Ian Carrillo

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Academic Positions

Assistant Professor, 2021-present
Department of Sociology and Criminology
Center for Brazil Studies (Affiliate Faculty)
University of Oklahoma

NSF SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Broadening Diversity Track), 2019-2020
Department of Environmental Studies & Department of Sociology,
University of California, Santa Barbara

Visiting Assistant Professor and Research Associate, 2018
Department of Sociology & Institute for the Built Environment
Colorado State University

Education

Ph.D. Department of Sociology & Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2018
M.A. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Kansas, 2009
B.A. Spanish Literature & Latin American Studies, University of Kansas, 2003

Publications

Books

2026 Carrillo, Ian. *The Business of Racism: Labor and Environment in Brazil's Racial Capitalism*. Duke University Press.

Edited Books

2026 Fox, Jordan, Ian Carrillo, J.P. Sapinski, and Diana Stuart (eds.). *Environmental Sociology Now*. University of California Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2026 Carrillo, Ian and Annabel Ipsen.* "Redefining Discrimination: Dismantling Environmental Protections through the Logic of Reactionary Colorblindness." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 12.
*Equal Authorship

2025 Carrillo, Ian. "Ambiguity, Consciousness, and Plantation Afterlives in Brazil's Racial Capitalism." *The Journal of Peasant Studies* 52(1):1-20.

2021 Carrillo, Ian, katrina quisumbing king, and Kai Schafft.* "Race, Ethnicity, and 21st Century Rural Sociological Imaginings: A Special Issue Introduction." *Rural Sociology* 86(3):419-433.
*Equal Authorship

2021 Carrillo, Ian and Annabel Ipsen.* "Worksites as Sacrifice Zones: Structural Precarity and Covid-19 in US Meatpacking." *Sociological Perspectives* 64(5):726-746.
*Equal Authorship

2021 Carrillo, Ian and David Pellow. "Critical Environmental Justice and the Nature of the Firm." *Agriculture and Human Values* 38:815-826.

2021 Carrillo, Ian. "Racialized Organizations and Color-Blind Racial Ideology in Brazil." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 7(1):56-70.

- Honorable Mention, Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Award for Best Paper in the Social Sciences, Brazil Section of the Latin American Studies Association, 2020
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sociology of Food and Agriculture, Rural Sociological Society, 2017
- Included in the Race, Research and Policy Portal and the Institutional Antiracism and Accountability Project at the Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University

2021 Carrillo, Ian. "The Racial Fix and Environmental State Formation." *Current Sociology* 69(5):641-659.

2017 Carrillo, Ian. "When Farm Work Disappears: Labor and Environmental Change in the Brazilian Sugar-Energy Industry." *Environmental Sociology* 3(1):42-53.

2014 Carrillo, Ian. "New Developmentalism and the Challenges to Long-Term Stability in Brazil." *Latin American Perspectives* 41(5):59-74.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

2026 Carrillo, Ian. "Racial Capitalism and the Environment." Pp. 93-110 in *Environmental Sociology Now*. Jordan Fox, Ian Carrillo, J.P. Sapinsky, and Diana Stuart (eds.). University of California Press.

2022 Carrillo, Ian. "The Environmental State and the Racial State in Tension: Does Racism Impede Environmentalism?" Pp. 365-380 in *The Handbook of*

Anti-Environmentalism. David Tindall, Mark C.J. Stoddart, and Riley Dunlap (eds.). Edward Elgar Publishing.

2013 Carrillo, Ian. "The Successes and Challenges of Microfinance." Pp. 197-214 in *The Handbook of Rural Development*. Gary Green (ed.) Edward Elgar Publishing.

Edited Special Issues

2021 Carrillo, Ian, katrina quisumbing king, and Kai Schafft (eds.). "Rurality, Race, and Ethnicity." Special Issue in *Rural Sociology* 86(3).

Public Sociology and Book Reviews

2024 Carrillo, Ian. Review of "The Color of Asylum: The Racial Politics of Safe Haven in Brazil." *Social Forces* 103(1):e9.

