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## EDUCATION

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1987	Ph.D.	University of Washington (Sociology)
1980	M.A.	University of Washington “
1978	B.A.	The Ohio State University “

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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2004 – Present	Professor of Sociology & Demography The Pennsylvania State University
1996 – 2004	Associate Professor of Sociology The Pennsylvania State University
1990 – 1996	Assistant Professor of Sociology The Pennsylvania State University
1987 – 1990	Strategic Planning and Research Associate/Supervisor DDB Needham Worldwide, Chicago

## HONORS & ACTIVITIES

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### Editorial Activities

Deputy Editor (2016 – present)  
Demography

Associate Editor (2001-present)  
Journal of Family Issues

Editorial Board (2011-2013)  
Sociology of Education

Editorial Board (1999-2001)  
American Sociological Review

### Teaching and Scholarship

X<sup>2</sup> Award (2004)  
Research Seminar in Sociology, Students of The Pennsylvania State University

Faculty Marshal (2003)  
College of Liberal Arts, The Pennsylvania State University

Outstanding Article Award - Runner-up (1995)  
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations & Voluntary Action

List of Excellent Honors Instructors (1993)  
University Scholars Program, The Pennsylvania State University

#### Seminars

Seminar Participant (1988-89)  
American Association of Advertising Agencies & The Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University

Professional Associate (1985)  
16th Summer Seminar in Population, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii & Xian Jiatong University, China

#### Fellowships

Dissertation Fellowship (1986)  
University of Washington

Graduate Opportunities Program Fellowship (1978-80)  
University of Washington

### RESEARCH SPECIALTIES

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Social Demography and Inequality  
Immigration, assimilation and health  
Ethnic and racial identification  
Urban neighborhoods and communities

### EXTERNAL GRANTS

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"Health and Development of Mexican Children of Immigrants." 2010-2015. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health [PI: Nancy Landale; Investigators: R.S. Oropesa, Marianne Hillemeier] Sub-project of "Mexican Children of Immigrants Program Project" (P01). Total Award (P01): \$3.8 million.

"Context, Identities, and Economic Outcomes: A Pilot Study of Dominicans in Reading, Pennsylvania." 2003 – 2004. Russell Sage Foundation. [Co-PI with Leif Jensen]. Total Award: \$35,000.

"Puerto Rican Maternal and Infant Health Project," Grant Number 1 R01 HD32331-01. August 1, 1994-July 31, 2000. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health. (PI: Nancy Landale; Investigators: R.S. Oropesa and Ana Luisa Dávila). Total Award: \$2.6 million.

"The Demography of Local Marriage Markets," Grant number 3 R01 HD26321-02s1. September 1, 1992 thru August 31, 1994. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health (Co-PI with Daniel Lichter). Total Award: \$108,665

## PUBLICATIONS

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Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale, and Marianne M. Hillemeier

2017 "How does legal status matter for oral health care among Mexican-origin children in California?" [SSM–Population Health](#) 3: 730-739.

Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa and Aggie J. Noah

2017 "Experiencing Discrimination in Los Angeles: Latinos at the Intersection of Legal Status and Socioeconomic Status." [Social Science Research](#) 67: 34-48.

Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale and Marianne M. Hillemeier

2016 "Searching for the Family Legal Status of Mexican-origin Children: A Primer on Different Measurement Strategies." [Journal of Family Issues](#) 38: 700-727.<sup>1</sup>

Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale and Marianne M. Hillemeier

2016 "Legal Status and Health Care: Mexican-Origin Children in California, 2001-2014." [Population Research and Policy Review](#) 35: 651-684.

Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa, Aggie J. Noah, Marianne M. Hillemeier

2016 "Early Cognitive Skills of Mexican-Origin Children: The Roles of Parental Nativity and Legal Status." [Social Science Research](#) 58: 198-209.

Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale and Marianne M. Hillemeier

2015 "Family Legal Status and Health: Measurement Dilemmas in Studies of Mexican-origin Children." [Social Science & Medicine](#) 138: 57-67.

Hillemeier, Marianne M., Nancy S. Landale and R. S. Oropesa. "Asthma in U.S. Mexican-Origin

2015 "Asthma in US Mexican-Origin Children in Early Childhood: Differences in Risk and Protective Factors by Parental Nativity." [Academic Pediatrics](#) 15(4): 421-429.

Oropesa, R.S.

