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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor, Sociology Fall 2022 – Present
Department of Sociology
Southern Connecticut State University

Assistant Professor in Residence Fall 2023 - Present
Asian and Asian American Studies Institute
University of Connecticut, Storrs

Postdoc in Critical Race Studies 2021 – 2022
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Fordham University

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology | University at Albany, SUNY 2021
Thesis: “Legal Status Fluidity: Theorizing Legal Status Transitions and How Filipino Immigrants
Navigate Immigration Pathways” | Chair: Dr. Joanna Dreby

M.A. Sociology | University at Albany, SUNY 2014
May 2014 | M.A. Sociology | University at Albany, SUNY
Thesis: “Legal Status and the Dating Lives of Undocumented Young Adults” |
Chair: Dr Joanna Dreby

B.A. International Relations | Mount Holyoke College 2011

RESEARCH / TEACHING AREAS

Asians, Asian Americans, Diversity, Immigration, Legal Status, Citizenship, Race and Ethnicity,
Intersectional Racial Justice, U.S. Immigration Policy

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE | * = online

TEACHING

Graduate Courses
Sociology and Social Justice*

Undergraduate courses
Introduction to Sociology | Race and Ethnicity* | Sociology of Migration |
Undocumented Immigration | Diversity in America |
Introduction to Racial Intersectional Justice | Social Problems |
Crimmigration | Race and Racism | Senior Capstone*

Co-teacher with Partial Teaching Responsibility (Partial lecture preparation and facilitation, class discussions leader, class exercise development, grading)

University at Albany, SUNY

Fall 2011 – Spring 2014

- Research Methods
- Statistics for Sociologists

Research Assistant, Sociology Department, *University at Albany*, Fall 2011 – Spring 2014

- Data management using SPSS for Joanna Dreby
- Transcribed interviews and provide research assistance to Joanna Dreby
- Used ArcGIS to map census tract data and created maps for presentations
- Collected census tract data from the American Community Survey

ADVISING

Masters' Students Ongoing:

- Alexis Kinsman, MS Sociology, Southern Connecticut State University

Advisees, Southern Connecticut State University:

- 23 (F22), 25 (SP23), 26 (F23)

Internship Advisor, Southern Connecticut State University:

- 1 (F23)

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Pila, Daniela. 2016. “[“I’m not good enough for anyone”: Legal Status & the Dating Lives of Undocumented Young Adults.](#)” *Sociological Forum* 31(1): 138-158.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Featured in Los Angeles Times, by Journalist Agnes Constante. Oct 2021. “How the Philippines’ colonial legacy weighs on Filipino American mental health”, <https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/story/2021-10-12/colonial-history-behind-filipino-american-mental-health>. Los Angeles, CA.

Pila, Daniela. Oct 2022. “Undocumented Filipinos” in *Sage Encyclopedia of Filipina/x/o American Studies*, (eds) Kevin Nadal, Allyson Tintiangco-Cubales, and E.J.R. David. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Pila, Daniela. 2020. [Conducting Research with Undocumented and Mixed-Status Families During COVID: Ethics, Practices, and Methods](#), Edited by Carolina Valdivia and Rachel Freeman. Guest contributor for Navigating Covid19: Reflections and Advice from and for Undocumented Communities.

Pila, Daniela. March 2020. “Reprogramming” In [Whiter: Asian American Women on Skin Color and Colorism](#), Edited by Nikki Khanna. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Pila, Daniela. 2017. [“‘Hiya’ hinders accurate study of Filipino immigration in US”](http://usa.inquirer.net/6718/hiya-hinders-accurate-study-filipino-immigration-us). Inquirer.net. Op-Ed. 11/19: <http://usa.inquirer.net/6718/hiya-hinders-accurate-study-filipino-immigration-us>

Pila, Daniela. 2014. “Racism” in *Encyclopedia of Social Deviance*, (eds) Craig J. Forsyth and Heith Copes. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Pila, Daniela. 2013. “Refugees” in *Multicultural America: A Multimedia Encyclopedia*, (eds) Carlos E. Cortés. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

ACADEMIC AWARDS | * = Cancelled/Postponed due to COVID19
2021

Non-Residential Fellow, [Immigration Initiative at Harvard](#) (IIH)

