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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2001 Ph.D. in Sociology, Temple University
1997 M.A. in Sociology, University of Florida
1995 B.A. in Sociology, Saint Joseph's University

EMPLOYMENT

Current Position

2015-Present Professor, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences,
University of South Florida (USF)
2022-Present Founding Director, Im/migrant Well-Being Research Center, College of Arts and
Sciences, USF
2007-Present Faculty Affiliate, Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean, USF

Past Positions

2007-2015 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, USF
2002-2007 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Miami (UM)
2001-2002 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of
Florida

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2018-2021 Associate Dean for Communication, Community, and Global Engagement,
College of Arts and Sciences, USF
2017-2018 Assistant Dean for Global Engagement, College of Arts and Sciences, USF
2013-2016 Chair, Department of Sociology, USF
2012-2013 Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, USF

GRANTS

External Funding

Under Review NSF PD 98-1331
"Place- and Home-Making as Emotional Adaptation After Post-Disaster
Migration: A Longitudinal Approach to Puerto Rican Climate Migrants to the
U.S. and Return Migrants to Puerto Rico."
PI: Elizabeth Aranda
Amount Requested: \$323,521

Under
Review NSF PD 21-128Y
“State Policies Effects on Immigrant Well-Being”
PI: Elizabeth Aranda
Amount Requested: \$461,743

Under
Review Sociological Initiatives Foundation
“State Policies’ Impact on Immigrants: Empowerment in a Restrictive Policy
Environment”
PI: Elizabeth Aranda
Amount requested: \$20,000

Under
Review Russell Sage Foundation
“ Place- and Home-Making as Emotional Adaptation After Post-Disaster
Migration:

2005

- 2018 Status of Latinos, Faculty Award, University of South Florida.
- 2017 Honorable Mention, Best Paper Award, Section on International Migration, Latin American Studies Association. “Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and its Implications for Young Undocumented Immigrants and their Families.” (with E. Vaquera).
- 2015 Global Achievement Award for International Research, Honorable Mention, University of South Florida
- 2015 Hispanic Pathways Award, University of South Florida
- 2012 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, University of South Florida
- 2008 Professor of the Year Award, Delta Tau Lambda Sorority, Inc., Epsilon Chapter, USF
- 2004 “Nuestro Amigo” Award, Hispanic Heritage Month Committee
- 2003 Latino Studies Dissertation Award, Latin American Studies Association
- 1997 Temple University, Future Faculty Fellowship, 1997-2001
- 1995 Grinter Award, University of

Peer-Reviewed Articles (*undergraduate or graduate student when written):

- 2024 Aranda, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Vaquera, Heide Castañeda, and Melanie Escue*. “Normalized Expendability: Navigating Immigrant Legal Status during a Global Pandemic.” *American Behavioral Scientist*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027642241229538>
- 2024 Aranda, Elizabeth and Rebecca Blackwell. “The Racializing Work of Cultural Narratives: An Analysis of Colorblind Frames of Puerto Rican Climate Migrants.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 10(1): 1-15. (Lead article) <https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492231206384>.
- 2023 Aranda, Elizabeth. “Im/migrant Well-Being Part I: The Impact of Immigration laws and Enforcement Measures.” *American Behavioral Scientist*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/00027642231216848> .
- 2023 Escue, Melanie*, Elizabeth Aranda, Alessandra Rosa. “Subjective Well-Being and Mental Health of Puerto Rican Post-Disaster Migrants.” *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/07399863231205337> .
- 2023 Blackwell, Rebecca*, Elizabeth Aranda, and Alessandra Rosa. “We always remember

Article cited in Biden Administration's Final Rule on DACA, August 30, 2022.

<https://public-foia-07301387401641e1f1570240840.pdf> 171.38 681.22 Tm0 0 1 rg0 00 1 RG[(.fe)7(

in the United States.” By Jorge Duany. *Latino Studies*, Vol. 2 (1): 125-127.