2022 Carrillo, Ian. "Racism and Anti-Environmentalism in US Politics." *Global Dialogue* 12(1).

2021 Carrillo, Ian. "Power and Race in Brazil's Labor-Environment Nexus." *Footnotes* 49(3).

2021 Carrillo, Ian and Annabel Ipsen.* "Meatpacking Work: Creating Structural Precarity and Sacrifice Zones in COVID-19." *Work in Progress*. Oct. 21. *Equal Authorship

Revise and Resubmit

Carrillo, Ian and Annabel Ipsen.* "Deportations, Borders, and Birthrates: Xenophobia as a Far-Right Tool of Climate Obstruction."
*Equal Authorship

Works in Progress

Carrillo, Ian, Annabel Ipsen, and Mathaus Viana Campos. "Reactionary Discourse, Anti-Environmentalism, and the Agribusiness Bench in Brazil." Preparing for submission to *Environmental Sociology*.

Carrillo, Ian. "Dynastic Whiteness in the Treadmill of Production." Preparing for submission to *Social Problems*.

Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

Fellowships

2026 SEC Visiting Faculty Travel Program, with Department of Sociology at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville – $1,100.

2026 OU Vice-President of Research Partnerships, Faculty Travel Assistance Program – $2,500

2025 Presidential International Travel Fellowship, OU Office of Global Engagement – $1,500

2025 Junior Faculty Fellowship, OU Vice-President of Research Partnerships – $7,000

2024 Junior Faculty Fellowship, OU Vice-President of Research Partnerships – $7,000

2023 "Race and Climate at Work: Studying How the Relationship Between Racialized Class Inequalities and Employment Shapes the Low-Carbon Transition in Brazil's Agricultural Sector." American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship – $57,940.54 (not funded)

2023 Faculty Fellowship, OU Dodge Family of College of Arts and Sciences – $7,000

2022 Faculty Fellowship, OU Dodge Family of College of Arts and Sciences – $7,000

2022 "NRT-HDR: Data-Intensive and Systems Approach to Understanding Biodiversity Decline and Stakeholder Engagement" (Co-PI) – National Science Foundation – $2,969,201.00 (not funded)

2019-2020 "Investigating Inequality in Toxic Exposure" (PI: Ian Carrillo, Co-PI: David Pellow) – National Science Foundation SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Broadening Diversity Track – $148,000

2010-2017 Advanced Opportunity Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2016 Mellon-Wisconsin Dissertation Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2015 Fulbright Research Fellow, IIE Program (Brazil) – $22,000

2014 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese)

2011 Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Portuguese)

2010 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Grants and Scholarships

2022 "How Do Organizational Behavior and Reactionary Discourse Contribute to Climate Obstruction? Examining the Case of Brazil's Agribusiness Bench" (PI: Ian Carrillo; Co-PI Mathaus Viana Campos*). Climate Social Science Network, Brown University – $17,625
*graduate student

Awards

2021 Honorable Mention, Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Award for Best Paper in the Social Sciences – Brazil Section of the Latin American Studies Association

2021 Sociologist of the Month, *Current Sociology*
2018 Honorable Mention, Early Career Award – Rural Sociological Society
2017 Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper Award – Sociology of Food and Agriculture Research Group, Rural Sociological Society
2017 Winner, Best Graduate Student Paper Award – Environment and Technology Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Invited Lectures and Residencies

2026 University of Texas at Austin. Department of Sociology. Apr. 15.
2025 Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil). Department of History. July 10.
2024 Brandeis University. Department of Sociology. Apr. 10
2023 University of Wisconsin-Madison. Department of Sociology. Sept. 22.
2023 Federal University of Pernambuco (Brazil). Department of History. July 1.
2022 University of Oklahoma. American Mock World Health Organization. Nov. 4.
2022 University of Oklahoma. Environmental Studies Cornerstone. Oct. 5
2022 University of California, Santa Barbara. "Environmental Justice and Interventions Workshop." Aug. 26-27.
2022 University of California, Santa Cruz. Department of English. Apr. 14.
2022 College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. "Race and Climate Change" Speaker Series. March 23.
2022 College of Saint Benedict and Saint John's University. Mini-Residency. March 22-25.
2022 University of Oklahoma. Center for the Americas and Center for Brazil Studies, Speaker Series. Jan. 28.

