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**TEACHING APPOINTMENTS**

**Saint Louis University | St. Louis, MO | Fall 2022- Current**

* Assistant Professor of Sociology in Department of Women’s and Gender Studies
  + Violence Against Women
  + Research Capstone

**Newberry College | Newberry, SC | Fall 2021- Summer 2022**

* Assistant Professor of Sociology in Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences
  + Introduction to Sociology
  + Introduction to Sociology (online)
  + Social Stratification
  + Social Problems
  + Sociology of Gender
  + Family and Society

**Texas A&M University | College Station, TX | Fall 2012-Spring 2020**

* Sociology Lecturer (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)
  + Introduction to Gender and Society (cross-listed with Women & Gender Studies)
  + U.S. & Mexico Border
* Sociology Graduate Student Instructor/Sole-responsibility (Fall 2015-Summer 2016)
  + (Summer 2016) Introduction to Gender and Society; cross-listed with Women & Gender Studies
  + (Fall 2015-Spring 2016) Introduction to Sociology
* Sociology Graduate Teaching Assistant/Assisted Professors
  + (Fall 2012-Spring 2015) Introduction to Sociology; Global Social Trends; Sociology of Religion

**EDUCATION**

**Texas A&M University | College Station, TX |**

* PhD, Sociology
  + Dissertation defended March 8, 2019: “Systemic Sexism in Our Everyday Lives”
    - Committee: Joe Feagin (Chair), Jane Sell, Kazuko Suzuki, Claire Katz
  + Graduation date May 9, 2019
* Women and Gender Studies Certificate

**Purdue University | West Lafayette, IN |**

* B.A. Psychology, December 2009
* B.A. Public Relations & Rhetorical Advocacy, December 2009
* Minor & Concentrations: Spanish Language & Literature; Child Development

**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

* Sociology of Gender
* Race & Ethnic Relations
* Social Psychology

**PUBLICATIONS**

Forthcoming Ochoa, Melissa K. “Colorism in the Latina Community: The

Internalization of Racialized Sexism.” *Feminists Talk Whiteness,* edited by

Leigh Anne Francis and Janet Gray. Taylor and Francis Publishing.

2022 Ochoa, Melissa K. 2022. “Life Course and Emerging Adulthood:

Protestant Women’s Views on Intimate Partner Violence and Divorce.” *Social Sciences* 11(4): 169-184. <https://doi.org/10.3390/socsci11040169>

2019 Ochoa Garza, Melissa K. & Joe R. Feagin. 2019. “Sexism.” in

*The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, Second Edition*, edited by George Ritzer & Chris Rojek. Chichester: John Wiley & Sons. doi: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781405165518.wbeoss084.pub2

2019 Ochoa Garza, Melissa K. 2019. “Unfiltered: Male Strangers’ Sexist

Behavior Towards Women.” Pp. 59-77 in *Women and Inequality in the 21st Century,* edited by Brittany C. Slatton and Carla D. Brailey. New York: Routledge

**BOOKS IN PROGRESS**

Under Contract Ochoa, Melissa K. & Joe R. Feagin. *Catcalling.* University of

California Press.

**PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

2021 Virtual Presentation: “Surveillance Labor & Sexual Assault” as Educational Fundraiser on behalf of the Sexual Assault Crisis Center-Fox Cities, Wisconsin

2019 Ochoa, Melissa K. 2019. “The Question You Should Never Ask Women—Period.” Retrieved May 31, 2019 (https://theconversation.com/the-question-you-should-never-ask-women-period-116712)

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Work in Progress Ochoa, Melissa K. “Pulling Back the Curtain on Backstage Sexism: An

Extension of Goffman’s Theater Framework”

Work in Progress Ochoa, Melissa K. “Surveillance Labor: Women’s Fear of Sexual

Violence”

Work in Progress Ochoa, Melissa K. and Joe R. Feagin. “A Theory of Systemic

Sexism”

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES AND UNIVERSITIES**

December 2021 University of Passau, Hamburg, Germany; Department of American Studies: “Colorism: The Internalization of Racialized Sexism Amongst Latinas”

November 2021 Texas A&M University, College Station, TX: “Colorism: The Internalization of the White Racial Frame in the Latine Community”

September 2021 University of South Carolina, Columbia; Department of Sociology: “Surveillance Labor: Women’s Hyperawareness of Potential Sexual Violence” (Virtual)

March 2021 Texas A&M University, College Station; Department of Sociology:

“Systemic Sexism in Our Everyday Lives” (Virtual)

February 2021 NSF Workshop on Racial and Gender Bias in STEM for Grant Proposal, Virtual: “Gender Bias in STEM: Sexism in the Classroom and Beyond” with co-presenter Joe R. Feagin

February 2020 Texas A&M University, College Station; Department of Sociology: “Systemic Sexism: Theatrical Framework and Sexual Violence”

March 2019 Chicago Ethnography Conference, Evanston, IL: “The Frontstage: Theoretical Differences Between Systemic Sexism and Systemic Racism”

October 2018 Southwestern Social Science Association, Orlando, FL: “Victims of Sexual Abuse: Their Expectations of Life Outcomes”

August 2018 American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA: “Catcalling: A Reproduction of Systemic Sexism on the Streets”

November 2017 American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA: “Emerging Adulthood: Do Religious Beliefs Influence Young Women’s Attitudes Toward Divorce and Victimization?”