Op-Eds and Miscellaneous

2024

2006 Aranda, Elizabeth. "Let poor workers unionize to attain American Dream." Op-Ed, *Miami Herald*, April 18.

In Progress

Aranda, Elizabeth. "Re-Making Home: *Puerto Ricans' Migration and Liminal Citizenship Throughout Cascading Disasters*" Book manuscript in progress.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures and Colloquia (* indicates student co-authors)

- 2024 Invited Speaker, "Contemporary Challenges to Immigrants' Rights." Sulphur Springs Museum, part of Voices and Votes: Democracy in America Smithsonian Exhibition, Funded through Florida Humanities Council. May 18.
- 2024 Invited Speaker, Western Hemisphere Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute, US State Department, WHA Deep Dive: Migration in the Americas, March 11.
- 2024 Invited Speaker, "The Latinization of Florida and the Current State of Ethnic and Race Relations in the State." Plenary Session, 2024 Cuban Research Institute Conference, Florida International University, Miami, FL, February 15.
- 2023 Invited Lecture, "Puerto Ricans in Florida." 11th Annual Jerrell H. Shofner Lecture Series on Florida History and Culture. University of Central Florida, October 20.
- 2023 Invited panelist, "The new diversity, equity & inclusion laws and how they impact education." Puerto Rican Bar Association National Conference, Orlando, FL. September 30.
- 2023 Invited panelist, "Perfil de los Boricuas en Florida." Centro de Periodismo Investigativo, June 26.
- 2022 Invited Lecture – Congressional Hispanic Caucus, December 2.
- 2022 Invited Lecture – "Legal Status and the Social and Emotional Well-Being of Immigrant Young Adults – The Immigrant Youth Project." National Science Foundation, Social Behavioral and Economic Division, Distinguished Lecture Series. April 25.
- 2021 Invited talk, "Constant Storm: Art from Puerto Rico and the Diaspora." With Alessandra Rosa, Rebecca Blackwell*, and Melanie Escue*. October.
- 2021 Invited talk, Latino Coalition of Tampa Bay. "Report on Puerto Rican Post-Disaster Migration Survey." With R. Blackwell, M. Escue, M. Novoa-Hadley, and A. Rosa, May 26.

- 2019 DACA Rescission’s Effects on Immigrant Youth: Anticipatory Loss, Emotional Well-Being, and Incorporation.” Invited talk, University of South Florida College of Behavioral and Community Sciences, Annual Lecture, October 24, Ybor City, FL.
- 2019 “What it Means to Belong: The Lived Experiences of Undocumented Young Adults in Florida.” Invited lecture to the 6th Annual *UnCommon Core*, University of Chicago Alumni Club of Mid-Florida, February 2.
- 2018 “Immigrant Family Separation, Fear, and the U.S. Deportation Regime.” Invited talk to the Latino Coalition of Tampa Bay, The Children’s Board, Tampa, FL, November 8.
- 2018 “‘State of Exception’ Before and After Hurricane Maria: Feeling Puerto Rican and Developing a Critical Citizenship Consciousness”

- 2014 Invited Lecture, *Making a Life in Multiethnic Miami: Immigration and the Rise of a Global City*, Cuban Research Institute, Florida International University.
- 2011 Invited Speaker, University of Central Florida, Sociology Colloquium Series.
- 2008 Invited Speaker, “Our Hispanic Heritage and Latino Future: Challenges and Opportunities for Latin American Studies.” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies Conference, Ybor City, Florida.
- 2006 Guest Speaker, Florida Education Fund, McKnight Fellowship Fall Conference. Nov. 10.
- 2004 “Bringing Emotions into the study of Transnational Migration.” Invited speaker at

- Racialization in the United States.” Presented at the British Association for American Studies, Exeter, England.
- 2012 Aranda, Elizabeth. “Transnational Racial Meanings and Racial Ideologies in Miami.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2012 Aranda, Elizabeth and Fernando Rivera. “Latino/a Incorporation in Central Florida.” Presented at the Siglo XXI: Forging the Future of Latinos in a Time of Crisis. Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) Fourth Biennial Conference, CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY.
- 2011 Aranda, Elizabeth and Elizabeth Vaquera. “Perceived Discrimination and Immigrant Family Dynamics.” Presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas.
- 2010 Aranda, Elizabeth and Elizabeth Vaquera. “Immigrants’ Experiences with Immigration Authorities and their attachments to the U.S.” Presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2010 Huff, Ryan*, Elizabeth Vaquera and Elizabeth Aranda. “Emotional Well-being and Depression among South Florida I*14m80 G[()] TJETQq0.00000912 0 612 792 reW* nBT/F1 12 Tf1 0

