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**PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

2023- Chair of Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

2016- Professor of Sociology, Harvard University

Faculty Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies

Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs

2011-2016 Associate Professor of Sociology, Harvard University

2007-2011 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Studies, Harvard University

2006-2008 Post-doctoral Fellow, Harvard Academy Scholar

2003-2007 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Latin American and Caribbean Studies,

Tulane University

**EDUCATION**

2003 Ph.D. Indiana University-Bloomington, Sociology

2000 M.A. Indiana University-Bloomington, Sociology

1995 B.A. Kansas State University, Sociology and Latin American Studies (*summa cum laude*)

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book:**

2013*Women in War: The Micro-processes of Mobilization in El Salvador*. Oxford University Press.

Forthcoming in Spanish as *Mujeres en la Guerra: Los Micro-procesos de Movilización en El Salvador*. San Salvador: UCA Editores (Universidad Centroamericana de El Salvador).

Recognition received for *Women in War*:

Mirra Komarovsky Distinguished Book Award, Eastern Sociological Society

Distinguished Book Award, Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association

Distinguished Book Award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association

Global Division Distinguished Book Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Honorable Mention, Distinguished Book Award, Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association

Invited for *Author Meets Critic* section at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

One of ten books listed as “required reading” by the *Women’s Media Center* in their “Women Under Siege” project <http://www.womenundersiegeproject.org/blog/entry/required-reading-10-books-on-sexualized-violence-gender-and-war>

**Articles and Chapters:**

2023 Mena Ugarte, Sandra Carolina, María Virgina Rodríguez Funes, and Jocelyn Viterna. [“Maternal Morbidity under an Absolute Abortion Ban: Insights from a 6-year Case Series of Fatal Fetal Malformations in El Salvador.”](https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2666577822000958) *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology Global Reports* 3(1):100147. PMID: 36632427; PMCID: PMC9826817

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2018 Viterna, Jocelyn, Jose Santos Guardado Bautista, Silvia Juárez Barrios, and Alba Evelyn Cortez. “Governance and the Reversal of Women’s Rights: The Case of Abortion in El Salvador.” Pp. 255-276 in *Towards Gender Equity in Development*, edited by Siwan Anderson, Lori Beaman, and Jean-Philippe Platteau. United Nations University-Wider Studies in Development Economics. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

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2017 Viterna, Jocelyn and Jose Santos Guardado Bautista. “Pregnancy and the 40-year Prison Sentence:  How “Abortion is Murder” Became Institutionalized in the Salvadoran Judicial System.” *The Health and Human Rights Journal*. 19 (1): 81-93.

2017 Levitt, Peggy, Charlotte Lloyd, Armin Mueller, and Jocelyn Viterna. “Transnational Social Protection: Setting the Agenda.” *Oxford Development Studies*, 45 (1): 2-19.

2016 Viterna, Jocelyn. “Zika and Abortion: Reproductive Justice in El Salvador.” *Revista: Harvard Review of Latin America.* Vol XV, No. 3 (Spring 2016): 254-27

Translated and reprinted as *La condena de la embarazada pobre* in the Salvadoran newspaper, *El Faro*, on July 28, 2016. <http://www.elfaro.net/es/201607/academico/19046/La-condena-de-la-embarazada-pobre.htm>

2016 Fallon, Kathleen M. and Jocelyn Viterna. “Gender, the State, and Development.” Chapter 17 (pp. 414-449) in *The* *Handbook of the Sociology of Development*, edited by Gregory Hooks. Oakland: University of California Press

2015 Viterna, Jocelyn and Cassandra Robertson. “New Directions in the Sociology of Development.” *Annual Review of Sociology*, Volume 41:1-27.

2015 Viterna, Jocelyn, Emily Clough and Killian Clarke. “Reclaiming the ‘Third Sector’ from ‘Civil Society’: A New Agenda for Development Studies.” *Sociology of Development* 1(1):173-207.

2014 Viterna, Jocelyn. “Conceiving while Poor; Imprisoned for Murder” *NACLA Report on the Americas*. Fall. 47(3). Pp. 34-37.

