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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Irvine (expected June 2026)

- Dissertation: *Navigating Pathways to Adulthood in an Era of Precarity: Latino Young Adults on the Community College Pathway.*
- Committee: Laura Enriquez (Chair), Sherelle Ferguson, Maria Rendon, Irene Vega

Comprehensive Exams:

- Latino Sociology
- Sociology of Immigration

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Irvine 2023

B.A. Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara 2020

- *Highest Honors*, Departmental Honors, Distinction in the Major

IGETC Certification, East Los Angeles College 2017

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Latino Sociology, Race/Ethnicity, Sociology of Education, Social Inequality and Mobility, International Migration, Transition to Adulthood, Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Nguyen, C. T., Itzel, G., **Gutierrez, J.**, Payán, D., Enriquez, L.E., and Landry, M. (2026). “Multi-level Factors Influencing College Campus Basic Needs Service Utilization: A Focus on Latino Immigration-Impacted Students in California.” *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. Online first.

Book Chapters

Mireles-Rios, R., Rios, V., Solis, B., & **Gutierrez, J.** (2021). Ganas as a Praxis: Cultural Responsiveness in Latinx/a/o Higher Education Success. In *Studying Latinx/a/o Students in Higher Education* (pp. 91-105). Routledge.

Other

Gutierrez, J. (2020). “They Know Me: College Social Capital and the Educational Aspirations of Latino College Students.” *UCSB McNair Scholars Research Journal Vol.10*.

Book reviews

Gutiérrez, J. (2025). Meanings of Mobility: Family, Education, and Immigration in the Lives of Latino Youth. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 54 (6), 550-553.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Gutierrez, J., Enriquez, L., Landry, M., Payan, D. “What is Essential?: Legal Vulnerability and the Hierarchy of Basic Needs Among Immigration-Impacted College Students. (Under review)

Candias, T., Holden, E., **Gutierrez, J.** When Opportunity Knocks: A Latent Class Analysis of College Preparation Programming and Variation in FAFSA Completion Among Latino Students in the California Central Coast. (Under review)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

Gutierrez, J. Latino Family Socialization and the Cultivation of the College-Going Success Frame. (Working paper)

Gutierrez, J. Benevolent Channeling: The Making of Latino Community College Pathways. (In preparation)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Adjunct Instructor

Pasadena City College

Ethnic Studies 014: Introduction to Ethnic Studies. In Person. (24 students) 2026

- Dual Enrollment Course at PCC Northwest Campus.

Instructor of Record

University of California, Irvine

Chicano and Latino Studies 63: Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies III. (69 students) 2025

- **Received an overall instructor rating of 3.89 / 4.0** on official UCI evaluations.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of California, Irvine

Sociology 3: Social Problems. In Person. (50 students) 2026

Sociology 31: Self-Identity and Society. Online. (100 students) 2026

CHC LAT 63: Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies III. Hybrid. (100 students) 2025

- **Received an overall TA evaluation of 8.14/9.0 on official UCI evaluations.**

CHC LAT 63: Introduction to Chicano/Latino Studies III. In Person. (70 students) 2023

- **96% of 58 submitted student evaluations rated TA general teaching effectiveness at 6/7 or 7/7 (Among Best) on official UCI evaluations.**

Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology. In Person. (74 students) 2023

- **77% of 29 submitted student evaluations rated TA general teaching effectiveness at 6/7 or 7/7 (Among Best) on official UCI evaluations.**

Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology. In Person. (80 students) 2022

Sociology 63: Race and Ethnicity. In Person. (21 students) 2022

Sociology 167: Race and Ethnic Relations. Online. (60 students) 2021

Chicano and Latino Studies 101: Researching Latino Communities. Hybrid. (18 students) 2021

Guest Lecture

For Prof. Laura Enriquez, Chicano and Latino Studies 63: Educational Experiences and Educational Inequalities. 2023

Graduate Student Research Supervisor

University of California, Irvine

Latina/o/x Young Adulthood and the Community College Pathway Project Lab 2023 – 2026

Undergraduate Research Assistants:

