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Employment

- 2024– Professor, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University
Core Faculty Member, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Program
- 2020-2024 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Brandeis University
- 2016-2020 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Boston
Affiliated Faculty, Critical Ethnic and Community Studies Program
Faculty Affiliate, Sustainable Solutions Lab
- 2012-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Cincinnati
- 2009-2010 Summer Session Instructor, Department of Sociology, Duke University

Education

- 2012 Ph.D., Sociology, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
- 2008 M.A., Sociology, Duke University
Exams: Race and Ethnicity (with distinction) and Population Studies
- 2006 B.A., Sociology, Providence College, Providence, Rhode Island
Minor: Black Studies

Research Interests

Sociology of Race and Racism; Urban and Community Sociology; Latinx Migration; Qualitative Methods

Publications

Books

- 2024 Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth and Sarah Mayorga. *A Good Reputation: How Residents Fight for an American Barrio*. University of Chicago Press.
- 2023 Mayorga, Sarah. *Urban Specters: The Everyday Harms of Racial Capitalism*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.
- Reviewed in *Social Forces*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, and *The Metropole*.
- 2014 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. *Behind the White Picket Fence: Power and Privilege in a Multiethnic Neighborhood*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.
- *Winner of the 2015 American Sociological Association Latino/a Sociology Section's Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award*
- Reviewed in *Choice*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Journal of American Ethnic History*, *Metropolitiques*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Southern Spaces*, and *Urban Affairs Review*

Articles

- 2024 Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Roberto, Leah Binkovitz, and Sarah Mayorga. "Barriers and Boundaries: How Residents Make Meaning of Segregating Built Environments." *Sociological Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214241274159>
- 2024 Mayorga, Sarah. "Who's Afraid of a Comunista?" *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 75. <https://berkeleyjournal.org/2024/06/26/whos-afraid-of-a-comunista/>
- 2023 Mayorga, Sarah, Megan Underhill, and Lauren Crosser. "Aisle Inequality." *Contexts Magazine* 22(1): 24-29.
- 2022 Mayorga, Sarah, Megan Underhill, and Lauren Crosser. "'I Hate That Food Lion': Grocery Shopping, Racial capitalism, and Everyday Disinvestment." *City and Community* 21(3): 238-255.
- *Co-winner of the 2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division Outstanding Article Award*
- 2019 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. "The white-centering logic of diversity ideology." *American Behavioral Scientist* 63(13): 1789-1809.
- 2018 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. "Whose best friend? Dogs and racial boundary maintenance in a multiracial neighborhood." *Sociological Forum* 33(2): 505-528.
- 2018 Malat, Jennifer, Sarah Mayorga-Gallo, and David R. Williams. "The effects of whiteness on the health of whites in the USA." *Social Science & Medicine* 199: 148-156.
- 2017 Smith, Candis Watts and Sarah Mayorga-Gallo. "The New Principle-Policy Gap: How Diversity Ideology Subverts Diversity Initiatives." *Sociological Perspectives* 60(5): 889-911.
- 2017 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah and Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman. "Between Marginality and Privilege: Gaining access and navigating the field in multiethnic settings." *Qualitative Research* 17(4):377-394.
- 2015 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. "'Aquí estamos a la fuerza': Interracial relations in a new Latino/a destination city." *Sociologica* 9(2).
- 2009 Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo and Sarah Mayorga. "Si Me Permiten Hablar: Limitations of the Human Rights Tradition to Address Racial Inequality." *Societies without Borders* 4:366-382.

Book Chapters

- 2018 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. "'People were not as friendly as I had hoped': Black residential experiences in two multiracial neighborhoods." In *Black Politics in Transition: Immigration, Suburbanization, and Gentrification*, ed. Candis Watts Smith and Christina M. Greer. Routledge.
- 2011 Hordge-Freeman, Elizabeth, Sarah Mayorga, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva. "Exposing Whiteness Because We Are Free: Emancipation Methodological Practice in Identifying and Challenging Racial Practices in Sociology Departments." In *Rethinking Race and Ethnicity in Research Methods*, ed. John Stanfield. Left Coast Press.
- 2011 Bonilla-Silva, Eduardo and Sarah Mayorga. "'On (Not) Belonging: Why Citizenship Does Not Remedy Racial Inequality.'" In *State of White Supremacy: Racism, Governance, and the United States*, eds. Moon-Kie Jung, Joao H. Costa Vargas, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva. Stanford University Press.

