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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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| 2021 – present | Associate Professor of Sociology, Bryn Mawr College |
| 2015 – 2021 | Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bryn Mawr College |
| 2013 – 2015 | Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow at the Department of Sociology and Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration at the University of Southern California |

EDUCATION

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| Ph.D. | University of California, Santa Barbara Sociology, 2013 |
| B.A. | University of California, Santa Barbara Doble Major: Political Science and Economics, 2001 |

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Migration, Sociology of Migration, Transnational Families, Latino Immigrant Communities in the US, Political Economy, Decolonial Feminist Theory, Community-Engagement Qualitative Methods, and Latin American Feminist Movements.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Estrada, Emir, **Montes, Veronica**, Suarez, Fatima, and Hondagneu-Sotelo, Pierrette. *The Heart of Mentorship*. (Under contract with New York University Press, 2026).

Journal Articles

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| 2025 | Montes, Veronica , Busse-Cardenas, Erika and Cantu, Nelly. Migrant People, (Im)Mobility and Art in a Borderland: Tijuana, Mexico <i>Migration Studies Journal</i> , 13(1), mnae050. |
| 2020 | París Pombo, M. D. and Montes, Veronica . Visibilidad como estrategia de movilidad: el éxodo centroamericano en México (2018-2019). <i>EntreDiversidades</i> , Vol. 7, Num 1(14), 9-37. |

<http://entrediversidades.unach.mx/index.php/entrediversidades/article/view/159/344>

- 2019** **Montes, Veronica** and Paris, M. D. (2019). Ethics of Care, Emotional Work, and Collective Action of Solidarity: The Patronas of Mexico. *Gender, Place and Culture*, Vol. 26 (4), 559-580. <https://doi.org/10.1080/0966369X.2018.1553854>
- 2019** **Montes, Veronica.** (2019). Deportability and Manifestations of Suffering of Mexican Immigrants and their Families in the US: Social Indifference and Lessons of Resilience. *Apuntes*, 84, 5-31.
<http://revistas.up.edu.pe/index.php/apuntes/article/view/1014/1180>
- 2019** **Montes, Veronica.** (2019). Fleeing Home: Notes on the Central American Caravan in its transit to reach the US-Mexico Border. *Latino Studies Journal*, Vol. 17 (4), 532-539. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41276-019-00214-x>
- 2013** **Montes, Veronica** (2013). The Role of Emotions in the Construction of Masculinity: Guatemalan Migrant Men, Transnational Migration and Family Relations. *Gender & Society*, Vol. 27 (4), 469-490. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891243212470491>

Book Chapters

- Montes, Veronica** and Busse-Cardenas, Erika. (forthcoming). *Testimonios* as a Tool of Family and Collective Memory: The Case of Dreamers Moms in Tijuana, Mexico. In Johanna Leinonen, Seija Jalagin, Outi Kähäri, Ilmari Leppihalme, Hanna-Leena Määttä & Elina Turjanmaa (Eds). *Displaced Families, Dispersed Memories*. The Helsinki University Press 2026.
- 2024** Buse, Erika and **Montes, Veronica.** Dreamers Moms and Their Struggle for Legal Reunification: Maternal Acts of Public Disclosure as a Form of Constructive Resistance. In Laura Merla (Ed). *Excluding Diversity Through Intersectional Borderings: Politics, Policies and Daily Lives* (pp. 149-166). Cham: Springer International Publishing.
- 2024** **Montes, Veronica**, Padilla, Beatriz., and Busse, Erika. “Rebuscarse la Vida”: The Resourcefulness of Latinas Navigating COVID-19 in Philadelphia. In *Inequalities, Youth, Democracy and the Pandemic* (pp. 54-70). Routledge.
- 2023** **Montes, Veronica.** “Chapter 4: The Process of becoming: An intimate and retrospective look at a 30-year journey of searching for a home. In Marco Gemignani, Yolanda Hernández-Albújar and Jana Sládková (Eds). *Migrant Scholars Researching Migration: Reflexivity, Subjectivity and Biography in Research* (1st ed.). Taylor & Francis. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003225195>
- 2022** **Montes, Veronica.** “Chapter 4: *Mujeres Luchadoras*: Latino Immigrant Women’s

Homemaking Practices to Assert their Belonging in a Philadelphia Suburb. In Natalia Deeb- Sossa and Jennifer Bickham Mendez (Eds). *Beyond Deportability: Latinx Belonging, Community-Building, and Resilience in the United States*. University of Arizona Press.

