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**SPECIALIZATION**

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My primary emphases are the Sociology of Immigration and Political Economy, focusing on the institutional and political underpinnings of human development. My current research explores the manner in which diaspora communities affect economic, political, and social development outcomes at the local level in Mexico. My work also explores the relationship between emigration trends and homicide rates in central Mexico, which has been deeply effected by the war on narco-trafficking. This project was funded by the Fulbright foundation and is ongoing.

I have a second project focused on the San Luis Valley, which is located in southern Colorado. The project, which engages Adams State University students in field research, focuses on the relationship between immigration, agricultural production, and land management in the region. This project is supported by generous grants from Title V (\$5,000), and the Bureau of Land Management (\$30,000). Initial research for this project is underway and is scheduled to run through 2016.

**EDUCATION**

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- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of New Mexico.  
Concentrations: Political Economy; Immigration; Comparative Politics; Economic Development; Democratic Development; Poverty and Inequality; and Race and Ethnicity.  
Dissertation: “The Political Economy of Remittance-Led Development in Guanajuato, Mexico.”  
Committee: Dr. Richard Wood (chair), Dr. Manuel García y Griego, Dr. Bob Fiala, Dr. Matías Fontenla.  
\*Passed with distinction.
- 2009 M.A., Latin American Studies, University of New Mexico.  
Concentrations: Sociology and Southwest Studies (focus on immigration studies).  
Committee: Dr. Phillip Gonzalez, Dr. Manuel Garcia y Griego (chair), Dr. Chris F. Garcia, Dr. Richard Wood.
- 2005 B.A., International Relations, University of Colorado.

## PUBLISHED ARTICLES

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Waddell, B.J. (2015). “Remittance-led Development: An Untapped Resource for International Development?” *Sociology of Development*, forthcoming.

Waddell, B.J. and Matías Fontenla. (2015) “The Mexican Dream? The Effect of Return Migrants on Hometown Development.” *The Social Science Journal*, forthcoming.

Waddell, B.J. (2015). “Old Habits Die Hard: Political Patronage and Remittance-led Development in Guanajuato, Mexico.” *Latin American Research Review*, 50(1).

Waddell, B.J. (2015). “Rodrigo’s Theory: Mass Emigration, Violence, and Human Rights Violations in War-torn Mexico.” *openGlobalRights*, available at: <https://www.opendemocracy.net/openglobalrights/human-rights-mass-or-elite-movement>

Waddell, B.J. (2014). “Remitting Democracy? The Role of Migrant Remittances in Promoting Social and Political Change in Guanajuato, Mexico.” *Journal of Community Positive Practices*, XIV(1).

Waddell, B.J. (2014). “An Invitation to Change the World.” In, *Sociology for the Curious: Why Study Sociology?* (forthcoming).

## REVISE AND RESUBMIT

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## WORKING ARTICLES (UNDER REVIEW)

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Waddell, B.J. (2014). “Power Vacuum: Migrants, Narcos and Militias in Michoacán, Mexico.” (Submitted to *Latin American Politics and Society*)

Waddell, B.J. (2014). “Reframing Mexican Patriarchy: Mapping Out the Role of Women in Mexican Hometown Associations.” (Submitted to *Journal of Politics in Latin America*)

## CURRENT PROJECTS

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Book Manuscript: *Democracy and Development in the Age of Mass Emigration: A Mexican Case Study*. (Ongoing.)

Article: Waddell, B.J. and Lisa Wagener. (2014). “Migration and Democracy: A Mexican Case Study.” (Draft)

Article: “Unequal Taxation: A Root Cause of Global Inequality.” (Draft)

Article: Waddell, B.J., Jeff Elison, and Stephanie Hilwig. "Mea Culpa: Gender Norms, Macho Scripts and Shame Coping Amongst Hispanic Males and Females." (Draft)

Article: Elison, Jeff, Stephanie Hilwig, and B.J. Waddell. "Gender Socialization Predicts Sex Differences in Socially Desirable Responding and Shame-Coping." (Draft)

Article: "White Lobster: The Economic Development Effects of Cocaine Trafficking Along the Atlantic Coast of Nicaragua." (Draft)

## PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND TALKS

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2015: New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS). Boston, MA November 6-8, 2015. *Presented article.*

2015: 110<sup>th</sup> Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Sexualities in the Social World." Chicago, IL August 22-25, 2015. *Presented article.*

2015: 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Tucson, AZ. Wednesday, April 8-11, 2015.  
*Presented article:*

2015: Rocky Mountain Psychological Association. Boise, ID April 9-11, 2015.