2020

[Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar](#) from the American Sociological Association, International Migration section

Dissertation Fellowship from the [American Association of University Women](#) (2020-2021), \$20,000

Honorable Mention for the [Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship](#)
(1 of 135 graduate students in the US)

*Travel grant from the University of Utah: Asia Center and Department of Sociology to present at the [Mini-conference: 21st Century Asian Migration & Incorporation.](#), Estimated \$600

Travel grant from the [Eastern Sociological Society](#) to present at the Mini-conference: Toward a Critical Migration Studies, \$200

2017 – 2019

Lee Student Support Fund for the [Society for the Study of Social Problems \(SSSP\)](#) conference, \$100

2017

Travel grant from the [Mellon Faculty Diversity Project](#) to present research findings at Queens College, City University of New York, \$400

Honorable Mention for the [Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship](#), co-sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), \$600

The Karen R. Hitchcock New Frontiers Fund, [Initiatives for Women](#), University at Albany, \$600

2011 – 2014

Graduate Assistant Fellowship, University at Albany, \$15,400

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Pila, Daniela. ““Through the eye of the needle”: Filipinos Navigating the US immigration system”. Book manuscript in preparation.

Pila, Daniela. “ “They don’t think I’m an illegal.” Relational experiences of racialized illegality from precariously legal and documented Filipinos.” Article in preparation for *International Migration*

Pila, Daniela. “Challenges in Recruitment - Identifying and Locating Noncitizen, Undocumented, and Formerly Undocumented Filipinos.” Article in preparation for *Sociological Methodology*

Pila, Daniela. “Legal Status Fluidity: Theorizing Legal Status Transitions and How Filipinos Navigate Immigration Pathways.” Article in preparation for *Sociological Methodology*

Invitation to write “Legal Regimes and Governance on Filipino Migration” in the *Routledge Handbook of the Filipino Diaspora* (expected publication date: 2025).

Christine G. Unson and Daniela Pila. “Overcoming Barriers to Worklife Extension: The Experience of Older Philippine Women”

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2023 – *present*

Member, Asian American Studies Institute Curriculum Lab, University of Connecticut, Storrs
Working with educators, scholars, and legislators to standardize Asian American Studies into K-12 curriculum in the state of CT

Co-advisor of Sociology Club, Southern Connecticut State University

Co-advisor of Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society of Sociology.

2023 – present

Provided edits for the graduate student handbook (created by Dr. Bertana)

Organizing Committee member, SCSU

2024 Women and Gender Studies (WGS) conference with conference organizers Dr. Sobeira Latorre, Dr. Yi-Chun Lin, and Dr. Siobhan Carter-David

Nov 2023

Event Organizer, “What can I do with a Sociology Degree?” with Dr. Michaelsen

2022 – *present*

Member, Racial and Intersectional Justice Studies (RIJS)

Focused on developing anti-racist curriculum and pedagogy; Participating in awareness training team

Faculty Representative for the Department Personnel Committee (DPC), Department of Sociology

Faculty Representative for the Department Bylaws Committee, Department of Sociology

2016 – present

Reviewer for the *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Law & Policy*, *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Social Problems*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Inquiry*

2021

TRAC Asian American Studies Working Group member, Fordham University

Develop the curriculum for the Asian American Studies major; Develop syllabi on courses for Asian American sociology

2019

Graduate Student Representative, Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee

Assisted the Thomas C. Hood Social Action Award Committee (SSSP) in awarding \$5,000 to a local grassroots social justice organization in which the annual meeting is held that year

Committee Member, ASA International Migration Mentor Luncheon

Researched restaurants in New York City to host the annual mentor luncheon for the ASA IM section

Philippine Academic Association (PAA Northeast), Graduate Student member

To support the professional networking, growth, and advancement of Filipino and Filipino American scholars/academics located in the northeast region of the United States

2018

Discussant, Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference, Multicultural and Transnational Korea: The Dynamics of Gender, Family, Migration, and Legality, (San Francisco, CA); March 2018.

