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### POSITIONS:

- July 2012- Assistant Professor of Sociology and Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, Northern Illinois University
- July 2006- of June 2012 Assistant Professor and Founding Faculty of Sociology, University California, Merced
- September 2005- July 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, Babson College, Wellesley Massachusetts
- November 2003- November 2005 National Science Foundation Minority Post-Doctoral Fellow, Harvard University

### EDUCATION:

- 1996 A.B. Sociology, University of Chicago  
1997 M.A. Sociology, Stanford University  
2004 Ph.D. Sociology, Stanford University

**Areas of Interest:** Social Movements/Collective Action, Protest, Urban Inequality, Race and Ethnic Relations, Racial/Ethnic Identity, Immigration, Political Sociology, Social Stratification, Latina/o Sociology.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Papers Accepted to Peer Review Journals

**Simón E. Weffer** “Are the Truly Disadvantaged De-Mobilized: Social Isolation and Protest in Chicago, 1970-1990.” *Conditional Acceptance Critical Sociology*.

Rudy M. Ortiz, Ruben Rodriguez, Sarah Depaoli, **Simon E. Weffer**, 2014  
“Increased Physical Activity Reduces the Odds of Developing Elevated Systolic Blood Pressure Independent of Body Mass Category or Ethnicity in Rural Adolescents” *Journal of Hypertension*, 3(3)

**Simón E. Weffer**, Dari Sylvester, Marcia Hernandez, James Mullooly, Alex Leigh Parnell, Rafael Maravilla, Nicholas Lau. 2014. “Understanding the Impacts of Foreclosure on Collective Efficacy and Perceptions of Barriers to Community

Success at the Community Level in 6 Central California Communities”, *Social Justice*, 40(4)

Ruben Rodriguez, **Simón E. Weffer**, Jessica Romo, April Aleman, and Rudy M. Ortiz 2011 “Reduced Physical Activity Levels Associated with Obesity in Rural Hispanic Adolescent Females” *Childhood Obesity*, 7 (3)

Robin Maria DeLugan, Marcia D Hernandez, Dari E Sylvester, **Simón E Weffer**, , 2011 “The Dynamics of Social Indicator Research for California's Central Valley in Transition” *Social Indicators Research*, 100 (2)

Ruben Rodriguez, Jana Mowrer, Jessica Romo, April Aleman, **Simón E. Weffer** and Rudy M. Ortiz. 2010 “Ethnic and Gender Disparities in Adolescent Obesity and Elevated Systolic Blood Pressure in a Rural US Population”, *Clinical Pediatrics*, 49(9)

Robert J. Sampson, Doug McAdam, Heather MacIndoe, and **Simón E. Weffer** 2005, “From Bowling To Social Action: The Durable Nature and Organizational Sources of Collective Civic Engagement”, *American Journal of Sociology*, 111 (3)

Doug McAdam, Robert J. Sampson, **Simón E. Weffer**, and Heather MacIndoe, 2005. “‘There Will Be Fighting in the Streets:’ The Distorting Lens of Social Movement Theory” *Mobilization*, 10 (2)

#### Peer Reviewed Book Chapters

**Simón E. Weffer**, James J. Mullooly, Dari Sylvester, Robin M. DeLugan, Marcia D. Hernandez, 2013. “Partnerships Across Campuses and Throughout Communities: Community Engaged Research in California’s Central San Joaquin Valley” in Community Quality-of-Life Indicators: Best Cases VI Springer Press, New York.

#### Invited Submissions

**Simón E. Weffer** 2013 “Immigration Protest” in The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social and Political Movements, David Snow (ed.) Wiley Press,

#### Works Under Review

**Simón E. Weffer** “The Effect of Ethnic Identity on Founding of Latino Social Movement Organizations 1955-1985.” *Under Review*

**Simón E. Weffer**, “The Dynamics of Threat on Latino Immigration Protest in California 2001-2010” *Revise and Resubmit*

#### Other Projects

Simón E. Weffer and Stephanie D. Jones “Ballots of Contention: Proposition 8, Protest and Voting in California”

Simón E. Weffer and Stephanie D. Jones “Where the Action is: Locations of Anti-Proposition 8 Protest in California”

Heather MacIndoe and Simón E. Weffer “Politics, CBOs and Grant Money in Chicago 1990-2000,”

Presentations, Invited Talks and Meeting Papers:

Simón E. Weffer and Alex Parnell, “Understanding the Impacts of Foreclosure on Collective Efficacy in 6 California Communities.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, August 2012

Simón E. Weffer, “Are the Truly Disadvantaged De-Mobilized: Social Isolation and Protest in Chicago, 1970-1990,” Loyola University, Chicago September 2011.

