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**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

2016 - Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver

**EDUCATION**

2016	Ph.D.	The University of California, Irvine	Sociology
2005	J.D.	Boston University	Law
2000	M.A.	Stanford University	Education
1999	B.A.	Stanford University	English, Chicana/o Studies <i>Honors in Education</i>

**RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

Race & Ethnicity, Immigration, Latina/o Sociology, Law and Society, Education, Social Movements, Qualitative Research Methods.

**REFEREED ARTICLES**

ND Burciaga, Edelina M. and Aaron Malone. Forthcoming. "Intensified Liminal Legality: The Impact of the DACA Rescission for Undocumented Young Adults in Colorado." *Law & Social Inquiry*.

2019 Flores, Andrea, Kevin Escudero, and Edelina M. Burciaga. "Legal-Spatial Consciousness: A Legal Geography Framework for Examining Migrant Illegality." *Law & Policy*, 41(1): 12-33.

2018 Gonzales, Roberto G. and Edelina M. Burciaga. "Segmented Pathways of Illegality: Assessing the Different and Unequal Experiences of Undocumented 1.5-generation Youth and Young Adults." *Ethnicities*, 18(2): 178-191.

2017 Burciaga, Edelina M. and Lisa M. Martinez. "How do Political Contexts Shape Undocumented Youth Movements? Evidence from Three Immigrant Destinations." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, 22(4): 451-471.

2015 Dingeman-Cerda, Katie, Edelina M. Burciaga and Lisa Martinez. "Neither Sinners Nor Saints: Complicating the Discourse of Noncitizen Deservingness." *Association of Mexican American Educators Journal*, 9(3): 62-73.

- 2010 Oseguera, Leticia, Stella M. Flores and Edelina M. Burciaga. "Documenting Implementation Realities: Undocumented Immigrant Students in California and North Carolina." *Journal of College Admissions*. Winter 2010: 37-43.

### REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2020 Burciaga, Edelina and Lisa Martinez. "Localized Political Contexts: Undocumented Youth Mobilization During Hostile Times." Ch. 7 in *Racialized Resistance and the State: Protest and Repression in a Divided U.S.* edited by Hank Johnston and Pamela Oliver. London: Routledge
- 2019 Burciaga, Edelina M. "Shifting Demographics: Immigrant Children and Children of Immigrants in US Schools." Ch.13 in *Education and Society: An Introduction to Key Issues in the Sociology of Education* edited by Thurston Domina, Benjamin Gibbs, Lisa Nunn and Andrew Penner. Berkeley: University of California Press.
- 2018 Gonzales, Roberto G. and Edelina M. Burciaga. "Undocumented Youth and Local Contours of Inequality." In *Handbook of Sociology of Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* edited by Barbara Schneider and Guan Saw. New York: Springer International Publishing.
- 2015 Burciaga, Edelina M. "The Promise and Reality of Plyler v. Doe: Community Resistance to the School to Deportation Pipeline in Orange County." Ch.10 in *Cracks in the Schoolyard: Narratives of Power, Inequality and Resistance* edited by Gilberto Q. Conchas. New York: Teachers College Press.

### BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 Burciaga, Edelina M. Starving for Justice: Hunger Strikes, Spectacular Speech, and the Struggle for Dignity by Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval. (Tucson, AZ: The University of Arizona Press). *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*, 24(4): 533-534.
- 2018 Burciaga, Edelina M. The Diversity Bargain: And Other Dilemmas of Race, Admission, and Meritocracy at Elite Universities by Natasha Warikoo. (Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press). *Humanity and Society*, 42(2): 262-264.
- 2011 Burciaga, Edelina M. Americans by Heart by William Perez (New York, NY: Teachers College Press). *Association of Mexican American Educators Journal*, 5(1): 49-50.

### NON-REFEREED ARTICLES

- 2019 Burciaga, Edelina M., Lisa M. Martinez, Kevin Escudero, Andrea Flores, Joanna Perez and Carolina Valdivia (eds.). "Introduction to the Special Issue on Migrant Illegality across Uneven Legal Geographies." *Law and Policy*, 41(1).
- 2016 Gonzales, Roberto G., Nando Sigona, and Edelina M. Burciaga (eds.). "Citizenship, Rights, and Deservingness: Introduction to the Special Issue." *American Behavioral Scientist*. 60(13): 1531-1533.
- 2016 Ashar, Sameer M., Edelina M. Burciaga, Jennifer M. Chacon, Susan Bibler Coutin, Alma Garza and Stephen Lee. "Navigating Liminal Legalities along Pathways to Citizenship: Immigrant Vulnerability and the Role of Mediating Institutions. UC Irvine School of Law

Research Paper Series No. 2016-05.

