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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Urban Studies and Planning, University of California, San Diego, 2026 – present

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Irvine, 2026
M.A., Sociology, California State University, Fullerton, 2021
B.A., Sociology, California State University, Long Beach, 2019
A.A., Social Sciences, Santiago Canyon Community College, 2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International Migration, Race and Ethnicity, Socio-legal Studies, Sociology of Emotions

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Robles, Jozef C. 2025. "Remnants of Illegality: DACA, Legal Status, and Unlearning Illegality" *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 51(9):2203–2221.

- Winner of the American Sociological Association's Latinx Sociology Section's Cristina Maria Riegos Student Paper Award, 2025.

Robles, Jozef C., and Devon Thacker Thomas. 2023. "Placing Mexican Ethnic Enclaves: Toward a Recursive Model of Place Attachment." *Critical Sociology* 50(7-8):1223-1239.

Book Chapters

Vega, Irene I. and Robles, Jozef C. 2026. "Legal Control and Migrants." Pp. 211–228 in *De Gruyter Handbook of Political Control* edited by Jennifer Earl and Jessica Maves Braithwaite. De Gruyter.

Book Reviews

Robles, Jozef C. 2025. "Review of Green Card Soldier: Between Model Immigrant and Security Threat." By Sofya Aptekar." *The Journal of Development Studies* 62(8):1496–1497.

Other Writing

Robles, Jozef C. 2024. "Agents of Affect: The Emotional Interactions Between Immigrants and Immigration Agents." University of Oxford, Border Criminologies.
<https://blogs.law.ox.ac.uk/border-criminologies-blog/blog-post/2024/09/agents-affect-emotional-interactions-between-immigrants>

Robles, Jozef C. 2023. "Navigating the Path to Legal Status: A Three-Part Series." Contexts Magazine. <https://contexts.org/blog/navigating-the-path-to-legal-status-part-one/>

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Punitive by Design: The Carceral Reality of U.S. Immigration Detention." (Journal article: Co-author with Rocio Rosales, UC Irvine)

"Legal Status and Health." (Journal article: Co-author with Luis E. Tenorio, Colby College, and Adriana M. Cerón, Yale University)

"Legal Status and the Racialized Afterlives of Immigration Control." (Book Chapter in Edited Volume: Solo-authored)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2026 UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship
2025 Minority Fellowship Program Fellow, American Sociological Association.
2025 Research Grant, UCI Center for Global Peace & Conflict Studies.
2025 Cristina Maria Riegos Distinguished Student Paper Award, ASA Latino/a Section
2025 Junior Scholars Symposium Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley.
2025 Early Career Scholar Workshop Grant, Law and Society Association.
2024 Dissertation Grant. Russell Sage Foundation.
2024 UCI Division of Teaching Excellence and Innovation Graduate Scholar.
2024 Niebla Fellowship. UCI Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies.
2023 Research Grant. UCI Center for Organizational Research.
2023 Honorable Mention. Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship.
2023 Humane Studies Fellowship. The Institute for Humane Studies.
2023 Nominee. Outstanding Lecturer Award, California State University, Fullerton.
2021 Merit Fellowship. Department of Sociology, University of California, Irvine.
2021 Distinguished Graduate Research Award. California State University, Fullerton.
2021 Graduate Commencement Speaker. California State University, Fullerton.
2021 Graduate Academic Honors. California State University, Fullerton.
2020 Emeriti Graduate Scholarship. California State University, Fullerton (\$750).
2020 Alan Emery Scholarship. California State University, Fullerton (\$500).
2019 Titan Bookstore Scholarship. California State University, Fullerton (\$500).
2019 Academic Excellence Award. California State University, Long Beach.
2019 President's Honor List Award. California State University, Long Beach.
2018 President's Honor List Award. California State University, Long Beach.
2017 Departmental Honors Award. Santiago Canyon Community College.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 Panel Session on *The Remnants Logics of Immigrant Illegality*. American Sociological Association Conference. New York, NY, August.
- 2024 Panel Session on *The Transformative Effects of U.S. Immigration Law Post Status Regularization*. CINETS – Crimmigration Control Conference. Portland, OR, March.
- 2023 Panel Session on *Remnants of Illegality: DACA, Legal Status, and Unlearning Illegality*. American Sociological Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA, August.
- 2021 Panel Session on *It's Not La Cuatro Anymore, it's Downtown Santa Ana: Explorations of Mexican Placemaking and Place Disruption*. Pacific Sociological Association Conference. San Diego, CA, March.
- 2020 Panel Session on *Losing Place: The Impacts of Gentrification on Mexican Ethnic Enclaves*. California Sociological Association Conference. Riverside, CA, November.
- 2020 Panel session on *Place Attachment and Mexican Ethnic Enclaves*. Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference. San Francisco, CA, August. *Cancelled due to Covid-19*.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Transitioning Out of Illegality.” University of California, Irvine, Program for Research and International Migration, May.
- 2026 “Unlearning the Remnants of Illegality.” University of California, Irvine, Center for Global and Peace Studies. April.
- 2026 “The Remnants Logics of Immigrant Illegality & Deportability.” Colby College. Waterville, ME, March.
- 2025 “Between Visibility and Evasion: Navigating Life After Illegality.” Pomona College. Claremont, CA, March.
- 2025 “Criminalization of Immigration: Illegality, Past and Present.” University of California, Irvine. Irvine, CA, January.
- 2022 “The Sociology of Emotional Intelligence.” California State University, Fullerton. Fullerton, CA, November.
- 2022 “Conducting Ethnographic Fieldwork: Lessons from Capitalist Promotoras.” University of California, Irvine. Irvine, CA, July.
- 2021 “Graduate School Applications Best Practices Forum.” California State University, Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA, November.
- 2021 “Applying to PhD Programs Workshop.” California State University, Fullerton. Fullerton, CA, August.
- 2021 “Keeping the Connection: In-depth Interviews during the Covid-19 Pandemic.” California State University, Long Beach. Long Beach, CA, 2021.

TEACHING

2022–2026 Lecturer, California State University, Fullerton.

Courses Taught

Race & Ethnic Relations ^D
 Sociology of Emotions ^{IP}
 Sociology of Death & Dying ^{D+H}

Level

Undergraduate
 Undergraduate
 Undergraduate

2022–2026 Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine

<i>Courses Taught</i>	<i>Level</i>
American Culture ^{IP; H; D}	Undergraduate
Statistics for Social Scientists ^{IP}	Undergraduate

D = Online, H = Hybrid, IP = In person

SERVICE

American Sociological Association

2026 Committee Member, Latino/a/x Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association.

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer

2023–present Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Social Problems; Critical Sociology

Pre-doctoral Service

2023–2024 Undocumented Students Engagement Chair, Associate Graduate Students. University of California, Irvine.
2022–2023 Union Representative, Associated Graduate Students. University of California, Irvine
2021–2023 Cohort Representative. Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE) Program, University of California, Irvine.
2022–2025 Mellon Mays Fellowship Graduate Student Representative. Mellon Mays Foundation & California State University, Fullerton.
2020–2021 Student Advisor. Extension and International Programs, California State University Fullerton.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Law & Society Association; Pacific Sociological Association; UC Irvine Center for Population, Inequality and Policy; UCI Program for Research on International Migration.