2021 Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo and **Montes, Veronica**. “Chapter 3: *Echando Raíces, Settling In,*” in Pierrette Hondagneu-Sotelo and Manuel Pastor, *South Central Dreams: Finding Home and Building Community in South L.A.* New York University Press.

2021 Paris Pombo, Maria D. and **Montes, Veronica**. Hostility, Humanitarianism, and Radical Solidarity with Migrants in Tijuana, Mexico. In Faret, Laurent and Hilary Sanders. (Eds). *Cities protecting migrants: Critical perspectives on urban sanctuary and hospitality in the Americas*. Palgrave Macmillan.

Book Reviews

2025 **Montes, V.** [Review of the Book: Call the Mothers: Searching for Mexico’s Disappeared in the War on Drugs by Shaylih Muehlmann]. *Gender and Society*. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/08912432251318701> (repository [link](#)).

2025 **Montes, V.** [Review of the Book: Forced Out: Migrant Mothers in Search of Refuge and Hope by S.J. Terrio]. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/00207152251316976>

Other Publications

2020 **Montes, Veronica**. The Migrant Caravan as a mobility strategy in Central America. *Global Dialogue*, Vol. 10, Issue I, 56-57. <http://globaldialogue.isa-sociology.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/v10i1-english.pdf>

2019 **Montes, Veronica**. Veronica Montes, from Mexico: The Integrated Educator. In Fiona Citkin (Ed). *How They Made It in America: Seven Success Values and the Women who Cultivated Them*. (pp. 16-25). Bloomington, IN: Archway Publishing.

2018 **Montes, Veronica**. “Caravan, invasion, exodus: a photo essay.” *Contexts*. American Sociological Association. <https://contexts.org/blog/exodus/>

PUBLIC WRITING

- 2024** **Montes, Veronica.** *Changes in the demographic makeup of immigrants arriving at the U.S. southern border.* Public Religion Research Institute. January 30.
<https://www.ppri.org/spotlight/changes-in-the-demographic-makeup-of-immigrants-arriving-at-the-u-s-southern-border/>
- 2023** **Montes, Veronica.** Five ways Philadelphia can support asylum-seekers. The *Philadelphia Inquirer*. August 10.
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/immigration-philadelphia-central-america-how-to-help-20230810.html>
- 2023** Alexander Laura, Hong Jane, **Montes, Veronica** and Romero, Luis. Ten Years Since the “Gang of Eight.” Spotlight Analysis. Public Religion Research Institute. July 17. <https://www.ppri.org/spotlight/ten-years-since-the-gang-of-eight/>
- 2023** **Montes, Veronica.** Busing Migrants: The Latest Strategy in the Long History of U.S. Migration Policy. Spotlight Analysis. Public Religion Research Institute. March 21.
<https://www.ppri.org/spotlight/busing-migrants-the-latest-strategy-in-the-long-history-of-u-s-migration-policy/>
- 2018** **Montes, Veronica.** “Foto ensayo: Caravana migrante estancia en Ciudad de México.” *Observatorio de Legislación y Política Migratoria*. El Colegio de la Frontera Norte. <http://observatoriocolef.org/boletin/foto-ensayo-caravana-migrante-estancia-en-ciudad-de-mexico/>

WORK IN PROGRESS

Busse, Erika and **Montes, Veronica.** “Dislocation, Persistence, and Resistance Over Time: The Case of Mexican Deported Mothers.” (to be submitted to the Edited Volume *Enduring migratory precarity* in August 2025)

