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## CURRENT POSITION

### University of California, Irvine (Fall 2004-present)

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Department of Chicano/Latino Studies  
and, with courtesy, Department of Education

*Faculty Affiliate:*

Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy  
Demographic and Social Analysis Program

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Department of Sociology, June 2003  
M.A., Sociology, June 1998

### Boston University

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Political Science & Sociology, minor in Spanish, May 1995

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Immigration, Race and Ethnicity, Education, Social Inequality, Latino/a Sociology

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2006. *Unequal Origins: Immigrant Selection and the Education of the Second Generation*. New York: LFB Scholarly Publishing.

Reprinted in paperback, June 2008.

Reviews appear in:

*Contemporary Sociology*, 2006. 35(5): 471-472.

*Interactions: UCLA Journal of Education and Information Studies*, 2007. 3(2): 1-5.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

Bean, Frank, Cynthia Feliciano, Jennifer Lee and Jennifer Van Hook. *Forthcoming*. "The New U.S. Immigrants: Do They Elucidate or Confound Our Understanding of the African-American Experience?" special issue of *the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, The Moynihan Report Revisited: Lessons and Reflections after Four Decades*, edited by Douglas Massey and Robert Sampson.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2008. "Gendered Selectivity: U.S. Mexican Immigrants and Mexican Non-Migrants, 1960-2000." *Latin American Research Review*, 43(1): 139-160.

Ahmed, Patricia, Cynthia Feliciano, and Rebecca Jean Emigh. 2007. "Internal and External Ethnic Assessments in Eastern Europe." *Social Forces*, 86(1): 231-256.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2007. "Immigrant Selectivity, Ethnic Capital, and the Reproduction of Educational Inequalities across Borders," pp. 295-324 in *Crossing Borders/Constructing Boundaries: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration* edited by Caroline Brettell. Lexington Books.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2006. "Beyond the Family: The Influence of Pre-migration Group Status on the Educational Expectations of Immigrants' Children." *Sociology of Education*, 79(October): 281-303.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2005 "Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Ethnic Disparities in Educational Attainment among Immigrants' Children." *International Migration Review*. 39(4): 841-871.

Feliciano, Cynthia and Rubén Rumbaut. 2005. "Gendered Paths: Educational and Occupational Expectations and Outcomes among Adult Children of Immigrants" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 28(6): 1087-1118.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2005. "Educational Selectivity in U.S. Immigration: How Do Immigrants Compare to Those Left Behind?" *Demography*. 42(1):131-152.

Waldinger, Roger and Cynthia Feliciano. 2004. "Will the second generation experience 'downward assimilation' ? Segmented assimilation reassessed." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 27(3): 376-402.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2001. "Assimilation or Enduring Racial Boundaries? Generational Differences in Intermarriage among Asians and Latinos in the United States." *Race and Society*, 4: 27-45.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2001. "The Benefits of Biculturalism: Exposure to Immigrant Culture and Dropping out of School among Asian and Latino Youths." *Social Science Quarterly*, 82(4): 865-879.

Lopez, David and Cynthia Feliciano. 2000. "Who Does What? California's Emerging Plural Labor Force." pp. 25-48 in *Organizing Immigrants: The Challenge for Unions in Contemporary California*, edited by Ruth Milkman. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

## **Other Publications**

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2008. Review of *Racial Transformations: Latinos and Asians Remaking the United States* edited by Nicholas De Genova, Duke University press, 2006. *American Journal of Sociology* 113(5): 1450-1452.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2006. "Another Way to Assess the Second Generation: Look at the Parents." *The Migration Information Source*, May. <http://www.migrationinformation.org/>. Washington, D.C.: The Migration Policy Institute.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

"Gendered Racial Exclusion among White Internet Daters" with Belinda Robnett and Golnaz Komaie. (revise & resubmit, *Social Science Research*, under 2<sup>nd</sup> review)

"'Not Mexican-American, but Mexican': Shifting Ethnic Self-Identifications among Children of Mexican Immigrants" with Jessica Tovar. (revise & resubmit, *Latino Studies*, under 2<sup>nd</sup> review)

