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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor, Joint Appointment in Department of Sociology, Criminology, & Law and Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, 2017 – present

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Georgia, 2017

Committee: David Smilde (chair, Tulane University), Patricia Richards, Pablo Lapegna, Alice Goffman (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Dissertation: “Civilian Policing, Socialist Revolution, and Violent Pluralism in Venezuela”

M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2008

Committee: Mauricio Tenorio, Betty Farrell, Nick Dempsey

Magna cum Laude

B.A., Sociology, University of Montevallo, 2006

Summa cum Laude with Honors

Research Interests

Political Sociology; Urban Sociology; Crime and Citizen Security; Latin America; Gender; Social Movements and Citizen Participation; Ethnography and Qualitative Methods

Publications

Books

Harassed: Gender, bodies, and ethnographic research with Patricia Richards. 2019. Oakland, CA: University of California Press

Reviewed in:

Choice Reviews by Doreen Mattingly

Gender & Society by Abigail C. Sagay

Social Forces by Gwen Sharp

Times Higher Education Book of the Week by Rachel O'Neill

Featured on the New Books Network Podcast

Peer Reviewed Articles

Rebecca Hanson and Verónica Zubillaga. 2021. "[From carceral punitivism to systematic killing: The necropolitics of policing in post-Chávez Venezuela](#)" *Violence: An International Journal* 2(1): 65-84

*Impact factor: 0.578

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2021. "[Acoso sexual en el campo: Género, raza, nación y la construcción del conocimiento etnográfico](#)" *Polis, Revista Latinoamericana* Vol 59

Invited contribution to special issue "Re-imaginando diversidad en la academia, en tiempos de activismo feminista y pandemia", editors Jael Goldsmith Weil and Kelly Bauer

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2020. "[Shoutings, scoldings, and whispers: Mother's responses to armed actors and militarization in two Caracas barrios](#)" Kellogg Working Paper Series, December 440: 1-33

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. "[Deepening distrust: Why participatory experiments aren't always good for democracy](#)" *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(1): 145-167.

*Impact factor: 1.237

Rebecca Hanson and Pablo Lapegna. 2018. "[Popular participation and governance in Kirchner's Argentina and Chavez's Venezuela: Recognition, incorporation, and supportive mobilisation](#)" *Journal of Latin American Studies* 50(1): 153-182.

*Impact factor: 0.804, #27 in Area Studies journals.

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2018. "[Del punitivismo carcelario a la matanza sistemática: El avance de los operativos militarizados en la era post-Chávez](#)" *REVISTA M. Estudios sobre a Morte, os Mortos e o Morrer* 3(5): 32-52.

Republished in *Nueva Sociedad* 278:59-69 at the request of the journal

Received honorable mention from the Latin American Studies Association, Section on Venezuelan Studies 2019

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2017. "[Sexual harassment and the construction of ethnographic knowledge](#)" *Sociological Forum* 32(3): 587-609

*Impact factor: 1.779

Andrés Antillano, Iván Pojomovsky, Verónica Zubillaga, Chelina Sepúlveda, and Rebecca Hanson. 2015. "The Venezuelan prison: From neoliberalism to the Bolivarian Revolution" *Crime, Law, and Social Change* 65(3): 195-211.

*Impact factor: 0.921

Book Chapters

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2020. "Del punitivismo carcelario a la matanza sistemática". In *Dicen que están matando gente: Violencia armada y políticas de seguridad ciudadana en Venezuela*, edited by Verónica Zubillaga and Manuel Llorens, pp.273-302. Madrid: Editorial Dahbar

Rebecca Hanson. 2019. "Gender & urban ethnography". In *Research in Urban Sociology*, eds. Richard E. Ocejo and Ray Hutchison, pp.173-192. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing

Non-Referred Publications (Select)

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2020. "What does sexual harassment tell us about the construction of ethnographic knowledge?" *ASA Footnotes* 47(5):4-6

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2020. "La etnografía corporizada en tiempos de pandemia: ¿A dónde vamos desde aquí?" *LASA Forum* 52(1): 24-28

