

Renelinda Arana, PhD

Curriculum Vitae

Objective

To excel as a professor, community researcher and contribute expertise on varying topics of community and individual health, crime, minority studies, immigration, statistics and research methodology. Continue conducting qualitative and quantitative research on social, cultural, familial, political and economic predictive factors that influence criminality, health, substance use and HIV and HepC infections, immigration and immigrant wellbeing, civic engagement, college success, environmental racism, and digital self-efficacy of marginalized communities. Excel in accessible communication of relevant findings to varying audiences.

Education

- **Princeton University, Princeton, NJ**
Ph.D. Sociology. Specialties: Immigration, Demographic Methods, Crime and Incarceration
- **Princeton University, Princeton, NJ**
Master of Arts in Sociology
- **University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX**
B.A. Anthropology with concentration in Mexican American Studies and Demography
- **San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX**
Concentration in Anthropology and Urban Studies

Current Employment

- Full Professor of Sociology, Tenured, Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, TX, August 2009 – present

Additional Noteworthy Research projects and/or Past Employment

- *Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program*. US Department of Commerce National Institute of Standards and Technology. Award #: 48-09-C13092. Build the digital capacity and skills and increase broadband access of the University and surrounding anchor community. 2023-2025.
- “Project Building Bridges A Framework for Preparing Highly Qualified Speech-Language Pathologists to Serve Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students with AAC Needs” American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. Patti Solomon-Rice, PhD & Renelinda Arana, Ph.D. 2023.
- Self-assessment of pre-post confidence in cultural competencies assessment of Speech Language Professionals. Patti Solomon-Rice, PhD & Renelinda Arana, Ph.D. American Journal of Speech-Language Pathology. 2023.
- “Migrant Remittances and Lung Health in the Guatemalan and Peruvian Highlands” Dr. Renelinda Arana, Our Lady of the Lake University, Dr. Nestor Rodriguez, University of Texas at Austin, Dr. Teófilo Altamirano, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú.

Southwestern Social Science Association's upcoming annual meeting, San Antonio, Texas, April 21-23, 2023.

- “Justice and Intersectionality in the Siting of Detention Centers.” Drs. Leda Barnett and Renelinda Arana. Environmental American Political Science Association in Seattle, Washington. September 30, 2021.
- *Sandra’s Return*. Feature Length Documentary. Recipient of several awards, including Awarded the Best Documentary in Andromeda Film Festival. 2021.
- “Migrant Remittances and Health Care in the Guatemalan and Peruvian Highlands: A Study of Two Migrant Sending Communities” Drs. Renelinda Arana, Our Lady of the Lake University, Nestor Rodriguez, The University of Texas at Austin and Teófilo Altamirano, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. Southwest Social Science Association Conference, in Austin 2020 Centennial Annual Meeting, October 29 – 31, 2020.
- 2020 Our Lady of the Lake University Campus Climate Survey. Developed, administered, analyzed and presented findings of this institutional survey to various constituents.
- “Mexicans and Colombians at Home and Abroad: A Comparative Study of Political Engagement.” *Latin American Research Review* 54(1), pp. 16–34. McCann, James A., Cristina Escobar, and Renelinda Arana. April 10, 2019.
- “Race-Based Litigation.” Dr. Renelinda Arana and Anna Jimenez, Esquire. The Center for American and International Law, Plano, Texas 75024. July 26-27, 2018.
- “Loyalty to Ethnic Heritage and Hispanic College Student Engagement.” *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*. Renelinda Arana & Steve Blanchard. Pages 1-15. 2018.
- “Alcohol Knowledge and Expectancies among students at a Minority-Serving Institution” By Marissa M. Henderson, M.S. Luis Luna, M.A., Renelinda Arana, Ph.D., Nancy Amodei, Ph.D., Veronica Villela-Perez, B.A Texas Psychological Association Annual Convention. Houston, Texas. November 2017.
- “A tale of two studies: attitudes towards condoms and condom use among two diverse samples young people (18 – 24 years old) in San Antonio, Texas.” By Phillip W. Schnarrs, Ph.D., University of Texas at San Antonio; Renelinda Arana, PhD., Our Lady of Lake University; Brenda Light, B.A., University of Texas at San Antonio. International Academy of Sex Research (IASR). Charleston, South Carolina. July 23 and July 24, 2017.
- *Sandra’s Revolution*. Feature Length Documentary. Freakish Films. Amazon Prime. Vimeo On Demand. 2017. Recipient of several awards.
- Director of Decreasing Adverse Lifestyles Effectively (DALE!). Department of Health and Human Services. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Grant Number: 1H79SP020647-01 REVISED. Provides programming that promotes better health and knowledge about STI’s and substance abuse among Latinos and African Americans. 2014-2017.
- “The Political Competence of Colombians and Mexicans at Home and Abroad.” Jay McCann, Cristina Escobar and Renelinda Arana. *Latin American Research Council*. 2016.
- “The Political Competence of Colombians and Mexicans at Home and Abroad.” Drs. Jay McCann, Renelinda Arana and Cristina Escobar. Latin American Association Conference paper. New York, New York May 27-30, 2016.
- Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association conference paper. “The ideal shade: Skin tone ideals in Caucasian, African American, and Latino college students.” Drs. Renelinda Arana and Jori Sechrist. Las Vegas, Nevada March 23-26, 2016.

