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## **EDUCATION**

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- Fall 2018- (In Progress) PhD. Sociology, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut.
- Spring 2017 M.A., Sociology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. Thesis: "From the Panels to the Margins: Identity, Marginalization, and Subversion in Cosplay." Committee: Dr. Laurel Graham (chair), Dr. Kimberly Golombisky, and Dr. Cecil Greek.
- Summer 2014 B.A., Sociology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Race/Ethnicity; Racism; Latina/o/x Sociology; Immigration; Gender; Media Representation

## **ARTICLES**

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Chubin, Fae, and Manuel A. Ramirez. 2020. "Securing Racial Borders: A Comparative Study of Settler-Racial Ideology and State Border Violence." *Sociological Inquiry* 91(4):778-801.

Withers, Erik and Manuel Ramirez. 2020. "Keep Culture, Lose the Reductionism: Exploring Contemporary Cultural Spaces as Sites of Power Maintenance and Resistance." *Humanity and Society* 44(4):367-374.

Moore, Wendy, David G. Embrick, and Manuel Ramirez. 2022. "Tearing Down to Take Up Space: Dismantling White Spaces in the United States." *American Behavioral Scientist*.

Ramirez, Manuel. Forthcoming. "You Know, We're Just Having a Good Time: Masking Racism and Foregrounding Fun in Cosplay." *Sociation*.

## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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2020. Review of Saher Selod's *Forever Suspect: Racialized Surveillance of Muslim Americans in the War on Terror* in *Sociological Inquiry*.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/soin.12358>

2020. Review of *Caging Borders and Carceral States: Incarcerations, Immigration Detentions, and Resistance* edited by Robert T. Chase. *International Criminal Justice Review* 30(4):468-470.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

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Dissertation. "Cuba in the Pandemic Era: Race, Migration, and U.S./Cuba Relations."

Textbook chapter. "Race and Ethnic Relations." In *New Society*. Published by Top Hat.

Book Chapter in *"How We Want to Learn!" Radical Student Voices from the Academy in a Crises World*.

## **AWARDS, HONORS, & NOTABLE RECOGNITIONS**

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Spring 2020            Aetna Commendation for Excellence in the Teaching of Writing, University of Connecticut.

Spring 2019            Arnold and Sandra Dashefsky Student Award for Excellence, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut.

Spring 2019            Honorable Mention: Graduate Paper Competition, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities of the Society for the Study of Social Problems for "'You Know, We're Just Having a Good Time': Masking Racism and Foregrounding Fun in Cosplay."

## **ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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Fall 2014              Research Assistant for the *Managing Family Food* study with Dr. Jennifer Friedman and Dr. Laurel Graham. Assisted in collecting and analyzing interview data. University of South Florida.

Summer 2019          Research Assistant for the *Latino Millennial Engineers and Their Trajectories to Adulthood and Mobility* study with Dr. Daisy Reyes. Assisted in reviewing relevant literature and drafting grant proposals. University of Connecticut.

Fall 2021              Research Assistant for *Navigating the Murky Waters of White Academia* with Drs. David Embrick and David Brunsmas. Assisted in reviewing relevant literature, crafting annotated bibliographies, and creating detailed outlines. University of Connecticut.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Spring 2020            Presider: *Fascism, Racism, and Oppression in the 21st Century--Why Palestine Matters*. Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL. (Accepted for presentation)

- Fall 2019 Paper Roundtable: *Racialized Borders: A Comparative Study of Settler Racial Ideology and State Border Violence*. American Sociological Association, New York, NY. (Co-presented with Dr. Fae Chubin, Bradley University).
- Spring 2019 Paper Presentation: *Borderline Racism: Border Violence and Settler Colonialism*. Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL. (Co-presented with Dr. Fae Chubin, Bradley University).
- Fall 2018 Paper Presentation: *Kegs and Costumes: Gendered Labor Experiences Within the Craft Beer and Cosplay Cultures*. American Humanist Society, Detroit, Michigan. (Co-presented with Erik Withers, M.A., University of South Florida)
- Spring 2018 Paper Presentation: *From the Panels to the Margins: Race, Gender, and Marginalization in Cosplay*. Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Spring 2016 Poster Presentation: *A Team-Based Approach to Teaching*. Celebration of Teaching Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Spring 2015 Paper Presentation: *Managing Family Food Consumption: Negotiating Food Work and Gender Roles through Meat Consumption*. Research that Matters: Sustainable Food Conference, Tampa, FL.

