

DESI RODRIGUEZ-LONEBEAR

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social demography; race/ethnic classification; critical statistics; nation building; sociology of knowledge; science and technology studies; inequality; health disparities; Indigenous Peoples

EDUCATION

Expected 2020 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Sociology
The University of Arizona School of Sociology
Tucson, AZ, United States
Dates Attended: 08/2015 – Present
Title: “Remaking Collective Identities: Data Sovereignty, Citizenship, and Indigenous Nations”
Committee: Stephen Cornell (Co-Chair), Erin Leahey (Co-Chair), Daniel Martinez, Jane Zavisca

Expected 2020 Doctor of Philosophy (PhD), Demography
The University of Waikato
National Institute for Demographic and Economic Analysis
Hamilton, New Zealand
Dates Attended: 4/2014 – Present
Title: “Data for Sovereignty: Counting and Classifying Tribal Identity”
Committee: Tahu Kukutai (Chair), Linda Tuhiwai Smith, Carolyn Liebler

2008 Master of Arts (MA), Sociology
Stanford University
Stanford, CA, United States
Dates Attended: 09/2007 – 06/2008
Thesis Advisor: Matthew Snipp

2007 Bachelor of Arts with Honors (BAH), Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity
Stanford University
Stanford, CA, United States
Dates Attended: 09/2003 – 06/2007

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PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications:

1. Carroll, Stephanie, **Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear**, and Andrew Martinez. 2019. "Indigenous Data Governance: Strategies from United States Native Nations." *Data Science Journal*, 18(1), p.31. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/dsj-2019-031>
2. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi**. 2016. Building a Data Revolution in Indian Country. In T. Kukutai & J. Taylor (Eds.), *Indigenous Data Sovereignty*. Canberra: Australia National University Press.
3. Walling, Julie, **Desi Small-Rodriguez**, and Tahu Kukutai. 2009. "Tallying Tribes: Waikato-Tainui in the Census and Iwi Register." *New Zealand Journal of Social Policy* (36):2-16.

Book Under Contract:

1. *Indigenous Policy, Indigenous Data and Indigenous Data Sovereignty*. Co-Editor, with Maggie Walter, Stephanie Russo Carroll, and Tahu Kukutai. Oxfordshire: Routledge Press. (In progress, expected publication late 2020).

Policy Reports and Publications:

1. Rainie, Stephanie Carroll, **Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear**, and Andrew Martinez. 2017. Policy Brief (Version 2): Data Governance for Native Nation Rebuilding. Tucson: Native Nations Institute.
2. Rainie, Stephanie Carroll, **Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear**, and Andrew Martinez. 2017. Policy Brief: Indigenous Data Sovereignty in the United States. Tucson: Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona.
3. **Small-Rodriguez, Desi**. 2012. "For Researchers Working with Native Communities: Reflections from a Native Researcher." *Walk Softly and Listen Carefully: Building Research Relationships with Tribal Communities*. Washington, DC: National Congress of American Indians.

Works Under Review:

1. Carroll, Stephanie Russo, **Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear**, Abigail Echo-Hawk, and Nanibaa' A. Garrison. "Implications of Indigenous Data Sovereignty for the Governance of Tribal Communities Biomedical Data." (Under peer review).
2. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi**. "The Blood Line: Colonial Landscapes of Tribal Citizenship Variation." (Under peer review).

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Works In Progress:

1. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi.** “Counting and Classifying Native Nations in the United States.” (Article in progress, expected submission October 2019).
2. **Rodriguez-Lonebear Desi** and Theresa Rocha Beardall. “Racing Towards Erasure: A Critical Exploration of Race and American Indians and Alaska Natives.” In Walter, Maggie, Tahu Kukutai, Angela Gonzales, and Robert Henry (Eds.), *Handbook of Indigenous Sociology*. New York: Oxford University Press. (Chapter in progress, expected publication late 2020).
3. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi** and Ray Lovett. “Surveying Indigenous Communities: Methods and Case Studies.” (Book proposal in progress, expected submission early 2020).
4. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi.** “Projecting Tribal Populations for Indigenous Futures.” (Article in progress).
5. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi.** “Dying For Data: The Case of Tribal Mortality in the United States.” (Article in progress).
6. Kukutai, Tahu, Patrick Broman, and **Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear.** “Alternative Census Models: Implications for Indigenous Data Collections.” (Article in progress).

