

# Julio Ángel Alicea

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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Education, University of California, Los Angeles** 2023  
*Los Angeles, CA*  
**Cognate Emphasis:** Sociology  
**Dissertation Title:** “Black in Brown Space: Anti-Blackness at a Latinx-Serving, ‘Social Justice’ School Before and After George Floyd”  
• Recipient of 2022 NAEEd / Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- M.P.P., Public Policy, University of California, Los Angeles** 2022  
*Los Angeles, CA*  
**Concentration:** Social Policy
- M.A.T., Social Studies, Brown University** 2014  
*Providence, RI*
- B.A., Sociology & Anthropology, Swarthmore College** 2013  
*Swarthmore, PA*  
**Minors:** Educational Studies and Spanish

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor of Sociology** Fall 2023 – Present  
Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice  
Rutgers University – Camden  
*Camden, NJ*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Sociology of Education, Organizational Sociology, Urban Sociology, Urban Education, Education Policy, Ethnographic Research, Social Policy

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

Alicea, J.A. (2024). Predatory DEI: How Racialized Organizations Exacerbate Workplace Racial Stratification Through Exploitative Diversity Work. *Social Problems*

Alicea, J.A. (2024). Toward a Du Boisian Pedagogy for the Teaching of Sociology. *Teaching Sociology*, 1-13.

- Was featured in a *Teaching Sociology* webinar with over 104 registered attendees on 3/21/2024

Alicea, J.A. (2023). Placing Youth in the “Spatial Turn”: An Intersectional Analysis of Youth Experiences in a Changing Neighborhood. *Urban Rev* 55, 70–93.

- Was awarded the Maureen T. Hallinan Graduate Student Paper Award by the Sociology of Education SIG of the American Education Research Association at 2024 annual meeting

Alicea, J. A. (2022). The Racial State and the Violent (Re)production of Educational Inequality. *Sociology Compass*, e12980.

Alicea, J. A. (2022). Teaching in the Hood, About the Hood: A Case Study of Teachers in South Central Los Angeles. *Urban Education*, 57(3), 463–493.

Alicea, J.A. (2021). Race, Space, and the Built Pedagogical Environment, *Inter.Actions: UCLA Journal of Education and Information Studies* 17(1) 80-94.

Noguera, P.A., & Alicea, J.A. (2020). Structural Racism and the Urban Geography of Education. *Phi Delta Kappan*. 102(3):51-56

- Covered in *Research Minutes: Educational Research & Policy Podcast* on 11/12/2020

### **Book Chapters**

Noguera, P. A., & Alicea, J. A. (2021). The role of education in reducing racial inequality: Possibilities for change. In H. R. Milner & K. Lomotey (Eds.), *Handbook of urban education* (2nd ed., pp. 26–49). Routledge.

### **Book Reviews**

Alicea, J.A (2020). “Progressive Dystopia: Abolition, Antiracism, and Schooling in San Francisco by Savannah Shange”, Book Review, *Antipode*, March 2020

Alicea, J.A (2020). “Prison Land: Mapping Carceral Power across Neoliberal America by Brett Story”, Book Review, *AAG Review of Books* (8),1, January 2020

Alicea, J.A (2019). “Ghosts in the School Yard: Racism and School Closings on Chicago's South Side by Eve Ewing”, Book Review, *Antipode*, May 2019

### **Public Scholarship**

Alicea, J.A. (2024, February 29). Latinx Youths’ Racial Meaning Making in a Post-Chocolate City. *Immigrant Ed Next*.

Alicea, J.A (2023, October 24). “We need targeted funding for racial equity in our public schools. California may have some lessons for all of us.” *The Hechinger Report*

Alicea, J.A (2023, September 13). “To Advance Racial Equity, Policy Makers Must Move Away from ‘Black and Brown’ Discourse.” *Scholars Strategy Network Key Findings*

- Featured as the lead article in the November newsletter

Alicea, J.A (2021, September 7). “Debating and Discussing Critical Race Theory.” *History Uncensored*.