- 2006 Aranda, Elizabeth. "Class Origins, Modes of Incorporation, and Pathways into the Transnational Middle Class." Presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2006 Aranda, Elizabeth. "Changing Ethnic Landscapes in South Florida." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2005 Aranda, Elizabeth. "Transcultural Embeddedness and Latin American Transnational Migrations." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
- 2004 Aranda, Elizabeth and Elena Sabogal. "Transnational Capital and Emotional Livelihoods." Presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas.
- 2003 Aranda, Elizabeth. "Emotional Adaptation: Bringing Emotions into the study

QSRNudist.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia.

1997 Aranda, Elizabeth. “The Life Experiences of Puerto Rican Women: An Ethnographic Study of the Influences of Race, Social Class, and Gender.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

1997 Aranda, Elizabeth. “Puerto Ricans' Experiences with Racial, Ethnic, and Cultural Discrimination.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans.

Discussions

2024 “At the Border and Beyond”. Briefing for Congressional Staffers, Media, and Advocacy groups, February 23, 2024. Virtual.

2022 “The Consequences of Inaction: Social, Mental, and Emotional Effects on DACA Recipients in Times of Uncertainty.” Briefing for Congressional Staffers, Media, and Advocacy Groups, November 1, 2022. Virtual.

2019 “Conceptualizing the Local as Part of Global Work.” Panel Discussion at the 2019 Commission on International Initiatives Summer Meeting, July 16, 2019.

2018 “DACA: Current and Future Challenges for Undocumented Youth and Young Adults.” Panel sponsored by the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean, March, 9, 2018.

2015 “Go Public!”: A How-To Guide for Getting Your Research Off the Shelf and Into the Public Discourse, USF Office of Community Engagement and Partnerships, March 15, 2015.

2014 Author Meets Critic Panel, *Making a Life in Multiethnic Miami: Immigration and the Rise of a Global City*, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, April 2014.

2012 Invited Discussant, Panel on “Puerto Ricans Here and There.” Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference, SUNY Albany, 2012.

2012 Invited Critic, Author meets Critic Session, Lin, Jan. *Urban Ethnic Places: Cultural Heritage and Community Life*. Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, 2012.

2004 Invited Discussant, Panel on “Transnational Lives among Latin American Immigrants” at the annual meetings of the Latin American Studies Association in Las Vegas, 2004.

2004 Invited Discussant, Panel on Ecuadorian Migration, Conference on South American Migration, University of

TEACHING

Undergraduate courses

Introduction to Sociology	Contemporary Latin American Societies
Social Problems	U.S. Latinos
Sociology of Families	U.S. Immigration
Race and Ethnic Minorities	Contemporary Racism and Immigration
Sociology of Gender Roles	Latina/o/x Lives
Immigrants to America	Sociology Research Experience
Supervised Internship	

Graduate courses

Immigration and Transnationalism	Immigration, Gender and Transnationalism
Race and Immigration	Immigrant Communities
Race and Ethnicity	The Latinx Diaspora in the U.S.

*Ph.D. Dissertation Committees (*Chair/Main Advisor)*

*Emely Matos Pichardo	Sociology	University of South Florida	ongoing
*Girseá Martínez-Rosas	Sociology	University of South Florida	ongoing
Sandra Roa	Communication	University of South Florida	ongoing
Jamilah Christensen	Sociology	University of South Florida	ongoing

*Edlin Veras	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Rodrigo Serrao	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Mathilde Ippolito	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Patrick Casey	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Hadi Khoshnevis	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Erik Withers	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Pangri Mehta	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Melanie Escue	Sociology	University of South Florida
*Hilary Dotson	Sociology	University of South Florida
Jamilay Christensen	Sociology	University of South Florida
Maridelys Detres	Public Health	University of South Florida
Chad Radwan	Anthropology	University of South Florida
Carylanna Bahamondes	Anthropology	University of South Florida
Marina Mendez		

