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## APPOINTMENTS

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### New York University

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology 2020–

### Columbia University

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology 2017–2020

Faculty Affiliate, Columbia Business School, Management Division 2017–2020

### Brown University

Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies and Training Center 2016–2017

Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Sociology 2015–2016

## EDUCATION

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### Princeton University

Ph.D., Sociology and Social Policy 2016

M.A., Sociology 2012

Dissertation: “Black–White Relations in the Wake of Hispanic Population Growth”

Committee: Edward Telles (chair), Delia Baldassarri, Miguel Centeno, and Andreas Wimmer

General Exams in Political Sociology, Race/Ethnicity and Migration, Stratification/Inequality

### Columbia University

B.A., Sociology, *summa cum laude* 2009

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

2020 Abascal, Maria. “Contraction as a Response to Group Threat: Demographic Decline and Whites’ Classification of People who are Ambiguously White.” *American Sociological Review* 85(2): 298–322.

· Featured in “How the ‘Majority-Minority’ Projection Took on a Life of its Own,” *NPR*, All Things Considered.

2017 Abascal, Maria. “Tu Casa, Mi Casa: Naturalization and Subjective Belonging among Latino Immigrants.” *International Migration Review*, 51(2): 291–322. (Lead article)

· Louis Wirth Best Article Award, International Migration Section, ASA

2017 Baldassarri, Delia, and Maria Abascal. “Field Experiments Across the Social Sciences.” *Annual Review of Sociology*, 43: 41–73.

- 2017 Abascal, Maria, and Miguel Centeno. "Who Gives, Who Takes? 'Real America' and Contributions to the Nation-State." *American Behavioral Scientist*, 61(8): 832–860.
- 2016 Garcia, Denia, and Maria Abascal. "Colored Perceptions: Racially Distinctive Names and Assessments of Skin Color." *American Behavioral Scientist*, 60(4): 420–441.
- 2015 Abascal, Maria. "Us and Them: Black–White Relations in the Wake of Hispanic Population Growth." *American Sociological Review*, 80(4): 789–813.  
· Featured in "White Fear of Demographic Change is a Powerful Psychological Force," *Vox*.
- 2015 Abascal, Maria, and Delia Baldassarri. "Love thy Neighbor? Ethnoracial Diversity and Trust, Reexamined." *American Journal of Sociology*, 121(3): 722–782.  
· Featured in "Does Diversity Create Distrust?" *Scientific American*.

### Book Reviews and Other Publications

- forth.* Abascal, Maria. "*Durable Ethnicity: Mexican Americans and the Ethnic Core*, Edward Telles and Christina A. Sue." *Sociological Forum*.
- 2017 Abascal, Maria. "*Partners or Rivals? Power, and Latino, Black, and White Relations in the Twenty-first Century*, Betina Cutaia Wilkinson." *Contemporary Sociology*, 46(4): 490–492.
- 2016 Abascal, Maria, and Delia Baldassarri. "Don't Blame Diversity for Distrust." *New York Times*, May 22.
- 2013 Abascal, Maria, and Miguel Centeno. "A Holistic Approach to Language, Religion, and Ethnicity: Response to Rogers Brubaker." *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 13(1): 101–104.
- 2010 Abascal, Maria. "Reform's Mixed Impact on Immigrants." *The American Prospect*, September 21: 17–18.

### Manuscripts Under Review and in Progress

Abascal, Maria, and Denia Garcia. "Pathways to Skin Tone Stratification: The Role of Inherited (Dis)Advantage and Skin Tone Discrimination in Labor Market Outcomes." (revise and resubmit)

Abascal, Maria, Kinga Makovi, and Anahit Sargsyan. "Discrimination is Reduced When Group Identity can be Falsified." (revise and resubmit)

Abascal, Maria, Janet Xu, and Delia Baldassarri. "People use Both Heterogeneity and Minority Representation to Evaluate Diversity." (under review)

Baldassarri, Delia, and Maria Abascal. "Diversity and Prosocial Behavior." (revise and resubmit)

### FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

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- 2019 Lenfest Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching and Mentoring, Columbia University (\$75,000)
- CAREER Award, "Trust, Cooperation, and Collective Action in Diverse Communities," National Science Foundation (\$447,480)
- NYU University Research Challenge Fund, "Say What? The Impact of Disclosing Sensitive Identities on Resource Flows" (PI: Kinga Makovi) (\$14,000)

- 2018 Research Grant, “Intervening in Attitudes About Immigration” (co-PIs: Jennifer Lee and Van Tran), Southern Poverty Law Center (\$63,618)  
 Provost’s Diversity Grant for Junior Faculty, Columbia University (\$24,721)  
 Lenfest Junior Faculty Development Grant, Columbia University (\$13,570)  
 Paul Lazarsfeld Grant, “Experimental Design Workshop,” INCITE, Columbia University (\$5,300)  
 Start Small! Mini Grant, “Learning Experimental Methods Through Hands-on Data Collection,” Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University (\$2,000)
- 2017 Course Development Grant, “Experiments on Race, Class, and Gender,” Dean of the College’s Office, Brown University (co-PI: Jayanti Owens) (\$5,000)
- 2016 Seed Grant, “Assessing the Origins of the Criminal Immigrant Stereotype: Race, Legal Status, and Country of Origin,” Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University (PI: Jessica Simes) (\$896)
- 2016 Presidential Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University
- 2015 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), Special Competition for Real-Stakes Experiments, “Black–White Relations in the Wake of Hispanic Growth: Generosity and Identification”
- 2013 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, “Hispanic Population Growth and Black–White Relations in the United States,” National Science Foundation (\$11,972)
- 2013–2014 Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2013–2014 Student Research Grant, Politics Research in Experimental Social Science, Princeton University (\$574)
- 2013 Dissertation Grant, Sociology Department, Princeton University (\$1,000)
- 2012–2013 Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University
- 2012, 2013 Pre-doctoral Research Grant, Mellon Mays Program of the Social Science Research Council (\$5,000 total)
- 2012 Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Social Organization, Princeton University (\$4,000)
- 2012 Summer Research Award, Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University (\$1,000)
- 2010 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2010 Joint Degree Program in Social Policy, Princeton University
- 2009–2010 Presidential Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2009 Lassen Fellowship, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Presentations (\*Scheduled)

- 2020 Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Jan.  
 Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Jan.
- 2019 Department of Sociology, New York University, Nov.

