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## EDUCATION

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**2015- Present: PhD University of Cambridge:** Centre of Latin American Studies- nearing completion May 2019

- Title of Thesis: **What Happened to Mexican Eugenics? : Racism and the Reproduction of the Nation**

**2014-2015: MA Columbia University in the City of New York:** Masters in Regional Studies of Latin America and the Caribbean

- Title of Thesis: Images and Representations of Population Control, Sterilization Procedures and Contraceptives in the Puerto Rican Press (1943-1974)

**2010-2014: University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus:** BA Political Science, Comparative and International Politics and Gender; simultaneous degree in History

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## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

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Sanchez, Rachell. "The Origins of Mexican Eugenics". Journal of Historical Sociology (Submitted for Publication-February 2019)

Sanchez, Rachell. "Posicionalidades: Queerness y Eugenesia en Latinoamérica". In: Libro de Actas: Del Otro Lao'. (Accepted for Publication-January 2019)

Sanchez, Rachell. "Romantiqueo Post-Maria: Identity Politics and Queer Nationalism in Puerto Rico". Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies. (Submitted for Publication-December 2018)

Sanchez, Rachell. "Imágenes Y Representaciones De Control De Natalidad, Esterilización Y Anticonceptivos En La Prensa Puertorriqueña: El Mundo, El Imparcial Y Claridad De 1943 a 1974." De Raíz Diversa-Revista Especializada En Estudios Latinoamericanos 4, no. 7 (Spring 2017): 101-36.

Sanchez, Rachell. "Reggaetón, Trap Y Masculinidades En Puerto Rico." In Adiós a Las Armas: Masculinidades En Retirada Y Otros Avances. 2017. (Accepted-February 2017)

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## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Sanchez, Rachell. "Human Rights Violations and the Chalchihuitán-Chenalhó Land Dispute." Mexico|Politics and Security Section. LatinNews.Com, January 2018, 105-11.

Sanchez, Rachell. "The Structural Dynamics and Limitations of the New Policy on Disappearances." Mexico|Politics and Security Section. LatinNews.Com, December 2017, 57-62.

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## PODCASTS

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Sanchez, Rachell (January 2017) Eugenics and Sterilization. The Radical Americas Podcast, Episode 002.

Sanchez, Rachell (February 2019) Performing Black Radicalism in a Colourblind World. Centre for Research in the Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities.

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## LECTURES

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**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Michaelmas Term (2018-2019)**

**Mphil Course: Perspectives on Race in Latin America**

Eugenics and Reproductive Justice in Latin America (Lecturer)

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Michaelmas Term (2018-2019)**

**Sociology 11:**

Histories of Race: Scientific Racism 18<sup>th</sup>, 19th and 20th Centuries (Lecturer)

Histories of Race: Scientific Racism in Latin America (Lecturer)

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Michaelmas Term (2017-2018)**

**Sociology 11:**

Histories of Race: Scientific Racism 18th and 19th Century (Lecturer)

Histories of Race: Race, Eugenics and Genomics (Lecturer)

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## SMALL GROUP TEACHING

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**Dissertation Supervisor (June 2018-May 2019)**

Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge:

Abortion Debate in Argentina

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 11: Academic Year (2017-2018)**

Racism, Race and Ethnicity

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 3: Academic Year (2017-2018)**

Modern Societies II: Global Social Problems and Dynamics of Resistance

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 4: Academic Year (2017-2018)**

Concepts and Arguments in Sociology

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 6: Academic Year (2017-2018)**

**Gender and Sexual Nationalism:**

Racial Purity, Eugenics and Reproductive Control (Supervisor)

Sexual and Reproductive Rights vs “Femonationalism” (Supervisor)

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 11: Academic Year (2017-2018)**

Histories of Race 1: The Emergence of 'Race' and Racism, Enlightenment and the Colonial Enterprise (Supervisor)

Histories of Race 2: The Science Fiction of 'Race' (Supervisor)

Histories of Race 3: Rethinking 'Race' and the move to Ethnicity (Supervisor)  
The Racialised Body I: Seeing 'Race', Visibilising Otherness (Supervisor)

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 3: Academic Year (2017-2018)**

**Body Projects around the World:**

Bodies, Beauty Contests and National Projects (Supervisor)  
Beauty, Work and Cosmetic Surgeries in Neoliberal Times (Supervisor)  
Sex Tourism, Bodies and the Tensions of Development (Supervisor)

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 6: Academic Year (2017-2018)**

**Gender and Sexual Nationalism:**

Racial Purity, Eugenics and Reproductive Control (Supervisor)  
Sexual and Reproductive Rights vs "Femonationalism" (Supervisor)

**University of Cambridge, UK**

**Sociology 6: Lent Term/Easter Term (2016-2017)**

**Gender and Sexual Nationalism:**

Racial Purity, Eugenics and Reproductive Control (Supervisor)  
Sexual and Reproductive Rights vs "Femonationalism" (Supervisor)

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**ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

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**Lectures given:**

**Centre for Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge:**

Mphil Course: Reproductive Justice and Scientific Racism in Latin America (Michaelmas Term 2017-2018)

**Department of Sociology: University of Cambridge**

Histories of Race: The Development of Scientific Racism (Michaelmas Term (2017-2018) Soc11)  
Histories of Race: Race in Latin America (Michaelmas Term (2017-2018) Soc11)