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008
- Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Research Council, 2007-2008 (declined)
- Association for University Women Educational Foundation American Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008 (declined)
- University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2003-2004
- Honorable Mention, Distinguished Student Scholarship Award, American Sociological Association International Migration Section, 2003.
- Social Science Research Council International Migration Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Research Council, 2002-2003
- UCLA Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2002-2003
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, National Research Council, 1999-2002
- SSRC International Migration Minority Summer Dissertation Workshop Fellowship, 2000
- UCLA Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, 1999
- UCLA Project 88 Graduate Fellowship, 1996-1997
- Boston University College Prize for Excellence in Sociology, 1995
- AKD, Sociology Honor Society, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award, 1995
- National Hispanic Scholarship Award, 1994, 1995

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- UCI Faculty Career Development Award, “Unequal Origins, Unequal Outcomes: Pre-migration Status and College Attainment among Children of Immigrants,” \$1000, 2008-2009
- UCI CORCL, Cultural Diversity Research Grant, “Explaining Ethnic and Generational Differences in College Attainment”, \$3000, 2008-2009.
- UC ACCORD Faculty Seed Grant, “Ethnic and Gender Disparities in Early School Engagement,” \$10,000, 2007-2008.
- UCI Council on Research, Computing and Library Resources, Cultural Diversity Research Grant, “Complex Colors: Inter-racial Dating in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Cynthia Feliciano and Belinda Robnett-Olsen, Principal Investigators, \$3500, 2006.
- National Research Council Collaboration in Basic Science and Engineering Grant, “Georgian Labor Migration During the Market Transition,” Rebecca Jean Emigh and Cynthia Feliciano, Principal Investigators, \$8,300, 2003.

## INVITED LECTURES

*University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology.* “Do Latinos and Asians Accept Dominant U.S. Racial Hierarchies? Evidence from Internet Daters’ Racial Preferences.” March 13, 2008.

*UC ACCORD (University of California All Campus Consortium On Research for Diversity) 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.* “Gender, Ethnic, and Generational Disparities in Early School Engagement.” Dec. 8, 2007.

*Santa Clara University, Center for Multicultural Learning, Diaspora Symposium.* “The Impact and Legacy of the Latino Diaspora on Educational Diversity in the United States.” May 8, 2007.

*University of California, Los Angeles. Department of Sociology, Race and Ethnicity Working Group.* “Gendered Hierarchies: Racial Exclusion and Inclusion in Dating Choices.” April 30, 2007.

*University of California, Berkeley, Center for Latino Policy Research and Center for Latin American Studies.* “Unequal Origins: Immigrant Selectivity and Educational Mobility among Second-Generation Latinos” March 16, 2007.

*University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Sociology (co-sponsored by Race and Ethnicity and FemSem Working Groups).* “Gender Hierarchies: Racial Exclusion and Inclusion in Dating Choices.” October 23, 2006.

*Harvard University, Graduate School of Education,* “Upwards or Downwards? Pre-migration Origins and Educational Mobility among Second-Generation Latinos” December 2005.

*University of California, Irvine, Department of Education Distinguished Speaker Series,* “Upwards or Downwards? Pre-migration Origins and Educational Mobility among Second-Generation Latinos” November 2005.

*University of Southern California, Department of Sociology*, “Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Differences in College Attendance among Children of U.S. Immigrants.” December 2002.

*University of California, Irvine, Department of Sociology and Chicano/Latino Studies*. “Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Differences in College Attendance among Children of U.S. Immigrants.” November 2002.

*University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology*. “Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Differences in College Attendance among Children of U.S. Immigrants.” November 2002.

*Ohio State University, Department of Sociology*, “Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Differences in College Attendance among Children of U.S. Immigrants.” November 2002.

*Indiana University, Department of Sociology*, “Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Differences in College Attendance among Children of U.S. Immigrants.” November 2002.

#### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (from 2000)**

“Unequal Origins, Unequal Outcomes: Pre-migration status and College Attainment among Children of Immigrants” to be presented at the *International Sociological Association’s* First Forum on Sociology, Barcelona, Spain, September 5-8, 2008

“The Female Advantage in Educational Success: The Role of Family and School Factors among Adolescent Children of Immigrants” to be presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Boston, MA, August 1-3, 2008

“Gendered Racial Exclusion among White Internet Daters” (with Belinda Robnett and Golnaz Komaie), presented at the *Population Association of America* Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 17-19, 2008

“Ethnic and Gender Disparities in Parents’ Educational Expectations among Immigrant and Native-born Minorities.” *American Educational Research Association* Annual Meetings, Invited Session: Emerging Scholars and Scholarship in Education Research, AERA, IES, and NAEd Postdoctoral Fellows and their Work. New York, NY, March 24-28, 2008.

