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EDUCATION

University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, Colorado August 2024
PhD, Department of Sociology
Women and Gender Studies Graduate Certificate

Dissertation: “Racialization in Disaster: How Mexican-Origin Women Navigate Cumulative Disaster Exposure and Long-Term Housing Recovery”

University of Colorado, Boulder, Boulder, Colorado May 2020
Master of Arts, Department of Sociology

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas May 2016
Bachelor of Arts, Department of Sociology
Certificate in the Sociology of Gender

CURRENT POSITION

Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education Fall 2024-Current
Postdoctoral Fellow at U.S. Forest Service

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS AND COMPLETED COURSES

Integrated Fire Management, Wageningen University & Research (Winter 2026)

Introduction to the Incident Command System, Federal Emergency Management Training (Summer 2024)

An Introduction to the National Incident Management System, Federal Emergency Management Agency (Summer 2024)

Colorado Based Post-Disaster Housing Training, National Center for Disaster Preparedness (Fall 2021)

CONVERGE Training Modules

- Social Vulnerability and Disasters (Summer 2024)
- Collecting and Sharing Perishable Data (Summer 2024)
- Indigenous Sovereignty in Disasters (Fall 2023)
- Positionality in Hazards and Disaster Research and Practice (Spring 2023)
- Public Health Implications of Hazards and Disaster Research (Spring 2022)
- Reciprocity in Hazards and Disaster Research (Fall 2021)
- Broader Ethical Considerations for Hazards and Disaster Researchers (Spring 2021)
- Understanding and Ending Gender-Based Violence in Fieldwork (Spring 2021)
- Conducting Emotionally Challenging Research (Fall 2020)
- Disaster Mental Health (Fall 2019)

NETWORKS AND AFFILIATIONS

Cultural and Disaster Action Network (CADAN) Fall 2022-Current

The mission of CADAN is to take action that can build and integrate cultural comprehension into the work of disaster risk reduction and disaster recovery.

William Averette Anderson Fund (BAF)

Fall 2017-Current

- BAF is a nationally-recognized program that works to empower students from underrepresented backgrounds in the hazards mitigation and disaster research field.

CONVERGE Data Ambassador

Fall 2022-Current

- Data Ambassadors have committed to publishing their own data and instruments on DesignSafe, to learning about the CONVERGE and RAPID facilities and their resources, and to sharing their newly attained knowledge with other social and behavioral scientists and colleagues from other allied disciplines in the hazards and disaster field.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Painter, Mary Angelica, **Melissa Villarreal**, Carson MacPherson-Krutsky, Lori Peek, Elizabeth Velasco, and Jolie Breeden. 2026. "Research as Part of the Legislative Process: Lessons from a Statewide Evidence-Based Study of Inclusive Emergency Alerts." *Natural Hazards Research*.

MacPherson-Krutsky, Carson, Mary Angelica Painter, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2025. "Inclusive Emergency Alerts: Exploring Whether Agencies Are Ready, Willing, and Able." *Natural Hazards Review*, 27(1): 1-14.

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Ayala, Yajaira I., Hannah K. Friedrich, Jen Liu, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2025. "Positionalities in Disaster Recovery Research: Reflections from Fieldwork across the Gulf South." *Disaster Prevention and Management: An International Journal*, 34(4): 529-540.

Melissa Villarreal, Carson MacPherson-Krutsky, Mary Angelica Painter. 2025. "Barriers and Best Practices for Inclusive Emergency Alerts and Warnings." *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 125:105581.

Painter, Mary Angelica, **Melissa Villarreal**, and Lori Peek. 2025. "State Hazard Mitigation Plans and Social Vulnerability." *Journal of Homeland Security and Emergency Management*, 22(2):139-166.

Villarreal, Melissa. 2023. "Long-Term Housing Recovery Among Mexican Immigrants: How Service Providers Navigate Racialized Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies." *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, 41(1):133-149.

