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APPOINTMENTS

New York University

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology	2023–
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology	2020–2022

Columbia University

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology	2017–2020
Faculty Affiliate, Columbia Business School, Management Division	2017–2020

Brown University

Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Studies and Training Center	2016–2017
Visiting Research Fellow, Department of Sociology	2015–2016

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D., Sociology and Social Policy	2016
M.A., Sociology	2012

Dissertation: “Black–White Relations in the Wake of Hispanic Population Growth”

Committee: Edward Telles (chair), Delia Baldassarri, Miguel Centeno, Andreas Wimmer; Readers: Patricia Fernández-Kelly, Douglass Massey

General Exams in Political Sociology, Race/Ethnicity and Migration, Stratification/Inequality

Columbia University

B.A., Sociology, <i>summa cum laude</i>	2009
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PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2024 Abascal, Maria, Flavien Ganter, and Delia Baldassarri. “Greater Diversity or Fewer Whites? Disentangling Heterogeneity and Minority Share at Macro and Micro Levels.” *Socius*: 23780231231196507.

2023 Abascal, Maria. “Latino Growth and Whites’ Anti-Black Resentment: The Role of Racial Threat and Conservatism.” *Du Bois Review* 20(1): 21–41.

- 2023 Abascal, Maria, Kinga Makovi, and Yao Xu. "Politics, not Vulnerability: Republicans Discriminated Against Chinese Americans Throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics* 8: 83–104.
- 2023 Zhang, Nan, and Maria Abascal. "Cultural Adaptation and Demographic Change: Evidence from Mexican-American Naming Patterns After the California Gold Rush." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*: 1–17.
- 2022 Abascal, Maria, and Denia Garcia. "Pathways to Skin Color Stratification: The Role of Inherited (Dis)Advantage and Skin Color Discrimination in Labor Markets." *Sociological Science*, 10.15195/v9.a14.
- 2022 Abascal, Maria, and Flavien Ganter. "Know it When you see it? The Qualities of the Communities People Describe as 'Diverse' (or not)." *City & Community*.
- 2021 Abascal, Maria, Tiffany J. Huang, and Van C. Tran. "Intervening in Anti-Immigrant Sentiments: The Causal Effects of Factual Information on Attitudes Toward Immigration." *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 697(1): 174–191.
· Featured in Edsall, "The 'Third Rail of American Politics' is Still Electrifying," *New York Times*.
- 2021 Abascal, Maria, Janet Xu, and Delia Baldassarri. "People use Both Heterogeneity and Minority Representation to Evaluate Diversity." *Science Advances* 7(11): eabf2507.
· Featured in Gupta, "How Perceptions of Diversity Vary by Race and Political Views," *Science News*.
- 2021 Abascal, Maria, Kinga Makovi, and Anahit Sargsyan. "Unequal Treatment is Reduced When Group Identity can be Falsified." *PLOS One* 16(1): e0244651.
- 2020 Baldassarri, Delia and Maria Abascal. "Diversity and Prosocial Behavior." *Science* 369(6508): 1183–1187.
- 2020 Abascal, Maria. "Contraction as a Response to Group Threat: Demographic Decline and Whites' Classification of People who are Ambiguously White." *American Sociological Review* 85(2): 298–322.
· Featured in Shaw, "How the 'Majority-Minority' Projection Took on a Life of its Own," *NPR*, All Things Considered.
· Featured in Adamy and Overberg, "The Census Predicament: Counting Americans by Race," *Wall Street Journal*.
- 2017 Abascal, Maria. "Tu Casa, Mi Casa: Naturalization and Subjective Belonging among Latino Immigrants." *International Migration Review* 51(2): 291–322. (Lead article)
· Louis Wirth Best Article Award, International Migration Section, ASA
- 2017 Baldassarri, Delia, and Maria Abascal. "Field Experiments Across the Social Sciences." *Annual Review of Sociology* 43: 41–73.
- 2017 Abascal, Maria, and Miguel Centeno. "Who Gives, Who Takes? 'Real America' and Contributions to the Nation-State." *American Behavioral Scientist* 61(8): 832–860.
- 2016 Garcia, Denia, and Maria Abascal. "Colored Perceptions: Racially Distinctive Names and Assessments of Skin Color." *American Behavioral Scientist* 60(4): 420–441.
- 2015 Abascal, Maria. "Us and Them: Black–White Relations in the Wake of Hispanic Population Growth." *American Sociological Review* 80(4): 789–813.

· Featured in Resnick, “White Fear of Demographic Change is a Powerful Psychological Force,” *Vox*.

- 2015 Abascal, Maria, and Delia Baldassarri. “Love thy Neighbor? Ethnoracial Diversity and Trust, Reexamined.” *American Journal of Sociology* 121(3): 722–782.

· Featured in Grewal, “Does Diversity Create Distrust? Doubts about a Harvard Professor’s Landmark Finding,” *Scientific American*.