“Choosing Bodies Online: Race-Ethnic and Sex Differences in Internet Daters’ Body Type Preferences” (with Carol Glasser and Belinda Robnett), presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Portland, Oregon, April 10-13, 2008

“What Happens to a Dream Deferred? Adolescent Expectations and Adult Outcomes among Children of Immigrants” (with Rubén Rumbaut) presented at the *Society for Research on Adolescence* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 7-9, 2008.

“Pathways Towards Higher Education: A Longitudinal Analysis of Expectations and Attainment among Children of Immigrants” (with Rubén Rumbaut), presented at the *Sociology of Education Association* Annual Meeting, Asilomar, CA, February 22-24, 2008.

“Education and Ethnic Identity among Children of Latin American and Caribbean Immigrants” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, New York, NY, 2007.

“Age Preferences for Partners among Internet Daters” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, New York, NY, 2007. (with Joy Pixley and Belinda Robnett).

“Gendered Disparities: Family and Achievement among Children of Immigrants” presented at the *American Educational Research Association* Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2007.

“Gender Disparities in Educational Attainment among Whites, Blacks, and Latinos in the United States, 1960-2000.” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, 2006.

“Race Still Matters: Dating Preferences among Whites in the United States” with Belinda Robnett-Olsen and Golnaz Komaie, presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, 2006.

“Assimilation *from* What? The Origins of Immigrants and Mobility Patterns of the Second Generation.” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, 2005.

“Educational Selectivity among Male and Female Mexican Immigrants to the United States, 1960-2000.” Presented at the International Congress of the *Latin American Studies Association*, Las Vegas, NV, October 2004.

“Beyond the Family: The Effects of Group Characteristics on Immigrant Children’s Educational Aspirations and Expectations.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 2004.

“Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Ethnic Disparities in Educational Attainment among Immigrants’ Children.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2003.

“Educational Selectivity and U.S. Immigration.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2002.

“Ethnic Classification in Eastern Europe” with Patricia Ahmed and Rebecca Jean Emigh, Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Anaheim, CA, 2001.

“Assimilation or Enduring Racial Boundaries? Generational Differences in Intermarriage among Contemporary U.S. Immigrant Groups.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Washington D.C., 2000.

## TEACHING

- Chicano/Latino Studies Research and Writing Seminar, Winter 2007
- Race and Education, Fall 2006
- Ethnic and Immigrant Americans, Fall 2006
- Immigration and the New Second Generation, Spring 2006, Winter 2007
- Ethnic and Immigrant Americans, Spring 2005, Spring 2006
- Racial and Ethnic Relations in the United States, Spring 2005, Winter 2006

## ADVISING

### *Undergraduate Level:*

- Honors program and Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program mentor, Jessica Tovar, Sociology, 2005-2006 (Soc 199: Winter 2006, Spring 2006)  
\* Co-winner of the 2005-2006 Robin M. Williams Jr. Paper Award
- Independent Study Advisor, Chicano/Latino Studies or Sociology (Chc/Lat 199, Soc 199):
 

Luis Alberto (Spring 2008)	Marwa Sallam (Winter 2005)
Stefano Mauro (Spring 2005)	Brian Finster (Winter 2005)
Michelle Booth (Spring 2005)	Thuy Tran Hoang (Fall 2004)
Edgar Rodriguez (Spring 2005)	Hooshik Minassian (Fall 2004)
Veronica Sanchez (Spring 2005)	Reiji Kodama (Fall 2004)
Sandy Salazar (Spring 2005)	Aaron Wang (Fall 2004)
Veronica Sanchez (Winter 2005)	

### *Graduate Level:*

- Committee Co-chair, Sociology 2<sup>nd</sup> year paper, Jennifer Luchesi Long, 2006-2007
- Advisor, DASA MA program:
 

Rennie Lee, 2006-2007
Daniel Amador, 2006-2007
Jeannette Gurrola, 2004-2005
- First year advisor, Sociology:
 

Esther Kim, 2006-2007
Julissa Jose, 2005-2006
- Independent Study Advisor, Sociology PhD students (Soc 299):
 

Jody Agius, 2006-2007
Goldie Komaie, Fall 2005
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year paper reader, Sociology:
 

Megan Thiele, 2006	Jody Agius, 2005
Carol Glasser, 2006	Leah Reich, 2005
- Dissertation Committee Member, UCI Sociology Department:
 

