

## Alejandro M. Márquez

Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences | University of South Florida  
ammarquez@usf.edu

### APPOINTMENTS

---

2022-Present      Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences,  
University of South Florida  
Affiliate Faculty, Institute for the Study of Latin America and the Caribbean

2021-2022      Mellon/CFD Postdoctoral Fellow in International Studies, Vassar College

### EDUCATION

---

2021      Ph.D., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin  
Dissertation: *Making Space for Respite: Care Work in the Immigrant Rights Movement  
on the U.S.-Mexico Border*

2013      M.A. Latin American Studies and Master of Global Policy Studies, The University of Texas at  
Austin

2010      B.S.F.S. International Politics: Foreign Policy and Policy Processes, Georgetown University

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

---

Political Sociology, Social Movements, Criminology, Immigration, Borders, Care Work, Social Theory

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

---

**Alejandro Márquez** and Vrinda Marwah. “The Public Life of Care: How Caregivers in the US and India Frame Their Contributions” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. Forthcoming.

**Alejandro Márquez**. 2021. “Familial Moralities: Moral (Re)source of Commitment in the Immigrant Rights Movement in El Paso, Texas” *Humanity & Society* 45 (2): 225-246.

**Alejandro Márquez**. 2021. “Detached Attachments: Burnout and Commitment among Caregivers in the Immigrant Rights Movement” *Critical Sociology* 47(4–5): 727–743.

- Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention

### FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

---

2024-2025	Humanities Institute Faculty Fellow (USF)
2023	ISLAC Summer Grant (USF)
2023	Humanities Institute Summer Grant (USF)
2021, 2019, 2017	Professional Development Award, Sociology (UT Austin)
2017	Activist Research Grant (UT Community Engagement)
2016	Ethnography Lab Fellowship, Sociology Dept. (UT Austin)
2016	C.B. Smith Award (UT Austin)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

---

**Alejandro Márquez.** “Felt Politics: How context shapes the emotional culture of the Immigrant Rights Movement on the US-Mexico border” (R&R at *Social Movement Studies*).

**Alejandro Márquez.** “Deter-care chain: how the state creates, and the immigrant rights movement addresses, the migrant care crisis on the US-Mexico border” (In progress).

**Alejandro Márquez.** “Domestic Solidarity: The Construction of an Everyday Commitment to Migrants’ Rights in a U.S. Shelter,” (In progress).

**Alejandro Márquez.** *Solidarity at Work: Care Work and Commitment in the Immigrant Rights Movement at the US-Mexico Border* (Book manuscript in progress. Expected submission Summer 2025).

I investigate how activists and other civil society members practice solidarity with migrants on the US-Mexico border. Why do caregivers persist in a struggle with no end in sight? I conducted participant observations for 14 months in a legal aid office and a migrant shelter to answer this question. In my manuscript I posit that immigration enforcement shapes the immediate needs of migrants by rendering them legally and physically dependent on movement organizations that provide direct services. As a result, care work becomes the everyday repertoire of solidarity, practiced in resource-scarce spaces through embodied commitments. Although burnout is ubiquitous, caregivers find motivation in familial moralities and manage exhaustion through calculated detachments.

## REPORT CHAPTERS

---

**Alejandro Márquez** and Michael Simpson (2012). “Cross-Border Cooperation: Assessing Regulatory and Political Challenges to the US-Mexico Electricity Market.” In Alejandro Ibarra (Ed.), *Economic and Regulatory Challenges and Opportunities for US-Mexico Electricity Trade and Cooperation: A Report by the Policy Research Project on Electricity Trade and US-Mexico Cooperation* (pp. 135-170). Austin: University of Texas at Austin.

## PRESENTATIONS

---

Alejandro Márquez “Deter-care chain: how the state creates, and the immigrant rights movement addresses, the migrant care crisis on the US-Mexico border,”

2024: American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Special Session. Montreal, Quebec.

