

Catherine Venegas-Garcia

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Education

September 2021- Present

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a Philosophy & Psychology minor, Southern Oregon University.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Ph.D. in Sociology
Anticipating graduating *magna cum laude* in June 2025

July 2021- September 2021

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Portland State University.
Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rosalyn Taylor, Ed.D.

Research Interests

- Organizations & Social Movements
- Policing
- Race & Ethnicity
- Immigration
- Social Inequality
- Criminal Justice
- Social Responsibility & Ethics

Work Experience

Teaching Assistant (Fall 2023-Winter 2023)

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant for Dr. Shanell Sanchez. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Oregon University

Courses:

- Race, Crime, and Justice
- Mental Illness and Crime
- Hate Crimes
- Introduction to Criminology
- Introduction to Criminology (online)
- Research Methods I
- Research Methods I (online)
- Green Criminology
- CCJ Capstone: Research
- CCJ Capstone: Research (online)

Jackson County District Attorney's Office (December 2023-April 2024)

Intern for the Victim's Assistance Program at the Jackson County District Attorney's Office.
Medford, Oregon

Tasks:

- Aided and translated for Spanish-speaking visitors.
- Attended court hearings, probation violations, settlement conferences, and other circuit and juvenile court events.
- Worked in the front office greeting visitors and taking phone calls.
- Utilized the computer system KARPEL for case files and other documents.

ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum (May 2021-June 2021)

WonderGuide Intern for the ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum. Ashland, Oregon.

Tasks:

- Helped conduct science-related experiments for guests.
- Helped keep the museum clean in compliance with COVID-19 guidelines.
- Worked with other interns to maintain a safe and welcoming visitor environment.
- Manded various workstations and aided younger guests.

Research Experience

Students' Reflections on COVID-19 Pandemic Literature Review. (2024). SOU Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Summer Research Internship, under the supervision of Shanell Sanchez, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Oregon University

Experience With OER and Private Publisher Chapter Writing. (2023). SOU Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program Summer Research Internship, under the supervision of Shanell Sanchez, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Southern Oregon University

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

Sanchez, S. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (forthcoming). Race, Ethnicity, and Crime. In Sanchez, S. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Justice*. Open Oregon Educational Resource: Open Access Textbook.

Sanchez, S. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (forthcoming). Prejudice, Discrimination, and Racism. In Sanchez, S. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Justice*. Open Oregon Educational Resource: Open Access Textbook.

Sanchez, S. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (forthcoming). Racialized Socialization & Racialized Social Control. In Sanchez, S. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Justice*. Open Oregon Educational Resource: Open Access Textbook.

Sanchez, S. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (forthcoming). Theories of Race and Crime. In Sanchez, S. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Justice*. Open Oregon Educational Resource: Open Access Textbook.

Venegas-Garcia, C., & Sanchez, S. (2024). Stigmatization and Labeling of Mexican Immigrants: Role of Media on Life Outcomes. In T. VanderPyl, & S. Sanchez (Eds.), *Exploitation and Criminalization at the Margins: The Hidden Toll on Unvalued Lives*. Lexington Books.

Sanchez, S., House, E., & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (2024). I AM THE HEADLINE: How Media Harms Children Involved in the Criminal Justice System. In T. VanderPyl, & S. Sanchez (Eds.), *Exploitation and Criminalization at the Margins: The Hidden Toll on Unvalued Lives*. Lexington Books.

Works in Progress

Sanchez, S., Szott, K., Gibbs, L., & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** Teaching Sociology: Students' Reflections on COVID-19 Pandemic: A Journaling Activity to Encourage Sociological Critical Thinking.

Grants, Honors, & Awards

2024

- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for Anchorage, Alaska (forthcoming)
- NAEOP Dr. Gabriel Gallardo Memorial Scholarship Recipient (\$1,000)
- Travel Grant via Open Oregon for Honolulu, Hawaii (\$5,000)
- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for Honolulu, Hawaii (\$600)
- Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Outstanding Student Research Award
- Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Award of Appreciation
- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for San Diego, California (\$2,500)
- Southern Oregon University's President's List (Spring 2023)
- Southern Oregon University's President's List (Fall 2023)

2023

- Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Program (2023-Current)
- Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Award of Appreciation
- Southern Oregon University's President's List (Spring 2023)
- Southern Oregon University's President's List (Winter 2023)
- Southern Oregon University's President's List (Fall 2023)

2022

- Southern Oregon University's President's List (Spring 2022)
- Southern Oregon University's Provost's List (Fall 2022)

2021

- Southern Oregon University's Provost's List (Fall 2021)

Grants & Scholarships

- FAFSA
- Dr. Gabriel Gallardo Memorial Scholarship
- Renaissance Scholars Program Scholarship
- Jacksonville-Applegate Rotary Scholarship
- Federal Pell Grant
- Fairy Godmother Scholarship Program
- Pear Blossom Princess Scholarship
- Carpenter Foundation Scholarship
- Kiwanis Club Of Jacksonville

Conference Presentations

2024

- Social Control Through Online Humiliation, and Gender-Based Violence. (July). *UCLA National McNair Conference*, Oral Presentation. Los Angeles, California.
- Culturally Responsive Teaching: Embracing Open Education Resources in Higher Education. Forthcoming (May). *National Conference on Race and Ethnicity*, Poster Presentation. Honolulu, Hawaii.
- Centering Student Voices: AI and Creativity (May). *International Creativity Conference*, Panel Participant. Ashland, Oregon.
- Embracing Open Educational Resources and Shared Culture in Academia (March). *Pacific Sociological Association*, Panel Participant. San Diego, California.

2023

- Experience With OER and Private Publisher Chapter Writing (August). *SOU McNair Summer Research Symposium*, Oral Presentation. Ashland, OR.
- Police Representation In Children's Media "Zootopia" (May). *Creativity Conference*, Poster Presentation. Ashland, OR.

Professional Memberships & Academic Affiliations

- Pacific Sociological Association, 2024-Current
- Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr., 2023-Current
- Latino Student Union Club Member, 2022-Current

Special Skills & Abilities

- Research Experience
- Bilingual (Spanish Verbal Proficiency)
- Proficient Computer Skills in Microsoft Office and Google Workspace
- Skilled in Graphic Design Program “Canva”
- Teamwork and team-building skills