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### EDUCATION

*Ph.D.* in Comparative Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2005

*M.A.* in Comparative Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2002

*B.A.* in Human Development, Emphasis in Adolescent Development, California State  
University Hayward, 2000

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*Research and teaching interests:*

Urban Sociology; Deviance, Social Control, and Justice; Educational Inequality

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-Present *Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa  
Barbara

2011-2015 *Associate Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa  
Barbara

2006-2011 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa  
Barbara

2007-2008 *Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow*, Department of Social and Behavioral  
Sciences, University of California, San Francisco (Supervised by Dr. Howard  
Pinderhughes)

2005-2006 *Assistant Professor*, Department of Sociology, University of San Francisco

2004-2005 *Dissertation Fellow*, Department of Sociology, University of San Francisco

1998-2000 *Youth Programs Director*, Community Bridges Beacon, San Francisco, CA

**BOOKS**

Rios, V.M. (Forthcoming) *Human Targets: Schools, Police, and the Culture of Control* University of Chicago Press.

Rios, V.M., Bredenoord, C., Carias, J. (2016). *Project GRIT: Generating Resilience to Inspire Transformation*. Five Rivers Press.

Rios, V.M. 2011. *Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys*. New York University Press.

\**Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Book Award, Honorable Mention*,  
Society for the Study of Social Problems (2014)

\**Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award*, American Sociological Association,  
Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2013)

\**Outstanding Book Award, Honorable Mention*, American Sociological  
Association, Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility (2013)

\**C. Wright Mills Book Award, Finalist*, Society for the Study of Social Problems  
(2012)

\**Distinguished Book Award*, American Sociological Association, Section on  
Latina/o Sociology (2012)

Rios, V.M. 2011. *Street Life: Poverty, Gangs, and a Ph.D.* Five Rivers Press.

Rios, V.M. (In Progress) *Opportunity Gaps: Teacher Support, Race, and The Future of Public Education*. (Dataset from a completed two-year ethnographic and survey study on the achievement gap between White and Latino high school students).

**ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS**

Rios, V.M. (Forthcoming) "Ethnographies of Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice." Annual Review of Sociology.

Rios, V. M. (Forthcoming). The consequences of the criminal justice pipeline on Black and Latino masculinity. (Reprint) In DeKeseredy and Dragiewicz *Critical Concepts in Criminology: The Foundations of Critical Criminology*. Routledge

Witenko, V., Mireles-Rios, R. and Rios, V.M. (2016). "Networks of Encouragement: Who's encouraging Latino students and White students to enroll in honors and Advanced Placement (AP) courses?" *Journal of Latinos and Education*

Rios, V.M. (2015). "Decolonizing the White Space in Urban Ethnography." *City and*

## Community.

Rios, V.M. (2015). "Policed, Punished, Dehumanized: The Reality for Young Men of Color Living in America." In Johnson, Devon et. al *Deadly Injustice: Race, Criminal Justice and the Death of Trayvon Martin*. NYU Press.

Rios, V.M. and Guzman, Melissa. (2015) Latino Youth and Criminal Justice. In Morin, Jose Luis *Latinas/os and Criminal Justice: An Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO

Rios, V.M. and Sarabia, Rachel. (2015) Synthesized Masculinities: The Mechanics of Manhood among Delinquent Boys. In Pascoe, CJ and Bridges, Tristan *Exploring Masculinities: Identity, Inequality, Continuity and Change*. Oxford University Press

Rios, V.M. (2015) Race and Deviance: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys. In Goode, Erich *Wiley Handbook on Deviance*

Rios, V.M. and Galicia, Mario. 2013. "Smoking Guns or Smoke & Mirrors?: Schools and the Policing of Latino Boys." *The Association of Mexican American Educators Journal*.

Rios, V.M. 2013. The Labeling Hype: Coming of Age in the Era of Mass Incarceration. Dunier, Mitch et. al. (Reprint) in *The Urban Ethnography Reader*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Rios, V.M. and Lopez-Aguado. 2012. Performance of Cholo Style as Identity of Resistance. In Aldama, Arturo et.al. *Performing the U.S. Latina and Latino Borderlands*. Indiana: Indiana University Press.