### **INVITED TALKS and GUEST LECTURES**

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- Fall 2020 Panelist: “Service Work and Getting Involved as a Graduate Student” for Professional Seminar, instructed by Dr. Davita Glasberg (University of Connecticut).
- Fall 2020 Guest Lecturer: “Environmental Racism in the United States: Race and Place during the COVID-19 Pandemic” for the Race and Ethnicity undergraduate course, instructed by Dr. Olivia Johnson (Emory University).
- Spring 2020 Guest Lecturer: “New Racism: Bonilla Silva and the Frames of Colorblind Racism” for the Racial and Ethnic Minorities undergraduate course, instructed by Dr. David G. Embrick (University of Connecticut).
- Spring 2020 Panelist: “Graduate Student Panel: Preparing for Your First Semester Teaching” for the Teaching Sociology graduate course, instructed by Dr. Manisha Desai (University of Connecticut).

- Fall 2019                      Guest Lecturer: “Manning Marable and the Binds Between Anti-Black Racism and American Capitalism” for the Racism graduate course, instructed by Dr. David G. Embrick (University of Connecticut).
- Spring 2017                    Panelist: “Graduate Student Panel: Getting a Secondary Degree in Sociology.” for the Senior Seminar course, instructed by Dr. Emelda Curry (University of South Florida).
- Fall 2016                      Panelist: "USF Graduate Student Panel on Writing a Successful Thesis." Professional Development meeting, facilitated by Dr. Sara Crawley.
- Fall 2016                      Panelist: “Sociological Analysis of Netflix’s *Luke Cage*.” USF Residential Life, hosted by Dr. Justin Brown.
- Spring 2016                    Guest lecture: “Gender Inequality in Mass Media” for the University of South Florida Gender and Society course, instructed by Dr. M. C. Whitlock.

## **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & RESEARCH FUNDING**

- Fall 2018                      Giolas-Harriott Fellowship, UConn Graduate School (5-year funding)
- Spring 2019                    Graduate Student Travel Grant, Midwest Sociological Society (\$150)
- Spring 2020                    Graduate School Predoctoral Fellowship, UConn Sociology Department
- Spring 2020                    National Fellowships Incentive Program, UConn (\$250)
- Fall 2021                      El Instituto’s 2021 Pre-Doctoral Awards, UConn (\$1,700)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor of Record, Bradley University:**

- Fall 2020                      SOC 325 - Environmental Sociology

### **Instructor of Record, University of Connecticut:**

- Fall 2019                      SOCI 1251 - Social Problems (writing-intensive course)
- Spring 2020                    SOCI 1501 - Race, Class, Gender (writing-intensive course)
- Spring 2021                    SOCI 1501 - Race, Class, Gender
- Spring 2022                    SOCI 3501 - Ethnicity and Race

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Connecticut:**

Fall 2018                    SOCI 2301 - Introduction to Criminology  
Spring 2019                SOCI 1001 - Introduction to Sociology  
Fall 2020                    SOCI 1001 - Introduction to Sociology (Online)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of South Florida:**

Fall 2015                    SYG 2000 - Introduction to Sociology (Online)  
Spring 2016                SYG 2000 - Introduction to Sociology  
Fall 2016                    SYG 2000 - Introduction to Sociology (Online)  
Spring 2017                SYG 2000 - Introduction to Sociology

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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August 2017- May 2018    Program Analyst, Department of Children’s and Families,  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health. Tampa, Florida.  
Mar. 2015- Sept. 2015    Intervention Specialist, Crisis Center of Tampa Bay. Tampa,  
Florida.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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*Service to University of Connecticut Department of Sociology*

2018-19                    Graduate Representative, Teaching Committee  
2019-20                    Graduate Student Executive, Sociology Graduate Student Body  
2020-21                    Graduate Representative, Undergraduate Program Committee

*Editorial work*

2019-20                    Special Issue in Humanity and Society: “Inequalities in Contemporary  
Cultural Spaces” (Co-edited with Dr. Erik T. Withers)  
Fall 2021                    Assistant Managing Editor. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. SAGE  
publications.

*Service to the Southern Sociological Society*

2019-20 Graduate Student Column editor for The Southern Sociologist. Southern Sociological Society

2021-22 Graduate Student member, Program Committee

## **ORGANIZATIONS, ASSOCIATIONS, and MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association

Midwest Sociological Society

American Humanist Society

Southern Sociological Society

University of Connecticut Graduate Student Union

University of Connecticut Department of Sociology

## **MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER**

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Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Sociological Perspectives; Sociological Inquiry; Humanity and Society

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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