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EDUCATION

2013 – 2018	PhD in Sociology – The Pennsylvania State University
2011 – 2013	M.S. in Sociology – University of Texas – San Antonio
2005 – 2009	B.A. in Sociology – University of Texas – San Antonio

RESEARCH INTERESTS

• Health and Mental Health • Life-Course • Childhood Abuse • Quantitative Methodology • Religion

PUBLICATIONS

1. [Ruiz, Andrea L.](#) and Sarah A. Font. 2020. "Role of Childhood Maltreatment on Weight and Weight-Related Behaviors in Adulthood." *Health Psychology*, 39(11):986–996. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/hea0001027>.
 2. DeAngelis, Reed T., Irene Escobar, [Andrea L. Ruiz, PhD](#), and Gabriel A. Acevedo, PhD. 2019. "Sleep Quality among College Students: Exploring the Role of a Divine Locus of Sleep Control." *Sleep Health*, 5(2019):592-597. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sleh.2019.08.004>
 3. Adler, Gary and [Andrea L. Ruiz](#). 2018. "The Immigrant Effect: Short-Term Mission Travel as Transnational Civic Remittance." *Sociology of Religion: A Quarterly Review*, 2018:1-33. DOI: 10.1093/socrel/srx060.
 4. [Ruiz, Andrea L.](#), Gabriel A. Acevedo, Raquel R. Marquez, and Marcos Marquez. 2018. "Expanding the Utility of Race-Based Accountability: An Application of RBA to Longitudinal Data Analyses." *Race and Justice*: 1-20. DOI: 10.1177/2153368718811046.
 5. Ellison, Christopher G., Xiaohe Xu, and [Andrea L. Ruiz](#). 2018. "Exploring the Effects of Fertility Change on Religiosity in the 21st Century: A Cross-National Analysis." P. 213-32 in *Low Fertility Regimes and Demographic and Societal Change*, edited by Dudley Poston, Samsik Lee, Hangon Kim: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-64061-7_12.
 6. [Ruiz, Andrea L.](#), John P. Bartkowski, Christopher G. Ellison, Gabriel A. Acevedo, and Xiaohe Xu. 2017. "Religion and Gender Ideologies among Working-Age U.S. Latinos." *Religions*, 8(7):121. DOI: 10.3390/rel8070121.
 7. Shah, Sarah, Gabriel A. Acevedo, and [Andrea L. Ruiz](#). 2017. "Contextualizing Events in Imagined Communities: Pre- and Post-9/11 Egyptian Attitudes toward Non-Arabs and Jews." *Sociology of Islam*, 5(4):249-77. DOI: 10.1163/22131418-00504002.
 8. Wada-Ramos, Aida, Gabriel A. Acevedo, and [Andrea L. Ruiz](#). 2016. "Body Weight Perceptions among Texas Women: The Effects of Religion, Race/Ethnicity, and Nativity Status." *Review of Religious Research*, 58(3):433-55. DOI: 10.1007/s13644-016-0249-2.
 9. [Ruiz, Andrea L.](#) and Gabriel A. Acevedo. 2015. "True Believers? Religion, Physiology, and Perceived Body Weight in Texas." *Journal of Religion and Health*, 54(4):1221-37. DOI: 10.1007/s10943-014-9859-6.
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RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

1. [Ruiz, Andrea L.](#) "Childhood Abuse and Adult Physiological Well-Being: Religiosity as a Moderator."
2. [Ruiz, Andrea L.](#) "Childhood Abuse and Adult Psychological Well-Being: Stress Coping as a Moderator."

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. Principle Investigator - The 2021 Crime, Health, and Politics Survey
 2. Ruiz, Andrea L. and Terrence Hill. "Religion and Borderline Personality Disorder."
 3. Ruiz, Andrea L. "Childhood Abuse and Adult Interpersonal Well-Being: Social Contact as a Moderator."
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021 – present	Instructor – SOC 3393 Quantitative Methodology University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
2019 – present	Instructor – SOC 3543 Data Management in Public Health University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
2018 – present	Instructor – SOC 3223 Population Dynamics / Demographic Techniques University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
2018	Instructor - SOC 429 Social Stratification The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
2017	Instructor – SOC 400W Senior Research Seminar The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
2015	Instructor – SOC 003 Social Psychology The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
2014	Instructor – SOC 005 Social Problems The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 – present	Principle Investigator The 2021 Crime, Health, and Politics Survey (CHAPS)
2018 – present	Assistant Professor University of Texas – San Antonio – Department of Sociology
2017 – 2018	Research Assistant – <i>Sarah Font, PhD</i> The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology
2015 – 2017	Research/Teaching Assistant – <i>Gary Adler, PhD</i> The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology
2014 – 2015	Research Assistant – <i>David Johnson, PhD</i> The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology
2013 – 2014	ARDA (Association of Religion Data Archives) – <i>Roger Finke, PhD</i> The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology
2013 – 2014	Research Assistant – <i>Christopher G. Ellison, PhD</i> University of Texas – San Antonio – Department of Sociology
2011 – 2012	Research Assistant – <i>Gabriel A. Acevedo, PhD</i> University of Texas – San Antonio – Department of Sociology

