

# BRIANNA B. CASTRO

## Curriculum Vitae

Harvard University Department of Sociology  
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### EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University (expected)  
Dissertation Project: The Social Effects of Climate Change – Perceiving and Adapting to Climate Change at the Micro-Level  
*Committee* – Mary Waters (Chair), Jocelyn Viterna, Diane Davis, Elizabeth Fussell
- 2018 A.M., Sociology, Harvard University  
Qualifying Paper: Whether to Weather – How environmentally distressed families resist migration during drought  
*Committee* – Jocelyn Viterna (Chair), Mary Waters, Mario Small, Abby Spinak
- 2009 B.A., Public Policy & Spanish Language and Literature  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Climate Change; Resilience and Adaptation; Environmental Migration; Risk; Governance; Qualitative and Mixed Methods

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Journal Articles

Masuda, Yuta J., **Brianna Castro**, Ike Aggraeni, Nicholas H. Wolff, Kristie Ebi, Teevrat Garg, Edward T. Game, Jennifer Krenz, and June Spector. 2019. "How are healthy, working populations affected by increasing temperatures in the tropics? Implications for climate change adaptation policies." *Global Environmental Change* 56: 29-40.

Hagan, Jacqueline, Joshua Wassink, and **Brianna Castro**. 2018. "A Longitudinal Analysis of Resource Mobilisation Among Forced and Voluntary Return Migrants to Mexico." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Jacqueline Hagan, Nestor Rodriguez, and **Brianna Castro**. August 2011. "Social Effects of Mass Deportations by the United States Government, 2000-2010." *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

Jacqueline Hagan, **Brianna Castro**, and Nestor Rodriguez. May 2010. "The Effects of Deportation on Families and Communities: Cross Border Perspectives." *North Carolina Law Review*.

#### Book Chapters

Castro, Brianna, 2019. "Drought Challenges in Rural Colombia." In Drought Challenges, Volume 2, Edition 1: Policy Options for Developing Countries. Edited by Mapedza Ervisto et al. Elsevier Science.

Castro, Brianna and Christina Kuntz. "The Nexus of Land Tenure Security and Climate Adaptation." *Land Tenure Security and Sustainable Development*. [Forthcoming January 2020 Palgrave/Macmillan]

Fussell, Elizabeth and **Brianna Castro**. Forthcoming 2020. "Environmental Migration in North America." In Handbook of Environmental Migration edited by Clark Gray and Lori Hunter. Published by Springer.

### **Book Review**

Castro, Brianna. June 2016. Review of Beyond Deportation: The Role of Prosecutorial Discretion in Immigration Cases by Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia. New York, NY: New York University Press. *Ethnic Racial Studies*.

### **Professional Reports**

United Nations Women's Program. November 2018. "Women's Agency and Resilience in Climate Crisis." Report prepared for launch at COP 24 Katowice.

Climate Security with Local Authorities Project. November 2018. "Geo-Archive on Climate Migration: Adaptive Migration during Drought." Launched at COP24 / available as an online archive for climate planning.

Farmworker Justice. October 2009. "A Portrait of the Children of America's Agricultural Workers." Washington, D.C.: Farmworker Justice.

### **Articles in Progress**

Castro, Brianna. "Whether to Weather: How environmentally distressed families resist migration during drought." [Under Review.]

Desmond, Matthew, Brianna Castro, Jasmin Sandelson, Adam Travis, & Mo Torres. "The Unaffordable World: Housing Rights, Resources, and Resistance among the Global Urban Poor." [Draft Available.]

### **Undergraduate Honors Thesis**

Brianna Mullis. May 2009. "Neither Here nor There: An Examination of U.S. Immigration Enforcement Policy and Undocumented Migration." Honors Thesis, UNC Chapel Hill.

### **TEACHING**

- Teaching Fellow, Models of Social Science Research (Fall 2017), Professor Paul Chang
- Teaching Fellow, Graduate Level Methods of Qualitative Analysis (Spring 2018), Professor Mary Waters

### **FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS**

- 2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Fellowship, Fellow 2018-2021
- 2017 Pre-Dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFA), Harvard University (\$3,700)
- 2017 Hutchins Center Research Grant, Harvard University (\$6,000)
- 2016 Summer Research Grant, Graduate Student Council, Harvard University (\$1,000)
- 2008 Travel Research Grant, Francis L. Phillips Scholarship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (\$7,000)

### **SCHOLARLY AWARDS**

- 2009 Phi Beta Kappa, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2009 Highest Honors with Distinction, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Section on Environmental Sociology
- Section on Sociology of Development

- Section on International Migration

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

- 2018 Environmental Humanities Training: Loss, Damage, and Security, Naples, Italy
- 2018 TransRe: Adaptation in Motion Closing Conference, Bonn, Germany
- 2018 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 American Association of Geographers Annual Conference, New Orleans, LO
- 2018 The Migration Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- 2016 American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Development Annual Conference
- 2015 International Association for the Study of Forced Migration Conference, Bogotá Colombia