MEDIA APPEARANCE/INTERVIEWS

- 2025** La noticia con Leticia. Philatinos Radio. Entrevista sobre el programa 360 feminismos en Lationoamerica. May 5. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2rCDpzRd150>
- 2025** Interview for The Handbasket: Gender and Sexuality in the Trump Era Podcast. Episode: American Tune – At the Intersection of Gender & Immigration. March 31.
https://open.spotify.com/show/0cLsuaHTxTDFtUQ9sALWb7?fbclid=IwY2xjawJXiZlleHRuA2F1bQIxMAABHQP1CmIsJSNWTgx1XeSjKeEqDcdxNmAVFRVIayUD5PXR6Ah3PiVYRW0EA_aem_NRWXhSS2VIFaDz7qxtFsag

- 2024 Presentación del libro *Migrant Scholars Researching Migration Reflexivity, Subjectivity and Biograph*. Organized by Loyola University in Seville, Spain. May https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_tGbloCnQtA
- 2020 From Fearful to Fearless in the US. *The Bridge: Women WorldWide*. Interviewed by Fiona Citkin PhD. July 28th <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U7bZoMJfg8U&list=PLMNI9VXedO9uWgCKN3KpOMmCzv6BJ7Oa&index=78&t=21s>
- 2019 Dr. Veronica Montes: Por el derecho a la movilidad. *Conexión Colef*. El Colegio de la Frontera Norte. May 22nd. https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&list=PL6MJBd6DK54Gr-jnY0SDAwelP1tVCYZ_X&v=u6Irw3er9Yg&fbclid=IwAR2mYwOW4tGNQJiI0k4-3kE-OMIUuIRwLlar8Qmr0ijoXRvIx8M6JvmpBM

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2024 Public Religion Research Institute Fellow
- 2023 Public Religion Research Institute Fellow
- 2022 Center for US-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego
- 2019 Mellon Scholarly Humanities Grant, Bryn Mawr College
- 2019 Social Science Center Summer Grant, Bryn Mawr College
- 2017 International Initiative Grant, Bryn Mawr College
- 2017 Social Science Center Summer Grant, Bryn Mawr College
- 2016 Blended Learning in the Liberal Arts, Bryn Mawr College
- 2013 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Teaching and Research Fellow
- 2012 Dissertation Research Award, Health Initiative of the Americas, School of Public Health, UC Berkeley
- 2012 Broom Center for Demography Graduate Travel Grant, UCSB
- 2012 Dissertation Research Grant, UC-MEXUS

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2024 “Building Community through Engaged and Applied Research.” August 13. Montreal, American Sociological Association.
- 2022 “La Espera: The Embodiment of Waiting at the US-Mexico Border.” July 29. (Virtual participation). IMISCOE.
- 2022 “The Process of Becoming: An intimate retrospective look at a 30-year journey of searching for a home.” July 30. (Virtual participation). IMISCOE.

- 2021** “50 Years of SWS – Changes over Time and Contributions to the Discipline”, Presidential Plenary Panel participant. January 29th. (Virtual conference). Sociologists for Women in Society
- 2020** Two-day author workshop: “The Politics of Motherhood among Deportees: Latinx Dreamer Moms Resisting U.S. Anti-Immigrant Discourses.” October 29, 2020. Catholic University of Leuven.
- 2020** “Latinx Antiracist Feminist Liberatory Praxis: A Bilingual Roundtable.” August 8th. (Virtual conference). Sociologist for Women in Society.
- 2020** “Practices of Motherhood and New Ways of Defining and Doing both Home and Family: The Dreamers Moms in Tijuana, Mexico.” July 14th. Porto Alegre, Brazil. International Sociological Association. (canceled due to Covid-19).
- 2020** “For the right to human mobility: Central American migrant caravans in 2018.” May 15th. Guadalajara, Mexico. Latin American Studies Association. (canceled due to Covid-19).
- 2020** “The Politics of Motherhood among Deportees: Latinx Dreamer Moms Resisting U.S. Anti-Immigrant Discourses.” March 27, 2020. Belgium. Catholic University of Leuven. (canceled due to Covid-19).
- 2020** “Tijuana, the Sealed Frontera: A retrospective look at 30 years of history of the US-Mexico Border Politics.” February 1st. San Diego, CA. Sociologist for Women Winter Meeting.
- 2019** “Haciendo Hogar (Making Home): How Community Building Helps Migrants to Achieve Belonging and Social Agency.” May 26. Boston. Latin American Studies Association.
- 2018** “Cultivating Home: How immigrants achieve belonging and social agency through community building practices.” July 17. Toronto, Canada. International Sociological Association World Congress.
- 2017** “Solidarity movements as Gendered Transformative Processes: The Case of *Las Patronas*.” April 30th. Lima, Peru. Latin American Studies Association.
- 2016** “Violence, Migration and Gender: The Salvadorian Case.” May 27th. New York City. Latin American Studies Association.
- 2016** “Emotional violence as part of the different adversities in the daily life of Latin American migrants in the United States.” July 12. Austria, Vienna. International Sociological Association Forum.

