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## **EDUCATION**

### **PhD Sociology, University of Missouri, 2022**

Dissertation Title: “White Spaces in Brown(ing) Places: Race, Space, and Community in the Nuevo South and Midwest”

### **MA Sociology, University of Arkansas, 2015**

Thesis Title: “Redefining Access to Public Space: Community Relations in a New Immigrant Setting”

### **BA Sociology and Psychology, University of Texas at Brownsville, 2012**

## **RESEARCH & TEACHING AREAS**

Latine Sociology | Racialized Spaces | Labor Rights | (Im)migrant Justice |  
Critical Diversity Studies | Organizations | Community-Based Research | Qualitative Methods

## **PUBLICATIONS** (student co-authors underlined)

### **Books**

**Arredondo, Aaron.** “White Space, Brown Place: Experiences of Racialized Inclusion-Exclusion in the Nuevo South and Rural Midwest.” *Book monograph in preparation for University of Georgia Press.*

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

2024 Ahmed, Mufti N.Q., Jennifer E. Givens, and **Aaron Arredondo.** “The Links Between Climate Change and Migration: A Review of South Asian Experiences.” *SN Social Sciences*. doi.org/10.1007/s43545-024-00864-2.

2022 **Arredondo, Aaron**, and Juan José Bustamante. “White Spaces in Brown(ing) Places: Toward the Spatialization of Critical Immigration Studies.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2022.2030485.

2020 **Arredondo, Aarón**, and Juan José Bustamante. “WhiteSpace, Brown Place: Racialized Experiences Accessing Public Space in an Arkansas Immigrant Community.” *Sociological Inquiry*. doi.org/10.1111/soin.12273.

### **Articles Under Review**

**Arredondo, Aaron.** “The Nuevo Midwest: How Racialized Spaces Shape the Context of Reception in a Diversifying Agro-Industrial Town.”

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

**Arredondo, Aaron**, and Jasmine Morales. “Manufacturing a ‘Nuevo’ Intermountain West: How Latine Immigrant Families Reimagine Belonging in Utah’s Cache Valley.” *In preparation for Transforming Communities*

**Arredondo, Aaron**, and Jasmine Morales. “Claiming Place, Reimagining Belonging: How Working-Class Latine Immigrants Subvert The Whitespace in Two Meatpacking Towns.” *In preparation for Ethnic and Racial Studies (Special Issue)*.

Taylor, Alyssa D., Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, and **Aaron Arredondo**. “Socio-Sport Group Helps Refugee, Immigrant, and Local Families Build Community in Northern Utah.” *In preparation for Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*.

**Arredondo, Aaron**. “Belaboring Honorary Citizenship, Enabling Racialized Exploitation: On Immigrant Justice Experiences in the Nuevo Midwest.” *In preparation for Humanity & Society*.

**Arredondo, Aaron**, Jasmine Morales, and Lisset Delgado. “Manufacturing a ‘Nuevo’ Intermountain West: Experiences of Space, Labor, and Migration in Utah’s Agro-Post-Industrial Valley.” *In preparation for Latino Studies*.

**Arredondo, Aaron**. “Spatializing Critical Immigration Studies: A Theory of Racialized Inclusion-Exclusion for a ‘Browning’ America.” *In preparation for American Journal of Sociology*.

**Arredondo, Aaron**. “Toward A Categorical Theory of Whitespace: Classifying its Lived Manifestations and Organizational Productions.” *In preparation for American Behavioral Scientist*.

**Arredondo, Aaron**, and Saeed Ahmad. “Mistaken Identity, Undifferentiated Brown? Toward a Globalist Theory of Brownness.” *In preparation for Ethnicities*.

