

AMY ANDREA MARTINEZ

EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D., in Criminal Justice, City University of New York, John Jay College

“Santa Bruta, Home of El Indio Muerto: The Colonial-Carceral City’s Attempt to Eliminate the ‘Mexican Problem’”

**Winner, 2023 Criminal Justice Studies Department at John Jay College of Criminal Justice Outstanding Dissertation Award*

2020 M.A. in Criminal Justice, City University of New York, John Jay College

2015 M.A. in Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley

2013 B.A. in Sociology with honors distinction and Cum Laude, University of California, Santa Barbara

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Mexican/Chicano Gang Subcultures; Juvenile/Criminal Legal Systems; Punishment; Policing; Abolition; Urban Ethnography; Third World & Indigenous Qualitative Research Methods; Visual Sociology; U.S. (Settler) Colonialism and Coloniality; Historical Sociology and Criminology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-2025 **Post-Doctoral Fellow**, Latino Social Science Postdoctoral Pipeline (LSSPI), Institute for Study of Societal Issues & Latinx Research Center, University of California Berkeley

2022-Present **Assistant Professor**, Justice Studies Department, San Jose State University

2022-Present **Lecturer**, Sociology Department, University of California Santa Barbara

2019-Present **Lecturer**, Sociology Department, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

2022 **Lecturer**, Sociology Department, University of Arizona

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

Amy A. Martinez (Forthcoming). From El Bandido to Homeboy: Using a decolonial twist to reexamine and redefine ‘gangs’ and ‘gang members.’ In J. Ortiz & S. Wilson (Eds.). *Critical & Intersectional Gang Studies.*: New York, NY: Routledge.

Martinez, A. A., & Flores, H. (2022). Resurrecting Brown Bodies to Advance the Theory and Praxis of Police Abolition in the United States. In *Justice and Legitimacy in Policing* (pp. 154-167). Routledge. *Public-Facing Publications*.

Martinez, A. A. (2019) “The city got my back so the city on my back”: Prisoner’s negation of the states’ claims of prisoner’s humanity. In *Routledge International Handbook of Critical Gang Studies* (pp. 537-555). Routledge.

Encyclopedia Entries

Amy A. Martinez (Forthcoming). *Police Shooting of Bryan Carreño*. In Michael J. Pfeifer, ed., *History of American Racial Violence: An Encyclopedia of Conflicts, Riots, and Revolution* (Goleta, CA: ABC-CLIO, 2022).

Book Reviews

Martinez, A. A. (2019). The Gang Paradox: Inequalities and Miracles on the US-Mexico Border. *Social Justice*, 46(4), 131-137.

Poetry

Martinez, A., A. (forthcoming). “Terca Pero No Pendeja.” In Rebecca Martinez and Monica Casper, ed., “Who Belongs? Institutional Betrayal in Higher Education” in the Feminist Wire Books.

Public-Facing Publications

“Why Open Access?”

Blog post for *Open Pedagogy Fellowship through City University of New York*, October 21, 2020.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 “Santa Bruta, Home of El Indio Muerto: The Colonial-Carceral City and the Criminalization of Mexican/Chicano Boys and Men.” Panelist. Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network. Newark, New Jersey.
- 2023 “Resurrecting Brown Bodies to Advance the Theory and Praxis of Police Abolition in the U.S.,” Panelist. Abolitions Conference at the University of California Washington Center. Washington, D.C.
- 2023 “Toward a decolonial imaginary to reexamine and redefine mainstream definitions of "Gangs" and "Gang Members" in America,” Panelist. Decolonizing Criminology: Reckoning with the Legacy and Impact of Colonial Thought on Criminological Discourse, Crime and Punishment, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. New York City, New York.

- 2022 “Resisting, Countering and Dismantling the Neo-Colonial- Carceral Order and Apparatus: Examining Cultural Refusal and Production Among Mexican/Xicano Gang Members Inside and Outside of La Pinta.” Panelist. American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia.
- “Santa Bruta, Home of El Indio Muerto: The Colonial-Carceral City and the Criminalization of Mexican/Chicano Boys and Men.” Panelist. The Latina/o Studies Association. Southbend, Indiana.
- 2021 “So you got a gangsta fetish huh!”: A Xicana’s Autoethnographic Reflection on Embodying a ‘BodyHeart’ Connection as a Guiding Methodology in Ethnographic Gang Studies Research.” Panelist. 70th Annual Conference: Ethnographic Evidence in the Americas-On the Aesthetics of Methods and Crafting of Claims Conference. Gainesville, Florida. University of Florida.
- “Gangs, Politics, & the Possibilities for Redemption in Urban America: Transforming the ‘Survivalist Gang Mentality’ among the Gang Subculture into Anti-Colonial Consciousness through Revolutionary Political Education.” Panelist. Common Studies Session-Critical Criminology. Europe.
- “So you got a gangsta fetish huh!”: A Xicana’s Autoethnographic Reflection on Embodying a ‘BodyHeart’ Connection as a Guiding Methodology in Ethnographic Gang Studies Research.” Panelist. American Society of Criminology. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2020 “Methodologies of the Heart: Questions on Decolonizing “the field” from a Xicana Ethnographer.” Panelist. American Society of Criminology. D.C., Washington.
- 2020 “26 to Life”: Police Violence, Necropolitics, and Abolitionist Practice. Roundtable. American Sociological Society. San Francisco, California.
- 2020 “At the Intersections of the Academic Labyrinth”: WOC on Intersectional Challenges Across Academia. Panelist. Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, San Diego, California.
- 2019 “The City Got My Back So the City on My Back”: Prisoners’ Negotiation of the States’ Representational Claims of Ownership Over Prisoners. Paper Presentation. American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, California.
- 2019 “¡Bryan Carreño? *Presente!*”: Racialized extrajudicial police executions of Mexican/Chicano boys and men. Paper Presentation. American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, California.
- 2019 Author Meets Critics: The Gang Paradox: Inequalities and Miracles on the U.S.-Mexico Border. Paper Presentation. San Francisco, California.
- 2018 “*Placas, Cultura, y Carnalismo,*” Paper presentation. American Society of Criminology Conference. Atlanta, Georgia.