- 2013 Ashtiani, Mariam, Edelina Burciaga and Cynthia Feliciano. "Labor Market Outcomes and the Postsecondary Educational Outcomes of Low-Income Youth." UC ACCORD Pathways to Postsecondary Success: Maximizing Opportunities for Youth in Poverty. (<http://pathways.gseis.ucla.edu/publications/LaborMarkets.pdf>)
- 2013 Burciaga, Edelina M. "Immigrants, Children of." Pp.378-380 in Vol. 9 in *Sociology of Education: An A-to-Z Guide*, edited by James Ainsworth. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
- 2013 Burciaga, Edelina M. "Immigrant Adaptation." Pp.377-378 in Vol. 9 in *Sociology of Education: An A-to-Z guide*, edited by James Ainsworth. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.

## GRANTS

- 2020 Collaborative Research: "Reproduction among immigrant young adults during times of uncertainty." National Science Foundation. Under review: \$899,344. (Co-PI: Kate Coleman-Minahan, College of Nursing).
- 2020 Collaborative Research: "Place-based pathways to integration: Why neighborhoods matter for immigration integration." CU Denver Office of Research Services Collaborative/Interdisciplinary Grant. Awarded: \$17,000. (Co-PI: Jeremy Németh, CU Denver, Urban and Regional Planning)
- 2019 Collaborative Research: "Place Matters: How Neighborhood Built Environments Shape Immigrant Integration in 21st Century Gateways." Russell Sage Foundation, Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Program. Under Review: \$117,209 (*not granted*) (Co-PIs: Jeremy Németh, CU Denver and Alessandro Rigolon, University of Utah).
- 2018 "The Academic Experiences of Undocumented Students." Center for Faculty Development Teaching Enhancement Grant. Awarded: \$2,500
- 2018 Collaborative Research: "Designing for Difference: Immigrant Integration and Place." College of Liberal Arts and Sciences CRISP Grant. Awarded: \$10,000 (Co-PI: Jeremy Németh)
- 2018 Collaborative Research: "Designing for Difference: Immigrant Integration and Place." College of Architecture and Planning EVOLVE Grant. Awarded: \$10,000 (Co-PIs: Jeremy Németh, CU Denver and Carrie Makawericz, CU Denver).
- 2018 "The Academic Experiences of Undocumented Students." Office of Diversity and Inclusion Small Grant. Awarded: \$900
- 2017 "Migrant Illegality across Uneven Geographies." American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, Awarded: \$8,000 (Co-PIs: Kevin Escudero, Andrea Flores, Lisa M. Martinez, Joanna Perez, Carolina Valdivia)
- 2017 "Colorado Immigration Scholars Network." Office of Academic Affairs, University of Colorado, Diversity & Excellence Grant. Awarded: 2,800

(Co-PI: Ming Hsu Chen, CU Boulder Law).

- 2017 “Migrant Illegalities across Uneven Legal Geographies.” College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Diversity and Inclusion Initiative Grant. Awarded: \$2,500
- 2017 Creative Research Collaborative Fellowship. Awarded: \$4,000
- 2016 CU Denver New Faculty Grant. Awarded: \$14,000
- 2016 Russell Sage Foundation, Presidential Authority Grant. Unfunded: \$35,000
- 2015 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine. Awarded: \$25,000
- 2015 California State University Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Fellowship Program. Mentor: Dr. Anthony Ocampo, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
- 2014 Racial and Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship. The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Awarded: \$12,000
- 2014 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Sociology Program. Awarded: \$11,897
- 2013 UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant. Awarded: \$12,000
- 2012 UC Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Mini-Grant. Awarded: \$2,000
- 2011 University of California Center for New Racial Studies, Research Grant. Awarded: \$4,000
- 2010 Graduate School Summer Fellowship, Education Pioneers-Los Angeles.
- 2006 Bart J. Gordon Memorial Fellowship, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation.

#### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

“We’re Tired of Seeing Our Parents Struggle:” Undocumented Immigrant Youth Activism and Family. Panel Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2020.

“Nested Socio-Legal Contexts: Undocumented Young Adults Navigating Belonging in Atlanta, Georgia.” Panel Presentation, Southeast Immigration Studies Association Conference, Charleston, South Carolina, February 2020.

“Framing Educational Belonging: Narratives of Resistance in the Undocumented Youth Movement.” Panel Presentation, Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting, Havana, Cuba, November 2017.

“How do Political Contexts Shape Undocumented Youth Movements? Evidence from Three Immigrant Destinations.” Panel Presentation, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

“Degrees of Stuckness: The Experiences of Undocumented Young Adults in Welcoming and Hostile Contexts.” Panel Presentation, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017.