- Department of Sociology, UCLA, May  
 Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University, Apr.  
 Contemporary Studies in Race and Ethnicity Workshop, Harvard University, Feb.  
 Social Demography Seminar, Harvard University, Feb.  
 Immigration Seminar Series, CUNY Graduate Center, Feb.  
 Department of Sociology, UC-Berkeley, Feb.
- 2018 Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging,  
 University of Wisconsin-Madison, Apr.  
 Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences Research Seminar, Columbia University, Apr.  
 Forum on Migration, Barnard College, Columbia University, Mar.
- 2017 Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, Nov.
- 2016 Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, Oct.  
 Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, Sep.  
 Department of Sociology, Brown University, Apr.
- 2015 Sloan School of Management, MIT, Dec.  
 Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Nov.  
 Department of Sociology, New York University, Nov.  
 Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, Nov.  
 Department of Sociology, Stanford University, Nov.  
 Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Nov.  
 Department of Sociology, Yale University, Nov.  
 Department of Sociology, Columbia University, Oct.  
 Department of Sociology, Duke University, Oct.

### **Conference and Workshop Presentations (\*Scheduled)**

- 2020 Author Meets Critics Session for *Durable Ethnicity*, Edward Telles and Christina A. Sue,  
 Annual Meeting of the ESS, Philadelphia, Feb.  
 Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, Jan.
- 2019 Paper Session on Multiracial Classification, Annual Meeting of the ASA, New York, Aug.
- 2018 Academic & Policy Symposium, Center for Migration Studies, New York, Oct.  
 Invited Session on “Anxiety: Prospects of Demographic Change,” Annual Meeting of the  
 ASA, Philadelphia, Aug,  
 Migration Conference, Lisbon, Jun.  
 Workshop on Social Trust, Uppsala, Jun.  
 Roundtable for Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Annual Meeting of the ASA, Aug.  
 Session on Race and Inequality, Eastern Sociological Society, Feb.
- 2017 Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Columbia University, Oct.  
 Workshop on Interethnic Relations in Contemporary Communities, Bocconi University,  
 Milan, Jun.  
 Poster Session, Annual Meeting of the PAA, Chicago, Apr.
- 2015 Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Roundtable Session, Annual Meeting of the ASA,  
 Chicago, Aug.

- Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Princeton University, Apr.  
 Annual Meeting of the International Network of Analytic Sociologists, Harvard University, Jun.
- 2014 Regular Session on Group Processes, Annual Meeting of the ASA, San Francisco, Aug.
- 2013 Regular Session on Social Capital, Annual Meeting of the ASA, New York, Aug.
- 2012 Mellon Mays Graduate Research Conference, Bryn Mawr College, Jun.  
 Center for Migration and Development Working Paper Series, Princeton, May
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 Center for Migration and Development Working Paper Series, Princeton, Apr.  
 Inter-Ivy and Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Harvard University, Mar.

## TEACHING & ADVISING

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### New York University

- Sp2021 Race, Ethnicity, and Nation (grad)  
 F2020 Research Methods

### Columbia University

- Sp2019 Experimental Methods for Social Research (grad)  
 Sp2018, Sp2020 Race, Ethnicity, and Nation (grad)  
 F2017, F2018, F2019 Methods for Social Research  
 Su2016, Su2018, Su2019 “Experimental Research Methods”  
 Social Science Summer, INCITE

### Brown University

- Sp2017 Experiments on Race, Class, and Gender  
 (Co-instructed with Jayanti Owens)

### Dissertation committees

- New York University: Emma Mishel, Christina Nelson  
 Columbia University: Stephanie Grilo, Tiffany Huang, Katharine Khanna (co-chair), Greer Mellon  
 Berenike Schott, Daniel Tadmon  
 Other: Christopher Maggio (CUNY, Graduate Center)

## ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, & AFFILIATIONS

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- 2020– Consulting Editor, *Sociological Science*
- 2019–2021 Program Committee Member, 2021 Annual Meeting  
 Eastern Sociological Society
- 2019–2020 Board Member  
 Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences
- 2019 Chair, Louis Wirth Best Article Award Selection Committee  
 International Migration Section, ASA

- 2018–2020 Co-Organizer, Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop  
Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2017–2020 Founder and Organizer, Experimental Design Workshop  
Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University
- 2017–2020 Co-Organizer, Networks and Time Workshop Series  
Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University
- 2016–2017 Organizer, Special Seminar Series on Race and Inequality  
Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

Member of American Sociological Association (2011– ), Eastern Sociological Society (2017– ), and Population Association of American (2016–2017)

Journal reviewer for *Acta Politica*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Comparative Migration Studies*; *Du Bois Review*; *Ethnography*; *European Journal of Personality*; *International Migration Review*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Race & Social Problems*; *Social Forces*; *Sociological Forum*; *Social Problems*; *Social Psychology Quarterly*; *Sociological Science*; *Socius*

Proposal reviewer for *Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences*; *National Science Foundation*; *NYU–Abu Dhabi, University Research Challenge Fund*; *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*