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EMPLOYMENT

Wake Forest University, Assistant Professor, 2020-current
Department of Sociology

University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow, 2019- 2020
Department of Chicana/o and Central American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles
Mentor: Leisy Abrego (UCLA)

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, The University of Kansas, 2019

Dissertation: "Inflexible Illegality: Immigration and integration processes of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Latino/a immigrants in the Midwest"

Co-Advisors: Cecilia Menjivar (UCLA) and ChangHwan Kim (University of Kansas)

M.A. Sociology, The University of Kansas, 2013

Thesis: "Social Class, Education, and Motherhood in a Globalized Context: Identity Construction for Student Transnational Mothers"

Advisor: Shirley A. Hill (University of Kansas)

B.S. Major in Sociology, Minor in French, Grand Valley State University, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed

Gómez Cervantes, Andrea and Cecilia Menjivar. 2020. "Legal Violence, Health, and Access to Care: Latina Immigrants in Rural and Urban Kansas" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 61(3):307-323.

Gómez Cervantes, Andrea. 2019. "'Looking Mexican': Indigenous and non-Indigenous Latino/a Immigrants, the Racialization of Illegality and its Embodiment in the Midwest" *Social Problems*. Online first: 10.1093/socpro/spz048

Gómez Cervantes, Andrea, Daniel Alvord, and Cecilia Menjivar. 2018. "'Bad Hombres': The Effects of Criminalizing Latino Immigrants through Law and Media in the Rural Midwest." *Migration Letters* 15(2):182-196.

- Menjívar, Cecilia, **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**, and Daniel Alvord. 2018. "The Expansion of Crimmigration, Mass Detention, and Deportation." *Sociology Compass* Online first: DOI 10.1111/soc4.12573
- Alvord, Daniel, Cecilia Menjívar, and **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**. 2018. "The Legal Violence in the 2017 Executive Orders: The Expansion of Immigrant Criminalization in Kansas." *Social Currents* Online first: DOI: 10.1177/2329496518762001
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea**, Cecilia Menjívar, and William G. Staples. 2017. "'Humane' Immigration Enforcement and Latina Immigrants in the Detention Complex." *Feminist Criminology* 12 (3): 269-292.
* 2017 Feminist Criminology Best Article Award

Peer-Edited Book Chapters & Other Works

- Abrego, Leisy J., **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**, Briceida Hernandez-Toledo, Leigh-Anna Hidalgo, Lucia P. Leon, Joanna B. Perez and Iris M. Ramirez. 2020. "Compassionate Pedagogies in a Pandemic: Reflections from Latina Scholars" in *Latinx Talk*.
<https://latinxtalk.org/2020/06/17/compassionate-pedagogies-in-a-pandemic-reflections-from-latina-scholars/>
- Cecilia Menjívar, **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**, and William G. Staples. *Forthcoming*. "Masking Punitive Practices: Latina Immigrants' Experiences in the U.S. Detention Complex." In *Violando La Ley: Latinas in the Justice System*, edited by Vera Lopez and Lisa Pasco. New York, NY: New York University Press.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea** and Cecilia Menjívar. 2020. "Mass Deportation: Forced Removal, Terrorism, and a Disposable Labor Force." In *The Handbook of Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice*, edited by Ramiro Martinez Jr., Jacob I. Stowell, and Meghan Hollis. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Cecilia Menjívar and **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**. 2020. "Bureaucracies of Displacement: From Immigrants' Social and Physical Exclusion to Their Judicial Removal" in *Handbook of Displacement* Edited by Mike Dolton. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea**. 2019. "Illegal Immigration." In *Legislating Morality in America: Debating the Morality of Controversial U.S. Laws and Policies*, edited by Donald Patric Haider-Markel. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Menjívar, Cecilia and **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**. 2018. "Immigration." Chapter 19 in *The Cambridge Handbook of Social Problems*, edited by Javier Treviño. Cambridge, NY: Cambridge University Press.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea** and Daniel Alvord. 2018. "Disposable Labor: Migrant Workers in Agriculture and Meatpacking Industry." In *Handbook on Social Justice in Criminal Justice*, edited by Cliff Roberson. Routledge.
- Menjívar, Cecilia, **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**, and Daniel Alvord. 2018. "Two Decades of Constructing Immigrants as Criminals." In *Routledge Handbook of Immigration and Crime*, edited by Holly Ventura Miller and Anthony Peguero. Routledge.
- Menjívar, Cecilia and **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**. 2016. "The Effects of Parental Undocumented Status on Families and Children." In *Children, Youth, & Families (CYF) News*. American Psychological Association.
<http://www.apa.org/pi/families/resources/newsletter/2016/11/undocumented-status.aspx>.

