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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2008

M.A. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2004

M.A. in Latin American Studies, University of California, San Diego, 2002. Master's Thesis was nominated by the Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies for the Distinguished Master's Thesis Award with the Western Association of Graduate Schools and placed among the top five finalists

B.S. in Anthropology and Spanish. Santa Clara University, 1998. Graduated *Cum Laude*; Witold Krassowski Award in Anthropology. Attended Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica for my Junior year through Santa Clara University's "Study Abroad" Program

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor of Sociology, Kansas State University, August 2014-Present

Program Coordinator, Peer Review of Teaching Program, Kansas State University, July 2011- August 2013

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Kansas State University, August 2008-July 2014

AWARDS and FELLOWSHIPS

ACUE Teaching Fellow, 2018

Nominee, Undergraduate Mentoring in Research Award, Kansas State University, 2017

Quality Mentoring in Research Award, Developing Scholars Program, Kansas State University, 2014

Distinguished Graduate Faculty Award, Teaching and Mentorship, Department of Sociology, Kansas State University, 2013

Professor of the Year Nominee, Kansas State University, 2013

Presidential Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, Kansas State University, 2012

Woman of Distinction, Kansas State University, Office for the Advancement of Women in Science and Engineering, 2012 and 2014

Departmental Nomination for the William L. Stamey Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2011

ADVANCE Award for Dr. Cecilia Menjivar as part of the ADVANCE Distinguished Lecture Series at Kansas State University, March 2011

Making a Difference Award, Women in Engineering and Science Programs, Kansas State University, 2010

Best Learning Solutions Project of the Year for original materials published in Jon Witt's popular *Soc* textbook, in collaboration with Chardie Baird, Michelle Bemiller, Nadia Shapkina, Sue Williams, and McGraw Hill, 2010

Summer Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, June-September 2006

Summer Research Mentorship, Graduate Division, University of California, Los Angeles, June-September 2005

Summer Institute on International Migration, Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy, University of California, Irvine, June 27-30, 2005

Foreign Language and Areas Studies Fellowship, Center for Latin American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, September 2003-June 2004

Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, September 2002-June 2007

Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation, University of California, San Diego, Summer 2001

Witold Krassowski Award in Anthropology, Santa Clara University, June 1998

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

Garni, Alisa and L. Frank Weyher. Forthcoming. "Brewing Coffee Party Activism in Tea Party Territory: Faith and Politics in Rural America," *Sociological Spectrum*.

Garni, Alisa. 2018. "Crafting Mass Dairy Production: Immigration and Community in Rural America," *Rural Sociology*. Volume 83, Issue 2: 244-269.

Garni, Alisa. 2014. "Transnational Traders: El Salvador's Women Couriers in Historical Perspective," *Sociological Forum*, Volume 29, Number 1.

- Garni, Alisa and L. Frank Weyher. 2013. "Neoliberal Mystification: Alienation and Crime in El Salvador," *Sociological Perspectives*, Volume 40, Number 5.
- Garni, Alisa and L. Frank Weyher. 2013. "Dollars, 'Free-Trade,' and Migration: The Combined Forces of Alienation in Post-War El Salvador," *Latin American Perspectives*, Volume 56, Number 4.
- Garni, Alisa. 2013. "Land Tenure, Migration, and Development: A Comparative Case Study," *Latin American Research Review*, Volume 48, Number 1.
- Garni, Alisa. 2010. "Mechanisms of Migration: Poverty and Social Instability in the Post-War Expansion of Central American Migration to the United States," *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, Volume 8, Number 3.
- Garni, Alisa and Arpi Miller. 2008. "Localized Immigration Policy and Migrant Life Experiences: The Case of Mexican Migrants in Los Angeles," *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*, Volume 6, Number 3.

Refereed Book Reviews

- Garni, Alisa. 2017. Mexican Migration to the United States: Perspectives from Both Sides of the Border, *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 46(3).
- Garni, Alisa. 2015. American Value: Migrants, Money, and Meaning in El Salvador and the United States. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 44(1).

Invited

- Garni, Alisa and L. Frank Weyher. March 16, 2015. "La trampa neoliberal: ¿Individuos violentos o situaciones violentas?," *El Faro Academico*, March 16, 2015. Available at: <http://www.elfaro.net/es/201503/academico/16717/La-trampa-neoliberal-%C2%BFIndividuos-violentos-o-situaciones-violentas.htm>
- Garni, Alisa. December 1, 2014. "Las 'viajeras,' empresarias salvadoreñas transnacionales," *El Faro Academico*. Available at: <http://www.elfaro.net/es/201411/academico/16298/Las-%E2%80%9Cviajeras%E2%80%9D-empresarias-salvadore%C3%B1as-transnacionales.htm>
- Garni, Alisa and Arpi Miller. 2007. "Localized Immigration Policy and Migrant Life Experiences: The Case of Mexican Immigrants in Southern California, USA," paper commissioned by and prepared for the Research Project, *Immigrants, policies and migration systems: A comparative ethnographic approach (MIGSYS)* (sponsored by the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)). Presented to ELIAMEP in Athens, Greece, February 23.
- Garni, Alisa and Arpi Miller. 2007. "Immigration to the USA: The Case of Mexicans in California," paper commissioned by and prepared for the research project, *Immigrants, Policies and Migration Systems: An Ethnographic Comparative Approach (MIGSYS)* (sponsored by the

Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)). Manuscript available at: <http://www.eliamep.gr/en/?s=Garni>.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book manuscript, *Crafting Mass Milk Production: Immigrant Employee Citizenship and Community Integration in Rural America*. Being prepared for review at University of Iowa Press. Solo authored.

