

# Pamela Jane Neumann, Ph.D.

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**2019-** Assistant Professor of Sociology, Texas A&M International University

**2018-2019** Visiting Assistant Professor of Latin American Studies, Bucknell University

**2016-2018** Post-Doctoral Fellow, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. 2016. Sociology.** The University of Texas at Austin.

Dissertation: “Chasing Justice: Violence against Women, Legal Activism, and the Gendered State in Nicaragua.”

Comprehensive Exams: Political Sociology and Gender

**M.A. Latin American Studies.** The University of Texas at Austin.

Thesis: “Era Un Pleito”: Gender Dynamics and the Politics of Immediate Needs in Loma Verde, Nicaragua.”

**B.A. Political Science.** Trinity University (San Antonio, Texas). *Cum laude.*

## COURSES TAUGHT

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Introduction to sociology

Sociological theory (grad level)

Domestic violence (grad & undergrad)

Research Methods in the Social Sciences

Sociology of Gender

Graduate seminar on social change

Graduate seminar on race, ethnicity, class, and gender

Sociology of Development

Senior Seminar in Sociology

Introduction to Latin America

Violence and Human Rights in Latin America

Environmental Social Movements

Gender and Politics in Latin America

## PUBLICATIONS

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### REFEREED ARTICLES

Neumann, Pamela; Berndt, Virginia K, and Ashley D. Grajeda. 2023. Shifting Social Support: Mexican-American Women’s Navigation of Pregnancy, Childbirth and Post-Partum Periods During

the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Social Currents*. Online First.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965231210814>

Neumann, Pamela. 2023. “The Limits of the Law: Women, Violence, and Legal Ambivalence in Nicaragua.” *Qualitative Sociology* 46, 199-220. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11133-023-09534-w>

Neumann, Pamela. 2022. “If it’s not femicide, it’s still murder”: Contestations over Femicide in Nicaragua. *Feminist Criminology* 17(1): 139-159. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851211037271>  
**\*Awarded best article of year by the *Feminist Criminology* Editorial Board**

Neumann, Pamela. 2020. “Femicidio and Femicidio Laws in Latin America.” Oxford Research Encyclopedia. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.013.1715>

Neumann, Pamela and García-Del Moral, Paulina. 2019. “The Making and Unmaking of *Femicidio/Femicidio* Laws in Mexico and Nicaragua.” *Law and Society Review* 53(2): 452-486.

Neumann, Pamela. 2018. “Gender-Based Violence and the Patrimonial State in Nicaragua: The Rise and Fall of Ley 779.” *Cahiers de Amériques Latines* 87: 69-90.

Neumann, Pamela. 2018. “Transnational Governance, Local Politics, and Gender Violence Law in Nicaragua.” *Latin American Politics & Society* 60(2): 61-82.

Neumann, Pamela. 2017. “When Laws Are Not Enough: Violence against Women and Bureaucratic Practice in Nicaragua.” *Social Forces* 95(3):1105-1125.

Neumann, Pamela. 2016. “Toxic Talk and Collective (In)action in a Company Town: The Case of La Oroya, Peru.” *Social Problems* 63(3)431-446.

Neumann, Pamela. 2013. “The Gendered Burden of Development in Nicaragua.” *Gender & Society* 27(6): 799-820.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

Neumann, Pamela. 2023. “The Dangers of Being a Woman in Nicaragua.” In *International Responses to Gendered-Based Domestic Violence: Gender-Specific and Socio-Cultural Approaches*, edited by Dongling Zhang and Diana Peterson. Routledge. <https://www.routledge.com/International-Responses-to-Gendered-Based-Domestic-Violence-Gender-Specific/Zhang-Scharff-Peterson/p/book/9781032205304>

Neumann, Pamela. 2020. “The More Things Change: Continuities in U.S. Foreign Policy toward Nicaragua under the Trump Administration.” In *The Future of U.S. Empire in the Americas: The Trump Administration and Beyond*, edited by Timothy Gill. Routledge.