Book Reviews and Encyclopedia Articles

- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea.** 2017. Book review of A. L. Sittig and M. F. González *The Mayans Among Us: Migrant Women and Meatpacking on the Great Plains*, Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, 2016. In *Women and Social Movements in the United States, 1900-200*.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea.** 2016. "Transnational Motherhood." *Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by Constance L. Shehan. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea** and Shirley A. Hill. 2015. "Families, the State, and Politics." *American Political Culture: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Michael Shally-Jensen. Wiley-Blackwell.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea.** 2012. "For My Children: Motherhood Identity in Transnational Families (Preliminary Results)." *People of KU*, Volume 3 Issue 1.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea.** 2011. "Breaking Stereotypes by Obtaining an Education: Latinas' Family Values and Traditions on the School Institution." *McNair Journal*, Volume 14.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea.** "Language, Race, Illegality, and Colonial Legacies: Latin American Indigeneity in a New Destination" *Under Review*.
- Gómez Cervantes, Andrea.** "Negotiating Illegality: Within Group Differences Among Latino Mixed-Status Families" (Manuscript available).

AWARDS AND HONORS***External Awards***

- 2019 University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of California Los Angeles, Department of Chicana & Chicano Studies
- 2017 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Academies of Science American Sociological Association, Minority Fellowship Program
*Co-Sponsored with Sociologist for Women in Society
National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award
- 2016 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Academies of Science
*Honorable Mention
- 2010 McNair Scholar, Grand Valley State University
Michigan Sociological Association Student Paper Competition
**"Gaining Independence: Family Values and Traditions Effect on Higher Education."

Internal Awards

- Wake Forest University
- 2020 Faculty Student Engagement Fund
Humanities Institute Guest Speaker Grant

University of Kansas

- 2019 Bernstein Award for Future Faculty
- 2016 Graduate Student Grant Program, Center for Migration Research
Institute for Policy & Social Research, Fellow's Scholarship
Carroll D. Clark Award for Professional Service
Doctoral Student Research Fund
- 2015 University of Kansas Graduate Research Travel Fund
Morris C. Pratt Research Scholarship
- 2014 Carlin Graduate Teaching Award
- 2013 Carroll D. Clark Pre-MA Award
- 2012 Helen Waddell Roofoe Scholarship
Morris C. Pratt Research Scholarship

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- American Sociological Association, Online, August 2020: Roundtable “Without Spanish We Are Mute: Indigenous Immigrants Navigating Social Institutions and the Immigration Regime”
- University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellows Meeting, Online: Presented: “Illegality in the Heartland”
- Sociologist Women for Society Winter Meeting, San Diego, CA, January 2020, Roundtable: “Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Latin American Immigrant Women”
- Sociologist Women for Society Winter Meeting, San Diego, CA, January 2020, Workshop: “Getting the Money: Securing External Funding as a Graduate Student” Co-authorship: Brittany Battle, Andrea Gómez Cervantes, and Chriss Snead
- American Public Health Association, PA, November 2019, ““I rather die here than be deported”: Experiences of Latino Immigrants Accessing Healthcare in the Midwest” Co-authorship: Mariana Ramírez, Ileana Cepeda, **Andrea Gómez Cervantes**, Jerry A Schultz, Tanner Grieving, Stephen Fawcett
- American Sociological Association, NY, August 2019: Presented “Gendered Effects of a Toxic Environment: Legal Violence and the Health of Latina Immigrants in Kansas, U.S.” (co-authored with Cecilia Menjívar) in Paper Session: Gender and Immigration
- American Sociological Association, NY, August 2019 Presented “Home in the Heartland: Indigenous and non-Indigenous Latina/os, Illegality, and Living Arrangements” in Section Session: Latinx Intersectionalities
- American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018: Presented “Learning a New Language: Spanish and English Language as Human Capital Amongst Indigenous and Non-indigenous Latinxs” in Minority Fellowship Session: Issues in Race/Ethnicity, Immigration, and Social Structure.
- American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018: Presented “Bad Hombres, the Criminalization of Latino/as, and its Effects on U.S. Communities” (co-authored with Cecilia Menjívar and Daniel Alvord) in Paper Session: The Impact of Immigration Policy on Immigrant Families and Communities.
- Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain, May 2018: Presented “Legal Status and Intersectionality: Indigenous and non-Indigenous Mixed-Status Families” in Sponsored Session by the International Migration Section.