Simón E. Weffer and Rafael Maravilla, “Collective Efficacy in Multiple Communities in California’s Central San Joaquin Valley.” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, August 2011

Simón E. Weffer, “The Dynamics of Threat on Latino Immigration Protest in California 2005-2008” University of California Berkeley Center on Race, Politics and Immigration, September 28 2010.

Simón E Weffer and Stephanie Jones, "The Dynamics of Proposition 8 Protest in California", American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, August 2010

Simón E. Weffer, “The Dynamics of Threat on Latino Immigration Protest in California 2005-2008” , Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Diego, April 2009.

Simón E. Weffer-Elizondo, “Are the Truly Disadvantaged De-Mobilized redux: Social Isolation and Protest in Chicago, 1980-1990,” American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Boston, August 2008.

Simón E. Weffer, “Investigating The Dynamics of Immigration Protest in California” , UC Davis Department of Sociology, Power and Inequalities Workshop, May 2, 2008

Simón E. Weffer, “Investigating The Dynamics of Immigration Protest in California” , Stanford University Department of Sociology, Social Movements and Collective Action Workshop, March 10, 2008

Simón E. Weffer, “ “University of Colorado Boulder, Department of Sociology, Social Inequality Seminar, March 2007

Simón E. Weffer, “Windy City vs. Beantown: Comparing Collective Action in Chicago and Boston 1970-2000,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Boston, February 2006.

Heather MacIndoe and Simón Weffer-Elizondo “Politics, CBOs and Grant Money in Chicago 1990-2000,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Boston, February 2006.

Simón Weffer-Elizondo, “A First Look at How Neighborhood Characteristics Effect Neighborhood Collective Action in Chicago, 1970-1980,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, San Francisco, August 2004.

Simón Weffer-Elizondo, “Does Ethnic Identity Legitimation Effect Latino Social Movement Organizations,” Presented at Ford Foundation Fellowship Conference, Irvine California, October 1998.

Doug McAdam, John McCarthy, Simon E. Weffer, and Yang Su. "Protest Events: Cause or Consequence of State Action? The US Women's Movement and Federal Congressional Hearings, 1956-79". The Second Conference on Protest Analysis, July 9-11, 1998. Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin.

Simón Weffer-Elizondo, “The Effect of Ethnic Identity on Foundings of Latino Social Movement Organizations 1955-1985,” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Toronto, August 1997.

## **GRANTS**

### Grant Proposal Submitted:

ASA Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline for \$7,000. “Examining the Dynamics of Immigration Protest in Illinois, 2010-2014” (currently under review)

NIU Research and Artistry Grant for \$15,800. “Examining the Dynamics of Immigration Protest in Illinois, 2010-2014” (not funded)

Russel Sage Foundation Grant for \$94,812 “Examining the Dynamics, Organizations, and Organizational Networks of Immigration Protest in Illinois, 2000-2014.” (not funded)

### Grants Received

Graduate Research Council, UC Merced, ”Comparing Quality of Life and Community Health in Merced County Communities” \$9,060.00, Co-PI with Robin DeLugan.

Graduate Research Council, UC Merced, “Examining Latino Protest in California”, \$5000.

Great Valley Center/California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley,  
“Longitudinal Study of the Changes in the Quality of Life in Targeted Central Valley  
Communities (Planada and South Merced).” \$13,000, CO-PI with Robin Delugan

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER HONORS:**

UC Merced Faculty Senate Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching, 2010

National Science Foundation Minority Post Doctoral Fellowship,  
November 2003-November 2005.

#### Graduate:

Stanford University Centennial Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching,  
June 2002.

Department of Sociology Teaching Fellowship, Stanford University,  
September 2001-2002

Center for the Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity Teaching Fellowship,  
Stanford University, September 2000.

National Academy of Sciences/Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, September  
1997.

Inter-University Program on Latino Research Summer Fellowship: Combining  
Quantitative and Qualitative Methodologies,  
June 1996.

