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EDUCATION

- Expected 2023 **Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology**
 University of South Florida
Dissertation Title: “You Don’t Seek Help, You are Just Thankful for the Things the Country Provides for You”: The Emotional Burden of Growing up Undocumented in the United States
Dissertation Committee: Elizabeth Aranda (Chair), Heide Castañeda, Sara Green, Maralee Mayberry, and Elizabeth Vaquera
- 2014 **M.S. in Criminal Justice, Graduate Certificate in Crime Analysis**
 University of Central Florida
- 2013 **B.S. in Psychology**
 University of Central Florida

RESEARCH INTERESTS

(Im)migration	Racial/Ethnic Disparities in the CJ System
Social Inequalities	Developmental and Life-Course Theories
Crime, Law, and Deviance	Research Methods and Statistics

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Blackwell, Rebecca, Elizabeth Aranda, **Melanie Escue**, and Alessandra Rosa. “Cascading Disasters: The Impact of Hurricane Maria and Covid-19 on Post-Disaster Puerto Rican Migrants’ Adaptation and Integration in the United States.” Forthcoming at *Latino Studies*.

Jaynes, Chae M., **Melanie Escue**, and Mateus Rennó Santos. 2022. “The Relationship between Work and Crime: A Test of the Traditional, Displacement, Emboldenment and Continuity Hypotheses.” *Social Science Research*. 102722.

Fox, Bryanna and **Melanie Escue**. 2021. "Evaluating and Comparing Profiles of Burglars Developed Using Three Statistical Classification Techniques: Cluster Analysis, Multidimensional Scaling, and Latent Class Analysis." *Psychology, Crime & Law* 28(1):34-58.

Escue, Melanie and John K. Cochran. 2020. "Religion, Prejudicial Beliefs toward Sexual Minorities and Same-Sex Relations, and Opposition to Same-Sex Marriage: Hate the Sin but Love the Sinner." *Sociological Focus* 53(4):399-410.

Leiber, Michael, Bryanna Fox, **Melanie Escue**, Julie Krupa, and John K. Cochran. 2020. "Race/Ethnicity and the Effects of Prior Case Outcomes on Current Dispositions: Continuity and Change in the Dispositional Careers of Juvenile Offenders." *Justice Quarterly* 37(5):789-816.

Rosa, Melanie, Bryanna Fox, and Wesley G. Jennings. 2020. "Do Developmental and Life-Course Theory Risk Factors Equally Predict Age of Onset Among Juvenile Sexual and Non-Sexual Offenders?" *Sexual Abuse* 32(1):55-78.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Escue, Melanie, Elizabeth Aranda, Alessandra Rosa, and Rebecca Blackwell "The Emotional Well-Being of Puerto Rican Post-Disaster Migrants." Under Review at *Sociological Forum*.

Castañeda, Heide, **Melanie Escue**, and Elizabeth Aranda. " 'A Lot of People There Were Undocumented, or at Least They Looked Like Me': Race, Legal Status, and Immigrant Place-Making in Neighborhoods." Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Cultural Geography*.

Fox, Bryanna, John K. Cochran, and **Melanie Escue**. "Profiles of Death Penalty Attitudes: A Latent Class Analysis." Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Crime and Justice* (all authors contributed equally).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Aranda, Elizabeth, Hillary Dotson, Melanie Escue, Rebecca Blackwell, and Alessandra Rosa (authorship order TBD). "Puertoricanizing U.S. Politics: Party Affiliation and its Correlates among U.S.-born and Migrant Puerto Ricans."

Escue, Melanie. "The Gendered Role of Racial Discrimination and Friendship in Immigrant Family Conflict."

BOOK CHAPTERS, ENCYCLOPEDIA CHAPTERS, OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Leiber, Michael J., Jennifer H. Peck., **Melanie Rosa**, and Tayler Shreve. 2018. "The Relationship between the Gender of the Probation Officer and Judicial Sentencing: Implications for Black Male Offenders." Pp 265 – 290 in *Handbook on Punishment Decisions: Locations of Disparity*, edited by J. T. Ulmer and M. S. Bradley. New York, NY: Routledge.

Rosa, Melanie. 2017. "Monitoring the Future". In *The Encyclopedia of Juvenile Delinquency and Justice*, edited by C. J. Schreck. New York, NY: Springer.