Book Reviews and Other Publications

- 2023 Abascal, Maria. “Segregation, Eric Fong, Kumiko Shibuya, and Brent Berry.” *Contemporary Sociology* 52(4): 337–339.
- 2020 Abascal, Maria. “*Durable Ethnicity: Mexican Americans and the Ethnic Core*, Edward Telles and Christina A. Sue.” *Sociological Forum*. 35(4): 1387–1390
- 2017 Abascal, Maria. “*Partners or Rivals? Power, and Latino, Black, and White Relations in the Twenty-first Century*, Betina Cutaia Wilkinson.” *Contemporary Sociology*, 46(4): 490–492.
- 2016 Abascal, Maria, and Delia Baldassarri. “Don’t Blame Diversity for Distrust.” *New York Times*, May 22.
- 2013 Abascal, Maria, and Miguel Centeno. “A Holistic Approach to Language, Religion, and Ethnicity: Response to Rogers Brubaker.” *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism*, 13(1): 101–104.
- 2010 Abascal, Maria. “Reform’s Mixed Impact on Immigrants.” *The American Prospect*, September 21: 17–18.

Manuscripts Under Review and Working Papers

- 2024 Abascal, Maria, Amada Armenta, William Halm, and Daniel J. Hopkins. “Who Polices Which Boundaries? How Racial Self-Identification Affects External Classification.” (Working paper.)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

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| 2024 | Global Opportunities Grant, NYU Office of Global Programs (\$22,000) |
| 2021 | Russell Sage Foundation, Visiting Scholar, AY 2021–2022 |
| 2020 | Lenfest Distinguished Faculty Award for Teaching and Mentoring, Columbia University (\$75,000) |
| 2019 | CAREER Award, “Trust, Cooperation, and Collective Action in Diverse Communities,” National Science Foundation (\$447,480) |
| | NYU University Research Challenge Fund, “Say What? The Impact of Disclosing Sensitive Identities on Resource Flows” (PI: Kinga Makovi) (\$14,000) |
| 2018 | Research Grant, “Intervening in Attitudes About Immigration” (co-PIs: Jennifer Lee and Van Tran), Southern Poverty Law Center (\$63,618) |
| | Provost’s Diversity Grant for Junior Faculty, Columbia University (\$24,721) |
| | Lenfest Junior Faculty Development Grant, Columbia University (\$13,570) |

- Paul Lazarsfeld Grant, “Experimental Design Workshop,” INCITE, Columbia University (\$5,300)
- Start Small! Mini Grant, “Learning Experimental Methods Through Hands-on Data Collection,” Center for Teaching and Learning, Columbia University (\$2,000)
- 2017 Course Development Grant, “Experiments on Race, Class, and Gender,” Dean of the College’s Office, Brown University (co-PI: Jayanti Owens) (\$5,000)
- 2016 Seed Grant, “Assessing the Origins of the Criminal Immigrant Stereotype: Race, Legal Status, and Country of Origin,” Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University (PI: Jessica Simes) (\$896)
- 2016 Presidential Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship, Brown University
- 2015 Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), Special Competition for Real-Stakes Experiments, “Black–White Relations in the Wake of Hispanic Growth: Generosity and Identification”
- 2013 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, “Hispanic Population Growth and Black–White Relations in the United States,” National Science Foundation (\$11,972)
- 2013–2014 Elizabeth Procter Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2013–2014 Student Research Grant, Politics Research in Experimental Social Science, Princeton University (\$574)
- 2013 Dissertation Grant, Sociology Department, Princeton University (\$1,000)
- 2012–2013 Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, Princeton University
- 2012, 2013 Pre-doctoral Research Grant, Mellon Mays Program of the Social Science Research Council (\$5,000 total)
- 2012 Graduate Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Social Organization, Princeton University (\$4,000)
- 2012 Summer Research Award, Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University (\$1,000)
- 2010 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2010 Joint Degree Program in Social Policy, Princeton University
- 2009–2010 Presidential Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2009 Lassen Fellowship, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations (*Scheduled)

- 2023 WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Sep.
- 2022 Demography Workshop, University of Chicago, May
 Contemporary Studies in Race & Ethnicity Workshop, Harvard University, Mar.
 Department of Methodology Seminar, London School of Economics, Mar.
 Visiting Scholars Seminar, Russell Sage Foundation, Feb.

