

# Christina J. Diaz

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2015-present      Assistant Professor, School of Sociology, University of Arizona  
2016-present      Faculty Affiliate, Department of Mexican American Studies

## EDUCATION

2015      Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2011      M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
2009      M.A., Sociology, DePaul University  
2007      B.A., Sociology, DePaul University

## RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Social demography; International migration; Stratification and inequality; Health disparities; Families and well-being; Quantitative methods

## PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH

- Diaz, Christina J., Liwen Zeng, and Ana P. Martinez-Donate. 2018. "Investigating Health Selection within Mexico and Across the US Border." *Population Research and Policy Review* 37(2): 181-204.
- Diaz, Christina J., Stephanie Koning, and Ana P. Martinez-Donate. 2016. "Moving Beyond Salmon-Bias: Mexican Return Migration and Health Selection." *Demography* 53(6): 2005-2030.
- Diaz, Christina J. and Jeremy E. Fiel. 2016. "The Effect(s) of Teen Pregnancy: Reconciling Theory, Methods, and Findings." *Demography* 53(1):85-116.

Diaz, Christina J. 2014. "Social Mobility in the Context of Fathering: The Intergenerational Link in Parenting among Co-Resident Fathers." *Social Science Research* 47:1-15.

*Book Reviews, Chapters & Research Reports:*

Nobles, Jenna and Christina J. Diaz. 2016. Book Review: Joanna Dreby's "Everyday Illegal: When Policies Undermine Immigrant Families" in *American Journal of Sociology* 121: 1956-1958

Paral, Rob, Michael Norkewicz, Madura Wijewardena, and Christina Diaz. 2009. "Mexican Immigration in the Midwest: Meaning and Implications" in *Heartland Papers*.

Kim, Kiljoong and Christina Diaz. 2008. "NAACP" and "Urban League" in *The Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*. Sage Publications.

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

*Internal Grants:*

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| 2018 | Research Grant, Center for Educational Resources in Culture, Language, and Literacy (\$4,900) |
| 2018 | Faculty Small Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (\$3,300)              |
| 2017 | Faculty Seed Grant, Research, Discovery, & Innovation (\$10,000)                              |
| 2016 | Course Development Stipend, Social and Behavioral Sciences (\$1,000)                          |
| 2016 | Faculty Leveraging Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute (\$1,000)         |

*Fellowships:*

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| 2018      | Career Enhancement Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Woodrow Wilson Foundation |
| 2011-2014 | Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship  |
| 2009      | Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison                      |
| 2003-2007 | Centennial Scholarship, DePaul University   |

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- 2017          Reuben Hill Award, National Council on Family Relations
- 2015          Student Paper Award, Sociology of Population Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014          Best Poster Award, Population Association of America
- 2014          Student Paper Award, Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014          Honorable Mention - Children and Youth Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014          Second Place, Graduate Student Paper Award, Midwest Sociological Society
- 2013          Student Paper Award, Family Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

## **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS**

“Expanding the Mainstream: Natives, Immigrants, and Declining Ethnic Distinction”

- Poster presented at Population Association of America, April 2017, Chicago, IL

“Educational and Occupational Expectations among Immigrant Youth: An Inter- and Intra-generational Test of Segmented Assimilation”

- Paper presented at American Sociological Association, August 2016, Seattle, WA

“When Size Matters: The Effect of Sibship Size on Attainment”

- Poster presented at Population Association of America, March 2016, Washington, D.C.

“Moving Beyond Salmon-Bias: Mexican Return Migration and Health Status”

- Invited Presentation at Campus Center for Demographic and Social Analysis, University of California, Irvine, November 2016
- Invited Presentation at Turbeville Speaker Series, Family & Consumer Sciences, University of Arizona, November 2016
- Paper presented at Population Association of America, May 2015, San Diego, CA

“Education and Declining Ethnic Distinction: An Empirical Test of New Assimilation”

- Paper presented at Population Association of America, May 2015, San Diego, CA

“The Effect(s) of Teen Pregnancy: Reconciling Theory, Methods, and Findings”

- Invited Presentation at Inequality & Methods Workshop, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota, October 2014
- Poster presented at Population Association of America, May 2014, Boston, MA.

“Documenting the Evolution of Educational Expectations among Immigrant Youth”

- Paper presented at American Sociological Association, August 2014, San Francisco, CA
- Poster presented at Population Association of America, May 2014, Boston, MA.

“When Sons Become Fathers: Examining Patterns of Fathering across Generations”

- Invited presentation at Society for the Study of Social Problems, August 2013, New York.
- Paper presented at American Sociological Association, August 2012, Denver, CO.

“The Intergenerational Production of the Health Gradient: Evidence among Immigrant Families”

- Paper presented at Population Association of America, April 2011, Washington, D.C.

## **SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE**

“New Studies Link U.S. Hispanics’ Longer Life Expectancy to Migration Patterns, Less Smoking” Population Reference Bureau, April 2017.

“Researchers look at teen pregnancy, education and socioeconomic status” The Daily Wildcat, February 1, 2016.

“Study suggests some fathers elevate their games.” Lead Article, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 18, 2014.

## **TEACHING & ADVISING**

### University of Arizona

Social Statistics, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017 (Graduate)

Quantitative Reasoning in Sociology, Spring 2016, Spring 2017 (Undergraduate)

Families & Society, Fall 2016, Fall 2017 (Undergraduate)  
International Migration, Spring 2017 (Undergraduate)  
Migration & Inequality, Spring 2018 (Graduate)

Guest lecture in Research Methods in Family Studies and Human Development  
(Graduate) on single- and multiple-decrement lifetables (Fall 2017)

Dissertation committees: Liwen Zeng

Master committees: Amalia Ashley, Liwen Zeng

## **SERVICE**

### University of Arizona

Executive Committee (2016-2018)

Undergraduate Studies Committee (2015-2016)

### Professional

2018 Discussant, Population Association of America, “Adolescent Transitions into  
Parenthood”

2017 Session Organizer, Population Association of America, “Race, Ethnic, and Social  
Class Differences in Reproductive Health and Fertility” and “Racial Disparities in  
Fertility Behaviors”

2014 Nominations Committee, Section on Social Psychology, American Sociological  
Association

2011 Population Association of America, Session Chair, “Emerging Puzzles in Self-Rated  
Health”

Reviewer for: *American Sociological Review*, *Child Development Perspectives*,  
*Demographic Research*, *Demography*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Journal of Human  
Resources*, *Public Health Reviews*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*,  
*Social Science Research*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Spectrum*

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Society for the  
Study of Social Problems