2024: ISLAC Global Symposium. Tampa, FL

2024: Gender in an Age of Global Care Crisis Conference. Oxford, UK.

Alejandro Márquez “Case Selectivity and Emotional Management at the Frontlines of the Migrant Crisis,”

2023: International Studies Association Annual Conference. Montreal, Quebec.

2023: Im/Migrant Wellbeing: A Nexus for Research and Policy. St. Petersburg, FL.

2022: Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Las Cruces, NM.

2021: Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Regular Session. Virtual.

**Alejandro Márquez.** “Detached Attachments: Dealing with and preventing burnout among caregivers in social movements,”

2020: American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Regular Session. Virtual.

2019: The Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting. El Paso, TX.

2019: American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Roundtables. New York, NY.

**Alejandro Márquez.** 2017. “What does it mean to go into the field?” City, Culture, and Community Graduate Symposium, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

**Alejandro Márquez.** 2014. “Emotions and the Absence of Mobilization in Chihuahua’s Maquiladora Sector,” Institute of Latin American Studies Students Association Annual Conference, The University of Texas at Austin.

## **INVITED TALKS**

---

- 2023 University of New Mexico, “Border Ethnography”  
Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology Annual Conference, “Florida Faculty Panel: Precarity and Resilience.”
- 2022 University of South Florida, “Globalization and Inequalities “  
Sonoma State University, “Ethnographic Methods in Perspective”  
Vassar College, Keynote Panel at the Migration and Displacement Studies Research Workshop

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

---

- 2022-Present **Assistant Professor**  
University of South Florida, Department of Sociology and Interdisciplinary Social Sciences  
Introduction to Sociology  
Social Movements  
Border and Movements  
Issues and Perspectives in Latin American Studies (Graduate seminar)  
Political Sociology (Graduate seminar)
- 2021-2022 **Postdoctoral Fellow**  
Vassar College, International Studies  
Lexicon of Forced Migration  
Perspectives on International Studies  
Social Movements at the Borderlands
- 2021 **Instructor**  
The University of Texas at Austin, School of Undergraduate Studies  
Human Rights and Social Justice
- 2011-2020 **Teaching Assistant**  
The University of Texas at Austin, Institute of Latin American Studies  
Re-imagining Cuba, 1868-Present (Frank Guridy)  
Introduction to Spanish American Lit. Since Modernism (Arturo Arias)  
International Sustainable Development (Patricia Wilson)

International Politics of Latin America (Kurt Weyland)  
Caribbean Ensemble (Robin Moore)

The University of Texas at Austin, Sociology Department  
Introduction to the Study of Society (Mehdi Haghshenas, Penny Green, Sarah Brayne)  
Introduction to Health and Society (Emily Durden)  
Life and Death Decisions (Sheldon Ekland-Olson)  
US Immigration (Nestor Rodriguez)  
The Modern Society of Mexico (Peter Ward)  
Introduction to Social Research (Abigail Weitzman)

## **CERTIFICATES**

---

2021	Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute for Advanced Doctoral Students. Latino Research Institute, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.
2016	Teaching Certificate in First-Year Interdisciplinary Instruction, School of Undergraduate Studies, The University of Texas at Austin

## **SERVICE**

---

2022-Present	Graduate Committee; Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Undergraduate Committee
2018-Present	Reviewer for <i>Social Problems</i> , <i>Social Movement Studies</i> , <i>Sociological Quarterly</i> , <i>Mobilization, Humanity &amp; Society</i>
2018	Co-founder and member of Fronterizx Fianza Fund, an immigration bond fund in El Paso, TX
2013-2015	Co-founder and interpreter at Austin Language Justice Collective, Austin, TX

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

---

2016-Present	American Sociological Association Sections: Collective Behavior and Social Movements; Political Sociology; Latino Sociology; Human Rights
2016-Present	Society for the Study of Social Problems