

# René D. Flores

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## Appointments

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- **Neubauer Family Assistant Professor** 2018-  
*Department of Sociology, University of Chicago*
- **Donald D. Harrington Faculty Fellow** 2017-2018  
*Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin*
- **Assistant Professor** 2016-2018  
*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

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- **Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy** 2014  
*Princeton University*
- **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*

## Dissertation

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"The Social Consequences of Restrictive Immigration Policies in the U.S."  
Committee: Edward Telles (Chair), Douglas Massey, Miguel Centeno and Devah Pager.

## Research Interests

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

## Publications

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### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

(\* indicates equal co-authorship)

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.

**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 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.

\***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**

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.

### **Manuscripts Under Review**

**Flores, René D.** and Ariela Schachter. "Who are the 'illegals'?": The Social Construction of Illegality in the U.S."

**Flores, René D.** "A Little More Ghetto, a Little Less Cultured: Are there Racial Stereotypes About Interracial Daters in the U.S.?"

- Revise & Resubmit, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*.

**Flores, René D.** "Sticky Boundaries: Do Immigrants in Europe Feel Discriminated Against due to their Religion or Race?"

### *Works In Progress*

**Flores, René D.** and Regina Martínez-Casas. "Shifting Ethnic Lines? The Unexpected Rise of Indigeneity in Mexico."

**Flores, René D.** and David Sulmont. "Can Non-Ethnic Factors Shape Indigenous Identity in Latin America?: Evidence from National Survey Experiments."

Schachter, Ariela, **René D. Flores**, and Neda Maghbouleh. "Still One Drop of Blood?: the New Rules of Racial Classification in the U.S."

**Flores, René D.** and Edward Telles. "The Concept of Race in Contemporary Latin America."

### **Fellowships and Research Grants**

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#### *Extramural*

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

**2014** Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy Research Fellowship.

**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*

- 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**

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- 2018 Louis Wirth Best Article Award, ASA International Migration 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

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- 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

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- 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

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- 2016 (fall)** SOC 201A, "Immigrant America," University of Washington, Sociology Department.  
**2016 (fall)** SOC 467, "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

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### *Dissertation Committee Member, University of Washington*

- 2017** Savannah Larimore - SOC.  
**2017** Anne Tseng - SOC.

### *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

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### *External Service*

**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.

**2010-2017** Occasional Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *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*, *Ethnography*, *Race and Social Problems*, *International Migration*, *Contexts*, *Comparative Migration Studies*, and *Current Sociology*.

### *Internal Service*

**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).

## References

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