

Josefina Flores Morales

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EDUCATION

- In **University of California, Los Angeles**, Dept. of Sociology, Doctoral candidate (PhD expected June 2023)
Prog. **Field exams:** *social demography* | *race/ethnicity*
Dissertation Title: *Excluded for a Lifetime? Immigration Status and Health Across the Life Course*
Committee: *Hiram Beltrán-Sánchez (co-chair), Vilma Ortiz (co-chair), Andrés Villarreal, and Ka-Yuet Liu*
- 2019 **University of California, Los Angeles**, M.A. in sociology
2016 **University of California, Los Angeles**, B.A. in psychology, public health minor

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study the social demography of Latinos in the U.S., and how short-term exposures to unequal conditions create long-term inequality.

PUBLICATIONS (*=graduate student co-author)

- 2022 Gaudamuz, J. S., Durazo-Arvizu, R. **Flores Morales, J.** and Qato, D. M. Citizenship Status and Mortality Among Latino Young Adults in the United States, 1998-2015. Forthcoming at the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*.
- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.**, Diaz C., Nobles, J., and J. Fletcher. Network Closure and Educational Mobility in Mexican Families. *Social Science Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102694>
- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** Aging and undocumented: The sociology of aging meets immigration status. *Sociology Compass* 15(4): e12859
- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** and F. Farago*. "Of course we need to help the undocumented immigrants!": Twitter discourse of COVID19 and undocumented immigrants and its implications. *Sociological Perspectives* 64(5): 765-785.
- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** and Y. Garcia*. Beyond undocumented: Differences in the mental health of Latinx undocumented college students. *Latino Studies* 19, 374–399.
- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** and M. Nkimbeng* (equal co-authorship). An Exploration of the Relationship between Diabetes and Depression among Immigrants in the United States. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*, 23(3): 444-451.
- 2020 Beltrán-Sánchez, H., Goldman, N. Pebley, A. R., and **Flores Morales, J.** 2020. Calloused Hands, Shorter Life? Occupation and Older Age Survival in Mexico. *Demographic Research*, 42(32).

Non-peer reviewed publications and reports

- 2022 Terriquez, V. and **Flores Morales, J.** The Undermobilization of Young Voters in California: Tapping the Potential to Build Youth Political Power. *UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center*.
- 2022 Reddy, V. and **Flores Morales, J.** Critical Condition: Prescriptions for Improving Transfer Pathways in the Health Professions. *Campaign for College Opportunity*.
- 2022 Enriquez, L. E. and **Flores Morales, J.** Apprehension and the aging of undocumented parents. *Generations*. [Link](#).
- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** Immigrants Age Too: Projections of the Magnitude of the U.S. Undocumented Adult Population. *Society of Actuaries Research Institute*. [Link](#).

- 2021 **Flores Morales, J.** Health Professions: Associate Degrees for Transfer in Health Majors at the Community Colleges and California State University System. *Campaign for College Opportunity*. [Link](#).
- 2019 **Flores Morales, J.** Aging knows no borders. *Public Health* Post op-ed. [Link](#).
- 2019 Aquino, S. **Flores Morales, J.** et al. Healthy Aging: A Conceptual Model of Community-based Solutions in the Face of Climate Change and Global Demographic Changes. *Community Development Review*. [Link](#).

Under review or working paper (WP)

Flores Morales, J., J. Kim (equal co-authorship), and E. Fong. Peer Effects on Educational outcomes: Evidence for Heterogeneous Effects Across Immigrant Generation. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Zang, E., **Flores Morales, J.** Luo, L. and Baid, D. Explaining Obesity Disparities by Urbanicity, 2006-2016: A Decomposition Analysis. Revise and resubmit at *Obesity*.

Flores Morales, J., Enriquez, L.E., and Ayón, Cecilia. Do ties protect? Status privilege, economic insecurity and the mental health of undocumented students in mixed-status families. Under review at *Journal of Family Issues*.

Flores Morales, J. Financial Security and Immigration Status: An Analysis of Net Worth in the United States Across Different Racial Ethnic Groups. Working Paper.

Flores Morales, J. Immigration Status and the Financial Resources of Older-age Latinx Population WP in prep. for *The Gerontologist*.

Flores Morales, J. and Beltrán-Sánchez, H. Opioid mortality, Latinxs and common explanations. Analysis underway- in prep. for *Demography*.

Flores Morales, J., Liu, K., and Beltrán-Sánchez, H. Immigration status and cardiovascular mortality in California. WP in prep. for *American Journal of Public Health*.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Graduate-level

- 2022-23 **Charles E. & Sue K. Young Graduate Award**, UCLA \$10,000
(Award given by the UCLA College Deans for exemplary academic achievement, research, and service)
- 2021-22 **Annuity Fellowship**, University of Wisconsin, Madison- Center for Financial Security, \$7,500
- 2021 **Dean's Fund for the Study of Diversity and Racial Inequality**, UCLA, \$5,000
- 2021-22 **Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship**, Society for the Study of Social Problems \$15,000
- 2021-22 **Extramural Mentored Fellowship**, University of Wisconsin, Madison- Center for Financial Security, \$40,000
- 2020-21 **Health Policy Research Scholars Dissertation Award**, \$10,000
- 2016-20 **Health Policy Research Scholars program**, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, \$120,000
- 2020-21 **Graduate Student Fellowship**, UC Collaborative to Promote Immigrant and Student Equity, \$7,000
- 2020-21 **Don Treiman Fellowship**, California Center for Population Research, UCLA, \$6,000
- 2020 **Graduate Research Mentorship Program**, UCLA, \$20,000 (\$17,000+ in fees)