Other Commentary:

1. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi.** July 8, 2019. “[Best Practices for Research in Indigenous Communities.](#)” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Blog.
2. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi.** July 22, 2019. “[Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network: Filling an Important Research Gap.](#)” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Blog.
3. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, Desi.** March 19, 2019. “[Growing Data Warriors By Us For Us](#)” RED Talk. Missouri Breaks Industries Research, Inc.

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

1. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D. 2019.** “The Blood Line: Colonial Landscapes of Tribal Citizenship Variation.” Paper presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association MAI ki te Ao - Indigenous Doctoral Gathering. Hamilton, New Zealand.
2. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D. 2018.** “Syzygy and Sovereignty: A Critical Examination of Statistical Statecraft, Data Equity and Indigenous Communities.” Invited lecture, January 30, Connecticut College. New London, Connecticut.

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3. Rainie, Stephanie Carroll and **Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear**. 2018. "Indigenous Data Sovereignty in the Global South, Rural areas and Developing Countries." Interest group workshop, November 7, Research Data Alliance 12th Plenary. Gaborone, Botswana.
4. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2018. "Brokering American Indian Tribal Citizenship Amidst Growing Racial Diversity." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
5. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** and Stephanie Carroll Rainie. 2017. "Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Data Governance." Invited workshop, March 31, Australia Indigenous Governance Institute Indigenous Data Masterclass. Brisbane, Australia.
6. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2016. "Indigenous Data Sovereignty." Invited keynote, October 19, University of New Mexico W.K. Kellogg Foundation Native Child Wellness Team: Using Data to Maximize Native Child Wellness Workshop. Albuquerque, New Mexico.
7. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2016. "The Power of Data to Change Climates." Invited discussant, June 29, National Congress of American Indian's Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. Spokane, Washington.
8. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2016. "Reflecting on Research and Data Management in the Navajo Nation." Invited panelist, June 23, Diné Policy Institute Siihasin Summit. Shiprock, New Mexico.
9. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** and Rainie, Stephanie C. 2016. "Data Building is Nation Building." Paper presented at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii.
10. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2016. "U.S. Census Bureau 2020 Decennial Tribal Enrollment Cognitive Testing." Invited discussant, April 21, Spring Meeting of the U.S. Census Bureau's National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations. Washington, DC.
11. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2016. "Counting Indigeneity: Borders, Nations, and Homelands." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for Ethnic Studies. Tucson, Arizona
12. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2016. "Researching Multilingually at the Borders of Language, the Body, and the State." Invited keynote, March 15, Researching Multilingually at Borders Conference, UK Arts and Humanities Research Council. Tucson, Arizona.
13. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2015. "Building a Data Revolution Agenda in Indian Country." Invited panelist, July 9, Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia's Data Sovereignty

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for Indigenous Peoples Workshop: Current Practice and Future Needs. Canberra, Australia.

14. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2015. "Data For Sovereignty: Counting and Classifying Tribal Identity." Oral Presentation, National Congress of American Indians Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
15. **Rodriguez-Lonebear, D.** 2015. "Developments in Indigenous Data: Insights from the United States and Aotearoa New Zealand." Invited talk, May 28, International Open Data Conference. Ottawa, Canada.
16. **Small-Rodriguez, D.** 2013. "Bridging the Urban/Reservation Divide: The Demographic Future of Indians in Montana." Invited keynote, May 12, Montana Indian Education Association Annual Convention. Billings, Montana.
17. **Small-Rodriguez, D.** 2013. "Coming Home: Overcoming Challenges in the Tribal Leadership Arena Post University." Invited keynote, January 22, University of Montana/Western Native Voice Leadership Development Conference. Missoula, Montana.
18. **Small-Rodriguez, D.** 2012. "By Us, For Us: Empowering Youth and Bridging Tribal and Border Town Communities Through Data." Paper presented at the National Congress of American Indians Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum. Lincoln, Nebraska.
19. **Small-Rodriguez, D.** and Wall, M. 2011. "Drivers of Māori Wellbeing: An Investigation of the New Zealand General Social Survey." Oral presentation at the Annual Conference of the Population Association of New Zealand. Auckland, New Zealand.
20. **Small-Rodriguez, D.** 2010. "Cross Country Skiing: Navigating Intertribal Research in Māori Terrain." Oral presentation at the Annual Conference of the Māori Association of Social Science. Auckland, New Zealand.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

