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EDUCATION

Ph.D., 2013, Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin
Dissertation: "The Preschool and Kindergarten Classrooms of Children from Latino/a Language Minority Families." Chair: Robert Crosnoe

M.A., 2010, Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin
Thesis: "The Semi-Involuntary Institution Thesis and the Growth of Protestantism among U.S. Latinos." Chair: Christopher G. Ellison

B.S., 2007, Sociology with a concentration in race/ethnicity, Texas A&M University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Sociology, George Fox University, 2016-present
Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2013-2016

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Race/Ethnicity, Religion, Education, Research Methods, Social Theory

BOOKS

Mark Mulder, **Aida I. Ramos**, Gerardo Martí. 2017. *Latino Protestants in America: Diverse and Growing*. New York: Rowman & Littlefield. In press.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES *=indicates graduate or undergraduate collaborators

Ramos, Aida I., Robert D. Woodberry and Christopher G. Ellison. 2017. "The Contexts of Conversion Among U.S. Latinos." *Sociology of Religion*. Forthcoming.

Ramos, Aida I., Gabriel Acevedo, and Andrea L. Ruiz*. 2016. "Bodyweight Perceptions Among Texas Women: The Effects of Religion, Race/Ethnicity, and Citizenship Status." *Review of Religious Research* 58(3):433-455.

Ellison, Christopher G., Nicholas Wolfinger, and **Aida I. Ramos**. 2013. "Attitudes Toward Marriage, Cohabitation, and Casual Sex Among Working-Age Latinos: Does Religion Matter?" *Journal of Family Issues* 34(3):1-28.

Bartkowski, John, **Aida I. Ramos**, Gabriel Acevedo, and Christopher G. Ellison. 2012. "Faith, Race-Ethnicity, and Public Policy Preferences: Religious Schemas and Abortion Attitudes among U.S. Latinos." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51(2): 343-358.

Ellison, Christopher G., Gabriel Acevedo and **Aida I. Ramos**. 2011. "Religion and Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Marriage among US Latinos." *Social Science Quarterly* 92(1):35-56.

Riegle-Crumb, Catherine, Chelsea Moore, and **Aida I. Ramos**. 2011. "Who Wants to Have a Career in Science or Math?: Exploring Adolescents' Future Aspirations by Gender, Race/Ethnicity." *Science Education* 95(3): 458-476.

BOOKS IN PROGRESS

Acevedo, Gabriel, **Aida I. Ramos** (equal first authorship), and John Bartkowski. *Faith Between Cultures: Exploring Latina Conversion to Islam in South Texas* (fieldwork and prospectus in progress).

BOOK CHAPTERS & REPORTS/POLICY BRIEFS

Crosnoe, Robert, **Aida I. Ramos**, and Claude Bonazzo. 2015. "The Physical Health of Children of Immigrant Children and Youth," in *Transitions: The Development of Children of Immigration*, edited by Carola Suarez-Orozco, Mona Abo-Zena, and Amy K. Marks. New York: New York University Press.

Crosnoe, Robert, Claude Bonazzo, **Aida I. Ramos**, and Jessica Dunning-Lozano. 2013. "Digging Down into Issues of PK-3 Alignment in a Demographic Bellwether School District." Report for the Foundation for Child Development.

BOOK REVIEWS

Ramos, Aida I. 2014. Review of *God's Gangs: Barrio Ministry, Masculinity, and Gang Recovery*, Edward Orozco Flores, New York University Press. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 53(3): 668-669.

PAPERS IN PREPARATION *=indicates graduate or undergraduate collaborators

Ramos, Aida I. "Understanding Reasons for Latino/a Catholic to Protestant Conversion." (Working manuscript available).

Ramos, Aida I., Christopher G. Ellison, Tara Flechter*, and John Bartkowski. "Who are the Latino Nones?"

Ramos, Aida I., Gerardo Marti, and Mark Mulder. "What makes a 'Latino Church'? Qualitative Observations from Two Texas Congregations."

Ramos, Aida I., Christopher G. Ellison and Melinda Denton. "Who Are the Good Latino Converts?"

Ramos, Aida I. and Melinda Denton. "Religiosity among Latino Youth: Are Latino Protestants Unique?"

RESEARCH & TEACHING GRANTS

Special Summer Seed Grant Award for "A Matter of the Heart: Understanding Reasons for Latino/a Catholic to Protestant Conversion," \$5,000, Office of Vice President for Research, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2014.

Quantitative Literacy Course Development Program, \$15,000, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2014.

Faculty Research Grant, \$1,000, Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals (ISAE), Wheaton College, 2014.

Constant H. Jacquet Research Award, \$3,850, The Religious Research Association, 2012.