Villarreal, Melissa and Nnenia Campbell. 2023. "Scholars from Under-Represented Groups in Engineering and the Social Sciences (SURGE) Capacity in Disasters: An Evaluation of a Mentoring Program for Underrepresented Minority Students." *Higher Learning Research Communications*, 13(1):70-92.

Coleman-Minahan, Kate, **Melissa Villarreal**, and Goleen Samari. 2023. "The Role of Legal Status and Uncertainty in the Reproductive Aspirations of 1.5 and Second Generation Young Women: An Exploratory Study." *Journal of Migration and Health*, 7:2-8.

Villarreal, Melissa and Michelle Meyer. 2020. "Women's Experiences Across Disasters - A Study of Two Towns in Texas." *Disasters Journal*, 44(2):285-306.

- Top Cited Article 2020-2021

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Cathelijne R. Stoof, **Melissa Villarreal**, Gareth D. Clay, Michael Cacciapaglia, Robert Coates, Michele Dalla Fontana, Christine Eriksen, Aniek Henken, E.R. (Lisa) Langer, Fiona E. Newman Thacker, Isabeau Ottolini, Nora Schreuder, Henry de Schrevel, Serhii Sydorenko, Kathleen Uyttewaal, David Flores. "Visioning an Ideal Future for Fire Science and Education."

Melissa Villarreal, Sarah DeYoung, and Virginia Berndt. "Reproductive Healthcare Access and Aspirations for College Students During and After Disasters."

BOOK CHAPTERS

Marino, Elizabeth, Liz Koslov, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2024. "Precarious Possessors and 'the Right to (rebuilding) the City'." *People or Property: Legal Contradictions, Climate Resettlement, and the View from Shifting Ground*. Pp. 113-130. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

Peek, Lori, Jessica Austin, Elizabeth Bittel, Simone Domingue, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2020. "Children Take Charge: Helping Behaviors and Organized Action Among Young People After Hurricane Katrina." *Bottom-Up Responses to Crisis*, edited by Virgil Storr and Stefanie Haeffele, Pp. 87-111. London, UK: Palgrave Macmillan.

BOOK REVIEWS

Ryder, Stacia and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2021. Book Review: "Hurricane Harvey's Aftermath: Place, Race, and Inequality in Disaster Recovery," by Kevin M. Fitzpatrick and Matthew L. Spialek. *Social Forces*, 100(2): 1-5. <https://muse.jhu.edu/pub/8/article/850371/pdf>

REPORTS

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<https://hazards.colorado.edu/uploads/freeform/final-report-12-8-24-eng-report-only.pdf>

Hirsch, Ben Lacy, Becky Selle, Doris Brown, Alice Liu, Mal Moses, Mashal Awais, Myrtala Tristan, Ann Weston, Hortencia Hurtado, Vatsala Mundra, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2021. "Survivors as Experts: A Community Evaluation of Disaster Recovery in Northeast Houston." *Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder*.
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Daniels, Lorita C., Joy Semien, Antoine Richards, Akilah Alleyne, Jennifer Blanks, Tiffany Cousins, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2018. "The South Bridge Community Assessment." *Disaster Research Center, University of Delaware*.

PUBLICATIONS OF DATA, TRAINING, AND TEACHING MATERIALS

Peek, Lori, David Abramson, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2025. "Addressing Challenging Situations in Field Research", *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-sdv5-f28>

Villarreal, Melissa, Candace Evans, Mary Painter, Carson MacPherson-Krutsky, and Mary Painter. 2024. "Reflexivity for Ethical Research Engagement with Socially Vulnerable Groups", *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-g0m0-7j63>

MacPherson-Krutsky, Carson, Mary Painter, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2024. "Developing Partnerships with Socially Vulnerable Populations", *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-qfh8-fs13>

MacPherson-Krutsky, Carson, **Melissa Villarreal**, and Mary Painter. 2024. "Sustaining Partnerships with Socially Vulnerable Populations", *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-dptb-tr35>

