

LEYDY DIOSSA-JIMENEZ

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2025-2027	Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Emerging Democracies. University of Michigan.
2024-2025	Postdoctoral Fellow, National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) and Department of Sociology. University of Michigan.
2022-2024	Visiting Research Investigator, National Center for Institutional Diversity. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
2020-2021	Fellow, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies. University of California. San Diego.
2017-2018	Visiting Researcher, Universidad Nacional de Colombia – Bogota, Department of Sociology (October 2017 – February 2018), Colombia.
2017	Visiting Researcher, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Instituto de Estudios de América Latina y el Caribe (April – September 2017), Argentina.

EDUCATION

2024	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Ph.D. in Sociology
2015	University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) M.A. in Sociology
2012	Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia M.A. with University Honors, Political Sociology
2005	Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia B.A. in Sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Violence, Forced Migration and Exile, Regime Change and Democratization, Diaspora Politics.

PUBLICATIONS

Paper	Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy and Menjívar, Cecilia. Devaluing Women's Lives through Law: Familyism Ideologies in Abortion and Violence against Women Laws in El Salvador. <i>Social Politics: International Studies in Gender, State & Society</i> , Volume 30, Issue 1, Spring 2023, pages 115-139. http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/sp/jxab049
Paper	Menjívar, Cecilia and Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy . Blocking the law from within: Familyism ideologies as obstacles to VAW laws in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. <i>Latin American Research Review</i> , Volume 58, Issue 3, September 2023, pages 501-518. https://doi.org/10.1017/lar.2022.72
Book Chapter	Menjívar, Cecilia and Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy . State Accountability and Femicide. In: <i>The Routledge International Handbook of Femicide and Feminicide</i> . Editors, Myrna Dawson and Saide Mobayed. May 2023. https://www.routledgehandbooks.com/pdf/doi/10.4324/9781003202332-47

Book Chapter	Delgado, Juan D. and Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy . Religious and Political Engagement across Borders: The Case of Pentecostal Colombians Voting from Abroad. In: <i>A Place of their Own: Immigration among Latinos in the United States</i> . Editors, Lloyd D. Barba, Silvia Pedraza, João B. Chaves. Forthcoming.
Newsletters	Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. From Exile to Enfranchisement: The Unmaking of Authoritarianism from Abroad. <i>Democracy and Autocracy</i> . Volume 23, Issue 1, June 2025, pages 13-17.

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

2022	Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Colorado, Boulder (declined)
2020-2022	National Science Foundation, Law and Science Program, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$25,000)
2020-2021	UCLA Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$20,000 plus tuition)
2020-2021	Dissertation Fellowship, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies (\$20,000)
2021	P.E.O. Scholar Awards (PSA) Chapter FR, Candidate Contribution
2020	Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
2019	Charles Tilly Travel Award, Social Science History Association, SSHA
2017-2018	Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (\$52,669 plus tuition)
2016-2017	Will Rogers Memorial Fellowship
2015-2016	Peter Kollock Award to the Most Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant
2016	Latin American Institute Research Grant
2016	UCLA Center for Mexican Studies Research Grant
2014-2015	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship (\$20,000)
2012-2014	UCLA Department of Sociology Graduate Student Fellowship (\$34,000 plus tuition)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Paper	Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. Democratization and pacification: The Cases of Argentina and Colombia in Comparative Perspective (1970-1991).
Book Manuscript	Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. Violence, Forced Migration, Transnational Politics: The effects of exile on the development of democracy in the homeland.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Paper	Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. Emigrant Political Rights in Latin America: A configurational analysis approach. (Stage: data collection and preliminary analysis completed)
Paper	Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. From Ideologies to Institutional Arrangements: How familyism ideologies and prior experiences of VAW Law institutionalization in the homeland explain migrants' interactions with VAW laws in the US. (Stage: preliminary fieldwork completed)

SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2024. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Violence, Political Inclusion, and the Approval of Emigrant Political Rights: Argentina and Colombia (1970-1991)*. Paper presented at the Social Science History Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.
2024. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Politicide and Exile: The Relationship between Political Violence and Migration Flows*. Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association, Annual Meeting, Bogotá, Colombia.
2021. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy (presenting author) and Cecilia Menjívar (non-presenter coauthor). *Devaluing Women's Lives through Law: Familyism Ideologies in Abortion and VAW Laws in El Salvador*. Paper presented at the Social Science History Association, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
2021. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Violence, Political Inclusion, and the Approval of Emigrant Political Rights: Argentina and Colombia (1970-1991)*. Paper presented at the New Directions in Law and Society. University of Massachusetts Amherst.
2021. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Violence, Political Inclusion, and the Approval of Emigrant Political Rights: Argentina and Colombia (1970-1991)*. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association, Annual Meeting.
2020. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy (presenting author) and Menjívar, Cecilia (non-presenter coauthor). *The Anti-Abortion and Violence Against Women (VAW) Laws in El Salvador*. Paper presented at the Law and Society Association, Annual Meeting.
2020. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy (mini conference organizer and moderator). *Conference on the Venezuelan Refugee Crisis*. UCLA Center for Study of International Migration. Los Angeles, CA.
2020. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Voting from Abroad: Mexico in the Latin American comparative perspective*. UCSD Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies. San Diego, CA.
2020. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Emigrant Political Rights in Latin America: A configurational analysis approach*. Paper presented at the UCSD Center for Comparative Immigration Studies. San Diego, CA.
2019. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Violence and Approval of Emigrant Political Rights: The Cases of Argentina and Colombia in comparative perspective (1970-1991)*. Paper presented at the Social Science History Association, Annual Meeting. Chicago.
2017. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Extraterritorial Citizenship: Emigrant rights in Latin America 1980-2010*. Paper presented at the Center for the Study of Labor (CEIL-Conicet, Buenos Aires, Argentina)
2017. Diossa-Jimenez, Leydy. *Extraterritorial Citizenship: Emigrant rights in Latin America 1980-2010*. Paper presented at the Center for the Study of Historical Sociology in Latin America (GESHAL-Conicet, Buenos Aires, Argentina)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Introductory Sociology: Migration, Policy, and Rights
Instructor (Fall 2023, Winter 2025)

Topics in Sociology: Migration, Exile, and Political Rights
Instructor (Winter 2024, Fall 2024)

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Development of Sociological Theory (Classical Theory)
Teaching Assistant (2015-2016)
Teaching Associate (Fall 2016)
Graduate Student Instructor (Summer 2018-2019)

Contemporary Sociological Theory
 Teaching Assistant (2015-2016)
 Teaching Associate (Fall 2016)
 Introductory Sociology
 Teaching Associate (Fall 2016)
 Graduate Student Instructor (Summer 2018-2021)
 Race and Ethnicity: International Perspectives
 Teaching Fellow Spring 2018

Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia (UN)

Poverty and Inequalities in Latin America
 Graduate Student Instructor, Lecturer (2006-2007)
 Undergraduate Research Seminar
 Teaching Fellow 2006
 Classical Sociological Theory (Marx)
 Teaching Assistant 2003
 Teaching Fellow 2003-2004

SERVICE

2019-20 & 2015-16	Mentor in the UCLA Undergraduate Sociology Honors Thesis
2018-2019	Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Sociology Faculty Hiring Committee
2018-2020	UCLA Sociology Department Fellowship Coordinator, responsible for advising and reviewing all graduate student extramural fellowship applications.
2018-2019	Graduate Student Representative, UCLA Sociology Chief Administrative Officer Hiring Committee
2019-20 & 2021-22	Mentor to first-year UCLA Sociology PhD Students

WORK EXPERIENCE

2007-2012	Volunteer Los Angeles - ALSC, Los Angeles, CA Director of the Training Department Served the Los Angeles County Superior Court and its alternative sentencing programs. Instructed over 14,000 people with charges, including felonies, misdemeanors, and traffic infractions. Supervised two full-time employees. Managed \$250k yearly budget.
2007-2012:	Volunteer Los Angeles - ALSC, Los Angeles, CA Instructor, Hospital and Morgue Program – Adult Crime Recidivism Prevention. Youthful Drunk Driver Visitation Program Act. Taught as sole instructor.
2008-2012:	Volunteer Los Angeles - ALSC, Los Angeles, CA Supervisor, Project Teen Reach – Juvenile Crime Recidivism Prevention Supervisor, Social Responsibility Training – Juvenile Crime Recidivism Prevention. Managed grant from the Office of Family Planning (Sacramento, CA).
2004-2006	Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia Assistant to the Director of Graduate Studies (MA Studies, Department of Sociology). Bogota, Colombia. Conducted operations support, including admissions, daily administration, and budget execution.

LANGUAGES

Spanish – native proficiency

GLOBAL STUDY AND RESEARCH

Argentina (2017), Colombia (2015, 2016-2017), and Mexico (2017)

MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Social Science History Association (SSHA)

Law and Society Association (LSA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)