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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Demography, University of Pennsylvania, 2005

Dissertation: *Selection, Adaptation and Vulnerability of Internal Forced Migrants: A Case Study in Bogotá, Colombia*. Prof. Douglas S. Massey (Chair), Prof. Jere Behrman, Prof. Janice Madden, Prof. David Lindstrom

M.A., Public Policy, Georgetown University, 2000

B.A. Honors in Economics, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, 1996

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Florida International University, August 2005-Present

Visiting Research Assistant, Office of Population Research, Princeton University, January 2004-July 2005

Visiting Researcher, Research Center for Social Dynamics, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Bogotá Colombia, August 2003-December 2003

Research Assistant, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, June 2001-July 2003

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, September 2000-May 2001

Research Assistant, Department of Demography, Georgetown University, January 2000-July 2000

Teaching Assistant, Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University, September 1999-May 2000

Staff Assistant, Center for Intercultural Education and Development, Georgetown University, June 1999-December 1999

Administrative Officer, Purchasing Department, Ministry of Finance, State Government of Tabasco, Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico April 1996-July 1998

Analyst, Price and Tariffs Office, Secretary of Finance, Mexico City, January 1995-December 1995

Teaching Assistant, Department of Economics, Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México, Mexico City, January 1994-December 1994

PUBLICATIONS

Massey, Douglas S. y Maria Aysa (2007) "Capital Social y Migración Internacional de América Latina" in *Migración Internacional y Desarrollo en América Latina y el Caribe* edited by Paula Leite, Susana Zamora y Luis Acevedo, Consejo Nacional de Población, México. pp. 469-518

Aysa, Maria (2007) "Diaspora Philanthropy: The Colombian Experience" in *Diaspora Philanthropy: New Roles and Emerging Models* edited by Paula D Johnson. The Philanthropic Initiative, Inc. and The Global Equity Initiative, Harvard University, Boston

Aysa, Maria (2006) "Diferencias en el bienestar entre grupos migratorios. Estudio de Caso en tres áreas en Bogotá" in *Dinámicas migratorias recientes. Movilidad, desplazamiento y retorno en Colombia*, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Cuaderno CIDS, Serie Azul III, No 6.

Aysa, Maria (2005) "Dominican and Mexican Labor Migrants to the United States: Are they Alike?" Scientific Series on International Migration of Population: Russia and Contemporary World Vol. 15, Moscow State "Lomonosov" University, Moscow pp.20-37

Aysa, Maria (2005) "La Experiencia Migratoria y los Beneficiarios de Remesas de Trabajadores del Exterior en el Área Metropolitana Centro Occidente: en Memorias del Seminario Migración Internacional, el Impacto y las Tendencias de las Remesas en Colombia" Organización Internacional para las Migraciones, Bogotá, Colombia pp. 41-56

Baca, Jorge, Anne Kohler, Lina Marquez and Maria Aysa (2005) "Metodología de la Encuesta de Beneficiarios de Remesas de Trabajadores en Instituciones Cambiarias de Colombia" Cuaderno 1 del *Estudio sobre Migración Internacional y Remesas* en Colombia, OIM, Bogotá, Colombia, pp. 140

Aysa, María and Douglas S. Massey (2004). "Wives Left Behind: The Labor Market Behavior of Women in Migrant Communities" in *Crossing the Border. Research from the Mexican Migration Project* edited by Jorge Durand and Douglas S. Massey, Russell Sage Foundation, New York, pp. 172-190.

Wong, Rebeca y María Aysa-Lastra (2001) Aging and Health in México: an integral view, *Estudios Demográficos y de Desarrollo Urbano*, Vol. 16 (3), pp. 519-544. (in Spanish)

Under Review

Massey, Douglas S. and Maria Aysa, "Social Capital and International Migration from Latin America", *American Journal of Sociology*

Aysa, Maria "La Emigración Contemporánea del Colombianos al Exterior y su Impacto en las Áreas de Origen y Destino" in *Colombia Transnacional*, edited by Ana Maria Bidegain y Eduardo Guarnido, Ed. Taurus, Bogotá, Colombia

PRESENTATIONS

Dimensions of Stigma, Sexual Behavior and HIV transmission knowledge among an urban college population in South Florida, Cultures in Context: HIV and Substance Abuse Research in the Southeast. The impact of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, religion and the rural/urban divide in the southeastern United States. Meharry University, June 12-13 2008

Productive Remittances in Comparative Perspective, Publication Colloquium, Center for the Americas, Vanderbilt University, May 5-6 2008

