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EDUCATION

- 2025 Ph.D. Sociology, Emphasis in Latin American Studies, University of California, Irvine
- 2021 M.A. Sociology, University of California, Irvine
- 2019 M.A. Gender & Development, Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO), Ecuador
- 2016 B.A. Sociology, Gender and Women's Studies, Bowdoin College

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

Martínez, Caroline. 2025. "Indigenous Identity and Struggles for State Recognition in Ecuador." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, online first.

Polletta, Francesca, Debra Boka, **Caroline Martínez**, and Mutsumi Ogaki. 2025. "Social Movements in the Commercial Public Sphere: How Women's Magazines Popularized Second-Wave Feminism." *American Journal of Sociology* 130(5): 1263–1314.

Martínez, Caroline, Edward Telles, and Florencia Torche. (Revise & Resubmit). "Indigeneity in the Americas: How Language, Skin Color and Nation Shape Indigenous Identification."

Manuscripts in progress

Martínez, Caroline. "Who is Latinx and American Indian? Latinx identification as American Indian in the United States (1980-2021)."

Martínez, Caroline. "Seeking Justice in the Catholic Church of Ecuador: Strategies of Sexual Assault Survivors and Activists."

Book Chapters

Telles, Edward and **Caroline Martínez**. 2024. "Racial Inequalities in the Americas." Pp. 80-99 in

Handbook on the Sociology of Education, edited by Berends, Mark, Barbara Schneider, and Stephen Lamb. Thousand Oaks, California: SAGE.

Book Reviews

Martínez, Caroline. 2024. *Indigenous Peoples and Borders*, edited by Sheryl Lightfoot and Elsa Stamatopoulou. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 1–3. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01419870.2024.2359078>

Other Writing

Martínez, Caroline. 2017. “Formation of Female Indigenous Leaders in the Highlands of Ecuador.” *The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal* 2016. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Martínez, Caroline. 2015. “Correa's Regime Challenged: Violent Reaction Towards Indigenous Uprising in Ecuador.” *Change Magazine*. Retrieved September 30, 2015 (<http://change-magazine.org/2015/09/correas-regime-challenged/>).

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2025 Graduate Student Article Award, Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2024 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Dissertation Grant, Institute for Citizens & Scholars.
- 2024 Junior Summer Institute Fellowship, Latinx Research Center, University of California, Berkeley.
- 2024 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council.
- 2022 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention.
- 2019 Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz (declined).

Internal (University of California, Irvine)

- 2025 A. Kimball Romney Award for Outstanding Graduate Paper, School of Social Sciences.
- 2024 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Grant.
- 2023 Latino Excellence and Achievement Award.

- 2023 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Grant.
- 2022 Division of Teaching, Excellence, and Innovation, Summer Fellowship.
- 2021 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant.
- 2021 Telematic Bridges Fellowship.
- 2021 Cascading Mentorship Fellowship.
- 2020 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Research Grant.

SELECTED ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Indigenous Latinxs in the U.S. Census: Understanding Indigenous Self-Identification and Economic Disparities Among Latinxs”. Panel presentation. American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.
- 2023 “From Language to Self-Identification: Indigenous Identity in the Americas”. Panel presentation with Dr. Edward Telles. American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 “Seeking Justice in the Catholic Church of Ecuador: Strategies of Sexual Assault Survivors and Activists”. Panel presentation. Latin American Studies Association. Vancouver, Canada.
- 2022 “The Women’s Movement in Women’s Magazines, 1960- 1989: Cultural Impacts and the Limits of “Choice”. Panel presentation with Dr. Francesca Polletta. American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 “Indigenous Identification and Struggles Against Extractivism in Ecuador”. Roundtable presentation. American Sociological Association. Remote.
- 2020 “Becoming Indigenous in Ecuador: Tools to Protect Land, Prevent Environmental Destruction, and Resist the Expansion of Global Capitalism.” Virtual roundtable presentation. American Sociological Association.

SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- 2023 Summer *Research Seminar*. Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Summer Program. Bowdoin College. Brunswick, ME.
- 2022 Summer *Interrogating the Academy*. Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

Summer Program. Bowdoin College. Brunswick, ME.

Teaching Assistant

2024 Winter *Social Problems*. Sociology Department. UCI.
2021 Spring *Workplace Inequalities*. Sociology Department. UCI.
2020 Winter *Race and Ethnic Relations in the United States*. Sociology Department. UCI

Pedagogical Fellow

2022-2024 Designed and implemented the Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program, which students must complete as a requirement to work as Teaching Assistants at UCI.

UCI Teaching Certificates: Certificate in Inclusive Hybrid Pedagogy, Certificate in Teaching Excellence, Certificate in Mentorship Excellence, and Cascade Mentorship Certificate.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021- 2025 Joined research with Dr. Edward Telles and Dr. Florencia Torche
Ran regression analyses and wrote findings for cross-country comparative research on the impact of language and skin color on self-identification as Indigenous in Latin America. University of California, Irvine.

2021- 2025 Joined research with Dr. Francesca Polletta
Coded articles from women's magazines and analyzed data for research on the impact of women's magazines on the feminist movement in the United States. University of California, Irvine.

2019-2024 Individual research
Conducted content analysis of legal documents and wrote findings for research on Indigenous and *mestizo* (mixed-race) identification in the context of mining struggles in Ecuador.

2018 Joined research with UNICEF and Surkuna-Center for the Support and Protection of Human Rights.
Conducted interviews for research project on the legal defense of children who have been sexually assaulted in Ecuador.

2018 Joined research with the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Fair-Trade Small Producers and Workers
Conducted interviews for research on fair trade coffee production. Ecuador.

2015-2016 Individual research
Conducted interviews and ethnographic fieldwork for research on survivors of sexual assault and torture in the Catholic Church of Ecuador. Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO)-Ecuador.

2015-2016 Individual research
Conducted interviews and ethnographic fieldwork for research on Indigenous women leaders in the highlands of Ecuador.

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2024- Present Student Representative, Latino/a Studies Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2023- Present Member of Planning and Advisory Committee, Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program.
- 2021- 2023 Mentor of graduate student mentorship and writing group, Cascading Mentorship, UCI.
- 2024 Reviewer for *Social Forces*.
- 2023 Reviewer for the *Journal of Latin American Research*.
- 2021 Reviewer for the *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*.
- 2020-2022 Mentorship Coordinator, Sociology Graduate Student Association, UCI.
- 2017-2019 Representative of the Gender and Development Program, Student Committee, FLACSO-Ecuador.
- 2016 Project Coordinator for leadership workshops in collaboration with the Confederation of Peoples of the Kichwa Nationality, Davis Projects for Peace, Ecuador.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Pacific Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

Languages: Spanish (native speaker).

Data management and analysis: Stata (statistical software), MAXQDA (coding software).