April 2017 Southwestern Social Science Association, Austin, TX: “Journaling to Discover the Depths of Sexism”

November 2015 American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.: “Conservative Protestant Students’ Beliefs on Female Victimization” and Session Chair

April 2015 Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Denver, CO: “The Religious

Identity of University Protestant Women and their Beliefs on Gender Roles, Career, and Family”

April 2014 Southwestern Social Sciences Association, San Antonio, TX: “Examining Family Background and Career Aspirations”

**GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS**

May 2022 American Association of University Women (AAUW) 2022-2023

Fellowship Short-Term Research Publication Grant ($6,000)

May 2018 Summer Research Assistantship Award (SRAA); Sociology Department

(Competitive award for summer assistantship) ($2,500)

September 2017 Research Award; Texas A&M University Sociology Department

April 2017 Research Award; Texas A&M University Sociology Department ($1,000)

December 2016 Diversity Matters Seed Grant; Texas A&M University (competitive

university-wide grant) ($4,700)

February 2016 Research Award; Texas A&M University Sociology Department ($1,400)

December 2015 Research Award; Texas A&M University Sociology Department ($1,000)

April 2014 Research Award; Texas A&M University Sociology Department ($700)

2014-2019 Travel Award; Texas A&M University Sociology Department ($2,350)

August 2018 Travel Award; Graduate & Professional Student Council (GPSC) ($500)

2015-2017 Travel Award; TAMU Women and Gender Studies Department ($750)

2012-2015 Diversity Fellowship for 3 years, Texas A&M University ($103,707)

(Competitive university-wide fellowship with tuition included)

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2016- 2019 Research Assistant (Dr. Joe Feagin); Texas A&M University

Summer 2015 Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Adrienne Carter-Sowell); Melbern G.

Glasscock Center for Humanities Research Faculty Fellowship Project Texas A&M University Psychology Department

Spring 2013 Research Assistant for “Mexican Mobile Consular Survey” (PIs: Dr.

Zulema Valdez and Dr. Nancy Plankey-Videla); Texas A&M University

Spring 2008 Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Amanda Seidl) Infant Experimental

Psychology Laboratory; Purdue University

Fall 2009 Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Kipling Williams) Ostracism Experimental

Psychology Laboratory; Purdue University

**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION SERVICE**

**Texas A&M University |** College Station, TX |

2016-2019Diversity Representative for Climate and Inclusion Council for Liberal Arts

* Worked with the Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence & Strategic Initiatives
* Represented the Sociology department and reported to the Diversity Chair
* Submitted Diversity Accountability Reports from the Sociology department
* Discussed initiatives to increase department/faculty involvement in diversity

2014-2016 President and Vice President of Hispanic/Latino Graduate Student Association

* Proficient in Spanish language both verbal and written
* Founded the first Graduation Ceremony for Latine graduate students
* Significantly increased active membership and events campus-wide
* Presented to Latine undergraduate students and first generation students on the

graduate school application process

2016 Diversity Leader for President Michael Young’s Diversity & Inclusion Council

* Selected by campus administrators to be on this council to address racism
* Proposed a change to the criteria for the International and Cultural Diversity

courses to be more heavily focused on systemic inequalities

* Proposal was accepted and put into practice in the Fall 2018 semester

2016-2018 Diversity Leader for Graduate Professional Student Leader Communication Group

* Worked with the Vice President of Student Affairs on minority representation on campus
* Discussed implementing a statue dedicated to Matthew Gaines
* Proposed a concise document highlighting the constitution of sexual harassment and sexual assault, including the academic repercussions for violations

2015-2017 Diversity Consultant for Office of Graduate & Professional Studies

* Consulted on the online Campus Climate & Inclusion Survey to ensure inclusivity
* Regularly met with the Associate Provost for Graduate & Professional Studies

to discuss plans for increasing the retention of students of color

* Communicated with the Vice President & Associate Provost for Diversity

2013-2016 Founder and President of the Sociology Mentoring and Academic Development

* Founded the first mentoring program for graduate students in Sociology
* Program has been successful; is now a fully-recognized & funded organization

2013-2014 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate and Professional Studies Council

* Represented graduate students from the Sociology department to vote on issues

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

Present Member, American Sociological Association (ASA); (Sex and Gender,

and Social Psychology)

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING SKILLS**

Qualitative Research: Atlas.ti and Dedoose

Quantitative Research: STATA

Languages: Fluent in English; Proficient in Spanish

**REFERENCES**

(1) Dr. Joe Feagin (2) Dr. Jane Sell

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(3) Dr. Heili Pals (4) Dr. Ralph Webb

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