Rosa, Melanie, Preston Allyn and Roberto H. Potter. 2016. Implementing Criminogenic Risk Assessment in a County Jail: Some Practical Lessons. *American Jails Magazine*, pp. 37-42.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Aranda, Elizabeth, Rebecca Blackwell, **Melanie Escue**, Maritza Novoa-Hadley, and Alessandra Rosa. 2020. Report on Puerto-Rican Post-Disaster Migration Survey. Prepared for Mujeres Restauradas Por Dios. [MRD report 12 9 20 English \(1\).pdf](#)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021 – 2022 **Graduate Research Assistant**
National Science Foundation (NSF) - No.1729396
Ontological Security in Uncertain Times: Legal Status and the Social and Emotional Well-Being of Undocumented Young Adults
PIs: Elizabeth Aranda, Heide Castañeda, and Elizabeth Vaquera
Funded: \$330,000 Total Direct and Indirect Costs

2020 – 2022 **Graduate Research Assistant**
National Science Foundation (NSF) – No. 1918241
Emotional Adaptation and Incorporation of Post-Disaster Migrants
PI: Elizabeth Aranda
Funded: \$401,500 Total Direct and Indirect Costs

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

PRESENTATIONS

2021 Rosa, Alessandra, **Melanie Escue**, Rebecca Blackwell, and Elizabeth Aranda. "Doing Empathic Ethnography During a Global Pandemic." *American Anthropological Association*. Virtual.

2021 **Escue, Melanie,** Elizabeth M. Aranda, and Alessandra Rosa. "The Emotional Well-Being of Puerto Rican Post Disaster Migrants." *Mid-South Sociological Association*. Virtual.

2021 Blackwell, Rebecca, Elizabeth M. Aranda, **Melanie Escue**, and Alessandra Rosa. "Cascading Disasters: Hurricane Maria, Post-Disaster Migration, and COVID-19 Impacts on Puerto Rican Adaptation." *American Sociological Association*. Virtual.

2021 Blackwell, Rebecca, Elizabeth Aranda, Alessandra Rosa, and **Melanie Escue**. "Narratives of Post-Disaster Migrants: Notions of Home and Emotional

- Embeddedness of Puerto Ricans in Florida.” *HOMing Conference by MIDEX*. Virtual.
- 2021 Aranda, Elizabeth, **Melanie Escue**, Alessandra Rosa, and Rebecca Blackwell. “Uncertain Movement: Examining Post-Disaster Puerto Rican Out and Return Migration.” *Latin American Studies Association*. Virtual.
- 2020* **Escue, Melanie**. “Navigating Heteronormative Spaces: The Multi-Identities of LGBTQ Undocumented Young Adults.” *Mid-South Sociological Association*. Virtual.
- 2020 **Escue, Melanie**, Elizabeth Vaquera, and Elizabeth Aranda. “The Gendered Role of Racial Discrimination and Friendship in Immigrant Family Conflict.” *American Sociological Association*. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2018* **Rosa, Melanie** and Bryanna Fox. “Do DLC Risk Factors Differ for Male Violent Juvenile Offenders? A Latent Class Analysis.” *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2018 **Rosa, Melanie**, Bryanna Fox, John K. Cochran, and Wesley G. Jennings. “Profiles of Death Penalty Attitudes: A Latent Class Approach.” *Academy of Criminal Justice and Sciences*. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Jennings, Wesley G., **Melanie Rosa**, and Bryanna Fox. “Do Developmental / Life-course (DLC) Risk Factors Equally Predict Sexual and Non-Sexual Offending among At-Risk Juveniles?” *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 **Rosa, Melanie** and Bryanna Fox. “Evaluating and Comparing Profiles of Burglars Developed Using Three Statistical Classification Techniques: Multidimensional Scaling, Cluster Analysis, and Latent Class Analysis.” *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 **Rosa, Melanie** and John K. Cochran. “Profiles of Death Penalty Support and Opposition: A Cluster Analytic Approach.” *American Society of Criminology*. New Orleans, LA.
- 2016 Leiber, Michael, Jennifer Peck, **Melanie Rosa**, Tayler Shreve, and Maude Beaudry-Cyr. “The Relationship Between the Gender of Probation Officer and Judicial Sentencing: Implications for Black Male Offenders.” *Southern Criminal Justice Association*. Savannah, GA.
- 2014 **Rosa, Melanie** and Roberto H. Potter. “Criminogenic Risk Profiles of Incoming Jail Inmates: Implications for Developing Reentry Programs and Community Partnerships.” *Southern Criminal Justice Association*. Clearwater, FL.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 Fox, Bryanna, **Melanie Escue**, Julie Krupa, and John K. Cochran. "Race/Ethnicity and the Effects of Prior Case Outcomes on Current Dispositions: Continuity and Change in the Dispositional Careers of Juvenile Offenders." *Midwestern Criminal Justice Association*. Virtual.
- 2019 **Escue, Melanie** and Bryanna Fox. "Risk Profiles of Violent Juvenile Offenders: A Replication Study." *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA.
- 2018 Leiber, Michael, Jennifer Peck, **Melanie Rosa**, and Tayler Shreve. "The Relationship between the Gender of the Probation Officer and Judicial Sentencing: Implications for Black Male Offenders." *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA.