Evans, Candace, **Melissa Villarreal**, Carson MacPherson-Krutsky, and Mary Painter. 2024. "Positionality for Ethical Research Engagement with Socially Vulnerable Groups". *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-3xdj-1r25>

Painter, Mary Angelica, **Melissa Villarreal**, and Carson MacPherson-Krutsky. 2024. "How to Develop Research Materials in Languages Other than English." *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-mzwr-gn50>

Painter, Mary Angelica, Carson MacPherson-Krutsky, and **Melissa Villarreal**. 2024. "Enhancing Research Outcomes by Engaging with Decision Makers." *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-v0fz-qf03>

Painter, Mary Angelica, Candace Evans, **Melissa Villarreal**, and Carson MacPherson-Krutsky. 2024. "Creating Accessible Materials for People with Visual or Auditory Disabilities." *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-fc1v-5h68>

MacPherson-Krutsky, Carson, **Melissa Villarreal**, and Painter, Mary. 2024. "Statewide Assessment of Emergency Response Officials", in *Best Practices and Recommendations for Inclusive Emergency Alerts in Colorado*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-j51w-sb88>

Painter, Mary, **Melissa Villarreal**, Chandrika Singh, and Lori Peek. 2024. "2016-2021 State Hazard Mitigation Plans (SHMPs) and Social Vulnerability Qualitative Data", in *State Hazard Mitigation Plans and Social Vulnerability*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-g8tz-qg93>

Lefkowitz, Zoe, **Melissa Villarreal**, Lori Peek, and Alice Fothergill. 2024. "Children and the COVID-19 Pandemic." DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-gba4-x973>

Villarreal, Melissa, Carson MacPherson-Krutsky, and Mary Angelica Painter. 2023. "Emergency Alerts and Disability Access: An Annotated Bibliography." Boulder, CO: Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://hazards.colorado.edu/research-projects/colorado-inclusive-language-and-access-in-emergency-alerts>

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Painter, M. **Melissa Villarreal**, and Lori Peek. 2023. "2016-2021 State Hazard Mitigation Plans and Social Vulnerability", in *State Hazard Mitigation Plans and Social Vulnerability*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-sc34-as63> v1

- Winner of 2024 DesignSafe Dataset Awards

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Villarreal, Melissa. 2022. "Part 2: Planning Documents for Semi-Structured Interviews with Service Providers," in *Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrant Women Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Cumulative Disaster Impacts*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-rnz5-ek06>.

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Villarreal, Melissa. 2020. "Best Practices for Ethical Post-Disaster Community Outreach and Engagement." *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-zekm-9737>.

Villarreal, Melissa. 2020. "Best Practices for Research with Non-English Dominant Populations." *CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series*. DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-5b9m-sn48>.

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OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Howes, Satoris S., David Flores, **Melissa Villarreal**, Bill Hahnenberg, and Jane Darnell. 2025. “How Engaged Scholarship is Helping Combat the Wildfire Crisis.” *Industrial and Organizational Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/iop.2025.11>

Villarreal, Melissa. 2024. “Bearing the Burden: Disaster Recovery and Women of Mexican Origin.” *Research Counts, Special Collection on Equity and Inclusion in Disaster 6*(SC1). Boulder, CO: Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder. <https://hazards.colorado.edu/news/research-counts/bearing-the-burden-disaster-recovery-and-women-of-mexican-origin>

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Villarreal, Melissa. 2020. “What are women’s experiences like during and after disasters?” *Sociology Lens*. <https://www.sociologylens.net/topics/gender/what-are-womens-experiences-like-during-and-after-disasters/28088>

Villarreal, Melissa. 2019. “The Significance of Language in Hazards and Disaster Research and Practice.” *Legacy: A William Averette Anderson Magazine*.

RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Increasing Diversity in and Equitable Access to Applied Learning in Disaster Research Response (IDEAAL DR2), University of Washington Summer 2024-Summer 2025
IDEAAL DR2 Fellow

Coastal Hazards, Equity, Economic Prosperity, and Resilience (CHEER) Hub, East Carolina University Summer 2024
Summer Scholars Program

Kinder Scholar Program, Rice University Summer 2021-Summer 2022
Kinder Scholar

2021 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Equity and Inclusion Student Fellowship Fall 2021
Equity and Inclusion Fellow

EXTERNAL FUNDING

Graduate Student Travel Grant

Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, American Sociological Association (\$200, Spring 2022)

Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrants Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Recovery

- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement, American Sociological Association (\$14,157, Spring 2021)
- Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation (\$138,000, Spring 2019)
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mentions (Spring 2022 & 2023)

INTERNAL FUNDING

Research Summer Funding Awards

- Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$2,500, Summer 2024)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$2,500, Summer 2023)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$2,500, Summer 2022)
- Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$750, Summer 2022)
- Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$2,500, Summer 2021)
- Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$2,500, Summer 2020)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$2,000, Summer 2019)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$2,000, Summer 2018)

Small Research Funds

- Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$1,000, Spring 2023)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$1,500, Spring 2021)
- Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder. (\$300, Fall 2020)

Travel Grants

- Department of Sociology (Bushee Award), University of Colorado, Boulder (\$1,000, Spring 2024)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$750, Spring 2024)
- Graduate School Domestic Travel Grant, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$450, Spring 2023)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$750, Spring 2023)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$750, Fall 2021)
- United Government of Graduate Students, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$300, Spring 2020)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$1,000, Fall 2019)
- Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder (\$500, Fall 2017)

Other Awards at University of Colorado, Boulder

- Ralph and Barbara Dakin Award, Department of Sociology (\$2,000, Spring 2024)
- Dakin Summer Research Award, Department of Sociology (\$1,000, Spring 2024)
- Research Development Award, Institute of Behavioral Science (\$15,000, Spring 2023)
- Racial/Ethnic Inequality Research Award, Department of Sociology (\$2,000, Spring 2021, 2022, 2023)
- Betsy Moen “Walk the Talk” Award, Department of Sociology (\$2,000, Spring 2022)
- Symposium Award, Institute of Behavioral Science (\$100, Spring 2021)
- Beverly Sears Graduate Student Award, The Graduate School. (\$1,000, Spring 2021)
- Outreach & Promotion, Department of Sociology. (\$1,500, Spring 2019)
- Graduate Student Award, Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences. (\$1,500, Spring 2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Wageningen University & Research, Wageningen, Netherlands

Tutor and Group Mentor

- “Integrated Fire Management,” Winter 2026

Virtual Guest Lectures

- University of California, Santa Barbara, Un-Naturalizing Disasters: Risk, Vulnerability, and Resilience (Undergraduate Students), Fall 2025
- Texas Southern University’s Climate Corps, Qualitative Methodology in Environmental Justice and Disaster Research (Undergraduate Students), Summer 2025
- University of Miami, Qualitative Research Methods: Emotions and Ethics in Interviews and Ethnography (PhD and Master’s Students), Fall 2023
- Virginia Commonwealth University, Risk and Vulnerability Assessment, Fall 2022
- UCONN Health, Social and Behavioral Foundations of Public Health (Master’s Students), Spring 2022
- Dalhousie University, Social Work Practice Research (Master’s Students), Fall 2021

University of Colorado, Boulder

Independent Study Supervisor, Department of Sociology

- “Environmental Sociology,” Fall 2024

University of Colorado, Boulder

Graduate Part-Time Instructor, Continuing Education

- “Social Construction of Sexuality,” Summer Session 2020, 2022, 2023

University of Colorado, Boulder

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- “Social Construction of Sexuality,” Fall 2018
- “Intro to Sociology,” Fall 2017, Spring 2018

Undergraduate Teaching Fellows Program

Texas A&M University, Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- “Sociology of Latinos,” Spring 2015

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Wildfire Social Science: U.S. Forest Service

