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## CURRENT POSITION

### University of California, Irvine

2009-present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Department of Chicano/Latino Studies, and, with courtesy, Department of Education

2004-2009 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Department of Chicano/Latino Studies and, with courtesy, Department of Education

#### *Faculty Affiliate:*

Demographic and Social Analysis Program

Center for the Study of Democracy

Center for Research on Immigration, Population and Public Policy

## EDUCATION

### University of California, Los Angeles

Ph.D., Department of Sociology, June 2003

M.A., Sociology, June 1998

### Boston University

B.A., *magna cum laude*, Political Science & Sociology, minor in Spanish, May 1995

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2006. *Unequal Origins: Immigrant Selection and the Education of the Second Generation*. New York: LFB Scholarly Publishing.

Reprinted in paperback, June 2008.

Reviews appear in:

*Contemporary Sociology*, 2006. 35(5): 471-472.

*Interactions: UCLA Journal of Education and Information Studies*, 2007. 3(2): 1-5.

### **Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles**

Feliciano, Cynthia. *Forthcoming*. "The Female Educational Advantage among Children of Immigrants," *Youth & Society*.

Feliciano, Cynthia, Rennie Lee and Belinda Robnett. 2011. "Racial Boundaries among Latinos: Evidence from Internet Daters' Racial Preferences" *Social Problems*, 58(2): 189-212.

Robnett, Belinda and Cynthia Feliciano. 2011. "Patterns of Racial-Ethnic Exclusion by Internet Daters." *Social Forces*, 89(3): 807-828.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2009. "Education and Ethnic Identity Formation among Children of Latin American and Caribbean Immigrants" *Sociological Perspectives*, 52(2): 135-158.

Glasser, Carol, Belinda Robnett, and Cynthia Feliciano. 2009, "Internet Daters' Body Types Preferences: Race-Ethnic and Gender Differences." *Sex Roles*, 61: 14-33.

Tovar, Jessica and Cynthia Feliciano. 2009 "Not Mexican-American, but Mexican': Shifting Ethnic Self-Identifications among Children of Mexican Immigrants." *Latino Studies*, 7(2): 197-221.

Feliciano, Cynthia, Belinda Robnett and Golnaz Komaie. 2009. "Gendered Racial Exclusion among White Internet Daters" *Social Science Research*. 38(1): 39-54

Bean, Frank, Cynthia Feliciano, Jennifer Lee and Jennifer Van Hook. 2009. "The New U.S. Immigrants: Do They Elucidate or Confound Our Understanding of the African-American Experience?" *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 621(1): 202-220.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2008. "Gendered Selectivity: U.S. Mexican Immigrants and Mexican Non-Migrants, 1960-2000." *Latin American Research Review*, 43(1): 139-160.

\* Winner of the 2009 Best Research Award from IPUMS-International.

Ahmed, Patricia, Cynthia Feliciano, and Rebecca Jean Emigh. 2007. "Internal and External Ethnic Assessments in Eastern Europe." *Social Forces*, 86(1): 231-256.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2006. "Beyond the Family: The Influence of Pre-migration Group Status on the Educational Expectations of Immigrants' Children." *Sociology of Education*, 79(October): 281-303.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2005 "Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Ethnic Disparities in Educational Attainment among Immigrants' Children." *International Migration Review*. 39(4): 841-871.

Feliciano, Cynthia and Rubén Rumbaut. 2005. "Gendered Paths: Educational and Occupational Expectations and Outcomes among Adult Children of Immigrants" *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 28(6): 1087-1118.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2005. "Educational Selectivity in U.S. Immigration: How Do Immigrants Compare to Those Left Behind?" *Demography*, 42(1):131-152.

\* To be reprinted in *Recent Developments in the Economics of Immigration*, edited by Barry Chiswick and Paul Miller. Wiley and Edward Elgar, forthcoming.

Waldinger, Roger and Cynthia Feliciano. 2004. "Will the Second Generation Experience 'Downward Assimilation' ? Segmented Assimilation Reassessed." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 27(3): 376-402.

