*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

2022 **Ph.D.,** Sociology, University of Kentucky

(Expected) Working title: “Why Resiliency? Latinx Farmworkers and Farmworker Families in Oregon”

Committee: Patrick Mooney (Chair), Julie Zimmerman, Edward Morris, Sarah Lyon

2018 **M.A.,** Sociology, University of Kentucky

“Conceptualizing the Picker Hierarchy: Subordinate Adaptation among Blueberry Pickers”

Committee: Carlos de la Torre (Co-Chair), Edward Morris (Co-Chair), Julie N. Zimmerman

2016 **B.S.,** Sociology, Western Oregon University

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

Latinx Studies Social Inequalities Political Sociology

Race & Ethnicity Sociology of Education Rural Sociology

**FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS and AWARDS**

2020 Lexington Herald-Leader Graduate Fellowship, University of Kentucky

2020 College of Social Sciences Dean’s Competitive Fellowship, University of Kentucky

2020 Center for Equality and Social Justice, Graduate Student Research Fellowship, University of Kentucky

2019-20 Graduate Student Fellowship Program, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education, Inc.

2018 Emeriti Faculty Endowed Fellowship Award, University of Kentucky

2016 Royster Award, University of Kentucky

2016 Robert Ladner Fund for Graduate Excellence, University of Kentucky

2016 Klush Tum Tum Award, Western Oregon University

2012-16 Diversity Commitment Scholarship, Western Oregon University

2012-16 WOU General Scholarship, Western Oregon University

2012-16 GEAR-UP Scholarship, U.S. Department of Education, Oregon

2012-15 WOU Presidential Scholarship, Western Oregon University

2015 Student Activities Board Member of the Year, Western Oregon University

2014 Knight of the Roundtable, Omega Delta Phi, Fraternity Inc.

2014 Multicultural Representative Mentor of the Year, Western Oregon University

**GRANTS**

2019 Professional Development Grant ($1,000), Center for Graduate and Professional Diversity Initiatives, University of Kentucky.

2018 LACLS Summer Research Grant ($1,000), Department of Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies, University of Kentucky.

**PUBLICATIONS**

2022 Alejandrez, Kevin. Reconceptualizing Local Hierarchies: Subordinate Adaptation among Blueberry Pickers (Forthcoming, Summer 2022), In Kenneth Robinson, Angie Carter, Mark Harvey, and Keiko Tanaka (ed), *Race in Rural America.* The Rural Sociological Society, *Rural Studies Series.*

2022 Alejandrez, Kevin, and Ana Liberato. Linguistic Resistance in Puerto Rico (Forthcoming, Spring 2022), In Jose Cobas (ed), *The Spanish Language in the United States: Rootedness Racialization, and Resistance.* Routledge.

**PRESENTATIONS**

2020 “Normalizing Inequality: Laboring in the Fields amidst Covid-19 and Wildfires.” Presentation at the 2020 Rural Sociological Society’s Graduate Student Conference. Flash Session: Analyzing Inequalities for Minoritized Communities in Rural and Agricultural Spaces.

2020 “Hidden Masculinity: Gendered Actions and Symbolic Power among Seasonal Farm Workers.” Presentation at the 2020 Southern Rural Sociological Association Annual Conference. Regular Session: Migration, Farm Workers, & Workforce Development.

2019 “The Structure of Produce Agriculture in Oregon and its Effects on Latino Contract Workers.” Roundtable at the 2019 Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference. Regular Session: Experienced Impacts of Market Structures.

2018 “Differences among Latino Farm Workers in Oregon Agriculture.” Presentation at the 2018 Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies Symposium. Student Session.

2018 “(Re) Conceptualizing the Farmworker Hierarchy: Latinx Blueberry Pickers in Oregon.” Presentation at the 2018 Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. Regular Session: The Hands that Feed Us: Race, Ethnicity, and Dynamics of Agricultural Labor Markets.

2018 “Rural Racial and Ethnic Minorities RIG.” Overview presentation at the 2018 Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. Lightning Talk: Rural Racial and Ethnic Minorities Research Interest Group.

2017 “The Formation of Racial Hierarchies among Latino Agricultural Workers in Oregon.” Presentation at the 2017 Rural Sociological Society Annual Conference. Regular Session: Immigration and Race.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Classes Taught at the University of Kentucky*

2018-22 **Inequalities in Society: Community, Culture and Citizenship in the US;** Department

(intermittently) of Sociology

2020 **Introduction to Sociology;** Department of Sociology

*Teaching Assistantships at the University of Kentucky*

2021 **Classical Social Theory;** Department of Sociology

2019 **Introduction to Sociology;** Department of Sociology

2018 **Drugs & Crime, an Inside Out Prison Exchange Program;** Department of Sociology

2017 **Education, Inequalities, and Criminal Justice;** Department of Sociology

2017 **Cross-National Crime;** Department of Sociology

2017 **Introduction to Criminology;** Department of Sociology

2016 **Global Racism;** Department of Sociology

2016 **Introduction to Sociology;** Department of Sociology

**RESEARCH PROJECTS and ASSISTANTSHIPS**

2020-22 **Dissertation Research, Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon.** Conducting ethnographic research, including participant observations and interviews as a Community Navigator with the Farmworker Service Center in Woodburn, Oregon.

