

## CURRICULUM VITAE: MARIA-ELENA D. DIAZ

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### EDUCATION

- 05/2005-Present      **Ph.D., Sociology**  
University of Notre Dame (Expected completion: 2009)  
**Areas of specialization:** race/ethnicity, social inequality, social change, social movements, cultural sociology  
**Area exams:** Race/ethnicity (passed with distinction); Statistics and Methods  
**Dissertation topic:** “Asian Embeddedness and Political Participation: An Examination of the Role of Integration, Organization, and Internal Diversity in Asian American Voting in U.S. Presidential Elections, 1996-2004”  
**Dissertation committee:** Rory McVeigh and William Carbonaro, co-directors; Daniel J. Myers, Lynette Spillman, and Michael O. Emerson
- 06/2003-05/2005      **Master of Arts, Sociology**  
University of Notre Dame  
Thesis: “Hawaiian Men and Income Attainment: A Human Capital Analysis”  
Thesis Advisor: Daniel J. Myers.  
Readers: William Carbonaro; Felicia B. LeClere.
- 08/1989-08/1991      **Master of Human Relations**  
University of Oklahoma
- 08/1982-05/1987      **Bachelor of Arts, Sociology**  
Brandeis University  
Magna Cum Laude and Honors in Sociology  
Department Commencement Co-Speaker

## PUBLICATIONS

- Ortiz, David G., Daniel J. Myers, N. Eugene Walls, and Maria-Elena D. Diaz. 2005. "Where Do We Stand with Newspaper Data?" *Mobilization: An International Journal* 10(3): 397-419.
- Diaz, Maria-Elena D. 2004. Book review, *Separate Paths to Feminism*. *Mobilization: An International Journal* 9(3): 346-348.
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## WORKS IN PROGRESS

- McVeigh, Rory and Maria-Elena D. Diaz. "The Structure of Opposition to Gay Marriage: Examining the Role of Crime, Traditionalism, Self-interest, and Altruism." (Revise and resubmit with *American Sociological Review*)
- Diaz, Maria-Elena D. "The Socioeconomic Integration of Pacific Islanders in the U.S. at the Turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."
- Diaz, Maria-Elena D. "Social Constraints and Opportunities, and the Role of Emotion in Self-initiated Transformation."
- Diaz, Maria-Elena D. "The Establishment of a Constitutional Monarchy in the Hawaiian Kingdom in 1840: A Cultural Sociological Approach to the Study of Power."
- Walls, N. Eugene and Maria-Elena D. Diaz. "A Structural Reexamination of Racial Rioting in the 1960s."
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## FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2006-2007     **Dissertation Year Fellowship**, University of Notre Dame
- 2003-Present   **Tuition Scholarships**, University of Notre Dame
- 2003-2007     **Summer Research Fellowships**, The Graduate School, University of Notre Dame
- 2006, 2004     **Superb Commendation**, Annual Progress Evaluation, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 1999            **Phi Theta Kappa Commendation of Service**, Guam Community College

- 1998 **Outstanding Faculty of the Year**, Council of Post Secondary Students Assoc., Guam Community College
- 1998 **Certificate of Appreciation** for professional development workshops, Peer Mentoring Committee, Guam Community College
- 1997, 1998 **Dedicated Service**, Council of Post Secondary Students Assoc., Guam Community College
- 1996 **Certificate of Appreciation**, for student teacher mentoring, College of Education, University of Guam
- 1996 **Certificate of Commendation**, for participation in the development of a comprehensive education improvement plan, Government of Guam
- 1993 **Certificate of Merit** for professional development workshop, Commonwealth College, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- 1992 **Faculty of the Month**, Commonwealth College, Virginia Beach, Virginia
- 1984-1991 **Harry S. Truman Scholarship**, Harry S. Truman Foundation
- 1982-1987 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship**, Brandeis University
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## GRANTWRITING

- 2007 **Center for the Study of Social Movements and Social Change**, University of Notre Dame. \$500 to attend a Hierarchical Linear Modeling workshop.
- 1998-1999 **Department of Public Health and Social Services**, Mangilao, Guam. \$80,000. Developed and administered a Family Services Certificate program, and scholarships for 20 students.
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2007 **Research Assistant**  
 Prof. Rory McVeigh, Department of Sociology  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Tasks: creating datasets on voter-turnout for counties that voted on definition of marriage referenda; gathered and reviewed editorials from Lexis Nexus on the respective elections.

