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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2021-present Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology, Department of Agricultural Economics, Society, and Education, The Pennsylvania State University

AFFILIATIONS

2021-present Faculty Affiliate, Consortium on Substance Use and Addiction, Social Science Research Institute, The Pennsylvania State University

2019-2021 Affiliate, Immigration Initiative at Harvard, Harvard Graduate School of Education

EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University
Committee: Mario L. Small (Chair), Jocelyn Viterna, William Julius Wilson
Dissertation: "In the Epicenter: Surveilling, Supporting, and Penalizing Families amid the Rural Opioid Crisis"

2018 A.M., Sociology, Harvard University
Qualifying exams: Social Stratification, Organizations, Race and Ethnicity, Political Sociology
Qualifying paper: "'Fake' Disabilities and Drug Money: Everyday Welfare Surveillance in the Opioid Era"

2014 A.B., Sociology (with Honors), University of Chicago

A.B., Economics, University of Chicago

AREAS OF INTEREST

Child welfare, criminal justice, drug use and addiction, ethnographic methods, family, poverty and inequality, rural sociology, social policy

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Gonzales, Roberto G., Benjamin Roth, and **Kristina Brant**. Under contract. *Un(DACA)mented*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.

Brant, Kristina. Proposal in preparation. *In the Epicenter: Surveilling, Supporting, and Penalizing Families amid the Rural Opioid Crisis*.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Gonzales, Roberto G., **Kristina Brant**, and Benjamin Roth. 2020. "DACAmented in the Age of Deportation: Navigating Spaces of Belonging and Vulnerability." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43(1): 60-79.

Gonzales, Roberto G., Basia Ellis, Sarah Rendon-Garcia, and **Kristina Brant**. 2018. (un)Authorized Transitions: Illegality, DACA, and the Life Course. *Research in Human Development* 15(3-4): 345-359.

**Winner, 2019 Erin Phelps Award, Society for the Study of Human Development.

Brant, Kristina. Forthcoming. "When Mamaw Becomes Mom: Social Capital and Kinship Family Formation amid the Rural Opioid Crisis." *RSF: Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.

** Winner, 2021 Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award, Rural Sociological Society.

Brant, Kristina. "Deserving Victims and Undeserving Criminals: Disability Assistance, Drug Use, and Local Moral Economies in the Opioid Era." Revise and Resubmit *American Journal of Sociology*.

** Winner, 2020 Bruce D. Johnson Award, Drinking and Drugs Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

** Winner, 2021 Graduate Student Paper Award, Disability Section of the American Sociological Association.

Brant, Kristina, Roberto Gonzales, Sayil Camacho, and Carlos Aguilar. "Dreams Achieved and Dreams Deferred: State Policies and the Educational Trajectories of Un(DACA)mented Youth." Revise and Resubmit *Journal of Higher Education*.

Small, Mario L., **Kristina Brant**, Ximena Garcia-Rada, and Leslie K. John. "People avoid their support network as much as they approach it—to their own detriment." Submitted.

Book Chapters

Brant, Kristina. Forthcoming. "Social Parenthood and Legal (Un)Recognition in the United States." In *Social Parenthood in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Clare Huntington, Courtney Joslin, and Christiane von Bary. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Brant, Kristina. In progress. “Hunkering Down in the Holler: Addiction, Parenthood, and Avoidance in the Opioid Era.” In *Policing or Providing? The Child Welfare System as Poverty Governance*, edited by Kerry Woodward and Jennifer Randles.

Research Reports

Gonzales, Roberto, Sayil Camacho, **Kristina Brant**, and Carlos Aguilar. 2019. “The Long-Term Impact of DACA: Forging Futures Despite DACA’s Uncertainty.” Immigration Initiative at Harvard.

Gonzales, Roberto, Marco Murillo, Cristina Lacomba, **Kristina Brant**, Jaein Lee, and Deepa Vasudevan. 2017. “Taking Giant Leaps Forward: Experiences of a Range of DACA Beneficiaries at the 5-Year Mark.” Center for American Progress.

Gonzales, Roberto, Ben Roth, **Kristina Brant**, Jaein Lee, and Carolina Valdivia. 2016. “DACA at Year Three: Challenges and Opportunities in Accessing Higher Education and Employment.” American Immigration Council.

Gonzales, Roberto, Maria Luna-Duarte, Daysi Diaz-Strong, Ileri Rivas, and **Kristina Brant**. 2016. “How Will I Pay for It? Undocumented Students and the Barriers to College Affordability.” Latino Policy Forum.

Jaein Lee, Carolina Valdivia, and **Kristina Brant**. 2015. “Who is Gaining the Most from Obama’s Deferred Action Program for Young Adult Undocumented Immigrants?” Scholars Strategy Network.

Public Writing

Brant, Kristina. 2020. “Supporting Kinship Families amid the COVID-19 Crisis.” *Fahe.org*.