GRANTS (funded)

Garni, Alisa and Mary Kohn. 2018-2020. "Building Bilingual Community Partnerships to Promote Social and Economic Wellbeing." Center for Engagement and Community Development.

Garni, Alisa (on behalf of the sociology program). 2016. Academic Excellence Funds, Computers for Sociology Graduate Students, Kansas State University.

Garni, Alisa. 2012. Faculty Development Award, Kansas State University.

GRANTS (under review or not funded)

Manglos-Weber, Nicolette and Alisa Garni. "The Multiethnic Small Town: Integrating Diverse Immigrants within Rural Kansas Communities," Grant Proposal for \$349,861 submitted to the Borders, Trade, and Immigration Institute at the University of Houston. Under review.

Manglos-Weber, Nicolette and Alisa Garni, Matthew Sanderson. 2018. "Making Rural Diversity Work: Ethnic Succession and Institutions of Social Mobility in Southwest Kansas." Grant Proposal for \$671,667 submitted to The National Science Foundation. Not funded.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

Garni, Alisa. "Empowering Immigrants, Strengthening Communities," MLK Teach-In, Kansas State University, January 24, 2018.

Garni, Alisa. "Crafting Mass Dairy Production: Immigration and Community in Rural America," SACK Seminar in Psychology, Kansas State University, March 8, 2017.

Garni, Alisa. "New Destination Dairies? Immigration and Development in the U.S. Plains," paper presented in the session "Dynamics of Change in Rural Labour Markets and Communities" at the Canadian Sociological Association meeting in Calgary, May 31, 2016.

Garni, Alisa and L. Frank Weyher (with Tayler Christian). "Brewing Coffee Party Activism in Tea Party Territory: Faith and Politics in Rural America." Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society at the University of California, Berkeley. April 16, 2015

Garni, Alisa and L. Frank Weyher. "Neoliberal Mystification: Alienation and Crime in El Salvador." Latin American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Santiago, Chile. November 5-8, 2012.

Garni, Alisa (on behalf of myself and my co-author, L.Frank Weyher). "Dollars, Maquilas, and

Migration: The Combined Forces of Alienation in Post-War El Salvador.” Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2011.

Garni, Alisa. “The Migration Industry in the Salvadoran-U.S. Migratory System.” Paper presented at the Migration Industry in Comparative Workshop hosted by the Department of Sociology and supported by University of California Pacific Rim Research Program and the Latin American Institute at UCLA, 2009.

Garni, Alisa . “The Migration Industry in the Salvadoran-U.S. Migratory System.” Paper presented at the Migration Industry in Comparative Workshop hosted by the Department of Sociology and supported by University of California Pacific Rim Research Program and the Latin American Institute at UCLA, 2008.

Garni, Alisa and Arpi Miller. “Localized Immigration Policy and Migrant Life Experiences: The Case of Mexican Migrants in Los Angeles,” European Science Foundation Workshop. Workshop was hosted and co-sponsored by the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in Athens, Greece, October 2-4, 2008.

Garni, Alisa and Arpi Miller. “Localized Immigration Policy and Migrant Life Experiences: Mexican Migrants in Los Angeles,” paper presented at the *Nuestra América in the U.S.: A U.S. Latino/a Studies Conference* at the University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, February 8, 2008.

Garni, Alisa. “Land Tenure Patterns and Migration’s Impact on Local Productive Relations: A Comparative Case Study of Yucuaiquín and Masahuat,” paper presented for the *Home Country Impacts of Migration and Migration Policy* panel at the All-Day Workshop on Central American Migration, sponsored by the UCLA Migration Study Group and the International Institute at UCLA, January 25, 2008.

COURSES TAUGHT AND PREPARED

Graduate

Political Sociology of Developing Societies/International Development

Qualitative Research Methods

International Migration

Undergraduate

Introduction to Sociology (lecture and seminar)

Racial and Ethnic Relations

International Development and Social Change

ADVISING

Dissertation Committees

Nicole John (Chair, completed)

Annie Collins (completed)

Anirban Mukherjee (completed)

Laura Logan (completed)

C.J. Aducci (Family Studies, completed) Stacy Smith (completed)

David Westfall (completed)

Iveta Kesane (completed)
Arjun Kharel (completed)
Sandra Huerta (in progress)
Derek Tharp (Personal Financial Planning Program, completed)
Ghashia Kiyani (Political Science, Outside Chair, in progress)
Meaghan Cochrane (Education, Outside Chair, completed)
Christina Anderson (Geography, in progress)
Ayesha Sayeed (in progress)
Foster Kamanga (in progress)
Silvina Aznar-Mojica (Education, in progress)