“‘With or Without DACA, I’m still Undocumented:’ The Educational Experiences of Undocumented Young Adults in California and Georgia.” Panel Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 2016.

“‘You have to be more worthy:’ Latino undocumented young adults and the politics of deservingness in receptive and hostile contexts.” Panel Presentation, Latina/o Studies Association Conference, Pasadena, CA, July 2016.

“Threats and Opportunities: Undocu/DACAmented and Unafraid in California and Georgia.” Panel Presentation, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, June 2016.

“The Immigrant Bargain Extended: The Role of Family as Motivation and Constraint for Undocumented Youth Activism.” Panel Presentation, The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

“The New Civics of Belonging: Undocumented Youth Mobilization and Community Embeddedness.” Roundtable Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, August 2015.

“Threats and Opportunities: The role of state immigration law and policy for the mobilization of the undocumented 1.5-generation.” Panel Presentation, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Immigration to the U.S. South, Gainesville, FL, October 2014.

“The Promise and Reality of *Pylar v. Doe*: Stemming the School-to-Deportation Pipeline in Orange County, CA.” Panel Presentation, The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2014.

“Education not deportation: Immigrant student activism in the Obama years.” Panel presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, August 2012.

“Undocumented and unafraid: Mobilizing undocumented immigrant youth” Panel presentation, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, March 2012.

“Undocumented and unafraid: Mobilizing undocumented immigrant youth,” panel presentation, University of California Center for New Racial Studies Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2011

“Learning as I go: Fieldwork experience as a scholar-activist,” panel presentation, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, March 2011.

## **INVITED TALKS**

“Intensified Liminal Legality: The Impact of the DACA Rescission for Undocumented Young Adults in Colorado.” Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, Pitzer College, November 11, 2020.

“Place Matters: Undocumented Latinx Students & College.” Center for Poverty & Inequality Research, University of California Davis, October 28, 2020.

“Intensified Liminal Legality: The Impact of the DACA Rescission for Undocumented Young Adults in Colorado.” Department of Health and Behavioral Science Colloquium, University of Colorado Denver, October 23, 2020.

“Navigating the Job Market.” Panel presentation. University of Colorado Boulder Center for Teaching and Learning Conference, January 25, 2020.

“Rocky Mountain Dreaming: Undocumented Young Adults in Rural and Urban Colorado.” Scholarship in Progress Seminar Series, Department of Occupational Therapy, Colorado State University, February 13, 2019.

“DACA Research Study: Perspectives across Colorado.” Diversity Summit, University of Colorado, Boulder, February 12, 2019.

“Rocky Mountain Dreaming: Undocumented Young Adults in Rural and Urban Colorado.” Institute for Behavioral Sciences, University of Colorado, Boulder. January 31, 2019

“DACA/ASSET: Perspectives from across the CU System and Colorado.” University of Colorado Systemwide Diversity Summit. November 14, 2018.

“Undocumented and Unafraid: The Undocumented Youth Movement in Perspective.” Crossborder, CounterPath, Denver. November 10, 2019.

“The Latinx Undocumented 1.5-Generation: Navigating Belonging in New and Old Destinations.” Crossborder, University of Colorado, Boulder. November 9, 2018.

“The Educational Experiences of Undocumented Young Adults.” The Village Speaker Series, Mt. Holyoke College. December 3, 2017.

“Community Lawyering as a Tool for Race-Based Advocacy,” Legal Assistance Corporation of Central Massachusetts, Worcester, MA, July 2008.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Sociological Association, Member 2010 – present

Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2011 – present

Law & Society Association, Member, 2015 – present

Sociologists for Women in Society, Member 2018 – present

Latina/o Studies Association, Member 2016 – 2017

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION**

Edelina M. Burciaga. The Latino Undocumented 1.5-generation: Navigating Belonging in New and Old Destinations. *Book proposal in process.*

Edelina M. Burciaga. Nested Socio-Legal Contexts: Undocumented Young Adults in California and Georgia.

