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EDUCATION

PhD	Cornell University Brooks School of Public Policy	2023
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Advisor: Matthew Hall

Committee Members: Filiz Garip, Daniel Lichter, Adriana Reyes

Dissertation: Contemporary Challenges in Immigration Enforcement

Concentrations: Demography, Inequality

MS	Cornell University, Brooks School of Public Policy Policy Analysis and Management	2021
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BS	Indiana University Paul H. O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs Public Affairs <i>with Distinction</i>	2017
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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Rutgers University- Newark, School of Criminal Justice Assistant Professor	2026
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RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Public Policy, Policy Analysis, Structural inequality; Inequality, Racial stratification, Legal status stratification; Social Demography; Migration, Immigration, Immigration Enforcement.

PUBLICATIONS

Galli, C., & **Padilla, T.** (2026). The Justice Gap for Unaccompanied Children in U.S. Immigration Court: Rurality, Resources and Client Characteristics as Determinants of Access to Counsel. *Law & Social Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2026.10145>

Galli, C., & **Padilla, T.** (2025). Deporting children: Case outcomes for unaccompanied minors facing removal proceedings in U.S. immigration court. *Social Forces*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaf124>

Galli, C., & **Padilla, T.** (2025). New data on unaccompanied minors in U.S. immigration court (2009–2023). *International Migration Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183251316528>

Padilla, T., & Reyes, A. (2024). Hitting closer to home: State policies' impacts on immigrant health. *Social Science & Medicine*, 345, 116562. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116562>

Padilla, T., & Hall, M. (2021). Unauthorized immigrants in NY State: A demographic portrait. In *Immigration: Key to the future – The benefits of resettlement to upstate New York* (Chapter 18). Albany, NY: Rockefeller Institute of Government. ISBN 9781579690335

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION (*denotes student co-author)

Padilla, T. Stratified journeys: Intersection of debt and economic precarity in Mexican migration.

Padilla, T. & Buccino, S.* Childhood homelessness: Impacts of Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids on foster care admissions.

Padilla, T., & Quiles, N.* The Unintended Consequences of Sanctuary Policies

Padilla, T. & Li, N.* Beyond The Visa: International Student Experience in Trump 2.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2025-26 **T32 Postdoctoral Fellow**, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota.

2023-25 **Postdoctoral Associate**, Center for Innovation in Social Science, Boston University

2025 Research Director, Leir Institute for Migration and Human Security, Tufts University

2023-25 Principal Investigator, Immigration RAIDS Project, Boston University

2021-23 Research Assistant, University of Chicago
Dr. Chiara Galli. “Access to Justice for Unaccompanied Children in Immigration Court”

2020-23 Research Assistant, Cornell University.
Dr. A Reyes. “Migration as a Health Care Response”. Grant: National Institutes of Health

2020-21 Research Assistant, Cornell University, Research Assistant
Dr. Filiz Garip. “Covid-19 Pandemic Impact on Immigrant Groups”

2019 Research Fellow, Montgomery County Office of Legislative Oversight
Dr. Bonner-Tompkins. “Racial Equity and Social Justice Community Conversations”

2018 Research Assistant, Cornell University
Dr. Anna Haskins. “School Engagement and Avoidance among System-Involved Parents with Young Children”. Grant: William T. Grant Foundation

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS (*denotes presenting author)

“Doubly Policed Places: Institutional Layering, Family Disruption, and Wellbeing in US Counties” American Society of Criminology 2026 Annual Meeting.

“Wellbeing in Doubly Policed Places: Immigration Enforcement, Local Policing, and Population Health” American Sociology Association 2026 Annual Meeting.

“The Impacts of Immigration Enforcement on Prenatal Healthcare Utilization” NICHD Junior Investigator Invited Workshop 2026*

“Policing Inequality: The Spatial and Racial Geography of ICE Enforcement in the United States, 2014–2018” Population Association of America 2026 Annual Meeting*

“The Representation Effect for Unaccompanied Children in US Immigration Court”. Law and Society Association 2025 Annual Meeting

“Halting College Progression: The Impact of Immigration Raids on Student Secondary Education Enrollment”. Population Association of America 2025 Annual Meeting*

“Forced Separation: The Impact of Immigration Raids on Foster Care Admissions and Child Wellbeing”. Population Association of America 2025 Annual Meeting*

“Stratified Journeys: Intersection of Debt and Economic Precarity in Mexican Migration”. American Sociology Association 2024 Annual Meeting*

“Deporting Children: case outcomes for unaccompanied minors facing removal proceedings in US Immigration Court”. American Sociology Association 2024 Annual Meeting

“The Rise of Immigration Raids: Spatial, Temporal and Demographic Patterns”. Harvard Migration and Immigrant Incorporation (MII) Workshop 2023*

“Determinants of Case Outcomes for Unaccompanied Minors in U.S. Immigration Proceedings”. Law and Society 2023 Annual Meeting

“Debt Migration: Understanding Its Origins and Pervasiveness”. Population Association of America 2022 Annual Meeting, *Poster Award**

“In a Trump Era: Impact of ICE on Students and Schools”. Population Association of America 2021 Annual Meeting*

“Hitting Closer to Home: State Policies’ Impacts on Immigrant Health”. Population Association of America 2021 Annual Meeting*

“Coyote Crossing: Who Bears the Cost of Migration”. American Population Association annual meeting 2020*