Other Publications

- 2024 Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth and Sarah Mayorga. “Gentrification isn’t inevitable – it can hinge on how residents view their neighborhood.” *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/gentrification-isnt-inevitable-it-can-hinge-on-how-residents-view-their-neighborhood-232565>
- 2023 Mayorga, Sarah. Review of “Building Downtown Los Angeles: The Politics of Race and Place in Urban America,” by Leland T. Saito in *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2019 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. “How dogs help keep multiracial neighborhoods socially segregated.” *The Conversation*. <http://theconversation.com/how-dogs-help-keep-multiracial-neighborhoods-socially-segregated-116120>
*Republished by *Salon*, *Huffington Post*, *YES! Magazine*, various local newspapers and online outlets
- 2019 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. “How to realign views on diversity with institutional change.” Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings Brief. May 2019. <https://scholars.org/contribution/how-realign-views-diversity-institutional-change>
- 2016 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. “Racism without Racists.” *The Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*, eds. J. Stone, R. Dennis, P. Rizova, A. Smith, & X. Hou.
- 2015 Mayorga-Gallo, Sarah. Review of “Post-Ghetto: Reimagining South Los Angeles,” by John Sides (ed.) in *City and Community* 14(2): 233-235.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

- 2024 Expand Massachusetts Stories-Climate Track Grant, Mass Humanities (Co-PI)
- 2024 Dean's Mentoring Award, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Brandeis University
- 2023 Theodore and Jane Norman Fund for Faculty Scholarship. Brandeis University.
- 2023 School of Arts and Sciences Co-Curricular Fund. Brandeis University.
- 2022 Theodore and Jane Norman Fund for Faculty Scholarship. Brandeis University.
- 2021 School of Arts and Sciences Co-Curricular Fund. Brandeis University.
- 2021 Theodore and Jane Norman Fund for Faculty Scholarship. Brandeis University.
- 2021 Senior Faculty Research Semester (Fall 2022). Brandeis University.
- 2021 Teaching Innovation Award. Center for Teaching and Learning, Brandeis University.
- 2020 School of Arts and Sciences Co-Curricular Fund. Brandeis University.
- 2016 Social Action Award. Sociologists for Women in Society.
- 2016-2017 Center Fellow. Charles Phelps Taft Research Center, University of Cincinnati. (declined)
- 2015 Third Century Faculty Research Fellowship. University of Cincinnati.
- 2015 Faculty Research Support Grant. Charles Phelps Taft Research Center.
- 2015 Faculty Summer Research Fellowship. Charles Phelps Taft Research Center.
- 2014-2015 The Cincinnati Project Faculty Research Grant. Kunz Center for Social Research.

- 2014-2015 Faculty Seed Grant. UC LEAF Grant Program.
- 2011-2012 Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant. National Science Foundation.
- 2011-2012 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Invited Talks

