

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

M.A. in Sociology, University of Delaware; Newark, DE (2006)

Thesis: “The White Male Effect and 9/11: Risk Perceptions, Terrorist Acts and Privilege”

Thesis Chair: Benigno Aguirre, Ph.D.

B.S. in Criminal Justice and Sociology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (2000)

Teaching Experience

Instructor: Disaster Research Center (DRC), Newark, DE: Introduction to the Social Science Study of Disasters (Summer 2007)

Teaching Assistant: Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Newark, DE, (September 2003-December 2004) Assisted professors with grading exams, tutoring students, and guest lectured.

Professional Positions

Research Assistant: Disaster Research Center (DRC), Newark, DE, 2005-Present
Collect data, conduct individual interviews, assist in the development and implementation of project methodology and coordinate undergraduate researchers. Completed reports on National Science Foundation projects such as an examination of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Urban Search and Rescue Program. Traveled to Louisiana and Mississippi in September 2005 on a DRC quick response field trip in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to research emergent issues. Mentored undergraduate

researchers as part of the DRC Research Experience for Undergraduates' (REU) program.

Manuscript Reviewer: Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Policy, Studies and Management

Chapters in Books and Monographs

Donner, William; Joseph E. Trainor & Manuel R. Torres 2006 "There for the Storm: Post Impact Evacuee Perspectives on Katrina Evacuation" *Learning from Catastrophe: Quick Response Research in the Wake of Hurricane Katrina*. Boulder, CO. Institute of Behavioral Science, University of Colorado

Refereed Journal Articles

In Press: Barsky, Lauren E.; Joseph E. Trainor; Manuel R. Torres & B. E. Aguirre 2007. "Managing Volunteers: FEMA's Urban Search and Rescue Program and Interactions with Unaffiliated Responders in Disaster Response" in *Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy and Management*

Nigg, Joanne M.; John Barnshaw & Manuel R. Torres 2006. Hurricane Katrina and the Flooding of New Orleans: Emergent Issues in Sheltering and Temporary Housing. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 604, March 2006, 113-128

Published Reports

Barsky, Lauren; Joseph E. Trainor & Manuel R. Torres 2006. *Disaster Realities in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: Revisiting the Looting Myth*. Quick Response Research Report 184. Boulder, CO: University of Colorado Natural Hazards Center.
<http://www.colorado.edu/hazards/qr/qr184/qr184.html>.

Encyclopedia Entry

In Press: Torres, Manuel R. "Internal Colonialism" in *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society*, Vol. 1, ed. Schaefer, Richard T.: Sage Publications, 2008

In Press: Torres, Manuel R. "Marginalization" in *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity and Society*, Vol. 1, ed. Schaefer, Richard T.: Sage Publications, 2008

Torres, Manuel R. "Complicit Masculinity" in *International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities*, Vol. 1, eds. Flood, M.; Gardiner, J.K.; Pease, B. & Pringle, K. London: Routledge, 2007

Torres, Manuel R. "Subordinate Masculinity" in *International Encyclopedia of Men and Masculinities*, Vol. 1, eds. Flood, M.; Gardiner, J.K.; Pease, B. & Pringle, K. London: Routledge, 2007

Pending Manuscripts

Torres, Manuel R.; Lauren Barsky; B.E. Aguirre & Rita Poteyeva “Fire Science Bibliography” Resubmitted to *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*

Working Papers

Torres, Manuel R. “A Tale of Two Tragedies: A Comparison of USAR response activities at World Trade Center and Pentagon on 9/11”

Barnshaw, John & Manuel R. Torres “Religion is the Explanation of the People: Emerging Religious Themes in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina”

Professional Paper Presentation

Torres, Manuel R.; B.E. Aguirre; Joseph E. Trainor & Richard Buck “Contrasting USAR response in the WTC and Pentagon 9/11 Disasters: Trust Building, Preexisting Bonds, and Inter-Organizational Response” Presented at the Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) in New York City, August 12, 2007

Torres, Manuel R. & Rita Poteyeva “The influence of terrorist acts on Urban Search and Rescue: Organizational and Individual transformations in post 9/11 U.S.” Presented at the Annual Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 17, 2007

Barsky, Lauren; Joseph E. Trainor; Manuel R. Torres & B. E. Aguirre “Managing Volunteers: FEMA’s Urban Search and Rescue program and Interactions with Unaffiliated Responders in Disaster Response” Presented at the Annual Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, March 15, 2007

Barnshaw, John; Manuel R. Torres & Lauren Ross “Hurricane Katrina: A Disaster Forty Years in the Making” Presented at the Annual Association of Black Sociologists (ABS) in Montreal, Canada, August 9, 2006

Torres, Manuel R. “Risk, Terrorism and the White Male Effect: Social Demographic Impact on Risk Perception Post World Trade Center 9/11” Presented at the Annual Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) in Boston, Massachusetts, February 24, 2006

Barnshaw, John & Manuel R. Torres “Religion is the Explanation of the People: Emerging Religious Themes in the Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina” Presented at the Annual Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) in Boston, Massachusetts, February 24, 2006

Torres, Manuel R. "Culture and the Medical Marijuana Movement" Presented at the Annual American Sociological Association (ASA) in Philadelphia, PA, August 13th 2005.

Guest Lectures and Public Presentations

Torres, Manuel R. "The Disaster Research Center: History, Agenda and impact on The Social World" Wilmington Rotary Club. Wilmington, DE, April 26, 2006

Torres, Manuel R. 2006 "Inequality in the Disaster Context: Hurricane Katrina Revisited" Issues in Emergency Management. University of Delaware. Newark, DE

Torres, Manuel R. 2005 "Hurricane Katrina Reconnaissance Trip" Disaster Vulnerability. University of Delaware. Newark, DE.

Torres, Manuel R. & Michael Walegar "What do I do when...?" Presented at the Annual Conference for Graduate Teaching Assistants at University of Delaware, August 23, 2005

Fleming, Mark & Manuel R. Torres "Time Management Strategies: How can I Keep all The Balls in the Air?" Presented at the Annual Conference for Graduate Teaching Assistants at University of Delaware, August 22, 2005

Torres, Manuel R. 2004 "Race and Ethnicity" Introduction to Sociology. University of Delaware. Newark, DE

Torres, Manuel R. 2004 "Race and Film" Racial Inequality in Film. University of Delaware. Newark, DE

Torres, Manuel R. 2003 "Race and Higher Education" Race and Society. University of Delaware. Newark, DE

Professional and University Service

2006-2007

- Graduate Representative, Graduate Policy Committee

2005-2006

- Graduate Representative, University of Delaware, Faculty Meeting Committee
- Jan Burrows Committee

- Team Member, DRC Quick Response Field Reconnaissance team to Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. (September 21st- September 30th 2005)

2004-2005

- Graduate Representative, University of Delaware, Faculty Meeting Committee

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)