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Employment

- 2016 - **Director**
Cisneros Hispanic Leadership Institute, The George Washington University
- 2016 - **Associate Professor**
Department of Sociology, The George Washington University
Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, The George Washington University
- 2013 - 2016 **Associate Professor**
Department of Sociology, University of South Florida
Affiliated Faculty, ISLAC, the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean, University of South Florida
- 2007 - 2013 **Assistant Professor**
Department of Sociology, University of South Florida
Affiliated Faculty, ISLAC, the Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean, University of South Florida

Education

- 2007 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
2003 M.A. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
2002 M.A. Sociology, University of Barcelona (Spain)
2000 B.A. Sociology, University of Barcelona (Spain)

Research Fields: Immigration; Latino/a Sociology; Race and Ethnicity; Children and Youth; Education; Quantitative Methods.

Grants and Fellowships (PI or Co-I only)

- “Adoption of New Lifestyles among Refugee Families: Health Implications of Integration.” (2015-2016). Center of Excellence in Maternal and Child Health Education, Science and Practice Faculty Pilot Research Grant Application. PI: Solveig A. Cunningham. Total award: \$17,678.
- “Identity Negotiations among Immigrant Young Adults.” (2013-2014). University of South Florida College of Arts and Sciences Internal Award. Total award: \$1,500.
- New Researcher Grant, University of South Florida (2009-2011). PI: Elizabeth Vaquera. “School Belonging and Engagement among Immigrant Students: A Comparative Study of Youth in the U.S. and Spain.” Total award: \$10,000.

“Friendships and Risk of Over-weight among Diverse-origin Adolescents” (2009-2011). PI: Elizabeth Vaquera; Co-PI: Solveig A. Cunningham, Emory University. NIH-NIDDK 1R21DK081878-01A1. Total costs: \$353,499.

“Immigrant Transnationalism and Modes of Incorporation.” National Science Foundation (2008). SES-0752644. (Co-PI: Elizabeth Aranda, University of South Florida). Total costs: \$161,000.

Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (2006-2007).

Publications

Books

Kao, Grace, Elizabeth Vaquera, and Kimberly A. Goyette (2013). *Education and Immigration*. Cambridge: Polity Press.

Mari-Klose, Pau, Marga Mari-Klose, Elizabeth Vaquera, and Solveig A. Cunningham (2010). *Infancia y Futuro: Crecer en la Sociedad del Riesgo*. La Caixa: Barcelona. Colección Estudios Sociales 30. (Title translation: *Childhood and the Future: New Realities, New Challenges*.)

De Miguel, Jesús M., Jordi Caïs, and Elizabeth Vaquera (2001). *Excelencia: Calidad de las Universidades Españolas*. Madrid, Spain: Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas. (Title translation: *Excellence: Quality of Spanish Universities*).

Refereed Journal Articles

*Indicates student co-author

Vaquera, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Aranda, and *Isabel Sousa-Rodriguez (forthcoming, 2017). “The Emotional Well-being of Undocumented 1.5-Generation Immigrants: Ontological Security, Emotional Capital, and Strategies for Resilience.” *Social Problems*.

*Villalobos Carrasco, Cecilia F.; Ibis M. Álvarez Valdivia, y Elizabeth Vaquera, E. (2017). “Amistades co-étnicas e inter-étnicas en la adolescencia: diferencias en calidad, conflicto y resolución de problemas.” [Co-ethnic and inter-ethnic friendships in adolescence: Differences in quality, conflict, and problem solving]. *Educación XX1*. 20(1): 99-120.

Aranda, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Vaquera, and *Isabel Sousa-Rodriguez (2015). “Personal and Cultural Trauma and the Ambivalent National Identities of Undocumented Young Adults in the USA”. *Journal of Intercultural Studies* 36(5):

Aranda, Elizabeth and Elizabeth Vaquera (2015). “Racism, the Immigration Enforcement Regime, and the Implications for Racial Inequality in the Lives of Undocumented Young Adults.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 1(1): 88-104.

Flores-González, Nilda, Elizabeth Aranda, and Elizabeth Vaquera (2014). “‘Doing Race’: Latino Youth’s Identities and the Politics of Racial Exclusion.” *American Behavioral Scientist* 58(14): 1831-1851.

*Dotson, Hilary M., Elizabeth Vaquera, and Solveig A. Cunningham. (2014). “Sandwiches and Subversion: Teachers’ Mealtime Strategies and Preschoolers’ Agency.” *Childhood* 21(2): 1-15.