- 2020 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program**, UCLA, \$6,000
- 2019-20 **Graduate Student Training Grants Competition**, UC Network on Child Health, Poverty and Public Policy, \$4,000
- 2020 **Graduate Fellow**, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education
- 2019-20 **Social Justice Graduate Fellow**, UCLA Institute of American Culture, \$3,300
- 2019-20 **Small Grant**, University of Wisconsin-Madison's Center for Financial Security, \$5,000
- 2012-22 **Scholarship**, Andres y Maria Cardenas Family Foundation, \$11,000 (total across years)
- 2019 **Travel Award**, William T. Grant Foundation for RC28 Conference \$1,500
- 2018 **Best Poster Award** (top 5% of posters), Population Association of America- "Immigrant Age too: Projections of the magnitude of the US Undocumented Adult Population"
- 2018 **Graduate Scholar Fellow**, American Voices Project, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, \$2,500
- 2018 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Program**, UCLA, \$6,000
- 2017 **Funded Participant**, Columbia Population Research Center and Center on Poverty and Social Poverty, Poverty Tracker Data Training.
- 2017 **Eugene V. Cota Robles fellow**, UCLA (tuition, fees, and stipend)
- 2016 **Helen Firstbrook Franklin Scholarship Program**, Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program (LACIS), University of Wisconsin- Madison (Full tuition, registration, fees, and stipend)

Undergraduate-level

- 2016 **Young Scholars Program**, Society for Research on Adolescence
- 2016 **Chancellor's Service Award**, UCLA
- 2016 **Best Poster Award**, UCLA Powell Research Week
- 2016 **Mexican-American Dream Scholarship**, Council of Mexican Federations, \$1,000
- 2016 **Professional Advancement Program Fellow**, Pre-Health Dreamers Health, \$1,000
- 2016 **Community Development of Social Justice Scholars Program**, UCLA, \$2,000
- 2015 **Psychology Research Opportunities Program**, UCLA Psychology Dept., \$2,000
- 2015 **Poster Award**, Council of University Directors of Clinical Psychology
- 2015 **Undergraduate Travel Grant**, UCLA Undergraduate Research Center
- 2013 **Janet Brown Memorial Scholarship**, UCLA Writing Success Program, \$1,000
- 2012 **NEW Leadership Southern California Fellow**, Scripps College
- 2012 **Scholarship**, Comision Femenil de San Fernando Valley, \$1,000
- 2012 **Rigoberto Ruelas Memorial Scholarship**, United Teachers Los Angeles, \$1,000

Awards and Honors

- 2022 **Faculty First Look Fellow**, New York University,
- 2020 **Alternate**, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2019 **Honorable Mention**, UCLA California Center for Population Research, Don Treiman Fellowship

- 2018 **Finalist**, Immigrants Rising Entrepreneurship Grant (17 of 200+ applicants)
2018 **Honorable Mention**, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **Population Association of America**, paper presentation, “The Kids Are (Not) Alright: Healthcare Access Before and After the Medical Expansion in 2016: An Analysis Using the California Health Interview Survey”
2021 **Population Association of America**, poster, “Deaths of Despair in the United States and Its Implications for the Mortality of Latinxs”
2018 **Population Association of America**, poster, “Immigrants Age, too: Projections of the Magnitude of the US Undocumented Adult Population”
2017 **Population Association of America**, paper presentation, “Network Closure and Educational Mobility in Mexican Families”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2021 **UndocuBruins Research Program Coordinator** - UCLA Academic Advancement Program (creating syllabus for research program, and 1-1 mentoring and teaching for an undergraduate research program)
2014-2016 **Undergraduate Teaching Assistant**- Fiat Lux on Undocumented Student Experience (w/ Prof. Susan Plann), UCLA

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present **Research Assistant**, UCLA Chicano Studies Research Institute
2020-2021 **Research Fellow**, The Campaign for College Opportunity
2019-2020 **Graduate Peer Mentor for Extramural Fellowships**, UCLA Graduate Division
2016-2017 **Graduate Research Assistant**, University of Wisconsin, Madison - Center for Demography and Ecology PI: Jenna Nobles, Ph.D.
2015-2016 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, Institute for Immigration, Globalization, and Education (at UCLA) PI: Carola Suárez-Orozco, Ph.D.
2014-2016 **Undergraduate Research Assistant**, UCLA Center for Mental Health in Schools. PI's: Howard Adelman, Ph.D. and Linda Taylor, Ph.D.
2015-2016 **Research Assistant**, Sentient Research (Research consultancy group based in Los Angeles)
2015-2016 **Research Assistant**, Children's Institute Inc. (non-profit mental health agency in Los Angeles)
2014-2015 **Citizenship Class Teacher**, Hermandad Mexicana Nacional (non-profit legal aid and immigration organization in Los Angeles)
2014-2015 **Workshop Project Director**, IDEAS at UCLA
2014-2016 **Psychology Peer Learning Facilitator**, Academic Advancement Program at UCLA (Academic retention program for minority undergraduate students)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Population Association of America
American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Pacific Sociological Association
International Sociology Association

SKILLS/LANGUAGES

Spanish (conversational)
STATA (advanced)
R (proficient)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2020 6th Annual Berkeley Workshop in Formal Demography- Bayesian Methods
- 2019 University of California Network on Child Health, Poverty, and Public Policy Summer School (travel and lodging award)
- 2019 Summer Institute on Migration Methods at Penn State University (travel and lodging award)
- 2019 University of Wisconsin Madison Center for Financial Security and Howard University's Center on Race and Wealth Junior Scholar Intensive Training (travel and lodging award)