2015 "English, Spanish and Ethno-racial Receptivity in a New Destination: A Case Study of Dominican Immigrants in Reading, PA." [Social Science Research](#) 52: 132-146.

Landale, Nancy, Jessica Halliday Hardie, R.S. Oropesa, Marianne M. Hillemeier

2015 "Behavioral Functioning among Mexican-Origin Children: Does Parental Legal Status Matter?" [Journal of Health and Social Behavior](#) 56(1): 2-18.<sup>2</sup>

Landale, Nancy, R.S. Oropesa, and Aggie J. Noah

2014 "Immigration and the Family Circumstances of Mexican-Origin Children: A Binational Longitudinal Analysis." [Journal of Marriage and Family](#) 76(1): 24-36.<sup>3</sup>

Hillemeier, Marianne, Stephanie Lanza, Nancy S. Landale and R.S. Oropesa

2013 "Measuring Early Childhood Health and Health Disparities: A New Approach." [Maternal and Child Health Journal](#) 17(10): 1852-61.

- Landale, Nancy S., Stephanie T. Lanza, Marianne Hillemeier, and R.S. Oropesa  
2013 "Health and Development of Mexican, Black and White Preschool Children: An Integrative Approach Using Latent Class Analysis." [Demographic Research](#) 28: 1305-1340.
- Wang, Xiaozhou, R.S. Oropesa and Glenn Firebaugh  
2013 "Permanent Migrants to Cities in China: Hukou Origin and Earnings among Men in an Era of Economic Transformation." [Migration and Development](#) 2(1): 37-56.<sup>4</sup>
- Moreno, Martín and R.S. Oropesa  
2012 "Ethno-racial Identification in Urban Peru." [Ethnic and Racial Studies](#) 35(7): 1220-1247.
- Oropesa, R.S.  
2012 "Neighbourhood Disorder and Social Cohesiveness among Immigrants in a New Destination: Dominicans in Reading, PA." [Urban Studies](#) 49(1): 112 – 129.
- Frisancho Robles, Verónica and R.S. Oropesa  
2011 "International Migration and the Education of Children: Evidence from Lima, Peru." [Population Research & Policy Review](#) 30(4): 591-618.<sup>5</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S. and Leif Jensen  
2010 "Dominican Immigrants and Discrimination in a New Destination: The Case of Reading, Pennsylvania." [City & Community](#) 9(3): 274-298.
- Oropesa, R.S. and Nancy S. Landale  
2009 "Why do Immigrant Youths Who Never Enroll in U.S. Schools Matter? School Enrollment Among Mexicans and Non-Hispanic Whites." [Sociology of Education](#) 82(3): 240-26.<sup>6</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale, and Meredith J. Greif  
2008 "From Puerto Rican to Pan-Ethnic in New York City." [Ethnic and Racial Studies](#) 31(7): 1315–1339.<sup>7</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S. and R.S. Oropesa  
2007 "Hispanic Families: Stability and Change." [Annual Review of Sociology](#) 33: 381-405.
- Landale, Nancy S., Bridget Gorman, and R.S. Oropesa  
2006 "Selective Migration and Infant Mortality among Puerto Ricans." [Maternal and Child Health Journal](#) 10(4): 351-360.<sup>8</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa, and Cristina Bradatan  
2006 "Hispanic Families in the United States: Family Structure and Process in an Era of Family Change." Pp. 138-178 in Marta Tienda and Faith Mitchell (eds.), [Hispanics and the Future of America](#). Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press.
- Oropesa, R.S. and Nancy S. Landale  
2005 "Equal Access to Income and Union Dissolution among Mainland Puerto Ricans." [Journal of Marriage and Family](#) 67(1): 173 – 190.<sup>9</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S. and R.S. Oropesa  
2005 "What Does Skin Color Have to Do with Infant Health?" [Social Science & Medicine](#) 61(2): 379-391.