- 2024 “Neglect and Underdevelopment: Racial Capitalism in the Queen City.” Urban Studies Speaker Series, CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies.
- 2024 “Neglect and Underdevelopment: Racial Capitalism in the Queen City.” Race, Space, and Place Workshop, Washington University St Louis.
- 2023 “Neglect and Underdevelopment: Racial Capitalism in the Queen City.” Jergens Lecture, University of Cincinnati.
- 2023 “Neglect and Underdevelopment: Racial Capitalism in the Queen City.” Sociology Speaker Series, Rice University.
- 2021 Panelist for “Unpacking Anti-Blackness in Thought and Practice.” Office of Diversity & Inclusion’s Transforming Knowledge into Action Series, University of Maryland College Park.
- 2019 “How whiteness shapes multiracial spaces: Lessons from *Behind the White Picket Fence*.” Contemporary Studies of Race and Ethnicity (CSRE) Workshop, Harvard University.
- 2017 “From Redlining to Diversity Ideology: How Racial Inequality Shapes our Neighborhoods.” Unitarian Universalist Area Church at First Parish. Sherborn, MA.
- 2017 “How whiteness shapes multiracial spaces: Lessons from *Behind the White Picket Fence*.” Center for Diversity Education Series, University of North Carolina-Asheville.
- 2017 “Racial Violence, Racial Covenants, and Redlining: The Roots of Continued Racial Inequality.” Beyond Black and White: Prioritizing Race and Racial Formation in the Study of American Life, Past and Present, JFK Library Summer Institute. Boston, MA.
- 2016 “Whose Best Friend? Dogs as the ground for racial boundary maintenance in a multiethnic neighborhood.” Urban Inequality Workshop, Boston University Department of Sociology.
- 2016 “Whose Best Friend? Dogs as the ground for racial boundary maintenance in a multiethnic neighborhood.” Race Workshop, Duke University Department of Sociology.
- 2015 “Views from *Behind the White Picket Fence*: Diversity and Racial Inequality in a Multiethnic Neighborhood.” Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds, Allegheny General Hospital. Pittsburgh, PA.

Invited Conference Presentations

- 2023 Panelist for Author Meets Critic, “Second-Class Daughters: Black Brazilian Women and Informal Adoption as Modern Slavery” by Elizabeth Hordge-Freeman, Association of Black Sociologists Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “On white fragility and white-passing Latinxs,” *White fragility, White tears: Managing White Emotions in Critical Discussions of Race* Panel, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.

- 2018 Panelist for *Interpreting Race: Trends, Dilemmas, and New Directions* Panel. SSSI's The Roots and Branches of Interpretive Sociology Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Critic, Author Meets Critic: *Poison in the Ivy: Race Relations and the Reproduction of Inequality on Elite College Campuses* by W. Carson Byrd. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 "Behind the White Picket Fence: Power and Privilege in a Multiethnic Neighborhood." *Advances in Urban Ethnography* Panel, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- 2016 Panelist for *Jamaica Plain PorchFest: From Public to Activist Sociology through Place-Based Arts*. Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Memphis, TN.
- 2014 "Reflections from 'Behind the White Picket Fence.'" *Previous Minority Scholarship Award Winners: The Ins and Outs of doing Scholar Activism* Panel, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 "Whiteness and Diversity in the New South: A Durham, North Carolina Study." *Race, Ethnicity, and Uneven Development: Emerging Issues in the 21st Century Southern City* Panel, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 "Facilitating Community Partner and Student Relationships." *Best Practices for Mentoring Undergraduate Research* Panel, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Conference Presentations

- 2020 "Racial Capitalism in the Queen City." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. (Accepted, but did not participate due to COVID-19)
- 2017 "Diversity as ideology in the contemporary US." Critical Race Conference, University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Knoxville, TN.
- 2016 Author Meets Critics session: *Behind the White Picket Fence: Power and Privilege in a Multiethnic Neighborhood*. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 "Solving the Wrong Problem: Reframing the Relationship between Spatial Proximity and Racial Inequality." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 "Diversity as Ideology in Multiethnic Spaces." Junior Theorists Symposium, American Sociological Association's Theory Section. Chicago, IL.
- 2015 "'I got to know what she's about': Cross-race Friendships in a Midwest Neighborhood." Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Washington, DC.
- 2014 "'Now what do they mean by that?' Diverse Meanings in a Multiethnic Neighborhood." Royal Geographic Society with the Institute of British Geographers Annual International Conference. London, England.
- 2014 "Diversity Ideology and Its Limitations: Discussions of Race and Gender in a Multiethnic Neighborhood." Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Nashville, TN.
- 2013 "Interracial Relationships in a Multiethnic Neighborhood." North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Indianapolis, IN.
- 2013 "Studying Power as a Presumed Insider." Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting. Santa Ana Pueblo, NM.