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2019. "Harassment and violence in qualitative research and why we Ignore It." *Crime, Law, and Deviance News: Newsletter for the Crime, Law, and Deviance section of the American Sociological Association* Fall/Winter: 4-6

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. "Ethnographies of security: Pushing security studies beyond the bounds of international relations" *Qualitative Sociology* 41(2): 135-144

Introduction to Special Issue "Ethnographies of Security"

Guest Editor of Special Issue

Rebecca Hanson. 2015. "Policing the protests in Post-Chávez Venezuela: How human rights legitimize coercion" In "Hot Spots: Protests and Polarization in Venezuela after Chávez", Amy Cooper, Robert Samet and Naomi Schiller (eds), *Cultural Anthropology*, February 5

In Process

In Press

The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela, co-edited volume with David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga. In press with University of Pittsburgh Press. Final version submitted March 15, 2021

Verónica Zubillaga, Rebecca Hanson, and Andrés Antillano. “The mutation of gangs as a response to militarization in Caracas barrios” in *International Handbook of Critical Gang Studies*, eds. David C. Brotherton and Rafael Gude. In press with Routledge Press

Under Contract

Graeme Blair, Fotini Christia, Jeremy Weinstein (lead authors), with Eric Arias, Emile Badran, Robert A. Blair, Ali Cheema, Thimo Fetzer, Guy Grossman, Dotan Haim, **Rebecca Hanson**, Ali Hasanain, Ben Kachero, Dorothy Kronick, Benjamin Morse, Robert Muggah, Matthew Nanes, Tara Slough, Nico Ravanilla, Jacob N. Shapiro, Barbara Silva, Pedro C. L. Souza, Lily Tsai, and Anna Wilke. *Building Trusted, Effective Police: Evidence on Community Policing from Six Coordinated Field Experiments in the Global South*. Under contract with Cambridge University Press.

Book manuscript based on the Metaketa Initiative IV, a collaborative research model aimed at improving the accumulation of knowledge from field experiments. Researchers collaborated on experiments in six countries in the Global South.

Keymer Avila, Rebecca Hanson, and Verónica Zubillaga. “Bellicose logic and everyday life: The poor as #1 enemy in Venezuela”. In *Securitized Lives: The Impact of Militarization in Social Practices, Ethics, and Politics in the Global South*, edited by Monica Herz and Thiago Rodrigues. Under contract with Palgrave MacMillan.

Under Review

Graeme Blair, Fotini Christia, Cyrus Samii, Jeremy Weinstein (lead authors), with Eric Arias, Emile Badran, Robert A. Blair, Ali Cheema, Thimo Fetzer, Guy Grossman, Dotan Haim, **Rebecca Hanson**, Ali Hasanain, Ben Kachero, Dorothy Kronick, Benjamin Morse, Robert Muggah, Matthew Nanes, Nico Ravanilla, Jacob N. Shapiro, Barbara Silva, Tara Slough, Pedro C. L. Souza, Lily Tsai, Anna Wilke, Susan Hyde. “Does Community Policing Build Trust in Police and Reduce Crime? Evidence from Six Coordinated Field Experiments in the Global South”

Science. R&R received June 30, 2021

*Impact factor: 41.845

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2022. “Gender, violence and the production of knowledge”, guest editors of special issue of *The Journal of Men’s Studies*. Intended Publication: Volume 30, Number 2, Summer 2022

*Impact factor: 1.83

Working Manuscripts

Police and the Revolution: Chaos, Conflict, and State Violence in Venezuela. Book manuscript based ethnographic, interview, and archival research conducted in Venezuela between 2012 and 2019.