Rios, V.M. 2012. Stealing a Bag of Potato Chips and Other Crimes of Resistance. *Contexts. American Sociological Association. Vol. 11, N. 2*

Rios, V.M. and Martinez. 2011. Examining the Relationship Between African American and Latino Street Gangs: Conflict, Cooperation and Avoidance in Two Multi-Racial Urban Neighborhoods. In Telles, Edward et. al. *Just Neighbors? Research on African American and Latino Relations in the U.S.* New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Rios, V.M. and Rodriguez, Cesar. 2011. Incarcerable Subjects: Working Class Black and Latino Male Youth in Two California Cities. In Dyck, Noel and Amit, Vered. *Young Men in Uncertain Times*. Oxford: Marion Berghan.

Rios, V.M. 2011. The Trials and Tribulations of Urban Ethnography. In Fenstermaker, S. and Jones, N. *Sociologists Backstage Answers to 10 Questions About What They Do*. New York: Routledge.

Rios, V.M. 2010. Navigating the Thin Line Between Education and Incarceration: An

Action Research Case Study on Gang-Associated Latino Youth. *Journal of Education for Students Placed At-Risk*. Vol. 15, N. 1-2

Rios, V.M. and Navarro, K. 2010. Gang Enhancements and Gang Experts: The Case For Non-Police Gang Experts in The Courtroom. *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*. Vol. 18, N. 1

Rios, V.M. 2009. The Consequences of the Criminal Justice Pipeline on Black and Latino Masculinity. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*. Vol. 623, N.1

Rios, V.M. 2009. The Racial Politics of Youth Crime. Reprint. In *Behind Bars—Latino/as and Prison in the United States*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

Rios, V.M. 2008. The Racial Politics of Youth Crime. *Latino Studies*. Vol. 6, N.1

Rios, V.M. 2007. The Hyper-Criminalization of Black and Latino Youth in the Era of Mass Incarceration. Reprint. In *Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives*. Ed. Manning Marable. New York: Palgrave Macmillan

Rios, V.M. 2006. The Hyper-Criminalization of Black and Latino Youth in the Era of Mass Incarceration. *Souls: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture and Society* Vol. 8, N.2

Rios, V.M. 2005. “From Knucklehead to Revolutionary”: Urban Youth Culture and Social Transformation. *The Journal Of Urban Youth Culture* Vol. 3, N.1

### **SELECTED BOOK REVIEWS**

Rios, V.M. 2015. Review of *On the Run*, by Alice Goffman. *American Journal of Sociology*.

Rios, V.M. 2013. Review of *Living the Drama*, by David Harding. *American Anthropologist*.

Rios, V.M. 2012. Review of *Balancing Acts: Youth Culture in the Global City*, by Natasha Warikoo. *American Journal of Sociology*.

Rios, V.M. 2009. Review of *Gang Process and Policies*, by Malcolm Klein and Cheryl Maxson. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Rios, V.M. 2009. Review of *Mexican New York*, by Robert Courtney Smith *American Sociological Review*

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

- 2015-Present *Montessori Center School **Board of Trustees**.*
- 2015-2016 *American Society of Criminology, **Program Committee**.*
- 2015-Present *American Sociological Association, **Committee on Sections**.*
- 2014-Present ***Chancellor's Committee** on the Status of Isla Vista, UCSB*
- 2014-Present ***Committee on Admissions, Enrollment and Relations with School Members**. Academic Senate. UCSB*
- 2015 *Human Subjects Committee, **Prisoner Representative**, UCSB*
- 2014 ***Hiring Committee Chair**, Sociology of Immigration, UCSB*
- 2014 *UCSB **Trustee's Committee** on Isla Vista*
- 2014 ***Campus Policy Committee** on Security Video Recording, Office of the Vice Chancellor Administrative Services, UCSB*
- 2014, 2015 ***Nominations Committee**, American Sociological Association. (Elected).*
- 2014 *Section on Crime, Law, Deviance. **Council Member** American Sociological Association. (Elected).*
- 2013 ***Search Committee** for Director of the Center for Black Studies. UCSB Office of Research*
- 2013-Present ***Diversity Director**, UCSB Department of Sociology.*
- 2013-Present *Student Fee Advisory Committee, **Faculty Representative**, UCSB. (Nominated by UCSB faculty senate's committee on committees, appointed by chancellor. Committee oversees over \$5 million dollars in student funds.)*
- 2013-Present ***Faculty Advisory Board Member**, UCSB Certificate in College and University Teaching.*
- 2012-Present *UCSB Extension, **Course Approval Faculty**.*
- 2011 ***Hiring Committee**, Demography, Department of Sociology UCSB.*
- 2011 ***Executive Board Member**, Western Society of Criminology*
- 2011-2013 ***PTA President**, Isla Vista Elementary School, Isla Vista, California.*

