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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Harvard University, Sociology, expected 2021

Dissertation: *Families in the Opioid Era: An Investigation of Parental Addiction and Kinship Care in Central Appalachia*

A.M. Harvard University, Sociology, 2018

Qualifying Paper: “Where Everybody Know Everybody: The Morality of Addiction, Disability, and Economic Honesty in Central Appalachia”

General Exams: Social Stratification, Social Organization, Race Ethnicity and Immigration, Political Sociology

A.B. University of Chicago, Sociology (with Honors) and Economics, 2014

Inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, Beta of Illinois Chapter

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: *Playing for Keeps: A Study of the Use, Perception, and Community Organization of Public Playgrounds in a Chicago Neighborhood*

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Criminal justice, drug use and addiction, ethnographic methods, family, poverty and inequality, rural sociology, social policy

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Gonzales, Roberto G., Benjamin Roth, and **Kristina Brant**. In progress. *Un(DACA)mented.* Oakland: University of California Press.

Gonzales, Roberto G., **Kristina Brant**, and Benjamin Roth. 2020. “DACAmented in the Age of Deportation: Navigating Spaces of Belonging and Vulnerability.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43(1): 60-79.

Gonzales, Roberto G., Basia Ellis, Sarah Rendon-Garcia, and **Kristina Brant**. 2018. (un)Authorized Transitions: Illegality, DACA, and the Life Course. *Research in Human Development* 15(3-4): 345-359.

\*\*Winner, 2019 Erin Phelps Award, Society for the Study of Human Development.

**PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW**

**Brant, Kristina**. “‘Fake’ Disabilities and Drug Money: Everyday Welfare Surveillance in the Opioid Era.” Revise and Resubmit *American Journal of Sociology*.

\*\* Winner, 2020 Bruce D. Johnson Award, Drinking and Drugs Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

**Brant, Kristina**. “When Mamaw Becomes Mom: Surveilling, Supporting, and Penalizing Families in the Opioid Era.” Invited submission for the *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* “Growing Up in Rural America” special issue.

Small, Mario L., **Kristina Brant**, Ximena Garcia-Rada, and Leslie K. John. “People avoid their support network as much as they approach it—to their own detriment.” Submitted.

**Brant, Kristina**, Roberto Gonzales, Sayil Camacho, and Carlos Aguilar. “Dreams Achieved and Dreams Deferred: State Policies and the Educational Trajectories of Un(DACA)mented Youth.” Submitted.

Camacho, Sayil and **Kristina Brant** (equal authorship). “Quantitizing for Social Justice: Analyzing the Workplace Experiences of DACA Beneficiaries.” Submitted.

**PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS**

**Brant, Kristina.** *Surveilling, Supporting, and Penalizing Families in the Opioid Era*. Book proposal in preparation.

**FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Presidential Scholar Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2020-2021

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, 2019-2020

Inequality & Social Policy Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard Kennedy School, 2018-2019

Center for American Political Studies Research Grant, Harvard University, 2016 & 2018

Presidential Scholar Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, 2014-2016

National Merit Scholarship, University of Chicago, 2010-2014

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

Bruce D. Johnson Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems Drinking and Drugs Division, 2020

Rose Laub Coser Dissertation Proposal Award, Eastern Sociological Society, 2019

Erin Phelps Award, Society for the Study of Human Development, 2019

Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University Fall 2016 & Spring 2017

**RESEARCH REPORTS**

Gonzales, Roberto, Sayil Camacho, **Kristina Brant**, and Carlos Aguilar. 2019. “The Long-Term Impact of DACA: Forging Futures Despite DACA’s Uncertainty.” Immigration Initiative at Harvard.

Gonzales, Roberto, Marco Murillo, Cristina Lacomba, **Kristina Brant**, Jaein Lee, and Deepa Vasudevan. 2017. “Taking Giant Leaps Forward: Experiences of a Range of DACA Beneficiaries at the 5-Year Mark.” Center for American Progress.

Gonzales, Roberto, Ben Roth, **Kristina Brant**, Jaein Lee, and Carolina Valdivia. 2016.