Wageningen University & Research, Wageningen, The Netherlands, January 2026

Co-Presenter: Inclusive Emergency Alerts: Recommendations for Language and Disability Access

Language and Accessibility in Alert and Warning Workgroup, March 2024

Co-Presenter: HB23-1237 – Inclusive Language in Emergency Situations

Colorado State Legislature, Denver, Colorado, February 2024

Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrant Women Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Cumulative Disaster Impacts

Kinder Scholars Research Meeting, May 2022

Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrant Women Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Cumulative Disaster Impacts

NGOCSW Forum Parallel Event: Feminist Approaches to Justice: Women, Disasters and Climate Change: The Research Speaks, organized by the International Sociological Association and Criminologists without Borders in conjunction with the 66th Session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, March 2022

Long-Term Housing Recovery Among Mexican Immigrants: How Service Providers Navigate Racialized Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies

Serie de Conferencias: Desastres y Sociedad (Series of Conferences: Disasters & Society), April 2021

Documenting the Undocumented Story: Long-Term Housing Recovery of Mexican-Origin Immigrants after Hurricane Harvey

International Research Committee on Disasters (IRCD) Researchers Meeting, July 2019

PRESENTATIONS

Reproductive Health Care Access and Family Planning for College Students During and After Disasters

Eastern Sociological Society, March 2026

Reproductive Health Care Access for College Students During and After Disasters

American Sociological Association, August 2025

USDA Forest Service: Social Science Research Group (SSRG) For Wildfire

American Sociological Association's Advancing Sociological Practice Through Computational Research and Community Engagement Symposium, August 2025

Management Science, Safety & Organizational Learning for Wildfire

Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2025

Reproductive Healthcare Access and Aspirations for College Students During and After Disasters

International Research Committee on Disasters (IRCD) Researchers Meeting, July 2025

Racialization in Disasters: How Mexican-Origin Women Navigate Cumulative Disaster Exposure and Long-Term Housing Recovery

American Sociological Association, August 2024

Racialization in Disasters: How Mexican-Origin Women and Service Providers Navigate Cumulative Disaster Impacts and Long-Term Housing Recovery

American Sociological Association, August 2023

State Hazard Mitigation Plans and Social Vulnerability (Co-Presented)

Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2023

Racialization in Disasters: How Mexican-Origin Women and Service Providers Navigate Cumulative Disaster Impacts and Long-Term Housing Recovery

International Research Committee on Disasters (IRCD) Researchers Meeting, July 2023

Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrant Women Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Cumulative Disaster Impacts

Sociologists for Women in Society Latin+ Collective, May 2023

Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrant Women Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Cumulative Disaster Impacts

Chicago Ethnography Conference, April 2023

CONVERGE: NHERI's Social Science Facility

Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) Summer Institute, June 2022

Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrant Women Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Cumulative Disaster Impacts

American Sociological Association, August 2022

Long-Term Housing Recovery Among Mexican Immigrants: How Service Providers Navigate Racialized Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies

Association Public Policy Analysis and Management 2021 Fall Research Conference, March 2022

Race/Ethnicity in Disasters & Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies

American Sociological Association, August 2021

Documenting the Undocumented: How Mexican Immigrant Women Navigate Long-Term Post-Disaster Housing Recovery and Cumulative Disaster Impacts

International Research Committee on Disasters (IRCD) Researchers Meeting, July 2021

Bill Anderson Fund Lightning Talk: Long Term Housing Recovery among Mexican Immigrants: How Service Providers Navigate Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies

Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2021

Long-Term Housing Recovery Among Mexican Immigrants: How Service Providers Navigate Racialized Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies

Institute of Behavioral Science Symposium, April 2021

Long-Term Housing Recovery of Mexican-Origin Immigrants: Navigating Active and Passive Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies

*American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2020 * Cancelled due to COVID-19*

Long-Term Housing Recovery Among Mexican-Origin Immigrants: How Service Providers Navigate Active and Passive Anti-Immigrant Disaster Recovery Policies
Sociologists for Women in Society, August 2020