Master's Committees

Zaira Ruiz (Chair, in progress)
Sarah Donley (completed)
Arjun Kharel (completed)
George Weston (completed)
Alisha Massen (completed)
John Dietrich (completed)
Sandra Huerta (completed)
Katherine Leise (Landscape Architecture, completed)
Trina Knight (in progress)
Gean Sanchez (in progress)

Exam Committees

Jan Todd (Chair, Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Akram Kharimi (Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Stacy Smith (Chair, Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Michael Miller (Chair, Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Adam Veitch (Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Sandra Huerta (Chair, Politics, States, and Social Movements) Kesane, Iveta (Chair, Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Nicole John (International and Regional Development; Chair, Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Albert Iori (International and Regional Development) Tammy Lynn (Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Anirban Mukherjee (International and Regional Development)
David Westfall (International and Regional Development and Politics, States, and Social Movements)
Anna Collins (International and Regional Development)
Laura Logan (Politics, States, and Social Movements) Megan McCall (Methods, MA)
Steve Revard (Methods)
Christina Anderson (Geography, Qualitative Methods Exam)
Ralph DeZago (Politics and Development)
Jared Nyagol (Chair, Politics and Development)
Ayesha Sayeed (Politics and Development)

Undergraduate Students

Katrina Velarde (Undergraduate Research Award) Zaira Ruiz (Developing Scholars)
Karen Palacios (Chair, Senior Thesis in Sociology)
Edwin Butler (Undergraduate Research, Senior Thesis)

Marcus Dominguez (Developing Scholars Program, Undergraduate Research Program)
Tayler Christian (Developing Scholars Program, Undergraduate Research Program)
Geordy Williams (Developing Scholars Program)
Monica Wolf (Developing Scholars Program)
Jill Applegate (Undergraduate Research Assistant)

OTHER ACADEMIC and SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Co-Author, Sociology Newsletter, 2016-present
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2016-2018
Member, Development, Publicity and Alumni Relations Committee, 2015 to present
Member, Undergraduate Program Development Committee, 2015
Chair, International Development Preliminary Exam Reading List Revision
Committee Member, Kirmser Undergraduate Research Award Committee, Spring 2015, Spring 2017
Sole Member, Undergraduate Assessment Report Committee in Sociology
Sociology Website Redesign Committee (with Matt Sanderson), Spring 2015
Member, Search Committee for a new hire in Political Sociology
Member, Search Committee for a Department Head in Sociology
Panelist, "Research Ethics and Undergraduates," Research & Creative Inquiry Awareness Week, sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Inquiry, Kansas State University, September 23, 2014.
Member, First-Year Seminar Program, K-State First, 2012-present
Member, Women's Studies Affiliated Faculty, Kansas State University
Mentor, Developing Scholars Program (Marcus Dominguez, Tayler Christian, Geordy Williams, Monica Wolf, Zaira Ruiz), 2012-present
Mentor, Peer Review of Teaching Program, 2009-2011
Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2012-Spring 2015
Panelist, ADVANCE Distinguished Lecture Series Panel Luncheon, 2012, 2014
Chair, Undergraduate Student Awards Committee, 2013
Member, Undergraduate Student Awards Committee, 2010-2011
Member, Graduate Student Awards Committee, 2012
Representative for KSU Sociology, Core Curriculum Conference, Lawrence, KS, 2011
Member, Assessment Committee, 2011. Committee won the Effective Use of Assessments for Program Improvement Award.
Participant, Service Learning Institute, Kansas State University, September 25-27, 2013
Mentor, Graduate Teaching Assistant Orientation and Training, Center for Advancement of Teaching and Learning, Kansas State University, August 22, 2013
Member, Media Committee, 2008-2010
Member, Adamchak Lecture Series Committee, 2008-present
Member Rural Sociology Search Committee, 2010
Website Re-Design, 2009-2010; Website Update 2014-2015
All-University Open House, 2008 and 2010
Majors Fair, 2008, 2010, 2012
Member, Ad Hoc Introduction to Sociology Textbook Committee, 2009-2011
Repeated Guest Lectures in Pro-Seminar for New Graduate Students, Graduate Qualitative Methods, Rural Sociology, Undergraduate Research Methods, Introduction to Sociology, and Social Problems
Member, American Sociological Association. International Migration Section Member since 2007; Sociology of Development Section since 2010.
Participant, Summer Institute on International Migration, Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy, University of California, Irvine, June 27-30, 2005.

Guest Speaker, KPFK Radio Pacifica (Los Angeles), program on the trial against the key conspirator in Archbishop Oscar Romero's assassination in El Salvador, October 2004.
Advisor, Caminos de Esperanza Cultural Center, Los Angeles, 2005-present. Delegate, Migrant Delegation to El Salvador, June 2004

REVIEWER FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

Rural Sociology
Journal of Contemporary Ethnography Gender & Society
Cambridge Review of International Affairs

LANGUAGES

Fluent and proficient in Spanish (spoken and written)