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## **EMPLOYMENT**

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Assistant Professor	
Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame	2016-Present
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Latino Studies	2016-Present
Visiting Scholar	2016-Present
American Bar Foundation	
Assistant Professor	2014-2016
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison	
Core Faculty, Legal Studies Program	2014-2016
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty	2014-2016
Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Research	2012-2014
Harvard University	

## **EDUCATION**

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Ph.D. in Sociology	2012
Northwestern University	
M.A. in Sociology	2009
Northwestern University	
B.A. in Public Policy Studies (with High Honors)	2007
DePaul University	

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Political Sociology; Urban Sociology; Crime, Law, and Deviance; Race; Mixed Methods

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Books**

Vargas, Robert. 2016. *Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio*. New York: Oxford University Press.

- *Winner of the 2016 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book Prize*

### **Articles (\* Denotes Equal Coauthors)**

\*Flores, Rene, and Robert Vargas. 2017. "Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage: What has Changed After the Affordable Care Act?" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. [Forthcoming]

Vargas, Robert and Phil McHarris. 2017. "Race and State in City Police Spending Growth: 1980-2010." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 3(1):96-112.

Vargas, Robert. 2016. "How Health Navigators Legitimize the Affordable Care Act to the Uninsured Poor." *Social Science and Medicine* Vol 165:263-270.

Vargas, Robert. 2014. "Criminal Group Embeddedness and the Adverse Effects of Arresting a Gang's Leader." *Criminology* 52(2):143-168. [Lead Article]

- *Winner of the 2011 Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Law and Society Division Student Paper Competition, Society for the Study of Social Problems*

Vargas, Robert. 2011. "Being in "Bad" Company: Power Dependency and Status in Adolescent Susceptibility to Peer Influence." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 74(3): 310-332.

- *Winner of the 2009 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Second Year Paper Northwestern University Department of Sociology*

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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"The Evolution of Urban Homicide Dynamics: 1870-2003" CAREER Grant Proposal \$400,000 National Science Foundation	<i>Pending</i>
"Violence, Space, and Educational Opportunity in a Chicago Barrio" Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant \$10,000 National Science Foundation	2010
"Violence, Space, and Educational Opportunity in a Chicago Barrio" Graduate Research Grant \$3000 Dissertation Research Grant Northwestern University	2010
"Violence, Space, and Educational Opportunity in a Chicago Barrio" Institute of Educational Sciences \$3000 Dissertation Research Grant Northwestern University	2010
Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate \$1500 Tuition for attending the University of Michigan Survey Research Center Course On Combining Quantitative and Qualitative Methods	2009
Spencer Research Grant \$39,565 Co-PI (with PI: Lincoln Quillian) Spencer Foundation	2009
Frisen Grant \$1000 Northwestern University, Department of Sociology	2008
MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant \$1000 Northwestern University, Department of Sociology	2008

## EDITORIALS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

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2016. "It's on Us to Stop the Mini Civil Wars Being Waged On Our Streets." (With Rashawn Ray) Public Radio International. July 12, 2016.

2016. Book Review in *Sociological Forum*. "The Insane Chicago Way: The Daring Plan by Chicago Gangs to Create a Spanish Mafia." By John Hagedorn

2016. "Engaging Uninsured Cynics of the ACA." Illinois Health Matters Blog. January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

2015. "How to End Chicago's Cycle of Violence" CNN Opinions. November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

2014. Book Review in *City and Community*. "Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress Toward Racial Inequality." By Patrick Sharkey.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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New Scholar Award, Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology	2016
Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Summer Research Fellow - Rutgers University	2016
Honorable Mention - Art Stinchcombe Dissertation Prize in Organization Studies	2012
University of Chicago Provost Post-Doc (Turned Down)	2012
National Science Foundation Minority Post-Doctoral Fellowship (Turned Down)	2012
Karpf Prize, Northwestern University Department of Sociology	2011
Institute for Educational Sciences (IES) Pre-Doctoral Fellow	2008-2011
Ronald E. McNair Scholar	2005-2007

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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"(Not) Enrolling in Obamacare: Policy Feedback and Health Insurance Access Among the Urban Poor."

- CommunityHealth Chicago, Chicago, IL (2016)
- Schweitzer Fellows Conference, Chicago, IL (2016)
- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (2015)
- University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology (2015)
- Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2014)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology Dept, Race and Ethnicity Workshop (2014)
- University of Michigan, CIRLI Workshop (2014)
- Harvard University, RWJ Scholars in Health Policy Seminar Series (2014)
- International Conference on Urban Health, University of Manchester, UK (2014)

"Race and State in the Growth of City Police Spending 1980-2010."

- Boston College, Department of Sociology (2014)
- Harvard University, Quantitative Methods Workshop (2014)
- Harvard University, Immigration Workshop (2014)

“Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio.”