- 2015** “The Role of Nostalgia in the Formation of Ethnic Enterprises: A Multi-Sited Ethnographic Study of Mexican-Owned Business in the United States.” May 28. San Juan, Puerto Rico. Latin American Studies Association.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS/TALKS

- 2024** “Migrant Scholars researching migration Book presentation” Universidad Loyola, Spain. April 29th. Online.
- 2020** “Impactos Sociales del Covid-19 en Brasil, Colombia y Estados Unidos.” Universidad ICESI, Colombia. May 12th. Online.
- 2019** “The Caravan as mobility strategy: Lessons and challenges,” Conference: Criminalizing Immigrant Families: Race, Gender, and Family Separations at the US-Mexico Border. University of California, Santa Barbara. May 3.
- 2019** “Fleeing Home: Notes on the Central American Caravan,” Latin American Studies Symposium: Shifting Borders. Macalester College. March 9.
- 2019** “From an undocumented immigrant woman to a US college professor,” Latinx Society. Arcadia University. April 9.
- 2019** “Fleeing Home: Notes on the Central American Caravan,” Department of Sociology at Macalester College. March 7.
- 2019** “Fleeing Home: Notes on the Central American Caravan,” Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration Workshop, Department of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. February 15.
- 2018** “The Act of Solidarity as a Gendered Transformative Process: The Case Study of Las Patronas in Mexico,” BMC Faculty Speaker Series, Hanover, NH. April 29.
- 2018** “Ethics of Care and a Collective Action of Solidarity: The Case of Las Patronas in Mexico,” Narratives on Migration Course. Invited by Professor Raul Diego Rivera Hernandez, Villanova University. April 17.
- 2015** “Tres generaciones de mujeres migrantes salvadoreñas,” Seminario Internacional: Violencia, racismo y migración. UNAM. Mexico, City. November 13.
- 2015** “Roots/Raices: Place, Identities, Latino Fates, and Shared Futures in South Los Angeles.” University of Southern California. November 11.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

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| 2024 – 2026 | Migraciones Internacional – Editorial committee member |
| 2023 – 2025 | Vice president for Sociologists for Women in Society |
| 2023 – 2024 | American Sociological Association Public Understanding of Sociology Committee Co-chair |
| 2019 – 2020 | Borders in the Era of Detention and Deportation Panel Co-Organizer. Porto Alegre, Brazil. July 11- 15. International Sociological Association. (canceled due to Covid- 19). |
| 2019 – 2020 | Past, Present, and Future of Latino Studies in the US Panel Co-Organizer. Guadalajara, Mexico. May 14-17. Latin American Studies Association. (canceled due to Covid-19). |
| 2019 – 2020 | Outstanding Book Award Committee Chair for the Latino Studies Section in the Latin American Studies Association |
| 2019 – 2020 | Co-chair of the Latino Studies Section in the Latin American Studies Association |
| 2018 – 2020 | Treasurer for Sociologists for Women in Society |

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

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| 2023 – 2026 | Undergraduate Curriculum Committee member |
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MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER

- *Gender and Society,*
- *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography,*
- *Social Problems,*
- *Journal of Latin American Studies,*
- *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies,*
- *Human & Society.*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, member
 Latin American Studies Association, member
 Sociologists for Women in Society, member
 International Sociological Association, member
 International Migration Research Network (IMISCOE)