

# DARIO HERNAN VÁSQUEZ PADILLA

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Sociology**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, United States. 2022.

**M.A., Sociology**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, United States. September 2016.

**Graduate Certificate**, African Diaspora Studies. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, United States. 2016.

**Graduate Certificate**, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies. University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA, United States. 2016.

**Specialist**, Public Policy Analysis, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá D.C., Colombia. 2009.

**B.A. Sociology**, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá D.C., Colombia. 2007.

## CURRENT POSITION

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**Postdoctoral Associate** for the Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice at Rutgers University. Sept. 1, 2023-

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

**Vásquez-Padilla, Dario**. “Chasing Racists, Protecting Racism: Revisiting the Anti-Discrimination Law in Colombia.” *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies*.

**Vásquez-Padilla, Dario**, & Hernández-Reyes, Castricla. 2020. “Interrogando la gramática racial de la blanquitud: Hacia una analítica del blanqueamiento en el orden racial colombiano.” *Latin American Research Review*, 55(1), 64–80. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.25222/larr.170>

**Vásquez-Padilla, Dario**. 2019. “¿Somos Conscientes del Racismo? Cómo las Categorías Étnico-Raciales, el Color de la Piel y el Mestizaje inciden en el Reconocimiento del Racismo en Colombia.” *Sociedad y Economía*, (36), 8-30. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25100/sye.v0i36.5932>.

### Books

Camacho Quintero, Rigoberto, **Dario Vásquez Padilla**, Norman Torres Serrano, et al. 2015. *Bajo Rendimiento Académico en la Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas. Características Generales, Factores Asociados y Propuestas para su Mitigación*. Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas. ISBN 978-958-8897-30-1.

Mena, María Isabel, Doris García Quintero, **Dario Vásquez Padilla**, et al. 2009. *Investigando el Racismo en la Escuela*. Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (AECID)-Secretaría de Educación Distrital. ISBN 978-958-99303-0-4.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Vásquez-Padilla, Dario**. “The Constitution is not ‘Multiracial’ or ‘Plurirracial’”: The Legal Fetichism of Ethnicity and the Ambiguity of Skin Color in the Colombian Constitutional Court.” *Volumen Estudios Afrocolombianos: Lecturas Esenciales*. (Book chapter, forthcoming, in Spanish)

## AWARDS, HONORS, AND GRANTS

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**Summer Grant Writing and Article Preparation (GAP) Fellowship**, Summer 2019, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States.

**Graduate School Dissertation Fieldwork Grant**, Spring 2018, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States.

**Summer Grant Writing and Article Preparation (GAP) Fellowship**, Summer 2016, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States.

**Best Comps Paper**, Fall 2015, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States, for “Are We Aware of Racism? How Skin-color and Whitening Desire Shape the Recognition of Racism in Colombia”.

**Summer Fellowship for Empirical Comprehensive Exam**, Summer 2014, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States.

**Travel Grant**. Spring 2014. Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

**Loan-Scholarship for Doctoral Studies Abroad 2014-2017.** Departamento Administrativo de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación (COLCIENCIAS), Colombia.

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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**“The Constitution is not ‘Multiracial’ or ‘Plurirracial’”: The Legal Fetishism of Ethnicity and the Ambiguity of Skin Color in the Colombian Constitutional Court.”** Paper presented on a virtual panel at the ALARI Second Continental Conference on Afro-Latin American Studies, December 7-9, 2022.

**“The Racial Grammar of White Liberalism.”** Paper presented on a panel at the Virtual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA, May 5-8, 2022.

**“The Politics of Color-blind Recognition in Colombia.”** Paper presented on a panel at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA, May 24-26, 2019, Boston, Massachusetts.

**“Denying Race, Recognizing Racism: De-Racialization of Legal Discourse in Colombia.”** Paper presented on a panel at the 1st Annual Afro-Latin American Graduate Student Conference. Dialogues and Challenges in the study of the African Diaspora in Latin America, April 7-8, 2017, Harvard University, Cambridge.

**“Seeing like a Court: Ambiguities of the Racial State in Colombia.”** Paper presented on a panel at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA, May 27-30, 2016, New York, New York.

**“Denial and Recognition of Racism: Debates on Racial Relations in Colombia.”** Paper presented on a panel at the 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora (ASWAD), November 4-7, 2015, Charleston, South Carolina.

**“Are We Aware of Racism? How Skin-color and Whitening Desire Shape the Recognition of Racism in Colombia.”** Paper presented on a panel at the International Conference: Intersections of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Nation in Colombia, Brazil, and Cuba, April 24, 2015, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

**“El delito político y el tratamiento al rebelde: develando las trampas de la democracia en Colombia.”** Paper presented on a panel at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA, May 21-24, 2014, Chicago, Illinois.

