
ANDREA L. RUIZ

(EMAIL) ANDREA.RUIZ@UTSA.EDU ※ (PHONE) 210-330-8787 ※ (WEBSITE) ANDREALIZARUIZ.COM

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., 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.
 2. 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.
 3. 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.
 4. 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.” Pp. 213-32 in *Low Fertility Regimes and Demographic and Societal Change*, edited by Dudley Poston, Samsik Lee, and Hangan Kim: Springer. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-319-64061-7_12.
 5. 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.
 6. 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.
-

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018 – present **Assistant Professor**
University of Texas – San Antonio – Department of Sociology

2017 – 2018 **Research Assistant** – Sarah Font, PhD
The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology

2015 – 2017 **Research/Teaching Assistant** – Gary Adler, PhD
The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology

2014 – 2015 **Research Assistant** – David Johnson, PhD
The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology

2013 – 2014 **ARDA (Association of Religion Data Archives)** – Roger Finke, PhD
The Pennsylvania State University – Department of Sociology

2013 – 2014 **Research Assistant** – Christopher G. Ellison, PhD
University of Texas – San Antonio – Department of Sociology

2011 – 2012 **Research Assistant** – Gabriel A. Acevedo, PhD
University of Texas – San Antonio – Department of Sociology

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

1. Ruiz, Andrea L. “The Effects of Childhood Abuse on Adult Interpersonal Relationships: The Moderating Effects of Religion.” (dissertation chapter)
 2. Ruiz, Andrea L. “The Effects of Emotional and Physical Child Abuse on Chronic Illness Later in Life: The Role of Psychological Distress as a Mediator.” (dissertation chapter)
 3. Ruiz, Andrea L. and Sarah Font. “The Role of Early Childhood Maltreatment: Specificity of Effects on Adult BMI, Body Image, and Disordered Eating Behaviors.” (under review)
-

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018.....**Instructor** – SOC 3223 Population Dynamics / Demographic Techniques
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
- 2018.....**Instructor** – SOC 400W Senior Research Seminar
The Pennsylvania State University, 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
- 2016.....**Instructor** – SOC 005 Social Problems
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
- 2014 – 2017.....**Teaching Assistant** – SOC 400W Senior Seminar
The Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
-

AWARDS

- 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
- 2013.....**Student Accomplishments/Excellence**
Who's Who at UTSA
University of Texas – San Antonio, Department of Sociology
-

COMMITTEES

- 2018 – 2019.....**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
- 2012 – 2013.....**Vice President - Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)–Alpha Xi**
The University of Texas – San Antonio
- 2012 – 2013.....**Golden Key International Honors Society**
The University of Texas – San Antonio

PRESENTATIONS

- 2017.....**Society for the Scientific Study of Religion – Washington, DC**
Ruiz, Andrea L. “The Role of Religiosity in the Association between Physical and Emotional Childhood Abuse and Adult Health Later in Life.”
- 2017.....**Association for the Sociology of Religion – Montreal, Canada**
Ruiz, Andrea L. “Childhood Abuse and Mental Health Over the Life-Span: The 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 A. Acevedo, Christopher G. Ellison & Xiaohe Xu. “Religion, Race, & 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”
-

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
-