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Education

- 2020** *Ph.D., Sociology, Duke University*
Dissertation Title: “Identities and Meaning Structures”
- 2017** *M.A., Sociology, Duke University*
- 2012** *B.A., Organizational Psychology, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador (PUCE)*

Research and Teaching Interests

Computational Social Science, Interdisciplinary Social Science, Social Psychology, Health Disparities, Social-Ecological Systems, General Research Methodology

Work Experience

- 2022 –** Teaching Faculty I, Interdisciplinary Social Science Program, Florida State University (FSU)
- 2020 – 2022** Network Analysis Research Consultant. Clients included: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Center for Health Equity Research, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Global Women’s Health, Duke University – Duke Network Analysis Center, and East Carolina University – Institute for Coastal Science and Policy

Teaching and Mentoring Experience

Florida State University

Instructor of Record – Contemporary Social Problems and Integrative Solutions (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

Duke University

Instructor of Record – Methods of Social Research (Summer 2019)

Mentor / Capstone Project Manager – Duke’s Master in Interdisciplinary Data Science (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)

Discussion Section Instructor – Sociological Inquiry (Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

Teaching Assistant – Social Determinants of U.S. Health Disparities (Spring 2017)

Sexuality and Society (Fall 2017)

Theory and Society (Spring 2016)

Punishment and Society (Spring 2015)

Workshops

“Introduction to Social Network Analysis Using R”– LatinR Conference and R Ladies Guayaquil, Ecuador (November 2021) [[video](#)][[materials](#)][[slides](#)], R Ladies Puebla, Mexico (September 2021) [[video](#)][[materials](#)][[slides](#)], R Ladies St. Louis, USA (November 2020) [[materials](#)][[slides](#)]

“From Raw Data to Network Objects: Data Cleaning for Social Network Analysis in R” – Duke Network Analysis Center, Social Networks and Health Workshops (May 2018, May 2019) [[video](#)][[materials](#)]

Teaching Certificates and Continuous Development

- 2021 RStudio Certified Instructor (Tidyverse)
- 2020 Preparing to Teach Workshop - Electronic Conference on Teaching Statistics
- 2020 Duke University Certificate in College Teaching
- 2020 Duke University Certificate in Teaching Writing in the Disciplines

Publications

Grace-McCaskey, Cynthia A., **Maria C. Ramos**, Anja Sjostrom, and Sarah Page. In press. “Combining Social Network Analysis and Ethnography to Better Understand Fishers’ Organization and Promote Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.” *Marine Policy*.

Ramos, Maria C. 2023. “Whom to Help? Prosocial Behaviors and the Restoration of Tarnished Identities.” *American Behavioral Scientist*. 67(1), 77-99

Moody, James, Lisa A. Keister, and **Maria C. Ramos**. 2022. “Reproducibility Responses in the Social Sciences.” *Annual Review of Sociology*, 48:65-85.

Freeborn, Kellie, **Maria C. Ramos**, Dana Pasquale, Rose Lungu, Mildred Lusaka, Ben Chi, Wilbroad Mutale, and Oliver Mweemba. 2021. “Egocentric Networks and HIV in Pregnant and Breastfeeding Women Attending Antenatal Care in Lusaka, Zambia.” *International Journal of Women’s Health Care*, 6(2):165-177. [[access preprint](#)]

Ramos, Maria C., Lynn Smith-Lovin, and Bethany Young. 2019. “Intersectional Identities and Stigma Recovery: Affective and Cognitive Responses to Unethical Prosocial Events” In *Identities in Everyday Life*, edited by Jan Stets and Richard Serpe. Oxford University Press, pp. 167 – 192.

Ramos, Maria C., and Lynn Smith-Lovin. 2019. “Social Psychology”. In *Core Concepts in Sociology*, edited by J. Michael Ryan. Wiley-Blackwell.

Cabezas, C. and **M. Ramos**. 2012. Estudio Exploratorio de Factores Motivacionales Internos y Externos y su Influencia en el Desempeño Docente (Exploratory Study of Intrinsic and

Extrinsic Motivational Factors and its Influence on Faculty Performance). *Revista de Investigación en Psicología*, 15(1), 47-59.

Invited Research Talks and Seminars

- 2021** “Identity Models from a Network Perspective.” Psychology Colloquium – University of Limerick, Ireland.
- 2020** “Identity Models from a Network Perspective.” Hispanic Community for Network Science Colloquium (in Spanish).
- 2020** “Identity Structures, Values, and Master Identities.” Women in Network Science Seminar.

Conference Presentations

- 2021** “Combining Social Network Analysis and Ethnography to Better Understand Fishers’ Organization and Promote Sustainable Small-scale Fisheries in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.” Networks 2021 Virtual Conference.
- 2020** “Political Belief Systems in Europe.” International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA) Virtual Sunbelt Conference.
- 2019** “Identity Structures, Values, and Master Identities.” Group Processes Conference, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City, USA.
- 2018** “Values at the Core of Identity Structures.” 2nd North American Social Networks (NASN) Conference, Washington D.C., USA.
- 2017** “Whom to Help: Prosocial Behaviors and the Restoration of Stigmatized Identity.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- 2016** “Intersectional Identities and Unethical Prosocial Actions: How Does Identity Shape the Definition of the Situation and Impression Formation?” (with Lynn Smith-Lovin and Bethany Young) Second Bi-Annual Conference on Identity Theory and Research, Kent, USA.

Grants and Fellowships

- 2017** Duke Sociology Department, Research Grant, \$1000
- 2017** Duke University, Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, \$5,500
- 2016 – 2017** Graduate Fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University
- 2016** Duke Sociology Department Research Grant, \$1728
- 2015** Duke University, Interdisciplinary Behavioral Research Center Grant, \$600
- 2014 – 2016** Fulbright Foreign Student Grant
- 2009 – 2011** Academic Excellence Scholarships PUCE (3): Semester I 2009-2010, Semester II 2009-2010, Semester II 2010-2011

Research Experience

- 2018 – 2020** **Research Assistant:** Duke Network Analysis Center (DNAC), with Dr. James Moody
- 2015** **Research Associate:** Duke University, with Dr. Lynn Smith-Lovin
- 2013 – 2014** **Research Consultant:** Humanities Department PUCE
- 2009 – 2011** **Research Assistant:** Direction of Academic Affairs PUCE, with Dr. Christian Cabezas

Professional Service

- 2020 – 2023** Fulbright Foreign Student Awards, Ecuador – Awards Selection Committee
- 2020 – 2021** Membership Committee Member – American Sociological Association Section on Social Psychology
- 2018 – 2020** Graduate Student Representative (elected) – American Sociological Association Section on Social Psychology
- 2016 – 2018** Social Psychology Workshop Organizer – Duke Sociology
- 2016 – 2017** Student Representative of the Graduate Policy Committee – Duke Sociology

Ad hoc reviewer for The National Science Foundation, Social Psychology Quarterly, American Behavioral Scientist, and Analysis of Social Issues and Public Policy.