## TEACHING

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**Instructor, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Quito, Ecuador**

General Sociology, Fall 2021, College of Social Sciences and Humanities

**Instructor, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States**

Race and Society, Spring 2017, Department of Sociology

Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity, Fall 2016, Department of Sociology

Race and Society, Spring 2016, Department of Sociology

Race and Society, Fall 2015, Department of Sociology

**Teaching Assistant, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States**

Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2022, Department of Sociology

Data Collection and Analysis, Spring 2015, Department of Sociology

Elementary Statistics, Fall 2014, Department of Sociology

Data Collection and Analysis, Spring 2014, Department of Sociology

Data Collection and Analysis, Fall 2013, Department of Sociology

Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity, Spring 2013, Department of Sociology

Social Problems, Fall 2012, Department of Sociology

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

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**Researcher.** Racial Discrimination Observatory, Bogotá D.C, Colombia. March 2022-

**Researcher.** Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition, Colombia, 2021 (March-May), Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Researcher.** Commission for the Clarification of Truth, Coexistence and Non-Repetition, Colombia, 2020 (May-October), Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Professional Consultant,** Institutional Wellness Center, Francisco Jose de Caldas District University, 2012, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Professional Consultant,** Institutional Wellness Center, Francisco Jose de Caldas District University, 2011, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Project Coordinator**, Francisco Jose de Caldas District University - Ministry of National Education. *Intervention strategies for reducing student drop-out and improving the academic achievement of first-year students at the Francisco Jose de Caldas District University*, 2010, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Professional Consultant**, Institutional Wellness Center, Francisco Jose de Caldas District University, 2010, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Professional Consultant**, Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) - District Secretariat of Education. *Dignifying the Afro-descendant Population and its Culture through Ethnoeducation in Colombia*, 2009, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Professional Consultant**, Institutional Wellness Center, Francisco Jose de Caldas District University, 2009, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Research Assistant**, Committee in Solidarity with Political Prisoners (CSPP). *Generation of public Debate on Torture in Colombia and Accompanying Psychosocial and Legal Counseling for Victims to claim their Rights*, 2008, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Research Assistant**, Research Group on Racial Equality, Cultural Difference, Environmental Conflict and Racisms in the Black Americas (IDCARÁN). National University of Colombia -Social Studies Center (CES). *Affirmative Actions for Afro-Colombians, Black People and Raizales: A step towards reparative justice?* 2007, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

**Research Assistant**, National Conference of Afro-Colombian Organizations (CNOA). *Strengthening techniques and Institutional conditions for managing a differentiated policy public for displaced and confined Afro-Colombian population*, 2007, Bogotá D.C, Colombia.

## SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

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**Co-Organizer**, “Spaces of Racialization, Spaces of Exclusion and Sites of Resistance: Racial Ideologies, Racism, and State Racialized Violence,” LASA Virtual Congress, May 5-8, 2022.

**Co-Organizer**, “Insurgent Feminism, Cultural Politics and Racial Hierarchies in Latin America,” LASA, May 24-26, 2019, Boston, Massachusetts, United States.

**Co-Organizer**, “1st Annual Afro-Latin American Graduate Student Conference. Dialogues and Challenges in the Study of the African Diaspora in Latin America”, April 7-8, 2017, Harvard University-University of Massachusetts, Cambridge, United States.

**Co-Organizer**, “A Changing Same?: Situated Readings on Race, Gender, Violence and the Persistence of Anti-Black Racism Latin America,” Panel at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA, May 27-30, 2016, New York, New York, United States.

**Co-Organizer**, “Black Women, Territory and Peace-Building in the Twenty-First Century Symposium,” April 5-6, 2016, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States.

**Chair**, “Recognition and Denial: Race and Ethnicity in Latin America,” Panel at the Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, LASA, May 27-30, 2015, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**Co-Organizer**, “International Conference: Intersections of Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Nation in Colombia, Brazil, and Cuba,” April 24, 2015, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, United States.

**Reviewer**, Revista CS de la Facultad de Derecho y Ciencias Sociales, Universidad ICESI, 2014-2015.

**Reviewer**, Boletín de Antropología, Universidad de Antioquia, 2020.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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Latin American Studies Association, **LASA**.

Research Associate, Afrodiasporic Studies Center, **CEAF**, Universidad ICESI, Cali, Colombia.

Colombian Association of Afro-descendants Researchers, **ACIAFRO**.