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Education:

- 2006** Ph.D., Sociology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA.
Dissertation: “Increasing Collaboration or Conflict: The Role of Similarities in Cross-Racial Organizing Between African American Women and Latinas in Georgia.”
Committee: Delores Aldridge (Chair), Cathryn Johnson, Karyn Lacy (University of Michigan), Lane Kenworthy (University of Arizona), Christine Sierra (University of New Mexico)
- 1999** M.A., Anthropology; University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
1997 B.A., Anthropology; Texas State University, San Marcos TX. Magna Cum Laude
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Professional Appointments:

- 2007-Present** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Ithaca College
- 2008-2010** Visiting Lecturer, Cornell Urban Mentoring Initiative, Department of Urban Planning, Cornell University
- 2007-2007** Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia
- 2002-2004** Research Analyst, Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Grants and Funding:

- 2011** National Science Foundation Grant “Discrimination, Boundary Negotiation and Mobility Strategies among Middle Class Latino Immigrants in the Nuevo South” Co-PI Dr. Irene Browne, Emory University
- 2011** Center for Faculty Research and Development, Ithaca College, Release time funding to prepare Manuscript on Urban Mentorship Initiative.
- 2010** H&S Educational Grant Initiative grant to help with Urban Mentorship student travel to Brooklyn to meet their mentees.
- Office of the Provost Travel Grant, Ithaca College. To present “Racing the Classroom: Unpacking Color-blind Racism in Predominately White Institutions” presented with Dr. Beth Tarasawa, St. Norbert College, at the Diversity Challenge, Boston MA

- 2008** National Science Foundation Grant “Mobility Strategies Among Middle Class Latino Families in Atlanta” Co-PI Dr. Irene Browne, Emory University
- 2007** Center for Faculty Research and Development, Ithaca College, Release time funding to analyze data from Mobility Strategies Research.
- 2006** Franklin Postdoctoral Teaching Fellowship, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- 2005** Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellow, National Research Council of the National Academies
- Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory Research Partner Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Emory University (declined)
- 2004** Community Partners Fellow, Office of University Community Partnerships, Emory University
- 2000-2004** Graduate Fellow, Emory University Graduate Student Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology
- 2000** Graduate Fellow, Office of Graduate Studies Fellowship for Underrepresented Students, University of New Mexico (UNM). (declined)
- 2000** Graduate and Professional Student Association Specialized Travel Grant (UNM)
- 2000** UNM, Department of Anthropology Travel Grant
- 1999** Student Research Allocation Committee Research Grant
- 1999** Latin American and Iberian Institute Field Research Grant
- 1999** Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Diversity Fellowship
- 1999** Dolores Gonzales Lecturer Series Award for Outstanding Research
- 1998** Graduate Fellow, Office of Graduate Studies Fellowship for Underrepresented Students
- 1998** Association of Feminist Anthropologists Travel Grant
- 1997** UNM, Department of Anthropology Travel Grant
- 1997** Student Research Allocation Committee Research Grant
- 1997** Graduate Fellow, Office of Graduate Studies Fellowship for Underrepresented Students

Publications:

- 2010** **Belisa Gonzalez** and Kathryn Sweeney. “The Color of Affirmative Action: What Public Responses to Affirmative Action Policies Tell Us About Racial Ideologies in the U.S.” *The Journal of Race and Policy: Race and Policy in the Age of Obama* v 6:1.

- 2009** **Belisa González.** “Can We All Just Move Beyond: Everyday Manifestations of the Black/White Binary.” in Doing Gender Diversity: Readings in Theory and Real-World Experience. Edited by Rebecca F Plante and Lis M Maurer. Boulder, CO: Westview.
- 2008** Sweeney, Kathryn A. and **Belisa González.** “Affirmative Action Never Helped Me: Response to Ending Affirmative Action in Michigan.” Pages 135-148 in Racism in Post-Race America: New Theories, New Directions, peer reviewed, edited by Charles A. Gallagher. Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Social Forces
- 2005** **Belisa González.** Review of After Race: racism after multiculturalism, by Antonia Darder and Rodolfo D. Torres. *Contemporary Sociology* (34) 5: 493-494.

