

# JESSICA CARMEN VILLASEÑOR

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## EDUCATION

*University of Chicago, Chicago, IL*  
PhD, Sociology

*Expected 2020*

Dissertation Title: “‘Quiero Vivir en mi Fantasía’: The Social World of Youth in Street Situations in Mexico City”

Committee: Omar McRoberts (Co-Chair), Marco Garrido (Co-Chair), Jenny Trinitapoli, Yanilda Gonzalez

Masters of Arts, Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*March 2013*

Thesis: “Homeless Identities: Presentation of Self in Street Interactions”

*Pomona College, Claremont, CA*

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Politics  
*Cum Laude*

*June 2011*

Thesis: “Pertener: How Latinos/as Negotiate Sense of Belonging in Higher Education”

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequality/Stratification

Latin American Cities

Urban Sociology

Sociology of Childhood/Youth

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Social Sciences Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of Chicago 2019

Graduate Council Travel Grant, University of Chicago 2019

Center For Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship, Finalist 2019

Ford Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2018

NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant 2017

Social Sciences Division Travel Grant, University of Chicago 2017

Center for the Study of Race, Culture, and Politics Graduate Travel Grant,  
University of Chicago 2016

Global Graduate Internship Award, University of Chicago 2015

Ford Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention 2011, 2013

SSD Five-Year Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago 2011

William Lincoln Honnold Fellowship, Pomona College	2011
Distinction in Sociology, Pomona College	2011
Dept. of Education Ronald E. McNair Scholar	2010-2011
Summer Undergraduate Research Grant, Pomona College	2010

## RESEARCH

Villaseñor, J. "Research with Vulnerable Populations: On Gaining Access and Building Trust with Homeless Youth" (In Progress)

Villaseñor, J. "Rights Brokers and Gatekeepers: Non-Profit Organizations in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mexico City" (In Progress)

Villaseñor, J. "Maternal Health Education and Interventions." White Paper prepared for non-profit organization Health Gives Hope (2015)

Villaseñor, J. "Homeless Identities: Presentation of Self in Street Interactions" (2014)

Villaseñor, J. "Pertener: How Latinos/as Negotiate Sense of Belonging in Higher Education" (2011)

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

**Villaseñor, J** (2019) "Rights Brokers and Gatekeepers: Non-Profit Organizations and Chavos de la Calle in Mexico City" Workshop on Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Chicago

**Villaseñor, J** (2019). "Rights Brokers and Gatekeepers: Non-Profit Organizations and Chavos de la Calle in Mexico City " Latin American Studies Association 2019 Congress, Boston, MA  
\*Panel Organizer

**Villaseñor, J** (2019). "Stemming the tide of the *City in Movement*: The role of social groups in the lives of youth in street situations in Mexico City " Invited Speaker Trinity College, Hartford, CT

**Villaseñor, J** (2018). "*La Paradoja de Apoyo: Como las instituciones respeta y no los derechos de NNA en situación de calle*/The Paradox of Aid: The ways institutions respect and infringe upon the rights of youth in street situations" Invited speaker at RIDIACC Second Forum on Inclusion and Rights of Youth in street situations in Mexico City at the Human Rights Commission of Mexico City, Mexico City, MX

**Villaseñor, J** (2018). "*The Structure of Programs and Youth in Street Situations.*" Invited speaker at workshop, "Creating Youth-led Programs for NNA in Street Situations," Mexico City, MX

**Villaseñor, J.** (2010). 24th Annual Ronald E. McNair Commemorative Conference, "Pertener: How Latinos/as Negotiate Sense of Belonging in Higher Education," North Carolina A&T, Greensboro, NC

**Villaseñor, J.** (2010). First Annual McNair Research Conference, “Perteneceer: How Latinos/as Negotiate Sense of Belonging in Higher Education,” Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Urban Health, *Spring 2015*, Graduate Teaching Assistant to Professor Kathleen Cagney

Social Structure and Change, *Winter 2015*, Graduate Teaching Assistant to Professor Marco Garrido

Educational Organization and Social Inequality, *Winter 2015*, Graduate Teaching Assistant to Professors Charles Bidwell and Sara Stoelinga

Urban Structure and Process, *Winter 2014*, Graduate Teaching Assistant to Professor Forrest Stuart

Sociology of Deviant Behavior, *Fall 2013*, Graduate Teaching Assistant to Professor Kristen Schilt

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE WORK

**Mentor**, Mentor Matching Engine, Illinois Science and Technology Institute, *2018-Present*

**Student Coordinator**, Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago, *2013-2014*

**President**, Society for Social Research, University of Chicago, *2012-2013*

*Studying Culture in the 21st Century: Methods, Applications, and New Directions*. Spring Institute Department of Sociology Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, *Spring 2013*. **Conference Coordinator**

*Is College For Everyone?*; Dr. Paul Lingenfelter, Dr. Robert Lerman, Dr. Steven Brint, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, *Spring 2010*, **Presentation Moderator**

*The Future of Journalism*; Richard Perez-Peña, Hugo Martin, Dr. Geneva Overholser, Pomona College, Claremont, CA, *Fall 2009*, **Coordinator/Moderator**

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (2012-Present)

Latin American Studies Association (2018-Present)

American Journal of Sociology, *Academic Journal Reviewer*

## LANGUAGES

English: Native

Spanish: Advanced Proficiency