- Vaquera, Elizabeth and Grace Kao (2012). "Educational Achievement of Immigrant Adolescents in Spain: Do Gender and Region-of-Origin Matter?" *Child Development* 83(5): 1560-1576.
- Cunningham, Solveig A., Elizabeth Vaquera, and *Jeanne L. Long (2012). "Race, Ethnicity, and the Relevance of Obesity for Social Integration." *Ethnicity and Disease* 22 (2): 317-323.
- Cunningham, Solveig A., Elizabeth Vaquera, *Claire Maturo, and K.M. Venkat Narayan (2012). "Is There Evidence that Friends Influence Body Weight? A Systematic Review of Empirical Research." *Social Science and Medicine* 75: 1175-1183.
- Vaquera, Elizabeth and Elizabeth Aranda (2011). "The Multiple Dimensions of Transnationalism: Examining their Relevance to Immigrants' Subjective Well-being." *Journal of Social Research & Policy* 2(2): 47-72.
- Aranda, Elizabeth and Elizabeth Vaquera (2011). "Unwelcomed Immigrants: Experiences with Immigration Officials and Attachment to the U.S." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 27(3):299-321.
- *Kramer, Rory and Elizabeth Vaquera (2011). "Who is Really Doing It? Peer Embeddedness and Substance Use during Adolescence." *Sociological Perspectives* 54(1): 37-58.
- Vaquera, Elizabeth (2009). "Friendship, Educational Engagement, and School Belonging: Comparing Hispanic and White Adolescents." *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences* 31(4): 492-514.
- Vaquera, Elizabeth and Grace Kao (2008). "Do You Like Me as Much as I Like You? Friendship Reciprocity and its Effects on School Outcomes among Adolescents." *Social Science Research* 37: 55-72.
- Vaquera, Elizabeth and Grace Kao (2006). "The Implications of Choosing No-Race on the Salience of Hispanic Identity: How Racial and Ethnic Identification Intersect among Hispanic Adolescents." *The Sociological Quarterly* 47: 375-396.
- Kao, Grace and Elizabeth Vaquera (2006). "The Salience of Racial and Ethnic Identification in Friendship Choices among Hispanic Adolescents." *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences* 28: 23-47.
- Vaquera, Elizabeth and Grace Kao (2005). "Private and Public Displays of Affection among Interracial and Intra-racial Adolescent Couples." *Social Science Quarterly* 86 (2): 484-508.
- De Miguel, Jesús M., Elizabeth Vaquera, and Jara D. Sanchez (2005) "Spanish Universities and the Ranking 2005 Initiative." *Higher Education in Europe* 30 (2): 199-215.
- De Miguel, Jesús M., Bernabe Sarabia Heydrich, Elizabeth Vaquera, and Haizam Amirah. (2004). "¿Sobran o Faltan Doctores?" (Too Many or Too Few PhD's?). *Empiria: Revista de Metodología de Ciencias Sociales* 7: 115-155.
- Vaquera, Elizabeth, and Jesús M. de Miguel (2001). "Mujeres en la Torre de Marfil: Feminización de la Universidad Española" (Women in the Ivory Tower: Feminization of Spanish Universities). *Revista de Gestión y Análisis de Políticas Públicas* 22: 77-94.

De Miguel, Jesús M., Jordi Caïs, and Elizabeth Vaquera (1999). "Modelo de Indicadores de Calidad de las Universidades" (Quality Indicators of Higher Education). In *Revista de Gestión y Análisis de Políticas Públicas* 16-17: 29-62.

Edited Collections

Co-editor of special issue with Elizabeth Aranda and Roberto Gonzales (2014). "Latino Incorporation across Social Institutions." *American Behavioral Scientist*.

Vaquera, Elizabeth, Elizabeth Aranda, and Roberto Gonzales. (2014). "Patterns Of Incorporation of Latinos in Old and New Destinations: From Invisible to Hypervisible." *American Behavioral Scientist* 58 (14): 1823-1833.

Professional Reports

Papadopoulos, Airia, Elizabeth Vaquera, and Ivy Qi (2010). *Depression and Obesity in Medicaid-Enrolled Adolescents: Trends in Service Use, Cost and Outcomes*. Tampa, FL: Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. University of South Florida.

