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Employment

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, September 2021-Present
Texas A&M University

Visiting Assistant Professor/ACES Fellow, Department of Sociology, August 2019-August 2021
Texas A&M University

Education

PhD in Sociology with a specialization in Population Studies, September 2019
Princeton University

- Dissertation Title: “Can Love Conquer All?: Platonic and Romantic Relationships across Ethnoracial Lines in the U.S.”
- Committee: Douglas Massey (chair), Tod Hamilton, Marta Tienda, and Yu Xie

MA in Sociology, Princeton University October 2016

- Exams: Demography (Thomas Espenshade and Tod Hamilton), Immigration (Douglas Massey), and Inequality (Sara McLanahan)

BA in Sociology with a minor in French, University of Pennsylvania May 2013

- Summa Cum Laude with Distinction in Sociology

Publications

Gandara, Eduardo, **Emilce Santana**, Elfreda Samman, Benika Dixon, and Maya DeConge. “Exploring First-Generation Student Experiences during the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Influence on their Social Isolation: A Photovoice Project.” Forthcoming at *Journal of American College Health*.

Santana, Emilce. 2023 [**online**]. “Is Love (Skin Color) Blind?: Skin Color and Interdating across Ethnoracial Groups.” *Sociological Inquiry*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12587>.

Gandara, Eduardo, Elfreda Samman, Benika Dixon, **Emilce Santana**, and Maya DeConge. 2023. "Developing and implementing a photovoice project: Social isolation, COVID-19, and first-generation students." *Public Health Nursing* 40(4):563-565.

Santana, Emilce. 2022. “Friendship is Skin (Color) Deep: Skin Color and Friendships across Ethnoracial Lines.” *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 19(1):147-173.

Santana, Emilce. 2020. "Is White always Right? Skin Color and Interdating among Whites." *Race and Social Problems* 12(1):313-322.

Santana, Emilce. 2018. "Situating Perceived Discrimination: How Do Skin Color and Acculturation Shape Perceptions of Discrimination among Latinos?" *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(4): 655-677.

Ongoing Projects

Amaral, Ernesto, Defne Over, **Emilce Santana**, Chaitanya Lakkimsetti, Anna Estelle Kelley, and Dulce Espinoza. "Effective Communication Strategies During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Preparing for submission.

Santana, Emilce. "[**tentative title:**] The Role of Educational Background in Dating between Black and White People." Preparing for submission.

Santana, Emilce. "Quantifying the Causal Effect of Ethnoracial Background in Online Dating." Preparing for submission.

Santana, Emilce. "The Causal Effect of Skin Color Bias in Online Dating." R&R at *Social Science Research*.

Book Review

Santana, Emilce. 2018. "*Citizens but Not Americans: Race and Belonging among Latino Millennials* by Nilda Flores-González." *Sociological Inquiry* 88(4):749-751.

Select Presentations

Amaral, Ernesto, Defne Over, **Emilce Santana**, Chaitanya Lakkimsetti, Anna Estelle Kelley, and Dulce Espinoza. "Effective Communication Strategies During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (roundtable), (**upcoming:** August 2024), Montréal, Canada.

Santana, Emilce. "The Role of Educational Background in Black-White Dating." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, (**upcoming:** August 2024), Montréal, Canada.

Santana, Emilce. "The Role of Educational Background in Cross-Ethnoracial Dating." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Poster Session), April 2024, Columbus, OH.

Santana, Emilce. "Quantifying the Causal Effect of Ethnoracial Background in Online Dating." Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, October 2023, San Antonio, TX.

Santana, Emilce. "Quantifying the Causal Effect of Ethnoracial Background in Online Dating." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Poster Session), April 2023, New Orleans, LA.

Gandara, Eduardo, Benika Dixon, Elfreda Samman, **Emilce Santana**, and Maya DeConge. “Exploring First-Generation Student’s Experiences During the COVID-19 Pandemic and its Impact on their Social Isolation.” Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association (Poster Session), November 2022, Boston, MA.

Santana, Emilce. “The Causal Effect of Skin Color in Online Dating.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2021, Virtual.

Santana, Emilce. “The Causal Effect of Skin Color in Online Dating.” Texas A&M University – Glasscock Center for Humanities Research’s Colloquium (Invited), November 2020, College Station, TX.

Santana, Emilce. “The Causal Effect of Skin Color in Online Dating.” UT Austin – Population Research Center’s Friday Seminar Series (Invited), October 2020, Austin, TX.

Santana, Emilce. “The Causal Effect of Skin Color in Online Dating.” University of Pennsylvania – Population Studies Center/Population Aging Research Center’s Colloquium (Invited), October 2020, Philadelphia, PA.

Santana, Emilce. “The Causal Effect of Skin Color in Online Dating.” Texas A&M University – Sociology Department’s Colloquium, October 2020, College Station, TX.