MEMBERSHIPS

2012 – present	SSSR – Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
2012 – present	ASA – American Sociological Association
2012 – present	SSS – Southern Sociological Society
2012 – present	ASR – Association for Sociology of Religion

AWARDS

- 2020 **Faculty Student Award - 3m, Ready, Set, Research Competition**
McNair Scholars Program
UTSA Office of Undergraduate Research
- 2015 **Summer Supplement Recipient**
The Center for Life Course and Longitudinal Studies
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
- 2013 **First Place Student/Faculty Collaboration**
Research Symposium
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2013 **Recognition of Merit & Accomplishment**
Students in American Universities
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
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COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

- 2020 – present **Faculty Mentor – Kassandra Flores and Ryan Houston-Dial**
UTSA Office of Undergraduate Research - Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program
- 2019 – present **Faculty Mentor – Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)**
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2019 – present **Honors College - Course Mentor**
University of Texas – San Antonio, Honors College
- 2019 – present **Thesis Chair Advisor – Shanay Salehi**
University of Texas – San Antonio, Honors College
- 2019 – present **Search Committee**
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2019 – present **UTSA COLFA Conference Judge**
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2018 – present **Graduate Application Committee**
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2018 – present **Scholarship Committee**
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2016 – 2017 **Graduate Student Committee**
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
- 2015 – 2016 **Diversity Promotion Committee**
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
- 2014 – 2015 **Student Paper Committee**
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
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RESEARCH CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017.....**Society for the Scientific Study of Religion – Washington, DC**
Ruiz, Andrea L. “Role of Religiosity in the Association between Child Abuse and Adult Health.”
- 2017.....**Association for the Sociology of Religion – Montreal, Canada**
Ruiz, Andrea L. “Child Abuse and Mental Health: Stress Buffering Effects of Religiosity.”
- 2016.....**Population Health Conference – The Pennsylvania State University**
Ruiz, Andrea L. “The Noxious Effects of Childhood Abuse on Physical Health Over the Life-Course – The Role of Religious Change.”

- 2016.....**American Sociological Association** – *Seattle, Washington*
Ruiz, Andrea L. “Childhood Abuse, Chronic Illness, and Psychopathology.”
- 2016.....**American Society for the Sociology of Religion** – *Seattle, Washington*
Ruiz, Andrea L. “Childhood Abuse and Chronic Illness: The Role of Religion.”
- 2016.....**American Society for the Sociology of Religion** – *Seattle, Washington*
 Adler, Gary, Andrea L. Ruiz & Jane Lankes. “The Religious Imagination of Adult Americans: Patterns of Change in the GSS.”
- 2015.....**American Sociological Association** – *Chicago, Illinois*
Ruiz, Andrea L. “The Effects of Childhood Abuse on Adult Relationships.”
- 2015.....**Southern Sociological Society** – *New Orleans, Louisiana*
Ruiz, Andrea L. “The Effects of Childhood Abuse on Adult Relationships”
- 2014.....**Society for the Scientific Study of Religion** – *Indianapolis, Indiana*
 Acevedo, Gabriel A. & Andrea L. Ruiz. “Religion and Psychosomatic Distress.”
- 2014.....**American Sociological Association** – *San Francisco, California*
Ruiz, Andrea L. “Support Exchanges among Congregational Members.”
- 2014.....**American Society for the Sociology of Religion** – *San Francisco, California*
 Bucior, Christine & Andrea L. Ruiz. “The Culture of Life” and Perceptions of Death: Examining Differences among Mexican, Polish, and American Catholics.”
- 2013.....**Society for the Scientific Study of Religion** – *Boston, Massachusetts*
 Shah, Sarah, Gabriel A. Acevedo & Andrea L. Ruiz. “Egyptian Nationalism Pre-and Post-9/11: An Imagined Communities Perspective.”
- 2013.....**American Sociological Association** – *New York, New York*
Ruiz, Andrea L. & Gabriel A. Acevedo. “How Religion and Physiology Influence Self-Reported Overweightness Among Men and Women in Texas.”
- 2013.....**Association for the Sociology of Religion** – *New York, New York*
Ruiz, Andrea L. “Who Helps? The Effects of Exchange, Culture, and Personal Resources on Congregational Support Provision.”
- 2013.....**Department of Sociology Symposium** – *University of Texas – San Antonio*
Ruiz, Andrea L. & Gabriel A. Acevedo. “How Religion and Physiology Influence Self-Reported Overweightness Among Men and Women in Texas.”
- 2012.....**Association for the Sociology of Religion** – *Denver, Colorado*
Ruiz, Andrea L., Gabriel Acevedo, Christopher Ellison & Xiaohu Xu. “Religion, Race, and Volunteerism in Texas.”
- 2012.....**Southern Sociological Society** – *New Orleans, Louisiana*
Ruiz, Andrea L. & Chris Ellison. “Traditional Gender Role Ideologies”
- 2012.....**Department of Sociology Symposium** – *University of Texas – San Antonio*
Ruiz, Andrea L. & Christopher G. Ellison. “Traditional Gender Role Ideologies”