Reprinted December 2014 as “El Salvador Imprisons 17 Women Who Lost Their Newborns for Murder” on the *Global Voices* website. <http://globalvoicesonline.org/2014/12/16/el-salvador-imprisons-17-women-who-lost-their-newborns-as-murderers/>

2014 Viterna, Jocelyn. “Radical or Righteous? Using Gender to Shape Public Perceptions of Political Violence.” Pp. 189-216 in *Dynamics of Political Violence: A Process-Oriented Perspective on Radicalization and the Escalation of Political Conflict*, edited by Lorenzo Bosi, Chares Demetriou, and Stefan Malthaner. Surrey, UK: Ashgate Publishing.

2012 Fallon, Kathleen M., Liam Swiss, and Jocelyn Viterna. “Resolving the Democracy Paradox: Democratization and Women’s Legislative Representation in Developing Nations, 1975-2009.” *American Sociological Review* 77 (3): 380-408.

2012 Viterna, Jocelyn. “The Left and ‘Life’: The Politics of Abortion in El Salvador.” *Politics and Gender* 8 (2): 248-254.

2009 Silber, Irina Carlota and Viterna, Jocelyn. “Women in El Salvador: Continuing the Struggle.” Pp. 329-351 in *Women and Politics around the World: A Comparative History and Survey*, edited by Joyce Gelb and Marian Lief Palley. ABC-CLIO.

2008 Viterna, Jocelyn and Kathleen M. Fallon. “Democratization, Women’s Movements, and Gender-Equitable States: A Framework for Comparison.” *American Sociological Review* 73 (4): 668-689.

2008 Viterna, Jocelyn, Kathleen M. Fallon, and Jason Beckfield. “How Development Matters: A Research Note on the Relationship between Development, Democracy, and Women's Political Representation.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 49 (6): 455-477.

An earlier version of this paper was published in 2007 as: “Development, Democracy and Women’s Legislative Representation: Re-Visiting Existing Explanations of Cross-National Variation.” Working Papers on Women in International Development #288. Women and International Development Program, Michigan State University: East Lansing, MI.

2008 Viterna, Jocelyn. “Negotiating the Muddiness of Grassroots Field Research: Managing Identity and Data in Rural El Salvador.” Pp. 271-97 in *Women Fielding Danger: Negotiating Ethnographic Identities in Field Research*, edited by Martha Huggins and Marie-Louise Glebbeek. Rowman and Littlefield.

2006 Viterna, Jocelyn. “Pulled, Pushed and Persuaded: Explaining Women’s Mobilization into the Salvadoran Guerrilla Army.” *American Journal of Sociology* 112 (1): 1-45. (Lead article)

Reprinted in 2014 in *The Social Movements Reader: Cases and Concepts* (third edition), edited by Jeff Goodwin and James Jasper. John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

2005 Hite, Amy Bellone and Jocelyn Viterna. “Gendering Class in Latin America: How Women Effect and Experience Change in the Class Structure.” *Latin American Research Review* 40 (2): 50-82.

Translated and re-printed in 2008 as “Sozialstrukturveränderungen und ihre Auswirkungen auf die Geschlechterverhältnisse,” pp. 171-194 in *Sozialstrukturen in Lateinamerika*, edited by Dieter Boris, Therese Gerstenlauer, Alke Jenss, Kristy Schank, and Johannes Schulten (Hrsg.). Wiesbaden:VS Verlag

2005 Bradshaw, York W., Kathleen M. Fallon, and Jocelyn Viterna. 2005. “Wiring the World: Access to Information Technology and Development in Poor Countries.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 23: 375-97.

2002 Viterna, Jocelyn and Douglas W. Maynard. 2002. “How Uniform is ‘Standardization?’: Variation Within and Across Survey Centers Regarding Protocols for Interviewing.” Pp. 365-397 in *Standardization and Tacit Knowledge: Interaction and Practice in the Survey Interview*, edited by Douglas W. Maynard, Hanneke Houtkoop-Steenstra, Nora Cate Schaeffer, and Johannes van der Zouwen. New York: John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

1999 Redding, Kent and Jocelyn Viterna. 1999. “Political Demands, Political Opportunities: Explaining the Differential Success of Left-Libertarian Parties.” *Social Forces* 78 (2): 491-510.