\* Reprinted in *Inequality and Society: Social Science Perspectives on Social Stratification* edited by Jeff Manza and Michael Sauder. W.W. Norton & Company. (March 2009)

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2001. "Assimilation or Enduring Racial Boundaries? Generational Differences in Intermarriage among Asians and Latinos in the United States." *Race and Society*, 4: 27-45.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2001. "The Benefits of Biculturalism: Exposure to Immigrant Culture and Dropping out of School among Asian and Latino Youths." *Social Science Quarterly*, 82(4): 865-879.

### **Book Chapters**

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2007. "Immigrant Selectivity, Ethnic Capital, and the Reproduction of Educational Inequalities across Borders," pp. 295-324 in *Crossing Borders/Constructing Boundaries: Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration* edited by Caroline Brettell. Lexington Books.

Lopez, David and Cynthia Feliciano. 2000. "Who Does What? California's Emerging Plural Labor Force." pp. 25-48 in *Organizing Immigrants: The Challenge for Unions in Contemporary California*, edited by Ruth Milkman. Ithaca: Cornell University Press.

### **Other Publications**

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2008. Review of *Racial Transformations: Latinos and Asians Remaking the United States* edited by Nicholas De Genova, Duke University press, 2006. *American Journal of Sociology* 113(5): 1450-1452.

Feliciano, Cynthia. 2006. "Another Way to Assess the Second Generation: Look at the Parents." *The Migration Information Source*, May. <http://www.migrationinformation.org/>. Washington, D.C.: The Migration Policy Institute.

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

TIME magazine. "Seeking My Race-Based Valentine Online" by Jenée Desmond-Harris. February 22, 2010.

Orange County Registrar. "UCI finds racial bias in Internet dating: by Gary Robbins. April 26, 2009.

NBC Los Angeles, Chicago, etc... "Rules of the Online Dating Game." April 23, 2009.

The Daily Pilot. "Study: Race critical in dates" By Joseph Serna

## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- Winner, 2009 Research Award, by the Minnesota Population Center in recognition of outstanding published work using IPUMS-International data for article, “Gendered Selectivity: U.S. Mexican Immigrants and Mexican Nonmigrants, 1960–2000”
- National Academy of Education/Spencer Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008
- Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Research Council, 2007-2008 (declined)
- Association for University Women Educational Foundation American Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2007-2008 (declined)
- University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2003-2004
- Honorable Mention, Distinguished Student Scholarship Award, American Sociological Association International Migration Section, 2003.
- Social Science Research Council International Migration Dissertation Fellowship, 2002-2003
- Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Research Council, 2002-2003
- UCLA Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellowship, 2002-2003
- Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, National Research Council, 1999-2002
- SSRC International Migration Minority Summer Dissertation Workshop Fellowship, 2000
- UCLA Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship, 1999
- UCLA Project 88 Graduate Fellowship, 1996-1997
- Boston University College Prize for Excellence in Sociology, 1995
- AKD, Sociology Honor Society, Outstanding Graduating Senior Award, 1995
- National Hispanic Scholarship Award, 1994, 1995

## RESEARCH GRANTS

- UC ACCORD/Gates Foundation, “Opportunities and Obstacles to Postsecondary Success among Low-income Youth,” Cynthia Feliciano and Leticia Oseguera, Principal Investigators, \$484,000, 2009-2013.
- UCI CORCL, Cultural Diversity Research Grant, “Gendered Racial Preferences in Dating among College Students,” Cynthia Feliciano and Belinda Robnett. \$2000. 2011-2012
- UCI CORCL Special Research Grant, “Latino Racial Boundaries,” \$3230, 2009-2010.
- UCI Faculty Career Development Award, “Unequal Origins, Unequal Outcomes: Pre-migration Status and College Attainment among Children of Immigrants,” \$1000, 2008-2009
- UCI CORCL, Cultural Diversity Research Grant, “Explaining Ethnic and Generational Differences in College Attainment”, \$3000, 2008-2009.
- UC ACCORD Faculty Seed Grant, “Ethnic and Gender Disparities in Early School Engagement,” \$10,000, 2007-2008.
- UCI Council on Research, Computing and Library Resources, Cultural Diversity Research Grant, “Complex Colors: Inter-racial Dating in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Cynthia Feliciano and Belinda Robnett-Olsen, Principal Investigators, \$3500, 2006.
- National Research Council Collaboration in Basic Science and Engineering Grant, “Georgian Labor Migration During the Market Transition,” Rebecca Jean Emigh and Cynthia Feliciano, Principal Investigators, \$8,300, 2003.