2014: Colorado Shared Governance Conference. Durango, CO September 5, 2014.  
*Attended.*

2014: 109<sup>th</sup> Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Hard Times." San Francisco, CA August 16-19, 2014. *Presented article.*

2014: Keynote Speaker, Latin American Studies Graduation Ceremony. Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at UNM Hibbens Center.

2014: 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA) held in Albuquerque, NM. Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, through Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
*Presented article:* "Remitting Change: The Role of Return Migrants in Hometown Development in Central Mexico."

2014: 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Durango, CO. Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, through Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.  
*Presented article:* "The Effect of Migrant Remittances on Voting Trends in Michoacán, Mexico."  
*Presented article:* "Fiscal Decentralization and Participatory Governance: The case of Mexico's 3x1 Program."

2014: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Grand Junction, Colorado March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

- 2013: 108<sup>th</sup> Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Interrogating Inequality." NYC, NY August 10-13, 2013. *Presented article.*
- 2013: Faculty Series Lecture, Adams State University, "Controlling "Illegal" Immigration: An Economic Development Approach." Alamosa, CO May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.
- 2013: 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Alamosa, Colorado March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 2013: 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Santa Fe, NM, Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, through Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. *Presented article: "Remitting Democracy? The Role of Migrants in Driving Political Change in Guanajuato, Mexico."*
- 2012: University of New Mexico Paper Series; Department of Sociology, "Remittance-led Development in Guanajuato, Mexico." Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 2012: 107<sup>th</sup> Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Real Utopias." Denver, Colorado August 17-20, 2012. *Presented article.*
- 2012: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Grand Junction, Colorado April 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>.
- 2012: 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Park City, Utah, Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, through Sunday April 1, 2012. *Presented article: "The Political Economy of Remittance-Led Development in Guanajuato, Mexico."*
- 2011: 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Immigration Conference, held in Las Vegas, NM, Friday, Sep. 30<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attended.
- 2011: 106<sup>th</sup> Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Social Conflict: Multiple Dimensions and Arenas." Las Vegas, Nevada August 20-23, 2011. *Presented article.*
- 2011: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Gunnison, Colorado April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- 2010: University of New Mexico Paper Series; Department of Sociology, "The Role of Women in Mexican Hometown Associations." Friday, November 19.
- 2010: 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Conference, "Social Justice Work" on August 13-15 held at The Sheraton Atlanta Hotel in Atlanta, GA. *Presented article: "The Deconstruction of Hegemonic Patriarchy: Mapping Out the Role of Women in Mexican Hometown Associations."*
- 2010: 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Boulder, Colorado, Wednesday, April 7, through Sunday April

- 11, 2010. *Presented* article: "Urban fractures: The Practice of "Othering" in San José, Costa Rica."
- 2010: The 16th Annual University of New Mexico Conference on Ibero-American Culture and Society. *Moderator* for panel: "The Sustenance of Hybridity: Agriculture, Foodways and Cultural Consumption."
- 2007: SCOLAS: Breaking Barriers, Crossing Frontiers: New Visions for the Americas. Presented article (chair of panel): "Signs of Transnational Community Building between Mexico and the United States."
- 2007: 3rd Interdisciplinary Colloquium on Hispanic/Lain American Linguistics, Literature, and Culture: Gainesville, Florida. Presented article: "Entre la estructura y la sociedad: La adopción y uso de anglicismos en Guanajuato, México."
- 2006: Cultural/Historical Perspectives of Migration; Keynote Speaker, *La Universidad de León, Guanajuato, México.*

