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POSITIONS HELD

- Current Professor of Sociology, Stanford University.
Faculty Affiliate of Center for Latin American Studies, Population Health Center, Stanford
Opportunity Lab, Stanford Center on Global Poverty and Development.
- Visiting Professor of Sociology Universidad Católica de Chile
- 2006-2016 Assistant to Associate to Full Professor of Sociology, New York University.
- 2004-2006 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York.
- 1996-1998 Research Associate and Lecturer, Department of Sociology
Universidad Católica de Chile

EDUCATION

- 2004 Ph.D. Sociology, Columbia University
Dissertation *Mobility Patterns in Chile in Comparative Perspective* approved with distinction.
- 2000 M.A. Sociology, Columbia University.
- 1995 BA. Sociology. *Summa Cum Laude*, Universidad Católica de Chile.

PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Torche, Florencia and Alejandro Corvalan. In Press. “Estimating Intergenerational Mobility with Grouped Data - A Critique of Clark’s The Son Also Rises” *Sociological Methods and Research*. Online ahead of print: <http://smr.sagepub.com/content/early/2016/08/29/0049124116661579>
- Lopez-Calva, L.F., J. Rigolini and F. Torche. In Press. “Is there such thing as middle class values?: Class differences, values and political orientations in Latin America” *Journal of Globalization and Development*.

- Halpern-Manners, Andrew, John Robert Warren, and Florencia Torche. In Press. "Panel Conditioning in the General Social Survey." *Sociological Methods and Research*.
- Torche, Florencia and Peter Rich. 2017. "Declining Racial Stratification in Marriage Choices? Trends in Black/White Status Exchange in the US 1980-2010" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 3(1): 31-49.
- Mizala, Alejandra and Florencia Torche. 2017. "Means-Tested School Vouchers and Educational Achievement: Evidence from Chile's Universal Voucher System" *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 674 (1): 163-183.
- Gratz, Michael and Florencia Torche. 2016. "Compensation or Reinforcement? The Stratification of Parental Responses to Children's Early Ability" *Demography* 53(6): 1883-1904.
- Florencia Torche. 2016. "Torche Comment on Downey and Condrón" *Sociology of Education* 89(3): 229-230.
- Torche, Florencia. 2016. "Education and the Intergenerational Transmission of Advantage in the US" pages 237-254 in *Education, Occupation and Social Origin: A Comparative Analysis of the Transmission of Socio-Economic Inequalities*, Bernardi, Fabrizio and Gabriele Ballarino Eds. Edward Elgar.
- Torche, Florencia and Uri Shwed. 2015. "The Hidden Costs of War: Environmental Stress Exposure and Birth Outcomes" *Sociological Science* 2: 558-581.
- Torche, Florencia. 2015. "Intergenerational Mobility and Equality of Opportunity," *European Journal of Sociology* 56(3): 343-371.
- Torche, Florencia. 2015. "Intergenerational Mobility and Gender in Mexico," *Social Forces* 94: 563-587.
- Torche, Florencia. 2015. "Analyses of Intergenerational Mobility: An Interdisciplinary Review," *Annals of the American Political and Social Sciences* 357: 37-62.
- Torche, Florencia and Andres Villarreal. 2014. "Prenatal Exposure to Violence and Birth Weight in Mexico: Selectivity, Exposure, and Behavioral Responses" *American Sociological Review* 79(5): 966-92.
Spanish translation: <http://asr.sagepub.com/content/79/5/966/suppl/DC1>
- Torche, Florencia. 2014. "Intergenerational Mobility and Inequality: The Latin American Case" *Annual Review of Sociology* 40: 619 - 642.
Spanish translation: <http://www.annualreviews.org/doi/abs/10.1146/annurev-soc-062215-092006>
- Gullickson, Aaron and Florencia Torche. 2014. "Patterns of racial and educational assortative mating in Brazil" *Demography* 51(3):835-56.
Statistical code: <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13524-014-0300-2>
- Caudillo, Monica and Florencia Torche. 2014. "Exposure to local violence and early educational attainment" *Sociology of Education* 87(2): 89-105.
Featured in USA Today