Santana, Emilce. “Skin Color and Friendships Across Ethnoracial Lines.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019, New York, NY.

Santana, Emilce. “Is Love (Color) Blind? The Role of Skin Color in Dating across Ethno-racial Groups.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (Roundtable), August 2018, Philadelphia, PA.

Santana, Emilce. “Blurring Boundaries: Applying the status exchange hypothesis to white-Latino intermarriage.” Annual Meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, May 2018, Barcelona, Spain.

Santana, Emilce. “Is Love (Color) Blind?: Examining the Role of Skin Color in Dating Across Ethno-Racial Groups.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Poster Session), April 2018, Denver, CO.

Santana, Emilce. “Blurring Boundaries: Applying the Status Exchange Hypothesis to White-Latino Intermarriage.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2017, Montréal, Canada.

Santana, Emilce. “Blurring Boundaries: Applying the Status Exchange Hypothesis to White-Latino Intermarriage.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Poster Session), April 2017, Chicago, IL.

Santana, Emilce. “Situating Perceived Discrimination: How Do Skin Color and Acculturation Shape Perceptions of Discrimination?” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (Poster Session), April 2016, Washington, DC.

Santana, Emilce. “Situating Perceived Discrimination: How Do Skin Color and Acculturation Shape Perceptions of Discrimination?” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 2016, Boston, MA.

Service

Department

Member, Search Committee for Hire in Demography and Latine Studies, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, Fall 2023

Member, Student Awards Committee, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, 2021-Current

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, Winter 2017

Member, Departmental Climate Committee, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, 2016-2017

3rd Year Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, 2015-2016

Cross-Department/University

Mentor, Latino/a & Mexican American Studies Mentoring Program, Texas A&M University, (**upcoming**: 2024)

Board Member, Black Graduate Caucus, Princeton University, 2018-2019

Member, Lawrence Housing Committee, Princeton University, 2017-2019

Diversity Fellow, Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Princeton University, 2016-2017

Board Member, Latino Graduate Student Association, Princeton University, 2014-2016

Board Member, Graduate Women of Color Caucus, Princeton University, 2014-2015

Discipline/External to University

Chair, “Impact of Migration on Social Issues” session, Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, April 2024

Discussant, “Race, Ethnicity, and Families” session, Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, April 2024

Discussant, “Race, Family, and Social Mobility” session, Annual Meeting of Population Association of America April 2023

Internal Advisory Board Member, NSF's Eddie Bernice Johnson INCLUDES Initiative: Re-Imagining STEM Equity Utilizing Postdoctoral Pathways (RISE UPP), University of Maryland 2022-Current

Member, Latina/o Sociology Section's Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association 2021

Peer Review

I have served as peer reviewer for the following journals:

- Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*
- Race and Social Problems*
- Social Forces*
- Social Problems*
- Sociological Inquiry*
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*

Advising

Member, Comprehensive Exams Committee – Megan Bodily, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University 2024

Member, Dissertation Committee – Lindsey Gonzalez, Department of Political Science, Texas A&M University 2023-Current

Member, Master’s and Dissertation Committees – Oralia Zamarripa, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University 2022-Current

Member, Master’s and Dissertation Committees – Luna Chandna, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University 2021-Current

Member, Dissertation Committee – Sylvia Emmanuel, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University 2020-Current

Teaching

Texas A&M University (*instructor of record on all listed courses*)

Soci 317: Racial and Ethnic Relations - Fall 2021; Fall 2022; Fall 2023

Soci 337: International Migration - Spring 2020; Spring 2021; Spring 2022; Fall 2022; Spring 2023; Fall 2023

Soci 489: Sociology of Appearance – Spring 2024

Soci 632: Migration – Spring 2022; Spring 2024

Princeton University

Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (research methods instructor) - Summer 2017

Travelers, Tourists, and Pilgrims (assistant in instruction) - Spring 2016

Introduction to Sociology (assistant in instruction) - Fall 2015

Hustles and Hustlers (assistant in instruction) - Spring 2015

Honors and Awards

ADVANCE NCFDD Faculty Success Fellow - Summer 2022

The Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts' Pandemic Innovative Arts Grant ("First-generation students experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts on their social isolation: A Photovoice study") – 2021-2022

Innovation X Grant ("Effective Communication Strategies During COVID-19") – 2020-2021

ADVANCE Scholars Program - 2020-2021

Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars - 2017-2018; 2018-2019

Princeton University's Dean's Fund for Scholarly Travel - 2015; 2018

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (Honorable Mention) - 2014

Co-winner of the E. Digby Baltzell Thesis Award - 2013

Phi Beta Kappa - 2013

Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience - 2012

The McNair Scholars Program - 2011-2013

Penn Undergraduate Research Mentoring Program - 2011