Structural Vulnerability, Uncertainty, and the Desire to Avoid Pregnancy among Mexican-Origin Women
Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting, February 2020

Understanding Disaster Vulnerability Through Affect Theory
Women of Color Feminisms Symposium, April 2019

Coordinated Social Science, Engineering, & Interdisciplinary Extreme Events Research
Institute of Behavioral Science Symposium, April 2019

Preparing to Respond: Vulnerable Populations Factsheets for Emergency Response
Natural Hazards Workshop, Summer 2018

Women's Experiences in Natural and Man-made Disasters - A Study of Two Towns in Texas
Natural Hazards Workshop, Summer 2016

IN-PERSON PANELS AND MEETINGS

Inclusive Alerting & Risk Communication in the United States (Invited Presenter)
International Symposium of Pyrogeography, Wageningen University & Research, Wageningen, The Netherlands, January 2026

Section and Communities Open House: Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (Invited Panelist)
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2024

Student Orientation (Organizing Facilitator)
Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2024

Bill Anderson Fund and Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies Convening (Organizing Participant of One-Day Meeting)
Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2024

Bill Anderson Fund and Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies: Advancing Research and Practice (Organizing Facilitator of One-Day Meeting)
Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2023

Ethical Aspirations in Bureaucratic Structures (Organizing Panelist)
Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2023

Listening Session: Indigenous Communities of Practice and Tribal Engagement (Organizing Facilitator)

Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2023

WEBINARS & VIRTUAL PANELS

Grant Writing Strategies (Invited Panelist)

Bill Anderson Fund Fall Workshop, November 2025

Reproductive Healthcare Access and Aspirations for College Students During and After Disasters (Invited Panelist)

University of Washington's Increasing Diversity in and Equitable Access to Applied Learning in Disaster Research Response (IDEAAL DR2 Symposium), June 2025

Inclusive Emergency Alerts: Recommendations for Language and Disability Access (Organizing Presenter)

Making Mitigation Work Webinar Series, March 2024

Diverse Career Paths for Sociologists of Race & Ethnicity and Related Fields (Organizing Presenter)

American Sociological Association Section of Racial and Ethnic Minorities, April 2024

Ethical Aspirations in Bureaucratic Structures (Organizing Presenter)

Disaster Justice Network and Culture and Disaster Action Network, August 2023

Future Directions (Organizing Facilitator)

Tribal Engagement and Indigenous-Led Public Health Disaster Research Listening Sessions Series, Natural Hazards Center, June 2023

Gaps and Opportunities (Organizing Facilitator)

Tribal Engagement and Indigenous-Led Public Health Disaster Research Listening Sessions Series, Natural Hazards Center, June 2023

Disaster Impacts and Capabilities (Organizing Facilitator)

Tribal Engagement and Indigenous-Led Public Health Disaster Research Listening Sessions Series, Natural Hazards Center, June 2023

Introductions: Learning About One Another and Our Work (Organizing Facilitator)

Tribal Engagement and Indigenous-Led Public Health Disaster Research Listening Sessions Series, Natural Hazards Center, June 2023

Equitable Engagement with Underserved Communities: An Update on State and Local Mitigation Planning Guidance and Research (Organizing Presenter)

Making Mitigation Work Series, Natural Hazards Center, April 2023

Hurricane Harvey Aid and Recovery Equity for People of Color Communities (Invited Panelist)

Climate Justice Series, Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, February 2023

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Emergency Management (Invited Panelist)

Section on Emergency and Crisis Management, American Society for Public Administration, June 2022

Disaster Management and Environmental Justice Issues in the 21st Century (Invited Co-Moderator)

Bill Anderson Fund Fall Workshop, October 2021

ASA DDRIG Proposal Preparation (Invited Panelist)

American Sociological Association, August 2021

Mentoring New Professionals: Bill Anderson Fund and Knauss Sea Grant Fellowship (Organizing Co-Coordinator)

