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EMPLOYMENT

- 2019 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, Temple University
2016 - 2019 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Pennsylvania State University, Abington
2015 - 2016 Mellon Chau Postdoctoral Scholar in Sociology, Pomona College

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2015
M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2008
M.A. Latin American & Caribbean Studies, New York University, 2006
B.A. Anthropology & Art History, The Colorado College, 2002
Phi Beta Kappa, *Magna Cum Laude*

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban Sociology, Race & Ethnic Relations, Gender & Sexuality, Health,
Ethnographic Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Articles

Orrico, Laura A. 2017. "Let People be People: Everyday Substance Use in a Public Work Site." *Qualitative Sociology* 40(3): 311-330.

Orrico, Laura A. 2015. "Working the Boardwalk: Trust in a Public Marketplace." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 78(3): 228-245.

*A condensed version was chosen for inclusion in *SPQ Snaps*

Orrico, Laura A. 2015. "Doing Intimacy in a Public Market: How the Gendered Experience of Ethnography Reveals Situated Social Dynamics." *Qualitative Research* 15(4): 473-488.

Timmermans, Stefan, Laura A. Orrico, and Jasmine Smith. 2014. "Spillover Effects of an Uninsured Population." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 55(3): 360-374.

Book Manuscripts in Progress

Lynn Chancer, Laura A. Orrico, Michaela Soyer. *What's Gender got to do with it? Deepening the Ethnographic Imagination*. Under Contract, NYU Press.

Laura A. Orrico. *Making it Work: Entrepreneurialism at the Margins*. In preparation.

Book Reviews

Orrico, Laura A. 2019. Review of *Taking Back the Boulevard: Art, Activism, and Gentrification in Los Angeles*, by Jan Lin. New York: NYU Press, 2019. ISBN 9781479895700; 256 pp. \$30 paperback. *City & Community* 18(3): 1086-1088.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AWARDS

- 2018 Curricular Innovation Grant, Penn State Abington
- 2018 Teaching Innovation Fellowship, Penn State Abington
- 2017 Seeding Change Grant, Penn State Outreach and Online Education
- 2017 Faculty Development Grant, Penn State Abington
- 2017 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Penn State Abington
- 2015 Consortium for Faculty Diversity Fellow, Pomona College
- 2014-2015 UCLA Excellence in Teaching Fellow
- 2014 UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship
- 2013 UCLA, Department of Sociology, Summer Grant
- 2011-2012 UCLA Department of Sociology Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2010-2011 UCLA Department of Sociology Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2008 Travel Grant, Invitation to Yale Ethnography Conference
- 2008 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award, UCLA
- 2007 UC Diversity Initiatives for Graduate Study in the Social Sciences Summer Fellowship (\$5,000)
- 2006-2007 UCLA Department of Sociology Fellowship
- 2002 Thesis Selection, Colorado Universities Art Symposium, Denver Art Museum
- 2002 Phi Beta Kappa

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 "Learning to Succeed: The Collective Construction of Success in a Public Marketplace." The Sharing Society International Conference, Bilbao, Spain.
- 2018 "Making it Work: The Collective Construction of Success in an Informal Marketplace." Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2017 "Durable Precarity." Association for Humanist Sociology, Annual Meeting, Havana, Cuba.
- 2017 "Making it Work: Learning to Succeed in a Public Marketplace." American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Montréal, Québec, Canada.
- 2017 "Freeing Gender from the Methodological Appendix." Interim Conference of the ISA Research Committee 52, Sociology of Professional Groups, Oslo, Norway.
- 2017 "Making it Work: Knowledge Production in a Public Marketplace." Interim Conference of the ISA Research Committee 52, Sociology of Professional Groups, Oslo, Norway.
- 2017 "Let People be People: Everyday Substance Use in a Public Worksite." *Eastern Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 "Let People be People: Substance Use and a Social Ecology of Work in Public." Session on Microsociologies. *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- 2016 "Getting Intimate: The Gendered Experience of Ethnography." Invited Session on Sexual Harassment and Ethnographic Fieldwork. *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- 2016 "Let People be People: Substance Use and a Social Ecology of Work in Public." Session on Submerged Conflicts: Ethnography Of The Invisible Resistances in The Quotidian. *Ethnography and Qualitative Research Conference*, University of Bergamo, Italy.
- 2015 "The Face of Homelessness in America." Invited talk at Pennsylvania State University, Abington, PA, *Symposium on Prejudice and Stereotypes*.
- 2014 "Working the Boardwalk: Trust in an Informal Marketplace." Session on Culture, Social Psychology & Everyday Practice *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 "'Tales of the (Gendered Field):' 'Doing Gender' in Ethnographic Research" Session on Race, Class, and Gender *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting, New York, New York
- 2013 "'Tales of the (Gendered Field):' 'Doing Gender' in Ethnographic Research" *15th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference*, University of Chicago