Under Review:

Belisa Gonzalez. “The Consequences of Identity in Cross-racial organizing Between African Americans and Latinos in the Nuevo South”

In Progress:

Belisa Gonzalez. “The Pedagogy of Frustration: Preparing Students for the Challenge of Social Change by engaging inequality”

Belisa Gonzalez, Irene Browne and Selina Gallegos-Cruz. “We Don’t Eat Tortillas: Racial and Class Distinctions among Middle Class Dominicans and Mexicans living in Atlanta.”

Professional Research:

Co-PI with Irene Browne (Emory University) on “Race, Mobility and Boundaries of Belonging among Middle Class Latino Immigrants in the Nuevo South.” On-going since Summer 2008. In-depth interviews with 75 Dominican (21 to date) and 100 Mexican (21 to date) middle class immigrants to determine whether, how and under what conditions experiences of discrimination influence mobility strategies of middle class Dominican and Mexican immigrant parents in Atlanta. In particular, we look at the processes through which discrimination affects decisions about where to live, where to send children to school, what organizations to join, what social networks to cultivate and what activities to pursue.

Invited Presentations:

- 2010** “Can I see your documents?: Immigration and the Border Patrol” IC Presentation/Discussion organized by the IC International Club. September 21, 2010

“Managing Your Data with MaxQDA Qualitative Software ” presented at Emory University, Atlanta GA. May 25, 2010

2009 “We don’t need the master’s tools, we have our own...” presented at *Hope & Healing*: a benefit for the New Orleans Women’s Health Clinic and grassroots justice. Women’s Community Building. Ithaca New York April 18, 2009.

“Everyday Resistance: Recognizing Everyday Contributions to Social Change” Keynote address at the Community Partnership Board Annual Spring Reception. April 16, 2009.

“But we have a Black President: the future of affirmative action in a post-racial world” presented at the 2009 East Coast Chicano Student Forum (ECCSF) Conference. Cornell University April 3rd-5th.

“Are you calling me a Racist?: Exploring the costs of derailing conversations about race” Keynote address at the Greater Ithaca Activity Center’s (GIAC) Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Annual Community Breakfast. January 17, 2009

2008 “Cross-Racial Coalitions, Conflict and Keepin’ on” presented as part of the Martin Luther King Discussion Series sponsored by the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity, Ithaca College, November 1, 2008

“Su Historia” panel discussion presented to the Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Señoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. Ithaca College, September 30, 2008.

“Job Market Strategies: Nuts and Bolts of Going on the Market” presented at the Conference of Ford Fellows Washington DC September 19, 2008 (Moderator and Presenter)

2007 “The pros and cons of a teaching Post-doc” presented at the Conference of Ford Fellows Irvine, CA.

Selected Conference Presentations:

2011 “How do you Teach Creativity and Equality?: Lessons From a Distance Mentoring Initiative” presented at the annual meetings for the Society for the Study of Social Problems Las Vegas, NV. August 19.

2010 “Racing the Classroom: Unpacking Color-blind Racism in Predominately White Institutions” presented with Dr. Beth Tarasawa, St. Norbert College, at the Diversity Challenge, Boston MA. October 15-16.

““We don’t eat tortillas””: Racial and Class Distinctions among Middle Class Dominicans and Mexicans living in Atlanta,” co-authored with Irene

Browne and Selina Gallegos-Cruz presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA August 2010.

- 2008** “Bridging the Public to the Private: The challenges of teaching Public Sociology in a Private College Town” presented at the annual meetings of the Humanist Sociological Association. Boston, MA, November 6-9
- “The Color of Affirmative Action: What public responses to affirmative action policies tell us about racial ideologies in the U.S.” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. August Boston, MA.
- “The consequences of being ‘Surrounded by reality’” presented at the annual Women Studies conference, Ithaca College as part of the panel “Speaking truths as women of color.” February 26, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY.
- 2007** “Can’t we all just move beyond?: How the everyday manifestations of the black/white binary prevent us from empirically and theoretically moving beyond it,” to be presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, August, New York, NY.
- 2005** “The Role of Self-Reflexivity in Cross-Racial Organizing Among Women of Color,” presented at the annual meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, August, Philadelphia, PA.
- Series of five workshops on integrating qualitative software into qualitative analysis, presented with Ray Maietta at the Qualitative Interest Group (QUIG) Conference January 7-9, 2005. Athens, GA.
- 2004** “Are We Sistas?: What African American Women and Latinas Think About Being “Women of Color,”” presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, CA August 2004
- “What’s in a name?: Exploring the Transcendent Community Among People of Color,” presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA August 2004.
- “Seven States at Seven Stages: Approaching Suicide Prevention Planning and Implementation at the State Level, Lessons Learned,” co-presented with Keri Lubell, PhD and Helen Harbor Singer MPH at Division Rounds, Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. April 2004.
- “I don’t have an answer but I have a question: What do women of Color think about one another?,” presented at the Women of Color and Mixed Heritage conference. Albuquerque, NM March 25-26 2004.
- 2003** “Leadership, Organization, and Advocacy: Key Decision Points in the Suicide Prevention Campaign,” co-presented with Keri Lubell, PhD and