### **Invited Book Reviews**

- 2024 **Arredondo, Aaron**. *Engage and Evade: How Latino Immigrant Families Manage Surveillance in Everyday Life*, by Asad L. Asad. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- 2023 **Arredondo, Aaron**. *Ethnographic Refusals, Unruly Latinidades*, Edited by Alex E. Chávez and Gina M. Pérez. *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2022 **Arredondo, Aaron**. *Growing Up Latinx: Coming of Age in a Time of Contested Citizenship*, by Jessica Siham Fernández. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- 2020 **Arredondo, Aaron**. *Building Walls: Excluding Latin People in the United States*, by Ernesto Castañeda. *Contemporary Sociology*.
- 2018 **Arredondo, Aaron**. *How Places Make Us: Novel LBQ Identities in Four Small Cities*, by Japonica Brown-Saracino. *Social & Cultural Geography*.

### **INVITED TALKS & LECTURES**

- 2025 Speaker, “Humanizing Critical Immigration Studies: How Racialized Experiences of Place, Labor, and Belonging Define Personal Well-Being Across Diversifying Ruralities.” CPRC Seminar Series.  
*Columbia Population Research Center (CPRC), Columbia University, New York.*

- 2023 Panelist, Author Meets Curious Readers, *The Bricks Before Brown: The Chinese American, Native American, and Mexican Americans' Struggle for Educational Equality*: by Marisela Martinez-Cola.  
*Southern Sociological Society, Myrtle Beach, SC.*
- 2019 Guest Lecturer, "Racial Progress in Sundown and Little Dixie? Questioning Multiculturalist Intent in the Immigrant South and Midwest."  
*Department of Geography, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.*
- 2015 Guest Lecturer, "Race and Ethnicity in Latin America."  
*Latin American and Latino Studies Program, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.*
- 2013 Invited Talk, "Racial Identity and Racial Treatment of Mexican Americans in Northwest Arkansas."  
*Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.*

### **ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS & HONORS**

- 2024-2025 APC Fellow (Inaugural Cohort, Early-Career Population Researchers), Association of Population Centers.
- 2020-2022 Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB) Member, American Sociological Association.
- 2015-2022 Cambio Center Student Fellow (*Honorary Fellowship*), University of Missouri.
- 2014-2015 Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD) International Sociology Honor Society President, University of Arkansas.
- Graduate School Student Ambassador, University of Arkansas.

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & AWARDS**

- 2023 Utah State University, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, "Faculty-Student Summer Mentorship Grant," (*Be*)*Longing in the Intermountain West: Latinx Experiences of Racialized Inclusion-Exclusion in Demographically Shifting Northern Utah*, (\$4,000)
- 2021-2022 National Science Foundation, "American Sociological Association Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant" (ASA DDRIG), *Spatializing Critical Migration Studies: Racialized Spaces, Labor Rights, and Immigrant Justice Experiences in the Rural Midwest* (with Soren Larsen, Co-PI), (\$15,990).
- 2021 University of Missouri, Department of Sociology, "Summer Writing Fellowship," (\$2,500).
- 2020-2021 Labor Research and Action Network, Jobs With Justice Education Fund, "New Scholars Research Grant," *The Nuevo Midwest: Racialized Organizations, Community Life, and Workplace Experiences in a Diversifying Agroindustrial Town*, (\$1,220).

- 2019 Missouri Community Development Society, “Donald Watts Littrell Community Leadership Scholarship,” (\$250).
- 2018-2019 University of Missouri, Office of Research, Graduate Studies and Economic Development, “Research Council Grant,” *Placemaking and Latino Integration in Rural New Midwestern Gateway Communities: A Community Mapping Workshop Series in Marshall, Missouri* (with Soren Larsen, PI; Stephen Jeanetta, Co-PI), (\$7,652).
- 2016 University of Missouri, Office of Graduate Studies, “Professional Presentation Travel Award,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, (\$336).
- 2016 University of Missouri, Graduate Student Association, “Graduate Student Association Travel Grant,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, (\$200).
- 2016 University of Missouri, Sociology Graduate Student Group, “SGSG Travel Grant,” Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, (\$101.45).
- 2015 University of Arkansas, Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, Community and Family Institute, “2015 Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student Award,” (\$500).
- 2015 AKD International Sociology Honor Society, “Student Member Research Travel Grant,” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA; Southwestern Social Science Association, Denver, CO, (\$800).
- 2015 University of Arkansas, Graduate School and International Education, “Graduate Student Travel Grant,” Southwestern Social Science Association, Denver, CO, (\$600).
- 2014 University of Arkansas, Graduate School and International Education, “Graduate Student Travel Grant,” Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX, (\$600).

