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SPECIALIZATION

My research focuses on the long-term impact of emigration on human development. Specifically, I analyze the manner in which Mexican diaspora communities in the US affect migrant hometown communities back in Mexico. I began this work with a study of the relationship between remittances and human development in central Mexico. Recently, however, I expanded my research to address two new lines of inquiry.

The first line of study addresses the impact of return migrants on human development within migrant-sending regions. My preliminary findings indicate that return migrants improve development outcomes in the areas they decide to resettle in. The second line of work explores the relationship between mass emigration and violence in Mexico. This project builds on an existing literature that finds that immigrant concentration correlates with lower crime rates in US cities. My work compliments this research by addressing the effects of out migration on crime rates in Mexico. Early findings indicate that crime rates increase at quicker rates in Mexican regions experiencing high levels of emigration.

EDUCATION

2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of New Mexico.

<u>Concentrations:</u> Political Economy; Immigration; Comparative Politics; Economic Development; Democratic Development; Poverty and Inequality; and Race and Ethnicity.

<u>Dissertation</u>: "The Political Economy of Remittance-Led Development in Guanajuato, Mexico."

<u>Committee</u>: 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.

<u>Concentrations</u>: Sociology and Southwest Studies (focus on immigration studies). <u>Committee</u>: 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

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*, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.soscij.2015.02.003

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?

BOOK CHAPTERS

Waddell, B.J. (2016). "The Third Law of Migration: Emigration and Violence in Modern

Waddell, B.J. (2016). "The Third Law of Migration: Emigration and Violence in Modern Mexico," forthcoming.

WORKING ARTICLES (UNDER REVIEW)

Waddell, B.J. (2015). "Power Vacuum: Migrants, Narcos and Militias in Michoacán, Mexico." (Submitted to Latin American Politics and Society)

Article: Waddell, B.J. and Lisa Wagener. (2015). "Migration and Democracy: A Mexican Case Study." (Submitted to *Journal of Latin American Studies*)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Book Manuscript: The Unintended Consequences of Mexican Migration. (Ongoing.)

Waddell, B.J. (2015). "Reframing Mexican Patriarchy: Mapping Out the Role of Women in Mexican Hometown Associations." (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)

RESEARCH IN THE PRESS

"New Research on the Positive Effects of Return Migrants Elicits Interest." Latin American and Iberian Institute, June 17, 2015: https://laii.unm.edu/news/2015-06-17-New-Research-on-the-Positive-Effects-of-Return-Migrants-Elicits-Interest.php

"Return Migrants Can Make a Big Difference: Researchers have found that return migrants to the state of Guanajuato, Mexico, have a positive effect on nearly every aspect of life." Pacific Standard Magazine, June 12, 2015: http://www.psmag.com/business-economics/return-migrants-can-make-a-big-difference

"San Luis Valley Natives: Pushed Out For School, Pulled Home By Family." Colorado Public Radio, June 8, 2015: https://www.cpr.org/news/story/san-luis-valley-natives-pushed-out-school-pulled-home-family

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND TALKS

- 2015: New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS). Boston, MA November 6-8, 2015. *Will present article*.
- 2015: CIDE, "Human Rights in Mexico: Crisis and Opportunity." Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 29-30, 2015. *Will present article*.
- 2015: 110th Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Sexualities in the Social World." Chicago, IL August 22-25, 2015. *Presented article*.
- 2015: Keynote speaker, Convocation, Adams State University. Friday, August 21st at Richardson Auditorium.
- 2015: 62nd 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. Presented article.
- 2014: Colorado Shared Governance Conference. Durango, CO September 5, 2014. *Attended.*
- 2014: 109th 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 16th at UNM Hibbens Center.
- 2014: 56th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association (WSSA) held in Albuquerque, NM. Wednesday, April 2nd, through Sunday April 6th, 2014.

 Presented article: "Remitting Change: The Role of Return Migrants in Hometown Development in Central Mexico."
- 2014: 61st Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Durango, CO. Wednesday, April 2nd, through Saturday April 5th, 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: 8th Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Grand Junction, Colorado March 8th and 9th.
- 2013: 108th 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 1st, 2013.
- 2013: 7th Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Alamosa, Colorado March 29th and 30th.
- 2013: 60th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Santa Fe, NM, Wednesday, April 3rd, through Saturday April 6th, 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 31st.
- 2012: 107th Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Real Utopias." Denver, Colorado August 17-20, 2012. *Presented article*.

