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EDUCATION

Rice University

Department of Sociology, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, and Program for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Culture

Ph.D. Student and Research Fellow (2012 – Present)

M.A. Sociology (Spring 2015)

“Encounters with Outsiders: An Examination of White Habitus in a Gang Intervention Site”
(Committee: Elaine Howard Ecklund, Chair; Michael Emerson, Sergio Chavez)

University of Notre Dame

Departments of Sociology and Theology
Bachelor of Arts, May 2012

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban, Race and Ethnicity, Street Gangs, Criminology, Culture

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2012-2016 Graduate Research Fellowship Program, *National Science Foundation*. (\$96,000)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Keeping Kids in School Programming, Rice University

Research Affiliate, National Science Foundation, PI: Michael Emerson (Spring 2014 – Present)

Religious Understandings of Science (RUS) Project, Rice University

Graduate Fellow, Religion and Public Life Program, PI: Elaine Howard Ecklund (Spring 2013–Fall 2014)

Portraits of American Life Study (PALS) Wave II, Rice University

Project Manager, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, PI: Michael Emerson (Fall 2012 – Spring 2013)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2015 *Guest Lecturer*, Introduction to Sociology (SOCI 101), “Class, Inequality, and Poverty.”
Instructor: Dr. Robert Werth, Rice University

- 2015 *Guest Lecturer*, Inequality and Urban Life (SOCI 470), “Anonymity, Social Disorganization, and the Criminal Justice System.”
Instructor: Dr. Heather O’Connell, Rice University
- 2014 *Guest Speaker*, Research Methods (SOCI 381), “Fieldwork and Bias.”
Instructor: Dr. Elaine Howard Ecklund, Rice University

BOOK CHAPTERS & CONTRIBUTIONS

Garcia, Adriana Lizette and Michael O. Emerson. Expected 2015. “Origins of Race and Ethnicity.” In *The (Un)Making of Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*, Michael Emerson, Jenifer Bratter, and Sergio Chavez, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

Garcia, Adriana Lizette and Michael O. Emerson. Expected 2015. “Aren’t We All Just Human?: Who We Are and How Race and Ethnicity Help Us Answer the Question.” In *The (Un)Making of Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*, Michael Emerson, Jenifer Bratter, and Sergio Chavez, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

Brenneman, Robert and **Adriana Lizette Garcia**. 2014. “Latin American Youth Gangs.” In *The Oxford Handbooks Online in Criminology and Criminal Justice*, Michael Tonry, ed. New York: Oxford University Press.

IN PROGRESS

Garcia, Adriana Lizette. “Encounters with Outsiders: An Examination of White Habitus in a Gang Intervention Site.” (*Manuscript invited for publication.*)

Vaidyanathan, Brandon, **Adriana Lizette Garcia**, and Elaine Howard Ecklund. “Race, Religion, and STEM: Does Creationism Contribute to Racial Inequality in Science Careers?” (*Manuscript submitted and currently under review.*)

Garcia, Adriana Lizette. “Please God, Not Today: The Religious and Racial Identity of Hispanic Gang Members in Los Angeles.”

PRESENTATIONS

Adriana Lizette Garcia. “Encounters with Outsiders: An Examination of White Habitus in a Gang Intervention Site.” *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, August 2015.

Adriana Lizette Garcia. “Encounters with Outsiders: Evaluative Research in a Gang Intervention Site.” *Southern Sociological Society*, New Orleans, March 2015.

Brandon Vaidyanathan and **Adriana Lizette Garcia**, “Creationism’s New Allies: Latino Views on Evolution and Teaching Creationism in Public Schools,” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Indianapolis, October 2014.

Adriana Lizette Garcia, “Changing Colors of the Catholic Church,” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Boston, November 2013.

Adriana Lizette Garcia, “‘Please God, Not Today’: Religion as a Form of Protection for Hispanic Gang Members in Los Angeles,” *American Sociological Association*, New York, August 2013.

Thomas Gaunt, SJ and **Adriana Lizette Garcia**, “The American Bishops Appointed by Benedict XVI: A Changing Profile and Geography,” *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Milwaukee, October 2011.

PRESS COVERAGE

“Fewer Married in the Church.” Feature on the number of young Catholics marrying in the Church, *Courier Post*, South Jersey News, NJ, Fall 2012.

SERVICE

2013 Undergraduate Paper Competition Committee, Department of Sociology, Rice University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Urban and Crime, Law, and Deviance Sections

Southern Sociological Society

American Society of Criminology

Latin@ Criminology Working Group (LC)

Phi Beta Kappa

REFERENCES

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