2010-Present ***Committee Member and Chair***, American Sociological Association, Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities

2010-2013 ***Chicano Studies Institute UCSB, Advisory Board Chair***

2009-Present ***Center for Black Studies UCSB, Advisory Board Member***

2009 ***Hiring Committee, UCSB Chief of Police***

#### **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

2015 ***Coramae Richey Mann Research Award*** American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color and Crime. (The *Coramae Richey Mann Research Award* recognizes a scholar who has made outstanding contributions of scholarship on race/ethnicity, crime, and justice).

2015 ***Vice President of the United States Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Participant.*** Invited to a celebration at VP Joe Biden's home, along with prominent Latino leaders. September 2015.

2015 ***The Joyce Foundation DC convening on gun violence, policing and mass incarceration.*** Invited to the White House to have a discussion with the Obama administration regarding gun violence, policing and mass incarceration. June 2015.

2015 ***TED Talks Live Presenter.*** New York City, November 2015.

2014 ***Senior Fellow***, Yale University Urban Ethnography Project.

2013 ***Proclamation Honoring Dr. Victor Rios for his Work on Youth Violence Prevention***, City of Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

2013 ***Award of Excellence in Mentoring***, University of California, Santa Barbara, Student Life and Activities.

2013 ***Volunteer Recognition for 7 years of Service to Isla Vista Elementary School***, Goleta Union School District.

2012 ***Distinguished Teaching Award***, University of California, Santa Barbara, Academic Senate

2011 ***Harold J. Plous Award***, University of California, Santa Barbara, College of Letters and Science. (One of the university's most prestigious faculty honors, given annually to an assistant professor from the

humanities, social sciences, or natural sciences who has shown exceptional achievement in research, teaching, and service.)

- 2011 ***Outstanding Member of the Academic Community***, University of California Santa Barbara of Sociology, Inter-Greek Council
- 2010 ***New Scholar Award***, American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color and Crime
- 2010 ***Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research***, University of California, Santa Barbara, College of Letters and Sciences. (Awarded to only one faculty member at UCSB each year)
- 2010 ***Outstanding Teacher Award***, University of California, Santa Barbara, Residence Halls Association
- 2010 ***Margaret T. Getman Service to Students Award***, University of California, Santa Barbara, Division of Student Affairs.
- 2005 ***Christina Maria Riegos Distinguished Student Paper Award***, American Sociological Association, Section on Latina/o Sociology
- 2005 ***Esther Madriz Faculty Service Award***, University of San Francisco
- 2002 ***Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor***, University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2011-2015 ***William T. Grant Foundation, Investigator Initiated Grant (\$305,000)***
- 2008, 2009 ***UCSB Academic Senate Pearl Chase Research Grants (\$50,000)***
- 2008 ***UC Berkeley Population Center Research Grant (\$10,000)***
- 2008 ***UC Institute for Mexico and the United States (\$25,000)***
- 2008 ***Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$40,000)***
- 2001-2004 ***Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (\$60,000)***

## LEADERSHIP AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2016 ***Chair, C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee***, Society for the Study of Social Problems.

- 2015 *Editorial Board Member*, American Sociological Review.
- 2015 *Editorial Board Member*, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity.
- 2015 *Macarthur Fellowship Program Evaluator*,  
John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- 2014 *Member, Book Award Selection Committee*, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2014 *Member, Book Award Selection Committee*, Section on Crime, Law, Deviance. American Sociological Association.
- 2014 *Chair, Distinguished Teaching Award Committee*, American Society of Criminology.
- 2014 *C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee Member*, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2014 *Invited Plenary Session Organizer for the ASA Annual Conference*, American Sociological Association
- 2013 *C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee Member*, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2013 *Distinguished Book Award Chair*, American Sociological Association, Section on Latina/o Sociology
- 2011 *Invited Plenary Session Organizer for the ASA Annual Conference*, American Sociological Association
- 2011-Present *Editorial Board Member, Contexts*, American Sociological Association
- 2010-2012 *Executive Council Member*, American Society of Criminology, Division on People of Color and Crime
- 2009-2010 *Advisory Board Member, Santa Barbara School District, Youth Violence Prevention & Intervention Committee*
- 2008-2009 *Section Newsletter Editor* American Sociological Association, Latino Sociology Section
- 2008-Present *Editorial Board Member*, Aztlan: A Journal of Chicano Studies
- 2007-2012 *Committee Member, Pacific Sociological Association*,