## RESEARCH AREAS AND AREAS OF INTEREST

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Immigration  
 Political Sociology  
 Globalization  
 Comparative: Latin America  
 Race, Ethnicity and Stratification  
 Sociology of Education  
 Social Psychology  
 Qualitative and Ethnographic Research Methods  
 International Crime

## AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND HONORS

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- 2014 \$1,500 ASU Presidential Teacher Award (Teacher of the Year, 2014-2015).
- 2014 ASU Excellence in Student Centered Instruction. (Nominee, 2014)
- 2014 Keynote Speaker, Latin American Studies Graduation Ceremony. Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at UNM Hibbens Center.
- 2013 UNM, Dissertation Defense. (Pass with distinction)
- 2013 UNM, Dissertation of the Year. (Nominee, 2013)

## GRANTS AND FUNDING

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2014 \$1000	ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2014 \$30,000	Bureau of Land Management (Ethnographic Research Grant).
2014 \$5,000	Title V Student Engagement Grant.
2014 \$1,500	ASU Presidential Teacher Award (Teacher of the Year, 2014-2015).
2014 \$1000	ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2014 \$13,000	UNM Office of Provost (Study Abroad Award for co-led exchange program, "Sustainable Development in Nicaragua"); funding sought with Dr. Matías Fontenla.
2013 \$1000	ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2013 \$1000	ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2013 \$17,000	UNM Office of Provost (Study Abroad Award for co-led exchange program, "Sustainable Development in Nicaragua"); funding sought with Dr. Matías Fontenla.
2012 \$750	ASU Faculty Development Fund (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2012 \$1000	ASC Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2012 \$12,000	UNM Office of Provost (Study Abroad Award for co-led exchange program, "Sustainable Development in Nicaragua"); funding sought with Dr. Matías Fontenla.
2011 \$500	ASC Faculty Development Fund (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2011 \$1000	ASC Faculty Development Fund (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2011 \$7,500	Latin American and Iberian Institute Study Abroad Grant for co-led exchange program, "Sustainable Development in Nicaragua"; funding sought with Dr. Matias Fontenla.

2011 \$10,000	UNM Office of Provost (Study Abroad Award for co-led exchange program, "Sustainable Development in Nicaragua"); funding sought with Dr. Matías Fontenla.
2010 \$8,000	Fulbright Scholar (Garcia Robles Fulbright, Semester Mobility Grant).
2010 \$10,000	UNM Office of Provost (Study Abroad Award for co-led exchange program, "Sustainable Development in Nicaragua"); funding sought with Dr. Matias Fontenla.
2009 \$500	Korzeniewicz Endowment Fund (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico.
2009-2010	TAship/GAship Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico.
2007-2010	TAship Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of New Mexico.
2006 \$2,000	University of New Mexico, Office of Graduate Studies 3% Scholars Award.
2004 \$2,000	School for International Training (SIT), Study Abroad Grant.
2004 \$5,000	Benjamin Gilman Grant, International Scholarship Program—U.S. Department of State.
2004 \$1,500	University of Colorado Study Abroad Grant.
2001 \$1,500	Colorado Presidential Scholarship.
2001 \$1000	Colorado Elks Scholarship; Telluride Chapter.

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYEMENT

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2011-Present. Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology. Adams State University, Alamosa, Colorado.

2010-Present. Co-director of Study Abroad Program *Sustainable Economic and Social Development in Nicaragua and Cuba* (Summer 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015)

2010 Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico.  
Soc 211- Social Problems (Fall 2010, UNM).

