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EDUCATION

PhD Student Sociology expected May 2024
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Bachelor of Science, *cum laude*, Sociology December 2017
Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL

Associate of Arts, General Studies May 2015
St. Louis Community College, St. Louis, MO

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Education, Race and Ethnicity, First-Generation/Working-Class students,
US-Mexico Border, Latino/a/x Sociology, & Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility

PUBLICATIONS

Carris, Peggy Sue. 2023. "Reading, Writing, and Harassment: White and Latinx Achievement Gaps and the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 1-16. doi: 10.1177/23326492231169248.

Garcia, Emmer M., Peggy Sue Carris, and Pat Rubio Goldsmith. 2022. "Overcoming the Wall: Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Journal of Latinos and Education*, 1-17. doi:10.1080/15348431.2022.2030289.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Graduate Student Research and Presentation Travel Award 2022
Office of Graduate & Professional Studies, Texas A&M University (\$500)

Travel Award 2022
Department of Sociology Student Awards Committee, Texas A&M (\$1,100)

Summer Research Fellowship 2022
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, (\$2,200)

Annual Meeting Student Travel Grant Southwestern Social Science Association (\$300)	2022
Travel Award Department of Sociology Student Awards Committee, Texas A&M (\$300)	2022
Summer Research Fellowship Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (\$2,200)	2021
Summer Research Fellowship Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (\$2,800)	2020
Graduate Diversity Excellence Fellowship Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University	2019-2024
Best Sociology Internship Paper Award: "Institutional Liberation Or Oppression? A Nonprofit Organization Case Study" Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University - Edwardsville	2017

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY/PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented

Peggy Carris."Reading, Writing, and Harassment: White and Latinx Test Score Disparities on the U.S.-Mexico Border." National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Tejas Foco Conference, March 2023, Brownsville, TX.

Peggy Carris. "Reading, Writing, and Harassment: White-Latino/a Test Score Disparities on the U.S.-Mexico Border." IX International Colloquium on the Mexican North East and Texas, November 2022, College Station, TX.

Peggy Carris. "Reading, Writing, and Harassment: White-Latinx Test Score Disparities on the U.S.-Mexico Border." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2022, Los Angeles, CA.

Peggy Carris. "Reading, Writing, and Harassment: Educational Inequality and the U.S.-Mexico Border." Annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, April 2022, San Antonio, TX.

Goldsmith, Pat Rubio, Peggy Carris, and Emmer Garcia. "Does the Border Matter? Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border."

Annual meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association, April 2021, Virtual.

Goldsmith, Pat Rubio, Peggy Carris, Emmer Garcia, and Mary Jalufka. "Latinx Achievement and Achievement Growth During Elementary and Middle School in Texas from 2008-2015." Texas Latino Policy Symposium III, October 2020, Virtual.

Panels Organized

Sociology of Education 1, Annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, April 2022, San Antonio, TX.

Social Psychology, Annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, April 2022, San Antonio, TX.

Discussant/Chair

Communication, Information Technologies, and Media, Annual meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, April 2022, San Antonio, TX.

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

Carris, Peggy and Emmer Garcia. "Overcoming the Wall: Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border." Texas A&M University - Council for Minority Student Affairs, March 2022.

Carris, Peggy. "Reading, Writing, and Harassment: Educational Inequality and the U.S.-Mexico Border." Texas A&M University - Sociology Departments' Colloquium, September 2021, Virtual.

Carris, Peggy and Emmer Garcia. "Overcoming the Wall: Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border." Texas A&M University - Latinx Studies Working Group, October 2020, Virtual.

TEACHING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Graduate Student Instructor Summer 2023
SOC 230: Classical Sociological Theory (undergraduate course)
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
Duties included developing course curriculum and schedule and was in charge of all class instruction and grading.

Graduate Student Instructor Spring 2023
SOCL 415: Sociology of Education (undergraduate course)
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
Duties included developing course curriculum and schedule and was in charge of all class instruction and grading.

Guest Lecturer (invited) Spring 2022
SOCL 415: Sociology of Education (undergraduate course)
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
Duties included developing lecture subject matter and materials and was in charge of the instruction of the lecture for a class.

Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Spring 2021 & 2022
SOCL 631: Seminar in Sociological Research: Quantitative Analysis (graduate course)
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
Duties included reviewing class assignments, hosting supplemental teaching sessions, and aiding students in understanding class materials and assignments.

CIRTL Academy for Future Faculty Certification Spring 2021
Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M University
Completed a series of professional development workshops about college teaching within a semester-long learning community.

Guest Lecturer Fall 2020
SOCL 230: Classical Sociological Theory (undergraduate course)
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
Duties included developing lecture subject matter and materials and was in charge of the instruction of the lecture for a class.

Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Fall 2019 - Fall 2020
SOCL 230: Classical Sociological Theory (undergraduate course)
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
Duties include assisting in the instruction of lectures, being the sole grader of papers, and supervising 30 undergraduate students.

Supplemental Instructor to Dr. Lisa Martino-Taylor Spring 2015
Department of Sociology, St. Louis Community College
Duties included developing and conducting weekly tutor sessions.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant to Pat Rubio Goldsmith Summer 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2022
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University
Duties included conducting literature reviews, data analysis, compiling results, and manuscript development.

Data Analyst Fall 2020
Establishing a Conditional Driver's Permit in Texas
Team: Team from Texas A&M University School of Law Community Development Clinic with Luz Herrera (PI) and Team from Texas A&M University with Ernesto F.L. Amaral
Client: Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance (RITA)
Overview: The report examines the potential impact of expanding access to state-issued driver permits for Texans that cannot provide the required documents to obtain a Texas driver's license. Duties included data collection and analysis on Texas immigration policy specifically for undocumented immigrants and driver's licenses.

Research Assistant to Mark Fossett Summer 2020
Texas Federal Statistical Research Data Center (TXRDC), Texas A&M University
Duties included assisting the TXRDC Director with TXRDC initiatives and projects and TXRDC researchers with research projects and proposal development projects.

DEPARTMENTAL AND CAMPUS SERVICE

Oral Session Judge, Spring 2023
Student Research Week
Texas A&M University

Graduate Student Representative, Fall 2021-
Undergraduate Program and Curriculum Committee
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University

Interdepartmental New Student Mentor Fall 2020-
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University

Graduate Student Committee Representative, 2019-2020 & 2022-2023

Hospitality and Welcoming Committee
Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University

Vice President of Sociology Club Spring & Fall 2017
Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint), Stata, SPSS, QGIS

NON-ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Skilled Immigrant Integration Pilot Project Researcher 2018 - 2019
Workforce Solutions, The International Institute of St. Louis St. Louis, MO
Duties included leading the research initiative by creating career path guides for new Americans with professional and post-secondary experience seeking to re-enter their chosen career field in St. Louis, Missouri.

Diversity and Social Justice Internship February - May 2017
Epworth Children & Family Services St. Louis, MO
Duties included researching job opportunities available in the St. Louis area and creating an interview and resume writing resource binder assisting our 17-22 constituents in a career development program.

CERTIFICATIONS

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Spring 2022
CITI program course: Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Fall 2019
CITI program course: Human Research: Group 2 Social and Behavioral Research Investigators and Key Personnel

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

Southwestern Social Science Association February 2022 - 2023
Subject Affiliate Groups: Sociology, Women and Gender Studies, & Economics

Academy for Future Faculty, Since May 2021
The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL),

Texas A&M University

American Sociological Association
Sections: Sociology of Education

Since Fall 2019

REFERENCES

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