2020 **Research Assistant.** “Rural Sociology’s Hidden Diversity Effort: Research Funding at 1890 HBCU Land Grant Universities.” With Dr. Julie N. Zimmerman, RSS Historian. Rural Sociological Society. May-June 2020.

2020 **Research Assistant.** “The Real UK Podcast.” With Dr. Nora R. Moosnick, Sociology 435, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky. February-May 2020.

2017 & 18 **Agricultural Worker, Mid-Willamette Valley, Oregon.** Conducted participant observations on Latinxs working in Oregon agriculture and conducted a series of interviews with farmworkers.

2015-16 **Homelessness Research, Monmouth-Independence, Oregon.** Conducted interviews with city officials, non-profit officials, and people experiencing homelessness in Monmouth and Independence, Oregon.

2014-15 **City of Independence Community Outreach Research.** Studied secondary data, interviewed community residents, and attended workshops and meetings to improve outreach and collaboration with Latinx residents. Recommendations were presented to city government officials in Independence, Oregon.

**COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS**

2014-15 **City of Independence, City Parks Planning.** Assisted in focus groups held in both English and Spanish regarding the improvement of city parks. Independence, Oregon.

2014-15 **City of Independence – HEAL Cities Grant.** Assisted in teaching youth at a farmworkers’ housing complex about gardening and created a community garden as part of the “Healthy Eating, Active Living” Cities Grant. In collaboration with the Farmworker Housing Development Corporation. Independence, Oregon.

2014-15 **City of Independence, Soccer Fields Planning.** Facilitated focus groups and meetings regarding the creation and maintenance of city soccer fields. In collaboration with Oregon 4-H, high school soccer teams, and community soccer clubs. Independence, Oregon.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and PHILANTHROPY**

2021-2022 **Graduate Student Representative,** Diversity Committee, Rural Sociological Society.

2018-22 **Founder,** Pursuing Our Dreams, Embracing Roots (PODER) Presidential Scholarship ($1,000/year for four years), Western Oregon University.

2018-21 **Co-Chair,** Rural Race and Ethnicity Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society.

2020 **Participant,** Rural Sociological Society’s Diversity Mission Statement.

2017, 18, 19 **Historian’s Assistant,** Rural Sociological Society’s Annual Conference.

**UNIVERSITY and DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

2019 **Chair,** Professional Development and Networking Committee, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky.

2017-19 **Graduate Student Congress Representative,** Graduate Student Organization, Sociology Department, University of Kentucky.

2017 & 19 **Co-Coordinator,** Rural Reading Group, University of Kentucky.

2017-18 **Member,** Professional Development Committee, Graduate Student Congress, University of Kentucky.

2017 **Student Organizer,** 2017 Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, University of Kentucky.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

*Member* Rural Sociological Society.

*Member* American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education.

**INTERNSHIPS**

2020-21 *Centro de Servicios Para Campesinos* (Farmworker Service Center), Woodburn, Oregon.

2014-15 Community Liaison, City of Independence, Oregon.

2011 Polk Soil and Water Conservation District, Dallas, Oregon.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Education Based Service*

2020, 21 Organizer, school supply drive for students in the 13J Central School District, Independence, Oregon.

2014-16 SMART Reader. Read to kindergarten students in English and Spanish two hours a week, Independence, Oregon.

2016 Track and Field Assistant Coach at Central High School, Independence, Oregon.

2013-15 Multicultural Representative Mentor for Western Oregon University.

2013, 14 Cesar Chavez Leadership Conference Group Leader for Western Oregon University.

2012-14 Upward Bound Tutor. Tutored high school students at three different high schools.

2014 Student Chaperone/Panelist for visiting middle school and high school students at Western Oregon University.

2014 PLUS Orientation Team. Gave campus tours in English and Spanish and helped incoming students register for classes at Western Oregon University.

2013 Summer Bridge Peer Advisor for TRIO Summer Bridge Program at Western Oregon University.

2013 4-H Leadership Training. Group leader at Oregon State University.

*Family Based Service*

2020 Organizer, food drive for the Ella Curran Food Bank, Independence, Oregon.

2020 Volunteer, Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency warming center, Salem, Oregon.

2015-16 Organizer, toy drive for patients at Doernbecher’s Children’s Hospital in Portland, Oregon.

2014-15 Family Food Box Organizer. Fundraised and sponsored families for the holidays.

2014 Habitat for Humanity as a member of Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc.

*Leadership*

2012-16 President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant at Arms, Prospective Member Educator, Recruitment Chair, and Fundraiser Chair for Omega Delta Phi Fraternity, Inc. at Western Oregon University.

2015-16 Polk County Health and Advisory Board Member, Polk County, Oregon.

2014-15 Event Organizer for the Student Activities Board at Western Oregon University.

2012-13 Fundraiser Chair for the Multicultural Student Union at Western Oregon University.