

# Jesus A. Garcia, B.S., M.S., Ph.D

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## Education:

2011, Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, Texas A&M Univ. College Station TX  
2003, Masters of Science, Sociology UTPA, Edinburg TX  
1999, Bachelor of Arts, Maj. Sociology, Minor-Criminal Justice, UTPA

## Publications:

1. "Resisting Assimilation and other models of integration." in *Sociology Compass Journal*, VI.10, Issue 6, June 2016
2. "A Minority Philosophy for the Twenty-First Century", David Riesman's Unpublished Writings and Continuing Legacy Edited by Kerr, Keith, Garrick Harden, & Marcus Aldridge. Ashgate, London, UK. International Scope. June 2015
3. "Modernization and Social Adaptations along the U.S. Mexico Border of the Lower Rio Grande Valley", Co-opting Culture: Questions of Culture and Power in Sociology and Cultural Studies Edited by B. Garrick Harden and Robert Carly, Rowman & Littlefield, Lanham MD. May 2009. International Scope
4. "Latinos", Garcia, Jesus, Aurelia Lorena Murga, and Rogelio Saenz in W.A. Darity (ed.), *International Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences*. Pp. 357-361 2nd ed. Vol. 4. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA. 2008
5. "Property Crime along the Border", Garcia Hector & Jesus Garcia, On the Edge of the Law: Issues of Culture, Labor, and Deviancy on the South Texas Border By Chad Richardson, University of Texas Press. 2006
6. "Drug Abuse Patterns & Trends in the Lower Rio Grande Valley: Cameron & Hidalgo counties", Elena Bastida, Jane Carlisle Maxwell, Fabiola Leal, and Jesus A. Garcia. Border Epidemiology Work Group Monograph. National Inst. of Health, National Inst. on Drug Abuse. 2003.

## Conference Papers & Presentations:

- 2016, March, Southwestern Social Sciences Association, Las Vegas, NV  
"A critical discussion of Assimilation, Race-cycle Theory, and Minority Inclusions", (presenter).
- 2015, October, Mid-South Sociological Society, Lafayette, LA.  
"Gender Roles and Inmate Personal Adds", Bronson, Eric, Alejandro Guadino, Jesse Garcia, Brad G. Harden.
- 2014, April, Southern Social Science Association, San Antonio Tx.  
Panel Session Chair, The Future of Social Theory  
"The Social Mobility and Place of Native-Born Ethnic Minorities in the 21st Century"
- 2012, August, American Sociological Association Denver, CO.  
Medial Sociology Section, Panel Discussion, "Traumatic Life Events, Chronic Strains, and Self-Reported Health of Elder Mexican-Origin Individuals".
- 2010, August, American Sociological Association Atlanta, Ga.  
Latino Section: "The Impact of Bilingualism & Education on the Income of Mexican

Americans Across Relative Group size”  
2009, April, Southern Sociological Association Atlanta, Ga.  
Culture Section: “Postmodern & Parallel Narratives in Minority Studies”  
2008, March, Southwestern Social Science Association conference, Las Vegas, Nevada  
Co-Chair panel discussion “Contemporary Culture and Power”  
2007, March, Southwestern Social Science Association Conference, Albuquerque, N.M.  
Culture Session organizer and chair  
2006, March, Southwestern Social Science Association Conference, New Orleans  
Immigration Session presentation “Undocumented Juveniles  
In TYC Custody: Across the line and Behind Bars”.

### **Areas of Specialization:**

Race and Ethnic Relations, Immigration, Borderland Studies, Sociology of Latinos,  
Social theory, Sociology of Crime, Cultural Sociology, Qualitative methods, Criminology

### **Employment:**

2014-present Visiting-Assistant Professor, Lamar University Beaumont TX  
Dept. Of Sociology, Social Work, & Criminal Justice  
2008-2012, Lecturer Univ. of Texas Pan American, Sociology Dept.  
2005-2008, Teaching assistantship, TX A&M Soc. Dept.  
2006-2007, Lecturer, Blinn College, Bryan TX.  
2004-2005, Research Assistant, Sociology Dept., Texas A&M University, College Station  
2002-2004, Lecturer, Sociology Dept, University of Texas Pan American (UTPA)  
2002-2004, Private Investigator, Law Offices of Thomas Thompson  
2002, Research Assistant, Border Health & Ageing Epidemiological Center  
2001, Research Assistant, Borderlife Research Project, UTPA.

