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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

Professor, Sociology, University of Vermont, May 2017-Present  
Fulbright/IMéRA Chair in Migration Studies, University of Aix-Marseille, France, AY 2018-19  
Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Vermont, May 2009-May 2017  
Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Vermont, August 2003-May 2009  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Latina/o Studies Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign,  
August 2002-August 2003.

**DEGREES**

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August 2002.  
M.A. in Sociology, University of New Mexico, January 1997.  
B.S. in Marketing, Arizona State University, May 1990.

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Immigration, Environment, Inequality and Social Network Bases for Sustainable Behavior

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

Macias, T. 2016. "Convergent Links of Social Capital, Sustainable Practices, and Support for Cost-specified Climate Policy in two Vermont and Arizona Counties," *Environmental Sociology*, v. 2, 220-232.

Macias, T. 2016. "Ecological Assimilation: Race, Ethnicity and the Inverted Gap of Environmental Concern." *Society and Natural Resources*, v. 29, 3-19.

Macias, T. 2016. "Environmental Risk Perception among Race and Ethnic Groups in the United States." *Ethnicities*, v. 16, 111-129.

Macias, T. and Williams, K. 2016. "Know Your Neighbors, Save the Planet: Notable Social Capital Correlates with Pro-environmental Outcomes." *Environment and Behavior*, v. 48, 391-420.

Macias, T. 2015. "Risks, Trust, and Sacrifice: Social Structural Motivators for Environmental Change." *Social Science Quarterly*, v. 96, 1264-1276.

Macias, T. and Gregory, L. 2015. "Driven to Change: The Social Context of Reducing Tailpipe Emissions." *International Journal of Sustainable Transportation*, v. 9, 39-48.

Macias, T. and Nelson, E. 2011. "A Social Capital Basis for Environmental Concern: Evidence from Northern New England." *Rural Sociology*, v. 76, 562-81.

- Macias, T. 2008. "Working Towards a Just, Equitable and Local Food System: The Social Impact of Community-based Agriculture." *Social Science Quarterly*, v. 69, 1086-1101.
- Macias, T. 2008. "La mesure de l'ethnicité: L'immigration mexicaine aux États-Unis que révèle-t-elle sur les données de la population en France?" *Migrations Société*, v. 20, 193-204.
- Macias, T. 2008. "Conflict over Forest Resources in Northern New Mexico: Rethinking Cultural Activism as a Strategy for Environmental Justice." *The Social Science Journal*, v. 45, 61-75.
- Macias, T. 2004. "Imaginándose Mexicano: The Symbolic Context of Mexican American Ethnicity beyond the Second Generation." *Qualitative Sociology*, v. 27, 299-315.
- Macias, T. 2003. "The Changing Structure of Structural Assimilation: Organizational Participation among Third-plus Generation Mexican Americans," *Social Science Quarterly*, v. 84, 946-957.
- Macias, T. 2001. "Immigration's Impact on the American Economy." In *The Encyclopedia of American Immigration*, eds. James Ciment and Immanuel Ness. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe.

#### **UNDER REVIEW**

- Macias, T. "Paradox within a Paradox: Immigrant Origins, Multiplex Ties and Sustainable Practices in Marseille, France." Currently under review at the journal *Environmental Sociology*.

#### **BOOK**

- Macias, T. 2006. *Mestizo in America: Generations of Mexican Ethnicity in the Suburban Southwest*, Tucson: University of Arizona Press.

#### **BOOK PROJECT**

- Sociology Saves the Planet: How Diverse Social Ties in an Equitable Society Can Lead to Positive Socioecological Outcomes*

#### **BOOK REVIEWS**

- Macias, T. "The Borderlands of Culture: Américo Paredes and the Transnational Imaginary," by Ramón Saldivar, *The Journal of American Ethnic History*, Spring 2007, v. 26, 110-111
- Macias, T. "Economy and Society in Brazil: Cardoso's Presidency and Its Possibilities." Co-authored with Miguel Korzeniewicz. In *Latin American Research Review*, 1998, v. 33, 226-38

#### **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

- "Immigration, Social Context and Sustainable Practices in Marseille, France." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, August 11, 2019.
- "Connecting Immigration and the Perception of Environmental Risks in Marseille, France." Environmental Justice Conference 2019: Transformative Connections, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK, July 2-4.
- "How the Perception of Risk Trumps the Reality of Immigration: Some Corrective Insights from the Social Sciences." Presented at the colloquium, Perilous Crossings: A Comparative Look at Risk and Immigration in the United States and Europe, IMÉRA, Marseille, France, January 2019.

