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SPECIALIZATION

In the classroom, I aim to spur innovative thinking. To this end, I am a firm believer in active learning and community-based experiences. As an educator, I have facilitated community-based learning experiences in the US, and Latin America. I have also taught a wide range of courses, including poverty and inequality, social problems, and international migration. In each of my classes I incorporate a regional focus on the borderlands and Latin American.

My research focuses on the intersection of international immigration with development and crime in Latin America and the United States. I currently have two principle research projects. The first addresses the social, cultural, and economic effects of international migration and crime on migrant-sending regions in Mexico. The second analyzes the impact of return migration on criminal activity in contemporary Latin American society. Together, these projects have aided me in thinking about the relationship between economic inequality and crime in the 21st century.

EDUCATION

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- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of New Mexico.
 Concentrations: Criminology; Immigration; Political Economy; Economic 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*.

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. (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. (2018). "Emigration, Violence, and Human Rights Violations in Modern Mexico," forthcoming. (University of Pennsylvania Press.)

Waddell, B.J. and Pauline Martinez. (2018). "The Political Economy of Discriminatory Lending in the San Luis Valley," under review. (University Press of Colorado.)

Waddell, B.J. (2015). "An Invitation to Change the World." In, *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*, 46(6).

BOOKS

Beeton, J., Charles N. Saenz, and B.J. Waddell (Eds.). *The San Luis Valley: Its Geology, Ecology, and Human History*. Under review, (University Press of Colorado.)

WORKING ARTICLES (R&R)

Waddell, B.J. (2018). “A Cautionary Tale: Discriminatory Lending Against Hispanic Farmers and Ranchers.” (Submitted to *Rural Sociology*.)

Bucheli, José R., Matías Fontenla, and B.J. Waddell. (2018). “The Effects of Migration Flows on Homicide Rates in Mexico.” (Submitted to *World Development*.)

WORKING ARTICLES (UNDER REVIEW)

Waddell, B.J., José R. Bucheli, and Matías Fontenla. (2018). “Return migration and Drug-related Violence: The Case of Mexico,” (Submitted to *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.)

Waddell, B.J. (2018). “The Third Law of Migration: Emigration and Violence in Modern Mexico.” (Submitted to *Latin American Research Review*.)

CURRENT PROJECTS

José R. Bucheli, Matías Fontenla, and B.J. Waddell. (2018). “Return Migration and Human Development in Mexico.”

Waddell, B.J. (2018). “Return Migration, Human Capital, and Development: A Nicaraguan Case Study.”

INTELLECTUAL WRITING

Waddell, B.J. (2018). “Venezuelan oil fueled the rise and fall of Nicaragua’s Ortega regime.” Available at: <https://theconversation.com/venezuelan-oil-fueled-the-rise-and-fall-of-nicaraguas-ortega-regime-100507>

Waddell, B.J. (2018). “Are we witnessing the rise of fascism in Nicaragua?” Available at: https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-waddell-nicaragua-ortega_us_5b5e2279e4b0de86f498238b

in Spanish: https://www.huffingtonpost.es/benjamin-waddell/estamos-viviendo-una-oleada-de-fascismo-en-nicaragua_a_23493713/

Waddell, B.J. (2018). “Nicaraguans try to topple a dictator — again.” Available at: <https://theconversation.com/nicaraguans-try-to-topple-a-dictator-again-98123>

in Spanish: <https://theconversation.com/nicaragua-intenta-derrocar-a-un-dictador-de-nuevo-99729>

Waddell, B.J. (2018). “Why people migrate: A plea for empathy from Nicaragua.” Available at: www.theglobalamericans.org/author/benjamin-waddell/

Waddell, B.J. (2018). "Laying the groundwork for change: A closer look at the U.S. role in Nicaragua's social unrest." Available at:

www.theglobalamericans.org/author/benjamin-waddell/

Waddell, B.J. (2018). "A Tropical Spring in the land of lakes and volcanoes." Available at:

www.theglobalamericans.org/author/benjamin-waddell/

Waddell, B.J. (2018). "Notes from the frontlines of protests in Nicaragua." Available at:

www.theglobalamericans.org/author/benjamin-waddell/

Waddell, B.J. (2018). "The uprising in Nicaragua: Are Ortega's days numbered?" Available at: www.theglobalamericans.org/author/benjamin-waddell/

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

RESEARCH IN THE PRESS

"Forte repressão e 300 mortes: o preço de um ex-guerrilheiro para se manter no poder na Nicarágua." Gazeta Do Povo, July 16th, 2018:

<https://www.gazetadopovo.com.br/mundo/forte-repressao-e-300-mortes-o-preco-de-um-ex-guerrilheiro-para-se-manter-no-poder-na-nicaragua-7an10kz64tc4if9sszhhb54oni>

"The Death Toll Rises in Nicaragua." Beme News, June 15th, 2018,

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hL3WZlCAttE>

"A New Place-Based Curriculum Presented for Valley Teachers." Valley Courier, June 18, 2017: <https://alamosanews.com/article/a-new-place-based-curriculum-presented-for-valley-teachers>

“New Research on the Positive Effects of Return Migrants Elicits Interest.” Latin American and Iberian Institute, June 17, 2015: <https://lail.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

2018: Latin American Studies Association, “Latin American Studies in a Globalized World.” Barcelona, Spain. May 23-26, 2018. *Presented article.*

2017: Seminar on Emigration and Violence. El *Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios de la Salud*. Managua, Nicaragua. September 2, 2017.

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.*
- 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

Crime
 Immigration/Emigration
 Human Development
 Globalization
 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, <i>Voices of the Valle</i> .
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

2018 \$2,500	School for International Training (Travel Grant).
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.

2018

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	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.
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

2018-Present. Associate Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Borderlands. Fort Lewis College, Durango, Colorado.

2016-2018. 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).

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 (2015-2016)
The Social Science Journal, Reviewer (2014-present)
Comparative Politics, Reviewer (2015-present)
Electoral Studies, Reviewer (2015-present)

COMMITTEE WORK

Human Resources comm. (SIT), LA rep.: 2017-2018
Faculty Senate (ASU), vice-president: 2015-2016
Faculty Senate (ASU), senator: 2015-2016
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

RECENT 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).
- 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: English (fluent); Spanish (fluent).

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.