

# JANELLE ASHLEY VIERA

## Curriculum Vitae

Department of Sociology  
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
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### EDUCATION

- 2022 (Expected) Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  
 Dissertation: *"More Puerto Rican than a Coquí": Race, Place, and Generational Perspectives Among Stateside Puerto Ricans.*  
 Dissertation Committee: Jacqueline Hagan (Chair), Ted Mouw, Lisa Pearce, Mosi Ifatunji (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Fernando Rivera (University of Central Florida).
- 2017 M.A. Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2014 B.A. Sociology and Anthropology, Swarthmore College.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity. Migration. Intergenerational Mobility. Puerto Rican and Latinx Populations. Qualitative and Mixed Methodologies.

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- \*Wassink, Joshua Thomas and **Viera, Janelle Ashley**. 2021. "Does Parental Migration During Childhood Affect Children's Lifetime Educational Attainment? Evidence from Mexico." *Demography*. DOI: 10.1215/00703370-9411336
- Viera, Janelle Ashley**. 2018. "Intergenerational Mobility Among Return Migrants and Their Families: A Case Study in Mexico." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2018.1515621

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Viera, Janelle Ashley**. "‘Everyone Just Gets that We’re Mixed’: Racial Identification among Puerto Ricans in New York City and Orlando." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (Accepted for revise and resubmit).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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- Viera, Janelle Ashley.** “I Always Tell My Kids, ‘You Cannot Be Desensitized to It’: Generational Perspectives on Racism and Discrimination among Younger and Older Puerto Ricans.” (In progress; Draft available upon request)
- Viera, Janelle Ashley.** “Learning About Race in College: Blackness, Whiteness, and Racial Consciousness Among Puerto Ricans. (In progress)
- Viera, Janelle Ashley** and Ted Mouw. “Racial Incorporation and Neighborhood Mobility among Mainland Puerto Ricans.” (In progress)
- Viera, Janelle Ashley** and Vivien Liebler. “Race, Place, and Latinx Identity: The Case of Puerto Ricans in New York City and Central Florida.” (In progress)

\*Authors contributed equally.

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2021 | Dissertation Completion Grant, Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, \$1,816.                                                             |
| 2021 | Dissertation Completion Grant, UNC Chapel Hill, \$7,850.                                                                                                                      |
| 2020 | Summer Research Grant, Center for the Study of the American South, UNC Chapel Hill, \$3,000.                                                                                  |
| 2020 | Carolina Graduate Student COVID-19 Impact Program Award, The Graduate School at UNC Chapel Hill, \$1,500.                                                                     |
| 2020 | Mellon Dissertation Fellowship for Latin American/Caribbean Research, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC Chapel Hill, \$1,500. (Cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic) |
| 2020 | Critical Ethnic Studies Graduate Working Group Fellowship, Center for the Study of the American South, UNC Chapel Hill, \$2,000.                                              |
| 2019 | Off-Campus Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate School at UNC Chapel Hill, \$10,000.                                                                                         |
| 2019 | Chancellor’s Doctoral Candidacy Award, The Graduate School at UNC Chapel Hill, \$5,000.                                                                                       |
| 2019 | Summer Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, Center for Puerto Rican Studies, CUNY Hunter College, \$750.                                                                |

- 2019 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, \$2,000.
- 2019 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant, Institute of African American Research, UNC Chapel Hill, \$1,933.
- 2018 Katharine Jocher Award for Best Graduate Student Manuscript, “Parental Migration and Lifetime Educational Attainment: A Balanced Analysis Using Propensity Score Matching,” with Joshua Thomas Wassink. Department of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2018 Predoctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, \$3,000.
- 2018 Graduate Student Pilot Study Research Grant, Department of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill, \$500.
- 2018 Pre-dissertation Summer Field Research Travel Grant, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC Chapel Hill, \$2,000.
- 2017 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program, \$1,500.
- 2017 Conference Travel Award, Initiative for Minority Excellence, UNC Chapel Hill, \$1,000.
- 2014-2015 NIH-funded Eunice Kennedy Shriver NICHD Predoctoral Traineeship, Carolina Population Center, UNC Chapel Hill, \$22,476.
- 2012-2014 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Andrew H. Mellon Foundation, \$10,800.

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Panels Organized**

- 2022 “Undercutting Intergenerational Assumptions: Optimism and Hope in Twenty-First Century America.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. November 2-6. (Accepted)
- 2021 “‘Representing it in the Extreme’: Blackness as a Testimonial ‘Rhetoric’ in Twenty-First Century America.” Virtual Format. American Studies Association Annual Meeting. October 11-14.