**Political Briefs, Newspaper Articles, and Working Papers:**

2023 Editorial (With Lucy Tu), Undark. “[Birth Control Access May Get Easier: Here’s Why It’s Not Enough](https://undark.org/2023/02/09/birth-control-access-may-get-easier-heres-why-its-not-enough/).” February 9. <https://undark.org/2023/02/09/birth-control-access-may-get-easier-heres-why-its-not-enough/>

2022    Editorial, *Los Angeles Times*. "[Abortion Ban 'Exceptions' Cannot Protect Life](https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-07-05/op-ed-abortion-ban-exceptions-cannot-protect-life)." July 5. <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2022-07-05/op-ed-abortion-ban-exceptions-cannot-protect-life>

2022 Mena Ugarte, Sandra Carolina, María Virginia Rodríguez Funes, and Jocelyn Viterna. “Evolución del embarazo en casos con anomalías congénitas mayores incompatibles con la vida: Serie de casos en el Hospital Nacional de la Mujer.” [Hospital Report]

2017 Reifenberg, Natasha and Jocelyn Viterna. “Las Otras Beatrices.” *El Faro* (Salvadoran Newspaper). November 10. <https://elfaro.net/es/201711/columnas/21140/Las-otras-Beatrices.htm>

2017 Editorial, *Los Angeles Times*. “The Real Reason El Salvador Jails Women for Stillbirths? It’s Called Moral Panic.” July 30. <http://www.latimes.com/opinion/op-ed/la-oe-viterna-el-salvador-abortion-crime-moral-panic-20170730-story.html>

2017 Viterna, Jocelyn and Natasha Reifenberg. *La politica es complicada; la ciencia es concluyente: El aborto terapeutico salva la vida de las mujeres.* David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies.

<https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/viterna/files/libro_jocelyn_final.pdf>

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<https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/viterna/files/viterna_guardado_white_paper_english.pdf>

Spanish version, “Análises Independiente de la Discriminación Sistemática de Género en el Proceso Judicial de El Salvador”

<https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/viterna/files/viterna_guardado_2014_white_paper_spanish.pdf>

2014 Viterna, Jocelyn and Jose Santos Guardado Bautista. “Principios Legales vs. Discriminación de Género.” *El Faro.* November 17. <http://www.elfaro.net/es/201411/academico/16241/Principios-legales-versus-discriminación-de-género-El-caso-de-las-17.htm>

2014 Viterna, Jocelyn. “La Historia de Dos Mujeres que Participaron en la Guerra.” El Faro (Salvadoran newspaper). March 3. <http://www.elfaro.net/es/201403/academico/14929/>

2014 Viterna, Jocelyn. “Mujeres en la Guerra: Quienes Ganan, Quienes Pierden.” *El Faro* (Salvadoran newspaper). February 24. <http://www.elfaro.net/es/201402/academico/14850/>

**Journal:**

2017 Peggy Levitt and Jocelyn Viterna (Editors). *Global Social Protection*. Special Issue of the *Oxford Development Studies.* Volume 45(1).

**MEDIA COVERAGE AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

2023 Quoted in *USA Today* article, “Ramaswamy praises the “nuclear family,” but single parents say his comments hurt,” by Sudiksha Kochi. 6 September 2023. <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/elections/2023/09/06/2024-republican-ramaswamy-nuclear-family/70703733007/>

2023 Research featured in *The Harvard Gazette* article, “How Total Abortion Ban Puts Maternal Health at Risk.” 25 January 2023. <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2023/01/how-total-abortion-ban-puts-maternal-health-at-risk/>

2023 Research featured in *Diario El Mundo* article, “El Placebo de un control prenatal y el ruego de un anencefálo.” 17 January 2023. <https://diario.elmundo.sv/opinion/el-placebo-de-un-control-prenatal-y-el-ruego-de-un-anencefalo>

2022 Quoted in AP article, “Salvadoran Women Jailed for Abortion Warn of US Total Ban,” by Luis Andres Henao and Jessie Wardarski. 11 June. <https://apnews.com/article/abortion-politics-health-caribbean-religion-8dcebe19ea1d3f20ef288463f4392da4>

2022 Quoted in Los Angeles Times article, “An Unreliable 400-year-old Test is Sending Mothers to Prison for Killing their Newborns,” by Leila Miller. 23 June. <https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2022-06-23/newborns-were-found-dead-a-faulty-forensic-test-sent-their-mothers-to-prison>