Helen Harbor Singer MPH, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at Preventing Suicide in Regions VII & VIII Denver, CO Oct 28, 2003

"What are We fighting For?: Rethinking the Resources in Resource Competition," presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society March 27-29, 2003.

"Deciding on Key Strategies for State Suicide Prevention Plans," presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology April 24-26, 2003.

2002 "Taken Together: The Possibility of Cross Racial Coalition Building," presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association August 16-19, 2002.

"Seeing in Color: Beyond Black and White," presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society April 9, 2002.

2000 "Surviving Graduate School: A Special Guide for Women of Color," presented at the Women of Color in Higher Education, March 24, 2000.

Teaching Experience:

Assistant Professor, Ithaca College (August 2007-present)

Courses: Soc 20700: Race and Ethnicity
Soc 41312: ST Advanced Race and Ethnic Relations
Soc 41302: Social Practicum in Social Change II: Urban Mentorship Initiative
Soc 10100: Introduction to Sociology
Soc 41301: Social Practicum in Social Change I: Urban Mentorship Initiative
Soc 31300: Social Inequality
Soc 43300: Sociology of and by Women of Color
Soc 40480/4801: Teaching Assistant Pedagogy
Soc43300: Community Organizing
Soc 47000: Directed Study
Soc 43300: Race and Affirmative Action

Visiting professor, Cornell University (August 2008 – May 2010)

Courses: Community and Regional Planning 395: Seminar on Progressive Education: Community/University Partnership

Visiting Professor, University of Georgia (August 2006-July 2007)

Courses: Soc 3280: Sociology of Gender
Soc 3220: Development of Sociological Thought

Instructor:

Emory University, Atlanta, GA (August 2004 – July 2006)

Courses: Sociology 230: Sociology of Sex and Gender
Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology
Sociology 247: Race and Ethnic Relations

Scholarly Inquiry for Research at Emory (SIRE) Workshops for undergraduates

Conducting Qualitative Interviews
Visual Data Analysis
Conducting Qualitative Interviews

Public Sociology:

2010 Discussant, Chaos or Community Live, Presented by the MLK Community Build Dec 5, 2010.

2009-Present Political Education Volunteer, Greene Guerillas

2008-Present Urban Mentorship Initiative (formally Cornell Urban Mentorship Initiative), Director.

Service to Ithaca College

2010-present President's Advisory Committee on Diversity (PAC-D), Member

Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Member

Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Member

2010 Latino Heritage Month Planning Committee, Member

Advisory Committee for the Center for the Study of Culture, Race and Ethnicity (CSCRE) Speaker Series

National Council for Undergraduate research (NCUR), Abstract Reviewer

Ithaca and You Program, Presenter for Discovery Majors

Summer Orientation Advisor

President's Listening Session on Diversity, Participant

2009-2010 Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology, Chair

Search Committee, Department of Sociology Predoctoral Fellow, Chair

2009 General Education Assessment, Fall 2009

Inside look, Presenter

2007-2009 Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, Member

Service to Students

2010-present Human Resources Mentorship Program for Students of Color, Mentor

Poder, Latino Student Association, Advisor

2010 *Battle of the Icons* presented by the Caribbean Student Association, Moderator