GRANT APPLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Pearce, Lisa, Melinda Denton (Co-Principal Investigators), Jessida Hardie, and **Aida I. Ramos** (Co-Investigators). “Overcoming Disadvantage: How, When, and Why Social Contexts Matter for Educational Attainment.”

INVITED LECTURES

“A Matter of the Heart: Understanding Reasons for Latino/a Catholic to Protestant Conversion,” keynote address during *Voz Latina*: National Symposium on Latinos in America and the Center for the Study of Religion, Princeton University, April 2015.

“César, My Academic Compass: The Influence of Chavez on Latin@ Faith Development,” keynote address during the César Chávez Lecture Series by the Office of Multicultural Education, Hope College, March 2015.

“Religion and Latino/a Attitudes Toward the Poor and Government Assistance,” at the Department of Political Science and Geography Lecture Series, University of Texas at San Antonio, April 2014.

HONORS & AWARDS

Young Scholars Symposium Participant, Institute for Latino Studies (ILS) at The University of Notre Dame, under the direction of David Carrasco (Harvard University), April 2015.

Latino Protestant Congregation (LPC) Project Fellowship, \$12,000, Davidson College and Lilly Endowment, 2014.

Graduate Student Professional Development Awards \$500, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin, 2011, 2009.

Graduate School Diversity Recruitment Fellowship, \$24,000, The Graduate School, The University of Texas at Austin, 2008-2009.

Summer Research Opportunity for Undergraduates (SROP) Scholar, University of California, Berkeley, 2007.

Texas A&M Foundation Scholarship, 4-Year Undergraduate Scholarship, 2003-2007.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Ramos, Aida I. 2015. “What makes a ‘Latino Church’? Qualitative Observations from Two Texas Congregations.” Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, CA.

Ramos, Aida I. and Melinda Denton. 2015. “Religiosity among Latino Youth: Are Latino Protestants Unique.” Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meetings, Newport Beach, CA.

Ramos, Aida I. 2015. “Wounded to the Heart: Family, Identity Negotiation, and Racialization Among Latino/a Converts.” Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL.

Ramos, Aida I. and Christopher G. Ellison. 2014. "Who Are the Good Latino Converts?"
Presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) Annual Meetings,
Indianapolis, IN.

Tara, Fletcher, **Aida I. Ramos**, and Christopher G. Ellison. 2014. "Who Are the Latino Nones?"
Presented at the Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR) Annual Meetings, San
Francisco, CA.

Ramos, Aida I., Gabriel Acevedo, and Andrea Ruiz. 2014. "Religion and Weight Perceptions."
Presented (roundtable) at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meetings,
San Francisco, CA.

Ramos, Aida I. and Robert D. Woodberry. 2013. "The Growth of Protestantism among U.S.
Latinos: State Violence, Assimilation, and Conversion." Presented at the American
Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meetings, New York, NY.

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS & INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOC 150 Principals of Sociology (George Fox)

SOC 3323 Introduction to Social Research – Quantitative Literacy Course (UTSA)

SOC 3353 Social Theory (UTSA)

SOC 5343 Education and the Reproduction of Inequality (UTSA)

Other Courses Prepared to Teach:

Sociology of Race/Ethnicity

Sociology of Religion

Qualitative Research Methods

LANGUAGES

English and Spanish

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service to the Profession

- Committee Member, Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR), 2015-2017
- Committee Member, Nomination Committee, Religious Research Association (RRA), 2015
- Ad hoc reviewer for *Social Science Research, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Sociology of Religion, American Journal of Education, Social Problems*, and Rowman & Littlefield Publishers.

Service to the Department

- SECC Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2013-2015
- Comprehensive Exam Committee Chair, University of Texas at San Antonio 2015-2016
- Scholarship Committee, Graduate Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2013-2015
- Graduate Admissions Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2014-2015
- Quantitative Literacy Course Coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2013-2016

Service to the University (UTSA)

- Mentor and Coach, First to Go and Graduate (F2G&G) program, PIVOT Department of Education Grant, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2016
- Faculty Panel Participant, Transfer Student Q&A, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2015
- Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts Paper Competition, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2014-2015
- Faculty Panel Participant, College of Liberal Arts Event: “Exploring Careers in Academia”, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2014

Graduate Thesis Committees

Tara Fletcher, M.S., completed, University of Texas at San Antonio
Chelsea Belanger, M.S., in progress, University of Texas at San Antonio
Michelle Barre, M.S., in progress, University of Texas at San Antonio

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees

Danequa Flemon, Chair, completed, University of Texas at San Antonio
Ria Gupta, completed, University of Texas at San Antonio
Nicole Michael, completed, University of Texas at San Antonio
Patricia Lopez, completed, University of Texas at San Antonio
Amanda Hernandez, in progress, University of Texas at San Antonio

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Society of the Scientific Study of Religion (JSSR)
Association for the Sociology of Religion (ASR)
Population Association of America (PAA)

REFERENCES

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