2021 Featured scholar on the podcast, Give Theory a Chance, with Kyle Green. January 18, 2021. “Teaching our Ugly Roots.” <https://thesocietypages.org/theory/2021/01/18/jocelyn-viterna-on-teaching-our-ugly-roots/>

2020 Invited panelist (with Victoria Reyes, and Earl Wright II) for the American Sociological Association Webinar on "Confronting the Canon: Diversifying your Department's Curriculum" <https://www.asanet.org/settler-colonialism-and-confronting-canon>

2019 Special Guest on Newsday, BBC World Service Radio, “Freedom for Three Women Jailed for Murder after Suffering Miscarriages.” 8 March. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p072y5j8>

2018 Research featured in *New York Times* article, “They Were Jailed for Miscarriages. Now, Campaign Aims to End Abortion Ban” by Elisabeth Malkin. 9 April 2018. <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/04/09/world/americas/el-salvador-abortion.html>

2017 Special Guest on *Newsday*, BBC World Service Radio, “El Salvador Rejects Appeal in Baby Death Case,” 14 December.

2017 Quoted in *Univision* article, “El Salvador Court Upholds 30-year Prison Sentence for Woman Whose Baby Died During Childbirth,” by Andrea Patiño and Patricia Clarembaux. 14 December. <https://www.univision.com/univision-news/latin-america/el-salvador-court-upholds-30-year-prison-sentence-for-woman-whose-baby-died-during-childbirth>.

2017 Research featured on television news program *Canal Gentevé* (channel 29), San Salvador, El Salvador. “Profesor de Harvard desmiente mitos sobre el aborto terapéutico y rechaza prohibición absoluta.” 29 August. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CdveDKB1F_k>

2017 Special Guest on the hour-long talk show of *Radio La Klave*. “El aborto terapéutico salva la vida de las mujeres.” 92.1. FM. San Salvador, El Salvador. 29 August.

2016 Research featured in *The Economist*, “Miscarriage of Justice: When Miscarrying Can Mean a Life in Jail,” By Sarah Esther Maslin. 1 December.

2016 Quoted in *BBC Mundo*, “Cerca de 95% de los homicidas en todo el mundo son hombres…¿Por qué las mujeres matan menos?,” by Margarita Rodriguez. 20 October. <http://www.bbc.com/mundo/noticias-37433790>

2016 Research featured in *Harper’s Magazine*, “Innocents: Letter from El Salvador, Where Pregnant Women have More to Fear than Zika,” by Rachel Nolan. October. pp 55-68. <http://harpers.org/archive/2016/10/innocents/>

2016 Special Guest on the hour-long talk show of the *Latino Media Collective*. “Women and War in El Salvador.” WPFW 89.3 FM. Washington, DC. 2 March.

2015 Special Guest on the hour-long talk show of the *Latino Media Collective*. “A Pardon for Carmen Guadalupe; What will be the Fate of the Other 16?” WPFW 89.3 FM. Washington, DC. 30 January.

2015 Quoted in *Americas Quarterly*, “In Latin America, Abortion Rights Stall as LGBT Rights Advance. Why?” 7 December. <http://www.americasquarterly.org/content/latin-america-abortion-rights-stall-lgbt-rights-advance-why>

2015 Research featured in *Enfoque Jurídico*, a Salvadoran legal studies journal. “El Paso de Jocelyn Viterna por El Salvador.” 5 June. <http://www.enfoquejuridico.info/wp/archivos/3014>

2015 Quoted in the Center for Reproductive Rights’ report, *Abortion and Reproductive Rights in Latin America: Implications for Democracy.* [http://www.reproductiverights.org/sites/crr.civicactions.net/files/documents/IAD9794 Repro Rights\_web.pdf](http://www.reproductiverights.org/sites/crr.civicactions.net/files/documents/IAD9794%20Repro%20Rights_web.pdf)

2015 Research featured in *Cosmopolitan*. “Why a Woman Who Says She Didn’t Know She Was Pregnant Is Serving a 40-Year Sentence for the Death of her Baby.” 11 February. <http://www.cosmopolitan.com/politics/news/a36366/las-17-jocelyn-viterna/>

2015 Research featured in Salvadoran Newspaper *El Faro*. “El Abuso de Fortín Magaña contra las 17.” 4 January. <http://m.elfaro.net/es/201501/opinion/16428/El-abuso-de-Fort%C3%ADn-Magaña-contra-las-17.htm>