2012 “White codes and de facto segregation.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

Invited Class Visits since July 2020

2024 Organizational Theory and Behavior, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
 2023 Sociology of Race and Racism, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
 2023 Sociological Inquiry, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
 2023 Race and Ethnicity Tutorial, Sociology Department, Harvard University
 2023 Senior Capstone, Sociology Department, The University of Cincinnati
 2023 Observing the Social World: Doing Qualitative Sociology, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
 2022 Field Methods, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
 2022 Approaches to Sociological Research, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
 2022 Observing the Social World: Doing Qualitative Sociology, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
 2021 Introduction to Sociology, Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Criminology, Troy University
 2021 Methods of Social Inquiry, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
 2021 Urban Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The University of North Carolina Asheville
 2021 Sociological Inquiry, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University
 2020 Approaches to Sociological Research, Sociology Department, Brandeis University

Courses Taught at Brandeis University

Undergraduate

Introduction to Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies
 Introduction to Sociology
 Latinx Sociology
 Social Inequalities in the Media
 Sociology of Race and Racism

Graduate

Sociology of Race and Racism
 Urban Sociology

Professional Service

2025-2027 Editorial Board Member, *Contemporary Sociology*
 2022-2024 Editorial Board Member, *City and Community*
 2021-2024 Advisory Editor, *Social Problems*
 2021-2022 Nominating Committee, American Sociological Association
 2018-2021 Editorial Board Member, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
 2020 Member, Lynd Award for Lifetime Achievement Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association
 2020 Member, Founder’s Award Committee, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association
 2019-2020 Ex-Officio Member, Publications Committee, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association
 2018 & 2019 Chair, Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award Committee, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association
 2017-2020 Council Member, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association
 2017-2020 Editorial Board Member, *Sociological Focus*

2016	Chow-Green Women of Color Dissertation Award Committee Member, Sociologists for Women in Society
2016	Chair, Distinguished Contribution to Research Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association's Latino/a Sociology Section
2015-2016	Planning Committee Member, 2016 Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting
2015-2016	Mentor, Race, Gender, and Class Section Mentoring Program, American Sociological Association
2013-2016	Sister to Sister Committee Member, Sociologists for Women in Society
2015	James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member, Section for Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association

Reviewer for *American Behavioral Scientist*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Quarterly*, *American Sociological Review*, *Built Environment*, *City and Community*, *Discourse and Society*, *Human Organization*, *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, *Journal of Politics*, National Science Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, University of California Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Georgia Press, University of North Carolina Press, *Social Currents*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Focus*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Sociology of Education*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Department and University Service

2024-2027	Faculty Representative, Board of Trustees, Brandeis University
2023-2026	Chair, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
2023-2026	Committee on Strategy and Planning, Brandeis University
2023-2024	Graduate Program Committee, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
2021-2023	Faculty of Color Collective Mentor, Brandeis University
2023	Critical Conversations Panelist, "How Social Scientists Study Identity and Family," Brandeis University
2023	Fall Admissions Faculty Lecture, Brandeis University
2023	Vice Chair, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
2023	Graduate Admissions Committee Chair, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
2023	Jane's Essay Prize Committee Member, LACLS Program, Brandeis University
2023	Teaching Improvement, Experimentation, and Research (TIER) Grants selection committee, Brandeis University
2023	Giumette Academic Achievement Award Selection Committee Member, Brandeis University
2022-2023	Undergraduate Research and Creative Collaborations (URCC) Advisory Group Member, Brandeis University
2022-2023	Mandel Center for the Humanities Steering Committee Member, Brandeis University
2021-2023	Colloquium Committee, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
2021-2023	Generation One Mentor, Brandeis University
2022	Jane's Student Travel and Research Grant Committee Member, LACLS Program, Brandeis University
2022	Graduate Admissions Committee Member, Sociology Department
2021-2022	Faculty Ambassador, Brandeis University
2020-2022	Sociology Department Equity Liaison, Brandeis University
2021	Search Committee Member, Environmental Studies Program, Brandeis University
2020-2021	Search Committee Member, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
2020	Graduate Program Committee Member, Sociology Department, Brandeis University
2020	Jane's Student Research Grant Committee Member, LALS Program, Brandeis University
2016-2020	Sociology Department Graduate Program Committee Member, University of Massachusetts Boston
2018-2020, 2016	Sociology Program Committee, University of Massachusetts Boston
2018-2019	College of Liberal Arts Councilor, Faculty Council, University of Massachusetts Boston
2018-2019	Honors College Mentor, University of Massachusetts Boston
2018-2019	Research Intensive Semester Committee Member, University of Massachusetts Boston