### **Papers Presented**

- 2022 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Stateside Puerto Ricans and the Negotiation of Racial and Ethnic Identities.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-9. (Accepted; Unable to attend due to COVID-19).
- 2022 **Janelle Ashley Viera** and Vivien Liebler. “Constructing *Puertorriqueñidad* in the North and South: Race, Place, and Puerto Rican Identity Formation.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. March 10-13.
- 2021 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Race, Blackness, and Identity Formation Among Puerto Ricans.” Virtual Format. American Studies Association Annual Meeting. October 11-14.
- 2021 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Perceptions of Racial Discrimination and Racism among Stateside Puerto Ricans.” Virtual Format. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 7-10.
- 2020 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Racial Acculturation Among Second and Third-Generation Puerto Ricans.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, February 27-March 1.
- 2018 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Parental Migration, Wealth Accumulation, and Intergenerational Mobility in Mexico.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14.
- 2017 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “An Intergenerational Migration Experience: Social Mobility Among Return Migrants and their Families in Mexico.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montréal, QC, Canada, August 12-15.
- 2017 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “A Legacy of Racial Subjugation: A Critical Race Theory and LatCrit Theoretical Analysis of Puerto Rican Citizenship.” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference. Montréal, QC, Canada, August 10-12.
- 2017 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Return Migration and Intergenerational Mobility in Mexico.” SSRC-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program Graduate Student Summer Conference, University of New Mexico. Albuquerque, NM, June 21-23.
- 2017 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “An Intergenerational Migration Experience: Social Mobility Among Return Migrants and their Families in Mexico.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Greenville, SC, March 29-April 1.

#### **CAMPUS TALKS AND PANELS**

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- 2022 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Generational Perspectives on Racial Discrimination Among Puerto Ricans in New York and Florida.” Migration Workshop, Department of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill, January 19.

- 2020 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “How Social Generations Shape Stateside Puerto Ricans’ Understandings of Race and Racism.” Migration Workshop, Department of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill, September 30.
- 2019 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Systemic Racism in the United States.” Invited Speaker for the Undergraduate Service and Leadership Resident Learning Program, UNC Chapel Hill, April 1.
- 2018 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “Bringing Back Opportunity: Paternal Migration, Wealth Accumulation, and Intergenerational Mobility in Mexico.” Research Colloquium, Department of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill, August 29.
- 2017 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “A Legacy of Racial Subjugation: A Critical Race Theory and LatCrit Theoretical Analysis of Puerto Rican Citizenship.” Research Colloquium, Initiative for Minority Excellence, UNC Chapel Hill, July 13.
- 2014 **Janelle Ashley Viera.** “The New ‘Floriricans’: A Developing Exploration of the New Puerto Rican Middle Class in Central Florida.” Department of Sociology’s Race Workshop, UNC Chapel Hill, December 3.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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- 2022 Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2021-present Co-Founder, Workgroup for Intersectional, Testimonial, and Ancestral Research.
- 2020 Research Fellow, Critical Ethnic Studies Graduate Working Group, Center for the Study of the American South, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2019 Scholar-in-Residence, Puerto Rico Research Hub, University of Central Florida.
- 2017-2018 Graduate Research Assistant, Initiative for Minority Excellence (IME), UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2013 Research Fellow, Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UNC Chapel Hill.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Courses Taught**

- 2022 Instructor of Record, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2021 Instructor of Record, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2021 Instructor of Record, Sociological Perspectives, UNC Chapel Hill.

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- 2019 Instructor of Record, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2018 Instructor of Record, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Social Stratification, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Research Methods, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016 Teaching Assistant, Sociological Perspectives, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2015 Teaching Assistant, Sociological Perspectives, UNC Chapel Hill.

### **Teaching Trainings**

- 2020 SAFE ZONE: Training Seminar by LGBTQ Center, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2020 Course Development Institute for Graduate Students, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2018 Sociology 980: Seminar on the Teaching of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016 Carolina Firsts, Advocate for first-generation college students, UNC Chapel Hill.

### **Mentoring and Training**

- 2022-present Khushi Patel, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2020-present Vivien Liebler, Undergraduate Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2020-present Donavan Moonie, Undergraduate Mentee, UNC Chapel Hill.  
Edward Vargas, Undergraduate Mentee, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2019-2020 Brenнора Cameron, Software Engineer, Cisco: Former Undergraduate Mentee, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016-2017 Chelsea Osademe, Doctoral Student, Department of American Studies, University of Minnesota: Former Undergraduate Mentee and Participant of Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UNC Chapel Hill.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2022-present Equity and Inclusion Research Advisor, Office of the Chief Diversity Officer, Fordham University.
- 2021 Presider, Refereed Roundtable on Race and Discrimination, American Sociological Association, Virtual Format.
- 2020 Reviewer, *Journal of Latin American Studies*.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- 2022 Conference Coordinator, Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2019 Invited Panelist, “Graduate Student Resource Panel for Newly-Admitted Ph.D. Students.” Department of Sociology, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2018 Invited Panelist, “MURAP Alumni Panel.” Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2017-2019 Founder and Co-Organizer, La Familia (empowerment group for Latinx graduate students), Initiative for Minority Excellence, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2017-2018 Advisory Board Member, Initiative for Minority Excellence, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016-2018 Co-Facilitator, Summer Undergraduate Pipeline Program Summer Conference, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016 Graduate Assistant, Moore Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2016 Invited Panelist, “Graduate Student Workshop.” Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2015 Invited Panelist, “Informational Concourse and Panel Discussion for Incoming Graduate Students.” Initiative for Minority Excellence, UNC Chapel Hill.
- 2015 Invited Panelist, “Informational Panel Discussion for Prospective Graduate Students.” Initiative for Minority Excellence, UNC Chapel Hill.

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association

American Studies Association

Association of Black Sociologists

Eastern Sociological Society

Southern Sociological Society

Puerto Rican Studies Association

Social Science Research Council-Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives Program

## **LANGUAGES**

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English - Native.

Spanish - Proficient.

## **REFERENCES**

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