Edelina M. Burciaga. “We’re Tired of Seeing Our Parents Struggle:” Undocumented Immigrant Youth Activism and Family Ties

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- Qualitative Research Methods, SOCY 3119 (undergraduate)
- Race and Ethnicity in the United States, SOCY 3020 (undergraduate)
- Sociology of Education, SOCY 3050 (undergraduate)
- Race, Culture and Immigration, SOCY 4770/5770 (undergraduate and graduate)
- Law and the Latino Experience (undergraduate, Pomona College, Spring 2016)
- Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate, Pomona College, 2015-2016)
- Sociology of Education (undergraduate, University of San Diego, Fall 2013)

## **STUDENT ADVISING**

### *M.A. Committee Chair*

- Kyle Conrad, “*The Perfect Choice: Opportunity, Segregation, and Achievement in a Racially Divided School District*,” CU-Denver, Sociology, 2019.
- Trishia Vasquez, “*Disparate Health Care Access: A Qualitative Study of the Health-Seeking Behaviors of Undocumented Immigrant Young Adults in Colorado*,” CU-Denver, Social Sciences, 2019.
- Brendon Atkins, “*Minority Stress and Health: The Health Disparities of Sexual Minorities*,” CU-Denver, Sociology, 2018.

### *Graduate Mentoring*

- Colorado School of Public Health, Certificate in Latino Health Project Mentor, Isabella Lopez, 2019-2020.
- Colorado School of Public Health, Certificate in Latino Health Project Mentor, Kyla Muñoz, 2018-2019.

### *Undergraduate Mentoring*

- McNair Program Mentor, Valeria Carlos, 2017-2018.
- Undergraduate Research Assistants
  - Bianca Saucedo, 2017-present
  - Mais Al Nima, 2018-2019
  - Daniela Gomez-Castro, 2017-2018
  - Yvette Ledezma, 2017-2018
  - Isabella Lopez, 2017-2018

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to Discipline of Sociology and Related Fields**

- Organizer & Facilitator, Law & Society Association, Collaborative Research Network on Immigration, Migration and Citizenship Pre-Conference Workshop, May 27, 2020.
- University of Colorado School of Law Citizenship Colloquium, Discussant, 2020.
- American Sociological Association, Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, Membership and Diversity Committee, 2018-2020.
- Co-chair, Scholars Strategy Network-Colorado, 2019-present
- Co-chair, Colorado Immigration Scholars Network, 2018 – 2019.
- American Sociological Association, International Migration Section, Aristide Zolberg Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, 2019.
- Referee of scholarly manuscripts: *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology of Education*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Youth & Society*, *Mobilization*, *Law & Policy*, *Oxford University*

*Press, Sage Publications, Palgrave McMillan.*

### **University Service**

- Panelist, The Teaching Life and Advice, New Faculty Orientation, August 2020.
- Co-Facilitator, Latinx Community Conversation, Social Justice Teach-in, June 12, 2020.
- Faculty Fellow, Center for Faculty Development & Advancement
  - Writing Retreat Organizer, February 2020
  - Writing Retreat Organizer, May 2020
- Invited Speaker, Diversity and Inclusion Interdisciplinary Exchange, 2018.
- Keynote Speaker, Latinx Graduation, 2018.
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, 2017 – present.
- Faculty Advisor, CU Dreamers, 2017 – present.
- Latinx Student Support Services Director, Search Committee Member, 2017.
- Undocumented Student Task Force, 2016 – 2017.
- Invited Speaker, Latinx Leadership Summit, 2017.

### **Departmental Service**

- Undergraduate Assessment Committee, 2018
- Undergraduate Assessment Committee, 2017

### **Community Service**

- Invited Panelist, Panel on Immigrant & Refugee Rights, Youth Roots, October 2020.
- Invited Speaker, “Raising Race Conscious and Anti-Racist Kids,” Steele Elementary Parent Teacher Association Meeting, November 2020.
- Participant, Statewide Gathering to Support Undocumented Students in Colorado, June 2020.
- Invited Speaker, “How to Talk to Kids about Race,” Steele Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, Denver, CO, February 2020.
- Invited Participant, American Bar Foundation, Future of Latinos in the U.S. South Roundtable, Durham, NC, Duke University School of Law, 2019.
- Invited Speaker, “The Promise of a Dream,” Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, Denver, CO, 2019.
- Invited Speaker, “DACA Recission 2017.” YouthPower365, Avon, CO, 2017.
- Research partnerships: Colorado African Organization, Latino Community Foundation of Colorado, Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, CREA Results, Bucu West, and YouthPower365.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- Order of Merit, Outstanding Graduate Student Service, School of Social Sciences, University of California, Irvine. 2016.
- Public Commendation, Tom Angell Fellowship for Mentoring Excellence, University of California, Irvine Graduate Division. 2016.
- Most Promising Future Faculty Member, University of California Irvine Graduate Division and Center for Engaged Instruction. 2014.
- Dynamic Womyn of UCI, Academic Achievement Award, Women’s Empowerment Initiative. 2014.
- Gilbert G. Gonzales Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Department of Chicano/Latino Studies. 2013.
- Outstanding Service Award, Department of Sociology. 2012.
- Warren S. Gilford Law and Humanity Prize, Boston University School of Law. 2005.