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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology 2005. *The Social Construction of a Rural, Latino, Immigrant Ethnic Identity: "The Good Definitely Outweighs the Bad."* University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Miguel Carranza and John Allen, Chairs.

The research examines the dynamics surrounding the integration of newly-arrived Latino residents to historically white, rural communities in Northeast Nebraska. The recent rise in the United States of anti-immigrant sentiments has elevated the difficulties Latino immigrants face. The focus on ethnic identity formation, with an emphasis on the ways in which community and family are constructed, circumscribe the more general topics of work, housing, education, health care, poverty and the criminal justice system. The study represents an important step toward understanding current Latino immigration to Nebraska and the Northern plains states.

Comprehensive areas: Race and Ethnicity and Sociological Theory

M.A. Sociology, 1995. *Chicano Studies: Contesting Ivory Towers*. University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Jennifer Lehman, Chair.

B.S. Criminal Justice, 1989. Minor: English. The University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Racial/Ethnic identity and social construction, Historical, political and social integration of diverse ethnic communities, Inequalities, Latino immigration and migration

## **PUBLICATIONS**

2012. Reviewed, *New Destination Dreaming: Immigration, Race, and Legal Status in the Rural American South*. By Helen B. Marrow. Forthcoming in *Social Forces* 2012.
2011. Reviewed, *Replenished Ethnicity: Mexican Americans, Immigration, and Identity*. By Tomas R. Jimenez. *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 117, No. 1 (July, 2011).
2010. Thomas Wayne Sanchez. "Negotiating Latino Immigrant Identity in Rural Nebraska." *Journal of Latino and Latin American Studies (JOLLAS)*. 3(4):115-157.
2010. Thomas Wayne Sanchez and Suzanne Jones. "The Diversity and Commonalities of Latinos in the United States." Pp. 31-44 in *Social Work Practice with Latinos*, edited by Richard Furman. Chicago: Lyceum Books Inc.
2007. Furman Rich, Carol Langer, Thomas Wayne Sanchez and Nalini Junko Negi. "A Qualitative Study of Immigration Policy and Practice Dilemmas for Social Work Students." *Journal of Social Work Education*. 43(1)

2000. Wahl, Ana-Maria, Steven E. Gunkel and Thomas W. Sanchez. "Death and Disability in the Heartland: Corporate (Mis)Conduct, Regulatory Responses, and the Plight of Latino Workers in the Meatpacking Industry." *Great Plains Research: A Journal of Natural and Social Sciences*. 10(2)
2000. Wahl, Ana-Maria, Eduardo Perez, Mary Jo Deegan, Thomas W. Sanchez and Cheryl Applegate. "Controversial Classroom: Institutional Resources and Pedagogical Strategies for a Race Relations Course." *Teaching Sociology*. 28(4)
1996. Kelly, Mary E. and Thomas W. Sanchez. "Selected Readings on Ethnicity, Family and Community: A Bibliography." *Ethnic Studies Review* 19(1): 101-113.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Sociology 8010 Graduate Theory, Sociology 2100 Social Problems, Latino and Latin American Studies 1010- Introduction to Chicano/a-Latino/a Studies: Social Sciences, Sociology 4900 Senior Thesis, First Year Experience (FYE) Sociology 1010 Introduction to Sociology, Sociology 1010 Introduction to Sociology, Sociology 3900 Race and Ethnicity in the United States, Sociology 4710 The Development of Sociological Theory, Sociology 2100 Social Problems, Mexican American Identity Issues.

## PRESENTATIONS

Thomas Wayne Sanchez April 21, 2011. "Bugeaters" to "The Good Life": 100 Years of Nebraska Latinos. Presented as part of the Nebraska State Historical society's "We the People: the Nebraska Viewpoint Series."

Thomas Wayne Sanchez. March 25, 2011. "From Nationals to Ethnics: Identity Processes and Consequences for Mexican Origin Communities in Western Nebraska" Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) St. Louis.

Thomas Wayne Sanchez. July 1, 2006. "Doing Research in a Latino Community: a Chicano Perspective on Gaining Latino Immigrants' Trust." National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS). Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico.

Thomas Wayne Sanchez. March 30, 2006. "New Names, New Faces: Intra Latino Differences in Rural Nebraska." Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Omaha, NE

Thomas Wayne Sanchez. April 22, 2005. "Intra-Latino Differences in the Midst of White Hegemony." The 2<sup>nd</sup> Cumbre of the Great Plains: Re-Visioning Latino America: New Perspectives on Migration, Integration and Transnationalism. Omaha, Nebraska.

Thomas W. Sanchez. April 4, 2002. "The Societal Construction of Educational Priorities: We Do a Pretty Good Job of Taking Care of Our Hispanics." National Association for Ethnic Studies (NAES). Vancouver, BC Canada.

Thomas W. Sanchez March 30, 2001 "Identity and the Public Policy Debate: What You Call Yourself Does Make a Difference." National Association for Ethnic Studies (NAES). New Orleans, LA.

Thomas W. Sanchez. November 2000. "The Social Construction of Inequality: Immigrant Ethnic Identity in the Rural Midwest". Presented to students and faculty at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Thomas W. Sanchez. April 28, 1999. "Once a Mexican Always a Mexican": The Construction of Latino Ethnic Identity in Rural Nebraska. National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS). San Antonio, Texas.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

American Association of University Professors (AAUP) UNO chapter president-elect (2011-2012), President (2012-2013) and member of the executive council.

College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Committee, 2010-2013

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Nominations and Elections Committee Spring 2008-2012

Funding Undergraduate Scholarly Experience (FUSE) selection committee, March 10, 2011

Interviewer and [judge] for Summer Scholars program for the University of Nebraska Omaha's Office Multicultural Affairs, March and April 2011.