## INVITED LECTURES

University of Notre Dame Center for Research on Educational Opportunity and Institute for Latino Studies, “Immigrant Origins and the Latino Disadvantage in Educational Attainment,” May 2, 2011.

UCI Social Science Expert Speaker Series on Immigration and Population, “Immigration and Racial/Ethnic Exclusion,” March 18, 2010.

New Directions in the Sociology of Education, ASA Section on Sociology of Education Pre-Conference. “Why Study Schools and Educational Processes?” San Francisco, CA, August 7, 2009.

*University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology.* “Do Latinos and Asians Accept Dominant U.S. Racial Hierarchies? Evidence from Internet Daters’ Racial Preferences.” March 13, 2008.

*UC ACCORD 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference.* “Gender, Ethnic, and Generational Disparities in Early School Engagement.” Dec. 8, 2007.

*Santa Clara University, Center for Multicultural Learning, Diaspora Symposium.* “The Impact and Legacy of the Latino Diaspora on Educational Diversity in the United States.” May 8, 2007.

*University of California, Los Angeles.* Department of Sociology, Race and Ethnicity Working Group. “Gendered Hierarchies: Racial Exclusion and Inclusion in Dating Choices.” April 30, 2007.

*University of California, Berkeley, Center for Latino Policy Research and Center for Latin American Studies.* “Unequal Origins: Immigrant Selectivity and Educational Mobility among Second-Generation Latinos” March 16, 2007.

*University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Sociology* (co-sponsored by Race and Ethnicity and FemSem Working Groups). “Gender Hierarchies: Racial Exclusion and Inclusion in Dating Choices.” October 23, 2006.

*Harvard University, Graduate School of Education,* “Upwards or Downwards? Pre-migration Origins and Educational Mobility among Second-Generation Latinos” December 2005.

*University of California, Irvine, Department of Education* Distinguished Speaker Series, “Upwards or Downwards? Pre-migration Origins and Educational Mobility among Second-Generation Latinos” November 2005.

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS (from 2000)

“Social Capital and the Postsecondary Educational Attainment of Low-Income Youth” (with Mariam Ashtiani) to be presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV, August 2011.

“Poverty and Postsecondary Educational Pathways” (with Mariam Ashtiani) presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, August 2010.

“Pipeline out of Poverty? School Trajectories of Low-income Youth” (with Mariam Ashtiani) presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meetings, Denver, Colorado, April 30-May 2, 2010.

“Off-track: Typologies of Youth in Poverty Disconnected from the Postsecondary Pipeline” (with Leticia Oseguera) presented at the Association for the Study of Higher Education conference, Vancouver, Canada, November 5-7, 2009.

“Racial Boundaries among Latinos: Evidence from Internet Daters’ Racial Preferences” (with Rennie Lee and Belinda Robnett) presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2009.

“Immigrant-Native and Gender Differences in Children’s School Engagement” presented at the *National Academy of Education Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA, October 17-18, 2008.

“Unequal Origins, Unequal Outcomes: Pre-migration status and College Attainment among Children of Immigrants” presented at the *International Sociological Association’s* First Forum on Sociology, Barcelona, Spain, September 5-8, 2008.

“The Female Advantage in Educational Success: The Role of Family and School Factors among Adolescent Children of Immigrants” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Boston, MA, August 1-3, 2008.

“Gendered Racial Exclusion among White Internet Daters” (with Belinda Robnett and Golnaz Komaie), presented at the *Population Association of America* Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, April 17-19, 2008.