2015 Research featured in *Against the Current*. “El Salvador Feminists Fight for Justice.” May-June.

<https://solidarity-us.org/site/node/4415>

2015 Research featured in *RH Reality Check*. “Salvadoran Council Uses Poverty to Justify Keeping “Las 17” in Prison.” 7 January 7. <http://rhrealitycheck.org/article/2015/01/07/salvadoran-council-uses-poverty-justify-keeping-las-17-prison/>

2015 Research featured in *International Viewpoint*. “Feminists in El Salvador Continue Fight for Justice for Women Imprisoned for Obstetrical Complications.” 19 March. <http://www.internationalviewpoint.org/spip.php?article3929>

2014 Quoted in the *Kansas City Star*. “In a Year of Discontent, Social Justice Issues Flare Near and Far into Protests.” 20 December.

<http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/article4748673.html>

2014 Quoted in *The Lexington Herald-Leader*. “UK Doctor Finds Live Birth Test Flawed in Prosecution of El Salvadoran Women.” 26 October.

<http://www.kentucky.com/2014/10/26/3503027_uk-doctor-finds-live-birth-test.html?rh=1>

2014 Special Guest on the hour-long talk show of the *Latino Media Collective*. “The Criminalization of Reproduction in El Salvador.” WPFW 89.3 FM. Washington, DC. 12 December.

2014 Expert Witness at the Second Tribunal of Conscience/Justice for Women, broadcast live on *La Radio de Todas*. San Salvador, El Salvador. 5 November.

<http://colectivafeminista.org.sv/radio-de-todas.html>

2013 Special Guest on *Greater Boston* with Emily Rooney. “Black Lives Matter, But Will it Last, and Can it Effect Change?” WGBH Public Television. 9 December.

<http://video.wgbh.org/video/2365386252/>

2011 Quoted in *Voice of America*. “Violence, Bias Impede Women’s Progress in Central America.” 4 May. <http://www.voanews.com/content/violence-bias-impede-women-progress-central-america-121332339/164408.html>

2009 Quoted in *The Boston Globe*. “Area Salvadorans Look Back with Hope” by Maria Sacchetti. 13 July. <http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2009/07/13/area_salvadorans_look_back_with_hope/>

**TEACHING**

**Harvard University Graduate Courses:**

Sociology of Gender

Sociological Research Design

Qualifying Paper Workshop

Teaching Practicum

Interrogating the Canon

**Harvard University Undergraduate Courses:**

Sex, Gender, and Sexuality

Advanced Research in Reproductive Health and Rights

Introduction to Social Movements

Global Social Movements

Mobilizing for Change: Social Movements & Revolutions Around the World

Gender in Developing Nations

Development in Theory and Practice

Sociological Theory

**Training Programs on Gender and Discrimination in Judicial Systems:**

2021 *Congreso Judicial Justicia con Perspectiva de Género*, designed and taught one segment of a 16-segment webinar series produced by the Academia Judicial Puertorriqueña, with over 400 judges and attorneys in attendance. May 14, 2021. <https://www.poderjudicial.pr/index.php/congreso-judicial/>

2019 *Curso Emergencias Obstetricas*, designed and taught a capacity-building program for El Salvador’s federal prosecutors, sponsored by the Attorney General’s office in El Salvador in conjunction with INL through the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador. October 22-23, 2019.

2019 *Discriminacion de Genero en el Proceso Judicial*, one of three instructors who designed and taught a week-long capacity-building program for 40 federal judges from four different Latin American countries (El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico and Peru), sponsored by the ILEA (the International Law Enforcement Academy), and the US Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT). August 12-16, 2019.

2018 *Discriminación Implícita: ¿Qué es, y cómo evitarla?,* designed and taught a one-day capacity-building program for El Salvador’s federal prosecutors, sponsored by the Attorney General’s office in El Salvador in conjunction with INL through the U.S. Embassy in El Salvador. December 18, 2018.

2014 *Diseño de Investigación en las Ciencias Sociales*, designed and taught a 1-week course in Spanish on recent advances in social science research design to 48 PhDs in Havana, Cuba; course co-funded by FLACSO-Cuba, the Ford Foundation, and the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies at Harvard. October 2014.

**LANGUAGES**

English (native)

Spanish (near fluency)

Portuguese (reading proficiency)