Gonzales, Roberto G. and **Kristina Brant**. 2019. “DACA has changed lives—and the country—for the better. It must be preserved.” *The Guardian*.

Gonzales, Roberto G. and **Kristina Brant**. 2017. “DACA Boosts Young Immigrants’ Well-Being, Mental Health.” *NBCNews.com*.

RESEARCH FUNDING

External Funding

Co-Principal Investigator. “Parental Opioid Addiction and Kinship Care.” National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant (1904002), 2019-2021 (\$15,613.00).

Internal Funding

Principal Investigator. “Navigating Rental Housing Markets in Rural Appalachia.” Center for American Political Studies Research Grant, Harvard University, 2018 (\$1,000.00).

Principal Investigator. “Coping with Concentrated Poverty in Rural Appalachia.” Center for American Political Studies Research Grant, Harvard University, 2016 (\$1,000.00).

Research Fellowships

National Institute on Drug Abuse T32 Fellowship, Science of Co-occurring Disorders, Center for Technology and Behavioral Health, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, 2021-2024 (declined)

National Institute on Drug Abuse T32 Fellowship, Research Training in Drug Abuse Behavior, Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, University of Kentucky College of Medicine, 2021-2024 (declined)

Presidential Scholar Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2020-2021

Inequality & Social Policy Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School, 2018-2019

Presidential Scholar Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2014-2016

HONORS AND AWARDS

Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award, Rural Sociological Society, 2021

Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Disability Section, 2021

Bruce D. Johnson Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems Drinking and Drugs Division, 2020

Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award, Eastern Sociological Society, 2019

Erin Phelps Award, Society for the Study of Human Development, 2019

Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University Spring 2017

Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University Fall 2016

Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois Chapter, 2014

National Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2010-2014

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Presentations

“Deserving Victims and Undeserving Criminals: Disability Assistance, Drug Use, and Local Moral Economies in the Opioid Era.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2021.

“‘Fake’ Disabilities and Drug Money: Everyday Welfare Surveillance in the Opioid Era.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

“Policing Families in the Opioid Era.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2020.

“The Classed Consequences of Opioid Addiction in Rural Appalachia.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2019.

“Communities in Crisis: The Social Consequences of Opioid Addiction and Rising Disability.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2019.

“The Morality of Addiction, Disability, and Economic Honesty in Post-Coal Central Appalachia.” Mini-Conference on Class and Culture, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2018.

“Beyond the Trust-Mistrust Dichotomy: Assessing Police Perceptions of Undocumented Young Adults.” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, April 2015.

Invited Presentations

“The Opioid Crisis and the Reproduction of Rural Inequality.” Center for Technology and Behavioral Health, Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College, February 2021.

“Inequality and the Opioid Crisis in Rural America.” Harvard College Japan Initiative, January 2021.

“What’s Next for DACA? Report Launch and Panel Discussion to Coincide with Supreme Court Hearing.” Immigration Initiative at Harvard, November 2019. (With Roberto Gonzales).

“From Local Voices to National Policy: Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Appalachian Kentucky.” Arnow Conference for the Humanities, Somerset Community College, April 2019.

“From Undocumented to DACAmended: Understanding Legal Status in a New Policy Context.” Culture and Institutions Colloquium, Harvard Graduate School of Education, September 2015. (With Roberto Gonzales).

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Students Supervised

Harvard University, Department of Sociology

Emily Moss (Undergraduate thesis advisor, 2020-2021)

Kaycie Bennett (Undergraduate thesis advisor, 2018-2019)

Courses Taught

University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Department of Sociology

Social Inequalities (Lecturer, Fall 2018)

Criminology (Lecturer, Fall 2018)

Harvard University, Department of Sociology

Education and Culture (Teaching Fellow, Spring 2017)

** Awarded Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

American Society and Public Policy (Teaching Fellow, Fall 2016)

** Awarded Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

SERVICE

Service to the Field

Board Member, Lake Cumberland Cares, 2021-present

Board Member, Citizen Foster Care Review Board, State of Kentucky, 2019-2021

Co-coordinator, Women's Group, Pulaski County Detention Center, 2019-2021

Service to the Discipline

Member, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Section on Drugs and Society, American Sociological Association, 2021-present

Member, Development Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 2021-present

Member, Community Research and Development Division Community Partner Paper Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2020-2021

Occasional reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Advances in Life Course Research*

Service to the University

Reviewer, Graduate Student Competitive Grant Program, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, 2021-present

Co-coordinator, Out-of-Town Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, 2020-2021

President, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, 2016-2017

Co-coordinator, Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Harvard University, 2015-2017

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Society (sections: Community and Urban Sociology; Disability; Drugs and Society; Family; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility)

Eastern Sociological Society

Rural Sociological Society (sections: Community, Health, and Family; Rural Poverty)

Scholars Strategy Network

Society for the Study of Social Problems (divisions: Community Research and Development; Poverty, Class, and Inequality)