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SPECIALIZATION

In the classroom I aim to spur innovative thinking. I am a firm believer in active learning and community based experiences. As an educator I have extensive experience designing and implementing community-based learning experiences in Latin America where I currently live and work. I have experience teaching courses in race, ethnicity, and inequality, all with a strong Latin American lens. My research focuses on the intersection of race, immigration, and crime in Latin America and the United States. I currently have two principle research projects. The first focuses on the social, cultural, and economic effects of international migration on migrant-sending regions in Mexico. The second explores the impact of discriminatory lending on Hispanic farmers and ranchers in the southwestern region of the US. Together, these projects have aided me in thinking about the long-term consequences of deep inequalities within human populations.

EDUCATION

- 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, and received UNM “Dissertation of the Year” award.
- 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.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Waddell, B.J. (2015). "Remittance-led Development: An Untapped Resource for International Development?" *Sociology of Development*, 1(4), Winter 2015.

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). https://lasa-4.lasa.pitt.edu/LARR/prot/fulltext/vol50no1/50-1_5-28_waddell.pdf

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).

BOOK CHAPTERS

Waddell, B.J. (2017). "Emigration, Violence, and Human Rights Violations in Modern Mexico," forthcoming. (University of Pennsylvania Press.)

Waddell, B.J. and Pauline Martinez. (2017). "The Political Economy of Discriminatory Lending in the San Luis Valley," forthcoming. (University Press of Colorado.)

Waddell, B.J. and Lisa Wagener. (2017). "Migration and Democracy: A Mexican Case Study," forthcoming. (University of Guanajuato Press.)

Waddell, B.J. (2015). "An Invitation to Change the World." In, *Sociology for the Curious: Why Study Sociology?* Curious Academic Publishing. Available at: www.benjaminjameswaddell.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/chapter_selection.pdf

BOOKS

Waddell, B.J. (2015). (Ed.) *Sociology for the Curious: Why Study Sociology?* Curious Academic Publishing.

BOOK REVIEWS

Waddell, B.J. (2017). "The Remittance Landscape in Context." *Journal of American Ethnic History*, forthcoming.

Waddell, B.J. (2017). "A Review of Migrating into Financial Markets." *Contemporary Sociology*, forthcoming.

INTELLECTUAL WRITING

Waddell, B.J. (2016). "Why the American Electoral College matters for human rights everywhere." Available at:

www.opendemocracy.net/openglobalrights/benjamin-james-waddell/why-american-electoral-college-matters-for-human-rights-ever

Waddell, B.J. and Pauline V. Martinez. (2016). "The Three Dimensions of Place-Based Learning at Hispanic-Serving Institutions." Available at:

www.edexcelencia.org/hsi-cp2/your-voice/place-based-learning-hsis

Waddell, B.J. (2016). "Risky Business: Hispanic-Serving Institutions and the future of the U.S." Available at:

www.benjaminjameswaddell.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/A-Campus-at-Risk-A-Nation-in-Peril.pdf

Waddell, B.J. (2015). "Rodrigo's Theory: Mass Emigration, Violence, and Human Rights Violations in War-torn Mexico." Available at:

www.opendemocracy.net/openglobalrights/human-rights-mass-or-elite-movement

WORKING ARTICLES (UNDER REVIEW)

Waddell, B.J. (2017). "The Third Law of Migration: Emigration and Violence in Modern Mexico." (Submitted to *Latin American Research Review*.)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Book Manuscript: *The Unintended Consequences of Mexican Migration*. (Preparing proposal for Cambridge Press.)

Waddell, B.J. (2017). "Reframing Mexican Patriarchy: Mapping Out the Role of Women in Mexican Hometown Associations." (Draft)

Waddell, B.J. (2017). "Unequal Taxation: A Root Cause of Global Inequality." (Draft)

Waddell, B.J. (2017). "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

2016: 111th Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting, “Rethinking Social Movements.” Seattle, WA August 20-23, 2016. *Presented article.*

2016: Seminario Permanente De Investigación Sobre Desarrollo Regional y Género, held at La Universidad de Guanajuato, Salvatierra, Mexico, June 5-8, 2016. *Presented article.*

2016: 63rd Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies held in Santa Fe, NM. Wednesday, March 30-April 2, 2016. *Presented article.*

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

2015: CIDE, “Human Rights in Mexico: Crisis and Opportunity.” Minneapolis, Minnesota. October 29-30, 2015. *Presented 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.*

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- 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/Latin 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
 Crime

Political Sociology
 Poverty/Inequality
 Race, Culture, and Ethnicity
 Research Methods/Statistics

AWARDS, RECOGNITION, AND HONORS

- 2016 \$2,500 UNM, Dissertation of the Year. The nomination process works on a three-year cycle. My dissertation, completed in 2013, competed with Social Science nominations from the last three years.
- 2015 Southern Colorado Film Festival, Best of Colorado Award for ethnographic video, *Voices of the Valle*.
- 2015 \$1,000 ASU Keynote speaker, Convocation, Adams State University.
- 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

- 2016 \$1,000 ASU Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
- 2016 \$65,000 Ethnographic Research Grant: BLM
- 2016 \$15,000 Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area, Research Grant.
- 2015 \$1,500 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.

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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	Ethnographic Research Grant: BLM
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.

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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

2017-Present. Academic Director, School for International Training. Managua, Nicaragua.

2015-2016. 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), the Bureau of Land Management (\$95,000), and the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area (\$15,000). Research for this project is underway and is scheduled to run through 2016.

DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

Brandon Bridge. The University of New Mexico. “Individual and Household-Level Effects of Energy Poverty on Human Development.” Defense date: 05/10/2017. Member of Committee.

José Bucheli. The University of New Mexico. “International Migration in Latin America.” Defense data: TBA. Member of Committee.

EDITING AND REVIEWING

University Press of Colorado; Board Member (2015-present)

The Social Science Journal, Reviewer (2014-present)

Comparative Politics, Reviewer (2015-present)

Electoral Studies, Reviewer (2015-present)

COMMITTEE WORK

Faculty Senate (ASU), vice-president: 2015-present
Faculty Senate (ASU), senator: 2015-present
Counseling Education Retention Comm., member: 2015
Sociology Retention Comm., member: 2015
English Search Comm. (ASU), member: 2015
Sociology Search Comm. (ASU), member: 2013
Library Search Comm., member (ASU): 2014
Summer Salary Comm., member and chair (ASU): 2013-2014
Title V Steering Comm., 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 photography (Summer 2006).

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- 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

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

Technology: STATA, SAS, SPSS, R, ATLAS TI, Webct/Blackboard applications, Microsoft Office (Word, Outlook, PowerPoint, Excel), PREZI, Adobe Premiere (video editing software), WordPress.com and WordPress.org, Bluehost, and other web design platforms.