- 2012 “This is Art, If You Want it to Be: Co-Constructing Expression in Public Space”
Session on Ethnography/Ethnographic Methods *American Sociological Association*
Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado
- 2011 “Contesting Public Space: An Ethnographic Analysis of Access and Regulation on
the Venice Beach Boardwalk” Session on Ethnography/Ethnographic Methods
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada

COURSES TAUGHT

Urban Sociology
The City in Postindustrial Society
Philadelphia as a Social Laboratory
The Philadelphia Research Experience
Urban Ethnography
Race and Ethnic Relations
Introduction to Sociology
Race and Urban Space
Interracial Dynamics in American Life and Culture

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

- 2012- 2014 Graduate Student Researcher, UCLA Sociology Department
Community Spillover Effects of Health Insurance
(PI: Professor Stefan Timmermans)
- 2007- 2008 Graduate Student Researcher, UCLA Sociology Department
Comparative Race and Ethnicity Project
(PI: Professor Edward Telles)
- 2004 Graduate Student Researcher, UCSD Center for Iberian & Latin American Studies
Race and Public Health Project
(PI: Professor Charles Briggs)

SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology, Qualitative Sociology, Feminist Criminology, Emotion Space, and Society Journal, Qualitative Research, Critical Planning Journal

Institutional Service

- 2018 - **Social Science Representative**, Penn State, Abington College Faculty Senate
- 2018 - **Committee Member**, Campus Scholarship Committee
- 2018 - **Committee Member**, "Justice in America" Programming Committee
- 2018 - **Thesis Advisor**, Shreyer Honors College at Penn State
- 2017 - **Content Advisor**, Undergraduate Theses, Penn State Abington
- 2016 - **Organizing Member**, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy Community of Practice
- 2016 - **Committee Member**, Steering Committee for "Seeding Change Initiative," Penn State Center for Engaged Scholarship, *Outreach and Online Education, and Cooperative Extension*
- 2017 - 2018 **Committee Member**, Student Activity Fee Committee
- 2017 **Committee Member**, Student Advocacy Manager Search Committee
- 2015 **Mentor**, Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentoring Program, UCLA Department of Sociology
- 2013-2014 **Graduate Student Mentor**, Recruitment and Retention, UCLA Department of Sociology
- 2014 Moderator, UCLA Department of Sociology, SGSA Sponsored Talk on Ethnography, 'Experiences in the Field'
- 2006-2015 **Coordinator**, Ethnographic Methods, Race & Ethnicity Working Groups, UCLA Department of Sociology
- 2008 **Organizer**, UCLA Irene Flecknoe Ross Lecture Series Presentation, "Emotions, Sex, and Money: The Lives of Filipino Children of Immigrants," Yen Le Espiritu, Professor of Ethnic Studies, UCSD
- 2008 **Organizer**, Diversity Committee for Student Recruitment, UCLA Department of Sociology

Conference Service

- 2015 **Discussant**, "Trust, Intimacy, and Sexual Harassment: What does "good" qualitative research mean for women in the field." *Sociologists for Women in Society*, Summer Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2014 **Panel Organizer**, "Women, Gender, and Sexuality in the Practice of Fieldwork." Annual Meeting of the *Social Science History Association*, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, scheduled for November 2014.
- 2014 **Discussant**, Section on Sex and Gender "Gendered Interactions and Gendered Spaces." *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Service to the Community

- 2016 **Participating Scholar**, High School Documentary Project, Interracial Marriage
- 2010-2014 **Venice Neighborhood Council**, Ocean Front Walk Subcommittee member, Health & Safety Subcommittee member
- 2009 **Social Science Facilitator**, Interviewing and Content Development Training, *Precious Places Documentary Project*, Scribe Video Center, Philadelphia, PA

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociology Association (ASA): Sections on Community & Urban Sociology, Social Psychology, Sex and Gender, Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)