8/2015 – 12/2018 Graduate Research Associate
Native Nations Institute
The University of Arizona
803 E 1st Street, Tucson, AZ 85719
Telephone: (732) 743-2560

1/2011 – 12/2015 Owner and Principal Researcher
Breakout Research and Data
P.O. Box 1294 Lame Deer, MT 59043
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- 11/2012-7/2013 Lead Advisor of Policy and Research
Northern Cheyenne Tribe
100 Cheyenne Avenue Lame Deer, MT 59043
Telephone: (406) 4770-6284
- 6/2010 –2/2012 Senior Policy Analyst
Te Puni Kōkiri/Ministry of Māori Development
National Office
143 Lambton Quay, Wellington, New Zealand 6011
Telephone: +64 4 819 6000
- 11/2008-6/2010 Tribal Researcher
Waikato-Tainui Tribe
4 Bryce Street, Hamilton, New Zealand 3240
Telephone: +64 7 858 0430

GRANTS

- 2018 University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council
Travel Grant
To support paper presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting,
Philadelphia, PA. Amount: \$750.
- 2018 University of Arizona School of Sociology Travel Grant
To support paper presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting,
Philadelphia, PA. Amount: \$500.
- 2017 University of Arizona School of Sociology Travel Grant
To support workshop presentation at the “Indigenous Data Masterclass,”
Brisbane, Australia. Amount: \$500.
- 2016 University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel
Grant
To support paper presentation at the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association
Annual Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii. Amount: \$700.
- 2016 **University of Arizona Native Nations Institute Graduate Research
Grant**
To support doctoral research expenses, including interview transcription, field work, conference
travel, and data purchases. Amount: \$1,500.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019 American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship Program
Amount: \$18,000 plus conference travel.

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- 2017 Research Data Alliance Data Share Fellowship (Alfred P. Sloan Foundation).
Amount: \$5,000 plus conference travel.
- 2016 National Congress of American Indians Doctoral Data Fellowship.
To support research expenses to develop, collect, and analyze the Tribal Data Practices Survey of
American Indian Tribal Leaders as part of NSF Grant #1439605 “Using Science
to Build Tribal Capacity for Data-Intensive Research.” Amount: \$30,000.
- 2016 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholar
National leadership program to build equity by investing in scholars from traditionally
underrepresented populations in graduate programs whose research, teaching,
and leadership will inform and influence policy toward a Culture of Health.
Amount: \$120,000.
- 2016 University of Arizona Helen Roberti Scholarship for Native American students in
graduate and professional programs. Amount: \$5,000.
- 2015 University of Arizona Native Nations Institute Graduate Research Assistantship.
Amount: \$15,000.
- 2015 University of Arizona Helen Roberti Scholarship for Native American students in
graduate and professional programs. Amount: \$5,000.
- 2015 University of Arizona Graduate Access Fellowship. Amount: \$10,000.
- 2014 University of Waikato National Institute of Demographic and Economic Analysis
Doctoral Scholarship. Amount: \$45,000.
- 2009 Montana Office of Public Instruction “Honor Yourself” Role Model Award
To recognize excellence in leadership and educational achievement. Nominated by the Northern
Cheyenne Tribe as a role model for the state of Montana.
- 2007 Stanford University Center for Teaching and Learning Award for Excellence in
Thesis Presentation.