## **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

### **Conferences**

- 2024 “Manufacturing the Nuevo Midwest: Experiences of Space, Labor, and Migration in a Diversifying Agro-Industrial Town.”  
*Southern Sociological Society, April 3-6.*
- “Manufacturing a ‘Nuevo’ Intermountain West: Racialized Experiences of Space, Labor, and Migration in Northern Utah.”  
*Pacific Sociological Association, March 21-24.*
- 2023 “The Nuevo Midwest: Racialized Spaces, Public Life, and Workplace Experiences in a Diversifying Agro-Industrial Town.” *Section on Latina/o Sociology Paper Session, Latinx Communities in Local and Regional Contexts.*  
*American Sociological Association, August 17-21.*

- “Organizing White Spaces in Brown(ing) Places: Experiences of Racialized Inclusion-Exclusion in New/Maturing Immigrant Destinations” (with Juan José Bustamante).  
*Southern Sociological Society, March 29-April 1.*
- 2022 “Spatializing Critical Migration Studies: Racialized Spaces, Labor Rights, and Immigrant Justice Experiences in the Rural Midwest.” *Labor and Labor Movements Section’s Labor in Crisis Mini Conference.*  
*American Sociological Association, August 5-9 (Cancelled, Tested Positive for Covid).*
- 2021 “The Spatial Construction of Latinx Race: Experiencing Community Space as Whitespace in an Agroindustrial Immigrant Town.”  
*Cambio de Colores, June 16-19.*
- “The Nuevo Midwest: Racialized Organizations, Community Life, and Workplace Experiences in a Diversifying Agroindustrial Town.”  
*Midwest Sociological Society, March 18-21.*  
*Labor Research & Action Network, June 16-17.*
- “Reassessing Demographic Destiny: Racialized Spaces, Labor Rights, and Immigrant Justice Experiences in the ‘Nuevo’ Midwest.”  
*Southern Sociological Society, April 7-10.*
- 2020 “White Spaces in Brown(ing) Places: Toward the Spatialization of Critical Immigration Studies” (with Juan José Bustamante), *Section on International Migration Regular Session on Critical Migration Studies and Under-explored Intersectionalities.*  
*American Sociological Association, August 8-11.*
- 2019 “White Spaces in Brown(ing) Places: Race, Space, and Community in the Nuevo South and Midwest.”  
*Julian Samora Research Institute, East Lansing, MI, October 31-November 2.*
- “Mapping Change in Dixie: Latinx Placemaking in a Small Industrial Immigrant Town” (with Soren Larsen).  
*Cambio de Colores, Columbia, MO, June 5-7.*
- “Navigating Racialized Landscapes: Latinx Productions of Space in Immigrant Missouri.”  
*Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA, April 10-13.*
- “White Spaces in Brown(ing) Places: Race, Space, and Community in the Immigrant South and Midwest.”  
*Chicago Ethnography Conference, Evanston, IL, March 16.*
- 2018 “Racial Progress in Sundown and Little Dixie? Questioning Multiculturalist Intent in a Neo-Nationalist Political Landscape” (with Juan José Bustamante).  
*Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, April 4-7.*