Sommers, Roseanna, Airia Papadopoulos, and Elizabeth Vaquera (2010). *Sociodemographic Disparities in Dosing and Monitoring of Antidepressant Medications among Florida Medicaid Enrollees*. Policy Brief. Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA). University of South Florida.

Book Reviews

Vaquera, Elizabeth (2016). Review of *The Road to Citizenship: What Naturalization Means for Immigrants and the United States*, by Sofya Aptekar. *Contemporary Sociology* 45(5): 572-574.

Op-Eds

Aranda, Elizabeth and Elizabeth Vaquera. "Lawmakers can give Dreamers Chance at Higher-Ed Success." *Orlando Sentinel*, May 1, 2014.

Invited Lectures and Colloquia

October 2016. Immigration Film Festival. Invited Panelist *Immigration Mythbusters Panel*.

September 2016. Featured Speaker at the 11th Annual Forum of the Edward Alexander Bouchet Graduate Honor Society.

April 2016. Trachtenberg Conversations: Immigration and Inequality. George Washington University.

February 2015. Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Workshop. Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.

October 2014. Program in Latin American Studies. Johns Hopkins University.

October 2014. Institute for Immigration Research and Sociology Department. George Mason University.

Professional Presentations

- “The Paradoxes of DACA: Challenges for Young Undocumented Immigrant Identities and Belonging.” *Russell Sage Foundation, Conference on Undocumented Immigration and the Experience of Illegality*. October 2, 2015, New York, NY. With Isabel Sousa-Rodriguez and Elizabeth Aranda.
- “Diet Acculturation among Bhutanese Refugee Adolescents in the United States.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL, August 2015. With *Sarah Gray and Solveig A. Cunningham.
- “The Emotional Wellbeing of Undocumented 1.5-Generation Immigrants: Ontological Insecurity and Strategies for Resilience.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL, August 2015. With Elizabeth Aranda and *Isabel Sousa-Rodriguez.
- “Moving Up and Down the Ladder: Perceived Social Mobility and Happiness among Miami's Immigrants.” *Annual Meetings of the Latin American Studies Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015. With Elizabeth Aranda.
- “Becoming American Through Food: Diet Acculturation among Bhutanese Refugee Adolescents in the U.S.” *4th International Conference on the Geographies of Children, Youth and Families*, San Diego, CA, January 2015. With *Sarah Gray and Solveig A. Cunningham.
- “Unhealthy Weight among Children in Spain: The Role of the Home Environment.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA, August 2014. With Solveig A. Cunningham, Pau Mari-Klose, and Marga Mari-Klose.
- “Enduring Stigma? Obesity Histories and Romantic Relationship Involvement in the Transition to Adulthood.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. Boston, May 2014. With *Hilary M. Dotson.
- “Directing Mealtime: Understanding Pre-School Teachers’ Food Parenting Styles.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY, August 2013. With *Hilary M. Dotson and Solveig A. Cunningham.
- “Symbolic and Social Boundaries among Contemporary Immigrants: Implications for Racism and Discrimination in South Florida.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY, August 2013. With Elizabeth Aranda.
- “Immigration, Legal Exclusion and Racialization in the United States.” *British Association for American Studies 58th Annual Conference*, Exeter, UK. April 2013. With Elizabeth Aranda.
- “Missing out on More than Health: Obesity, Health, and Social Integration.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting* April 2013 New Orleans, LA, April 2013. With *Jeanne Long and Solveig A. Cunningham.
- “Unengaged Young Adults: The Effects of Informal Mentoring on Disconnectedness.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO, August 2012. With *Hilary M. Dotson.