**PRESENTATIONS**

- “Environmental Migration” Panel Participant  
2019: UNC Chapel Hill International Law Journal Symposium - *Discrete Issues in Immigration Law*
- “The Temporality of Migration during Environmental Crisis”  
2018: TransRe Closing Conference, Adaptation in Motion. Bonn, Germany
- “A Longitudinal Study of Forced Return Migration and Labor Market Reintegration in Mexico.”  
2018: Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia Pennsylvania
- “Whether to Weather: Resisting Migration during Drought in the Colombian Countryside.”  
2017: Politics and Social Change Workshop, Harvard University; Transnational Studies Initiative WCFA; Migration and Immigrant Incorporation Workshop, Harvard University
- “Vulnerability and Resilience during Slow Onset Environmental Crisis.”  
2018: Annual Association of Geographers Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana
- “Whether to Weather: How environmentally distressed families resist migration during drought”  
2018: The Migration Conference, Lisbon, Portugal
- “Whether to Weather: How environmentally distressed families resist migration during drought”  
2018: Symposium on Migration and the Environment, Oxford University

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- The Nature Conservancy January – December 2018  
*Research and Writing Assistance*
  - Coauthoring papers on projects related to slow onset environmental changes (heat stress and sea level rise)
- Dept. of Sociology Harvard University January 2016 – August 2017 Lagos, Nigeria  
*Field Researcher/ Research Assistant for Matthew Desmond*
  - Managing fieldwork for Lagos, one of four project sites
  - Conducted three months of ethnographic research in Lagos, Nigeria
  - Hired, trained, and currently supervising local ethnographic field research assistant
- Dept. of Sociology UNC May-July 2015 León, México  
*Research Assistant, Field Researcher*
  - Assisted with survey design and field work preparation

- Administered surveys and field interviews in León, México

Carolina Population Center July 2009- July 2010 Chapel Hill, NC  
*Project Manager*

- Managed the Southern Immigrant Academic Adaptation project under Principal Investigator Krista Perreira, PhD
- Arranged, conducted, and analyzed surveys and interviews with Latino adolescents in North Carolina high schools
- Supervised research team

Jacqueline Hagan, PhD., Dept. of Sociology UNC June - July 2009 Guanajuato, Mexico  
*Field Researcher*

- Completed fieldwork with Dr. Hagan throughout Guanajuato, Mexico for the UNC Department of Sociology project “Return Migration and the Role of the Mexican Government”
- Arranged and conducted interviews with Mexican government officials and migrants who had returned to Mexico from the United States on skills transferred from employment in the US to the labor market in Mexico

UNC Chapel Hill, Francis Phillips Scholarship May-August 2008 El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico  
*Field Researcher*

- Completed honors thesis research with Latinos deported from the US, government agencies, and migrant shelters

JBS International September 2008- June 2011 Johnston County, NC  
*Research Associate*

- Arranged and conducted interviews with immigrants and immigrant business owners for a study on Latino immigrant entrepreneurship in North Carolina
- Collaborated with North Carolina state agencies and nonprofits to promote immigrant entrepreneurship and create entrepreneurial training materials for immigrant business owners in rural parts of the state
- Delivered workshops on entrepreneurial skills to immigrant youth in North Carolina high schools

Dept. of Sociology UNC January-May 2008 Chapel Hill, NC  
*Research Assistant, Field Researcher, Teaching Assistant*

- Migration Studies Teaching Assistant for Jacqueline Hagan, PhD
- Researched topics relating to migration and sociology
- Interviewed contractors and immigrant workers regarding skill development in the construction industry

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

US Peace Corps August 2012 – February 2015 Tubará, Colombia  
*Community Development Volunteer*

- Designed, secured funding for, and will implement a nutrition education and school feeding program
- Coordinated a health awareness and outreach youth group with local health officials and nurses
- Led HIV prevention, family planning, and Dengue Fever prevention workshops with local health promoters
- Delivered technical trainings to local teachers on pedagogy and teaching methodology
- Implemented community English program for adult learners

Durham Public Schools September 2011- August 2012 Durham, NC  
*Migrant Dropout Prevention Specialist*

- Designed and implemented a dropout prevention program for at-risk Latino high school students
- Created a graduation coaching curriculum with trainings on college access and the application process
- Built partnerships between the public schools and local social service providers and non-profit organizations
- Designed and conducted district-wide cultural sensitivity trainings for counselors and social workers

MDC, Inc.	July 2010- August 2011	Durham, NC
<i>Program Associate</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Responsible for project management including developing work plans and action plans, coordinating with stakeholders and partners, and regular reporting to program officers at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</li> <li>- Identified entities and facilitated the formation of public-private community partnerships working to promote college completion among low-income college students</li> <li>- Provided training and hands-on technical support to community partnerships in the development of multi-million-dollar grant proposals</li> </ul>		

Law Offices of Adrián R. Halpern, P.A.	January 2007-May 2008	Chapel Hill, NC
<i>Bilingual Legal Assistant</i>		

**SERVICE**

Harvard Sociology Politics and Social Change Workshop	May 2017 – September 2018
<i>Coordinator</i>	

Harvard Vegan Society	August 2016 – August 2017
<i>Treasurer</i>	

Amnesty International USA	August 2001-2012
- Southern Regional Planning Committee Member	January 2009 – August 2012
- Annual General Meeting Planning Committee	July 2010-April 2011
- Regional Conference Planning Committee:	January 2009-July 2010
- Regional Trainer:	2006-2009

UNC Student-Faculty Migration Research Circle	September 2007-April 2009
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**LANGUAGES**

English (native); Spanish (fluent); Italian (intermediate proficiency); Yoruba (basic proficiency)

**SOFTWARE**

STATA; SPSS; Atlas.ti; NVivo; GIS