Neumann, Pamela. 2018. "En búsqueda de justicia: La violencia contra la mujer y el sistema legal en Nicaragua." In *Debates sobre derechos humanos, género y decolonialidad*. Instituto Centroamericano de Estudios Jurídicos y Políticos. Managua: Universidad Politécnica de Nicaragua

Neumann, Pamela. 2015. "Ella: Fighting to Save a Few." In *Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City*, edited by Javier Auyero. Austin: University of Texas Press.

## **INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Neumann, Pamela. *Forthcoming*. "Demystifying Ethnographic Knowledge Production." Commentary on Jensen, S. and Rodgers, D. "Comparison through collaboration: Dilemmas and opportunities of joint ethnographic research on gangs in Nicaragua and South Africa." *Current Anthropology*.

## **REVIEW ESSAYS**

Neumann, Pamela. 2021. Book Review of *The New Latin America* by Fernando Calderón and Manuel Castells. *Social Forces*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soab055>

Neumann, Pamela. 2013. "(Un)exceptional Violence(s) in Latin America." *Latin American Politics and Society* 55 (1): 168-175.

Neumann, Pamela. 2011. "Contested Meanings: Violence, Resistance, and Empowerment in Latin America." *Qualitative Sociology* 34(2): 395-399.

## **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

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**Research Assistant, National Science Foundation SES Grant** (PI: Javier Auyero). Spring 2014. "Risk Frames and Collective Action in Latin America."

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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### **2021**

- University Research Grant (Office of Research and Sponsored Projects, TAMIU)

### **2018**

- Latin American Graduate Student Organization Outstanding Faculty Service Award ("for excellence in teaching and selfless investment in the careers of graduate students")
- Tulane University Center for Public Service Environmental Change Award

### **2016**

- Zemurray-Stone Post-Doctoral Fellowship (\$47,500), Tulane University (2016-2018).
- Spring Semester Continuing Fellowship (\$14,752), University of Texas Graduate School

### **2015**

- Spring/Summer Continuing Fellowship (\$21,211), University of Texas Graduate School
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Section on Conflict, Social Action, and Change.

## 2013

- Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (\$1,400), Department of Sociology
- Ethnography Lab Fellowship (\$1,500), Department of Sociology
- Tinker summer research fellowship (\$1,000), Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies

## 2012

- Summer research fellowship (\$1,000), Lozano Long Institute for Latin American Studies
- Summer fellowship (\$5,000), Department of Sociology

## 2010

- Continuing Fellowship (\$1,000), University of Texas at Austin [university wide competition]
- Lozano Long Fellowship (Latin American Studies) [Full scholarship, 5 students annually]

## 2009

- Lozano Long Fellowship (Latin American Studies) [Full scholarship, 5 students annually]

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Pregnancy and Social Support during the Pandemic: Latina Experiences at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. March 28-April 1, 2023.

“Pregnancy during a Pandemic: Latina Experiences at the Border.” Southwestern Social Science Association Meeting. San Antonio, TX. April 22, 2022.

“Pregnancy in the Pandemic: Latina Experiences at the U.S.-Mexico Border”. Eastern Sociological Society Mini-Conference on Reproduction. March 11, 2022.

25th annual Domestic Violence Conference. Laredo, Texas. Member of panel. October 14, 2021.

“Femicide Unabated: The Limitations of Human Rights’ Frameworks for Safeguarding Women’s Lives in Nicaragua.” Human Rights on the Edge Virtual Conference (hosted by Arizona State University). April 29-30, 2021.

“Liberation from Gender-Based Violence.” Member of Panel. TAMIU (virtual). March 25, 2021.

“Authoritarians of a Feather Flock Together? Deconstructing geopolitical solidarity and international responses to crises in Venezuela and Nicaragua.” Latin American Studies Annual Congress. Boston, MA. May 24-27, 2019.

“If it’s not femicide, it’s still murder”: Contestations over Femicide in Nicaragua.” International Meeting on Law and Society. Toronto, Canada. June 10, 2018.

“Democratic Decline and its Discontents: Nicaraguan Politics and U.S. Foreign Policy in the Trump Era.” Southern Sociological Society. April 7, 2018.