- "Whose Influence Matters: Determinants of Convergence in Body Weight among Adolescent Friends" *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. San Francisco, May 2012. With Solveig A. Cunningham.
- "Perceived Discrimination and Immigrant Family Dynamics." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV. August 2011. With Elizabeth Aranda.
- "Gender and Educational Achievement of Immigrant Children in Spain." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. Washington DC, April 2011. With Grace Kao.
- "Your Sunday Best: Religious Tradition and Body Mass Index Among Young Adults." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Atlanta, GA. August 2010. With *Hilary M. Dotson.
- "Experiences with Immigration Officials and Attachment to the U.S." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Atlanta, GA. August 2010. With Elizabeth Aranda.
- "Inequalities in the Social Integration of Immigrant Youth." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. Dallas, TX. April 2010. With Solveig A. Cunningham.
- "Criminalizing Borderlands: Immigrants' Experiences with Immigration Officials." *Undocumented Hispanic Migration Conference*. New London, CT. October 2009. With Elizabeth Aranda
- "The Hidden Dimensions of Transnationalism: Examining their Relevance to Emotional Well-being." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA. August 2009. With Elizabeth Aranda.
- "Obesity and Friendship in Adolescence: Weighing in Race, Ethnicity and Gender." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA. August 2009. With Solveig A. Cunningham.
- "Weight and Friendships in Adolescence: The Additional Complexity of Race, Ethnicity and Gender" *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. Detroit, April-May 2009. With Solveig A. Cunningham.
- "Friendship Status and Educational Outcomes: Hispanic and White Adolescents Compared." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Boston, MA. August 2008.
- "Who Is Really Doing It? Risk Behaviors in Adolescence." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Boston, MA. August 2008. With *Rory Kramer.
- "Friendship Formation and Overweight in Adolescence." *2008 Add Health Users Conference*, Bethesda, MD. July 2008. With Solveig A. Cunningham.
- "Interethnic Friendships in School: Evidence for the Academic Achievement of Hispanic Youth." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, New York, NY. August 2007.
- "Friendless Adolescents: Explaining Racial and Ethnic Differences." *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Canada. August 2006.

“Do You Like Me as Much as I Like You? Friendship Reciprocity among Adolescents.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA. August 2005. With Grace Kao.

“What Race Am I? Change in Racial Choice among Hispanic Adolescents.” *Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, August 2005. With Jamie M. Doyle.

“The Intersection of Race and Ethnicity of Hispanic Adolescents’ Friendship Choices.” *Population Association of America 2004 Annual Meeting*. Boston, April 2004. With Grace Kao.

“Private and Public Displays of Affection among Interracial and Intra-racial Adolescent Couples.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. Atlanta, August 2003. With Grace Kao.

“¿Sobran o Faltan Doctores?” (Are Doctorates in Surplus or Lacking?) *Congrés Català de Sociologia*, Reus, Spain, April 2003. With Jesús M. de Miguel, and Haizam Amirah Fernandez.

“Displays of Affection among Adolescent Couples.” *Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society*. Philadelphia, February-March, 2003. With Grace Kao.

“La Universidad ante un Mundo Globalizado.” (The University in a Globalizing World). *II Congreso La Sociología para el Futuro: Investigando para el Futuro*. Barcelona, Spain, June 2002. With Jesús M. de Miguel.

“Mujeres en la Torre de Marfil.” (Women in the Ivory Tower) *La Sociología para el Futuro*. Barcelona, Spain, June, 2000.

“La Construcción de un Sistema de Indicadores de Calidad Universitaria y de I+D.” (Creating Indicators for Quality in Higher Education and Research and Development) *Primeras Jornadas de Evaluación y Calidad de las Organizaciones Públicas* (Granada, Spain, October 1999). With Jesús M. de Miguel, Jordi Caïs, and Raül Tormos.

Recent Teaching

Graduate

Sociological Statistics; Social Inequalities in Childhood and Youth; Transitions to Adulthood.

Undergraduate (all upper level courses):

Sociology of Childhood and Youth; Children of Immigrants; Sociology of Education; Immigrants to America.

Professional Activities

Service to the Discipline

- 2015 Chair, Social Sciences, First Joint meeting of Spanish Scientists in the U.S.
- 2015 Program Committee, Southern Sociological Society.
- 2014-2017 Editorial Board, *Research in the Sociology of Education*.
- 2014-2017 Advisory Board, *Social Problems*.
- 2014-2016 Editorial Board, *Sociology of Education*.

