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EDUCATION

- 2025 (expected) Ph.D., Sociology, Texas A&M University
Committee: Drs. Pat Rubio Goldsmith (chair), Mary Campbell, Brian Holzman, and Glenda Droogsa Musoba
- 2017 B.S. Sociology (*cum laude*), Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville
Concentration: Diversity and Social Justice
Minor: Environmental Science
- 2015 A.A., General Studies, St. Louis Community College, with honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Education, Race and Ethnicity, First-Generation College Students, Sense of Belonging, U.S.-Mexico Border, Latino/a/e Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Carris, Peggy Sue. 2023. "Reading, Writing, and Harassment: White and Latinx Achievement Gaps and the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 1-16. doi:10.1177/23326492231169248.

Garcia, Emmer M., **Peggy Sue Carris**, and Pat Rubio Goldsmith. 2022. "Overcoming the Wall: Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Journal of Latinos and Education*, 1-17. doi:10.1080/15348431.2022.2030289.

**Authors contributed equally. Authorship determined by coin flip.*

WORKING PAPERS

Carris, Peggy Sue, Pat Rubio Goldsmith, Heili Pals, and Martin Puga. "The COVID Setback: A Spatial Analysis of 3rd through 8th Grade Latine Learning During the Pandemic." (in preparation)

Carris, Peggy Sue. "Academically and Culturally Matched: The Belonging of First-Generation Students of Color at Minority-Serving Institutions." (in preparation).

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2024-2025	Future Faculty Fellowship (F3) Award, Graduate and Professional School, Texas A&M University (\$35,000)
	Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate and Professional School, Texas A&M University (\$18,000) (declined)
2024	American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Fund Award (\$250)
	Travel Award, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (\$1,500)
2023	Research Support, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (\$250)
2022	Graduate Student Research and Presentation Travel Award, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, Texas A&M University (\$500)
	Travel Award, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (\$1,100 and \$300)
	Summer Research Assistantship Award, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University (\$2,200)
	Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting Student Travel Grant (\$300)
2021	Summer Research Assistantship Award, Department of Sociology Texas A&M University (\$2,200)
2020	Summer Research Assistantship Award, Sociology Department, Texas A&M University (\$2,800)
2019-2024	Graduate and Diversity Excellence Fellowship, Office of Graduate and Professional Studies, Texas A&M University
2017	Best Sociology Internship Paper Award: “Institutional Liberation or Oppression? A Nonprofit Organization Case Study,” Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University – Edwardsville (unfunded)

2015-2016 Dean's List, Southern Illinois University (3 semesters)
2012-2014 Dean's List, St. Louis Community College (4 semesters)

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020- Research Assistant to Dr. Pat Rubio Goldsmith, Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University

Fall 2020 Data Analyst for Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance (RITA)
Team: Texas A&M University School of Law Community Development Clinic with Dr. Luz Herrera (PI) and Texas A&M University Sociology Department with Dr. Ernesto F.L. Amaral

Summer 2020 Research Assistant to Dr. Mark Fossett, Texas Federal Statistical Research Data Center (TXRDC), Texas A&M University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University, Sociology Department

Instructor of Record (full course responsibility)

SOCI 220: Methods of Social Research, Summer 2024

SOCI 230: Classical Sociological Theory (x3), Summer 2023-Spring 2024

SOCI 415: Sociology of Education, Spring 2023

Teaching Assistant

SOCI 631: Seminar in Sociological Research: Quantitative Analysis (graduate course) (x2), Spring 2021 and 2022

SOCI 230: Classical Sociological Theory (x3), Fall 2019-2020

Invited Lecturer

"Education in the U.S. Mexico Borderlands." Sociology of Education, Spring 2022

"The Sociology of Anna Julia Cooper." Classical Sociological Theory, Fall 2020

St. Louis Community College, Sociology Department

Supplemental Instructor

SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2015

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented

Carris, Peggy Sue. "Academically and Culturally Matched: The Belonging of First-Generation Students of Color at Minority-Serving Institutions." Regular Session on Higher Education: First Gen Student Experiences, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Québec, August 2024 (*confirmed*).

Carris, Peggy Sue and Pat Rubio Goldsmith. "COVID-19 Setback: Absenteeism and Changes in Achievement of 3rd - 8th Grade Latinx Students" Educational Experiences and Outcomes During and After COVID-19 Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Québec, August 2024 (*confirmed*).

Carris, Peggy Sue. "Reading, Writing, and Harassment: White and Latinx Test Score Disparities on the U.S.-Mexico Border."

- National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Tejas Foco Conference, Brownsville, TX, March 2023.
- IX International Colloquium on the Mexican North East and Texas, College Station, TX, November 2022.
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Race, Ethnicity and Education Session, Los Angeles, CA, August 2022.
- Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 2022.

Goldsmith, Pat Rubio, **Peggy Sue Carris**, and Emmer Garcia. "Does the Border Matter? Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border." Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting (virtual), April 2021.

Goldsmith, Pat Rubio, **Peggy Sue Carris**, Emmer Garcia, and Mary Jalufka. "Latinx Achievement and Achievement Growth During Elementary and Middle School in Texas from 2008-2015." Texas Latino Policy Symposium III (virtual), October 2020.

Panels Organized

Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 2022.

- Sociology of Education 1
- Social Psychology

Discussant/Chair

Communication, Information Technologies, and Media, Southwestern Social Science Association, San Antonio, TX, April 2022.

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

Carris, Peggy Sue. “Fish Out of Water: The Impact of Institutional Selectivity on First-Generation College Students’ Sense of Belonging.” Educational Administration & Human Resource Development - PEP Talks!: Lighting Talks in Education Policy, Texas A&M University, November 2023.

Emmber Garcia and **Peggy Sue Carris**. “Overcoming the Wall: Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Council for Minority Student Affairs, Texas A&M University, March 2022.

Carris, Peggy Sue. “Reading, Writing, and Harassment: Educational Inequality and the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Sociology Department Colloquium Series, Texas A&M University, September 2021.

Garcia, Emmber and **Peggy Sue Carris**. “Overcoming the Wall: Educational Achievement and Growth in School Districts on the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Latinx Studies Working Group, Texas A&M University, October 2020.

SERVICE

Texas A&M University

Fall 2023, 2024 Instructor, Undergraduate First-year Experience Course, Texas A&M University

Spring 2023, 2024 Oral Session Judge, Student Research Week, Texas A&M University, Spring 2023 and 2024

Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University

Fall 2021- Graduate Student Representative, Undergraduate Program and Curriculum Committee

Fall 2020- Interdepartmental New Student Mentor, Sociology Mentorship and Academic Development

2019-20, 2022-23 Graduate Student Committee Representative, Hospitality and Welcoming Committee

Department of Sociology, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Spring-Fall 2017 Vice President of Sociology Club

CERTIFICATIONS

The Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL) Academy for Future Faculty Certification, Center for Teaching Excellence, Texas A&M University, Spring 2021.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Sections: Sociology of Education