- Oropesa, R.S. and Nancy Landale.  
2004 "The Future of Marriage and Hispanics." [Journal of Marriage and Family](#) 66(4): 901-920.<sup>10</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale, and Tanya Kenkre  
2003 "Income Allocation in Marital and Cohabiting Unions: The Case of Mainland Puerto Ricans." [Journal of Marriage and Family](#) 65(4): 910-926.<sup>11</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale, and Tanya Kenkre  
2002 "Structure, Process, and Satisfaction with Obstetricians: An Analysis of Mainland Puerto Ricans." [Medical Care and Research Review](#) 59(4): 412-439.<sup>12</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S. and R.S. Oropesa  
2002 "White, Black, or Puerto Rican? Racial Self-Identification among Mainland and Island Puerto Ricans." [Social Forces](#) 81(1): 231-254.
- Oropesa, R.S. and Nancy S. Landale  
2002 "Nonresponse in Follow-Back Surveys of Ethnic Minority Groups: An Analysis of the Puerto Rican Maternal and Infant Health Study. [Maternal and Child Health Journal](#) 6(1): 49-58.
- Gorman, Bridget K., Nancy S. Landale, and R.S. Oropesa  
2001 "Poverty, Insurance, and Well-Baby Care of Mainland Puerto Rican Children." [Social Biology](#) 48(1-2): 67-85.
- Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale, and Ana Luisa Dávila  
2001 "Poverty, Prenatal Care, and Infant Health Outcomes in Puerto Rico." [Social Biology](#) 48(1-2): 44-66.<sup>13</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S. and R.S. Oropesa  
2001 "Migration, Social Support, and Perinatal Health: An Origin-Destination Analysis of Puerto Rican Women." [Journal of Health and Social Behavior](#) 42(2): 166-183.
- Landale, Nancy S. and R.S. Oropesa  
2001 "Father Involvement in the Lives of Mainland Puerto Rican Children: Contributions of Nonresident, Cohabiting, and Married Fathers." [Social Forces](#) 79(3): 945-968.
- Oropesa, R.S. and Nancy S. Landale,  
2000 "From Austerity to Prosperity? Migration and Child Poverty among Mainland and Island Puerto Ricans." [Demography](#) 27(3): 323-338.<sup>14</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S., Nancy S. Landale, Bridget K. Gorman, and Michelle Inkley  
2000 "Prenatal Care among Puerto Ricans on the U.S. Mainland" [Social Science & Medicine](#) 51(12): 1723-173.<sup>15</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa, and Bridget K. Gorman  
2000 "Migration and Infant Death: Assimilation or Selective Migration among Puerto Ricans?" [American Sociological Review](#) 65(6): 888-905.<sup>16</sup>

- Oropesa, R.S. and Bridget K. Gorman  
 2000 "Ethnicity, Immigration, and Beliefs about Marriage as a 'Tie that Binds'." In Linda Waite, Christine Bachrach, Michelle Hindin, Elizabeth Thomson, and Arland Thornton (eds.), Ties that Bind: Perspectives on Marriage and Cohabitation Hawthorne, CA: Aldine de Gruyter.<sup>17</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa, Daniel Llanes, and Bridget K. Gorman  
 1999 "Does Americanization Have Adverse Effects on Health? Stress, Health Habits, and Infant Health Outcomes among Puerto Ricans." Social Forces 78(2): 613-642.<sup>18</sup>
- Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa, and Bridget Gorman  
 1999 "Immigration and Infant Health: Birth Outcomes of Immigrant and Native-Born Women." Pp. 244-285 in National Research Council and Institute of Medicine (edited by Donald Hernandez), Children of Immigrants: Health, Adjustment, and Public Assistance. Washington, D.C.: National Academy Press.
- Landale, Nancy S., R.S. Oropesa, and Daniel Llanes  
 1998 "Schooling, Work, and Idleness among Mexican-Origin Adolescents" Social Science Research 27(4): 457-480.<sup>19</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
 1997 "Development and Marital Power in Mexico." Social Forces 75(4):1291-1317.<sup>20</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S. and Nancy S. Landale  
 1997 "In Search of the New Second Generation: Alternative Strategies for Identifying Second Generation Children and Understanding their Acquisition of English." Sociological Perspectives 40(3):427-454.
- Oropesa, R.S. and Nancy S. Landale  
 1997 "Immigrant Legacies: Ethnicity, Generation, and Children's Familial and Economic Lives." Social Science Quarterly 78(2):399-416.<sup>21</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
 1996 "Normative Beliefs about Marriage and Cohabitation: A Comparison of Non-Latino Whites, Mexican Americans, and Puerto Ricans." Journal of Marriage and the Family 58(1):49-62.
- Oropesa, R.S.  
 1995 "The Ironies of Human Resource Mobilization by Neighborhood Associations." Non-Profit & Voluntary Sector Quarterly 24:235-252.<sup>22</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
 1995 "Consumer Possessions, Consumer Passions, and Subjective Well-Being." Sociological Forum 10(2): 215-244.<sup>23</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S., Daniel T. Lichter, and Robert N. Anderson  
 1994 "Marriage Markets and the Paradox of Mexican-American Nuptiality." Journal of Marriage and the Family 56(4):889-907.<sup>24</sup>
- Lee, Barrett A., R.S. Oropesa, and James Kanan  
 1994 "Neighborhood Context and Residential Mobility." Demography 31(2): 249-270.<sup>25</sup>