Natural Hazards Workshop, July 2021

Research for Undergraduates (REU) Program Career Development Meeting (Invited Panelist)

NHERI Education and Community Outreach (ECO), July 2021

Extreme Events Research Check Sheets: A Demonstration Webinar (Organizing Presenter)

CONVERGE, Natural Hazards Center, July 2021

Sociology Summer Funding/Opportunities (Invited Panelist)

Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder, February 2021

Career Fair Academia Session: William Averette (Bill) Anderson Fund (Invited Presenter)

Jackson State Meteorology: Virtual 45th Anniversary Conference, October 2020

Institutional Review Board (IRB) Procedures and Extreme Events Research Training Module: A Demonstration Webinar (Organizing Presenter)

CONVERGE, Natural Hazards Center, June 2020

Cultural Competence Training Module: A Demonstration Webinar (Organizing Presenter)

CONVERGE, Natural Hazards Center, April 2020

Interdisciplinary Research in Hazard and Disaster Fields (Organizing Moderator)

Bill Anderson Fund, October 2018

SERVICE

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Section of Racial and Ethnic Minorities Student Representative (Fall 2023-Summer 2024)
- Organized and Hosted Mentoring Committee Mixer; Montreal, Canada (August 2024)
- Table Presider; Los Angeles, CA (August 2022)

Mentorship

- Coastal Hazards, Equity, Economic Prosperity, and Resilience (CHEER) Graduate Student Co-Lead & Mentor (Summer 2024)
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Workshop Co-Lead & Mentor; Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado, Boulder (Fall 2019-Fall 2023)
- National Science Foundation Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) Research for Undergraduates (REU) Program Graduate Mentor; CONVERGE, University of Colorado, Boulder (Summer 2023)
- Studio Lab Mentor; University of Colorado, Boulder (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)
- Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) Education and Community Outreach Committee, CONVERGE Site Representative & Mentor; NHERI Summer Institute (June 2022)
- Undergraduate Research Experience for Diversity at Institute of Behavioral Science Mentor; University of Colorado, Boulder (Spring 2022-Summer 2022)
- Mentor of Undergraduate Research Assistant for Dissertation; University of Colorado, Boulder (Fall 2021-Summer 2022)
- BAF Fellow Peer Mentor; William Averette Anderson Fund (BAF) (Spring 2021-Fall 2021)
- Department of Sociology Peer Mentor; University of Colorado, Boulder (Spring 2020)
- Graduate School Peer Mentoring Program; University of Colorado, Boulder (Fall 2019-Spring 2020)

Reviewing

- Disasters Journal (Fall 2025 & Spring 2026)
- Sociological Forum (Fall 2025)
- Weather, Climate, and Society Journal (Fall 2025)
- Frontiers in Human Dynamics Journal (Spring 2025)
- Natural Hazards Journal (Spring 2025)
- Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health (Fall 2024-Spring 2025)
- Reviewer, Natural Hazards Center (Fall 2020-Spring 2024)
 - CONVERGE Training Modules
 - Public Health Disaster Research Award Program
 - Quick Response Research Award Program
 - Weather Ready Research Award Program
 - Mitigation Matters Research Award Program
 - Special Call for Health Outcomes and Climate-Related Disaster Research
- National Institute of Building Sciences's The Betty and Mort Marshall Memorial Scholarship Fund (Spring 2024)
- Disaster Prevention and Management Journal (Fall 2023)
- Application Review Board, Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo (Spring 2023)
- Book Outline Review, Routledge Taylor & Francis Group (Spring 2023)
- Natural Hazards Review Journal (Fall 2022-Spring 2023)
- Social Problems Journal (Fall 2021)

NHERI Education & Community Outreach (ECO)

- Liaison, ECO & CONVERGE (Spring 2020-Fall 2023)