- 2017 “Racializing the Spatialized Public Sphere: Centering Latina/o/x Newcomer Placemaking Efforts in the Localized Political Process.”  
*Cambio de Colores, St. Louis, MO, June 14-16.*
- “Place-Making at Displaced Margins: Toward a Latina/o Newcomer Self-Authorship in the Localized Public Realm.”  
*Southwestern Social Science Association, Austin, TX, April 12-15.*
- 2016 “Placing the Displaced Newcomer: Situating a Latina/o Politics of Identity in the Upper-South.”  
*Conference on Immigration to the US South, Columbia, SC, October 13-15.*
- “Instituting White Space: Racialized Access to Public Space in a New Immigrant Settlement,” *Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Regular Session on Racial and Ethnic Inequality.*  
*American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 20-23.*
- “Access to Public Space in a New Latina/o Place: The Question of Latina/o Integration and Inclusion in Northwest Arkansas.”  
*Cambio de Colores, Columbia, MO, June 8-10.*
- “White Space, Brown Place: Access to Public Space in a New Immigrant Settlement.”  
*Southwestern Social Science Association, Las Vegas, NV, March 24-27.*
- 2015 “Redefining Access to Public Space: Community Relations in a New Immigrant Setting.”  
*Southwestern Social Science Association, Denver, CO, April 8-11.*
- 2014 “Separate and Unequal: Race and Class in the Making of a Southern Barrio” (with Juan José Bustamante).  
*Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 17-19.*

### **Session Organizer and Presider at Professional Meetings**

- 2024 Table Presider, *Belonging*, Section on Latina/o Sociology + *Racialized Social Integration, Assimilation, and Resistance*, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.  
*American Sociological Association, Montréal, QC, Canada.*
- Session Presider, Making Home in a Context of Inequality.  
*Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA.*
- 2022 Workshop Co-Organizer and Co-Leader, *Engaging Bureaucracy: How to Conduct Research with the State*, Student Forum.  
*American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.*
- Session Co-Organizer and Chair, *Student Forum Special Topic Paper Session, Bureaucracies of Displacement*, Student Forum.  
*American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.*

- 2021 Workshop Co-Organizer and Leader, *Entering the Academic Job Market During Covid-19: Guidance on Successful Sociology Placements in Troubling Times*, Student Forum.  
*American Sociological Association, Virtual Annual Meeting.*
- Workshop Co-Organizer and Leader, *Teaching Emancipatory Sociology: How to Involve Undergraduate Students in Social Transformation*, Student Forum.  
*American Sociological Association, Virtual Annual Meeting.*
- Table Presider, *Housing and Health*, Section on Latina/o Sociology.  
*American Sociological Association, Virtual Annual Meeting.*
- Session Presider, *Rural Sociology in America's Midwest*.  
*Midwest Sociological Society, Virtual Event.*
- 2020 Session Presider, *Latinxs and the Politics of Ethnoracial Knowledge*, Section on Latina/o Sociology.  
*American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.*
- 2019 Session Presider, *Latina/o Informal Entrepreneurship: Making a Living*.  
*Julian Samora Research Institute, East Lansing, MI.*
- Session Presider, *Redefining Place*, Space and Place Sub Unit.  
*American Sociological Association, New York, NY.*
- Table Presider, *Race & Higher Education*, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.  
*American Sociological Association, New York, NY.*
- Session Presider, *Mental and Emotional Effects of Latinx Communities and Access to Care*.  
*Cambio de Colores, Columbia, MO.*
- Session Organizer and Chair/Discussant, *Publishing your Research: An Introduction*, Student Group Gathering.  
*Cambio de Colores, Columbia, MO.*
- Session Presider, *Racialized Discourse, Perceptions of Immigration, and Intra/Intergroup Relations*.  
*Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA.*
- 2018 Table Presider, *Shifts in Support and in the Policing of Latina/o/xs in the United States*, Section on Latina/o Sociology.  
*American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.*
- Table Presider, *White Perceptions of Race/Ethnicity and Migration*, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.  
*American Sociological Association Philadelphia, PA.*

- 2019 Session Organizer and Chair/Discussant, *Making the Most of your Ph.D. Timeline*, Student Group Gathering.  
*Cambio de Colores, Kansas City, MO.*
- 2017 Table Presider, *Race and Higher Education*, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.  
*American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC, Canada.*