- Ford Foundation Fellowship Annual Conference, Washington, DC, May 2018: Presented “Looking Mexican: Illegality & Citizenship among Latino/a Mixed-Status Families in the U.S.”
- Sociologist Women for Society Winter Meeting, Atlanta, GA, January 2018: Presented ““Descolorido vs. Looking Mexican”: Illegality & Citizenship among Latino/a/x Immigrants” in Roundtable Session.
- American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, 2017: Presented, “Two Decades of Constructing Immigrants as Criminals” (co-authored with Cecilia Menjívar and Daniel Alvord) in Paper Session.
- American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2017: Presented, “Across Borders and (Il)legality: Intragroup Differences amongst Latino Mixed-Status Families” in Paper Session.
- American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2017: Presented: ““Humane” Disciplinary Power: Latinas in the Detention Complex” (co-authored with Cecilia Menjívar and William Staples) in Section Session.
- Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Perú, April 2017: Presented, “Negotiating Illegality: Within Group Differences Among Latino Mixed-Status Families” in Sponsored Session by the International Migration Section.
- International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion (IMISCOE) PhD Summer School, Princeton University, August 2016: Presented, “Crossing Borders and (Il)Legality: Mixed-Status Immigrant Families.”
- American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL August 2015: Presented with ChangHwan Kim, “Gendered Color Lines: The Effects of Skin Color on Immigrants’ Employment” in Paper Session.
- Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, March 2013: Presented, “My Children, Myself: Motherhood Identity in Transnational Families.”
- Narrative, Memory, Language, and Migration Conference, The University of Kansas, April 2012: Presented, “For My Children: Motherhood Identity in Transnational Families.”
- Student Scholars Annual Conference, Grand Valley State University, April 2011: Presented, “Latinas in Higher Education.”
- Michigan Sociological Association Conference, Fall 2010: Presented, “Gaining Independence: Family Values and Traditions Effect on Higher Education.”
- Pennsylvania State University McNair Conference, Summer 2010: Presented, “Breaking Stereotypes by Obtaining an Education: Latinas’ Family Values and Traditions at School.”

Invited talks & Lectures

- Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine, Fall 2019, “Indigeneity, Race, and Latinos in Kansas”
- Center for Migration Research, University of Kansas, Spring 2019, “Latin American Immigrants in Kansas”
- Institute for Policy and Social Research, University of Kansas Fall 2018, “Dissertation Research: How to apply and get grants and fellowships.”
- Institute for Policy and Social Research, University of Kansas Spring 2018, “Advising Students on Funding and Grants.”
- Cambio Center, The University of Missouri, Fall 2017, “The Immigration Regime and Latinxs Mental Health in the Midwest.”

Community Outreach Center, University of Kansas, Spring 2016: Presented, “Latino/as in Kansas.”

Asian Leadership Summit, University of Kansas, March 2016: Presented, “‘Unafraid, undocumented, and unapologetic’: Undocumented Immigrant Student Movement in the U.S.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

JUNTOS, University of Kansas Medical Center - Research Consultant (2018-2019)

Collaboration: Mariana Ramírez, Ileana Cepeda, Andrea Gomez Cervantes, Jerry A Schultz, Tanner Greiving, Stephen Fawcett

Latino/as' Health Care Access in Kansas

For this collaborative project with the KU Medical Center and the Migration Policy Institute, I lead the analysis of the qualitative side of this project, which explores access to healthcare among Latino/as in Kansas. I train researchers and conduct the analysis of qualitative data including in-depth interviews with medical providers and focus groups with Latino/a immigrants and produce a report that will assess access for Latino/as immigrants to health care.

