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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2018-9 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research, Tulane University

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

EDUCATION

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

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

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

Specialization: Race and Ethnicity (with Distinction), African and African Diaspora Studies
Doctoral Portfolio

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

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

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

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

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Katherine Jensen. Forthcoming. “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*:1-19.

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

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

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

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

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

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

BOOK CHAPTERS

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

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

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

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

BOOK REVIEWS

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

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

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Katherine Jensen. "From the Asylum Officials' Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in the Brazilian Refugee Regime."

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

AWARDS, HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Awards and Honors

- 2018 Travel Grant, Brazil Section of Latin American Studies Association
- 2016-17 P.E.O. Scholar Award, P.E.O. International (\$15,000)
- 2015-16 Fulbright Award, U.S. Department of State (\$16,200)
- 2015 Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association
- 2012 Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education (\$15,000)
- Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

Internal Awards and Honors

- 2018 Graduate Student Assembly Travel Grant, UT-Austin
- 2017-18 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$30,185)
- 2017 Graduate Summer Fellowship, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT-Austin (\$2,500 – *declined*)
- 2015 University of Texas at Austin Excellence Award (\$5,000)
- Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
- Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award, UT-Austin
- Anna Luiza Ozorio de Almeida Field Research Grant, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin (\$700)
- Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$750)

- 2014 Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,000)
- 2013 Predoctoral Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,337)
Urban Ethnography Lab Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$1,500)
- 2012 Academic Scholarship, UT-Austin (\$1,236)
Anthropology in Rio Scholarship, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin (\$1,375)
International Education Fee Scholarship, UT-Austin (\$1,300)
- 2011 Sociology Department Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$5,000)
University Tuition Grant, UT-Austin (\$1,500)
- 2009 Maguire Fellowship, Vassar College (\$17,715)
General and Departmental Honors, Vassar College
Student Life Recognition Award, Office of Religious and Spiritual Life, Vassar College
- 2008 Burnam Fellowship, Vassar College (\$2,500)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 *(Scheduled)*. “From the Asylum Officials’ Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination.” ASA Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
(Scheduled). “From the Asylum Officials’ Point of View: Schemes of Perception and Evaluation in Refugee Status Determination.” The Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology: Cultural, Pragmatist, and Psychosocial Approaches Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
“Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson’s *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale.” LASA Conference. Barcelona, Spain.
“The Racial Logics of Determining Refugee Status: A View from Brazil.” Divided We Stand? Race and Immigration in the Trump Era Conference. Austin, Texas.
- 2017 “The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and Knowledge Production in Brazil.” ASA Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
“The Epistemic Logic of Asylum Screening: (Dis)embodiment and the Production of Asylum Knowledge in Brazil.” SSSP Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
“Against the *Illusio*: Troubling Refugee Status.” Graduate Student Affiliate Workshop, Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice. Austin, Texas.

- “Racial Prenotions: Donald Pierson’s *Negroes in Brazil* as Cautionary Tale.” The Enduring Relevance of the Chicago School for Contemporary Urban Studies Workshop. Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2016 “El asilo pensado como un *campo*: percepciones, posturas y relaciones en el proceso de refugio en Brasil.” “Haciendo Trabajar a Pierre Bourdieu Desde America Latina: Habitus y Campo en la Investigación Social” Colloquium. Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2015 “Through a White Logic: Screening Asylum Seekers in Brazil.” LASA Conference. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 “Do You Really Believe He Escaped That House? Racist Epistemologies in the Brazilian Asylum-Screening Process.” SSS Annual Meeting. Charlotte, North Carolina.
- 2013 “A Critique of Credibility: The Asylum-Screening Process in Brazil.” ASA Annual Meeting. New York, New York.
- “‘We Afrodescendants Are Products of the Slave Trade’: Exclusionary Framings of the Argentine 2010 Census Question on African Descent.” ILASSA Conference. Austin, Texas.
- 2012 “Framings of the 2010 Argentine Census Survey of African Descent: African Migrant Communities and the Boundaries of Inclusion.” UT Department of Spanish and Portuguese 20th Colloquium. Austin, Texas.
- “Continuities of State Repression and Social Injustice: Lessons from the Spatial Margins in Argentine Memory-Making.” LAGO Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana.

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 On *Invisible in Austin* – KUT Book of the Month Club, BookPeople; “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government Dept
- 2017 Moderator, “Race and State Power,” Race and Ethnicity Working Group, UT-Austin
- “Seeking Refuge in Our Current Era,” P.E.O. International, Austin Chapter
- On *Invisible in Austin* – “Politics of Poverty” Undergraduate Course, Government Dept; AP Macroeconomics Course, McCallum High School; “Social Scientific Imagination” Undergraduate Course, Sociology Dept
- 2016 “Diaspora como conceito” (Diaspora as a concept), “Diaspora e problemática racial” Panel, Solar dos Abacaxis: Freedom / Territory, in partnership with UNHCR Brazil
- On *Invisible in Austin* — Sociology Course, Dripping Springs High School; Institute for Urban Policy and Research; Sociology in Action
- 2015 “Introduction to Ethnography,” Fundamentals of Research Methods Graduate Course, Sociology Department, UT-Austin

“Local Implementation,” Amnesty International Texas State Conference

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

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-17 Instructor, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin

Courses: Race, Class, Gender and Sexuality in American Society
Urban Sociology (Co-taught with Prof. Javier Auyero)

2011-17 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, UT-Austin

Courses: Introduction to the Study of Society, Introduction to Social Research, Racial and Ethnic Relations, Social Scientific Imagination, Widening Inequality and the American Dream, Globalization, Criminology, Sport and English Society

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

2012 Academic Mentor, UT Athletics, UT-Austin

2010-11 Program Assistant, “Argentina: Social Movements and Human Rights,” SIT Study Abroad, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2008-09 ESL Teaching Assistant, Poughkeepsie High School, Poughkeepsie, New York

2006-09 Educational Assistant, Rural and Migrant Ministry, Poughkeepsie, New York

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS

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

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

2014-17 Research Assistant, Professor Harel Shapira, “Concealed Carry Permits in the US,” Department of Sociology, UT-Austin

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

2014-15 Invited Participant, “Craft of Ethnography” Workshops at Columbia University (2015), UT-Austin (2015), and the Institute for Public Knowledge (2014)

LANGUAGES

English, native; Portuguese, fluent; Spanish, fluent

SERVICE TO PROFESSION AND UNIVERSITY

2015-18 Co-Organizer, “Ethnographic Approaches” Speaker Series, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin

2014-17 Graduate Student Mentor, Sociology Undergraduate Honors Theses, UT-Austin

2016-17 Thesis Advisor, Carlos G. Leos, “Inmigración e Integración Regional: La Nafta, El Mercosur, y la Unión Europea,” Master’s in International Relations, Universidad de Belgrano, Buenos Aires, Argentina

2012-16 Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT-Austin

2015 Graduate Student Representative, Student Government, UT-Austin

2014 Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program, UT-Austin

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

2013 LGBTQ Ally Certification, Gender and Sexuality Center, UT-Austin

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2012-16 Volunteer, Legal Protection and Eligibility Sector, Assistance Center for Asylum Seekers and Refugees, Caritas of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

2013 Direct Service Volunteer, Refugee Resettlement Program, Caritas of Austin

2009 Youth Counselor, Karama Organization, Deheisheh Refugee Camp, Palestine

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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