Christina Baker, (adv. Spring 2005)	Monica Trieu (adv. Fall 2005)
Goldie Komaie (adv. Fall 2005)	Jesse Valadez (adv. Winter 2006)
	Jody Agius (adv. Winter 2006)
- Dissertation Committee Member, UCI Education Department:
 

Satinder Hawkins (adv. Winter 2006)
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- Multilevel Modeling workshop, AERA Professional Development and Training Course, New York, NY, March 27, 2008.
- Hierarchical Linear Models, ICPSR workshop, U. of Mass., Amherst, June 25-29, 2007.
- Early Childhood Surveys at the National Center for Education Statistics, AERA Professional Development and Training Course, Chicago, IL, April 8, 2007.
- Research Assistant:
  - UCLA Institute for Social Science Research/Sociology Department, *Poverty Project*. Professor Rebecca Jean Emigh, Principal Investigator. 2000-2003.
  - UCLA Sociology Department, *Second Generations Past and Present Project*. Professor Roger Waldinger, Principal Investigator. 2000-2002.
  - UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center/Lewis Center, *Ethnic California Project*. Professor David Lopez, Principal Investigator. 1997-1999.
  - UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center, *Mexican American Study Project*. Professor Vilma Ortiz, Principal Investigator. 1998-1999.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Program Committee, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2009.
- Editorial Board, *Sociology of Education* 2006-2008
- Panelist, Conference of Ford Fellows, National Academies, Irvine, CA. Junior Faculty Strategies for Success Workshop. 2007.
- Discussant, American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, April 2007, Session on “Notions of Difference, Resistance, and Success.”
- Editor, *World on the Move*, Newsletter of the International Migration Section of the ASA, 2004-2006
- Panelist, Conference of Ford Fellows, National Academies, Washington, D.C. Predoctoral and Dissertation Social Sciences Professional Development Workshop. 2006.
- Session Organizer, “Inter-racial Dating and Relationships in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Pacific Sociological Association, 2006.
- Discussant, Summer Institute on International Migration, 2005
- Presenter, Latino/a Section, American Sociological Association, Pre-meeting Professional Development Workshop, “Getting a Job in Academia”, 2005.
- Session Chair, panel on “Migration, Education, and Health Issues,” LASA 2004
- Panelist, Southern California Ford Fellows Meeting, UCLA, workshop on “Applying for a Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship.” 2004.
- Grant Proposal reviewer: National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation
- Manuscript reviewer:
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>American Journal of Sociology</i></li> <li><i>American Sociological Review</i></li> <li><i>Canadian Journal of Sociology</i></li> <li><i>Demography</i></li> <li><i>International Migration Review</i></li> <li><i>Law and Society Review</i></li> <li><i>Sociology of Education</i></li> <li><i>American Educational Research Journal</i></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Social Forces</i></li> <li><i>Sociological Inquiry</i></li> <li><i>Social Science Quarterly</i></li> <li><i>Social Problems</i></li> <li><i>Social Science Research</i></li> <li><i>Sociological Quarterly</i></li> <li><i>Teachers College Record</i></li> <li><i>UCLA Civil Rights Project</i></li> </ul>
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## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Application Reviewer, University of California President's Postdoctoral Program, 2006-7, 2007-8
- Workshop leader, University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program Annual Fall Meeting, "Job Search in the Social Sciences." September 28, 2007
- Member, Junior Faculty Search Committee, UCI Department of Education, 2006-2007
- Member, Colloquium Committee, UCI Chicano/Latino Studies Program, 2005-2006
- Member, Undergraduate Education Committee, UCI Sociology Department, 2005-2006
- Moderator, UCI Undergraduate Research Symposium, May 13, 2006
- Workshop panelist: U.C. President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Spring Retreat; 2005, 2006
- Discussion Facilitator, CASA Cesar Chavez (Chicano/Latino Studies residential theme house), co-sponsored with the Public Affairs Theme House, "Culture Crash" event, Nov. 1, 2005
- Presenter, University of California, Irvine, School of Social Science Summer Academic Enrichment Program, 2005
- Member, Colloquium Committee, UCI Sociology Department, 2004-2005

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, American Sociological Association.
  - Sociology of Education section
  - Latino/a Sociology section
  - International Migration section
  - Racial and Ethnic Minorities section
- Member, American Educational Research Association.
- Member, Population Association of America

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board Member and volunteer, *EdBoost*, a nonprofit organization devoted to reducing educational inequality by providing high-quality educational services to all students and families.