“DACA at Year Three: Challenges and Opportunities in Accessing Higher Education and Employment.” American Immigration Council.

Gonzales, Roberto, Maria Luna-Duarte, Daysi Diaz-Strong, Ireri Rivas, and **Kristina**

**Brant**. 2016. “How Will I Pay for It? Undocumented Students and the Barriers to College Affordability.” Latino Policy Forum.

Jaein Lee, Carolina Valdivia, and **Kristina Brant**. 2015. “Who is Gaining the Most from

Obama’s Deferred Action Program for Young Adult Undocumented Immigrants?” Scholars Strategy Network.

**PUBLIC WRITING**

**Brant, Kristina**. 2020. “Supporting Kinship Families amid the COVID-19 Crisis.” *Fahe.org.*

Gonzales, Roberto G. and **Kristina Brant**. 2019. “DACA has changed lives—and the country—for the better. It must be preserved.” *The Guardian.*

Gonzales, Roberto G. and **Kristina Brant**. 2017. “DACA Boosts Young Immigrants’ Well-Being, Mental Health.” *NBCNews.com*.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Conference Presentations**

“‘Fake’ Disabilities and Drug Money: Everyday Welfare Surveillance in the Opioid Era.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2020. (Cancelled due to COVID-19).

“Policing Families in the Opioid Era.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2020.

“The Classed Consequences of Opioid Addiction in Rural Appalachia.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 2019.

“Communities in Crisis: The Social Consequences of Opioid Addiction and Rising Disability.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2019.

“The Morality of Addiction, Disability, and Economic Honesty in Post-Coal Central Appalachia.” Mini-Conference on Class and Culture, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2018.

“Beyond the Trust-Mistrust Dichotomy: Assessing Police Perceptions of Undocumented Young Adults.” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, April 2015.

**Other Presentations**

“What’s Next for DACA? Report Launch and Panel Discussion to Coincide with Supreme Court Hearing.” Immigration Initiative at Harvard, November 2019. (With Roberto Gonzales).

“From Local Voices to National Policy: Addressing the Opioid Epidemic in Appalachian Kentucky.” Arnow Conference for the Humanities, Somerset Community College, April 2019. (Invited talk).

“The Moral Boundaries of Work and Welfare.” Politics and Social Change Workshop, Harvard Department of Sociology, February 2017.

“From Undocumented to DACAmented: Understanding Legal Status in a New Policy Context.” Culture and Institutions Colloquium, Harvard Graduate School of Education, September 2015. (With Roberto Gonzales).

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Senior Thesis Advisor, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, 2018-2019 and 2020-2021

Lecturer, “Social Inequalities,” University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Fall 2018

Lecturer, “Criminology,” University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Fall 2018

Teaching Fellow, “Education and Culture,” Harvard University, Spring 2017

\*\* Awarded Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

Teaching Fellow, “American Society and Public Policy,” Harvard University, Fall 2016

\*\* Awarded Certificate of Distinction, Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University

Grader, “Introduction to Sociology,” Tufts University, Fall 2016

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Project Coordinator, National UnDACAmented Research Project (PI: Roberto G. Gonzales), Harvard Graduate School of Education, 2014-present.

Research Assistant, Online Study of Discussion of Personal Matters (PI: Mario L. Small), 2018-present.

**SERVICE**

**Service to the Field**

Board Member, Citizen Foster Care Review Board, State of Kentucky, 2019-present

**Service to the Discipline**

Occasional reviewer, *American Sociological Review* and *Advances in Life Course Research*

Coordinator, Out-of-Town Graduate Student Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, 2020-2021

President, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, 2016-2017

Coordinator, Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Harvard University, 2015-2017

Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, 2015-2016

Staff editor, Chicago Journal of Sociology, 2014-2015

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Society (sections: Community and Urban Sociology; Family; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility)

Eastern Sociological Society

Scholars Strategy Network

Society for the Study of Social Problems (divisions: Community Research and Development; Poverty, Class, and Inequality)