Conference Activities

Forthcoming Book Forums for *The Business of Racism*

2027 Speaker Symposium. University of California, Santa Barbara. March 15
2027 Speaker Symposium. University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Feb. 12
2026 Speaker Symposium. Boston College. Nov. 11
2026 "New Books on Racial Capitalism." Invited Panelist. American Studies Association. Oct. 24
2026 Symposium with Center for the Americas and Center for Brazil Studies. University of Oklahoma. Sept. 24
2026 Book Launch Event. International Rural Sociology Association. July 23.
2026 Author-Meets-Reader Event. Brazilian Studies Association. July 8.

Panel Organizer and Presider

2026 "Novas Direções no Estudo de Raça e Racismo no Brasil." Brazilian Studies Association. July 9.

2025 "Legitimacy, Punishment, and Language Dynamics in the Law." Presider. American Sociological Association. Aug. 12.

2024 "Enacting Democracy and Sustainability in Brazil: From Human Rights to the Environment." Brazilian Studies Association. Apr. 10.

2022 "State Actors, Democracy, and Development." Brazilian Studies Association. March 12.

2021 "Researching Race and Ethnicity in Rural Sociology: a Panel Discussion." Rural Sociological Society. June 16.

2021 "Debating *From the Inside Out*: an Author-Meets-Critic Panel with Jill Harrison." Rural Sociological Society. June 16.

2021 "Toward an Economic Sociology of the Environment." International Sociological Association. Feb. 23.

Panel Presentations (select)

2026 "Examining How the Far-Right Uses Immigration Enforcement for Climate Obstruction" (with Annabel Ipsen). Section on Environmental Sociology. American Sociological Association. Aug. 9.

2026 "Examining How Racial Capitalism Defines Racial, Labor, and Environmental Struggles in Brazilian Agribusiness." International Rural Sociology Association. July 20.

2026 "Race, Class, and the Environment in Brazil's Racial Capitalism." Brazilian Studies Association. July 9.

2025 "Racial Capitalism and the Environment." Section on Environmental Sociology. American Sociological Association. Aug. 11.

2025 "A Racial Capitalism Theory of the Environment." Racial Capitalism Mini-Conference. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. July 1.

2025 "The Patrimonial Revolt and the Rollback of Progressive Gains: Examining Brazil's Agribusiness Elite." REPAL – Network for the Study of Latin American Political Economy. June 26.

2024 "Revaluing Work in the Racialized Social System of Northeast Brazil." Section on Race, Class, and Gender. American Sociological Association. Aug. 12.

2024 "Reforming the Business of Racism in Brazilian Sugarcane." Rural Sociological Society. Aug. 4.

2024 "Reactionary Discourse, Environmental Deregulation, and the Agribusiness Bench in Brazil" (with Mathaus Viana Campos*). Brazilian Studies Association. April 5. *Graduate Student

2023 "The Racial Politics of Progressive Reform in the São Paulo Sugar-Ethanol Industry." Section on Political Sociology. American Sociological Association. Aug. 18.

2023 "Born to Rule: White Elites and Racialized Organizations in the Treadmill of Production." Racial Capitalism Mini-Conference. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. July 21.

2023 "How Does Colonialism's Afterlife Shape Structures and Discourses in Contemporary Racial Capitalism?" Southern Rural Sociological Association. Feb. 5.

2022 "Critical Environmental Justice and the Nature of the Firm" (with David Pellow). Special session Environmental Inequality and the Corporation. American Sociological Association. Aug. 7.

2022 "Born to Rule: White Elites and Racialized Organizations in the Treadmill of Production." Section on Environmental Sociology. American Sociological Association. Aug. 7.

2022 "Silence, Ambiguity, and Consciousness in Brazil's Racial Capitalism." Rural Sociological Society. Aug. 6.