- 2006-2007     **Research Assistant**  
 Professor Jackie Smith, Department of Sociology  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Tasks: Data coding, data cleanings, editing text and graphs
- 2006           **Participant-observer**, for Research Team of World Social Forums, P.I. Jackie Smith, July 6-9 2006, Midwest Social Forum, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 2003-2006     **Research Assistant**  
 Professor Daniel J. Myers, Department of Sociology  
 University of Notre Dame  
 Tasks: developing coding system and coding interview; coding of news articles followed by data cleaning and creating a codebook; coding newspapers for protest events; editing book reviews.
- 1997           **Co-Survey Designer**, “Student Satisfaction Survey”  
 Adult High School Program, Guam Community College
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## PRESENTATIONS

- 2008    “The Influence of Community Characteristics on Asian Americans and Voting in Presidential Elections.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 1-4, 2008, Boston, Massachusetts.
- “Asian Immigration, Asian Diversity, and Occupational Segregation: The Influence of Community Characteristics on Asian Voting Behavior in the 2000 Presidential Election.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, April 10-13, Portland, Oregon.
- 2007    “Emotion and Self-initiated Transformation.” Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociological Association joint conference, April 4-7, Chicago, IL.
- 2005    “Hawaiian Men’s Income Attainment: A Human Capital Analysis.” Session presentation. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, August 12-14, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2004    “Rationalism, the Dehumanization of Humanity, and a Proposal for Renewal.” Session presentation. Michigan Sociological Association annual meeting, October 22-23, Mount Pleasant, Michigan.
- “Cultural Survival and the Negotiation of American Identity by Pacific Islanders.” Roundtable discussion. American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 14-17, San Francisco, California.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2007            **Teaching Assistant**  
 During the summer, mentored two McNair Scholars in preparing a research paper, including how to use SPSS for regression analyses.  
 Professor Rory McVeigh, Department of Sociology  
 University of Notre Dame
- Guest Lecturer**  
 “Poverty in America”  
 Spring undergraduate course: Capitalism and Democracy  
 Department of Sociology  
 University of Notre Dame
- 2006            **Grader**  
 Introduction to Social Psychology (Spring)  
 Professor Daniel J. Myers, Department of Sociology  
 University of Notre Dame
- 2003-2005     **Teaching Assistant**  
 Undergraduate Research Course: Race, Ethnicity, Activism and Protest  
 Professor Rory McVeigh, Department of Sociology  
 University of Notre Dame
- 2000-2003     **Secondary Instructor**  
 Amerischools College Preparatory Academy, Tucson, Arizona
- 1998-1999     **Assistant Professor**, Social Science Department  
 Guam Community College, Mangilao, Guam
- 1995-1998     **Instructor**, Social Science Department  
 Guam Community College, Mangilao, Guam
- 1992-1993     **Adjunct Liberal Arts Faculty**  
 Commonwealth College, Virginia Beach, Virginia
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**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- 2008            Organizer and Presider, “Race, Class, and Gender and Political Participation” session, American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 1-4, Boston, MA.
- 2007            Organizer and Presider, “Agency and Structure: The Symbiotic Relationship

Between Self-transformation and Context” session, Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociological Assoc. Joint Conference, April 4-7, Chicago, IL

- 2006-Present Reviewer, *Mobilization: An International Journal*.
- 2006-2007 Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for the Study of Social Movements and Social Change, University of Notre Dame
- 2006 Consultant, Department of Sociology External Review, University of Notre Dame
- 2005 Graduate Student Representative, Junior Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 2005 Graduate Student Representative, First-year Graduate Student Orientation, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 2004, 2005 Organizer/Graduate Student Participant, “Pursuing a PhD” Panel Discussion for Undergraduate Sociology Majors, University of Notre Dame
- 2003-2004 Reviewer, *Sociological Voices: The Undergraduate Research Journal at the University of Notre Dame*
- 2003 Consultant, Laboratory for Social Research External Review, University of Notre Dame
- 1995-1999 Chairperson, Social Science Department, Guam Community College
- 1998-1999 Chairperson, Language Institute; co-chairperson, Standard I Subcommittee of the Accreditation Self-Study; coordinator, Family Services Advisory Committee; faculty representative, Promotions Committee; Guam Community College
- 1995-1999 Faculty Representative, Adult High School Reform Committee and Financial Priorities Committee; Guam Community College
- 1997-1998 Faculty Representative, Ten Year Master Plan Development Team and Dean Selection Committee; Guam Community College
- 1997, 1998 Conference Moderator, Innovations In Education, Pacific Regional Conference, Tumon, Guam
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1995-1996 Panel Member, Guam Education Goals 2000

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## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2008 Pacific Sociological Association

2007 North Central Sociological Association

2005-Present Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Sections: Conflict, Social Action, and Change; Poverty, Class, and Inequality; Social Problems Theory; Community Research and Development

2004-Present American Sociological Association.  
Sections: Asia/Asian America; Collective Behavior/Social Movements; Race, Gender, and Class; Sociology of Emotions; Sociology of Culture