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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** Department of Sociology, University of Georgia 2016 (anticipated)  
To graduate with the Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies Certificate  
(University of Georgia)  
Dissertation: *Reforming Malandros Uniformados: Participatory Police  
Reform in Venezuela's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Socialism*  
Committee: Dr. David Smilde (chair, Tulane University), Dr. Patricia  
Richards, Dr. Pablo Lapegna, Dr. Alice Goffman (University of Wisconsin-  
Madison)
- M.A.** Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2007  
Committee: Dr. Mauricio Tenorio, Dr. Betty Farrell, Dr. Nick Dempsey  
Magna cum Laude
- B.A.** Department of Sociology, University of Montevallo, 2006  
Summa cum Laude with Honors

## POSITIONS

Managing Editor, *Qualitative Sociology*, 2010-present

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Crime and Citizen Security; Political Sociology; Social Movements; Latin America;  
Community Studies; Political and Social Theory; Epistemologies of Ethnography;  
Qualitative Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

### Peer reviewed Journal Articles

Andrés Antillano, Iván Pojomovsky, Verónica Zubillaga, Chelina Sepúlveda, and Rebecca Hanson. “The Venezuelan Prison: From Neoliberalism to the Bolivarian Revolution” *Crime, Law, and Social Change* 65(3): 195-211

### Under Review

Rebecca Hanson and Pablo Lapegna, “Popular Mobilization and Governance in Argentina and Venezuela: Towards a Political Ethnography of Latin America’s Left Turn” resubmitted to *Journal of Latin American Studies*

“Deepening Distrust: Why Participatory Experiments Aren’t Always Good for Democracy” under review at *The Sociological Quarterly*

Rebecca Hanson and Patricia Richards, “Sexual Harassment and the Construction of Ethnographic Knowledge” under review at *Social Problems*

### In Process

*Paradox of Violence in Venezuela*, with David Smilde and Veronica Zubillaga. Edited volume based on co-organized conference at Tulane University, October 2015. Will be submitted for review by December 2016

Guest Editor of Special Issue, “Ethnographies of Security” *Qualitative Sociology*, Forthcoming

### Public Sociology (select)

[“Human Rights Watch and PROVEA Release Devastating Report on Venezuelan Citizen Security Initiative”](#) *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, April 18, 2016

[“Amid Crisis, Venezuela’s National Assembly Proposes Security Reforms”](#) *Insight Crime*, February 10, 2016

[“Venezuela’s New Security Plan Turns Fight Against Crime into Battle Against Paramilitaries”](#) *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, July 24, 2015

[“Policing Protests and Reforming the Police in a Post-Chávez Venezuela”](#) Special forum on Venezuelan politics in the “Hot Topic” publication of *Cultural Anthropology*, February 5, 2015

[“Venezuela’s ‘Police Revolution’: Rolling Back or Pushing Forward Reform?”](#)

*Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, November 24, 2014

[“The Quinta Crespo Siege and the Dilemmas of Combatting Police Violence”](#)

*Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, November 3, 2014

[“La Desconfianza: The View from Western Caracas II”](#) *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, March 12, 2014

[“Venezuelan Protests: The View from Western Caracas”](#) *Foreign Policy in Focus*, February 27, 2014

[“Police Reform on a Political Tightrope: Citizen Security and Public Perceptions, Part 3”](#)

*Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, November 21, 2013

[“What Should be Done to Reduce Crime in Venezuela?”](#) with David Smilde. *Insight Crime*, October 17, 2013

[“Citizen Security Reform in Venezuela: Gun Control”](#) with David Smilde. *Insight Crime*, August 7, 2013

[“The Impact of Plan Patria Segura on Police Reform in Venezuela”](#) *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, May 19, 2013

[“Why did Maduro Adopt Crime as a Campaign Issue?”](#) *Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights*, May 3, 2013

[“No Housing? No Problem: Some Venezuelans Support Chávez Despite Lack of Homes”](#) *Christian Science Monitor*, September 21, 2012

### **Media Quotes**

[“Venezuelan student protestors seek to woo poor”](#) *AP Press*, by Frank Bajak, March 19, 2014

[“Chávez cult no match for Venezuela’s crisis”](#) *AP Press*, by Joshua Goodman, March 2, 2014

**Book Reviews**

*We Created Chávez: A People's History of the Venezuelan Revolution*, by George Ciccariello-Maher, Duke University Press. *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de America Latina y el Caribe* 25 (2): 133-135, 2014

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

(Teaching evaluations available upon request)

Birmingham Southern College  
Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2016)

University of Montevallo  
Introduction to Criminology (Fall 2014, Spring 2015); Crime and Deviance (Spring 2016); Research Methods (Spring 2016)

University of Georgia  
Introduction to Sociology, Teaching Assistant (Fall 2011)

**AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Certificate of Excellence, Department of Sociology, UGA	2012
Tinker Foundation Grant, \$1300	2010
Presidential Fellowship, University of Georgia-Athens, \$24,000/yr	2009-2014
University Scholarship, University of Chicago, \$18,000	2007-2008
Presidential Scholarship, University of Montevallo \$6,500/yr	2002-2006
AMSA Research Paper Award, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	2005
Presidential Award, University of Montevallo	2006
Presidential Award, University of Montevallo	2005

