

René D. Flores

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Appointments

- **Associate Professor** 2023-
Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
- **Neubauer Family Assistant Professor** 2018-2022
Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
- **Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellow** 2017-2018
Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
- **Assistant Professor** 2016-2017
Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research** 2014-2016
School of Public Health, University of Michigan

Education

- **Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy** 2014
Princeton University
 - Committee: Edward Telles (Chair), Douglas Massey, Miguel Centeno, and Devah Pager
- **M.A. in Sociology** 2011
Princeton University
 - Exams (with distinction): Social Stratification, Race & Ethnicity, and International Migration
- **B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies** 2007
University of California, Berkeley
 - Highest Distinction in General Scholarship, *Phi Beta Kappa*
- **A.A. in General Studies** 2005
San Diego City College

Research Interests

International Migration, Race and Ethnicity, Social Stratification, Public Opinion, Causal Inference, Spain, Latin America, and the U.S.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

(* indicates equal co-authorship and † indicates a student co-author.)

Flores, René D., María Vignau Loria (†), and Regina Martínez-Casas. *Forthcoming*. "Transitory vs. Durable Boundary Crossing: What Explains the Indigenous Population Boom in Mexico?" *American Journal of Sociology*.

Flores, René D. and Ariel Azar (†). *Forthcoming*. "Who are the 'immigrants'?": How whites' Diverse Perceptions of Immigrants Shape their Attitudes." *Social Forces*.

- Featured by The New York Times.

Grow, André, Daniela Perrotta, Emanuele Del Fava, Jorge Cimentada, Francesco Rampazzo, Sofia Gil-Clavel, Emilio Zagheni, **René D. Flores**, Ilana Ventura (†), and Ingmar Weber. *Forthcoming*. "How Reliable is Facebook's Advertising Data for Use in Social Science Research?" *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series A*.

Maghbouleh, Neda, Ariela Schachter, and **René D. Flores**. 2022. "Middle Eastern and North African Americans may not be Perceived, nor Perceive Themselves to be White." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 119, no. 7.

- Featured by National Public Radio and Newsweek.

Schachter, Ariela, **René D. Flores**, and Neda Maghbouleh. 2021. "Ancestry, Color, or Culture? How Whites Ethnoracially Classify Others in the U.S." *American Journal of Sociology* 126, no. 5.

- Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, 2022.

Flores, René D. and David Sulmont. 2020. "To be or not to be? Material Incentives and Indigenous Identification in Latin America." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 44, no. 14: 2658-2678.

Flores, René D. 2020. "'A Little More Ghetto, a Little Less Cultured': Are there Racial Stereotypes About Interracial Daters in the U.S.?" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. Vol. 6(2) 269-286.

Stewart, Ian, **René D. Flores**, Ingmar G. Weber, and Emilio Zagheni. 2019. "Rock, Rap, or Reggae-ton?: Assessing Mexican Immigrants' Cultural Assimilation Using Facebook Data." *Proceedings of the 2019 Web Conference*.

Flores, René D. and Ariela Schachter. 2019. "Are you an 'illegal'?": Examining Americans' Stereotypes about Immigrant Illegality." *Contexts*.

Flores, René D. and Ariela Schachter. 2018. "Who are the 'illegals'?": The Social Construction of Illegality in the U.S." *American Sociological Review*. 83, no. 5: 839-868.

- Lead article.
- Featured by National Public Radio, Los Angeles Times, Pacific Standard, The Chicago Maroon, The Society Pages, San Diego Union-Tribune, and Vox.

Flores, René D. 2018. "Can Elites Shape Public Attitudes Toward Immigrants?: Evidence from the 2016 U.S. Presidential Election." *Social Forces*. 96: 1649-1690.

- Featured on the Washington Post's *The Monkey Cage* (May 25, 2018), The Arizona Republic, FiveThirtyEight, and USA Today.

Flores, René D. 2018. "Interviewing in the Eye of the Storm: Do Local Anti-immigrant Policies Have Social Consequences?" *SAGE Research Methods Cases*.

Flores, René D. 2017. "Do Anti-immigrant Laws shape Public Sentiment?: A Study of Arizona's SB 1070 using Twitter data." *American Journal of Sociology*. 123, no. 2, 333-384.

- Lead article.
- Featured by The Hill, Public News Service, Science Daily, The Society Pages, and The Daily of the University of Washington.
- Louis Wirth Best Article Award, ASA International Migration Section, 2018.

- Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award, ASA Latina/o Sociology Section, 2018.
- ***Flores, René D.** and Robert Vargas. 2017. "The 2014 Medicaid Expansion and Ethnoracial Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 1-17.
- Flores, René D.** 2015a. "The Resurgence of Race in Spain: Perceptions of Discrimination Among Immigrants in Spain." *Social Forces*. 94: 237-269.
- Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award, ASA International Migration Section, 2013.
- Flores, René D.** 2015b. "Taking the Law Into their Own Hands: Do Local Anti-Immigrant Ordinances Increase Gun Sales?" *Social Problems*. 62, no. 3: 363-390.
- Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award, ASA International Migration Section, 2014.
 - Excerpted April 9, 2016 in *Contexts*, "Building Walls, Buying Guns."
- Telles, Edward, **René D. Flores** and Fernando Urrea. 2015. "Why Skin Color is Better than Ethnoracial Identification at Predicting Inequality in Latin America?" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*. Vol. 40, 39–58.
- Flores, René D.** 2014. "In the Eye of the Storm: How did Hazleton's Restrictive Immigration Ordinance Affect Local Interethnic Relations?" *American Behavioral Scientist*. Vol. 58(13) 1743–1763.
- Telles, Edward and **René D. Flores**. 2013. "Not Just Color: Whiteness, Nation, and Status in Latin America." *Hispanic American Historical Review*. Vol. 93.
- Flores, René D.** and Edward Telles. 2012. "Social Stratification in Mexico: Disentangling Color, Ethnicity, and Class." *American Sociological Review*. 77:4 86–94. [Comment on Villareal 2010.]

Book Chapters

- Flores, René D.** *Forthcoming*. "What Are the Social Consequences of Immigrant Scapegoating by Political Elites?" in *Trump Paradox: Immigration, Trade, and Racial Politics in U.S.-Mexico Relations*, edited by Edward Telles and Raúl Hinojosa. University of California Press.
- Martínez Casas, Regina, Emiko Saldívar, **René D. Flores**, and Christina Sue. 2014. "The Different Faces of Mestizaje: Ethnicity and Race in Mexico" in Edward Telles (ed) *Pigmentocracies: Ethnicity, Race and Color in Latin America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.
- Telles, Edward and **René D. Flores**. 2014. "A Reassessment of Ethnicity and Race in Latin America with PERLA findings" in Edward Telles (ed) *Pigmentocracies: Ethnicity, Race and Color in Latin America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press.
- Centeno, Miguel Angel, Jose Miguel Cruz, **René D. Flores**, and Gustavo Silva Cano. 2012. "Internal Wars and Latin American Nationalism," in John A. Hall and Sinisa Malasevic (eds) *Nationalism and War*. Cambridge University Press.

Book Reviews

- Flores, René D.** 2021. Review of *Organizing While Undocumented: Immigrant Youth's Political Activism Under the Law* by Kevin Escudero (NYU Press 2020) in *American Journal of Sociology* 126(6): XX.
- Flores, René D.** 2019. Review of *From Deportation to Prison: The Politics of Immigration Enforcement in Post-Civil Rights America* by Patrisia Macías-Rojas (NYU Press 2016) in *American Journal of Sociology* 125(2): XX.

Works In Progress

Flores, René D., Lucas G. Drouhot, and Michael Gaddis. "Are Race, Class, and Gender Stereotypes Intersectional?: An Inductive Experimental Approach."

Ventura, Ilana (†) and **Flores, René D.** "The Rise of Multiracials? Understanding Multiracial Identification in the 2000-2020 U.S. Census."

Flores, René D. and Christina Sue. "Can States Shape Popular Meanings of Race? Qualitative and Experimental Evidence from Mexico."

Fellowships and Research Grants

Extramural

2023 Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University.

2017 Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin.

2014 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research Fellowship, University of Michigan.

2014 Ford Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, National Research Council of the National Academies, *Declined*.

2014 National Center for Institutional Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, *Declined*.

2013 Ford Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, National Research Council of the National Academies, *Alternate*.

2012 Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship Award, Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan/ASA Methodology section.

2011 Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, Social Science Research Council.

2009 American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship.

2009 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.

2008 The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans.

2008 Paul Merage Foundation for the American Dream Fellowship.

2006 USA Funds- Access to Education Scholarship.

2006 Hispanic College Fund Scholarship.

2005 AFL-CIO Union Plus Student Scholarship.

Intramural

2022 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Society Research Award, University of Chicago.

2020 Provost's Global Faculty Awards, University of Chicago.

2020 Center for International Social Science Research Faculty Fellowship, University of Chicago.

2013 Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.

2013 Dean's Fund Travel Grant, Graduate School, Princeton University.
2012 Dissertation Research Grant, Sociology Department, Princeton University.
2012 Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.
2012 Dissertation Research Grant, Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.
2012 Hanna Fund Travel Grant, Graduate School, Princeton University.
2011 Research Grant, Joint Degree Program in Social Policy, Princeton University.
2010 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.
2010 Summer Research Grant, Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University.
2009 William Ebenstein Student Research Award, Princeton Program in Latin American Studies.
2008 Presidential Fellowship, Princeton University.
2007 Haas Scholars Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
2007 McNair Scholars Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
2007 Center for Latino Policy Research Grant, UC Berkeley.
2007 Academic Opportunity Fund, Associated Students of the University of California.
2007 Bears Breaking Boundaries Grant, UC Berkeley.
2006 Doreen B. Townsend Center GROUP Fellowship, UC Berkeley.

Awards and Honors

2022 Oliver Cromwell Cox Article Award, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.
2018 Louis Wirth Best Article Award, ASA International Migration Section.
2018 Distinguished Contribution to Research Article Award, ASA Latina/o Sociology Section.
2018 2017-2018 Blackmar lecturership, Sociology Department, University of Kansas.
2017 Faculty Award for Scholarly Achievement, Latino Center for Health, University of Washington.
2014 National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) Exemplary Dissertation Scholar, University of Michigan.
2014 Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association.
2013 Aristide Zolberg Student Scholar Award, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association.
2011 Distinction on Qualifying Exams, Department of Sociology, Princeton University.
2007 Highest Honors, Interdisciplinary Studies, UC Berkeley.
2007 Highest Distinction in General Scholarship, College of Letters & Science, UC Berkeley.
2007 Phi Beta Kappa.
2007 Golden Key Honors Society.

Research Positions

2008-2013 Research Assistant, Sociology Department, Princeton University, Edward Telles

2010-2011 Research Assistant, Sociology Department, Princeton University, Miguel Centeno
2008-2009 Research Assistant, Center for International Relations, El Colegio de México, Sergio Aguayo
2006-2007 Research Assistant, School of Journalism, UC Berkeley, Lydia Chavez

Additional Training

2016 *Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data*, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Chapel Hill, NC.
2015 *Causal Inference*, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI.
2012 *Advanced Regression Techniques*, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI.

Teaching Experience

2020 (spring) "Morrissey's America: Contemporary Social Problems," University of Chicago, Sociology Department.
2020 (spring) "Global Societies III," University of Chicago, Sociology Department.
2019 (fall) "Immigrant America," University of Chicago, Sociology Department.
2019 (fall) "Sociology of Immigration," University of Chicago, Sociology Department.
2016 (fall) "Immigrant America," University of Washington, Sociology Department.
2016 (fall) "Immigration and Ethnicity," University of Washington, Sociology Department.
2011-2014 Statistical consultant for Princeton sociology undergraduate students.
2009 (spring) Teaching Assistant, Princeton University Department of Sociology SOC 315/LAS 315: Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism in Latin America, Professor Edward Telles.
2009 (fall) Teaching Assistant, Princeton University Department of Sociology SOC 331/LAS 330: Social Exclusion in Latin America, Professor Edward Telles.

Advising

Doctoral Dissertation Committee Member

2022 Caroline Martinez - SOC (University of California, Irvine).
2021 Johan Rocha - CHD (University of Chicago).
2019 Marta Ascherio - SOC (University of Texas at Austin).
2019 Karen Lee - SOC (University of Texas at Austin).
2018 Sophie Fajardo - SOC (University of Chicago).
2018 Ilana Ventura - SOC (University of Chicago).

Master Thesis, University of Chicago

2022 Matin Jaafari (International Relations) Climate Change and Migration Decisions in Germany.
2021 Zoe Catz Johnson (Social Science) Attitudes towards Economic Self-Reliance.

- 2021** Aida Revilla (Social Science) Mental Health Awareness and Practices of Mexican Americans.
- 2020** Sophie Liu (Social Science) Threat Cues and Immigration Attitudes.
- 2020** Tatiana Hernandez (Social Science) Support for Punitive State Policies in El Salvador.
- 2019** Olivia Rosenzweig (International Relations) Arabic Language Decline Amongst Mizrahi Jews in Israel.

Undergraduate Senior Thesis, University of Chicago

- 2022** Laura Sandino - Social Class and Neighborhood Activism in Chicago.
- 2022** Natalia Medina - Socio-legal analysis of the Dream Act.
- 2021** Alexandra Florentino - The Pop Cultural Border War.
- 2021** Alexandra Patzakis - Examining the impact of photography in the era of social media.
- 2021** Bianca Munguia - Second generation Latinos in Dalton, GA.
- 2021** Eseme Segbefia - The Identities of Nigerian and Ghanaian American College Students.
- 2021** Isa Reyes - The Ethnic and Racial Identities of Dominican Americans in NYC.
- 2020** Berenice Martinez - Legal Violence and the Voices Act.
- 2020** Shreya Reddy - Spending Habits in Indian and Chinese Immigrants to the United States.
- 2019** Hanna Batlan - Impacts of gentrification on ethnic restaurants in Oakland, California.
- 2019** Karla Ruiz - Political Views of Puerto Ricans after Hurricane Maria.
- 2019** Nicolas Villar - Street-level activity and crime in Chicago.
- 2019** Romina Vargas Bezzubikoff - Impacts of local immigration policies in Kansas.

Undergraduate Senior Thesis, University of Washington

- 2017** Edwin Pereira - Mass incarceration and immigration in Washington State.
- 2017** Rachel Sanders - Reexamining Hispanic Immigrants' Health Paradox.

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, University of Michigan

- 2014-2015** Kali Vitek - racial stereotypes and dating in the U.S.
- 2014-2015** Meredith Wiles - racial stereotypes and dating in the U.S.

Professional Activities

External Service

- 2021-2024** Associate Editor, American Journal of Sociology.
- 2021-2024** Editorial Board Member, American Sociological Review.
- 2021-2022** Committee Member, Structural Racism and Rigorous Models of Social Inequity task force, National Academy of Sciences.
- 2022** Session Organizer and Chair, Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- 2021** Cristina Maria Riegos Distinguished Student Paper Award Committee Chair, Latino Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2020-2024** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive Committee, Population Association of America.
- 2019** Annual Conference Program Committee, section on Migration and Urbanization, Population Association of America.
- 2019-2022** Council Member, Latino Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2019** Cristina Maria Riegos Distinguished Student Paper Award Committee Chair, Latino

Section, American Sociological Association.

2018 Presider, International Migration Section Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2018 Discussant, Panel on "Migration Policy and Enforcement in Local Context," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.

2014-2015 Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award Committee Chair, International Migration Section, American Sociological Association.

2013 Presider, Latino Section Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

2010-2021 Occasional Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *National Science Foundation*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Demography*, *Sociological Science*, *Latin American Research Review*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Work and Occupation*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*, *The Milbank Quarterly*, *Ethnography*, *Poetics*, *Race and Social Problems*, *International Migration*, *Contexts*, *Comparative Migration Studies*, and *Current Sociology*.

Internal Service

2022-2023 Member, Instructional Faculty Hiring Committee, Program in Computational Social Science, University of Chicago.

2021-2024 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.

2021-2022 Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.

2020-2021 Member, Fulbright Selection Committee, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago.

2019-2020 Member, Senior Faculty Hiring Committee on Culture and Organizations, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.

2019-2020 Member, Chair Nominating Committee, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.

2019-2020 Member, Strategic Hiring Committee, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.

2018-2019 Member, Chair Nominating Committee, Sociology Department, University of Chicago.

2017-2018 Member, Faculty Hiring Committee, Sociology Department, University of Washington.

2016-2017 Faculty Member, Executive Committee, Sociology Department, University of Washington.

2016-2017 Faculty Member, Ad Hoc Exploratory Hiring Committee, Sociology Department, University of Washington.

2015-2016 Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP), Community Advisory Board Member, University of Michigan.

2012-2013 Center for Migration and Development Senior Thesis Award Committee.

2010-2011 Graduate Student Representative, Executive Committee of the Center for Migration

and Development, Princeton University.

2010-2011 President, Latino Graduate Student Association, Princeton University.

2009-2010 Vice-President, Latino Graduate Student Association, Princeton University.

2008-2009 Graduate Student Representative, Executive Committee of the Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University.

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Sociological Association (section memberships: International Migration, Methodology, and Latina/o Sociology), Population Association of America (2013), Eastern Sociological Society (2011), and Latin American Studies Association (2011).