- Invited essay sponsored by NYU Steinhardt School of Education, Culture, and Human Development

Alicea, J.A (2021, May 27). “Teachers in South Central LA who had personal ties to the neighborhood made better connections with students.” *The Conversation*

- Reprinted in the *Houston Chronicle, St Louis Post-Dispatch, Yahoo News*, and myriad other public outlets

Alicea, J.A (2020, November 21). “The Pandemic and the Protests Make It Clear: Schools Cannot Ignore the Nation’s Unwavering Anti-Blackness ... And Their Own.” *In Motion Magazine*

Alicea, J.A (2020, October 26). “Julio Alicea Recommends ‘The Future is Black’.” *Phi Delta Kappan Bookshelf Blog*

Alicea, J.A (2020, October 9). “‘A Desert is Full of Life’: Food, Fugitivity, and Futurity in the Flatlands of Los Angeles.” *The Sociological Review Blog*

Alicea, J.A (2020, September 9). “The Time Has Come For Us To Stop Locking Up Other People’s Children.” *The Imprint*

Alicea, J.A (2020, June 24). “Pandemic reveals how much California needs more community schools.” *EdSource*

Alicea, J.A (2018, October 31). “The Midterms, Trumpism, and the Increased Racialization of American Childhood.” *Rethinking Schools The Blog*

## **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

Maureen T. Hallinan Graduate Student Paper Award by Sociology of Education Special Interest Group (SIG) of American Education Research Association (AERA) 2024

Early Career and Racial Equity (ECARE) Program at Rutgers University 2023

Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society 2022

## **SELECTED GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice Early Career Faculty Fellowship (\$12,500) 2025

Rutgers Research Council Social and Racial Justice Award (\$14,970) 2024

Rutgers University Faculty Diversity Collaborative Mutual Mentoring Team Grant (w/Yoona Kang, Andrew Abeyta, and Tamara Nelson) (\$6,000) 2024

Rutgers-Camden Chancellor’s Grant for Faculty Research (\$14,908) 2024

Rutgers-Camden Chancellor’s Grant for Pedagogical Innovation (\$1,000) 2024

Rutgers-Camden Honors College Faculty Fellowship (\$500)	2024
National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship (\$27,500)	2022
AERA Minority Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000) – declined	2022
Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship – alternate selection/honorable mention	2022
Dean’s Special Fellowship (\$1,000), UCLA Graduate Division	2022
Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. Social Justice Award (\$500), UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs	2022
Luskin School Graduate Capstone Award (\$1,000), Institute on Democracy and Inequality	2022
Shirley Hune Inter-Racial Studies Award (\$3,500), UCLA Institute for American Cultures	2021
Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship (\$100,000), UCLA Graduate Division	2018-2022
Graduate Dean’s Scholar Award (\$14,500), UCLA Graduate Division	2018-2020
WW-RBF Fellowship for Aspiring Teachers of Color (\$30,000)	2012
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (\$3,500)	2011-2013

## INVITED TALKS

Alicea, J.A. (2024, March 21). “Toward a Du Boisian Pedagogy for the Teaching of Sociology” *Teaching Sociology’s Virtual Webinar on Du Boisian Pedagogy*

Alicea, J.A. (2023 April 19). “Placing Youth in the ‘Spatial Turn’: An Intersectional Analysis of Youth Experiences in a Changing Neighborhood” Community Research and Action Doctoral Program at Vanderbilt University, Peabody College of Education

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

\*denotes graduate student

Alicea, J.A (2024, August 12). “Rescuing the Teaching of Sociology from Public Sociology: A Loving Critique Toward More Critical Ends” *2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2024, August 9). “Organizational Neglect: Unsympathetic Racial Crisis Response as Institutional Violence” *2024 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference*

