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Research and teaching interests:

Race; Inequality;
Ethnography; Educational Equity

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Comparative Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2005
(Dissertation Advisor: Ronald Takaki)
- M.A.** Comparative Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley, 2002
- B.A.** Human Development, Emphasis in Adolescent Development,
California State University Hayward, 2000

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021-Present **MacArthur Foundation Chair**, University of
California, Santa Barbara
- 2018-2021 **Associate Dean of Social Sciences**, Division of Social Sciences,
University of California, Santa Barbara
- 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

BOOKS (Academic Press)

Rios, V.M. (2017) *Human Targets: Schools, Police, and the Criminalization of Latino Youth*. University of Chicago Press.

**LA Times Book Festival Selection (2017)*

**Audio book with Audible*

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)

**Audio book with Audible*

Rios, V.M. and Mireles-Rios, R. (Forthcoming with Duke University Press) *Opportunity Gaps: Teacher Support, Race, and The Future of Public Education*. (Dataset from a completed two-year school ethnography and survey study on the opportunity gap between White and Latino high school students)

ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (*=current/former graduate/undergraduate student)

*Davila O., Rios V.M. 2022. *Between market logics and resistance logics: the tech boom and high-performing Latino boys in the Bay Area*. *Race Ethnicity and Education*, 25:5, 629-646.

Garcia, N.M., Mireles-Rios, R., *Maldonado, K., *Ibarra, J., Rios, V.M. 2022. *Advancing QuantCrit to Rethink the School-to-Prison Pipeline for Latinx and Black Youth*. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

Mireles-Rios, R., Rios, V.M., *Solis, B., *Gutierrez, J. 2021. *Cultural responsiveness in Latinx higher education success*. Eds. Garcia, N.M., Salinas, C. & Cisneros, J. *Studying Latinx/a/o students in higher education: A Critical Analysis of Concepts, Theory, and Methodologies*. Routledge.

Rios, V.M., *Prieto G., *Ibarra J. 2020. “*Mano Suave—Mano Dura: Legitimacy Policing and Latino Stop and Frisk.*” *American Sociological Review*.

Mireles-Rios, R., Rios, V.M., *Reyes, A. 2020. “Pushed Out for Missing School: The Role of Health Disparities and High School Truancy.” *Education Science*.

Mireles-Rios, R., Rios, V.M., *Auldridge-Reveles, T., *Monroy, M., & *Castro, I. 2020. “‘I was pushed out of school’: Social and emotional approaches to a youth promotion program.” *Journal of Leadership, Equity, and Research*.

*Williams, C., Mireles-Rios, R., & Rios, V.M. 2020. Development of Life Skills: Perceptions of African-American High School Football Players. *Journal of Student-Athlete Development and Success*.

*Cobbina, J., Soma C., *Conteh, M., & Rios, V.M. 2018. “I Will Be Out There Everyday Strong!” Protest Policing and Future Activism among Ferguson Protesters.” *Sociological Forum*.

Rios, V.M., *Carney, N., *Kelekay, J. 2017. “Ethnographies of Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice.” *Annual Review of Sociology*.

Rios, V.M. and *Patrick Lopez-Aguado 2017. “Masculinity, Style and Resistance.” *Vestoj*.

Rios, V. M. 2017. “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

Rios, V.M. and Martino-Taylor, L. 2016. “Documenting and Participating in History in the Making: The Ferguson Research-Action Collaborative.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. Published on-line March 22, 2016.

*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. 2016. "Beyond Power-blind Ethnography." *Sociological Focus*.

Rios, V.M. and *Guzman, Melissa. 2016. Latino Youth and Criminal Justice. In Morin, Jose Luis *Latinas/os and Criminal Justice: An Encyclopedia*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO

Rios, V.M. 2016. 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*.

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

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 *Galicía, 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, C. 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

BOOKS (Trade Press)

Rios, V.M., Mireles-Rios, R., Lee, A. (2022). *From Risk to Promise: A School Leader’s Guide to Prosperity-Based Education*.

Rios, V.M. and Mireles-Rios, R. (2019). *My Teacher Believes in Me!: The Educator’s Guide to At-Promise Students*. Five Rivers Press.

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

Rios, V.M. and Carias, J. (2016). *Buscando Vida, Encontrando Éxito: La Fuerza de La Cultura Latina en la Educación* (2016). Five Rivers Press.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2022-Present *Senior Advisor, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, UCSB*

2019-2022 *Founding Associate Director*, Center for Publicly Engaged Scholarship, UCSB

2018-2021 *Associate Dean*, Social Sciences, UCSB

2020 *Co-Chair*, Hiring Committee, Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, UCSB

2019 *Member*, American Sociological Association, Nominations Committee, Section on Sociology of Education.

2019 *Chair Elect*, American Sociological Association, Section on Crime, Law, Deviance (Elected)

2019 *Chair*, UCSB Associate Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Search Committee (National Search)

2019 *Chair*, Department of Sociology: Race, Ethnicity, Nation. Search Committee (National Search)

2018-Present *Board Member*, McCune Foundation, Sage Publications.