- 2009-2010** Lansing Residential Center with Sister to Sister, Co-Coordinator with Leslie Jones and Green Guerillas
- 2009** Facilitated discussion/presented at the “No Choice!”: Forced Sterilization of Women of Color with Dr. Shewanee Howard and Dr. Paula Ioanide. Organized by *Poder*, Latino Student Association. Ithaca College. September 24, 2009.
- 2008-present** Sisters-2-Sisters, Advisor
- 2008-09** Students for a Democratic Society, Advisor
- 2008** Invited discussant at “Su Historia” a panel discussion on the Latina experience. Hosted by Hermanas of the Iota Chapter of Sigma Lambda Upsilon/Senoritas Latinas Unidas Sorority, Inc. Ithaca College, September 30, 2008.
- Invited discussant Navigating Graduate School invited by the Latino Graduate Student Association, Cornell University.
- Invited guest on Ithaca Radio 92.1 *ICB Sunday* to discuss the potential impact of Barack Obama’s election on race relations in the United States. Ithaca College, November 16, 2008.
- Facilitated discussion on the state of housing in New Orleans, Mississippi and Texas after Katrina and Rita as part of the “Our Folk” national tour. Cornell University, March 27.
- Invited guest on Ithaca Radio 92.1 *Bridging the Gaps*. I was invited to discuss the relationship between women of color and Feminism.
- Invited guest on Ithaca Radio 92.1 *Bridging the Gaps*. I was invited to discuss the contemporary relevance of selected social movements of the 1960s and 70s, namely, the Black Panther, Chicano, and American Indian movements.
- 2007** Invited Guest on Ithaca Radio 92.1 *Bridging the Gaps*. I was invited to discuss contemporary local and national events and their relationship to gendered and racialized social structures.
- Facilitator, “Who is Really Racist?” a public discussion on racism on University of Georgia Campus. (Spring)
- 2007** Committee member, undergraduate (Enbar Toledano) honors thesis. Committee member, undergraduate (Brian Levy) honors thesis
- 2006** Guest, *Radio Diaspora* discussing community organizing between communities of color in Atlanta. November 4, 2006.

Service to Community:

- Spring 2010** Lansing Residential Center for Young Women, Saturday *Sistah Time* Volunteer and Coordinator with S2S

- Southern Tier Advocacy and Mitigation Project (STAMP), Board Member
- Fall 2009** Locks Conference, Volunteer
- Fall 2008** Locks Conference, Volunteer
- Spring 2008** Lancing Residential Center for Young Women, Saturday *Sistah Time* Volunteer

Other Relevant Experience:

- 2002-2005** Co-Facilitated Undoing Racism Workshop Atlanta, Georgia
- Spring 2002** Co-Facilitated "Forging New Coalitions in the 21st Century" conversations between African American and Latino grassroots organizers in South Georgia, Musgrove, February 8-10, 2002. Sponsored by the Southern Regional Council.
- Spring 2002** "Internalized Racial Oppression" presented at the National Advanced Training of the People's Institute for Survival and Beyond, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-24, 2002.
- 1999-2000** Intern, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, (MALDEF) Albuquerque office.

Service, Professional Activities and Awards:

- 2009** You Make a Difference Award, presented by the ALANA student community at ALANA Achievement Awards Banquet, October 24, 2009.
Award for Outstanding Contribution to the ALANA student community, presented at the Annual ALANA Senior Banquet. May 2, 2009
Gender and Society, Reviewer
- 2008** Award for Outstanding Leadership and Contribution of Ithaca College, awarded by the African Latino Society and I.C. Feminists.
- 2007** Faculty Representative, UGA Relay for Life
- 2005- 2007** Member, Coalition for a New Georgia
- 2005- 2007** Member, League of United Latin American Citizens, Georgia Chapter
- 2005-2007** Member, Latina Leadership Committee, Feminist Women's Health Center
- 2005-2006** Graduate Student Representative to Sociology Faculty
- 2004-2005** Member, Atlanta Organizing Committee for Undoing Racism
- 2004** Student Representative to Departmental Review Committee
- 2000-2004** Co-Chair Atlanta Organizing Committee for Undoing Racism
- 2000-2001** Member, Undergraduate Symposium Committee Emory University

1999-2000 Resource Trainer, People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

Professional Memberships:

American Sociological Association
Sociologists Without Borders
The Society for the Study of Social Problems

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