- Oropesa, R.S.  
1993 "Using the Service Economy to Relieve the Double Burden." [Journal of Family Issues](#) 14(3): 438-473.
- Oropesa, R.S.  
1993 "Female Labor Force Participation and Time-Saving Technology: A Case Study of the Microwave from 1978 to 1989." [Journal of Consumer Research](#) 19(4): 567-579.<sup>26</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
1992 "Social Structure, Social Solidarity and Involvement in Neighborhood Improvement Associations." [Sociological Inquiry](#) 62(1):107-118.<sup>27</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
1989 "Neighborhood Associations, Political Repertoires and Neighborhood Exits." [Sociological Perspectives](#) 32(4):435-452.<sup>28</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
1989 "The Social and Political Foundations of Effective Neighborhood Improvement Associations." [Social Science Quarterly](#) 70(3): 723-743.<sup>29</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
1987 "Local and Extra-Local Orientations in the Metropolis." [Sociological Forum](#) 2(1):90-117.<sup>30</sup>
- Oropesa, R.S.  
1986 "Social Class, Economic Marginality, and the Image of Stratification." [Sociological Focus](#) 19(3): 229-243.
- Guest, Avery M. and R.S. Oropesa  
1986 "Informal Social Ties and Political Activity in the Metropolis." [Urban Affairs Quarterly](#) 21(4): 550-574.
- Oropesa, R.S.  
1985 "Subjective Relative Affluence and Expected Family Size." [Sociology and Social Research](#) 69(4): 501-515.
- Guest, Avery M. and R.S. Oropesa  
1984 "Problem-Solving Strategies of Local Areas in the Metropolis." [American Sociological Review](#) 49(6): 828- 840.<sup>31</sup>
- Lee, Barrett A., R.S. Oropesa, Barbara J. Metch and Avery M. Guest  
1984 "Testing the Decline of Community Thesis: Neighborhood Organizations in Seattle, 1929 and 1979." [American Journal of Sociology](#) 89(5): 1161-118.<sup>32</sup>

## BOOK REVIEWS

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- 2013 "Divided by Borders: Mexican Migrants and Their Children" by Joanna Dreby.  
[Contemporary Sociology](#) 42(1): 77-78.
- 2001 "Helping Out: Children's Labor in Ethnic Businesses" by Miri Song.  
[Contemporary Sociology](#) 30(4): 354-355

## THESES

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- 1987 Neighborhood Mobilization via Neighborhood Associations: Sources of Citizen Involvement and Organizational Success in Seattle. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Washington.  
(Chair: Avery Guest; Supervisory Committee: Herbert Costner, James McCann, David Hodge)
- 1980 Social Position, Economic Marginality, and the Dominant Ideology. M.A. Thesis, University of Washington. (Chair: Avery Guest)

## COURSES TAUGHT

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- Undergraduate    Intermediate Social Statistics  
                      Senior Research Seminar  
                      Honors Introduction to Sociology  
                      Junior & Senior Honors Seminar
- Graduate            Internal and International Migration  
                      Immigration, Assimilation & Inequality

## GRADUATE STUDENTS

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### Ph.D. Committee

Chair	Christopher Inkpen	2017
	Luis Sánchez	2013
	Jóhanna Gísladóttir Bissat	2012
	José Martín Moreno	ABD
	Niveditha Menon	2008
Member	Emily Kate	2018 (exp.)
	Gina Buckley	2018 (exp.)
	Ya-Fei Yang	2018 (exp.)
	Yerís Mayol-García	2016
	Aggie Noah	2016
	Greg Sharp	2013
	Claire Altman	2013
	Noah Painter-Davis	2013
	Shelly Irving	2013
	Xiaozhou Wang	2012
	Eric Jensen	2010
	Leila Rodriguez	2009
	Stefan Jonsson	2009
	Matthew Marlay	2008
	Rachel Durham	2007
	Michael Stout	2007
	Meredith Greif	2006
	Tanya Kenkre	2005
	Claudia Galindo del Rio	2005
	Bridget Gorman	2000
	Edwin Lamboy	2000
	Michelle Inkley	2000