2017 *Faculty Advisor* to the Executive Vice Chancellor, UCSB

2017 *Co-chair*, UCSB Center for Black Studies Research, Director Search Committee (National Search)

2017 American Sociological Association, *Chair*, Latina/o Sociology Section (Elected)

2015-2016 Montessori Center School, *Trustee*.

2013-2016 *Executive Committee Member*, Department of Sociology, UCSB

- 2015-2016 American Society of Criminology, **Program Committee Member.**
- 2015-2016 American Sociological Association, **Committee on Sections Member.**
- 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 Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility, ASA, **Nominations Committee**
- 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**
- 2013-2017 **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 overseeing millions of 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.**
- 2010-2016 **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*

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

2022 *MacArthur Foundation Chair*, University of California, Santa Barbara.

2021 *Faculty Diversity Award*, University of California, Santa Barbara.

2020 *Andrew Carnegie Fellow*, Finalist, Carnegie Corporation of New York.

2019 *Research Fellow*, Latinx Education Research Center (LERC), School of Education and Counseling Psychology, Santa Clara University

2017 *Nominee for Vice President*, American Sociological Association, (selected as one of two nominees for Vice President of the ASA)

2017 *Public Understanding of Sociology Award*, American Sociological Association, (“For exemplary contributions to advance the public understanding of sociology, sociological research, and scholarship among the general public.”)
One of eight major awards given by an association with over 13,000 members

2017 *40 Under 40 Award*, California State University, East Bay
 (“Honoring outstanding young alumni.”)

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 Honoree*. Invited to VP Joe Biden’s home to celebrate 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 ***Esther Madriz Faculty Service Award***, University of San Francisco
- 2002 ***Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor***, University of California, Berkeley, Graduate Division

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2017-2020 ***Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$120,000 Co-PI)***
- 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

- 2019 **Chair**, Book Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2018 **Member**, Book Award Selection Committee, American Sociological Association
- 2018 **Member**, Nominations Committee, American Society of Criminology
- 2018 **Member**, Book Award Committee, American Society of Criminology
- 2017 **Member**, American Sociological Association, Public Engagement Advisory Committee
- 2017 **Council Member**, American Sociological Association, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2016 **Chair**, *C. Wright Mills Book Award Committee*, Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2016 **Early Career Award Committe**, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, ASA
- 2015 **Editorial Board Member**, American Sociological Review.
- 2015 **Editorial Board Member**, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity.
- 2014-2018 **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*

PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

2018 *The Pushouts*. Writer and Research Consultant of a documentary film funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Latino Public Broadcasting, The Ford Foundation, Britdoc, YouthBuild USA, and Sundance. The Pushouts aired on national TV in December 2019 (PBS).

** Best Feature Documentary, Hispanic Culture Film Festival (2019)*

** Special Jury Award, MINT Film Festival, 2018*

**Best Documentary, Imagen Awards (2018)*

**Honorable Mention, Best Documentary, Urbanworld (2018)*

**Best of Festival, Berkeley Film Foundation, (2018)*

**Best Documentary, Chicago Impact Project, (2018)*

2018 *How Can Mentors Guide Kids To Live Up To Their Full Potential?*
Ted Radio Hour, National Public Radio

SELECT KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Keynote Speaker. California School Board Association. December 2021.

Commencement Speaker. Saddleback College. May 2019.

Commencement Speaker. Graduate School of Education, University of California, Berkeley. May 2018.

“The Power of Mentoring and Emotional Support in Future Ready Education.” National Academies Foundation. Washington DC. July 2018.

“How Mentoring and Counseling Create Unstoppable Futures.” Denver Kids Conference. May 2018.

“Urban Dynamism, Sociological Double-Consciousness, and Paradoxical Resistance:

Towards a New Paradigm for Studying Racialized Punitive Social Control.”
Northeastern Sociological Association Plenary Keynote. April 2018.

“Best Practices in Mentoring.” National Mentor Conference. Washington DC. January 2018.

“The Role of Culture in Racialized Punitive Social Control.” Harvard University.
Department of Sociology. October 2017.

“Strengthening the Continuum of Care.” Advancing Improvement in Education. San Antonio Texas. September 2017.

“Social Justice and Equity in Public Education.” University of Southern California.
EdMonth. March 2017.

“*Race, Policing, and Public Health.*” Stanford Medicine. March 2017.

“*Policing the Lives of Youth of Color and the School to Prison Pipeline.*”
The American Psychology-Law Society, American Psychological Association. August 2016.

“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

“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.

“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.

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

REVIEW WORK

American Education Research Journal

American Journal of Sociology

American Sociological Review

American Anthropologist

American Quarterly

Criminology

Contemporary Ethnography

Sociology Compass

Justice Quarterly

Social Justice

Social Problems

The Journal of Criminal Justice

Contemporary Sociology

Sociological Quarterly

Race and Justice

Aztlan

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association, Member, 1999-Present.

American Education Research Association, 2011-Present.

American Studies Association, Member, 2002- Present.

National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies, Member, 2002-Present.

American Society of Criminology, Member, 2007-Present.

Society for the Study of Social Problems, Member, 2007-Present.