

**Curriculum Vitae**  
Catherine Venegas-Garcia  
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**Education**

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	
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	
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
<b>2024</b>	
● 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
<b>2023</b>	
● 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
<b>2022</b>	
● SOU's Provost's List	December 2022
● SOU's President's List	June 2022
● SOU's Provost's List	March 2022
<b>2021</b>	
● SOU's Provost's List	December 2021
<b><u>Professional Memberships &amp; Academic Affiliations</u></b>	
● Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences	2026 - Present

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| ● 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)