Sociodemographic Profile of the Colombian International Migration to the US. LASA 2007 International Congress, September 5-8, Montreal Canada

Labor Adaptation of the Internally Displaced Population, PAA Annual Meeting, Poster Presentation, PAA Annual Meeting, New York, NY March 29-31, 2007

Remittances and Changing Gender Power Relations in Recipient Households, Oral Presentation, PAA Annual Meeting, New York, NY March 29-31, 2007

Demographic Bonus and Aging in Latin America, Universidad Juarez Autonoma de Tabasco, Villahermosa, Tabasco, March 26, 2007

Determinants of International Migration from and to the Mexican Southern Border: A case study of the municipalities of Balancan and Tenosique, Public Forum on international migration from Central and South America to Mexico, Tenosique, Tabasco, Mexico, March 8 2007

Domestic Violence in Immigrant Communities. Understanding the Problem and Looking for Solutions, Latin American and Caribbean Center – Colombian Studies Center, Florida International University, Miami, FL, January 19, 2007

Remitters, Beneficiaries and Changing Gender Roles: The Case of Contemporary Colombian Migration from the Coffee Region. II Coloquio de Migracion y Desarrollo, Cocoyoc, Morelos, Mexico, October 25-28, 2006

Sending Money Home: Colombian Contemporary Migration Social Capital and Remittances in the Coffee Region, Latin American Studies Association Meetings, San Juan, March 14, 2006

Gender Differentials in Labor Adaptation among Migrant Groups: A Case Study of Forced Migrants in Colombia, Population Association of America Meeting, Los Angeles, April 1, 2006

Sending Money Home: Colombian Contemporary Migration and Differential Remittance Behavior: A comparison of Spain and the US, Population Association of America Meeting, Los Angeles, April 1, 2006

Remesas Colectivas: Una herramienta para el desarrollo de las comunidades, Cátedra de las Américas, Febrero 9 2006, Barranquilla Colombia

Perfil Sociodemográfico de la Población Colombiana en Estados Unidos en 2000, Cátedra de las Américas, Febrero 9 2006, Barranquilla Colombia

Social Capital and International Migration from Latin America, paper presented in collaboration with Prof. Douglas S. Massey, UN Expert Meeting on International Migration and Development, December 3 2005, Mexico City

Labor Assimilation of Internally Displaced Persons: A Case Study of Bogotá, Colombia, Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, March 19 2005, Washington DC

Forced Migration Effects on Gender and Household Composition: A Case Study of the Internally Displaced Persons to Bogotá, Colombia, Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, March 18 2005, Washington DC

Self-Selection and Well-being Differentials: A Case Study in Bogotá, Colombia, Research Seminar Series at the Sussex Centre for Migration Research, University of Sussex, January 19, 2005, Brighton, UK

Las Remesas en Colombia: Caracterización de los Remitentes, los Beneficiarios y los Patrones de Uso. XXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, October 7-9 2004, Las Vegas, NV.

Methodological Design of the Study on International Migration and Remittances in Colombia. Colombian Conference on Migration, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, April 2004, Boston, Massachusetts

Well-being differentials among migration groups: A case study of three areas in Bogotá, Colombia. Public Policy Paper prepared for the Fellows Program in Population Policy Communication and presented at the Population Reference Bureau Workshop during the Population Association of America Meetings, March 2004, Boston, Massachusetts

Theories, Techniques and Tendencies in the Study of International Migration. Manuel Ancizar Lecture, National University of Colombia, February 2004, Bogotá, Colombia.

Labor Migration Differentials to the US. A Comparative Study of Mexican and Dominican Migrants. Paper presented at the 7th Meeting of the Mexican Society of Demographers, December 2003, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

Methodological Design of the Colombian Survey on Forced Migration. Paper presented at the Lecture Series in Population, Center for the Study of Social Dynamics, Universidad Externado de Colombia, September 2003, Bogotá, Colombia.

Quasi-experimental Design in the Study of Forced Migration. Paper presented at the Conference of the Colombian Society of Regional and Urban Researchers (ACIUR), October 2003, Bogotá, Colombia

Socioeconomic Well-Being and Migration: A case study of the three zones in Bogotá, Colombia. Poster presented at the 2003 Meetings of the Population Association of America, May 2003, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Determinants of the Dominican Labor Migration to the US, Latin American Migration Project Meeting, April 2003, Costa Rica

Mexican and Dominican Migrants to the US. Are they Alike? Paper presented at the 24th Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, March 2003, Dallas, Texas.

