

# ROCÍO ROSALES

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2014 – **Assistant Professor of Sociology**, University of California, Irvine  
Courtesy Appointment in Chicano-Latino Studies
- 2012 – 2014 **UC Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow**, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies  
University of California, San Diego

## EDUCATION

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- 2012 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2008 M.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2005 A.B. *Cum Laude*, Sociology and Latin American Studies, Princeton University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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International Migration, Immigrant and Ethnic Economies, Urban Studies, Race and Ethnicity, Poverty and Inequality, Latinas/os in the US, Qualitative Research Methods/Ethnography

## PUBLICATIONS

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### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

- 2014 "Stagnant Immigrant Social Networks and Cycles of Exploitation." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 37(14): 2564-2579.
- 2013 "Survival, Economic Mobility and Community Among Los Angeles Fruit Vendors." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. 39(5): 697-717.

### **Book Review**

Forthcoming. Review of *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States* by Seth M. Holmes. *Contemporary Sociology*.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW

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"Informal Agreements: Trust, Control and Bounded Opportunity." Manuscript in preparation.

"Surviving and Contesting the Street: Activists and Street Vendors' Contrasting Strategies and Expectations for Mobilization." Manuscript in preparation.

*Surviving the Sidewalk: Street Vending, Illegality and Deferring the American Dream*. Book manuscript in preparation.

## FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

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- 2014 UCI ADVANCE Career Development Award
- 2012 Mellon Mays Foundation, Dissertation Completion Grant
- 2011 - 2012 American Philosophical Society, John Hope Franklin Dissertation Fellowship
- 2011 UCLA Latin American Institute, Faucett Field Research Grant
- 2010 - 2011 John Randolph & Dora Haynes Foundation Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2010 Institute of American Cultures, Chicano Studies Center Grant
- 2009, 2011 UCLA Center for the Study of Urban Poverty, Travel Grant

2007, 2008	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award
2007	Mellon Mays Foundation, Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant
2006	UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations Labor and Employment Research Fund Grant
2005, 2006	Mellon Mays Foundation, Pre-doctoral Research Development Grant
2006	UC DIGSSS, Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award
2005	Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship (declined)
2005 - 2008	Ford Foundation Pre-doctoral Fellowship
2004	UC Berkeley Summer Research Opportunity (SROP) Fellowship
2003	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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### ***Papers Presented***

"Surviving and Contesting the Street: Street Vendor and Activists' Contrasting Strategies and Expectations for Mobilization." Law and Society Association Annual Conference. Seattle, May 2015.

"Informal Agreements: Trust, Control and Bounded Opportunity Among Street Vendors." American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York City, August 2013.

"Immigrant Outcomes and Sending Community Among Fruit Vendors." UC President's and Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellowship Academic Retreat. UCLA Lake Arrowhead, October 2012.

"Immigrant Informal Work as Stepping Stone? The Case of Los Angeles Fruit Vendors." American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Las Vegas, August 2011.

"Fruit Vendors in Los Angeles: Survival and Criminalization." Law and Society Association Annual Conference. San Francisco, June 2011.

"Curbing the Law: Fruit Vendor and Police Officer Street Corner Interactions." Contesting the Streets: Vending, Open-Air Markets, and Public Space Conference. Los Angeles, May 2010.

"Working the Mean Streets: Survival Strategies of Fruit Vendors in Los Angeles." Urban Street Vending: Economic Resistance, Integration or Marginalization? Conference. Berlin, May 2009.

"Help Wanted: International Labor Recruitment Among Los Angeles Fruit Vendors." UCLA Migration Industry Conference. Los Angeles, October 2008.

"Fruit Vendors in Los Angeles." Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York City, August 2007.

"Loose Women in a Confining State: Liberating Ideology and Economic Constraints in Cuba." Annual Conference of Ford Fellows. Washington D.C., October 2006.

"The Union of Revolutionary Rhetoric and Sex Work in Cuba." Social Science Research Council Mellon Mays Annual Conference. Barnard College, June 2006.

### ***Invited Presentations***

"Hometown Social Networks and Exploitation: Understanding Challenges to Informal Immigrant Worker Organizing." UCLA Low Wage Work and Worker Organizing Conference. Los Angeles, April 2013.

"Migrants of Dos Mundos: Sending Community, Exploitative Relations and Immigrant Outcomes." UCSD Sociology Colloquium Speaker Series. San Diego, March 2013.

**Discussant**

Author-Meets-Critic Panel. *Migration-Trust Networks: Social Cohesion in Mexican US-Bound Emigration*, by Nadia Y. Flores-Yeffal. Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference. New Orleans, March 2015.

"The Informal Economy." American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Atlanta, August 2010.

**Conference Organizer**

*Contesting the Streets: Vending, Open-Air Markets, and Public Space*. Sponsored by UCLA Center for the Study of Urban Poverty and USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration. Los Angeles, May 2010.

**GUEST LECTURES**

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"The Culture of Migration Among *Poblano* Fruit Vendors." Guest lecture in *Sociology of Immigration*. UC San Diego. April 12, 2013.

"Immigrant and Ethnic Economies." Guest Lecture in *Immigration, Race, and Ethnicity*. UC San Diego. March 6, 2013.

"Interpretation and Analysis in Ethnographic Research." Guest Lecture in *Field Research: Methods of Participant Observation*. UC San Diego. February 6, 2013

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**UC Irvine**

Social Problems - Fall 2014, Winter 2015

Immigrant and Ethnic Enclaves - Winter 2015

Field and Observational Methods (co-taught with David Snow) - Fall 2015, Winter 2016

**UC Los Angeles**

Issues in Latino/a Poverty (co-taught with Abel Valenzuela) - Fall 2008, Spring 2010

Low Wage and Immigration Workers (TA) - Winter 2009

**MENTORING**

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**Graduate Students**

2014 -15 M.A. Thesis Reader, Julie Kim, UCI Sociology

**Undergraduates**

2014 -15 Honors Thesis Adviser, Briana Sara Flores, UCI Sociology

**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

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**UC Irvine Department of Sociology**

2014 -15 Undergraduate Committee

**Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer**

2014 - Journal of Contemporary Ethnography  
Ethnic and Racial Studies  
Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies  
Social Problems

**Membership in Professional Organizations**

American Sociological Association (ASA)  
Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)  
Southern Sociological Association (SSA)

Law and Society Association (LSA)  
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

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Spanish (fluent)

**REFERENCES**

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Available upon request