McCormick\*, M., & Alicea, J.A. (2024, April 11). “Place Fracture: How People Experience, Understand, and Respond to the Loss of Community at School.” *2024 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2024, March 1). “Predatory DEI: Diversity Work as Predatory Inclusion in Racialized and Gendered Organizations” *2024 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A (2023, August 20). “Black in Brown Space: Displacement, Dispossession, and Demographic Transitions in South Central Los Angeles” *2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A. (2023, August 20). “Social Justice Schooling, Racialized Whataboutism, and the Challenges of People-of-Color-Blindness” *2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2023, April 15). “Black in Brown Space: The Persistence of Anti-Blackness at a Latinx-Serving “Social Justice” High School,” *2023 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2023, April 14). “Ship in the Storm or Ship as the Storm? An Ethnography of Racial Stratification at a ‘Social Justice’ School,” *2023 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2023, April 13). “Diversity Work as Predatory Inclusion: Exploitative Racialized Labor at an Urban High School After Floyd,” *2023 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A. (2022, August 9). “Moving Hoods, Making Meaning: Residential Change and Racialized Cleft Habitus in the Lives of Urban Youth” *2022 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2022, August 7). “From Anti-Black Usernames to Zoom Bombings: The Limits of Coalitional Race Politics at an Urban High School” *2022 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A (2022, February 24). ““The Reckoning after the Wake: Racial Solidarity Politics at an Urban High School After Floyd” *2022 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A (2021, August 8). “Anti-Blackness and the Racial Context of Childhood: Learning to Loathe Blackness in a Post-Chocolate City” *2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2021, August 6). “Vacation from all the Foolishness’: Juvenile Justice, Racial Capitalism, and Racialized Time in the Carceral State” *2021 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A (2021, April 11). “‘This Ain’t Beverly Hills’: Uncovering Critical Pedagogies of Race and Place in South Central Los Angeles” *2021 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2021, April 11). “No Longer Locking up Their Own: Reconceptualizing Juvenile Probation Officers in The Era of #DefundThePolice” *2021 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2021, April 10). “Black Civil Rights, Spatial Entitlement, and the Struggle for Educational Justice in South Los Angeles” *2021 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*

Alicea, J.A (2021, March 18). “‘I Feel Powerful...I Feel Like This Is Home’: The Racial-Spatial Lives of Urban Teachers” *2021 Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A & Blanchard, S. (2021, February 27). “‘Another Day in Incarceration’: Interrogating Progressive ‘Wins’ in the School-Prison Nexus to Reimagine Teaching as Practical Abolition” *42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum*

Alicea, J.A (2021, February 21). “Moving Hoods, Making Meaning: A Study of Race and Place Through the Eyes of Mobile ‘Urban’ Youth” *2021 Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A (2020, December 4). “‘It Takes Places for Racism to Take Place’: What Racial Geographers Can Teach Educators About Social Justice Pedagogy” *10th International Conference on Education and Social Justice*, December 4 – 6, 2020

Alicea, J.A (2020, November 7). “Abolitionist Sociology and the Urgency of Un-Caging Other People’s Children: Insights from the Nation’s Largest Juvenile Justice System” *2020 California Sociological Association Annual Conference*

Alicea, J.A (2020, October 17). “‘Why Can’t Blacks Get One Moment? Why? Why?’: Anti-Blackness and the Limits of Coalitional Race Politics at an Urban High School” *Race/Ethnicity Session at 2020 Mid-South Sociological Association*, October 14 – 17, 2020

Le, A., Alicea, J.A., Martin, K., & Sasner, C. (2020, April). “A Qualitative Study of Student Learning Experiences in the Los Angeles County Juvenile Court Schools System” *2020 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*, canceled due to COVID-19

Alicea, J.A (2020, April). “Methodological Stuckness in Research Participants and Ethics” *2020 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*, canceled due to COVID-19

Alicea, J.A (2020, April). “Coloring Outside the Lines: Youth Insights on Race, Place, and Mobilities in South Central” *2020 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting*, canceled due to COVID-19