“Police Vigilantism” with Dorothy Kronick. In this paper, we use qualitative and quantitative data to show how state policies that seek to reduce police violence and discretion can unintentionally contribute to police vigilantism

Verónica Zubillaga, Rebecca Hanson, and Francisco Sánchez. “Gobernanzas criminales en Caracas”. *Dilemas*. Manuscript selected for special issue “Governança Criminal na América Latina em Perspectiva comparada”, edited by Luana Dias Motta and Benjamin Lessing. Final submission due August 26, 2021

Policy Reports

Verónica Zubillaga and Rebecca Hanson. 2021. “Soberanías fragmentadas en tiempos de revolución: control territorial, bandas criminales y su relación con el Estado y las comunidades en Caracas”. Report commissioned by Woodrow Wilson International Center for International. Submitted June 29

Eric Arias, Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. 2019. “Perceptions of Police Corruption in Medellín”. Second policy report submitted to the Development Bank of Latin America. The Development Bank of Latin America is a funding organization of the project “Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia.” Submitted October 22

Rebecca Hanson, Eric Arias, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough. 2019. “The Bad Apple Narrative: Police-Community Dialogue about Corruption in Medellín”. First report submitted to the Development Bank of Latin America from ongoing RCT project “Community Policing and Public Trust: A Field Experiment in Colombia.” Submitted March 31.

Rebecca Hanson and Leonard Gómez Núñez. 2018. “Los operativos policiales en Venezuela post-Chávez: Análisis crítico de sus actuaciones desde la perspectiva de los ciudadanos y los funcionarios de los cuerpos de seguridad” Commissioned by the Development Bank of Latin America. Submitted May 31.

Public Sociology (Select)

Rebecca Hanson. 2021. “Popularity contests deepen Venezuela’s deadly stalemate”. *NACLA* 53(1):15-18

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2020. Harassed: An interview with Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. New Books Network Podcast, June 22
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/rebecca-hanson-and-patricia-richards-harassed-gender-bodies-and-ethnographic-research-u-california-press-2019/>

Rebecca Hanson and Francisco Sánchez. 2019. “The stalemate in Venezuela” *NACLA*, September 12
Republished by *Jacobin Magazine*, September 22

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. 2019. Harassed: An interview with Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. *ASA Body & Embodiment Section*, June, 18
<http://sectionbodyembodiment.weebly.com/blog/an-interview-with-patricia-richards>

Rebecca Hanson and Francisco Sánchez. 2019. “Venezuela’s popular sectors and the future of a country” *NACLA*, February 13
Republished in Spanish, February 20
Awarded *NACLA* 2019 Editors’ Picks

Tim Gill and Rebecca Hanson. 2019. “How Washington funded the counterrevolution in Venezuela” *The Nation*, February 8

Rebecca Hanson and Tim Gill. 2019. “Venezuela at another crossroads” *NACLA*, January 24

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. "Deciphering Venezuela’s emigration wave" *NACLA* 50 (4): 356-359

Rebecca Hanson. 2018. “Four charts show Venezuela’s worsening migrant crisis” *The Conversation*, September 6

Rebecca Hanson and Leonard Gómez Núñez. 2018. “Behind the scenes of Venezuela’s deadly prison fire” *The Conversation*, April 4.

Rebecca Hanson. 2017. “Protecting the right to life in Venezuela” *NACLA* 49(3): 309-314

Interviews (Select)

“Bouncy Castles and Grenades: Gangs Erode Maduro’s Grip on Caracas”. 2021. *New York Times*, article by Isayen Herrera and Anatoly Kurmanaev, May 30

“Fact-checking Matt Gaetz on gun bans in Australia and Venezuela”. 2019. *POLITIFACT*, article by Amy Sherman, August 10

“Understanding the Venezuelan Crisis”. 2019. *Understanding Latin American Politics Podcast*, UNC-Charlotte, interviewed by Greg Weeks. Episode 62, February 1

“Two Men claim to be the President of Venezuela”. 2019. Knowledge @Wharton, University of Pennsylvania. January 25

Book Reviews

Gangs of the El Paso-Juárez Borderland: A History. By Mike Tapia, University of New Mexico Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 126(6): 1518-1520, 2021

Contradictions of Democracy: Vigilantism and Rights in Post-Apartheid South Africa. By Nicholas Rush Smith, Oxford University Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 126(2): 508-510, 2020

We Created Chávez: A People's History of the Venezuelan Revolution. By George Ciccariello-Maher, Duke University Press. *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina y el Caribe* 25 (2): 133-135, 2014