- “That Social Feeling: Multiplex Origins of Trust and Solidarity.”* Presented at the academic workshop, Epistemic Emotion, Interdisciplinary Approaches, IMÉRA, Marseille, France, January 2019.
- “Multiplex Ties and Climate Change: A Sense of Urgency, Support for Policies and Individual-level Practices.”* Presented at the Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, August 2017.
- “Une base capital social pour réduire la consommation d’énergie des ménages.”* Presented at Les 2èmes Journées International de Sociologie de l’énergie Tours, France, July 2015.
- “A Structural Equation Model of Sustainable Behavior: Social Context and Consumer Choices in the 2010 General Social Survey.”* Presented at the Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 2014.
- “A Social Capital Basis for Sustainable Living.”* Presented at the International Making Cities Livable Conference, Portland, Oregon, June 2013.
- “Notable Social Capital Correlates with Pro-environmental Outcomes.”* Presented at the Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, August 2013.
- “Deciding not to Drive Alone.”* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society in Boise, Idaho, July 28-31, 2011.
- “Tailpipe Emissions and the Social Context of Informed Decision-making.”* Presented at the Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, February 24, 2011.
- “Measuring Immigrant Generations: A Comparative Perspective on the United States and France.”* Presented at the Inter-Congress Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Aix-en-Provence, France, June 4, 2008.
- “Collective Action and Local Food Production in Burlington, Vermont: Confronting Globalization through Community-based Agriculture.”* Presented at the Inter-Congress Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Rome, Italy, June 28, 2007.
- “Local Food and the Ties that Bind.”* Presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> International Making Cities Livable Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 2006.
- “Life at Work and the Legacy of Chicanismo,”* Presented at the International Conference on Social Science Research, New Orleans, November 2004.
- “Imagining Mexican American Culture: Cultural Institutions, Spanish Language Media and the Persistence of Mexican-origin Identity beyond the Second Generation.”* Presented at the Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Pasadena, California, April 2003.
- “American Mestizaje: Mexican American Intermarriage during Ongoing Mexican Immigration in the 1990s.”* Presented at the Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 2002.
- “Assimilation in Mexican American Life?: Asserted and Assigned Mexican-origin Identities beyond the Second Generation”* Presented at the Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver, Canada, April 2002.

#### **INVITED TALKS/COMMUNITY SPEECHES**

- “Migration to the U.S. from Mexico: Past, Present and some Puzzles for the Future.”* Invited Speaker at the Unitarian/Universalist Congregation, Jericho, Vermont, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Panel participant in *“What you Need to Know about Tariffs and Immigration,”* sponsored by the College of Arts and Science, University of Vermont, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*“Migrant Views on the Ecological Crisis: A Bridge between Green Ideals and Environmental Justice?”*

Invited speaker at le Séminaire Justice Environnementale, organized by the Laboratory on Population, Environment and Development (LPED), University of Aix-Marseille, June 7, 2019

*“Diversity, Social Context and Sustainable Practices: Findings and possibilities.”* Invited speaker at l’Ecole Supérieure du Professorat et de l’Enseignement (ESPE), University of Aix-Marseille, January 30, 2019

*“Is Social Capital a Non-material Benefit?”* Meeting of Beyond Material Benefits from Ecosystems and Places, a UVM Humanities Center Multidisciplinary Collegial Network, May 2016.

*“Ecological Assimilation: Race, Ethnicity, and the Inverted Gap of Environmental Concern.”* The Gund Institute, Invited Guest Lecture, Speaker Series, UVM, October 2015.

*“Culture and Consumer Society.”* Invited guest lecture in Professor Beth Mintz’s Introduction to Sociology, UVM, March 2014

*“A Demographic Profile of Contemporary US Immigration.”* Part of UVM Panel Discussion: "Immigration Reform and its Consequences," March 2013.

*“Race & Environmental Justice: Bridging the Gap Between Us.”* ECHO Center Café Scientifique Speaker Series, November 2012

*“Environmental Justice.”* Invited guest lecture in Professor Stephanie Kaza’s Introduction to Environmental Studies, UVM, September 2008

*“Generations of Mexican Ethnicity in the Suburban Southwest.”* Arizona Latino Town Hall, Scottsdale, Arizona, November 9, 2007

*“Mexican Immigration and American Society.”* Lecture for EEEVermont.org, Burlington, April 2007

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

*Yale Environment Review*, March 2016, “Who care more about the environment, whites or non-whites?”, article featuring “Ecological assimilation.”