Alicea, J.A (2020, February 21). “Oh, the Places You Go! Updating Qualitative Methods to Understand Youth Dis/Emplacement and Everyday Mobility” *41<sup>st</sup> Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum*

Alicea, J.A (2019, November 16). “From South of the Border to South Central: Race, Place, and Domestic Frames of Reference in the Lives of 2nd Generation Latinx Youth” *2019 California Sociological Association Annual Conference*

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE SERVICE**

Section Co-Chair, Division G Social Context of Education – Inquiry in the Social Context of Education Section (2025– 2026 American Education Research Association)

Council Member, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2024 - 2026 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting)

Member of Student Paper Award Committee, Educational Problems Division (2024 Society for Study of Social Problems)

Member of Best Paper Committee, Organizational Theory Special Interest Group (2024 American Education Research Association)

Session Chair, “The Role of Cultural Capital and Race in Urban Schools Post-Pandemic Outbreak” Sociology of Education Special Interest Group (2024 American Education Research Association Annual Meeting)

Presider, “Curricular and Pedagogical Interventions and Supports” Section on Sociology of Education (2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting)

Session Organizer, “Solidarity, the Color Line, and Backstage Racism in ‘Social Justice’ Organizations” Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting)

Member of Program Committee, Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting)

Session Organizer, “Reckoning with Institutional Violence: Perspectives Across Organizational Contexts,”- Sociology and Social Welfare Division (2024 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting)

Session Presider, “Reckoning with Institutional Violence: Perspectives Across Organizational Contexts,”- Sociology and Social Welfare Division (2024 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting)

Session Discussant, “Reckoning with Institutional Violence: Perspectives Across Organizational Contexts,”- Sociology and Social Welfare Division (2024 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting)

Session Organizer, “Race, Racism, and Social Life” – Race/Ethnicity (2022 California Sociological Association Annual Meeting)

Session Presider, “Unequal pathways through higher education” – Sociology of Education Section (2022 American Sociological Association Meeting)

Session Presider, “Race, Place, and Belonging” – Race/Ethnicity (2021 Pacific Sociological Association Meeting)

Symposium Organizer, “Education, the Carceral State, and the Case for Abolition” (2021, 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ethnography in Education Research Forum)

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### **Rutgers University- Camden**

Educational Opportunity in the US: District, Charter, and Private Schools (Honors College)

Sociology of Education  
Race and Ethnicity  
Introduction to Sociology

### **University of California, Los Angeles**

Sociology of Community Colleges (TA)  
Foundations and Debates in Public Thought (TA)  
Comparative Analysis of Wealth, Policy, and Power (TA)  
Restoring Civility: Understanding, Using, and Resolving Conflict (TA)  
U.S.-Mexico Relations (Reader)

### **Roger Williams University School of Continuing Studies**

Role of Urban Education in Community Development  
Social Justice Education as Community Development

### **CAMPUS SERVICE**

**Member, Faculty Panel** for Truman Scholars Program (Office of Scholar Development & Fellowship Advising) 2024

**Member, Faculty Panel** for Schwarzman Scholars Program (Office of Scholar Development & Fellowship Advising) 2023

### **PEER REVIEW SERVICE**

Adhoc Manuscript Reviewer for: *American Journal of Community Psychology*; *Social Psychology Quarterly*; *Sociology Compass*; *Teaching Sociology*; *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*; *Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education*; *The Urban Review*; *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*

Adhoc Proposal Reviewer for *American Sociological Association* (Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Sociology of Education), *Society for Study of Social Problems* (Sociology and Social Welfare Section), and *American Educational Research Association* (Social and Emotional Learning; Qualitative Research; Social Context of Education; Critical Examination of Race, Ethnicity, Class and Gender in Education).

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

American Education Research Association  
American Sociological Association  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Sociology of Education Association  
Eastern Sociological Society