2017 – 2018

Co-Organizer, Liminally Legal Asians conference, Brown University, Sept 2018

Coordinated with co-organizer Professor Kevin Escudero (Brown); created and maintained the conference website; selected and maintained communications with 19 panelists and three discussants; handled conference logistics and photography

Volunteer, Association for Asian American Studies (AAAS) Social Science section

Joined the monthly conference calls with the AAAS Social Science Section board members; provided administrative support for the first kick-off event in San Francisco, April 2018; maintained the section's website and produced marketing materials

2012 – 2021

Group of Immigration and Citizenship Studies

University at Albany, Sociology department

Founded a student and faculty group for professional development and to support current and future immigration researchers; held monthly meetings to discuss the most up-to-date immigration literature; practiced presentations for feedback; organized a trip to New York City to tour the fieldwork of Zai Liang and to visit the Tenement Museum; hosted a university-wide screening of the “[Documented](#)” movie

2012 - 2013

[Future Faculty Leadership](#) Council Member

University at Albany

Organized the graduate student teaching symposium; organized events and workshops throughout the semester to help graduate students prepare for academic professions

Social Chair

Students of Sociology, University at Albany

Organized social events for sociology graduate students and provided support for planning members of Students of Sociology

OTHER SERVICE

2023 - present

Community advisory board member (CAB)

Advisor Member for [Dr. Lainey Sevillano](#)'s study on developing a validated measure of *kapwa* (a Pilipinx cultural value) among Pilipinx Americans and immigrants from the Philippines and how it impacts *kapwa*'s potential health implications.

2023 - present

Consultant, Research Methods

Consulted Urogynecologist [Dr. Tsung Mou](#) on qualitative research methods for his research on urogynecologist and pelvic reconstructive surgery research for elderly Asian American women

2021

Consultant, Research Methods

Consulted Journalist [Agnes Constante](#) on research methods for her five-part series on how colonialism on Filipino American mental health

2017 – 2018

Participant, [Asian American Dreamers Collective](#) (Affiliate of [MinKwon Center for Community Change](#))

Participated in collective action with undocumented Asian and Asian American youth; Attended monthly meetings in solidarity with Asian and Asian American undocumented youth

Volunteer, [Damayan Migrant Workers Association, Inc](#)

Assisted Damayan's events and workshops; provided interpretation for Filipino migrant workers in legal clinics; Delivered administrative support in Damayan's "Know your rights" workshops; Wrote grants for Damayan's funding; Translated member's statements for immigration consultations

2017

Presenter, [UniPro Summit 2017](#): "Persist"

Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, NY

Prepared a workshop on June 3, 2017 titled "Filipinos in Academia: Why We Need More Filipino Academics"

2015

Panelist, New Jersey Immigrant Youth Conference, Sept. 15, 2015

St. Peter's University, Jersey City

Served as a panelist with undocumented activists on a college admissions panel for undocumented youth in the 2015 New Jersey Immigrant Youth Conference

2012 – 2016

Anakbayan New Jersey (AB NJ)

Lobbied with AB to implement "Temporary Protected Status" (TPS) for overseas Filipinos at the devastating wake of Typhoon Haiyan; Developed a community needs assessment survey for the Filipino community with AB and Jersey City Council President Lavarro; Served as a panelist on a college admissions panel for undocumented youth in the 2015 New Jersey Immigrant Youth Conference

OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT

June 2014 – August 2014

Policy Analyst Intern

NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, New York, NY

Worked with MOIA's Senior Policy Analyst Samuel Solomon to develop a systematic way of assessing 40+ different NYC's department and agencies and if they are addressing the changing needs of NYC's diverse immigrant population; Collected demographic data on the top 20 immigrant groups in NYC using the American Community Survey to create up-to-date demographic profiles of each group; Collaborated with the NY Dept. of City Planning, NY Dept. of Education, and the NY Dept. of Health to create the demographic profile

May 2013 – August 2013

Annual Survey of Refugees Intern

Office of Refugee Resettlement, Avar Consulting, Rockville, MD

Conducted survey interviews with English-speaking refugees; Provided Tier 1 auditing and data entry support to multilingual survey interviewers; Utilized SQL for database management support; Delivered general administrative support to the ASR project

May 2010 – August 2010

Immigration Services Intern

U.S. Committee for Refugees & Immigrants, Albany NY

Managed files relating to adjustment of immigration status: refugee to permanent residency and permanent residency to U.S. citizen; Managed the free bus pass program to refugees and coordinated the succession of surveys required by the Capital District Transportation Authority; Contacted clients regarding necessary documents, signatures and appointments; Provided technological assistance and computer maintenance to the office