**CONFERENCE ACTIVITY****Conferences Organized**

Co-organizer with David Smilde and Veronica Zubillaga: "The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach" Tulane University, October 2015

**Workshops Organized**

Co-organizer of the [Georgia Workshop on Culture, Power & History](#) (GCPH), Funding received from the Department of Sociology at the University of Georgia, the Willson

Center for Humanities and Arts, the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute, and the German and Slavic Studies Institute, 2009-2012

Co-organizer of GCPH workshop series *Latin American Ethnography*, 2010-2011

Co-organizer for GCPH workshop series *Actually Existing Socialism*, 2011-2012

### **Panels and Sessions Organized and Chaired**

Panel organizer. "Padding the Iron Fist? Ethnographic Approaches to Ongoing Criminal Justice and Citizen Security Reforms in Latin America" Latin American Studies Association International Congress, New York, May 2016

Special Session Organizer/Chair. "Sexual Harassment and the Production of Ethnographic Knowledge" Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 2016

Panel organizer. "Trust, Intimacy, and Sexual Harassment: What Does 'Good' Qualitative Research Mean for Women in the Field?" Sociologists for Women in Society, Washington, D.C., February 2015

Panel Organizer. "Beyond the Dichotomous Divide" Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014

Panel Organizer. "Emerging Political Subjectivities and Venezuela's Bolivarian Revolution" with Donald Kingsbury, Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Francisco, May 2012

Panel Chair "Policing Democratic Latin America: A Comparative Perspective" Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014

### **Invited Presentations**

"Policing Violent Democracies: Understanding New Relations of Power and Police Violence in Plurally Violent Contexts" Unequal Security in the Americas, Brown University, April 2016

"Quién es el Responsable y Qué Debería Pasar? Opinión Pública Sobre La Inseguridad y Las Reformas de Seguridad Ciudadana en Venezuela" with David Smilde, Crimen y

Violencia en Venezuela: Insumos para la Formulación de Políticas Públicas, Instituto de Estudios Superiores de Administración, Caracas, Venezuela, November 2015

“The Bolivarian Revolution and Citizen Security Reform: Taking Stock of ‘Socialist-Humanist’ Security Six Years In” Venezuela After Chávez: Challenges of Democracy, Security, and Governance, Brown University, April 2014

### **Presentations, Upcoming and Recent**

“Policing Violent Democracies: Understanding New Relations of Power and Police Violence in Plurally Violent Contexts” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Violence session, Seattle, WA, August 2016

“Padding the Iron Fist: How Community Policing Legitimizes Mano Dura Logic” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, New York, May 2016

“Who is Responsible and What Should be Done? Public Opinion on Crime and Citizen Security Reform in Venezuela” with David Smilde. The Paradox of Violence in Venezuela: A Comparative Approach, Tulane University, October 2015

“Sexual Harassment and the Construction of Ethnographic Knowledge” with Patricia Richards, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Ethnography session, Chicago, August 2015

“When Participation ‘Fails’: The Implications of Struggling Organizations for Participatory Democracy” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Political Culture Section, August 2014

“States Controlling Citizens Controlling the Police: Negotiating Citizen Participation and its Institutionalization within Venezuela’s Police Reform” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, May 2014

“Policing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Socialism: Community Policing in Caracas.” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Washington, D.C., May 2013

“Co-Constitutive Subject Formation in Venezuela’s Bolivarian Revolution: The Case and Non-Case of the Communal Councils” Latin American Studies Association International Congress, San Francisco, May 2012

“Clients of the State: How Social Policies Shape Social Movements and Civil Society in South America” with Pablo Lapegna, Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Gainesville, FL, March 2012

“Deepening or Extending Democracy? The contestation over space and equality in Venezuela's 21st Century Socialism” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Social Theory and Inequality Section Roundtable Session, August 2011

“Avoiding participation: An ethnographic perspective on mobilization in Venezuela's participatory democracy” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, April 2011

“Defend Your Civic Center! The Symbolic Struggle over Space in 21st Century Socialism” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Marxist Sociology Section Roundtable Session, August 2010.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Sociological Association (sections: Collective Behavior/Social Movements; Crime, Law, & Deviance; Global and Transnational Sociology; Peace & War; Political Sociology; and Human Rights); The American Society of Criminology; Latin American Studies Association (section: Venezuelan Studies); Sociologists for Women in Society

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Moderator and Contributor to the Washington Office on Latin America blog [Venezuelan Politics and Human Rights](#), 2012-present

Organizer and Moderator with Dorothy Kronick, Working Group on Violence in Venezuela, 2014-present

Organizer and Moderator, Women Qualitative Researchers Group, 2015-present

### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Organizer, Public Forum on Prison Reform in Alabama, University of Montevallo, February 26, 2014

### **LANGUAGES**

English: Native

Spanish: Advanced reading, writing, speaking

**REFERENCES:**

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