“Coyote Crossing: Who Bears the Cost of Migration”. Pew Research Center Conference on Global Unauthorized Immigration 2020, *COVID Canceled**

“Coyote Crossing: Who Bears the Cost of Migration”. Understanding Inequalities Conference 2020 (ui2020), *COVID Canceled**

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2026 UC Berkeley's Junior Scholars Symposium 2026 Fellowship
2025

	Early Career Scholars Grants Program, Society for Research in Child Development.
2023-2024	Principal Investigator, “Forced Separation: The Impact of Immigration Raids on Foster Care
2024	Admissions and Child Wellbeing” (\$7,500)
2023	UROP Research Grant, Boston University (8 grants, totaling \$18,000)
	Center on Innovation in Social Science/ Spark! Pilot Grant, Boston University
	Deans Excellence Sage Fellowship, Cornell University (\$6,800)
2023	Rapid Response Grant, Cornell Population Center (\$900)
2023- 2018	Conference Travel Grant, Cornell Population Center (\$400 yearly)
2022	Deans Excellence Fellowship, Cornell University (\$28,000)
2022	Provost Diversity Fellowship, Cornell University (\$6,800)
2022- 2019	Conference Travel Grant, Cornell University (\$500 yearly)
2017	Deans Excellence Fellowship, Cornell University (\$28,000)
2017- 2014	McNair Scholar, Indiana University (\$24,000 yearly)

AWARDS & HONORS

2024	Outstanding Postdoc Award, Boston University (\$1,000) for “excellence across areas of research, mentoring, teaching, and promoting diversity, equity and inclusion efforts”
2023	John Siciliano Student Leadership Award, Cornell University (\$1,000) for recognize “exceptional academic excellence and leadership”
2022	Poster Award, Population Association of America Annual Meeting
2022	Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Cornell University
2017	Kate Hevner Mueller Outstanding Senior Award, Indiana University

TEACHING (*denotes Outstanding TA Award)

Instructor of Record	Migration and Immigration Enforcement in the United States, Boston University (Spring 2024 and 2025)
Teaching Assistant	Inquiry in Politics & Policy, Cornell University (Fall 2021 and Spring 2022)
	Population & Public Policy, Cornell University (Spring 2021)
	Immigration & Public Policy, Cornell University (Spring 2020* and Fall 2020)
	Applied Multivariate Statistics for Public Affairs, Cornell University (Spring 2019)
	Social Problems in the U.S., Cornell University (Fall 2018 and Fall 2019)
Guest Lecturer	“Exploring Research Opportunities”, Boston University Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (Fall 2023)
	“Foundations of Empirical Research using Quant. Data Analysis”, Cornell Summer Pathways Program (Summer 2021)

“Migration Theory & Internal Migration”, Population & Public Policy (Spring 2021)

Grader Immigration & Public Policy, Cornell University (Spring 2018)

SERVICE & MENTORING

- 2026 **Committee Member**, Lecturers Committee, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice
- 2024 **Chair**, “Demography of Refugees and Asylees” PAA
Referee for Health Services Research Journal
Referee for Social Science Journal
Committee Member, International Migration Section, ASA
Committee Member, Migration Studies Workshop, Boston University
Advisor, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Boston University
- 2023 **Referee** for Journal of Health and Social Behavior
Committee Member, International Migration Section, ASA
Advisor, Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program, Boston University
- 2022 **Co-Chair** “Migration, Migrants, and Fertility” PAA
Co-Chair “Immigration Policy and Enforcement Climates: Micro- and Macro-Level Perspectives” PAA
Council Member, Brooks Dean’s Student Advisory Council
- 2021 **Chair**, “Education and Health Outcomes Among Immigrant Youth” PAA
Council Member, Brooks Dean’s Student Advisory Council
Poster Discussant, PAA 2021
Reviewer of Submissions, American Education Research Association 2022 Annual Meeting
- 2020 **Committee Member**, Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion, Department of Policy Analysis and Management
Mentor, Cornell First Generation & Low-Income Graduate Student Organization
Mentor, Mentors Collective, Indiana University
- 2019 **Referee** for International Migration
Executive Board Member, Latinx Graduate Students Coalition
Mentor, Mentors Collective, Indiana University
- 2017 **President**, Graduate Students in Policy Analysis and Management
Mentor, Mentors Collective, Indiana University
- 2015 **Vice President**, Indiana University Student Association
- 2017 **Legal Intern**, US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants
- 2016 **VISTA Summer Associate**, AmeriCorps

DISTINCTIONS

Professional Affiliations

Population Association of America (PAA)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

American Education Research Association (AERA)

Law and Society Association (LSA)

Training and Certifications

Preparing Future Faculty, University of Minnesota 2026

Inclusive Teaching Institute, Center for Teaching Excellence, Cornell 2019

Causal Inference and Machine Learning Workshop, Computational Justice Lab, Claremont Graduate University 2019

Colman Leadership Program, Cornell 2019

Languages

English (Fluent); Spanish (highly proficient); French (elementary); Italian (elementary)

Spanish Interpreter, Cornell Law School Asylum Clinic

Spanish Interpreter, Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Clinic

International Studies

Paris Institute of Political Sciences, Sciences Po: SPEA Exchange Program (2016)

American College of Greece: SPEA in Athens Program (2015)