- 2012: 6th Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Grand Junction, Colorado April 13th, 14th and 15th.
- 2012: 59th Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Park City, Utah, Wednesday, March 28th, through Sunday April 1, 2012. *Presented* article: "The Political Economy of Remittance-Led Development in Guanajuato, Mexico."
- 2011: 1st Annual Immigration Conference, held in Las Vegas, NM, Friday, Sep. 30th through Sunday, October 2nd. Attended.
- 2011: 106th Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, "Social Conflict: Multiple Dimensions and Arenas." Las Vegas, Nevada August 20-23, 2011. *Presented article*.
- 2011: 5th Annual Western Slope Undergraduate Sociology Conference. Gunnison, Colorado April 22nd and 23rd.
- 2010: University of New Mexico Paper Series; Department of Sociology, "The Role of Women in Mexican Hometown Associations." Friday, November 19.
- 2010: 60th 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: 57th 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

Immigration/Emigration Human Development Globalization Poverty/Inequality Race, Culture, and Ethnicity Political Sociology Research Methods

AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND HONORS

2015 \$1,000	ASU Keynote speaker, Convocation, Adams State University.
2015	UNM, Dissertation of the Year. (Nominee, 2015. Note: The nomination process works on a three year cycle. My dissertation is currently competing with Social Science nominations from the last three years.)
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.
2013	UNM, Dissertation Defense. (Pass with distinction)

GRANTS AND FUNDING

2015 \$3,000	Invited Speaker. "Human Rights in Mexico: Crisis and Opportunity." Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 29-30, 2015.
2015 \$1000	ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2015 \$1000	Keynote Speaker, Adams State University Convocation Speaker. Friday, August 21 at Richardson Auditorium.
2015 \$1000	ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2015 \$13,500	UNM Office of Provost (Study Abroad Award for co-led exchange program, "Sustainable Development in Nicaragua); funding sought with Dr. Matías Fontenla.

2015 \$7,500	UNM Latin American and Iberian Institute (Grant to Set up Travel Abroad Program to Cuba); funding sought with Dr. Matías Fontenla.
2014 \$1000	ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
2014 \$30,000	Bureau of Land Management (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

2015-Present. Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology. Adams State University, Alamosa, Colorado.

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

- 2009-Present. Co-director of Study Abroad Program Sustainable Economic and Social Development in Nicaragua and Cuba (Summer; 2009, 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).
- 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 (Fall 2009).
- 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.

2006-2008 Internship, Latin American Technological Information Network (UNM).

FIELD WORK

2014-Present *Emigration and Crime*: This project addresses the potential link between mass emigration and crime in modern Mexico. For this study I am gathering homicide data from each of Mexico's 2,445 municipalities with the purpose of comparing homicide trends while controlling for levels of emigration. I am also conducting interviews with officials and key informants living in migrant-sending regions in central Mexico.

2013-Present Return Migration: In this project I focus on the long-term effects of emigration on Mexican communities. Specifically, I study the impact of return migrants on community wellbeing. To this end, I am compiling data from multiple state sources and conduct interviews with local officials and former migrants.

2008-2013 Research of Mexican Hometown Associations (HTAs): Interviews conducted with grassroots organizers/leaders and government officials in the U.S. and Mexico. This study focused 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 On the Edge of Paradise: For this project I conducted a 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 on migration trends. I conducted 40 interviews in Spanish and took extensive field notes. This project was largely qualitative in nature.

2004 Oral History of a Sandanista Barrio: I conducted research in the resource-deprived neighborhood of Maximo Jerez, located in Managua, Nicaragua. As part of this project, I lived with a Nicaraguan family and carried out a six-week long ethnographic research project concerning the historical resistance of the people living in Maximo Jerez. This project was conducted in conjunction with the study abroad project, Revolution, Transformation, and Society, which is run by the School for International Training.

STUDENT-LED RESEARCH

2015-Present *Voices of the Valley*: This work focuses 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, sustainable development, 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.

EDITING AND REVIEWING

University Press of Colorado; Board Member (2015-present) The Social Science Journal, Reviewer (2014-present)

COMMITTEE WORK

Faculty Senate (ASU), senator: 2015-present
English Search Committee (ASU), member: 2015
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

Center for Restorative Programs (Alamosa, CO): 2014-2017 Sit on executive board, help 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 and volunteered time for fundraisers and community outreach.

Intercambio (Boulder, CO): 2003-2005

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

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	

- 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

photography (Summer 2006).

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, BlueHost, and other web design platforms.