### M.A. Committee

Chair	Christopher Inkpen	2012
	José Martín Moreno	2007
	Nicola Standish	2000
	Melonie Heron	1995
Member	Robert Zuchowski	2017
	Jonathon González	2012
	Luis Sánchez	2010
	Jenna Aurand	2004
	Darwin Cruz-Caraballo	2001
	Bridget Gorman	2000
	Lorena González López	2000
	Daniel Llanes	1997
	Chad Ferrell	1996
	Andrea Johnson	1995
	Neal Langan	1993

### B.A. Honors Theses

	Seyung Park	2007
	Alba Rivera	2002
	Carolyn Smith	1998
	Ammie Feijoo	1997



## SERVICE

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### College and University

- Steering Committee, Social Science Research Institute & Children, Youth, and Family Consortium (2007-2011)
- Latina/o Studies Initiative Committee, College of Liberal Arts (2005-2007)
- Schreyer Honors College Faculty Selection Committee (1998-99)

### Department

#### Undergraduate Program

- Undergraduate Program Director (2009-2015)
- Undergraduate Committee (1993-5, 1996-1997, 2006-2007)
- Curriculum Revision (2011-2012)
- Honors Advisor (1996-1999)
- Minority Opportunity through School Transformation Program (MOST)(1993-1999)
  - Co-Coordinator (1994-1998)
  - Summer Workshop Committee Chair (1995)

#### Graduate Program

- Graduate Committee (1993-1996, 2004)
- Quantitative Methods Certification/Methods Statistics Advisory Committee (2002-3, 2010-2012)

### Other

- Chair, Promotion and Tenure Committee (2016-2017)
- Website Committee (2012-2013)
- Underrepresented Minority Recruitment Committee (2010-2011)
- Faculty Recruitment Committee (1991, 1994, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002-3 [AAAS], 2005,2007, 2010)
- DeJong Lectureship Committee (2007)
- Department of Sociology Advisory Committee [2000-2002]
- Computer Committee [2000-2002]
- Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology (1998-99, Chair, 2000-01)
- Indicators of Assessment Committee (1993-95)

### Population Research Institute

- Information Core Advisory Committee, Population Research Institute [1998-2009]
- Colloquium Coordinator, Population Research Institute (1995)

## NOTES TO PUBLICATIONS - MEETINGS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- <sup>1</sup> Population Association of America. San Diego.
- <sup>2</sup> Population Association of America. San Diego.
- <sup>3</sup> European Population Conference. Vienna, Austria.
- <sup>4</sup> Population Association of America, Detroit.
- <sup>5</sup> Southern Demographic Association, Greenville, SC
- <sup>6</sup> European Population Conference. Barcelona, Spain.
- <sup>7</sup> Population Association of America. Los Angeles.  
Invited - University of California at Los Angeles.
- <sup>8</sup> European Population Conference. Liverpool, England.
- <sup>9</sup> Population Association of America. Boston.
- <sup>10</sup> Invited - Plenary Session of the National Council on Family Relations. Vancouver, Canada.
- <sup>11</sup> Population Association of America. Minneapolis.
- <sup>12</sup> American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- <sup>13</sup> Conference on the Demography of Poverty in Latin America, sponsored by the Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales/Comparative Research Programme on Poverty. Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- <sup>14</sup> Population Association of America, Chicago.
- <sup>15</sup> American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- <sup>16</sup> Invited - Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.
- <sup>17</sup> Invited - National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Conference on the Ties that Bind. Bethesda, Maryland.
- <sup>18</sup> Population Association of America, New York.
- <sup>19</sup> Population Association of America, Washington, D.C.
- <sup>20</sup> Population Association of America, Miami.
- <sup>21</sup> Invited— 1996 Michigan State University, Population Research Group Conference.  
Invited - Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Baltimore.

- 22 American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh.
- 23 American Sociological Association, Los Angeles
- 24 Population Association of America, Cincinnati.
- 25 American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh.
- 26 American Sociological Association, Cincinnati.
- 27 American Sociological Association, Chicago,
- 28 American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 29 American Sociological Association, Atlanta.  
Invited - University of Illinois at Chicago.
- 30 Southern Sociological Society, Memphis.
- 31 American Sociological Association, San Antonio.
- 32 American Sociological Association, San Francisco.