* Session Organizer/Presider

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Instructor of Record in Sociology Department (2020, 2022)
Courses: Introduction to Sociology, Social Science Statistics
University of South Florida
- Graduate Teaching Assistant in Sociology Department (2017-2019)
Courses: Social Science Statistics
University of South Florida
- Graduate Teaching Assistant in Criminology Department (2015-2018)
Courses: Criminal Investigations, Criminological Theory, Death Penalty, Drugs and Crime, Gangs, Patterns of Criminal Behavior, Research Methods for Criminal Justice, Women and Crime
University of South Florida
- Graduate Teaching Assistant in Criminal Justice Department (2013-2014)
Courses: Corrections and Penology, Criminal Justice Systems, Victims and the Criminal Justice System
University of Central Florida

AWARDS

- 2022 Dr. Heide Castañeda UndocuALLY Facilitator of the Year Award,
University of South Florida

- 2021 2021 Status of Latinos (SoL) Award, *University of South Florida*
- 2021 2020 Outstanding Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, *University of South Florida*
- 2021 Dr. Heide Castañeda UndocuALLY Facilitator of the Year Award, *University of South Florida*
- 2021 Multicultural Rising Star Organization of the Year, UndocUnited, *University of South Florida*
- 2020 Online Course Development Stipend (\$5,000), *University of South Florida*
- 2020 SAGE Publishing Keith Roberts Teaching Innovations Award
- 2019 Outstanding Student Paper Award, *The ASC Division of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2020 Online Instructor Certification, University of South Florida
- 2019 Teaching in Sociology Course (3 cr.): Pedagogy & Best Teaching Practices
- 2019 CITI Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research
- 2016 CITI Social/Behavioral Investigators and Key Personnel

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY

- 2022 – Present Member, UndocUnited at USF
- 2021 – Present Secretary, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society, University of South Florida
- 2020 – Present UndocuALLY Facilitator, USF Office of Multicultural Affairs
- 2021 – 2022 Treasurer – Scholarship Chair – Social Media Chair, UndocUnited at USF
- 2020 – 2021 Scholarship Committee, UndocUnited at USF
- 2020 – 2021 Graduate Representative for the Graduate Committee, USF Department of Sociology
- 2018 Facilitator, USF Undergraduate Research Symposium

2016 Facilitator, USF Undergraduate Research Symposium

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

- 2020 – Present Website Editor, Developmental/Life-Course Division (DLC) of the American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- 2019 – Present Reviewer, *Journal of Criminal Psychology*
- 2018 – Present Outreach Committee Member, Developmental/Life-Course Division (DLC) of the American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- 2021 Session Presider. “Modeling Migration Flows and Networks.” *American Sociological Association*. Virtual.
- 2020 Session Organizer and Presider. “Sociology of Teaching and Learning During COVID-19.” *Mid-South Sociological Association*. Virtual.
- 2020 Session Organizer and Presider. “Mentoring/Networking Evening Exchange: Graduate Student Tips.” *Mid-South Sociological Association*. Virtual.
- 2020 Session Panelist. “Navigating Graduate School: From Application to Degree Conferral.” *Mid-South Sociological Association*. Virtual.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2021 Blackwell, Rebecca, Elizabeth M. Aranda, Melanie Escue, and Alessandra Rosa. “Report on Puerto Rican Post-Disaster Migration Survey.” Presented to *Latino Coalition of Tampa Bay*
- 2021 Aranda, Elizabeth, Rebecca Blackwell, Melanie Escue, Maritza Novoa-Hadley, and Alessandra Rosa “Report on Puerto Rican Post-Disaster Migration Survey.” Presented to the community organization, *Mujeres Restauradas por Dios*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Sections: Crime, Law, and Deviance; International Migration

American Society of Criminology

The Society for the Study of Social Problems

Sections: Community Research and Development; Racial and Ethnic Minorities