2022 "The Elite Villainization of Brazil's Labor Ministry: Examining Attacks from the Standpoint of Labor Bureaucrats." REPAL – Network for the Study of Latin American Political Economy. July 1.

2022 "The Patrimonial Revolt: Competing Viewpoints from Agribusiness Elites and Labor Regulators on the Rollback of Worker Protections in post-PT Brazil." Latin American Studies Association. May 6.

2022 "The Elite Villainization of Brazil's Labor Ministry: Examining the View from Labor Bureaucrats." Brazilian Studies Association. March 12.

2021 "Race, Labor, and Clashing Institutional Logics on Worksites in Rural Brazil." Section on Latino Sociology Roundtable. American Sociological Association. Aug. 10.

2021 "Race, Labor, and Clashing Institutional Logics on Worksites in Rural Brazil." Critical Dialogue: The Organizational Dynamics of Racial/Ethnic Inequality. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Aug. 6.

2021 "Regulation and Reaction: Studying the Agrarian Elite Counter-Revolution Against Environmental and Climate Policies". International Sociological Association. Feb. 23.

2020 "Rationalization and the Unraveling of Patrimonialism in Rural Brazil." Section on Rural Sociology. American Sociological Association. Aug. 11.

Professional Service

External

ASA Section on Environmental Sociology, Nominating Committee Chair. 2026-2028
Rural Sociological Society, Executive Council Member, Non-Land Grant University Representative. 2026-2027
Journal Editorial Board Member. *Environmental Sociology*. 2026-2028
ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Founders Award Committee Member. 2026
ASA Section on Environmental Sociology, Publications Committee Chair. 2024-2026
ASA Section on Latino/a Sociology, Graduate Student Paper Committee Chair. 2024
ASA Section on Environmental Sociology, Member of Committee for Racial Inclusion, Equity, and Justice. 2024-2026
Rural Sociological Society, Nominations Committee Member. 2023-2025
National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, Proposal Reviewer. 2025.
National Science Foundation, SBE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Proposal Reviewer. 2024.
Brazil Section of the Latin American Studies Association, Jurist for the Sérgio Buarque de Holanda Award for Best Paper in the Social Sciences. 2023
Steering Committee Member for the Environmental Justice and Interventions Workshop, University of California Santa Barbara. 2021-2022
Rural Sociological Society, Conference Program Co-Chair. 2021-2022
ASA Section on Economic Sociology, Conference Roundtable Organizer. 2022
Society for the Study of Social Problems, Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Award Committee Member. 2020
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Joaquim Nabuco Award Committee Member. 2020
Rural Sociological Society, Diversity Committee Chair. 2018-2021

Journal Reviewer:

> *Agriculture and Human Values*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Environment and Planning D; Environmental Sociology*; *Rural Sociology*; *Social Currents*; *Social Forces*; *Social Problems*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *Sociology of Development*; *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*; *Studies in Comparative International Development*

University

Dean Search Committee, Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences. 2024-2025
IT Committee, Dodge Family College of Arts and Sciences. 2024-2025

Departmental (select)

Qualitative Methods Lab, Faculty Sponsor. 2024-present
Exploring Inequalities Speaker Series, Chair. 2023-2025

General Exams Grader: Environmental Sociology; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Cross-National Sociology
Tenure and Promotion Criteria Committee
Grasmick/Riddle Graduate Fellowship, evaluator
Strategic Planning Committee
Graduate Admissions Committee

Students Supervised

Mathaus Viana Campos, PhD committee chair
Wendy Dedmond, PhD committee member
Carrie Leslie, PhD committee member
Kelly Tabbut, PhD committee member
Tacey Shurliff, PhD committee member
Haifan Xiao, PhD committee member
Karen Santillan, MA committee member
Aaron Brown, MA committee member

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association; American Studies Association; Brazilian Studies Association; International Rural Sociology Association; International Sociological Association; Latin American Studies Association; Rural Sociological Society; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics; Society for the Study of Social Problems; Southern Rural Sociology Association

Courses Taught

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
Inequality in a Global Perspective
Graduate Seminar on Race and Ethnicity
Sociology of Climate Change (new course)
Sociology of AI (new course)