“Ethnic and Gender Disparities in Parents’ Educational Expectations among Immigrant and Native-born Minorities.” *American Educational Research Association* Annual Meetings, Invited Session: Emerging Scholars and Scholarship in Education Research, AERA, IES, and NAEEd Postdoctoral Fellows and their Work. New York, NY, March 24-28, 2008.

“What Happens to a Dream Deferred? Adolescent Expectations and Adult Outcomes among Children of Immigrants” (with Rubén Rumbaut) presented at the *Society for Research on Adolescence* Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, March 7-9, 2008.

“Pathways Towards Higher Education: A Longitudinal Analysis of Expectations and Attainment among Children of Immigrants” (with Rubén Rumbaut), presented at the *Sociology of Education Association* Annual Meeting, Asilomar, CA, February 22-24, 2008.

“Education and Ethnic Identity among Children of Latin American and Caribbean Immigrants” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, New York, NY, 2007.

“Gendered Disparities: Family and Achievement among Children of Immigrants” presented at the *American Educational Research Association* Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2007.

“Gender Disparities in Educational Attainment among Whites, Blacks, and Latinos in the United States, 1960-2000.” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, 2006.

“Race Still Matters: Dating Preferences among Whites in the United States” with Belinda Robnett-Olsen and Golnaz Komaie, presented at the *Pacific Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, Hollywood, CA, 2006.

“Assimilation *from* What? The Origins of Immigrants and Mobility Patterns of the Second Generation.” presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, 2005.

“Educational Selectivity among Male and Female Mexican Immigrants to the United States, 1960-2000.” Presented at the International Congress of the *Latin American Studies Association*, Las Vegas, NV, October 2004.

“Beyond the Family: The Effects of Group Characteristics on Immigrant Children’s Educational Aspirations and Expectations.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, 2004.

“Does Selective Migration Matter? Explaining Ethnic Disparities in Educational Attainment among Immigrants’ Children.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, 2003.

“Educational Selectivity and U.S. Immigration.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, 2002.

“Ethnic Classification in Eastern Europe” with Patricia Ahmed and Rebecca Jean Emigh, Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Anaheim, CA, 2001.

“Assimilation or Enduring Racial Boundaries? Generational Differences in Intermarriage among Contemporary U.S. Immigrant Groups.” Presented at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meetings, Washington D.C., 2000.

## TEACHING

- Graduate Courses: Proseminar in Sociology, Race and Education, Immigration and the New Second Generation, Race and Ethnicity
- Undergraduate Courses: Ethnic and Immigrant Americans, Racial and Ethnic Relations in the United States, Chicano/Latino Studies Research and Writing Seminar, Research in Latino Communities

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology*, 2011-
- Member, ASA International Migration section Thomas & Znaniecki book award committee, 2010, 2011
- Member, ASA Sociology of Education section Bourdieu book award selection committee, 2010.
- Moderator and Organizer, Predoctoral Social Sciences Professional Development Workshop, Conference of Ford Fellows, National Academies, Irvine, CA, October 2009.
- Session Organizer and Presider, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, International Migration Section session on “Immigrant Group Incorporation,” 2009.
- Program Committee, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2009.
- Editorial Board, *Sociology of Education* 2006-2008
- Editor, *World on the Move*, Newsletter of the International Migration Section of the ASA, 2004-2006
- Grant Proposal reviewer: National Science Foundation, Israel Science Foundation
- Book Proposal reviewer: Polity Press
- Manuscript reviewer:

*American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Sociology of Education, Ethnic and Racial Studies, International Migration Review, Sociological Inquiry, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Research, Social Forces, Social Problems, American Educational Research Journal, Canadian Journal of Sociology, Demography, Sociological Quarterly, Teachers College Record, Law and Society Review, British Journal of Sociology, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Cento: Journal of the Center for Puerto Rican Studies*

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member, American Sociological Association.
  - Sociology of Education section
  - Latino/a Sociology section
  - International Migration section
  - Racial and Ethnic Minorities section
- Member, American Educational Research Association.
- Member, Population Association of America

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Board Member and volunteer, *EdBoost*, a nonprofit organization devoted to reducing educational inequality by providing high-quality educational services to all students and families.