- 2014 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Discussant of Session "Pre and Post Natal Influences on Children," August 2014.
- 2013-2016 Council, Section on Children and Youth, American Sociological Association (*Elected*).
 2014 Committee Member, *Distinguished Contribution Award*.
 2015 Committee Chair, *Distinguished Contribution Award*.
- 2013-2016 Council, Section on Latino Sociology, American Sociological Association (*Elected*).
 2014 Committee Chair, *Distinguished Career Award*.
 2013 Committee Member, *Distinguished Career Award*.
- 2012 Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Discussant of Session "Ethnicity, Pan-Ethnicity, and Race," May 2012.
- 2011 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Discussant of Session "Children, Families and Immigration," August 2011.
- 2011 Population Association of America 2011 Annual Meeting. Discussant of Session "Educational Outcomes among Children of Immigrants," April 2011.
- 2010-2011 Publications Committee Chair. American Sociological Association *Children and Youth* Section.
- 2008-2011 Newsletter and Website Co-Editor. American Sociological Association *Children and Youth* Section.
- 2010 Reviewer for the *Society of Research on Adolescence* (SRA) Biennial Meetings. Panel 2: *Personality, Emotions, and Identity*.
- 2010 Reviewer for the *American Educational Research Association* (AERA) Meetings: SIG-Adolescence and Youth Development and SIG- Sociology of Education
- 2009-2010 Nominations Committee. American Sociological Association *Children and Youth* Section
- 2009 Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Discussant of Session "Immigrant Children and Educational Outcomes," April 2009.
- 2008 Reviewer for the *Society of Research on Adolescence* (SRA) Biennial Meetings. Panel 8: *School, Work, and Achievement*.
- 2008 Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Chair of Session "Education: Causes and Effects," April 2008.
- 2004 Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Chair of Session "Educational Differences among Immigrants in the United States." April 2004.

Occasional journal referee: *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Child Development, Ethnography, Journal of Intercultural Relations, Journal of Research on Adolescence, Journal of Youth and Adolescence, Journal of Marriage and Family, Sociological Inquiry, The Sociological Quarterly, Social Science and Medicine, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Research, Sociological Focus, Social Forces, Social Problems, and Sociology of Education.*

Occasional grant referee: *National Science Foundation.*

Occasional book referee: *Centro de Investigaciones Sociológicas (CIS), Spain; Elsevier; Polity Press.*

Service to the University

University of South Florida

Departmental Service:

- Graduate Committee (2008-).
- Permanent Lecturer Search Committee (2007-2008).
- Institutional Review Board (IRB) Departmental Reviewer (2015-present).

- University Service:
- College of Arts and Sciences Diversity Committee (2011-2013).
 - College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Committee (2009-2010).
 - Search Committee Faculty Research Professor/Research Associate Professor or Administration Program Director Policy & Services Research Data Center, Position #0234.
 - 2009 Outstanding Thesis/Dissertation awards committee.

Professional Memberships

AERA, American Educational Research Association (2004-2014).

ASA, American Sociological Association (1999-present).

ESS, Eastern Sociological Society (2002-2009).

LASA, Latin American Studies Association (2014-present)

PAA, Population Association of America (2003-present).

SRA, Society for Research on Adolescence (2006-2012).

SSSP, Society for the Study of Social Problems (2014-present).

SSS, Southern Sociological Society (2007-present).

Graduate Student Mentoring

** Indicates I am chair*

PhD students

Skyler Lauderdale, Sociology (USF). Dissertation committee member (2013-)

*Hilary Dotson, Sociology (USF). Graduate research assistant (2009-2014). Chair, dissertation committee.

- Visiting Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of South Florida.

Keily Heredia, Chemistry (USF). External Dissertation Chair (2012).

MA Thesis committees

Maria Duenas (2013-2015). Currently PhD student at UC Merced.

Amber Gregory (2012-2013).

Heidi Ross (2011-2013). Currently graduate student at Universität Erfurt (Germany).

Herrica Telus (2009-2011). Currently PhD student at University of Illinois, Chicago.

Ryan Huff (2010-2011).

Natalie Delia Deckard (2009-2011). Currently PhD candidate Emory University.

Jarin Eisenberg, Sociology (2008-2009).

Pangri Mehta, Sociology (2008-2009). Currently PhD student at USF.

Other Graduate Research Assistants

Marc Settembrino. (2008-2009). MA, University of South Florida; PhD University of Central Florida (2013).

Currently Assistant Professor, Southeastern Louisiana University.

Alexander Hernandez. (2007-2008). PhD Boston College (2014). Currently Instructional Assistant

Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Texas A&M University.

Undergraduate REU mentoring

Mentor through the Research Experience for Undergraduates Program (REU) at FMHI, USF:

Wanette Vargas, Psychology, Universidad de Puerto Rico (2008). PhD student, The University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Roseanna Sommers (Swarthmore College). (2009). Joint degree student (JD/PhD) in Psychology and Law, Yale University.

Citizenship: Dual Spain and U.S.

Foreign languages: Spanish and Catalan (native).

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