Wives Left Behind. Labor Market Behavior of Mexican and Dominican Women in the Areas of Origin. Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences, June 2002, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Wives Left Behind. Labor Market Behavior of Mexican Women at the Origin. Paper presented at the Second Binational Mexico-US Migration Meeting, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, March 2002

Disability Free Life Expectancy by Socioeconomic strata in Mexico for the year 2000. Paper presented at the 23rd Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, September 2001, Washington D.C.

Submissions under Consideration

Analyzing the determinants of HIV/AIDS-related stigma in a Latino college population, APHA 2008

OTHER RELATED RESEARCH

Determinants of Mexican Labor Migration to the US. Public Policy Practicum. Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University, May 2000, Washington, D.C.

Poverty Line for the Rivers Zone. Laureate Bachelor of Art Thesis. Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM), March 1996, Mexico City

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Research Fellowship Summer 2007-Present, Center for U.S. Latino and Drug Abuse, Florida International University
Graduate Fellowship 2000-2004, Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania
Travel Grant Fall 2004, Session Organizer XXV LASA Conference, Mellon Foundation-University of Pennsylvania
Research Fellowship 2003-2004, Program in Population Policy Communication, Population Reference Bureau
Graduate Fellowship 2000-2003, National Council of Science and Technology, Mexico
Graduate Fellowship 1998-2000, Georgetown Public Policy Institute, Georgetown University
Graduate Fellowship 1998-2000, Institute of International Education, Mexico
Graduate Fellowship 1998-2000, Banco de México (Central Bank), Mexico

RESEARCH GRANTS

Research Grant 2006, Latin American and Caribbean Center, Florida International University,
“Domestic Violence in Immigrant Households “

Doctoral Dissertation Grant 2004-2005, Population Studies Center-Mellon Foundation, University of Pennsylvania,

“Integration of Internally Displaced Population to Urban Areas: A case study in Bogota, Colombia”
 Research Grant 2002-2003, Population Studies Center-Mellon Foundation, University of Pennsylvania,
 “Colombian Survey on Forced Migration”

Submissions under Consideration

Research Grant (submitted January 25, 2008), Faculty Research Support Program, Florida International University
 “South American Immigrant Organizations in the United States”

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator (Consultant), International Organization for Migration, Colombia Mission
 “Colombian International Migration and Remittances Study”

ADVISING AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor , Florida International University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology
 Social Science Research Methods and Analysis, Graduate level (Spring 2008, Spring 2007)
 Research Methods II, Graduate level (Spring 2006)
 Research Methods I, Graduate level (Fall 2005)
 Research Methods, Undergraduate level (Spring 2008, Fall 2007)
 Social Problems, Undergraduate level (Fall 2007, Summer 2007)
 Population and Environment / Population and Society, Undergraduate level (Spring 2006, Spring 2007)
 Race and Ethnicity, Undergraduate level (Summer 2008)

Participation in dissertation or theses committees

Donneth Crooks, Ph.D. Comparative Sociology
 “Understanding Vulnerability in the Jamaican Elderly Population: The Development of an Index”

Francisco Sastre, Ph.D. Comparative Sociology
 “Living Positive: Life in Community among Puerto Ricans Men Living with HIV/AIDS in Boston”

Dusan Ugrina, Ph.D. Comparative Sociology
 “Integration: Theory, Indices, Reality”

Jasney Cogua, Ph.D. Comparative Sociology
 “Through the Prisms of Gender and Power: Agency in International Courtship between Colombian Women and American Men”

Jorge Eduardo Yi, M.A. Latin American Studies, 2008
 “Liability of Foreignness and Multinational Banking in Peru”

Leslie Brooke Wooldridge, M.A. Latin American Studies, 2007
 “Colombian Remittances and Development in their Regional Context”

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Florida International University
 College of Arts and Sciences: Curriculum Committee Representative
 Department of Sociology and Anthropology: Curriculum Committee Member
 Department of Environmental Studies: Affiliated Faculty
 Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center: Faculty Advisory Board Member
 Women’s Studies Program: Affiliated Faculty
 Colombian Studies Institute: Senior Researcher

United Nations Fund for Population Activity, Consultant, May 2007-Present

Session Reviewer, American Society for Public Administration, Annual 2009 Conference, Miami, March 20-24 2009

Session Organizer XXVII Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Montreal Canada, September 5-8, 2007

Session Organizer XXVI Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, PR, March 14-16, 2006

Session Organizer XXV Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Las Vegas, NV, October 7-9, 2004

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
Latin American Studies Association
Mexican Society of Demography

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