- Williams College, Department of Sociology (2017)
- University of Chicago, Department of Sociology (2017)
- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal (2017)
- University of Notre Dame, Latino Studies Seminar (2017)
- Northern Illinois University, Department of Sociology (2017)
- American Bar Foundation, Fellows Research Advisory Committee (2016)
- University of California-Berkeley, Department of Sociology (2016)
- Chicago Latino Writers Initiative, Annual Meeting (2016)
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Department of Sociology (2016)
- University of Illinois-Chicago, Department of Sociology (2016)
- American Bar Foundation, Research Seminar Series (2016)
- Rutgers University, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Conference (2016)
- University of Chicago, Neubauer Collegium (2016)
- DePaul University, Department of Public Policy (2016)
- Purdue University, Department of Sociology (2016)
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Critical Criminology Conference (2016)
- Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting, (2016)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Social Psychology and Microsociology Workshop (2015)
- University of Texas-Austin, Department of Sociology (2015)
- University of Notre Dame, Department of Sociology (2015)
- University of Michigan, Department of Sociology (2014)
- University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration (2014)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Politics Culture and Society Workshop (2013)
- Harvard University, Urban Social Processes Workshop (2012)
- Northwestern University, Urban/Community Workshop (2012)
- Northwestern University Ethnography Workshop (2012)

“Danger on the Horizon: Violence and Community Organization Access Among Latino Youth.”

- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York (2013)

“Subversion and Fear of Gang Crime.”

- Brown University Department of Sociology (2011)
- University of Chicago Department of Sociology (2011)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Sociology (2011)
- Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems Las Vegas (2011)
- Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Francisco (2011)
- The Northwestern University Organizations Working Group (2011)
- Multi-Disciplinary Program in Educational Sciences Workshop (2011)
- The Chicago Ethnography Conference, South Bend, IN (2011)
- Northwestern University Culture Workshop (2011)
- Northwestern University, SION (2011)

“Criminal Group Embeddedness and the Consequences of Arresting a Gang’s Leader.”

- Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, (2013)
- Northwestern University Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop (2011)
- Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA (2011)

“Being in “Bad” Company: Power Dependency and Status in Adolescent Susceptibility to Peer Influence.”

- Institute for Policy Research and Sciences Po Joint-Conference, Paris, France (2010)
- Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Sociological Society, Chicago, IL (2010)
- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (2009)
- Northwestern University, Ethnography Workshop (2008)

## INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

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Invited Panelist, “Latin@ Criminology: Setting a New Agenda for Research, Policy, and Justice.” American Society of Criminology Meeting. November 2016.

Invited Participant, “The Future of Latinos in the United States Conference.” The American Bar Foundation. June 2016

Invited Discussant, “Schools as Urban Governance Institutions.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 2016

Invited Panelist on Graduate School Diversity, McNair Academy, DePaul University, August 2015

Invited Panelist, Author Meets Critic for Patrick Sharkey’s *Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress Toward Racial Inequality*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2014

Invited Organizer, Thematic Session on the Alignment of Policing and Social Services in the City, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2014.

Invited Panelist on Summer Research Opportunity Program Preparation, McNair Academy, DePaul University, May 2013.

Invited Keynote Address, DePaul University, McNair Scholars Program Banquet, June 2012

Invited Keynote Address, DePaul University, Public Policy Department Graduation Ceremony, June 2012

Invited Panelist on the Graduate School Application Process, McNair Scholars Program, DePaul University, November 2011.

Invited Panelist on the Northwestern Graduate School Experience, Multicultural Affairs, Northwestern University, May 2011.

Invited Panelist on Professionalism and The Graduate School Application Process. McNair Scholars Program, DePaul University, March 2011.

Invited Panelist on the Graduate School Admissions Process, DePaul University, July 2010.

Invited Speaker, "The Consequences of Neighborhood Violence." Little Village Youth Forum, Chicago, IL, March 2010.

Invited Panelist, Alumni Success, DePaul University, January 2010.

Invited Panelist, Graduate School Admissions Process, Northwestern University, Summer Research Opportunities Program, June 2009.

Invited Panelist, Symposium on Latinos in Graduate School, DePaul University, October 2008.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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Editorial Board Member, American Sociological Review	2016-Present
Faculty Coordinator, Microsociology Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2015-2016
Graduate Student Job Placement Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2014-2016
Reviewer for ASA Latina/o Studies Student Paper and Best Article Competition	2011
McNair Scholars Program DePaul University – Consultant	2008-Present
Graduate Student Coordinator - Ethnography Workshop, Northwestern University	2009-2012
President of the Sociology Graduate Student Association	2009-2010

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *City and Community*, *Criminology*, *Ethnography*, *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *Law and Society Review*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Social Forces*

### **ADVISING**

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#### **Dissertation Committee Member for:**

Nicholas Barnes (UW-Madison), Dagoberto Cortez (UW-Madison), Daanika Gordon (UW-Madison), Matt Moehr (UW-Madison), David Rangel (UW-Madison)

#### **Undergraduate Advisees Now in Graduate School:**

Sophie Gottlieb (UW-Madison), Sean Lenz (UW-Madison), Phil McHarris (Boston College), Emily Persons (Harvard), Kayla Prieto-Hodge (Boston College), Olivia Weltz (UW-Madison)

### **REFERENCES**

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(Available Upon Request)