### **COMMUNITY-ENGAGED RESEARCH**

- 2023 Founder and Principal Investigator, *Intermountain Latinos Community Study (ILCS)*.  
**Community-Based Research Study.** Utah State University, Logan, UT.
- 2022 Co-Organizer and Presenter, “(Be)Longing in Marshall: A Conversation on Latinx Experiences of Community, Work, and Cultural Resilience” (with Soren Larsen).  
**Community Research Workshop.** The MVC Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Initiative, Missouri Valley College, Marshall, MO, October 17.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### **Utah State University, Graduate**

Global Migration  
Advanced Qualitative Methods in Sociology  
Development of Sociological Theory

#### **Utah State University, Undergraduate**

Introductory Sociology  
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

#### **University of Missouri, Undergraduate**

Sociology of Globalization (FA 2021; SP 2022)  
Introduction to Sociology (SP 2020; FA 2020; SP 2021)  
Introduction to Sociology, Honors (SP 2019; FA 2019)  
Social Problems (FA 2018)

### **THESIS & DISSERTATION COMMITTEES** (All USU, unless noted otherwise)

Doctoral Dissertation, *in progress* (Committee Chair)  
Alexis Orr, PhD Sociology

Master’s Thesis, *in progress* (Committee Chair)  
Christine Eschenfelder, MS Sociology  
Jasmine Morales, MS Sociology

Doctoral Dissertation, *in progress* (Committee Member)  
Jesse Shircliff, PhD Sociology  
Saeed Ahmad, PhD Sociology

### **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH MENTOR** (All USU, unless noted otherwise)

Intermountain Latinos Community Study (ILCS)  
Jasmine Morales, BA Spanish and Sociology (2024)  
Current MS Student in Sociology (Utah State University)

Lisset Delgado, BS Psychology and Sociology (2024)  
Current MSW Student (Boise State University)

## **TRAININGS**

- 2021 Participant Researcher, *2021 Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute for Advanced Doctoral Students (IQRMI-ADS)*, Latino Research Institute, The University of Texas at Austin (on Zoom from Austin, TX): June 21-25.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Southern Sociological Society (SSS)  
Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)  
Association of Population Centers (APC)

## **SERVICE**

- 2024-2025 Reviewer, CHaSS Grant Review Committee, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Utah State University.
- 2023-2024 Search Committee Member, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Utah State University, Blanding.
- Graduate Executive Committee, Sociology Program, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, Utah State University.
- Mentor, ASA Section on International Migration's Mentoring Program.
- 2023 Reviewer, CHaSS College Scholarship Committee, College of Humanities & Social Sciences, Utah State University.
- 2022 Grant Reviewer, Scholarship Development Committee, Midwest Sociological Society.
- 2020-2022 Inaugural Committee Member, Latinx Studies Program creation and implementation, University of Missouri System.
- 2020-2022 Chair, Workshop Committee, Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB), American Sociological Association.
- 2016-2020 Planning Committee, Annual Cambio de Colores Conference, University of Missouri.
- 2016-2017 Community Liaison, Latino Graduate and Professional Network (LGPN), University of Missouri.
- General Assembly, Graduate Professional Council (GPC), University of Missouri.
- 2016 Co-Founder, Student Group Gathering, Cambio de Colores Conference, University of Missouri (with Sonia Girón).
- Co-Organizer/Discussant, "Pan Dulce Talk: A conversation on the Latina/o/x Educational, Career, and Settlement Decisions and Experiences," Latino Graduate and Professional Network (LGPN) and Cambio Center, University of Missouri.

2014-2015 Graduate Student Ambassador, University of Arkansas, Graduate School and International Education.

**Ad Hoc** *Sociological Inquiry; Race and Social Problems; Humanity & Society; Ethnic and*  
**Reviewer** *Racial Studies; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; American Journal of Sociology*

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish: First language

English: Fluent

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