2014 “Carcerality and the University: Reflections on the Creation of a Resource Center for Formerly Incarcerated Students at the University of California at Berkeley.” Paper Presentation. National Association for Ethnic Studies, Oakland, CA.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018-2019 **Policing and Social Justice Project**, Brooklyn College, CUNY
Supervisor: Alex Vitale, PhD, Sociology
- 2018-2019 **Police Use of Lethal Force**, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
Supervisor: Jon Shane, PhD, Criminal Justice
- 2012-2013 **The Good Stranger Project**, University of California, Santa Barbara
Supervisors: Nikki Jones, PhD, Sociology; Geoffrey Raymond, PhD, Sociology
- 2012-2013 **Summer Research Opportunity Program**, University of California, Berkeley, Ethnic Studies.
- 2010-2013 **Ronald E. McNair Scholar Program**, University of California, Santa Barbara. 2010-2013
Mentors: Victor M. Rios, PhD, Sociology
- 2009-2013 **Santa Barbara Gang Project**, University of California, Santa Barbara, Sociology
Supervisor: Victor M. Rios, PhD, Sociology

TEACHING

- 2023 **Instructor**, “Gangs, Criminal Syndicates & Justice,” Justice Studies, San Jose State University
- Instructor**, “Program Evaluation Project” (Graduate Seminar), Justice Studies, San Jose State University
- 2023 **Instructor**, “Sociology of Deviant Behavior,” Sociology Department, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2023 **Instructor**, “Youth, Crime, & Justice,” Sociology Department, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 2022-Present **Instructor**, “Crime & Delinquency,” Sociology Department, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2022 **Instructor**, “Juvenile Delinquency,” Sociology Department, University of Arizona
- 2021 **Instructor**, “Qualitative Research Methods,” Sociology Department, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

2019-Present **Instructor**, “Penology,” Criminal Justice Studies Department, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

2019 **Teaching Assistant**, “Introduction to Major Problems in Criminal Justice,” Criminal Justice Studies Department, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 **Education Specialist**, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California

2019 **Teen Specialist**, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, California

2017-2018 **Research Analyst**, The Safe Return Project, Richmond, California

SELECTED ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

2023 Public Voices Fellowship, San Jose State University (Deferred)

Reimagine Education for the Student Experience Fellow, CITRAL/Instructional Development, University of California, Santa Barbara

Summer Research Institute Fellow, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice

Outstanding Dissertation Award, Criminal Justice Studies, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

2021 NYU Arts and Science Faculty First Look Program

Claire M. Renzetti Domestic Travel Grant

Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research and Program for Research on Black Americans Fellow

Dr. Gerald W. Lynch Scholarship, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

GC Center for Place, Culture, and Politics Dissertation Award, Graduate Center/CUNY

Doctoral Student Research Grant, City University of New York

Graduate Center Early Research Initiative/PublicsLab Summer Research Fellowship

IUPLR/UIC Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Illinois-Chicago

Next Generation Fellowship, Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice— MILPA (Motivating Individual Leadership for Public Advancement)

- 2020 CUNY Humanities Alliance COVID-19 Impact Project Fellowship
- ERI Catalyst Grant, Graduate Center/CUNY
- Abolitionist Teaching Network Educator Grant, Abolitionist Teaching Network
- Women’s Fellowship, finalist, Community Change
- Open Pedagogy Fellowship, Graduate Center/CUNY
- COVID-Affected Research Agenda (CARA) Grant, PublicsLab, Graduate Center/CUNY
- Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Niederhoffer Award, Department of Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Early Research Initiative (ERI) Provost’s Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2019 HI USA Explore the World Scholarship
- Doctoral Student Research Grant, City University of New York
- 2016 Ford Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2015 Outstanding Mentor of the year, Getting undergraduates In Graduate School (GiGS), University of California, Berkeley
- Ford Fellowship, Alternate
- 2013 Ford Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- Chancellor’s Multi-year Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
- Louise A. and Stephen D. Pahl “Making a Difference Award”
- 2012 “Best Undergraduate Paper”, Department of Sociology in UC Santa Barbara
- Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (URCA), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2011 Chicano/a Studies Institute Undergraduate Research Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara

2009 University Fee Grant, University of California, Santa Barbara
CAP Scholarship

LANGUAGES

Spanish: reading, writing, speaking, native fluency.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

CUNY School of Professional Studies-CUNY Online Teaching Essentials

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
American Society for Criminology
American Studies Association
Critical Ethnic Studies Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies

REFERENCES

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Associate Professor, Sociology
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