Aransa Chavez.	2025 –
Carolina Cortes	2025 –
Soleil Rivera.	2025 –
Kassandra Rios.	2025 –
Jose Orozco	2025 –
Stephanie M. Lopez.	2024 – 2025
Dayana Razón.	2024 – 2025

Carlos Alberto Olivares, Order of Merit Award, Alice B. Macy Award for Best Undergraduate Paper in the Social Sciences, Research Excellence Certification in Chicano/Latino Studies. Currently attending the Ph.D. Program in Sociology at UC San Diego. 2022– 2025

Cynthia M. Nuñez Reyes, Research Excellence Certification in Chicano/Latino Studies. Currently attending the M.A. in Criminology, Law, and Society Program at UC Irvine. 2022 – 2025

Peter Jesus Pantaleon, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award, Research Excellence Certification in Chicano/Latino Studies, Summer Academic Enrichment Program. 2023 – 2025

Manny Santana, Research Excellence Certification in Chicano/Latino Studies. 2023 – 2025

ACADEMIC SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of California, Irvine

Graduate Peer Mentor , Competitive Edge, University of California, Irvine.	2025
Graduate Student Lead , University of California, Irvine Summer Research Fellowship.	2024
Graduate Student Lead , University of California, Irvine Summer Research Fellowship.	2023
Graduate Student Mentor , University of California, Research Discovery Program.	2022 – 2023
Graduate Peer Mentor , Competitive Edge, University of California, Irvine.	2021

University of California, Santa Barbara

Reader , UCSB Department of Sociology.	2020
Peer Mentor , UCSB Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Office.	2019 – 2020
Residential Assistant , UCSB EOP's Summer Transfer Transitional Program.	2019
Peer Mentor , UCSB Educational Opportunity Program.	2019
Peer Mentor , UCSB Transfer Center.	2019

East Los Angeles College

Peer Mentor , John Delloro Transfer Program.	2017
Social Event Coordinator, Co-Founder , John Delloro and Social Justice Club.	2017

Miscellaneous

President, Section on Latina/o Sociology Roundtable, American Sociological Association. 2023
Student Mentor at Isla Vista's St. George YMCA Youth Center. 2019 – 2020

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External

NAEd/Spencer Foundation Doctoral Fellowship (Semi-finalist) 2026
Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$15,000). 2025
California State University (CSU) Pre-Professor Program Fellow (PREPP). 2025
Graduate Fellow, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education. 2023
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention. 2023

Internal

UCI Center for Liberation, Anti-Racism, & Belonging Graduate Fellowship (\$7,500). 2024
UCI Center for Liberation, Anti-Racism, & Belonging Collaboration Grant (\$2,000). 2024
UCI Sociology Summer Research Fellowship (\$1,000). 2021
UCI Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship (\$58,000) 2020 – 2025
UCI Ph.D. Provost Fellowship (\$20,000). 2020
UCI Minority Serving Institution Fellowship (\$10,000). 2020
UCI Diversity Recruitment Fellowship (\$5,000). 2020
University of Notre Dame, Gaia Distinguished Fellowship in Latino Studies (*declined*). 2020
Distinction of *summa cum laude* from the UCSB Sociology Department. 2020
UCSB Outstanding Transfer Student Award, Honorable Mention. 2020
UCSB McNair Scholar Summer Research Fellowship (\$3,000). 2019
UCSB Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Grant (\$750). 2019
UCSB Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Fellowship. 2019

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Research: “Navigating Pathways to Adulthood in an Era of Precarity: Latino Young Adults on the Community College Pathway.” University of California, Irvine. Department of Sociology. Advisor: Professor Laura E. Enriquez. 2023-2026.

Research Assistant for Professors Matthew Landry, Laura E. Enriquez, and Denise Payan: “Fulfilling the UC PromISE: Strengthening Access to Essential Needs Services for Undocumented and Immigration-Impacted Latinx UC Students.” University of California, Irvine. Department of Public Health. 2024-2025.

Second-Year Research Project: “An Examination of the Determinants of Educational Aspirations and Expectations of the Children of Mexican and Filipino Immigrants. University of California, Irvine. Department of Sociology.” Advisor: Professor Rubén Rumbaut. 2020-2022.

Competitive Edge Summer Research Program. “Outlooks, Aspirations, and Attainment: A Proposed Comparative Study of Second and Third-Plus Generation Mexican Americans’ Cultural

Outlooks, Attitudes, and Mobility Pathways in Early Adulthood.” University of California, Irvine. Department of Sociology. Advisor: Professor Rubén Rumbaut. 2020.

Research Assistant for Professor Rebeca Mireles-Rios: Multiple Research Projects on Latinos in K-12 and Higher Education. University of California, Santa Barbara. Department of Education. 2018-2020.

Research Assistant for Professor Tristan Bridges and Professor Tara Tober: “Mass Shootings in America.” University of California, Santa Barbara. Department of Sociology. 2019-2020.

Ronald E. McNair Summer Research Program Research Project: “An Examination of the 1st to 2nd Year Transitions of Latino Male Undergraduates at UCSB.” Advisor: Professor Rebeca Mireles-Rios. 2019.

Undergraduate Honors Research: “They Know Me: College Social Capital and The Educational Aspirations of Latino College Students.” Department of Sociology. Advisors: Professor Zakiya Luna and Professor Rebeca Mireles-Rios. 2018-2019.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2025

Gutierrez, J. (2025). “Racialized Logics of Social Mobility and the Limits of Cultural Adaptations for Latinos.” Presented at the American Sociological Association.

Enriquez, L., **Gutierrez, J.** & Hernandez, M. (2025). “Using Art to Interrogate and Combat Legal Violence in Classroom Conversations about Undocumented Immigration.” Accepted at the American Educational Research Association.

Enriquez, L., **Gutierrez, J.** & Hernandez, M. (2025). “Using Art to Interrogate and Combat Legal Violence in Classroom Conversations about Undocumented Immigration.” Presented at the American Sociological Association’s Virtual Mini-Conference.

2024

Gutierrez, J. (2024). “Family Messages, Limited Prospects for Mobility, and How Latino Community College Students Think About Community College.” Presented at the University of California Irvine’s Center for Anti-Racism, Liberation, and Belonging. Irvine, CA.

Gutierrez, J., Nuñez-Reyes, C., Olivares, C., Pantaleon, P., Santana, M., & Lopez, S. (2024). “Navigating Pathways to Adulthood in an Era of Precarity.” Presented at the University of California, Irvine’s Center for Anti-Racism, Liberation, and Belonging’s Opening Symposium. Irvine, CA.

Gutierrez, J. (2024). “Family Messages, Limited Prospects for Mobility, and How Latino Community College Students Think About Community College.” Accepted at the California Sociological Association.

Gutierrez, J. (2024). “Navigating Pathways to Adulthood in an Era of Precarity: Latino Young Adults on the Community College Pathway.” Accepted at the Pacific Sociological Association.

Enriquez, L., **Gutierrez, J.**, & Cornejo, M. (2024). “How Do Undocumented College Students Engage in Their Campus Resource Ecosystem?: A Latent Profile Analysis.” Accepted at the American Educational Research Association.

Enriquez, L. **Gutierrez, J.**, & Hernandez, M. (2024). “Unpacking Undocumented Latinidades: Using Art to Promote Healing and Belonging in the Classroom.” Accepted at the American Sociological Association.

Gutierrez, J. (2024). “Navigating Pathways to Adulthood in an Era of Precarity: Latino Young Adults on the Community College Pathway.” Presented at the American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education Graduate Student Research Fellowship Program Research Symposium. Online.

2023

Gutierrez, J. (2023). “Navigating Pathways to Adulthood in an Era of Precarity: Latino Young Adults on the Community College Pathway.” Presented at the University of California, Irvine Sociology Department’s Race Research Workshop. Irvine, CA.

Gutierrez, J. (2023). “An Examination of the Determinants of Educational Aspirations and Expectations of the Children of Mexican and Filipino Immigrants.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Latina/o Sociology Roundtable on Educational Attainment. *Philadelphia, PA.*

Gutierrez, J. (2023). “Deprivation or Cultivation? Exploring how Gender and Class Shapes Latina/o Community College Students' Educational Trajectories During the Early Transition to Adulthood.” Presented at the University of California, Irvine Sociology Department’s Race Research Workshop. Irvine, CA.

2022

Gutierrez, J. (2022). “An Examination of the Determinants of Educational Aspirations and Expectation of the Children of Mexican and Filipino Immigrants.” Presented at the University of California, Irvine Sociology Department. Irvine, CA.

2020

Gutierrez, J. (2020). “Project Proposal: Outlooks, Aspirations, and Attainment: A Comparative Study of Second and Third-Plus Generation Mexican Americans’ Cultural Outlooks, Attitudes, and Mobility Pathways in Early Adulthood.” Presented at the University of California, Irvine’s Competitive Edge Program Symposium. Online.

Cerda, R., Briseño, X., **Gutierrez, J.**, Morales, J. (2020). “Latino Males Experiences with High Impact Practices at a Hispanic Serving Institution.” Accepted at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (Conference Canceled).

2019

Gutierrez, J. (2019). “An Examination of the 1st to 2nd Year Transitions of Latino Male Undergraduates at UCSB.” Presented at the University of California, Santa Barbara McNair Scholars Summer Graduate Research Program Symposium. Santa Barbara, CA.

Gutierrez, J. (2019). “An Examination of the 1st to 2nd Year Transitions of Latino Male Undergraduates at UCSB.” Presented at the University of California, Santa Barbara Summer Undergraduate and Graduate Research Colloquium. Santa Barbara, CA.

Gutierrez, J. (2019). “An Examination of the 1st to 2nd Year Transitions of Latino Male Undergraduates at UCSB.” Presented at the Annual McNair Scholars Research Conference at the University of California, Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA.

Gutierrez, J. (2019). “Student-Faculty Interactions & The Educational Aspirations of Latino College Students at UCSB.” Presented at the University of California, Santa Barbara Undergraduate Research Colloquium. Santa Barbara, CA.

INVITED TALKS AND WORKSHOPS

“What I Wish I Knew Before Graduate School” (panelist). Invited panelist for the UC Irvine Competitive Edge Summer Pre-Doctoral Preparation Program. August 2025.

“Career Preparation and the PhD” (presenter). Invited talk for Dr. Heidy Sarabia’s Sociology 2 Class at Sacramento State University. May 2025.

“Writing a Personal Statement for PhD Applications” (presenter). Workshop for the UC Irvine Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. August 2024.

“Writing an Abstract in the Social Sciences” (co-presenter). Workshop for the UC Irvine Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. August 2024.

“Transfer Student Alumni Panel” (invited panelist). Invited Panelist for the UCSB Transfer Center. February 2024.

“Writing an Abstract in the Social Sciences” (co-presenter). Workshop for the UC Irvine Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. August 2023.

“Writing a Personal Statement for PhD Applications” (presenter). Workshop for the UC Irvine Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Program. August 2023.

“From Community College to the PhD” (presenter). Invited talk for East Los Angeles College’s Puente Program. February 2023.

“McNair Informational Session” (presenter) Invited talk for UC Santa Barbara’s ONDAS (first-generation student success) Center. September 2019.

“McNair Informational Session” (panelist). Invited panelist for UC Santa Barbara’s McNair Program. September 2019.

“John Delloro Transfer Program Orientation Student Panel” (panelist). Invited panelist for East Los Angeles’s John Delloro Transfer Program in Social Justice. September 2016.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Course Design Essentials Program, UCI Graduate Division of Teaching and Excellence. 2026
Mentoring Excellence Certificate, UCI Graduate Division of Teaching and Excellence. 2022
Social Science 399: University Teaching (Fall 2021, Winter 2022, Spring 2022). 2021- 2022

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Latina/o Sociology; Sociology of Education; International Migration; Aging and the Life Course

Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)

American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE)

REFERENCES

Laura E. Enriquez. Associate Professor of Chicano and Latino Studies.
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