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Education

- Expected* 2023 Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, Columbia University
Dissertation: “Promise: Families, Schools, and Early Childhood Admissions”
Committee: Tey Meadow (Co-chair), Shamus Khan (Co-chair), Mignon R. Moore, Tom DiPrete
- 2020 M.Phil in Sociology, Columbia University
- 2018 M.A. in Sociology, Columbia University
- 2014 A.B. in Sociology, Princeton University
Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies
Graduated with Honors in Sociology

Research and Teaching Interests

Culture; education; inequality; qualitative methods; gender and sexuality; elites

Fellowships and Grants

- 2022 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship (\$43,000)
- 2022 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF) Dissertation Grant – *Declined* (\$25,000)
- 2022 Columbia University GSAS Lindt Fellowship – *Alternate* (\$31,240)
- 2020 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council – MMUF (Awarded four years in a row; \$6,500 total)
- 2019 International Travel Grant Award – Columbia Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 2017 Research Support Grant – Columbia University, Department of Sociology
- 2016 National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2016 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship – Columbia University
- 2016 Provost Diversity Fellow – Columbia University
- 2016 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
- 2012 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, The Mellon Foundation

Publications

Peer-Reviewed

Diaz, Estela B. and Jennifer Lee. 2020. "Cultural Heterogeneity and the Diverse Success Frames of Second-Generation Mexicans." *Social Sciences* 9, 216.

Diaz, Estela B. 2013. "Sex-y Space: Space and Sexual Communities in the Bay Area and Pioneer Valley, 1960-1980." *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal*.

In Progress

Diaz, Estela B. and Mignon R. Moore. "Black, Sexual Minority Women in Postwar Detroit: The Search for Economic Independence and Sexual Autonomy." (Revise and Resubmit at *City & Community*)

Diaz, Estela B. and Lauren A. Rivera. "Merit as Milestones: Gatekeeping in Elite Independent School Admissions." (In preparation; manuscript available upon request)

Diaz, Estela B. "It's an Insurance Policy: Children, Schools, and Speculative Projects." (In preparation.)

Other Publications

Khan, Shamus, Estela B. Diaz, and Dominic Walker. Forthcoming. "Elites." *Oxford Online Bibliographies*.

Huang, Tiffany and Estela B. Diaz. 2021. Review of *Hyper Education: Why Good Schools, Good Grades, and Good Behavior Are Not Enough* by Pawan Dhingra." *Social Forces* 99(3):e11-e11.

Awards

2019 "Tilly Award of Sociology" Columbia University, Department of Sociology
Awarded for outstanding teaching and service

2014 Lisa B. Bryant Award – Princeton University, Sociology Department

2014 Huffman Senior Thesis Prize (Honorable Mention) – Gender and Sexuality Studies, Princeton University

2014 Spirit of Princeton Award – Princeton University

Teaching Experience

2022 Instructor of Record, "Sociology of Education," Columbia University

2019 Teaching Assistant, "Social Science Research Methods," Barnard College

2018 Teaching Assistant, "The Social World," Columbia University

Professional Experience

2016 – 2017 Graduate Intern – Admission Office, Barnard College

2014 – 2016 Admission Officer – Undergraduate Admission Office, Princeton University

Invited Panels and Conference Presentations

Invited

- 2020 Invited Speaker. “Education as a Cultural Good.” University of California Santa Barbara – Culture Workshop. Virtual.
- 2020 Invited Panelist. “Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences: Near Peer Panel.” Columbia College Office of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships Fair. Virtual.
- 2020 Invited Moderator. “First Generation and Working-Class Sociologists.” ASA Annual Meeting – San Francisco, CA. Virtual.
- 2020 Invited Panelist. “Children as Status Actors in Preschool Admissions Processes.” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Conference. Canceled due to pandemic.
- 2020 Invited Panelist. “MMUF Alumni Panel.” Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Fall Colloquium. Columbia University.
- 2019 Invited Panelist and Moderator. “ASA Workshop for First-Gen and Working-Class Graduate Students.” ASA Annual Meeting – Philadelphia, PA
- 2019 Invited Panelist. ““Black, Sexual Minority Women after the Great Migration: Cultural Straddlers in Search of Sexual Autonomy and Economic Freedom.” Stonewall at 50 Conference – Université Paris-Est Créteil
- 2019 Invited Panelist. ““Black, Sexual Minority Women after the Great Migration: Cultural Straddlers in Search of Sexual Autonomy and Economic Freedom.” ASA Annual Meeting – Philadelphia, PA.

Presentations

- 2022 Panelist. “Milestones as Merit: Gatekeeping in Elite Independent School Admissions.” Sociology of Elites Regular Session. ASA Annual Meeting – Los Angeles, CA
- 2022 Panelist. “It’s an Insurance Policy: Children, Schools, and Speculative Projects” Children and Youth Regular Session. ASA Annual Meeting – Los Angeles, CA
- 2021 Presenter. “It’s an Insurance Policy: Children, Schools, and Speculative Projects.” ` Qualitative Lab, Columbia University.
- 2021 Presenter. “It’s an Insurance Policy: Children, Schools, and Speculative Projects.” NYLON Working Group, New York University.
- 2018 – 2019 “Black, Sexual Minority Women after the Great Migration: Cultural Straddlers in Search of Sexual Autonomy and Economic Freedom”
Presented at:
Panelist, Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Columbia U.

Presenter, Gender, Sexuality, and Culture Workshop, Columbia U.
Roundtable, Sociologists for Women and Society

Service and Leadership

- 2021- Graduate Student Mentor, Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Columbia University
- 2020- Founder and Graduate Student Coordinator, Qualitative Methods Lab, Columbia University
- 2019- Executive Council Member, Office of Religious Life, Princeton University
- 2021 Graduate Student Coordinator, Gender Sexuality and Culture Lab, Columbia University
- 2020 Graduate Student Mentor, Laidlaw Undergraduate Research and Leadership Scholarship Program, Columbia University
- 2019 Manuscript Reviewer for *Social Problems*
- 2019 Task Force on Inclusion and Belonging, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University
- 2018 – 2022 Mentor. “MMUF Bootcamp for New Scholars.” Barnard College

Professional Memberships

- 2018 - Sociologists for Women in Society, Member
2016 - American Sociological Association, Member

References

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