- 2009 *Graduate Assistant*, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico.  
 SOC 216 Dynamics of Prejudice (1 semester).  
 SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (1 semester).
- 2010-2011 *Translator/Editor, Translator* for the Southwest Colonial Research Center/National Parks and *Publications Editor* for Colonial Latin America Historical Review (CLAHR, Summer 2010).
- 2007-2010. *Instructor*, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of New Mexico
- SPAN 101- Introduction to Spanish (Fall 2007, two sections; Spring 2008, one section).  
 SPAN 102- Introduction to Spanish (Spring 2008, two sections; Fall 2008, two sections).
- SPAN 102- *Supervisor* of sixteen 102 sections/ eight instructors (Fall 2008).
- SPAN - *Director* of UNM-Nicaragua Spanish (Spring 2009) courses taught in Granada, Nicaragua (102, 201, 202, 301); *Co-director* of UNM-Nicaragua Sociology courses (Soc 420, Racial and Cultural Relations and Soc 398, Globalization and Transformation in Social Institutions).
- 2009 *Translator/Editor, Translator* for the Southwest Colonial Research Center/National Parks and *Publications Editor* for Colonial Latin America Historical Review (CLAHR, Summer 2009).
- 2009 *Graduate Assistant*, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico.  
 SOC 331 Social Movements and Collective Behavior (1 semester).  
 SOC 371 Classic Social Theory (1 semester).
- 2009 *Translator*, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM (contract work, Fall 2009).
- 2008-2009 *Internship*, Latin American Technological Information Network (RITLA).

## FIELD WORK

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2008-2014 Research of Mexican Hometown Associations (HTAs). Interviews conducted with grassroots organizers/leaders and government officials in the U.S. and Mexico. This study focuses on the role of migrants in underpinning development in rural Mexico. A major element of this project has involved the gathering and compilation of data on the Mexican program *3 X 1 para migrantes* into a central database that I can use to evaluate the investment



patterns of HTAs in rural Mexico. This project uses both quantitative and qualitative methods.

2009 Conducted seven-week study of a Nicaraguan migrant community located on the edge of San José, Costa Rica. Research focused on the impact of global economic structures (neoliberalism, for example) at the local level. I conducted 40 interviews in Spanish and took extensive field notes. This project was largely qualitative in nature.

2004 Research conducted in the resource-deprived neighborhood of Maximo Jerez, located in Managua, Nicaragua. I lived with a Nicaraguan family and carried out a six-month long ethnographic research project concerning the historical resistance of the people living in Maximo Jerez.

### **COMMITTEE WORK**

Sociology Search Committee (ASU), member: 2013

Library Search Committee, member (ASU): 2014

Summer Salary Committee, member and chair (ASU): 2013-2014

Title V Steering Committee, member (ASU): 2014-2015

### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

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**Center for Restorative Programs (Alamosa, CO):** 2014-2017

Sat on executive board, helped guide direction of CRP.

**Immigration Resource Center (Alamosa, CO):** 2011-2014

Tutor children of immigrants in conjunction with an after school program held at the Tierra Nueva housing complex.

**Peace and Justice Center (Albuquerque, NM):** 2007-2010

Helped organize events periodically.

**Intercambio (Boulder, CO):** 2003-2004

Completed two, three hour training sessions. Created lesson plans designed to instruct Spanish speaking immigrants in the English language. Met with students each week for a total of four to eight hours per week.

**Boulder County Courthouse (Boulder, CO):** Spring 2004

Facilitated District Attorneys in processing defendants through arraignment. Organized and filed paper work both prior to and during arraignment. Gained extensive knowledge of the criminal justice program at the local, state and national level, especially in so much as it impacts local Hispanic populations.

### **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION**

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- 2008 Seminar on Distance Education, taught by Dr. Mónica G. Luque: 19-23 of May, 2008 at the University of New Mexico.
- 2006 *La Escuela Activa de Fotografía*, León, Guanajuato: certificate in black and white photography (April through August).
- 2005 *Universidad de Buenos Aires*: coursework in History, Film and Language (Summer/Fall).
- 2004 SIT Nicaragua: Revolution, Transformation and Society (Fall).  
Field Report: "An Oral History of Resistance in Maximo Jerez, Managua."

## OTHER SKILLS AND ABILITIES

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**Languages:** Spanish (fluent); French (reading, basic speech); Portuguese (reading, basic speech).

**Technology:** STATA, SAS, SPSS, ATLAS TI, Webct/Blackboard applications, Microsoft Office (Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel), PREZI, Adobe Premiere (video editing software), WordPress and a basic comprehension of web design.