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EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of New Mexico.
Concentrations: Race and Ethnicity; Development; Inequality and Poverty.
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 migration).
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.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYEMENT

- 2011-Present. Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology. Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado.
- 2010-Present. Co-director of Study Abroad Program *Sustainable Economic and Social Development in Nicaragua* (Summer 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)
- 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).

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Waddell, B.J. (2013). "Old Habits Die Hard: Political Patronage and Remittance-led Development in Guanajuato, Mexico." *Latin American Research Review* (forthcoming).

WORKING ARTICLES (UNDER REVIEW)

Waddell, B.J. (2013). "Remitting Democracy: The Role of Migrant Remittances in Promoting Democratic Development in Guanajuato, Mexico." (Submitted to *Latin American Perspectives*)

Waddell, B.J. (2013). "Remittance-led Development: An Untapped Resource for International Development?" (Submitted to *Social Forces*)

Waddell, B.J. (2013). "Urban Fractures: The Internal 'Other' in San José, Costa Rica." (Submitted to *Ethnic and Racial Studies*)

CURRENT PROJECTS

Book Manuscript: *Controlling "Illegal" Immigration: An Economic Development Approach*. (Ongoing)

Article: "Unequal Taxation: A Root Cause of Global Inequality."

Article: "Remitting Change: The Role of Return Migrants in Hometown Development in Guanajuato, Mexico."

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND TALKS

2013: 63rd Annual Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Conference, "Re-imagining Social Problems: Moving Beyond Social Constructionism." NYC, NY August 9-11, 2013. *Attended*.

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.*
- 2005: *Congreso Internacional de Alta Gerencia.* Villa Gesell, Argentina. Attended.

RESEARCH AREAS AND AREAS OF INTEREST

Comparative: Latin America
 Race, Ethnicity and Stratification
 Political Sociology
 Sociology of Education
 Social Psychology
 Globalization
 Qualitative and Ethnographic Research Methods
 Social Theory (Classic and Contemporary)

GRANTS, AWARDS AND FUNDING

2013 \$1000	ASC Faculty Travel Support (Travel Grant); Department of Sociology, Adams State College.
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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);
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.

FIELD WORK

2008-2013 Periodic research of Mexican Hometown Associations (HTAs). Interviews conducted with grassroots organizers/leaders and government officials in the United States and Mexico. This research, which formed the foundation of my dissertation, focuses on the role of migrant remittances in promoting democratic 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 one, 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 population located in La Carpio on the edge of San José, Costa Rica. Research focused on impact of global economic

structures (neo-liberalism, etc) at the local level. Included over 30 interviews in Spanish and extensive field notes. This project was largely qualitative in nature.

2004 Research conducted in the resource-poor neighborhood of Maximo Jerez, located in Managua, Nicaragua. Lived with Nicaraguan family and carried out a month long ethnographic research project concerning the historical resistance of the people of Maximo Jerez in the face of deep social changes within their country.

VOLUNTEER WORK

Intercambio (Adult ESL Program): 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: 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 (April through August).

2005 *Universidad de Buenos Aires*: coursework in History, Film and Language (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 (intermediate); Portuguese (reading, basic speech).

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