“The Political Struggle over Femicide in Nicaragua.” Winter Meeting of Sociologists for Women in Society. Atlanta, GA. January 23, 2018.

“The Limits of the Law: Gender Violence and Contentious Politics in Nicaragua.” International Meeting on Law and Society. Mexico City, Mexico. June 20, 2017.

“Legitimacy on Trial: Transnational Governance, Local Politics, and the Battle over Gender Violence Law in Nicaragua.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 21, 2016.

“We are not retarded”: Explaining Collective Inaction in a Company Town. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 22, 2015.

“Rutas y Desvíos: Gender Violence, Bureaucracy, and (In)justice in Nicaragua”. Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress. San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 27-30, 2015.

“Women’s Activism against Gender-Based Violence in Central America.” Power and Justice in the Contemporary World System Conference in New York City, NY. August 9, 2013.

“Empowerment Paradox: Volunteer Mothering as Community Participation in Nicaragua.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. August 17-21, 2012.

“Volunteer Mothering and the Contradictions of Empowerment: The Case of Loma Verde, Nicaragua.” International Sociological Association Forum. Buenos Aires, Argentina. August 1-4, 2012.

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

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“In Nicaragua, a Failure to Address Violence against Women.” *North American Congress on Latin America* (NACLA). April 28, 2017. <http://nacla.org/news/2017/04/28/nicaragua-failure-address-violence-against-women>

“U.S. pressure on Nicaragua will only stall diplomatic engagement and harm its most vulnerable groups.” *London School of Economics Latin America Blog*. April 27, 2017. <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/latamcaribbean/2017/04/27/us-pressure-on-nicaragua-will-only-stall-diplomatic-engagement-and-harm-its-most-vulnerable-groups/>

“Nicaragua: Shirking Obligations on Gender-Based Violence.” *American University Latin America Blog*. March 30, 2017. <https://aulablog.net/2017/03/30/nicaragua-shirking-obligations-on-gender-based-violence/>

“Women’s Rights in Retrograde: Understanding the Contentious Politics of Gender Violence Law in Nicaragua.” *London School of Economics Human Rights Blog*. March 24, 2017.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/humanrights/2017/03/24/womens-rights-in-retrograde-understanding-the-contentious-politics-of-gender-violence-law-in-nicaragua/>

“Violence against Women and Legal Justice in Latin America: Advances and Challenges.” Policy Brief. American Sociological Association Development Section. February 6, 2017.

[https://sociologyofdevelopment.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/2\\_2\\_neumann.pdf](https://sociologyofdevelopment.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/2_2_neumann.pdf)

“How stories of extreme pollution may undermine environmentalism.” *Sociological Images Blog*.

January 4, 2017. <https://thesocietypages.org/socimages/2017/01/04/how-stories-of-extreme-pollution-may-undermine-environmentalism/>

“Beyond jobs versus health: the politics of lead and community in La Oroya, Peru.” *Work in Progress Blog*. September 20, 2016.

<https://workinprogress.oowsection.org/2016/09/20/beyond-jobs-vs-health-the-politics-of-lead-and-community-in-la-oroya-peru/>

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- Dissertation committee member for Tara Yanez (Tulane University) (2022-2023)
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, SSSP Gender Division (Spring 2023)
- Sociologists for Women in Society Book Salon Facilitator (Spring 2022)
- American Sociological Association Human Rights Section Newsletter Co-Editor (2021-2022)
- Masters’ Thesis Second Reader for Bethany Beachum. Tulane University. 2019-20.
- *Discussant*: São Paulo Workshop. Tulane University. March 3, 2018.
- *Moderator*: City, Culture, and Community Student Symposium. Tulane. March 2, 2018.
- *Discussant*: Graduate Student Conference Panel on “Development, Globalization, and Community Organizing.” February 24, 2018.
- *Session Organizer*: Sociologists for Women in Society Winter Meeting 2018 & Liaison with Global Feminist Partner Centro de la Mujer Peruana Flora Tristán
- *Panelist*: “Public Space: Protest.” The Albert and Tina Small Center for Collaborative Design. Tulane University. May 8, 2017.
- *Discussant*: Graduate Student Conference Panel on “Popular Knowledge and Solidarity.” Tulane University. January 27, 2017.
- *Discussant*: Undergraduate Capstone Panel on Gender and Latin America, Tulane University. December 9, 2016.
- *Membership Committee*: ASA Sex and Gender Section (2016 and 2017)
- *Best Graduate Paper Award Committee*: SSSP Global Division (2017)
- *Session Organizer*: Gender, Globalization, and Social Change, SSSP Annual Meeting (2016)
- Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Gender & Society*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Latin American Politics and Society*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Journal of Men’s Studies*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Journal of Politics*,