MEDIA COVERAGE

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[“We're literally invisible: How better data could help advocates for missing or murdered Native women.”](#) Secaira, Manola. Crosscut. July 23, 2019.

[“Congratulations to Our New Minority Fellows! Announcing MFP Cohort 46.”](#) American Sociological Association. Footnotes 47:3. June-August 2019.

[“What makes someone American Indian?”](#) Wang Lo, Hansi. National Public Radio Weekend Edition. February 17, 2019.

[“Native communities harnessing the power of data.”](#) Solovitch, Sara. Searchlight New Mexico. August 2, 2018.

[“RDA/US Data Share Early Career Program Announces 2017 Fellowship Awards.”](#) Research Data Alliance. April 21, 2017.

[“UA Sociology Student Receives Prestigious Health Policy Fellowship.”](#) Harwood, L. UA College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. September 26, 2016.

“Census Names Desi Small-Rodriguez to National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic and Other Populations.” U.S. Census Bureau Release Number: CB13-R.33. June 26, 2013.

“Northern Cheyenne making the US Census Work For Tribes.” Jawort, A. Indian Country Today. October 7, 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2020 **Graduate Instructor**

(anticipated) Care, Health & Society 437: Health of Indigenous Populations
University of Arizona School of Sociology
Tucson, AZ, United States

Spring 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Pop 201: Introduction to Demography and Population Studies
University of Waikato
Hamilton, New Zealand

Winter 2018 **Co-Developer and Co-Instructor**

Law 631N Exploring Data for Nation Building: Indigenous Data Sovereignty and Governance
University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law
Tucson, AZ, United States

Winter 2017 **Co-Developer and Co-Instructor**

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SERVICE TO DISCIPLINE

- Present-2019 Founding member, Council for Indigenous Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- Present-2018 Advisor, American Voices Project, Stanford University Center on Poverty and Inequality.
- Present-2018 Co-organizer, Workshop on “International Law, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and Indigenous Data Sovereignty,” International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain.
- Present-2018 Mentor, Research Data Alliance USA Data Share Fellowship (funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation).
- Present-2016 Co-founder, U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network, Native Nations Institute, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.
- Present-2016 Manuscript reviewer, International Indigenous Policy Journal.
- Present-2013 Appointed advisor, National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations, United States Census Bureau, Washington, DC.
- 2016 Invited member, Program Committee of the 4th Annual International Open Data Conference, Madrid, Spain.
- 2016 Invited member, University of Arizona Native American Student Support Committee, Tucson, Arizona.
- 2015 Invited member, Local Planning Committee of the 44th Annual Conference of the National Association for Ethnic Studies, University of Arizona, Tucson.

SERVICE TO INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES

- Present-2019 Founder, Data Warriors Lab, Lame Deer, Montana.
(A mobile data sovereignty lab serving Indigenous communities).
- Present-2018 Board of Directors, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Database, Sovereign Bodies Institute, Arcata, California.
- Present-2013 Founder and mentor, Northern Cheyenne Youth Commission, Lame Deer, Montana.

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2012 Candidate, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Council, Lame Deer, Montana.
(Only female candidate under 30 years old in over 2 decades).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Section on Sociology of Population
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Division of Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Division of Health, Health Policy, and Health Services
AcademyHealth
Population Association of America
Population Association of New Zealand
National Congress of American Indians
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association

OTHER RELEVANT TRAINING AND COURSEWORK

Expected 2020 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholars
Health Policy Training Program

George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health
Washington, DC, USA
Dates Attended: 9/2017 –Present

Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Baltimore, MD, USA
Dates Attended: 9/2016-8/2017

2018 Arizona Methods Workshops
Course 1: Experiments in the Social Sciences
Course 2: Data Management and Programming in Stata
The University of Arizona
School of Sociology
Tucson, AZ, USA
Dates Attended: 1/4/2018-1/6/2018

2010 ArcGIS I: Introduction to GIS
Eagle Technology (ESRI Certified)
Wellington, New Zealand
Dates Attended: 6/5/2010-6/9/2010

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REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