Maria Klammer*	Sociology	University of South Florida
Vadrika Etienne	Communication	University of South Florida
Anya Edun*	Sociology	University of Miami
Tania Linares	Sociology	University of Miami
Samantha Perry	Sociology	University of Miami

SERVICE

Professional Service

2025 Co-organizer

2016 Committee member, Puerto Rican Studies Association, Book Award.

2015

Reviewer for presses

Lynne Rienner Publishers
University of California Press
West Virginia University Press

Pine Forge Press
Polity Press
NYU Press

Reviewer for funding agencies

Ad-Hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation
2017-20 NSF, Panel Reviewer

2009-11 Patel Center Faculty Advisory Board

Guest Lectures and Community Forums

2022 Guest Lecture, "Puerto Rican Post-Disaster Migration Project", Florida International University, November 8.

2016 Guest Lecturer, Honor's College, April 21.

2014 Book Presentation, "Making a Life in Multiethnic Miami: Immigration and the Rise of a Global City." Books & Books, Coral Gables.

2012 Blogger for USF on point blog, "Relative silence on immigration, perhaps in the hopes that immigrants will "self-deport," reveals contradictions in Republican platform."

2011 Guest lecturer, Interdisciplinary Proseminar.

2010 Guest lecturer, Interdisciplinary Proseminar.

2009 Lecture on immigration and emotional well-being, **Seminar on Immigrants and**

status of Puerto Rico.

2003 Lecture on Recent trends in Immigration. Seminar on Reporting and Newswriting, Master's Program in Journalism, School of Communication, November.

2002 Invited Panel Member, Racism and September 11th. University of Florida.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Executive Board Membership

2012-2013 Hispanic Services Council, Tampa

Community Initiatives

2023 Launched podcast, Im/migrant Lives <https://rss.com/podcasts/immigrant-lives/>

Interviews with news outlets and research quoted in news

2024 Research cited in “[New laws intensify harsh reality for Florida's undocumented community.](#)” WUSF, NPR affiliate, August 29.

2024 Interview with Radio Actualidad, 1040AM Miami, on effects of HB7, June 19.

2024 Research quoted in “[In Florida, migrants' families are stressed and anxious. Here's why.](#)” May 24.

2024 Interviewed and quoted in Spectrum News coverage, [Florida sees record number of Cuban immigration](#), April 29.

2024 Interviewed and quoted in the Chronicle of Higher Education, January, 26. <https://www.chronicle.com/article/what-removing-sociology>

</view/6915841/video/e96e3e745e78d21c9fb062b68354d44e/roy.dejesus%40charter.com>

- 2020 Interviewed for BayNews9 on the Latino/a vote in Florida, September 15.
<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/news/2020/09/15/joe-biden-targeting-veterans--latinos-with-today-s-florida-campaign-stops>
- 2019 Research featured in, “DACA Argued at the Supreme Court: 6 Essential Reads.” The Conversation, November 12. <https://theconversation.com/daca-argued-at-the-supreme-court-6-essential-reads-126892> Reprinted in *Chicago Tribune*, Latino USA, among others.
- 2019 Research featured in WUSF “Immigration Policy affects Mental Health of Undocumented Immigrants, Researcher Says.” October 24.
<https://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/post/immigration-policies-affect-mental-health-undocumented-immigrants-researcher-says>
- 2019 Quoted in article, “San Antonio immigrants fearful after mass deportation announcement.” *San Antonio Express News*,
<https://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/San-Antonio-immigrants-fearful-after-mass-14026402.php>
- 2018 Research documented in *Tampa Bay Times* article, “The psychology of separation, assimilation and identity” July 6. http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/columns/Column-The-psychology-of-separation-assimilation-and-identity_169682769
- 2018 Interview on WMNF, NPR Tampa Radio on Family Separation Policy, June.
- 2018 Research quoted in article, “Trying to keep up with the ‘Dreamers’ debate? Here are 6 essential reads.” in The Conversation, February 14, <https://theconversation.com/trying-to-keep-up-with-the-dreamers-debate-here-are-6-essential-reads-91787>. Reprinted in “DACA deadline passes, Congress fails to act and fate of ‘Dreamers’ remains uncertain: 6 essential reads.” Associated Press, March 6, 2018.
<https://wtop.com/national/2018/03/daca-deadline-passes-congress-fails->

