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Areas of Work

Sociology of science, technology and knowledge, political sociology, sociology of racial and ethnic relations, organizational sociology, disability studies, and bioethics.

Education

- Aug 2021 Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley,
Committee: Michael Burawoy, Marion Fourcade (chair), Armando Lara-Millán, and
Osagie Obasogie
Dissertation: *How Scientists Produce Institutions: The Practice and Politics of Genome Editing*
- 2016 M.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
Areas of examination: Social Theory, Sociology of Science/Knowledge, and Political
Sociology of Race/Ethnicity, University of California-Berkeley,
Thesis: *Categorical Heterogeneity in Latin American Human Biology: Amerindians, Europeans,
Makiritare, Mestizos, Puerto Rican, and Quechua*
- 2012 B.A. History, Philosophy and Social Studies of Science and Medicine (HiPSS) and
minor in Philosophy (General and Departmental Honors); University of Chicago

Peer-reviewed Publications

- 2022 **Molina S.J.** “Biological Citizenship and Surveillance in the COVID-19 Pandemic.”
Berkeley Journal of Sociology, Vol. 63.
- 2022 Lewis, A., **Molina S.J.**, Dauda B., Ghosh N., Mauro M., Appelbaum, P., Di Rienzo,
A., Fuentes A., Garrison, N., Hammonds, E., Jones, D., Kenny, E., Kraft P., Lee, S.
S., Novembre, J., Panofsky A., Neale B., Allen D., “Getting Genetic Ancestry Right
for Science and Society.” *Science* Vol 376 (6590): pp. 250-252
- 2020 Lucas, S.R, **Molina, S.J.**, Towey, J.M. (2020) "Race/Ethnicity over Fifty Years of
Structural Differentiation in K–12 Schooling: Period-Specific and Life-Course
Perspectives." *Annual Review of Sociology* 46: pp.355–378.
- 2017 **Molina, S.J.** “Categorical Heterogeneity in Latin American Human Biology:
Amerindians, Europeans, Makiritare, Mestizos, Puerto Rican, and Quechua”
Perspectives on Science, Vol. 25 (5), pp.655-679

- 2015 Merriman, B. and **Molina, S.J.** “Variable Conceptions of Population in Community Resource Genetic Projects: A Challenge for Governance,” *New Genetics and Society*, Vol. 34:3, p.294-318

Other Publications

- 2022 Mukherjee, M., Posch, K., **Molina, S.J.**, Keller, A., “Comparing Regulatory Processes in Genome Editing and Autonomous Vehicles: How Institutional Ecosystems Shape Sociotechnical Imaginaries,” under review at *Review of Policy Research*
- 2016 **Molina, S. J.** “La Construcción de Poblaciones Utilizando los Censos de Población en Latinoamérica. Reseña: National Colors: Racial Classification and the State in Latin America, Loveman.” *Revista Brasileira de Estudos de População*, 2016
- 2016 **Molina, S.J.** “Book Review: Mestizo Genomics: Race Mixture, Nation, and Science in Latin America.” *Ethnohistory*, 63(1), 193-194
- 2012 **Molina, S.J.** “The Evolution and Principles of Informed Consent in Population Genetics,” Published in the *Princeton Journal of Bioethics, Bioethics Conference Special Publication*

Awards, Fellowships, and Grants

- 2021 Hacker-Mullins Graduate Student Paper Award honorable mention, Section on Science, Knowledge and Technology for “Academic Capitalism and the Moral Ordering of Genome Editing”
- 2019-21 Graduate Fellow, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California, Berkeley
- 2019-21 Berkeley Connect Fellow, Division of Undergraduate Education, University of California, Berkeley
- 2019-20 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
- 2019-20 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant, Sociology Program: *Institutionalizing Standards in Clinical Genome Editing*, NSF#1904321
- 2018 Center for Technology, Society and Policy Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
- 2017-18 Leo Lowenthal Dissertation Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley
- 2017 Summer Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley
Travel Award, Graduate Assembly, University of California, Berkeley
- 2016 Summer Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley
- 2014 Travel Award, Graduate Assembly, University of California, Berkeley
- 2012 Oliver Cromwell Cox–Ernest Just Prize awarded by the Deputy Provost for Research and Minority Issues, University of Chicago