Active Grants

2021 Fulbright NOFO 75th competition, Verónica Zubillaga (PI), Rebecca Hanson and David Smilde
\$20,640

2019 University of Florida International Center, Rebecca Hanson (PI) and Travis McArthur
\$12,000

Past Grants & Fellowships

2019 Evidence in Governance and Politics, Eric Arias (PI), Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough
\$3,900

2019 Evidence in Governance and Politics, Eric Arias (PI), Rebecca Hanson, Dorothy Kronick, and Tara Slough
\$25,500

2018 Development Bank of Latin America, Eric Arias (PI), Rebecca Hanson, and Dorothy Kronick
\$15,000

2017 Evidence in Governance and Politics, Eric Arias (PI), Rebecca Hanson, and Dorothy Kronick
\$170,878

2017 Economic Development and Institutions, Eric Arias (PI), Rebecca Hanson, and Dorothy Kronick
\$120,510

2017	Development Bank of Latin America, Rebecca Hanson (PI) and Leonard Gómez Núñez \$10,000
2017	Development Bank of Latin America, conference grant with David Smilde and Veronica Zubillaga \$10,000
2017	Fulbright Association, conference grant with David Smilde and Veronica Zubillaga \$2,900
2015	The Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies at Tulane University Conference grant with David Smilde and Veronica Zubillaga \$5,000
2010	Tinker Foundation Grant \$1300

Awards

2018-2021 University of Florida Term Professorship award

Invited Presentations

“Rentas ilegales, actores armados y desigualdad: Conflictos y reconfiguraciones”, REACIN Caracas, Venezuela. Organizers: Chelina Sepulveda, Andrés Antillano, Verónica Zubillaga, and Ivan Pojomovsky. July 6-9, 2021

“Re-imaginando diversidad en la academia, en tiempos de activismo feminista y pandemia”, Universidad de Chile. Organizers: Jael Goldsmith Weil and Kelly Bauer. May 13, 2021

“Asegurando Justicia para Víctimas de la Violencia en Venezuela”, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Notre Dame University. Organizers: David Smilde and Verónica Zubillaga. May 7-8, 2021

“Dependency, Vulnerability and Embodied Fieldwork” with Patricia Richards, Bonn Center for Dependency and Slavery Studies, University of Bonn. Organizer: Sinah Kloss. April 21-22, 2021

“Harassed: Gender, bodies, and ethnographic research,” Temple Department of Sociology. Co-sponsored by Anthropology; Center for the Humanities; Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies; Geography and Urban Studies; Public Policy Lab; and Science, Technology, and Society Network. Organizer: Laura Orrico. February 24, 2021

“The Covid-19 crisis: Effects on criminal violence and public security in Latin America,” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Michigan. Organizer: Edgar Franco-Vivanco. November 20, 2020

Book discussion: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research*, Women’s & Ethnic Studies Program at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. Organizer: Tre Wentling. November 10, 2020

Book Salon: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research* with Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Co-sponsored by The Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality at the University of Chicago. Organizer: Kristen Schilt. July 15, 2020

Book discussion: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research*, with Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida. January 23, 2020

Book discussion: *Harassed: Gender, Bodies, and Ethnographic Research*, with Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia. October 4, 2019

“Constituent power and Venezuela’s Bolivarian Revolution: A reader-authors roundtable” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Boston, MA. May 27, 2019

“Community policing and public trust: Evidence from Colombia” LACEA-LAMES, Guayaquil, Ecuador. November 8, 2018

Panel sponsored by Development Bank of Latin America

“Harassed: Gender, bodies, and ethnographic research” with Patricia Richards, Columbia University. Organizer: Shamus Khan. September 14, 2018

“Getting out of our heads: Taking theory into the body, space, and place” American Sociological Association’s 2018 Junior Theorists Symposium, Philadelphia, PA. August 10, 2018

Author-Meets-Critics: Enrique Desmond Arias' *Criminal Enterprises and Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean*, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA. January 6, 2018

"Masculinities, marginality, and reducing police use of force" Florida Atlantic University. Organizer: Philip Lewin. November 15, 2017

“Policing violent democracies: Understanding new relations of power and police violence in plurally violent contexts” Unequal Security in the Americas Conference, Brown University. April 29-30, 2016