*Ensia Magazine*, December 2016, “Latinos care about the environment, so why aren’t environmental groups engaging them more?”, article featuring “Ecological assimilation.”

*Washington Post*, June 2015, “Your neighbors may be turning you into an environmentalist,” article featuring “Know your neighbors, save the planet.”

*NPR*, March 2015, “In Vermont, a hyper-local online forum brings neighbors together,” audio interview featuring “Know your neighbors, save the planet.”

*Science Daily*, February 2015, “Want to save the planet? Neighbors better allies than family,” article featuring “Know your neighbors, save the planet.”

*Yahoo News*, February 2015, “When keeping up with the Joneses is good for the planet,” article featuring “Know your neighbors, save the planet.”

*WCAX News*, February 2015, “How neighbors help you go green,” on air interview concerning findings in “Know your neighbors, save the planet.”

*Vermont Biz*, February 2015, “Want to save the planet? Get to know your neighbors,” article featuring “Know your neighbors, save the planet.”

WCAX News, November 2013, on air interview promoting environmental justice talk at the ECHO Center in Burlington, Vermont.

*Burlington Free Press*, May 2009, "Time for a new great transformation," opinion article concerning the role of trust and social ties during difficult economic times.

### **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

PI, "An Extended Comparative Analysis of Social Connections and Sustainability," 2014. Research Award for the Natural and Social Sciences (RANSS): \$2500.

PI, "A Social Capital Basis for Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions," 2013. Research Award for the Natural and Social Sciences (RANSS): \$2498.

PI, "Social Ties and Transportation: A Social Capital Basis for Reducing Vehicle Tailpipe Emissions," 2012-2014. Grant administered by the USDOT, UVM's University Transportation Center (UTC), and UVM's Spire Initiative: \$117,740.

Sustainability Faculty Fellow, program sponsored by the Office of Sustainability, the Environmental Program, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and the GreenHouse Residential Learning Community at the University of Vermont, in partnership with the non-profit educational center at Shelburne Farms, 2010-2011.

Co-PI (20 percent contribution), "Tailpipe Emissions and The Construction of Knowledge Related to Vehicles in Northern Climates," 2007-11. Grant administered by the USDOT and UVM's University Transportation Center (UTC): \$1.8 million

National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2001.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

University of Vermont 2003-2019

*Environmental Justice*

*Environmental Sociology*

*Fundamentals of Social Research*

*International Migration and American Society*

*Introduction to Sociology*

*Our Consuming Society*

*Race and Ethnic Relations*

*Social Networks*

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Provost-appointed member of the Diversity Curriculum Review Committee, 2016-2018

Faculty Senate, 2006-2010, 2012-16.

Member of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources Cluster-hire Search Committee, 2014-2015.

Chair of the Student Engagement Committee, Fall 2011, 2012-13 and currently

Welcomed parents as a member of CAS faculty during UVM's homecoming weekend during the 2011 and 2012 fall semesters.

Member of the Five-Year Comprehensive Review Committee for Fayneese Miller, Dean of the College of Education and Social Services, 2009-10.

Individual recognition before the UVM Board of Trustees of tenure and promotion by Provost John Hughes, May 2009

Dean's Lecture Award Committee in the College of Arts and Science, 2009-10.

Chair of Nominations and Elections Committee for the College of Arts and Science, 2008; committee member from 2006 to 2008.

Panel Organizer, "Emerging Identities: Human Migration, Social Policy and the Formation of Race and Ethnicity in American Society, March 8, 2007.

Committee on Undergraduate Study, Department of Sociology, 2006-07.

Advisory committee for the College of Arts and Science for the selection of department chair in the Department of Philosophy, Fall 2006.

Co-organizer of Latino Heritage Month events, 2005.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

1989-91 Economic Researcher, Deloitte and Touche, Phoenix, Arizona

1991-93 Volunteer, United States Peace Corps, Quepos, Costa Rica – managed microenterprise rotating loan fund on behalf of the US Agency for International Development

1993-94 Volunteer, United States Peace Corps, Jujuy, Argentina – provided marketing consultation and produced market impact studies for small-scale farmers

#### **LANGUAGES**

Proficient and literate in French and Spanish.