- “Colombian Expatriates' Electoral Participation and Political Preferences.” *Panoramas*. Cristina Escobar, Jay McCann and Renelinda Arana. 2015.
- National Symposium on Student Retention. Conference paper “An Examination of the Impact of Loyalty to Ethnic Origins and Engagement in Hispanic-Related Activities on Hispanic Students’ College Graduation.” Drs. Renelinda Arana & Steve Blanchard. Orlando, Florida Nov 2-4, 2015.
- Book chapter. “Evaluacion de candidatos en Colombia Y en el exterior: Un estudio comparative de las elecciones presidenciales de 2010.” Cristina Escobar, Jay McCann and Renelinda Arana. In *El voto en el exterior*. 2015.
- Book chapter. “Voto en el exterior y lugar de residencia: participacion transnational en las elecciones colombianas” Cristina Escobar, Jay McCann and Renelinda Arana. In the book: *El voto en el exterior*. 2015.
- “Selective Acculturation and Hispanic College Student Engagement.” Center for Mexican American Studies & Research. San Antonio, TX. Drs. Renelinda Arana & Steve Blanchard. March 28, 2014
- “Assessing Candidates at Home and Abroad: A Comparative Analysis of Colombian Expatriates in the 2010 Presidential Elections.” *Latin American Society & Politics*. 2014.
- “Expatriate voting and migrants' place of residence: Explaining transnational participation in Colombian elections.” *Migration Studies*. 2014
- Poster presentation at the American Political Science Association Conference on “Civic Exclusion and Subjective Well-Being: The Changing Impact of Naturalization and Documentation Status on Immigrants’ Life Satisfaction and Health Appraisals” (James A. McCann, Katsuo Nishikawa, Renelinda Arana, Carrie Castañeda-Sound & Fernando Tormos Aponte. Washington D.C. 2013.
- Latin American Studies Association. “Migration and electoral political participation: Colombian migrants' transnational politics in comparative perspective.” San Francisco, CA. Cristina Escobar, Renelinda Arana, James McCann. May 23-26, 2012.
- “Hispanic Undergraduate Achievement: Toward an Ecological Model”. *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education*. Drs. Renelinda Arana, Steve Blanchard, Carrie Castaneda-Sound, & Teresita Aguilar. 2011.
- Documentary *2 Mothers 2 daughters v Arizona*. Presented documentary and held panel discussion with Sandra Arana and Yolanda Rodriguez-Escobar to discuss immigrant issues and policy in the 21st century. 2011.
- “Transnational Political Participation: Assessing the Impact of Reception Site”. International Migration, Integration, and Social cohesion. Eighth Annual Conference. Warsaw, Poland. 2011.
- Chapter 7. "Bridging the Gap: Transnational and Ethnic Organizations in the Political Incorporation of Immigration in the United States" by Portes, Escobar, & Arana. Book: *Migration in the 21st Century: Rights, Outcomes, and Policy*. Publication Routledge. Edited by Thomas N. Maloney, Kim Korinek. 2010.
- “Immigration Policy and Immigrant Mental Health” at the National Latina/o Psychological Association conference. San Antonio, TX. November 11, 2010.
- “Divided or Convergent Loyalties: The Political Incorporation Process of Latin American Immigrants in the United States.” *International Journal of Comparative Social Research*. Vol. 50, Iss. 2. 2009.