**Chair:**

**Latin American Studies Association-Puerto Rico Section** (May 2018-Present)

**Supervisor:**

**Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge** (January 2017-Present)

**Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge:**

Histories of Race: Scientific Racism 18th and 19th Century (Michaelmas Term (2017-2018) Soc11)  
Histories of Race: Race, Eugenics and Genomics (Michaelmas Term (2017-2018) Soc11)

**Research Assistant:**

Downing College, University of Cambridge (January -October 2017)  
Dr. Mónica Moreno Figueroa

**Research Assistant:**

Columbia University in the City of New York (January 2015-June 2015)  
Dr. Dayma Echevarría

**Journal Director:**

Pre-law Society Journal

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus (August 2013-May 2014)

**Editor:**

Academic Journal, "Politea"

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus (August 2013-December 2013)

**Teacher Assistant:**

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, Political Science Department (January-August 2013)

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**EMPLOYMENT**

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**Journalist: Latin American News**

Mexico| Politics and Security Section (October 2017-Present)

**Translator-Editor: Documentaries- VICE in HBO** (June 2015-July 2017)

"Illegal Mining in Peru"-Documentary Project (July 2015)

"California Draught" (August 2015)

"Mexico, Drug Trafficking and Border Control"-Documentary Project (September 2015)

"Project Colombia"-Season 3 (October 2015)

"Banana Pickers in Latin America" (April 2016)

"Student Debt in the United States" (April-May 2016)

"Drug Cartels in Mexico" (June 2016)

"Charged with Journalism" (July 2016)

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**ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

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**International Black Radicalism**

Organizer (October 2018-Present)

**Social Studies of Health and Illness Research Cluster**

Organizer (January 2015- Present)

**Race Research Cluster**

Organizer (November 2015- October 2018)

**Politics of Beauty: Discourses and Intersections in the Global Sphere**

Organizer (Conference August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016)

**Workshop: Dealing with Race and Class**

Organizer (May 18, 2016)

**Workshop: Dealing with the Emotional Dimensions of Racism**

Organizer (February 6, 2016)

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**AWARDS AND GRANTS**

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**Faculty Research Group Support-Centre for Research in Arts Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Cambridge: International Black Radicalism** (May 2018)

**Foundation for the Sociology of Health and Illness** (December 2017)

**Travel Grant, Queens' College, University of Cambridge** (November 2017)

**Simon Bolivar Fund**, University of Cambridge (March 2017)

**Travel Grant, Queens' College**, University of Cambridge (January 2017)

**Santander Mobility Grant**, Fieldwork-Mexico City (April 2016)

**Dissertation Field Research Travel Grant**, Fieldwork-Puerto Rico, Columbia University in the City of New York (December 2014)

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**SELECTED INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTE CONFERENCES**

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**Coloquio del Otro Lao'- Keynote Speaker: University of Puerto Rico**  
Trans-experiences and Human Rights in Latin America (March 8, 2018)

**FemSoc- Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge**  
Gender Violence in Latin America (Seminar-November 22, 2017)

**International Seminar: Jesus College, University of Cambridge**  
Eugenics and the construction of the "unfit" in Post-Revolutionary Mexico (May 27, 2017)

**Mexican Society of Cambridge**  
Forced and Coerced Sterilization and Human Rights in Mexico (Seminar-University of Cambridge- February 29, 2016)

**Amnesty International**  
Abortion in Latin America (Seminar-University of Cambridge, Kings College- February 7, 2016)

**Health and Illness Research Cluster**  
Reproductive Rights and Abortion in El Salvador (Seminar-University of Cambridge, Sociology Department- February 7, 2016)

**Film Forum for the Colloquium LGBTTQ**  
Libres para Amar (Free to Love) – Moderator and Presenter (University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus, February 27, 2014)

**Film Forum for National Meeting of Students**  
"South of the Border" Film by Oliver Stone- Moderator and Presenter (University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, September 24, 2013)

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**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCES**

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**Latin American Studies Association (LASA)**  
Children, Pornography and Sexuality: Women as Guardians of Hereditary Perversion (Barcelona- May 26, 2017)

**Radical Americas**  
The Regulated Brothel: Syphilis and Prostitution in Post-revolutionary Mexico (University College London UCL, September 12, 2017)

**PhD Research Day: Centre of Latin American Studies, University of Cambridge**

Prostitution and the Pathological Other in Mexico (May 1, 2017)

**Latin American Studies Association (LASA)**

Dealing with HIV in Mexico: Sexual and Reproductive Rights Violations (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú- April 29, 2017)

**Borderlands Conference**

Indigenous Men in Guerrero, Racism and Sterilization (University of Connecticut- April 22, 2017)

**Society for Latin American Studies (SLAS)**

The Making of Disability: Eugenics and Obstetric Violence in Mexico (University of Glasgow- April 6, 2017)

**Red Integra**

Eugenesia, Racismo y Nación en México (1870-1940) (Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México-UNAM- August 26, 2016)

**Contagion and Containment**

Images and Representations of Puerto Rican Media Regarding Birth Control, Sterilization and “The Pill” (University of Cambridge, Newnham College- May 7, 2016)

**Forward and Onward**

2nd LACAS Latin America, Caribbean and Indigenous Undergrad Student Conference

The Role of Women in Puerto Rican Politics: Sila María Calderón (2000) (Binghamton State University of New York (SUNY)- March 1, 2014)