Center for Migration Research, Institute for Policy and Social Research, University of Kansas; Co-Directed by Cecilia Menjívar and Victor Agadjanien- Research Assistant (2015- 2017)

Small Towns and Race Relations, PI Cecilia Menjívar (2016-ongoing)

We look at perceptions of immigration and race relations in rural Kansas, by looking at how people in a small town perceive and treat a new immigrant group from Central America. I helped conduct ethnographic fieldwork including participant observation and informal interviews, twice a week for two years. I also helped put together the IRB requirement forms. The goal is to generate a book from the results collected in this investigation.

Temporary Protected Status Survey, PI Cecilia Menjívar (2016-2017)

I contributed to the data processing and data cleaning of the first nation-wide survey on immigrants with Temporary Protected Status. I also helped put together a report with this data “Temporary Protected Status in the United States: A Statistical Profile.”

Immigrant Detention, PIs Cecilia Menjívar and Andrea Gómez Cervantes (Fall 2016)

We looked at the gendered language that veils the immigrant detention industrial complex. For this project I conducted interviews with lawyers, analyzed government documents, as well as drafted the main findings of our paper, co-authored with William Staples was published in *Feminist Criminology*.

Sociology Department, Research Assistant (Summer 2014, Fall 2016)

Missouri Medicaid Consumer Perspectives Study, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, Co-PIs Mary K. Zimmerman, Tracey A. LaPierre, and Joanna Veazey Brooks

I conducted a focus group in Spanish to understand the barriers to accessing Medicaid for Spanish Speakers in Kansas City, MO. I also transcribed and translated the recording.

Skin Color and Immigrants' Employment, PI ChangHwan Kim

Conducting quantitative analysis of the 2003 New Immigrant Survey, we looked at the effect of skin color on immigrants' likelihood of employment. For this project I found the dataset, cleaned the data, conducted regression analysis and drafted a paper which is currently under review.

Research Specialist, Libraries, University of Kansas (2015-2017)

I helped patrons find resources to conduct research ranging from primary to secondary sources or literature reviews in all disciplines.

McNair Scholars Program, Grand Valley State University (2011)

Latinas in Higher Education

I conducted interviews with 19 Latinas to understand how their family values affect their educational attainment. I also conducted basic statistical analysis using the Educational Longitudinal Study of 2002. I was awarded the Michigan Sociological Association Student Paper Award for "Gaining Independence: Family Values and Traditions Effect on Higher Education."

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sociology of Immigration
 Contemporary Families
 Social Problems
 Elements of Sociology

Prepared to Teach

Criminalization of Immigration, Research Methods, Race/Ethnicity, Social Inequality, Gender, Latina/o Sociology

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2019	UC Promise, "Advancing Research to Promote Immigrant and Student Equity: A Professional Development Workshop," University of California, Irvine
2016-2017	Institute for Policy & Social Research, Fellows Program, The University of Kansas
2016	International Migration, Integration, and Social Cohesion Summer School Program (IMISCOE), Princeton University
2015-2017	Institute for Policy & Social Research, Graduate Working Group on Qualitative Research, The University of Kansas
2012-2017	Center for Teaching Excellence (Multiple workshops), The University of Kansas

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2018-2019 American Sociological Association, International Migration Section, Student Representative
- 2018 Sociologists for Women in Society, Program Committee for the 2018 Summer Meeting
- 2016-2018 American Sociological Association, Latina/o Sociology Section, Student Representative
- 2012-2013 *Social Thought and Research* co-editor

Occasional Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Ethnicities*, *Journal of Immigrant Health*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Medical Anthropology*, *Revista Colombiana de Ciencias Sociales*, *Law & Society Review*

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University of Kansas

- 2018-2019 Graduate Students of Color Network, Advisory Committee
- 2018-2019 UNITED student club, Co-Advisor
- 2017-2018 Undocumented Student Support Group Committee
- 2016-2018 “#undoKUmented on campus,” workshop for university staff, faculty, and students focusing on educational barriers and resources to help undocumented students succeed at the university.
- 2016-2017 Diversity Equity and Inclusion Ambassadors Student Committee
- 2016-2017 Academic Inclusion Work Group
- 2013-2017 Graduate Students of Color at KU, co-founder 2013, president 2014, vice-president 2015, member 2016-2017
- 2011-2018 Sociology Graduate Student Association
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PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Interviewed in the Lawrence Journal World, “Is illegal immigration a problem in Kansas? Despite small numbers, Kobach says yes” by Rochelle Valverde September 2018
<https://www2.ljworld.com/news/2018/sep/09/is-illegal-immigration-a-problem-in-kansas-despite-small-numbers-kobach-says-yes/>

