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EDUCATION

- 2022 **Ph.D., Sociology** (expected)
Harvard University
Dissertation: “Shifting Sands: Adapting to Climate Change in Everyday Life”
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, *summa cum laude*
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Climate Change	Migration and Mobility
Resilience and Adaptation	Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research
Environmental Sociology	Governance and Institutions

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Castro, Brianna. “Becoming a Climate Migrant: Sequential Migration Decision-Making in response to Climate Change.” [R&R at *American Sociological Review*]

Castro, Brianna and Raka Sen. “Everyday Adaptation: Theorizing Climate Change Adaptation in Everyday Life.” [R&R at *Global Environmental Change*]

Castro, Brianna. “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Bifurcated Governance, Power, and Forced Eviction in a Megacity.” [R&R at *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*]

Castro, Brianna. “The Art of Getting By: Ad Hoc Adaptations to Climate Change in Coastal Communities.” [Under review at *Climatic Change*]

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 October 2021 Palgrave/Macmillan]

Fussell, Elizabeth and **Brianna Castro**. "Environmental Migration in North America." In Handbook of Environmental Migration edited by Clark Gray and Lori Hunter. [Forthcoming October 2021 Springer].

Book Reviews

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

Natural Hazards Center. March 2021. "The Art of Getting By: Ad Hoc Adaptations to Climate Change in Coastal Communities."

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.

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

- Independent Study Supervisor, Climate Change and Migration (Spring 2021), Professor Peggy Levitt, Wellesley College
- Teaching Fellow, American Politics and Public Policy (Fall 2020), Professors Mary Waters and Theda Skocpol
- Assignment Design, Back to the Future: How the Past Imagined the Cities of Tomorrow (Summer 2020), Professor Bruno Carvalho
- Teaching Fellow, Urban Diversity and its Discontents (Spring 2020), Professor Bruno Carvalho
- Teaching Fellow, Graduate Level Methods of Qualitative Analysis (Spring 2018), Professor Mary Waters
- Teaching Fellow, Models of Social Science Research (Fall 2017), Professor Paul Chang

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

2020	Joint Center for Housing Studies Research Grant (\$5,000)
2020	Natural Hazards Center Mitigation Matters Research Grant (\$2,500)
2017	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (3-year fellowship)
2017	Pre-Dissertation Grant, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (WCFIA), 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)

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

Research Affiliate, First Street Foundation, The Flood Lab

Research Affiliate, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill
Doctoral Fellow, Mellon Urban Initiative, Harvard University
Research Affiliate, The Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, Social Consequences of Climate Change Working Group

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Environmental Sociology; International Migration; Global and Transnational Sociology; Sociology of Development; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility)

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP)

Global De(Centre) Network

International Association for the Study of Forced Migration (IASFM)

PRESENTATIONS

INVITED TALKS

“Adaptation in Daily Life: Hyperlocal Action in a Changing Climate”

2021: Keynote Address, Everyday Adaptation Workshop, Sustainability and Development Initiative, University of Michigan

“Mitigation Measures and Household Level Adaptation to Climate Change”

2021: FEMA + Natural Hazards Center Mitigation Matters Program. Virtual.

“Migration and Climate Change: Crisis migration to Chronic Mobility”

2021: Guest Lecture, Wellesley College Sociology Department

“Household Level Adaptation to Climate Change in Coastal North Carolina”

2021: UNC-CH City and Regional Planning Department

“Climate Change in Context: the Political Landscape of Everyday Resilience”

2021: Guest Lecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

“Living with Climate Change: Crisis Migration to Chronic Mobility”

2020: Climate Migration and Managed Retreat Working Group, American Society of Adaptation Professionals

2020: Guest Lecture, Harvard University Graduate School of Design

“Micro-Level Adaptation to Climate Change in Rural Colombia”

2020: Cimpatico TV, Climate Change Migration Channel. Virtual.

“Living with Climate Change: Resisting Migration | Adapting in Place”

2019: UNC Chapel Hill Sociology Department, Migration Workshop

“Environmental Migration” Panel Participant

2019: UNC Chapel Hill International Law Journal Symposium - *Discrete Issues in Immigration Law*

CONFERENCES

“Becoming a Climate Migrant: Climate Change and Sequential Migration Decision-Making”

2021: Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Virtual.

“Everyday Adaptation: Theorizing Climate Change “Adaptation” in Daily Life

2021: Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association Roundtable, with Co-author Raka Sen.

“Everyday Adaptation: How Coastal Residents Adapt to Climate Hazards”

2021: Carolinas Climate Resilience Conference. Durham, North Carolina

“Autonomous Adaptation: Coastal Homeowner Response to Climate Hazards”

2020: Annual Meeting, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. Virtual.

“A Longitudinal Study of Forced Return Migration and Labor Market Reintegration in Mexico.”
2018: Annual Meeting, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia Pennsylvania

“Vulnerability and Resilience during Slow Onset Environmental Crisis.”
2018: Annual Association of Geographers Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

“The Temporality of Migration during Environmental Crisis”
2018: TransRe Closing Conference, Adaptation in Motion. Bonn, Germany.

“Whether to Weather: How environmentally distressed families resist migration during drought”
2018: The Migration Conference. Lisbon, Portugal.

“Drought Migration in Rural Colombia”
2018: Environmental Humanities Training: Loss, Damage, and Security. Naples, Italy.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Nature Conservancy <i>Research and Writing Assistance</i>	January – December 2018	
- Coauthored papers on projects related to slow-onset environmental changes (heat stress and sea level rise)		
Dept. of Sociology Harvard University <i>Field Researcher/ Research Assistant for Matthew Desmond</i>	January 2016 – August 2017	Lagos, Nigeria
- Conducted three months of ethnographic research in Lagos, Nigeria		
Dept. of Sociology UNC <i>Research Assistant, Field Researcher</i>	May-July 2015	León, México
Jacqueline Hagan, PhD., Dept. of Sociology UNC <i>Field Researcher</i>	June - July 2009	Guanajuato, Mexico
UNC Chapel Hill, Francis Phillips Scholarship <i>Field Researcher</i>	May-August 2008	El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico
- Conducted honors thesis research with Latinos deported from the US, government agencies, and migrant shelters		
JBS International <i>Research Associate</i>	September 2008- June 2011	Johnston County, NC
- Conducted research with immigrants and immigrant business owners for a study on immigrant entrepreneurship		

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

US Peace Corps <i>Community Development Volunteer</i>	August 2012 – February 2015	Tubará, Colombia
Durham Public Schools <i>Migrant Dropout Prevention Specialist</i>	September 2011- August 2012	Durham, NC
MDC, Inc. <i>Program Associate</i>	July 2010- August 2011	Durham, NC
Carolina Population Center <i>Project Manager</i>	July 2009- July 2010	Chapel Hill, NC

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Occasional Reviewer: *Social Forces, Population and Environment, Environmental Management, Ethnic and Racial Studies*

Friends of Colombia
Board of Directors January 2020 – Present

Harvard Sociology Politics and Social Change Workshop
Coordinator

May 2017 – September 2018

Amnesty International USA

- Southern Regional Planning Committee Member
- Annual General Meeting Planning Committee
- Regional Conference Planning Committee
- Regional Trainer

August 2001-2012

January 2009 – August 2012

July 2010-April 2011

January 2009-July 2010

2006-2009

LANGUAGES

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

SOFTWARE

STATA; SPSS; Atlas.ti; NVivo; GIS; MAXQDA

REFERENCES

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