

Eli Ornelas

Curriculum Vitae

University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Department of Sociology
Institute for Ethnic Studies
726 Oldfather Hall
Lincoln, NE 68505
eli.ornelas@huskers.unl.edu

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Anticipated 2023

PhD in Sociology

Specialization: Ethnic Studies

Dissertation: *Don't Settle for Less: Incorporating Postcolonial and Settler Colonial Perspectives into the Sociological Canon* (Advisor: Dr. Lory Dance)

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

2020

Master of Arts in Sociology

Thesis: "The Consequences and Correlates of Racial Identity Discordance: An Explication of the Social Construction of Race"

Baylor University

2018

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Minor: Spanish

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and racisms, sociology of knowledge, language and power, critical pedagogy, critical discourse

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Ornelas, Eli and Angelica Phillips. "Using Respondent Characteristics and Geographic Context of Interviews to Explain Interviewer Variation in Assessments of Respondent Skin Tone"

Ornelas, Eli. "A Poststructuralist Approach to Understanding Race"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Fall 2022

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (SOCI 217)

One section of 50 students (asynchronous)

Instructor of Record

University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Spring 2021- Spring 2022
<u>Introduction to Ethnic Studies (ETHN 100)</u> <i>Two sections of 25 students</i>	
Graduate Teaching Assistant University of Nebraska-Lincoln <u>Introduction to Ethnic Studies (ETHN 100)</u> <i>Responsible for leading small group discussions and all grading.</i>	Fall 2020
Graduate Teaching Assistant University of Nebraska-Lincoln <u>Introduction to Sociology (SOC1 101)</u> <i>Responsible for reinforcing course material and all grading for almost 60 students</i>	Spring 2020
Administrative Assistant, Instructional Support University of Nebraska-Lincoln <u>Introduction to Sociology (SOC1 101)</u> <i>Responsible for assisting Dr. Kelsy Burke with administrative tasks related to facilitating the course and providing supplemental writing instruction to students</i>	Fall 2019
Graduate Teaching Assistant University of Nebraska-Lincoln <u>Introduction to Sociology (SOC1 101)</u> <i>Responsible for reinforcing course material and all grading for 30-40 students</i>	Fall 2018- Spring 2019
RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Graduate Research Assistant Department of Sociology University of Nebraska-Lincoln <i>Helped organize community forum and wrote reports (PI: Dr. Lory Dance)</i>	Summer 2022
Interviewer Department of Sociology University of Nebraska-Lincoln <i>Conducted semi-structured interviews and transcribed others (PI: Drs. Emily Kazyak and Kelsy Burke)</i>	Summer 2022- Fall 2022
Intern Bureau of Sociological Research University of Nebraska-Lincoln <i>Managed key aspects of statewide project for Nebraska Game and Parks Commission</i>	Summer 2020

Research Assistant Summer
Department of Sociology 2019
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Contact: jsmyth2@unl.edu

Research Assistant, Instructional Design Support Summer
Department of Sociology 2019
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Assisted Dr. Kelsy Burke in developing and updating curriculum for Sociology 101 (Introduction to Sociology) with an emphasis on written communication skills

Data Analyst Intern 2016
Center for Community Research and Development
Baylor University
Analyzed data for project that determined why or why not McLennan County elementary schools applied for House Bill 4 grant funding that was presented to Texas legislature

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Ornelas, Eli and Angelica Phillips. "Using Respondent Characteristics and Geographic Context of Interviews to Explain Interviewer Variation in Assessments of Respondent Skin Tone." 2022. Paper presented at the American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Witt-Swanson, Lindsey, Alex Henkel, Rachel Rogers, Emily Starr, Eli Ornelas, and Kristen Olson. 2021, "The Effects of the COVID Pandemic on the Mental Health of Nebraskans." Paper presented at the Midwest Association of Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Ornelas, Eli. 2020. "The Consequences and Correlates of Racial Identity Discordance: An Explication of the Social Construction of Race." Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Conference (virtual conference due to COVID-19)

INVITED TALKS

"Contextualizing the Civil Rights Movement: Before and After," Northstar High School 2022

"What is Critical Race Theory, Anyway, and Why Do Politicians Care?," 2021
invited panelist for Fall Colloquium series, Institute for Ethnic Studies,
University of Nebraska-Lincoln

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Preparing Future Faculty program University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Summer 2022- Fall 2022
Principles of Learning Workshop University of Nebraska-Lincoln Center for Transformative Teaching	2021
Encouraging Integrity: Using Course Design to Create an Anti-Cheating Classroom University of Nebraska-Lincoln Center for Transformative Teaching	2021
Teaching Portfolio Workshop University of Nebraska-Lincoln Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students	2018
Professional Development and Career Seminar (SOC 995B) University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2019
Teaching Development Seminar (SOC 995A) University of Nebraska-Lincoln	2018
HONORS AND AWARDS	
Department of Sociology Graduate Student Research Award (\$250)	Spring 2022
GTAP Summer 2022 travel award (\$400)	Summer 2022
BOSR Summer Applied Experience	Summer 2021
Cheryl Applegate Teaching Award (\$500)	Spring 2021
BOSR Summer Applied Experience <i>Awarded but not completed due to COVID-19</i>	Summer 2020
J.J. & Eleanor S. Ogle Summer 2019 Fellowship (\$3,500)	2019
Ed Muñoz Latina/o Sociology Excellence Award (\$1,000)	2019
David C. & Marilyn Moore Sociology Graduate Student Quantitative Research Award (\$1,000)	2019

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Vice President 2022-2023

Nebraska-Association of Sociology Graduate Students (NASGS)
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Department of Sociology
Elected position

Teaching Committee Chair 2021-2023

Nebraska-Association of Sociology Graduate Students (NASGS)
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Department of Sociology
Elected position

Resources and Planning Committee Grad Student Representative 2021-2022

Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students (NASGS)
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Department of Sociology
Elected position

Teaching Committee Co-Chair 2020-2021

Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students (NASGS)
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Department of Sociology
Elected position

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)
American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)