Interviewed in The Daily Kansan “Doctoral candidate at KU digs into indigenous Latino immigrant experiences” story by Juliana García August 2018
http://www.kansan.com/news/doctoral-candidate-at-ku-digs-into-indigenous-latino-immigrant-experiences/article_fc7e60b6-ad3a-11e8-8288-af92d4214f30.html

Menjívar, Cecilia and Andrea Gómez Cervantes. “El Salvador: Civil War, Natural Disasters, and Gang Violence Drive Migration” August 2018 Migration Policy Institute
<https://www.migrationpolicy.org/article/el-salvador-civil-war-natural-disasters-and-gang-violence-drive-migration>

Gómez Cervantes, Andrea and ChangHwan Kim. “Skin Color Has Different Effects on Immigrant Men and Women’s Job Opportunities.” *Blog in LSE US Centre*. November 2015 <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2015/11/26/male-immigrants-with-darker-skin-have-fewer-job-opportunities-than-women-and-those-with-lighter-skin/>

Interviewed in Radio Show in KCUR (Kansas City Public Radio) “Skin Color A Factor For Immigrant Men Seeking Work” September 1, 2015.
<http://kcur.org/post/skin-color-factor-immigrant-men-seeking-work#stream/0>

Featured in The Atlantic “Black Immigrant Women Have Harder Time Getting Work” story by Tanvi Misra September 10, 2015.
<http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/09/black-immigrant-women-have-harder-time-getting-work/432768/>

Featured in City Lab “The Surprising Link Between Skin Color, Gender, and Immigrant Employment” Tanvi Misra August 27, 2015
<http://www.citylab.com/work/2015/08/the-surprising-link-between-skin-color-gender-and-immigrant-employment/402250/>

Interviewed in TV Newscast for “KU researches find skin color plays major role for immigrant men seeking employment” story by Tabatha Mills August 31, 2015.
<http://6lawrence.com/news/education/15669-ku-researches-find-skin-color-plays-major-role-for-immigrant-men-seeking-employment>

Featured in “Lightness/darkness of skin affects male immigrants' likelihood of gaining employment” *Phys Org* August 24, 2015.
<http://phys.org/news/2015-08-lightnessdarkness-skin-affects-male-immigrants.html>

Featured in ABC Spain (Spanish) with ChangHwan Kim in “Científicos estadounidenses creen que el color de piel influye en el empleo de los inmigrantes” August 24, 2014.
<http://www.abc.es/ciencia/20150824/abci-color-piel-trabajo-201508240947.html>

Featured in NBC Latino “More Latinas leaving home for college” Story by Erika Sanchez, August 16, 2013.
<http://nbclatino.com/2013/08/16/more-latinas-leaving-home-for-college/>

Featured in NewsTaco “More Latinas Gaining Independence with Higher Education” by Latinovations August 23, 2013.
<http://www.newstaco.com/2013/08/23/more-latinas-gaining-independence-with-higher-education/>

Featured in Latino Fox News “Latinas Attend College in Record Numbers, But Stay Close to Home” Story by Soni Sangha, November 13, 2012
<http://latino.foxnews.com/latino/lifestyle/2012/11/13/latin-as-attend-college-in-record-numbers-but-stay-close-to-home/>

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native language), English (excellent proficiency), French (medium proficiency), Italian (medium proficiency) and Gallego (high proficiency)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Member, 2015-current

Sections: International Migration, Latino/a Sociology, Family, Race, Class, & Gender, Crime Law & Deviance

Latin American Studies Association

Member 2016-current

Section: International Migration, Latino Studies

Sociologists for Women in Society

Member, 2013-2014, 2017-current

American Society of Criminology

Member, 2017-current

Section: Latino/a Criminology

Midwest Sociological Society

Member, 2012-2013

Alpha Kappa Delta/ International Sociology Honor Society- President 2010-2011, Vice President, 2009-2010

Pi Delta Phi/ National French Honor Society- Member, 2010- 2011

Grand Valley State University Dean's List: Winter 2009, Spring/Summer 2009, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Winter 2011