- “Bridging the gap: transnational & ethnic organizations in the political incorporation of immigrants in the United States.” *Ethnic & Racial Studies*. Vol. 31, Iss. 6. Sep 2008.
- Dissertation: “Rebuilding society behind prison walls: Examining the structure of prisoner-run reform organizations”. 219 pages. Princeton University. 2008.

Consulting Work

- Research consultant for Texas Regional Public Defender for Capital Cases.
- Research consultant for Missouri State Public Defender for Capital Cases.
- Research consultant for Posadas Guadalupe Immigration Shelter.
- Research consultant for Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, New Mexico.
- Research consultant for Cambria and Kline law, Reading, Pennsylvania.
- Research consultant for Amy Maldonado Law, East Lansing, Michigan.

Other Work Experience

- Student Development Specialist, Instructor, Tomás Rivera Center, University of Texas Center, San Antonio, TX, 2008 –2009
- Research Associate & Data Analyst for the Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2006 –2009
- Ethnographic Field Observation and Interviewer for the MetroBaby Qualitative Study, New York University Center for Research on Culture, Development, & Education, New York, NY, 2005 –2006.
- Workshop Coordinator & Art Instructor for Advanced Illustration Workshop, New Jersey State Prison, Trenton, NJ, 2004 –2007
- Preceptor/Discussion Group Leader, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2003 –2005
- Instructor for the Princeton University Preparation Program (PUPP), Summer 2003, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
- Coordinator for the Community Based Learning Initiative (CBLI), Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, Spring 2003
- Research Assistant and Qualitative Coder via NUD*IST analysis for Three-City Study, Center for Social Work Research, Welfare Reform and Children Project, University of Texas at Austin, Austin TX, 2000 –2001
- Computer Technician and Web Designer, Reading Laboratory, San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX, Summer 1999
- Statistical Clerk, Institutional Research & Effectiveness San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX, 1998 - 1999

Expert Peer Reviewer for Following Publications

- Journal of Hispanic Higher Education.
- Latino Studies
- Journal of Latinos and Education
- Political Behavior
- Politics Groups & Identities
- Ethnography
- Sociologists in Action: Race, Class, and Gender

Course Instruction Experience Exhibiting My Expertise

- Crime and Punishment
- Violence in Communities and Families
- Class, Race, and Gender
- Sociological Statistics
- Research Seminar
- Sociology of Health
- Migration and Assimilation
- Social Theory
- Introduction to Sociology
- Environmental Sociology
- Social Movements & Revolution

Additional Skills

- Technological Experience: GIS, Python, SPSS, STATA, R, SAS, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word
- Bilingual: English & Spanish (speaking, reading, & writing)

References

- Dr. Aimee Villareal. Professor of Anthropology. Texas State University. 210-528-7060.
- Dr. Leda Barnett. Professor of Political Science. Our Lady of the Lake University, 210-528-7189, lbarnett@ollusa.edu
- Dr. Nestor Rodriguez, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, 512-289-8775
- Anna Jimenez, Esquire, Managing Attorney. Regional Public Defenders Office. 361-739-2297. ajimenez@rpdo.org.
- Ricardo Jimenez, Mitigation Specialist. Regional Public Defenders Office, 361-737-5847, rjimenez@rpdo.org.
- Charlie Moreland, Esquire. Missouri State Public Defender. 573-777-9977. Charlie.Moreland@mspd.mo.gov.
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