### *Social Politics*

- Expert witness in asylum cases for Nicaraguans fleeing sexual violence

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

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- *Search Committees*
  - 2019 Search Committee Co-Chair for Assistant Professor of Sociology position
  - 2020 Search Committee Chair for Assistant Professor of Sociology position
  - 2022 Search Committee member for Instructional Assistant Professor of English position
- *Thesis Committees*
  - 2019-2020 Thesis Committee Chair for Martha Johannes, Jessica Chandarlis, and Jessica Hernandez (MA Sociology)
  - 2020-2023 Thesis Committee Member for Richard Esqueda (MA Sociology)
  - 2021-2022 Thesis Committee Member for Itzamara Flores, Alejandra Gaeta, and Leocadia Villareal (MA Language, Literature, and Translation)
  - 2023 Thesis Committee Member for Ashley Grajeda
- Sociology Program Assessment Co-Coordinator (Fall 2021-present)
- Psychology Ph.D. Working Group Member (Fall 2021, Spring and Fall 2022)
- Guest lectures/presentations
  - Fall 2019: “Gender, Violence, and Development” (SOLE International Leadership Series)
  - Fall 2019: “Poverty and Violence in Communities” (Reading Across the Globe)
  - Fall 2020: New Faculty Panel (New Faculty Orientation)
  - Fall 2021: “Femicide: An Ongoing Human Rights Challenge for Latin America” (SOLE International Leadership Series)
  - Spring 2020: “Sociological Approaches to the Study of Gender” (Intro to Women and Gender’s Studies class)
  - Spring 2022: “Femicide and Law in Latin America” (University College Signature Course taught by Jonathan Martinez)
  - Spring 2023: “Femicide and Law in Latin America” (University College Signature Course taught by Jonathan Martinez)
  - Spring 2023: “Feminist and LGBTQ Activism in Latin America” (Signature Course taught by Tim Rubel)
  - Spring 2023: “Gender, Violence, and Human Rights in Latin America” (member of panel with Dr. Rebecca Janzen and Dr. Irma Cantu)
- Judging
  - Pathways Research Symposium Judge (Fall 2019)
  - Service-Learning Expo Judge (Fall 2019)
  - International Leadership Fellows Final Presentations (Spring 2020)
  - College of Arts and Sciences Research Release Evaluator (Spring 2022)
  - Service-Learning Expo Judge (Fall 2022)

- Community Engagement Consortium Judge (Spring 2023)
- First Year Writing Program Colloquium Panel Judge (Spring 2023)

### **MEDIA COVERAGE / QUOTED**

- “Mujeres sufren doble violencia: agresores y autoridades” (*La Prensa*, Nicaragua)  
<https://www.laprensani.com/2016/03/21/nacionales/2006038-mujeres-sufren-doble-violencia-agresores-autoridades>
- “No se respetan los derechos de la mujer” (*Confidencial Digital*, Nicaragua) :  
<https://confidencial.digital/nacion/no-se-respetan-los-derechos-de-la-mujer/>
- “En Nicaragua, patina la lucha contra la violencia de género” (*Havana Times*)  
<https://havanatimesenespanol.org/reportajes/en-nicaragua-patina-la-lucha-contra-la-violencia-de-genero/>
- “A Horrible Culture of Machismo” (*Wall Street Journal*) <https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-horrible-culture-of-machismo-woman-struggle-with-violence-in-mexico-11556978401>

### **ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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- Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Southern Sociological Society
- Sociologists for Women in Society (International Committee)