*Committee on Race and Ethnic Minorities*

- 2007-Present ***Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Member***, Ohio State University/National Science Foundation
- 2007 ***Faculty***, *Judicial Council of California, Center for Families, Children and the Courts, Beyond the Bench Conference for Judges*
- 2006-Present ***Advisory Board Member***, Kirwin Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Ohio State University, African American Male Project
- 2005-Present ***Affiliated Faculty***, *Center for Culture, Immigration and Youth Violence Prevention University of California, Berkeley, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues*

**SELECTED INVITED LECTURES**

*“Educational Equity among Marginalized Youths.”* U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Webinar. June 2015.

*“The Role of Police in the Lives of Black and Latino Boys.”* Princeton University. April 2015

*“Race, Policing, and Inner City Boys: Questioning the Broken Windows Theory.”* St. Olaf College. March 2015. (a public debate with one of the founders of Broken Windows Theory, George Kelling)

*“Teach to the Heart and the Mind will Follow”* TEDx at the University of California, Santa Barbara, April 2015.

*“Dignity Enhancement as Intervention in the Lives of Marginalized Youths”* Keynote Address, University of Illinois, Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work, Honig Memorial Lecture. March 2014.

*Adversity and Grit: Resilience and Resistance in the Lives of Marginalized People.* Keynote Address. Watson Forum of the Pulliam Center for Contemporary Media. DePauw University. March 2014

*The Mechanics of Manhood Across Institutional Settings : Synthesized Masculinity among Delinquent Boys* Plenary. Sociologists for the Study of Women in Society. April 2014

*Missing Fire: Punitive Social Control Across Institutional Settings.* Sociology Colloquium, UC Irvine, Department of Sociology. April 2014

*“Addressing Risk in Ethnographic and Interview Methods”* William T. Grant Foundation, Mixed Methods Workshop, UCLA, April 2013.

“The Status of Race and Youth in America” Aspen Institute, April 2013.

“Gang Crime: Problems and Solutions” Cal Lutheran University, March 2013.

“Striving for Dignity, Embodying Social Incapacitation, Resisting Punitive Social Control” University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology Colloquium, March 2013.

“Dignity in the Lives of ‘At-Promise’ Youths”, Swarthmore College, March 2013.

“Men in Poverty” U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, September 2012.

“Processes of Crime and Desistance Among Black and Latino Boys” The Ohio State University, Criminal Justice Center, September 2012.

“Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys” Azusa Pacific University, Migrant Education, June 2012.

“From Rodney King to Trayvon Martin” Antioch University, Office of the President, May 2012.

“Supporting Students Placed At-Risk” Napa Community College, May 2012.

“Community Partnerships, Ethics, and Fieldwork Scenarios” William T. Grant Foundation, Mixed Methods Workshop, UCLA, April 2012.

“From At-Risk to At-Promise” TEDx at the University of California, Santa Barbara, April 2012.

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“Tracking the Interactional Effects of Gang Control across Institutional Settings.”  
American Sociological Association Thematic Session. August 2014

“Crossing Institutional Settings: Qualitative Research, Empirical Insight and Social Transformation.” Keynote Address. The Midwest Qualitative Research Conference, St. Thomas University, Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2013.

“From At-Risk to At-Promise: Motivating Marginalized Students for Success.” National Innovative Communities Conference. Keynote Address. August 2013.

“Latinos and Social Movements” Discussant, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Denver, Co, August 2012.

“Punished: Policing the Lives of Black and Latino Boys” Author meets critics, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Denver, Co, August 2012.

## **REVIEW WORK**

American Journal of Sociology  
American Sociological Review  
American Anthropologist  
American Quarterly  
Contemporary Ethnography  
Sociology Compass  
Justice Quarterly  
Social Justice  
Social Problems  
The Journal of Criminal Justice  
Contemporary Sociology  
Sociological Quarterly  
Race and Justice  
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## **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP**

American Sociological Association, Member, 1999-Present.  
American Studies Association, Member, 2002- Present.  
American Society of Criminology, Member, 2007-Present.  
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Member, 2007-Present.