Natural Hazards Workshop Planning

- Researchers Meeting, Abstract Reviewer Committee (Spring 2026)
- Student Paper Competition, Committee Lead (Spring 2024)
- Student Volunteer Co-Coordinator (Summer 2019-Summer 2023)
- Disability & Disasters Award, Reviewer Committee (Spring 2021)
- Student Paper Competition, Reviewer Committee (Summer 2019)
- Student Recorder Lead (Summer 2018)

William Averette Anderson Fund (BAF)

- BAF Alumni Network Chairperson (2026)
- BAF Fellows Student Council
 - Organized the BAF's annual fundraiser, hosted during Natural Hazards Workshop (2018 and 2024).
 - Liaison between the BAF and the Natural Hazards Center (2022-2023).
 - Performed all Secretary duties, such as coordination and attendance at monthly meetings (2021-2022).
 - Drafted and disseminated BAF Newsletter (2019-2020).
 - Planned and moderated a professional development webinars (2017-2018).

Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder

- Betsy Moen "Walk the Talk" Award Committee (Spring 2023)
- Culture, Power, & Inequality Workshop Coordinator (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)
- Graduate Committee (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)
 - Deliverable: "Step-by-Step Process for the M.A. in Sociology" Guide
- Faculty Meeting Liaison (Fall 2020-Spring 2021)
- Open House Committee (Spring 2019-Spring 2020)
- Diversity Committee (Fall 2018-Spring 2020)

WORKSHOPS

New York University Law School's Convening on Race, Equity, and Community Participation in Home Buyout Programs

- Invited Participant; New York City, New York (October 2024)

Natural Hazards Workshops

- Staff and Recorder; Broomfield, CO (July 2024)
- Staff; Broomfield, CO (July 2023)
- Staff; Virtual (July 2022)
- Staff; Virtual (July 2021)
- Staff; Virtual (July 2020)
- Staff; Broomfield, CO (July 2019)
- Staff; Broomfield, CO (July 2018)
- Volunteer; Broomfield, CO (July 2017)
- National Science Foundation Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program Participant; Broomfield, CO (July 2016)

Bill Anderson Fund Workshops

- BAF Fellow; Virtual (April 2024)

- BAF Fellow; Texas A&M Galveston (April 2023)
- BAF Fellow; Virtual (April 2022)
- BAF Fellow; Virtual (October 2021)
- BAF Fellow; Virtual (March 2021)
- BAF Fellow; University of Delaware (October 2019)
- BAF Fellow; Texas A&M University (April 2019)
- BAF Fellow; University of Delaware (October 2018)
- BAF Fellow; Texas A&M University (April 2018)
- BAF Fellow; University of Delaware (November 2017)

At the Intersection of Bureaucracy and Disaster: Theorizing Bureaucratic Cultures, Rigidities, and Latitude in Interactions with Survivors During Disaster Recovery

- Invited Participant; Taos, New Mexico (October 2022)

Bill Anderson Fund Planning Retreats

- Bill Anderson Fund Outgoing Executive Committee Member; Virtual (November 2021)
- Bill Anderson Fund Incoming Executive Committee Member; Maryland (February 2018)

SKILLS

Fluent in writing, reading, and speaking both Spanish and English and have contributed to bilingual research projects.

Competent in Atlas.ti, Adobe InDesign, Qualtrics, and LaTeX software.

REFERENCES

David Flores (david.flores2@usda.gov)

Research Social Scientist, USDA Forest Service

- Dr. Flores is my Postdoctoral Fellowship supervisor at the USDA Forest Service.

Lori Peek (Lori.Peek@Colorado.Edu)

Director, Natural Hazards Center

Professor, Department of Sociology

University of Colorado Boulder

- Dr. Peek was my PhD academic advisor and dissertation chair. I worked with her as a teaching assistant and as a research assistant at the Natural Hazards Center.

Nnenia Campbell (Nnenia@BillAndersonFund.Org)

Deputy Director, The William Averette Anderson Fund

- I worked with Dr. Campbell as a research assistant. We collaborated on a manuscript on the retention and success of marginalized graduate students of color. We are also both members of the William Averette Anderson Fund.