

Curriculum Vitae
Catherine Venegas-Garcia
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Education

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| Colorado State University (CSU), Fort Collins, CO | August 2025 - Present |
| Master's in Sociology | |
| Advisor: Dr. Jeffrey Nowacki, Ph.D. in Sociology | |
| Anticipated graduating in May 2027 | |
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| Southern Oregon University (SOU), Ashland, OR | September 2021 - June 2025 |
| Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice | |
| Minor in Philosophy | |
| Faculty Mentor: Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Ph.D. in Sociology | |
| Graduated <i>summa cum laude</i> in June 2025 | |
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| Portland State University (PSU), Portland, OR | July 2021 - September 2021 |
| Bachelor of Science in Psychology | |
| Faculty Mentor: Dr. Rosalyn Taylor, Ed.D | |

Research Interests

- Police Culture & Organizational Change
- Racial Disparities in Policing
- Race & Ethnicity
- Social Responsibility & Ethics
- ICE & Immigration Enforcement
- Immigration & Immigrant Rights

Journal Article Publications

Sanchez, S., **Venegas-Garcia, C.**, Szott, K., & Gibbs, L. (2024). Racial Injustice, Protests, & Reflexivity: Students' Perspectives During COVID-19 Class Journaling Activity. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

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.** (2025). Thinking Sociologically: Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Society. In Sanchez, S. & Peterson, J. R. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Injustice*. Open Oregon Educational Resource: Open Access Textbook.

Sanchez, S. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (2025). Prejudice, Racism, and Discrimination. In Sanchez, S. & Peterson, J. R. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Injustice*. Open Oregon Educational Resource: Open Access Textbook.

Sanchez, S. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (2025). Racialized Socialization & Racialized Social Control. In Sanchez, S. & Peterson, J. R. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Injustice*. Open Oregon Educational Resource: Open Access Textbook.

Sanchez, S. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** (2025). Theories of Race and Crime. In Sanchez, S. & Peterson, J. R. (Ed.), *Race, Crime, and Injustice*. 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

Nowacki, J. & **Venegas-Garcia, C.** Law Enforcement Organizational Response to COVID-19 Using the 2020 LEMAS Survey.

Sanchez, S., **Venegas-Garcia, C.**, Bachmann, J., & Wilson, H. Embracing the Liquid Syllabus in Higher Education During COVID-19.

Conference Presentations

2025

- Law Enforcement Organizational Response to COVID-19 Using the 2020 LEMAS Survey. (forthcoming). *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences*, Oral Presentation. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Culturally Responsive Teaching: Embracing Open Education Resources in Higher Education. (May). *National Conference on Race and Ethnicity*, Poster Presentation. New York, New York.

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. (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). *International Creativity Conference*, Poster Presentation. Ashland, OR.

Related Work Experience

Graduate Teaching Assistant

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| • Dr. Jason Downing, Intro to Sociology, CSU | Spring Term 2026 |
| • Dr. Pete Taylor, Capstone Seminar, CSU | Spring Term 2026 |
| • Dr. Pat Mahoney, Body & Society, CSU | Fall Term 2025 |
| • Dr. Michael Carolan, Environment, Food, & Social Justice, CSU | Fall Term 2025 |

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

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| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Hate Crimes, SOU | Fall Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Introduction to Criminology, SOU | Fall Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Introduction to Criminology (online), SOU | Fall Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Green Criminology, SOU | Spring Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, CCJ Capstone: Research, SOU | Spring Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, CCJ Capstone: Research (online), SOU | Spring Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, CCJ Research Methods I (online), SOU | Winter Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Mental Illness & Crime, SOU | Winter Term 2023 |
| • Dr. Shanell Sanchez, Race, Crime, & Justice, SOU | Winter Term 2023 |

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

ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum

May 2021 - June 2021

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

Grants, Honors, & Awards

2025

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| • SOU's President's List | June 2025 |
| • Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Outstanding Graduating Senior Award | June 2025 |

- Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Outstanding Student Research Award June 2025
- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for New York, New York (\$2,900) May 2025
- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for Denver, Colorado (\$1,100) March 2025
- SOU's President's List March 2025

2024

- SOU's Provost's List December 2024
- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for Anchorage, Alaska (\$1,600) October 2024
- NAEOP Dr. Gabriel Gallardo Memorial Scholarship Recipient (\$1,000) October 2024
- SOU's Provost's List June 2024
- Travel Grant via Open Oregon Educational Resources for Honolulu, Hawaii (\$5,000) May 2024
- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for Honolulu, Hawaii (\$600) May 2024
- Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Outstanding Student Research Award May 2024
- Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Award of Appreciation May 2024
- Travel Grant via Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. for San Diego, California (\$2,500) March 2024
- SOU's Provost's List March 2024

2023

- Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Program 2023 - 2025
- Southern Oregon University Criminal Justice Department Award of Appreciation May 2023
- SOU's President's List December 2023
- SOU's President's List June 2023
- SOU's President's List March 2023

2022

- SOU's Provost's List December 2022
- SOU's President's List June 2022
- SOU's Provost's List March 2022

2021

- SOU's Provost's List December 2021

Professional Memberships & Academic Affiliations

- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 2026 - Present

- Pacific Sociological Association 2024 - 2025
- Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Ac. Pr. 2023 - 2025
- Latino Student Union Club Member 2022 - 2025

Special Skills & Abilities

- Bilingual (Spanish Verbal Proficiency)
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and Google Workspace
- Intermediate Graphic Design Skills
- Teamwork and Team-building Skills

(Updated 02/06/2026)