Presentations

- 2022 “Social Control at the Edge of Science: How Positive Deviance in the Field of Human Genome Editing Contributes to its Normalization.” Science and Democracy Network, Harvard University, July 28th (Cambridge, MA)
- “How Scientists Produce Institutions: The Practice and Politics of Genome Editing.” Science in Human Culture Klopsteg Lecture Series, Northwestern University, February 7th.
- 2021 “Emergent Orders in the Governance, Institutions and Knowledge Economies of Genome Editing Technologies,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, 3-part panel co-chair and co-organizer with Daniel Santos (Virtual meeting)
- 2020 “Academic Capitalism and the Normalization of Genome Editing,” Governing Reproductive Bio-economies: Policy Frameworks, Ethics and Economics, European Association for the Study of Science and Technology/Society for the Social Studies of Science (Virtual meeting)
- “Academic Capitalism and the Normalization of Genome Editing,” Sociology of Science II: Making Knowledge, Molding Practice, American Sociological Association (Virtual meeting)
- “Academic Capitalism and the Normalization of Genome Editing,” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (Virtual meeting)
- “Genome Editing in Crisis: Scientific Misconduct and Boundary Repair” SASE-Miniconference: Crisis, Temporality, and Governance (Virtual meeting)
- “The Banality of Scientific Progress: An Etiology of the #CRISPRbabies Controversy,” Reproductive Technologies, Reproductive Justice conference, Harvey Mudd College (Claremont, CA)
- 2019 “The Banality of Scientific Progress: An Etiology of the #CRISPRbabies Controversy,” American Sociological Association, (New York, NY)
- “Democratizing Biotechnology: Institutional Constraints on Participatory Governance in Genetic Engineering,” with Gordon Pherribo, Society for the Social Studies of Science (New Orleans, LA)
- “Remembering Histories of Biotechnology,” with Gordon Pherribo, Plant Genome Engineering Symposium (Berkeley, CA)

- 2017 “The Development of Standards of Practice in Genetic Engineering: Collaboration/Communication,” Society for the Social Studies of Science (Boston, MA)
- “Categorical Heterogeneity in Latin American Human Biology: Amerindians, Europeans, Makiritare, Mestizos, Puerto Rican, and Quechua,” American Sociological Association (Montreal, Canada)
- 2015 “Origins of ‘Populationist’ Human Biology: Scientific Collaboration, Sampling, and Standards,” Populations of Cognition: Interconnected Histories of Human Variation in Latin America, UNAM (Mexico City, Mexico)
- 2015 “The Instrumentalist Construction of Human Genetic Diversity,” American Sociological Association (Chicago, IL)
- 2014 “The Entrenchment of Ethnic Populations in Genomics and Epidemiology” presented at the joint meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) and the Sociedad Latinoamericana de Estudios Sociales de la Ciencia y la Tecnología (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
- “The Social and Ethical Consequences of Ambiguous Definitions of ‘Population’ in Community Resource Projects” 12th World Congress of Bioethics, International Association of Bioethics (Mexico City, Mexico)
- 2013 “The Dilemma of Openness: Risk to Populations in the International HapMap and 1000 Genomes Projects,” with Benjamin Merriman, American Sociological Association (New York, NY)
- “A Framework for Understanding the Use of a Plurality of Population Categories in Epidemiology,” Society for the Philosophy of Scientific Practice (Toronto, Canada)
- “The Dilemma of Openness: Risk to populations in the International HapMap and 1000 Genomes Projects,” with Benjamin Merriman, Midwest Sociological Society (New York, NY)

Research

Research Assistant

- 2020- Understanding Variation: Normative and Analytical Implications of Using “Population” and “Ancestry” for Generalization and Comparison, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University (PI: Anna Lewis and Danielle Allen)

- 2019 Therapeutic Misestimation in Translational Genome Editing, UC Berkeley School of Public Health (PI: Jodi Halpern)
- 2018 The Capacity Challenge: Governing in an Era of Rapid Scientific, Technological, and Economic Change, NSF award #1735661, UC Berkeley School of Public Health (PI: Ann Keller)
- 2016-17 Dynamics of High School Enrollment, NSF award #1628813, UC Berkeley Sociology (PI: Samuel R. Lucas)
- 2015 Discriminatory Design, Princeton University (PI: Ruha Benjamin)
- Racial and Ethnic Categories in Latin American Censuses (PI: Mara Loveman)
- 2014 Emergence of ‘Hispanic’ as a Category in the U.S. (PI: Cristina Mora)

