colleges;
- Promoted a transparent departmental culture towards shared governance;
- Fostered faculty and students’ research collaboration;
- Promoted high impact pedagogical practices;
- Coordinated Anti-Racist and Social Change initiatives at the Department within the frame of the pandemic;
- Led the creation and design of a new departmental website and its own student led e-zine: [Ideas | Action | Justice](#)

## **MEMBERSHIP & SERVICE IN PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS**

Latin American Studies Association (2000 – present)

*\*Appointed as Program Track Coordinator of Gender & Feminist Studies Section (2024-2025)*

*\*Elected Treasurer of the Gender & Feminist Studies Section (2017-2018)*

*\*Elected Co-Chair of the Gender & Feminist Studies Section (2015-2017)*

*\*Track Chair of the Feminist and Gender Studies section 2025 Congress Program (2024-2025)*

American Sociological Association (2002 – present)

*Member of Global and Transnational Sociology, Latinx Sociology, International Migration, Medical Sociology Sections*

International Sociological Association (2010 – present)

*Member of RC 32: Women in Society Research Committee*

*\*Elected Representative of the United States (2014-2018)*

*Steering Committee on Intersections of Power in Research*

*Nominated as Secretary-Treasurer (2018-2022)*

Latin+ Feminist Sociology Collective (2020 – present)

*Co-founder & Co-leader with Drs. Montes, Busse-Cárdenas, López, and Padilla*

Radical Feminist Collective (2024 – present)

*Member of coordinating core*

*Member of Political Education working group*

Sociologists for Women in Society (2010- 2024)

*\*Elected Co-Chair of the Discrimination Committee (2024)*

*\*Elected President (2021-2024)*

*\*Elected Treasurer (Council) (2019-2020)*

*\*Elected Co-Chair of the Committee on Academic Justice (2013-2015)*

*\*Elected Chair of the Discrimination Committee (2011-2013)*

*Member of International Committee and Sister to Sister Committee*

#### **SOCIOLOGIST FOR WOMEN IN SOCIETY PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE (2021-2024)**

- Organized the first hybrid 2022 SWS [Winter](#) & [Summer](#) Meetings, including pre- and post-consultations with membership and program committee;
- Set up system of simultaneous interpretation for Winter and Summer meetings to expand linguistic accessibility with the assistance of the Task Force on Language Accessibility;
- Creation of the [SWS YouTube Channel](#) to enhance organization’s public outreach;;
- Set up scaled registration costs and cost-share to increase affordability and shared economic prosperity;
- Creation of the “Honorary Feminist Sociology Distinction” to celebrate interdisciplinary contributions to feminist sociology;
- Creation of a Task Force on Inclusivity & implementation of an Intersectional Diversity, Inclusivity and Equity Assessment of SWS;
- Creation of a Task Force devoted to the Memory and Herstory of the organization;
- Creation of Task Force on Leadership Sustainability;
- Support of expansion of Social Action Awards;
- Highlighted SWS support of Applied Sociology.

## **LATIN+ FEMINIST SOCIOLOGY COLLECTIVE SERVICE (2020-Present)**

- Co-founded Collective;
- Funding applications;
- Co-organization of workshops and regular meetings;
- Design and maintenance of multilingual Collective's [website](#);
- Upkeeping Collective's blog, podcast and lectures series;
- Co-organization of Collective's social and political actions;
- Co-edition of publications.

## **LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

SPANISH - Native speaker, Excellent Proficiency

ENGLISH - Excellent Proficiency

PORTUGUESE- Intermediate Level

ITALIAN – Intermediate Level