May 2009 – August 2009

Rule of Law Initiative Intern

American Bar Association, Washington, DC

Provided input to publications, both on the online newsletter and website; Created research documents and procedure manuals for future staff and interns

May 2008 – August 2008

Library of Congress Intern

Library of Congress, Washington, DC

Worked directly with the Reference Librarian for Insular Southeast Asia and the Pacific; Proposed an off-site student volunteering liaison system to promote Library of Congress events & Asian Division Friends Society events; Updated the online guides to websites pertaining to insular SE Asia & the Pacific; Prepared presentations for the publicity of the Asian Division Friends Society

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS | * = Cancelled/Postponed due to COVID19

Invited Speaker

2023: Racialization of Undocumented Asians, AAPI Heritage Month Program, Southern Connecticut State University, (New Haven, CT), April 20, 2023.

2021: Global Philippine Studies Forum, New York University, (New York, NY): December 7, 2021.

Invited Panelist

2023: “‘They don’t think I’m an illegal.’ Relational experiences of racialized illegality from precariously legal and documented Filipinos. Asian American / Asian Research Institute, Asian American Studies Across CUNY: Reflections, Connections, Futures (New York, NY): May 12, 2023

*2020: SUNY & Migration Policy-Making, State University of New York, (Albany, NY): May 28, 2020

*2020: Mini-Conference: 21st Century Asian Migration & Incorporation, University of Utah: Asia Center and Department of Sociology, (Salt Lake City, UT): May 14-15, 2020

2020: Graduate Student Panel, [Race, Ethnicity and Migration Workshop](#) (Sociology), [Columbia University \(Zoom\)](#): May 18, 2020

2019: Noncitizen Filipinos and Invisibility in the Immigration Rights Movement, [Conference on College Composition and Communication](#), Performing UndocuActivist: Qualitative Narratives of College-Age Immigrants (Pittsburgh, PA): March 15, 2019

2017: *Halo-halo*: The Effects of Legal Status on Ethnic Identity Formation in Filipino immigrant young adults, [Mellon Faculty Diversity Project](#), Queens College, City University of New York, Diverse Identities and Activism (Queens, NY): November 13, 2017

Panel Organizer

2018: Ethnic Identity in the Age of Trump: Filipino and Filipino American Concerns, [Filipino American National Historical Society](#), Filipino and Filipino American Centered Research Overviews (Chicago, IL): July 13, 2018

2018: *Halo-halo*: The Effects of Legal Status on Ethnic Identity Formation in Filipino immigrant young adults, **Co-Organizer**, [Association for Asian American Studies](#), Asian Americans & Legal Status: Acts of Solidarity and Resistance (San Francisco, CA): March 30, 2018

Paper presentations

2024: Challenges in Recruitment - Identifying and Locating Noncitizen, Undocumented, and Formerly Undocumented Filipinos. [Eastern Sociological Society](#) (Washington, DC): February 29 - March 3, 2024

2021: Legal Status Fluidity: Theorizing Legal Status Transitions and How Filipinos Navigate Immigration Pathways, [Harvard Immigration Initiative](#), Zoom: March 17, 2021

2020: Legal Status Fluidity: How Filipinos Navigate Immigration Pathways, [American Sociological Association](#), International Migration, Critical Migration Studies and Under-explored Intersectionalities: Racialization, Global Geopolitics, and Indigenous Peoples' Mobilities (Zoom): August 7, 2020

2020: Legal Status Fluidity: How Filipinos Navigate Immigration Pathways, [Eastern Sociological Society: Mini-Conference: Toward a Critical Migration Studies](#), Interrogating Illegality and Legal Precarity (Philadelphia, PA): February 28, 2020

*2020: Legal Status Fluidity: How Filipinos Navigate Immigration Pathways, [Society for the Study of Social Problems](#), Critical Dialogue: Migrant Families and Dreaming Transformation (San Francisco, CA): August 2020

2019: Legal Status Fluidity and Filipino Immigrants, [Society for the Study of Social Problems](#), Race, Crimmigration and Policing III (New York, NY): August 11, 2019