Teaching

Northwestern University

Primary Instructor of Record

- 2022-W SOCIOL 376-0-22 Sociology of Technology
SOCIOL 376-0-3 Sociology of Illness: The Normal and Pathological Through the Lens of Genetics

University of California-Berkeley

Primary Instructor of Record

- 2018-F SOC190: Sociology of Illness: The Normal and Pathological Through the Lens of Genetics

Graduate Student Instructor

- 2017-Sum SOCN1H: Introduction to Sociology for Pre-Health Majors, with Professor L. Katherine Thompson
- 2016-Sp STS100/HIST182C/ISFC100G: Science, Technology and Society, with Professor Massimo Mazzotti
- 2015-F SOC5: Research Methods; Evaluating Evidence, with Professor Irene Bloemraad
- 2015-Sp SOC01: Introduction to Sociology, with Professor Thomas B. Gold

2014-F SOC5: Research Methods, Evaluating Evidence with Professor Samuel R. Lucas

Mentorship

2019-20 Berkeley Connect Mentor

2016-18 Senior Thesis Mentoring Program

Invited Lecturer and Panelist

2021 “A Sociological Introduction to Genome Editing,” Medical Anthropology - ANTHRO 315, Northwestern University, November 3rd

“A Sociological Introduction to Genome Editing,” SOC166 Sociology of Health and Medicine. UC Berkeley

2020 “Applying to Graduate School,” Berkeley Sociology Summer Research Program on Race

“De-mystifying Graduate School,” Sociology Mentorship Program

2019 “A Sociological Introduction to Genome Editing,” ENG350R: Experimental Futures, University of Texas, Austin

2019-Sp “A Sociological Introduction to Genome Editing,” SOC115 Sociology of Health and Medicine

2018-F “The Politics of Genetic Engineering” with Gordon Pherribo; HIST 180: The Life Sciences since 1750

2018-F “A Sociological Introduction to Genome Editing,” SOC115 Sociology of Health and Medicine

2016-Sp “Boxes: How Categories and Tools Construct Science and Society” SOC166: *Society and Technology*

2015-Sum “Bioethics and the Cultivation of the Scientific Self,” QB3 Lab Fundamentals Bootcamp

2015-Sp “A Brief History of Science,” MCB15: Public Understanding of Science

Reader

2019-Sp SOC115: Sociology of Health and Medicine (with Professor Armando Lara-Millán)

- 2014-Sp SOC175: Society and Technology (with Professor Linus Huang)
- 2014-F SOC120 Organizational Strategy and Design (with Professor Sylvia Flatt)

Public Sociology

- 2022 “Public Workshop on Use of Population Descriptors in Genomics,” Committee on Use of Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry as Population Descriptors in Genomics Research, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine

Media

- 2022 UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix. “How CRISPR Became Routine,” visual interview, (Accessible online: <https://matrix.berkeley.edu/research-article/how-crispr-became-routine/>)
- 2021 Dissertation Spotlight: Santiago Molina, *Perspectives*, ASA Theory Section. July 12th. (Accessible online: <http://www.asatheory.org/current-newsletter-online/dissertation-spotlight-santiago-molina>)

Professional Service and Affiliations (*Current)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

- 2013-* Member, Science, Knowledge and Technology Section (SKAT)
- 2021 Elected Council Member and Liaison Committee
- 2020 Ad-Hoc Anti-Racist Organizing Committee
- 2019 Section Membership Committee
- 2018 Star-Nelkin Award Committee
- 2018-* Member, Disability in Society Section
- 2018-* Member, Social Theory Section

Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S)

- 2013-* Member

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

- 2020-* Member

Regional

- 2020-* Member, Southern Sociological Society (SSS)
- 2018-* Member, Pacific Sociological Association (PSA)
- 2013 Member, Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

Center for Science, Technology, Medicine and Society (CSTMS), UC Berkeley

- 2014-17 Organizer, Science and Technology Studies Working Group

Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley

2018-19 Graduate Admissions Committee
2016-* Member, Students of Color and Allies Working Group; Non-Black POC Anti-Racism Working Group
2015-* Organizer, Methods and Epistemology of Social Sciences (MESS) Working Group
2014-15 Graduate Students de la Raza

Technical Skills

Software: NVivo, MAXQDA, R (including R Studio), Descript, Ligre, Gephi
Qualitative: Comparative historical analysis, archival identification and analysis, semi-structured and structured interviewing, focus group coordination and facilitation, participant observation
Languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese
Other: Human subjects protocol review and study design