### **COURSES TAUGHT:**

*Advanced Issues of Race and Ethnicity*  
*Collective Behavior and Social Movements/ Social Movements, Protest and*  
*Collective Action*  
*Crises in Citizenship and Community*  
*Examining Urban Poverty*  
*Introduction to Latino and Latin American Studies*  
*Introduction to Sociology*  
*Race and Ethnicity*  
*Sociology Capstone*  
*Sociology of Sports/Sports and Society*  
*Urban Inequality*

#### Thesis Committees and Direct Research Projects

MA Committee Member for Jonathon Thomas, Northern Illinois University, Defense April 2014

Research Rookie Mentor for Sara Briseño and Lizbeth Roman, Fall 2013 and Spring 2014

PhD Committee Chair for Joel Beutel, University of California, Merced. Proposal Defense Spring 2009, currently ABD

MA and PhD Committee Member for Gayle Yammada, University of California, Merced.

## **UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Co-Chair, University Diversity Taskforce sub-committee on programming focused on Faculty and Staff inclusion. March 2014-present

Member, Sociology Council, Northern Illinois University May 2013-May 2014

Member Steering Committee, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, Northern Illinois University, June 2012-present

Member Grant Writing Committee, Center for Latino and Latin American Studies, Northern Illinois University, January 2013-present

Member undergraduate subcommittee for the UC Merced Center of Excellence for the Study of Health Disparities 2009-June 2012

Steering Committee Member, University of California Center for New Racial Studies, 2009-June 2012.

Member of the Chancellor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics 2008-present

Academic Senate Representative to University Childcare Taskforce, member of Center Director Hiring subcommittee.

UC Merced Representative to University of California Committee for Latino Research.

Member, Sociology Search Committee, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2011.

Chair, Sociology Search Committees (Senior) 2007-2008.

Chair, Sociology Search (Junior) 2007-2008.

Chair, Public Policy Search Committee 2006-2007

Chair, School of Social Sciences Humanities and Arts Committee on Student Recruitment and Retention, Autumn 2007-2010

Member, School of Social Sciences Humanities and Arts Committee on Student Recruitment and Retention, Autumn 2006-2010.

Guest on KVPR Valley Public Radio on Occupy and Student Protests at UC Davis, November 22, 2011.

Member, American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities Best Article Award Committee, 2012

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Reviewer, Ford Foundation Fellowships 2012-Present

Organizer, Section on Community and Urban Sociology Roundtable Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2009.

Occasional reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Urban Affairs*, *City and Community*, *Mobilization*, *American Sociological Review*.

Member of American Sociological Association, 1995-present.

Member of American Sociological Association Section on Latino Sociology, 1995-present.

Member of American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, 1995-present.

Member of American Sociological Association Section on Political Sociology, 1995-present.

Member of American Sociological Association Section on Social Movements and Collective Behavior, 1995-present.

Member of American Sociological Association Section on Community and Urban Sociology, 1995-present.

Student Representative, Stanford University Faculty Senate Committee on Graduate Studies, Autumn 2000-Spring 2003.

Student Representative, Stanford University Faculty Senate Sub-Committee on Graduate Minority Recruitment and Retention, 2000-2002.

Student Representative, Stanford University Department of Sociology, Junior Faculty Search Committee 2000-2001.

Co-Chair, Association of Stanford Sociology Graduate Students, 1997-1998.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND COMMENTARY**

Guest on KVPR Valley Public Radio on Occupy and Student Protests at UC Davis, November 22, 2011.

Interview for Stockton Record on Latino Demographics, March 27, 2011.

Interview for Merced Sun-Star on obesity, June 18, 2010

Interview for Merced Sun-Star on “What Makes a Healthy Community”, April 22, 2010.

Interview for Fresno ABC 30 on Racial Tensions at UC Merced, March 17 2010.

Interview for Fresno Bee on Protests around Environmental Justice, February 2, 2010.

Interview for Stockton Record on Boycott of US Census, July 20, 2009

Interview for Stockton Record on Latino Education, November 19, 2008.

Interview for Merced Sun-Star on Passage of Proposition 8, November 6, 2008.

Interview for Merced Sun-Star on poverty, September 6, 2008.

Interview for Merced Sun-Star on Local Peace Movement, December 8, 2007.

Interview for Merced Sun-Star on Riseing Poverty Rates in emrced County, August 29, 2007.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

First Head Coach, UC Merced Women’s Club Soccer team, 2007-Present.

Chair, Stanford Chicana/o and Latina/o Graduate Student Association, 1999-2000.

Member, Stanford Chicana/o and Latina/o Graduate Student Association, 1995-2003.

Head Coach-Boys Varsity Soccer, Henry Gunn High School, Palo Alto, California, 1998-2003. Named *San Jose Mercury News* Coach of the Year for 2001 and 2003.

Assistant Coach, CYSA-North Olympic Development Program State Teams, 1998-2002.

Administrator, CYSA-North Olympic Development Program U-17 State Team, 2002.