### **Fellowship:**

2002-2003, National Institute of Drug Awareness Fellowship at Univ. of Houston

### **Funding:**

2016, Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship, (Mentor)  
2010, Ruth C. Schaffer Award, TX. A&M University College Station  
2008, Summer, Sociology Department Texas A&M Departmental summer Research Grant  
2008, Spring, Graduate Research Scholarship, Texas A&M University Office of Graduate Study

### **Academic Position:**

2011-12, Director, BorderLife Research Project, Univ. of Texas Pan American

### **M.S. Thesis Committees Supervised and Undergraduate Research:**

-Christian Ramirez, current graduate student at the Univ. of Michigan  
“Marginalized within the border: the undocumented citizen students of the University of Texas  
Pan American.” Spring 2012, Dept. of Sociology.  
-Alma Myrea Bravo, Lamar University graduate  
“Opposition to Policies Granting Legal Status to Undocumented Immigrants”, Lamar  
University, Spring 2015, Criminal Justice Dept.  
-Alex Guadian, “Make Up of Inmate Personal Ads”, Fall/Spring 2016 Lamar University, Criminal  
Justice Dept.  
-Edwin Lopez, McNair Fellowship Mentor 2014-15.  
-William ‘Blake’ Wheeler, Summer Undergraduate Research Experience 2016

## **Community Service:**

2017, Professor/Merit Awards Committee, Lamar University  
2016, Re-Entry Summit for Southeast Texas, Beaumont TX.  
2016, Affirmative Action Lecture, Federal Correctional complex, Beaumont TX.  
2016, Professor/Merit Awards Committee, Lamar University  
2016, Guest lecture "Immigration", April 30<sup>th</sup>, Lamar University SOCI Dept.  
2015, Arts & Sciences Outstanding Researchers and Teachers Committee. LU.  
2014-2017, Southwestern Social Sciences Resolution Committee  
2014-2015 McNair Scholar Mentorship, Lamar University  
2014, Founding Member of the South East Texas LGBTQIA Resource Center  
2014, Conducted Assisted in building Initial Database of the LGBTQIA Resource Center  
2014, Summer Pride Festival SETX LGBTQIA Resource Center event coordinator

## **Courses Taught:**

Quantitative Research Methods, Social Inequality, Sociology of Mexican Americans, Sociology of Education, Social Problems, Introduction to Sociology, Consumer Culture and Society, Sociology of Crime, Contemporary Theory, Critical Theory, American Minorities, Racial and Ethnic Relations, Juvenile Justice, Deviant Behavior, Border Crime and Criminology

## **Popular Press Articles and Interviews:**

."El Contrabando de drogas, una calamidad en la franja frontera", El Manana, Cd. Reynosa, Tamaulipas Mexico, viernes 18 de noviembre. 1994

."El Contrabando de drogas, una calamidad en la franja frontera", El Manana, Cd. Reynosa, Tamaulipas Mexico, viernes 25 de noviembre. 1994

."El Contrabando de drogas, una calamidad en la franja frontera", El Manana, Cd. Reynosa, Tamaulipas Mexico, viernes el 9 de diciembre.1994

"Drogas hacia el norte, artefactos electronicos hacia sur", El Manana, Cd. Reynosa,Tamaulipas Mexico, viernes el 16 de diciembre. 1994

### *(Interviews)*

"Virtual Relations", KVLU Radio Lamar University, with Blake Wheeler and the SURF Program, Sept. 2016.

"Narco: lado oscuro del 'milagro de tejas', Dan Freedman, The New York Times News Services. El Norte, Cd. Monterrey Nuevo Leon Mexico, domingo 16 de octubre del 2011

"Drug Trafficking Helping Economy along the border" by Dan Freedman, Hearst Newspapers. San Antonio Express News Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

### Non-Peer-Reviewed Publications

Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice, 2015. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc. edited by Sherwood Thompson.

"Social Distance" with Ms. Skylar Murphy, Lamar Univ.

"Integration" with Mr. Paydon A. Babino, Lamar Univ.

Lockdown Nation: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends in American Prisons, Eds. Worley, Vidisha & Robert M. Worley. ABC-CLIO Publishers (forthcoming)

"Pruno: Prison Brewed Alcohol"

"Juvenile sight and Sound Separation of Juvenile Offenders"

"The Panopticon"