“Quién es el responsable y qué debería pasar? Opinión publica sobre la inseguridad y las reformas de seguridad ciudadana en Venezuela” with David Smilde, *Crimen y Violencia en Venezuela: Insumos para la Formulación de Políticas Públicas*, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas, Venezuela. November 10, 2015

“The Bolivarian Revolution and citizen security reform: Taking stock of ‘socialist-humanist’ security six years in” *Venezuela After Chávez: Challenges of Democracy, Security, and Governance* Conference, Brown University. April 30, 2014

Conferences Organized

“Ethnographic Horizons of the Americas: Method, Evidence, Aesthetics” Center for Latin American Studies’ annual conference, University of Florida. Postponed to Spring 2022 due to COVID-19

“Impasses políticos y los caminos hacia un futuro mejor en Venezuela” Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida. March 26, 2021

“The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach II” Co-organized with David Smilde and Veronica Zubillaga, Caracas, Venezuela. Supported by the Development Bank of Latin America, the Canadian Embassy, and Tulane University. March 30-31, 2017

“The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach I” Co-organized with David Smilde and Veronica Zubillaga, Tulane University. Supported by The Center for Inter-American Policy and Research and the Roger Thayer Stone Center for Latin American Studies at Tulane University. October 29-31, 2015

Conference Presentations (Select)

“Del punitivismo carcelario a la matanza sistemática”, Panel “La mutación criminal en la era Post Chávez”, LASA-Venezuela, Caracas, Venezuela. June 2021

Co-Leader. “Sexual harassment, violence, and the construction of knowledge” with Patricia Richards, American Sociological Association, sponsored by the ASA Working Group on Harassment, New York. August 2019

Special Session Organizer/Chair. “La mutación criminal en la era post Chávez” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Boston, MA. May 2019

“Making security forces insecure: Police vulnerability, pluralized violence, and urban politics in Venezuela” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018

“Gendered bodies, sexual harassment, and field research” with Patricia Richards, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018

Special Session Organizer/Chair. “The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: Crime, Violence and the Left-Wing Citizen Security” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Barcelona. May 2018

“Gendered bodies and field research” with Patricia Richards, Sociologists for Women in Society, Atlanta, GA. February 2018

Special Session Organizer/Chair. “Sexual Harassment and the Production of Ethnographic Knowledge” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. August 2016

“Policing violent democracies: Understanding new relations of power and police violence in plurally violent contexts” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA. August 2016

Panel organizer. “Padding the Iron Fist? Ethnographic Approaches to Ongoing Criminal Justice and Citizen Security Reforms in Latin America” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, New York. May 2016

“Sexual harassment and the construction of ethnographic knowledge” with Patricia Richards, American Sociological Association, Chicago. August 2015

Panel organizer. “Trust, Intimacy, and Sexual Harassment: What Does ‘Good’ Qualitative Research Mean for Women in the Field?” Sociologists for Women in Society, Washington, D.C. February 2015

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association, Latin American Studies Association, Sociologists for Women in Society, La Red de Activismo e Investigación por la Convivencia (REACIN), The Strategic Hub for Organised Crime Research (SHOC)

Professional Service

Associations

Chair for the Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Awards Committee 2019-current
SWS Meeting Program Committee member 2019-current
SWS Committee on Committees member 2020-current

Executive Committee Member for the Section on Venezuelan Studies, Latin American Studies Association, 2019 – 2021

Journals and Reviews

Managing Editor, *Qualitative Sociology*, 2010 – 2019

Editorial Board member, *Qualitative Sociology*, 2019 – present

Courses

Graduate

- ◇ Advanced Qualitative Methods
- ◇ Criminological Theory
- ◇ Crime and Violence in Latin America
- ◇ Design and Methods of Research in Latin American Studies
- ◇ Law and Order in Latin America
- ◇ Policing the Americas

Undergraduate

- ◇ Crime and Deviance
- ◇ Crime and Violence in Latin America
- ◇ Introduction to Sociology
- ◇ Law and Order in Latin America
- ◇ Policing the Americas
- ◇ Research Methods

Languages

English: Native

Spanish: Fluent