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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, 2024

Emphasis: Chicano/Latino Studies and Law, Culture & Society

Dissertation: "Global Influences, Local Realities: Unraveling Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Michoacán"

M.A. Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, 2022

Thesis: "Conceptions of Recovery and Relapse of Severe Mental Illness in Mexico City"

B.A. Psychology & Social Behavior and Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine, 2017

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024–present Research Assistant Professor

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice

University of South Carolina

AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies, University of South Carolina, 2024–present

Affiliate Faculty, Center for Civil Rights, University of South Carolina, 2025–present

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Intimate Partner Violence; Gender-Based Violence; Victimization; Marginalized Communities; Law & Policy; Criminology; Latin American Studies

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Gonzalez, V.V. (2026). We were Never Meant to be Neutral: Scholar Activism and the Ethics of Femicide Research. Article for a special issue of *Feminist Criminology*.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851261439929>

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- Gonzalez, V. V. (2026). The Unascended Pyramid the Limits of State Response to IPV in Rural Michoacán. *Feminist Criminology*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851261430901>
- Boyle, K. M., Shaiman, S., **Gonzalez, V. V.**, & Regoeczi, W. (2025). Statewide sanctuary policies and female homicide rates, 2016–2021. *Criminology*, 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.70037>
- Gonzalez, V.V. (2025). Contrasting Organizational Responses to Femicide in Mexico’s Public Health Crisis. *BMC Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-025-24968-3>
- Gonzalez, V. V. (2025). Grassroots memory and maternal refusal in Michoacán. *Journal for the Anthropology of North America*, 0, e70005. <https://doi.org/10.1002/nad.70005>
- Gonzalez, V. V. (2025) "Fragmented responses: Variability in law enforcement and prosecutorial approaches to sexual assault cases," *Qualitative Criminology (QC)*: Vol. 15: No. 1, Article 3. Available at: <https://dc.swosu.edu/qc/vol15/iss1/3>
- Sabina, C., Mariscal, E. S., Weber, M., Medrano, A. S., Flores, Y., Agorde, E. K., Elliot, J. M., **Gonzalez, V.V.**, & Restrepo, M. T. (2025). Factors enhancing resilience among youth exposed to macro-level violence in Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 26(2), 265-282. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380241309375>
- Gonzalez, V.V. (2025). Variability in the implementation of best practices for sexual assault case handling across US law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies. *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/PHH.0000000000002142>
- Gonzalez, V.V., Rios, J.M. (2023). Conceptions of recovery and relapse of severe mental illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City. *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-023-01055-5>

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles Accepted for Publication

- Gonzalez, V.V. (Accepted). Courage in Crisis: Latina Immigrant Survivors of IPV and the Quest for Help Amid Anti-Immigrant Sentiment. *Violence Against Women*.
- Gonzalez, V.V. (Accepted). Punishment as Class Governance: Bureaucratic (Un)Knowing and the Gradient of State Harm. *Punishment & Society*.
- Gonzalez, V.V. (Accepted) The International Interview: A Multi-Stage Qualitative Method for Capturing Relationally Produced Experience. *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Revise and Resubmit

- Gonzalez, V.V. (Revise & Resubmit). Aesthetic Governance in Courts and Workplace. *Social & Legal Studies*.

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Gonzalez, V.V. (Revise & Resubmit). The Violence of Ownership: Property and Inheritance as Structures of Social Harm. *Sociological Theory*.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Revise & Resubmit). Silent Witnesses, Protective Bonds: Sibling Memories and Shielding Behaviors in Households Affected by Intimate Partner Violence. *Journal of Family Violence*.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Revise & Resubmit). Aguantar, Gendered Expectation, and the Limits of Safety in Rural Michoacán. *Gender & Society*.

Under Review

Gonzalez, V.V. (Under Review). Extended Carceral Experiences: Informal Confinement of LGBTQIA+ Identities Across Non-Corrective Institutions.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Under Review). Beyond Universality: The Localized Violence Realities (LVR) Framework for Rethinking IPV Interventions.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Under Review). Erasing Gendered Death: Bureaucracies of (Un)Knowing in Criminology.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Under Review). Rethinking Consent in Qualitative Research: Iterative Ethics and Narrative Return.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Under Review). Food as Methodological Infrastructure: Interview Design, Power, and Ethical Responsibility in Qualitative Research.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Under Review). Embodied Extraction: The Political Economy of Profiting from the Body.

In Progress

Gonzalez, V.V. and Goldman, M. Pedagogies of Control: Public Schooling, Governance, and the Reproduction of Inequality.

Gonzalez, V.V. The Floor, the Ceiling, and the Illusion of Ethics: Institutional Review Boards and the Legal Governance of Knowledge.

Gonzalez, V.V. Legal Exploitation: Minimum Wage Exemptions and the Hierarchy of Human Worth.

Gonzalez, V.V. The Afterlife of Arrest: Material Innocence and Criminal Governance without Guilt.

Gonzalez, V.V. Law, Public Scrutiny, and the Making of Police (Un)Accountability.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Gonzalez, V.V. (2024). Is it possible to conduct ethnographic research on intimate partner violence as a survivor of intimate partner violence? In L. Cabatingan, S. Bibler Coutin, & D.N. Martínez (Eds.), *Communities of Practice and Ethnographic Fieldwork*.

Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003402701>

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Williams, K., Ragan, K., Magnus, A., & Gonzalez, V.V. (2024). Death under review: Differentiating lethal and nonlethal intimate partner violence. In K. Parker & A. Mancik (Eds.), *Taking Stock of Homicide: Trends, Emerging Themes, and the Challenges*. Temple University Press.

Gonzalez, V.V. (2025). The evolution of policies surrounding the legal status of survivors of intimate partner violence in the United States. In A. Brandon (Ed.), *Women Empowerment for Gender Equality: Diverse Initiatives from Across the World (Vol. 2)*. Vernon Press.

Book Chapters Accepted for Publication

Gonzalez, V.V. (Accepted). Motherwork under confinement: Navigating incarceration and maternal identities in Michoacán's prisons. In O. Marques & M.H. Miller (Eds.), *Incarcerated (M)others*. Demeter Press.

Gonzalez, V.V. (Accepted). Gender-Based Violence in Humanitarian Settings. In *The Sage Encyclopedia of Crime and Gender*. SAGE

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

Gonzalez, V.V. (2023). I was penalized for learning a language at home. *Sapiens: Anthropology Magazine*. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/fulbright-hays-native-speaker/>

REPORTS & POLICY BRIEFS

Gonzalez, V.V. (2024). Strategies from the Frontlines: How Organizations Supported Latine Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During COVID-19. Report for Esperanza United.

Gonzalez, V.V. (2024). Economic Empowerment through Grassroot Organizations addressing Gender-based Violence in Latin America. Report for FreeFrom.

Gonzalez, V.V. (2024). Understanding and addressing electoral violence in Mexico: Insights and recommendations from the 2023-2024 reports. UN Women Mexico Informational Brief.

Gonzalez, V.V. (2023). Victimization experiences of Latinas employed in domestic and/or farm work. Policy discussion with White House Gender Policy Council.

Gonzalez, V.V. (2023 & 2022). Non-confrontational approach to domestic disturbance; Survivor centered responses to sexual assault reporting. Proposed California legislation policy briefs.

EXTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

National Science Foundation

2023 NSF Law and Science Dissertation Grant, Arizona State University

2023 NSF INTERN Supplemental Funding, UN Women Mexico

2019 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

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Other

- 2025 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE) Fellowship, Division of Violence Prevention, NCIPC, CDC (offered, not activated)
- 2024 Northwestern Prison Education Justice Fellowship
- 2023-24 American Association of Hispanics in Higher (AAHHE) Education Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2023 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program (Alternate)

INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

University of South Carolina

- 2025-26 Excel Funding Program, University of South Carolina. Total amount awarded: \$13,400.
- 2024 College of Arts & Sciences Faculty Research and Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Carolina Total amount awarded: \$8,700.

University of California Irvine

- 2024 Daniel and Jeannette Stokols Social Ecology Endowed Grant Award
- 2023-24 UC Pre-Professoriate Fellowship
- 2022-23 Public Impact Fellowship
- 2021-23 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Grants
- 2019 UC Firearm Violence Research Small Grant
- 2018 UC MEXUS Small Research Grant

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2025 Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Mexico Section, Best Dissertation Award, Honorable Mention
LASA Migration Section, Junior Research Award, Honorable Mention,
LASA, Latinx Studies Section Dissertation Award
American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE), Doctoral Student Award
- 2024 American Society of Criminology, Division of Feminist Criminology, Graduate Student Paper Award
UC Irvine. Outstanding Social Justice Activist Award
UC Irvine, Latino Excellence and Achievement Award
- 2023 Western Society of Criminology, Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Award,
- 2022 American Society of Criminology, Division of Critical Criminology & Social Justice, Graduate Student Paper Award

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED PARTNERSHIPS

- 2024- South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCADVASA). Developing and conducting a needs assessment focused on Latine and immigrant survivors and service providers of domestic violence in the state of SC.
- 2024- SEIMUJER, Michoacán, Mexico. Assisting with development of a program assessment for newly developed programming on intimate partner violence for men.
- 2024 FreeFrom. Assisted with an assessment of programs from a variety of organizations in Latin America that support survivors of violence and offer economic empowerment.
- 2023-24 Esperanza United. Remote. Assisted with a multi city needs assessment of domestic violence (DV) shelters that specifically assist Latine survivors of DV.
- 2023-24 Mariposas de Michoacán, Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico. Developed a parent's education program to accompany a tutoring program for school girls. The parent's education program helps educate parents on the importance of education for young girls.
- 2017-24 Impacta Mexico & Kybernus Michoacán, Michoacán, Mexico. Have worked with both these organizations collaborating on several projects including a needs assessment for rural communities in Michoacán. As well as program evaluations for various community programs.
- 2017-19 Latino Health Access, Santa Ana, CA. Conducted program evaluation on programming's impact on local neighborhood's violence perception.
- 2015-16 Orange County Family Justice Center, Anaheim, CA. Conducted a program evaluation for their Parents Creating Change Parenting Education Program.

INVITED TALKS

- Gonzalez, V.V. (2025, February). Global norms, local realities: Bridging cultural and systemic gaps in IPV interventions. Socio-Legal Workshop, University of California, Irvine.
- Gonzalez, V.V. (2024, October). Community-engaged ethnographic methodologies. Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University.
- Gonzalez, V.V. (2023, October). Violencia de pareja (VP) en comunidades rurales de Michoacán. Red Interamericana Anti-femicide (RIAF).
- Gonzalez, V.V. (2023, October). Conceptions of intimate partner violence in Michoacán and perceptions of resources. Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios de Género (CEIG), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM).
- Gonzalez, V.V. (2023, April). Conceptions of intimate partner violence in Michoacán and perceptions of resources. Tecnológico de Monterrey.

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Gonzalez, V.V. (2019, August). Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City. Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatria Ramon de la Fuente Muñiz.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2025

Gonzalez, V.V. Beyond Universality: The Localized Violence Realities (LVR) Framework for Rethinking IPV Interventions. Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN) Annual Meeting.

Gonzalez, V.V. Violence Without Borders: Internal Migration and Survival Strategies in Rural Michoacán. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting.

Gonzalez, V.V. Survival on the Move: Forced Internal Migration Due to Gender-Based and Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Michoacán. Western Society of Criminology (WSC) Annual Meeting.

2024

Gonzalez, V.V. Immigrant and undocumented survivors of intimate partner violence and the policies surrounding their legal status. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Congress.

Gonzalez, V.V. Recognizing, naming, blaming, claiming, and redress of intimate partner violence in rural Michoacán and the role of globalization. Law & Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting.

Gonzalez, V.V. The Unascended Pyramid: A journey through Michoacán's rural IPV landscape. Center for Global Peace and Conflict Solutions (CGPACS) Graduate Student Conference.

Gonzalez, V.V. Sexual assault case-handling practices in the United States. Western Society of Criminology (WSC) Annual Meeting.

2023

Gonzalez, V.V. Sexual assault case-handling practices in the United States. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting.

Gonzalez, V.V. Formal help-seeking of Latina immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence during a period of anti-immigrant sentiment. American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting.

Gonzalez, V.V. Victimization experiences of Latina domestic and farm workers in the United States. Esperanza United Research and Policy Latin@ Leadership Fellowship Convening.

Gonzalez, V.V. Formal help-seeking of Latina immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence during a period of anti-immigrant sentiment. International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology.

Gonzalez, V.V. Sexual assault case-handling practices in the United States. Law & Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting.

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Gonzalez, V.V. Formal help-seeking of Latina immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence during a period of anti-immigrant sentiment. Law & Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting.

Gonzalez, V.V. Formal help-seeking of Latina immigrant survivors of intimate partner violence during a period of anti-immigrant sentiment. UCI Law School Initiative to End Family Violence.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024 Collaborator, FreeFrom

2023-24 NSF INTERN, UN Women Mexico

2023 Esperanza United Research Fellow

2022 NSF INTERN, INMUJERES Mexico

2020 Summer Associate, RAND Corporation

2017 Latino Mental Health Research Training Program Research Assistant, University of Southern California

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

American Sociological Association

2025- Council Member, ASA Latina/o Sociology Section

2025 Reviewer, ASA Latina/o Sociology Section Book Award

2023-25 Board Member, ASA Student Forum Advisory Board

2021-23 Graduate Student Rep., ASA Latina/o Sociology Section

American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education

2025-26 Reviewer, AAHHE Award Committee

2024-25 Reviewer, AAHHE Book Award

Latin American Studies Association

2024- Board Member, LASA Executive Council

2024-25 Council Member, LASA Student Section

2022-24 Co-Chair, LASA Student Section

American Society of Criminology

2025-26 Reviewer, ASC Division of Queer Criminology Award Committee

2025-27 Council Member., ASC Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice

2025-27 Junior Council Member., ASC Division of Feminist Criminology

2023-25 Graduate Student Rep., ASC Division of Feminist Criminology

University of California Irvine

Multiple service roles at UC Irvine