2018: Rights Mobilization among Immigrants and Refugees, [Immigrant & Refugee Rights in Turbulent Times](#), Baruch College, City University of New York, Rights Mobilization among Immigrants and Refugees (New York, NY): April 20, 2018

2017: *Halo-halo*: The Effects of Legal Status on Ethnic Identity Formation in Filipino immigrant young adults, [Society for the Study of Social Problems](#), Immigrant Identity and Immigration Law (Montreal, Canada): August 11, 2017

2017: *Halo-halo*: The Effects of Legal Status on Ethnic Identity Formation in Filipino immigrant young adults, [Eastern Sociological Society](#), Paths to Citizenship and the Effects of Law (Philadelphia, PA): February 23, 2017

2014: “I’m not good enough for anyone”: Legal Status and the Dating Lives Of Undocumented Young Adults” [American Sociological Association, Latino/a Sociology](#), Mixed Legal Status and Transnational Families (San Francisco, CA): August 19, 2014

2014: “I’m not good enough for anyone”: Legal Status and the Dating Lives Of Undocumented Young Adults”, [New Directions in Immigration: Interdisciplinary Research Perspectives](#), Transnationalism and Migration: Forging Identities in a Globalized World, Graduate Center, City University of New York (New York, NY): March 28, 2014

2013: "I'm not good enough for anyone": Legal Status's Impact on Undocumented Dating”, [Eastern Sociological Society](#), Immigration and Youth Experiences (Boston, MA): May 22, 2013.

Panel and Poster presentations

2019: Asian/ Asian American Scholars on Navigating the Academic Career/ Hierarchy, [American Sociological Association](#), (New York, NY): August 12, 2019

2014: Sooner, Later or Never? Patterns of Naturalization of the U.S. Immigrants, 1980-2010,” Zoya Gubernskaya and Daniela Pila, [Population Association of America](#), Migration and Urbanization; Population, Development and the Environment (Boston, MA): May 2, 2014

Round Table presentations

2017: Coming of Age as a Filipina immigrant young adult: Legal Status, Gender, and Race, [Eastern Sociological Association](#), Women and Policy (Philadelphia, PA): February 23, 2017

OTHER AWARDS

Oct 2021

“Contribution to Excellence” award, Filipino American National Historical Society, Metro NY Chapter

2015

Grant from the University Auxiliary Services Program Fund to screen the “Documented” movie on campus, University at Albany, Albany, NY, \$350

2011

Student Leadership & Service Award, Mount Holyoke College

2010

Barbara M. Byrne Internship Fellowship, Mount Holyoke College, \$2,500

2009

Renaissance Scholar Academic Distinction for maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.2 and higher, Montgomery College

Renaissance Scholars Program, Montgomery College, \$1,000

Named on the Deans List for maintaining a GPA of 3.4

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (international honor society of two-year colleges and academic programs, state colleges and community colleges)

Pharmaceutical Product Development Scholarship, Pharmaceutical Product Development, Rockville, MD, \$2,000

Rockville Foundation Scholarship, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, \$2,000

All-Maryland Academic First Team by Phi Theta Kappa in the Washington metropolitan area competition, \$1,250

- Coca-Cola Silver Scholar and a member of the All-Maryland First-Team out of the 1,450 students from 800 colleges nationwide

2008

Internship stipend from Paul Peck Humanities Institute, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, \$1,100

- Awarded stipend to participate in the Library of Congress summer internship

Danielle Ezrin Creative Writing Scholarship, Montgomery College, Rockville, MD, \$1,000

Robert Torrey Scholarship from the Montgomery College Foundation, Rockville, MD, \$2,000

SKILLS & ABILITIES

Proficient in Spanish, Fluent in Tagalog and Bisaya

Proficient in Nvivo, Blackboard, SPSS, and ArcGIS

Fluency in HTML, CSS, and RedDot Content Management

Fluency in Microsoft Office and Adobe Creative Suite software

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association (Asia and Asian America, International Migration)
Asian and Asian American Society (Social Science Caucus)
Eastern Sociological Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems (Law and Society; Racial and Ethnic Minorities)

REFERENCES

Christine Bose

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University at Albany, SUNY
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