2018	Organizing Committee Member, <i>Solidarity in Action: Resisting Systemic Oppression</i> Teach In, University of Massachusetts Boston
2018	Faculty Mentor, UMass Boston-Social Science Research Council's Transdisciplinary Dissertation Proposal Development Program Summer Institute, University of Massachusetts Boston
2018	Organizing Committee Member, <i>Wake Up, Rise Up: Resisting Systemic Oppression</i> Teach In, University of Massachusetts Boston
2018	Strategic Planning Committee Member, Sustainable Solutions Lab, University of Massachusetts Boston
2017-2018	Executive Committee Member, Sociology Department, University of Massachusetts Boston
2016-2017	Social Theory Forum Committee Member, Sociology Department, University of Massachusetts Boston
2014-2016	UC Leaf Diversity Committee Member, University of Cincinnati
2014-2015	Chair, Sociology Department Preliminary Exam Committee, University of Cincinnati
2014-2015	Chair, Sociology Department Colloquium Committee, University of Cincinnati
2013-2014	Institutional Review Board Member, University of Cincinnati
2012-2014	Sociology Department Preliminary Exam Committee Member, University of Cincinnati
2012-2014	Sociology Department Colloquium Committee Member, University of Cincinnati

Thesis and Dissertation Committees

Completed Undergraduate Honors Thesis

Carly Ivanowski, 2019 (advisor)
 Shannon Murphy, 2019 (co-advisor)
 Elinor Avery, 2020 (advisor)
 Andrea Bolduc, 2021
 Irma Zamarripa González, 2021 (chair)
 Maria Aranibar, 2022 (chair)
 Savannah Jackson, 2022 (chair)
 Mariah Lewis, 2022 (chair)
 Catherine Romero, 2022 (chair)
 Lucca Raabe, 2023 (chair)
 Sofie Jelden, 2023
 Elinor Eggers, 2023
 Feigle Lechtchiner, 2023
 Rachel Bindman, 2024 (chair)
 Eden Osiason, 2024 (chair)
 Alaina Vermilya, 2024
 Norah Khadraou, 2024

Completed M.A. Thesis

Yue Peng, 2016
 Rocio Bueno Roldan, 2016
 Robert Rice, 2019 (chair)
 Charlie Phan, 2020 (chair)
 Emma Sundeen, 2024 (M.A. co-advisor)

Completed Ph.D. Dissertation

Paul Anderson, 2015
 Megan Underhill, 2016 (co-chair)
 Alan Grigsby, 2018
 Ainsley Lambert-Swain, 2018
 Alessandra Bazo Vienrich, 2019
 Adam Pittman, 2020
 Rebecca Troeger, 2022

In Progress

sneha gantla, (Ph.D.)

Emily Thoman (Ph.D.)
Lauren Crosser (Ph.D., chair)
Sanchita Dasgupta (Ph.D.)
Ethan Dayan (B.A., chair)

Pre-Dissertation Ph.D. Advisees

Rachel Guaderrama (advisor)
Ersie Konstas (advisor)
Basil Pallimalil (advisor)
Zachary Fox (qualifying exam committee member)

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association
Community and Urban Sociology
Inequality, Poverty and Mobility
Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations
Labor and Labor Movements
Latino/a Sociology
Marxist Sociology
Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Community Research and Development
Critical Race and Ethnic Study
Poverty, Class, and Inequality