- 2021 Computational Social Science Seminar, Facebook, Jul.
Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Boulder, Mar.
Department of Sociology, University of Iowa, Jan.
- 2020 Nuffield College, Oxford University, Nov.
Department of Sociology, University of Mannheim, Nov.
Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Jan.
Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Jan.
- 2019 Department of Sociology, New York University, Nov.
Department of Sociology, UCLA, May
Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University, Apr.
Contemporary Studies in Race and Ethnicity Workshop, Harvard University, Feb.
Social Demography Seminar, Harvard University, Feb.
Immigration Seminar Series, CUNY Graduate Center, Feb.
Department of Sociology, UC-Berkeley, Feb.
- 2018 Center for Demography & Ecology and Center for Demography of Health & Aging,
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Apr.
Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences Research Seminar, Columbia University, Apr.
Forum on Migration, Barnard College, Columbia University, Mar.
- 2017 Heyman Center for the Humanities, Columbia University, Nov.
- 2016 Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, Oct.
Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, Sep.
Department of Sociology, Brown University, Apr.
- 2015 Sloan School of Management, MIT, Dec.
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Nov.
Department of Sociology, New York University, Nov.
Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, Nov.
Department of Sociology, Stanford University, Nov.
Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Nov.
Department of Sociology, Yale University, Nov.
Department of Sociology, Columbia University, Oct.
Department of Sociology, Duke University, Oct.

Recent Conference and Workshop Presentations (*Scheduled)

- 2022 Invited session on “Racial mixture and the expansion of the US mainstream,” Richard Alba Retirement Conference, CUNY Graduate Center, Nov.
- 2022 Invited session on “What’s right about social psychology?” Annual Meeting of the ASA, Aug.
- 2021 Presidential Plenary on “Demographic Change and the Threat of Diversity,” Annual Meeting of the ESS, Feb.

Thematic session on “Demographic Change and the Threat of Diversity,” Annual Meeting of the ESS, Feb. (organizer and discussant)

2020 Race and Ethnicity Workshop, New York University, Oct.

Author Meets Critics Session for *Durable Ethnicity*, Edward Telles and Christina A. Sue, Annual Meeting of the ESS, Philadelphia, Feb.

Winter Experimental Social Sciences Institute, NYU Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, Jan.

TEACHING & ADVISING

New York University

F2022 SOC-GA 3306: Experimental Research Methods (grad)

Sp2021 SOC-GA 2135: Race, Ethnicity, and Nation (grad)

F2020, F2023 SOC-UA 301: Research Methods

Columbia University

Sp2019 Experimental Methods for Social Research (grad)

Sp2018, Sp2020 Race, Ethnicity, and Nation (grad)

F2017, F2018, F2019 Methods for Social Research

Su2016, Su2018, Su2019 “Experimental Research Methods,” Social Science Summer, INCITE

Brown University

Sp2017 Experiments on Race, Class, and Gender (co-instructed with Jayanti Owens)

Dissertation committees

New York University: Jocelyn Drummond (chair), Emma Mishel, Christina Nelson, Shannon Rieger, Safa Salim (chair), Karyn Vilbig, Xinyi Zhang

Columbia University: Sam Donahue, Berenike Firestone, Stephanie Grilo, Tiffany Huang, Flavien Ganter (co-chair), Katharine Khanna (co-chair), Greer Mellon, Daniel Tadmon

Other: Christopher Maggio (CUNY Graduate Center)

ACTIVITIES, SERVICE, & AFFILIATIONS

2024 Advisory Committee, Dissertation Research Grants, Russell Sage Foundation

2024 Chair, Aristide Zolberg Distinguished Student Scholar Award Selection Committee, International Migration Section, ASA

2024– Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

2023–2024 Interim Director of Graduate Studies, NYU Department of Sociology

2023– Council Member, International Migration Section, ASA

2023– Co-organizer, Race & Ethnicity Workshop, NYU

- 2022– Deputy Editor, *Sociological Science*
- 2021–2023 Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review*
- 2020–2022 Consulting Editor, *Sociological Science*
- 2019–2021 Program Committee Member, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society
- 2019–2020 Board Member, Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences
- 2019 Chair, Louis Wirth Best Article Award Selection Committee, International Migration Section, ASA
- 2018–2020 Co-organizer, Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2017–2020 Founder and Organizer, Experimental Design Workshop
Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University
- 2017–2020 Co-organizer, Networks and Time Workshop Series, Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University
- 2016–2017 Organizer, Special Seminar Series on Race and Inequality, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University

Member of American Sociological Association (2011–), Eastern Sociological Society (2017–), and Population Association of American (2016–2017)

Journal reviewer for *Acta Politica*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Political Science Review*; *American Sociological Review*; *City & Community*; *Comparative Migration Studies*; *Du Bois Review*; *Ethnography*; *European Journal of Personality*; *Journal of Politics*; *International Migration Review*; *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*; *Journal of Experimental Social Psychology*; *Management Science*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Public Opinion Quarterly*; *Race & Social Problems*; *Social Forces*; *Sociological Forum*; *Social Problems*; *Social Psychology Quarterly*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *Sociological Science*; *Sociological Theory*; *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*; *Socius*

Proposal reviewer for Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the Social Sciences; National Science Foundation; NYU Dean's Undergraduate Research Fund; NYU–Abu Dhabi, University Research Challenge Fund; Russell Sage Foundation; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences