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Academic Employment

2025-2027 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Watson School for International and Public Affairs, and Affiliated Fellow with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Studies, Brown University

Education

Ph.D. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (2025)
Sociology Dissertation Committee: Douglas Massey (chair), Mitchell Duneier, Filiz Garip, Kim Lane Scheppele, Jason De León (UCLA)

M.A. Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (2020)
Sociology

B.A. Colby College, Waterville, ME (2015)
Government *Magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa
Philosophy (minor) Honors and distinction in major

Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of migration, US immigration policy, Mexican and Central American migration, social theory, qualitative methods, ethnography

Peer-Reviewed Publications

O'Neill, Shelby. 2022. "The Tradeoff of Temporariness: Economic and Social Impacts of H-2A Status on Mexican Migrant Men." *International Migration Review* 56(4): 1206-1235.

Under Review

“Ghosts of the Border: Mexican Migration and the Enduring Effects of Punitive Policy” (R&R at *American Sociological Review*)

“Mourning and Moral Boundaries: Cartel Violence in a Rural Mexican Community” (R&R at *Social Forces*)

“Parallel Longings: Immobility and Contemporary Mexican Migration” (R&R at *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*)

In Progress

Book manuscript: *Bury Me with My People*

“Distinct Departures: Leaving Home in a New System of Mexican Migration”

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, Brown University
IAPA 1700J Mexican Migration and US Immigration Policy

Teaching Certificate, Brown University Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning

Teaching Assistant, Princeton University
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 302 Social Theory

Writing Tutor, Colby College Farnham Writers’ Center

Awards and Honors

2020	Marvin Bressler Sociology Graduate Student Teaching Award, Princeton University
2015	Albert A. Mavrinac Prize in Political Science, Colby College
2015	John Alden Clark Memorial Prize in Philosophy, Colby College
2015	Phi Beta Kappa
2014	Laurie Peterson Memorial Prize for the Outstanding Junior Government Major, Colby College
2014	Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society
2011-2015	William D. Adams Presidential Scholar, Colby College

Fellowships and Grants

2024	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$10,000)
2022	Princeton Sociology Dissertation Grant (\$1,000)
2021	Kathryn Davis Fellowship (\$10,000)

Invited Presentations

2026	Guest Instructor for “Sociology from E-Street: Bruce Springsteen’s America,” Princeton University
2026	“Parallel Longings: Immobility and Contemporary Mexican Migration,” Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University
2025	Guest Instructor for “Sociology from E-Street: Bruce Springsteen’s America,” Princeton University

Professional Service

Reviewer: *Social Forces*

Departmental Service

2019-2020	Princeton Sociology Graduate Student Advisory Council
2019-2020	Princeton Sociology Professional Development Coordinator

Memberships

2024- 2019	American Sociological Association Field Researcher, Mexican Migration Project
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Languages

Bilingual (English and Spanish)

References

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