- Halpern-Manners, Andrew, John Robert Warren, and Florencia Torche. 2014. "Panel Conditioning in a Longitudinal Study of Illicit Behaviors." *Public Opinion Quarterly*. 78(3): 565-590.
- Torche, Florencia and Luis Lopez-Calva. 2013. "Stability and Vulnerability of the Latin American Middle Class" *Oxford Development Studies*. 41(9): 409-435.
- Torche, Florencia and Karine Kleinhaus. 2013. "Are Significant Effects Really Significant: Response to Chen et al." *Human Reproduction* 27(11):3359-60.
- Torche, Florencia and Karine Kleinhaus. 2012. "Prenatal stress, gestational age and secondary sex ratio: The sex-specific effects of exposure to a natural disaster in early pregnancy", *Human Reproduction* 27(2): 558-67.
Featured in: NBC, MSN, Fox, Newsday, US News and World Report, Washington Post, Daily Mail, Futurity.
- Torche, Florencia, John Robert Warren, Andrew Halpern-Manners, Eduardo Valenzuela. 2012. "Panel Conditioning in a Longitudinal Study of Adolescents' Substance Use: Evidence from an Experiment" *Social Forces* 90(3): 891-918.
- Torche, Florencia and Carlos Costa-Ribeiro. 2012. "Parental Wealth and Children's Outcomes over the Life Course in Brazil: A Propensity Score Matching Analysis" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 30(1): 79-96.
- Mizala, Alejandra and Florencia Torche. 2012. "Bringing the Schools Back In: The Stratification of Achievement in the Chilean Voucher System" *International Journal of Educational Development* 32: 132-44.
- Torche, Florencia 2011. "Is a College Degree Still the Great Equalizer? Intergenerational Mobility across Levels of Schooling in the US" *American Journal of Sociology* 117(3): 763-807.
Recipient of the ASA Sociology of Education James Coleman Award 2013
Revised excerpt for Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective, David Grusky Ed. 4th Edition
- Torche, Florencia 2011. "The Effect of Maternal Stress on Birth Outcomes: Exploiting a Natural Experiment" *Demography* 48(4): 1473-1491.
Featured in Pathways Magazine Summer 2011: 7.
Media coverage: Financial Times, CNN, Wired, The Toronto Star, La Tercera (Chile).
- Torche, Florencia and Ghislaine Echevarria. 2011. "The effect of birth weight on childhood cognitive development" *International Journal of Epidemiology* 40(4): 1008-1018.
Commentary by Shenking, SD., IJ Deary and GD. Batty. 2011. "Birthweight and childhood cognition: the use of twin studies." International Journal of Epidemiology 40(4): 1019-1021.
- Torche, Florencia and Alejandra Mizala. 2011. "School Discipline and Educational Achievement in Chile" in Richard Arum and Melissa Velez Eds. *Improving Learning Environments in Schools: Lessons from Abroad*. Stanford CA: Stanford University Press.

- Torche, Florencia and Eduardo Valenzuela. 2011. "Trust and Reciprocity: A Theoretical Distinction of the Sources of Social Capital" *European Journal of Social Theory* 14(2): 181-198.
- Torche, Florencia and Alejandro Corvalan. 2010. "Accounting for the Seasonality of Birthweight: Socioeconomic and Environmental Factors" *Annals of Epidemiology* 20: 818-826.
- Torche, Florencia and Carlos Costa-Ribeiro. 2010. "Pathways of Change in Social Mobility: Industrialization, Education and Growing Fluidity in Brazil" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 28(3): 291-307.
- Torche, Florencia. 2010. "Economic Crisis and Inequality of Educational Opportunity in Latin America" *Sociology of Education* 83(2): 85-110.
Featured in Contexts, Summer 2010 9(3).
- Torche, Florencia. 2010. "Educational Assortative Mating and Economic Inequality: A Comparative Analysis of Three Latin American Countries" *Demography* 47(2): 481-502.
- Torche, Florencia. 2009. "Social Status and Cultural Consumption: The Chilean Case in Comparative Perspective" in Tak Wing Chan and John Goldthorpe eds. *Social Status, Lifestyle and Cultural Consumption*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Torche, Florencia and Seymour Spilerman. 2009. "Intergenerational Influences of Wealth in Mexico" *Latin American Research Review* 44(3): 75-101.
Translated into Spanish, Chapter 6 in Serrano, Julio and Florencia Torche eds. Social Mobility in Mexico: Population, Development and Economic Growth. Mexico City: CEEY.
- Torche, Florencia and Seymour Spilerman. 2008. "Household Wealth in Latin America" in Davies, James ed. *Personal Wealth from a Global Perspective*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Torche, Florencia 2008. "Social Mobility and Education in Contemporary Chile" in Ishida, Hiroshi ed. *Social Stratification and Mobility in Late-Industrializing Countries* SSM Research Series. Sendai: SSM.
- Neckerman, Kathryn and Florencia Torche. 2007. "Inequality: Causes and Consequences" *Annual Review of Sociology* 33: 335-357.
- Torche, Florencia. 2007. "Social Status and Cultural Consumption: The Case of Reading in Chile" *Poetics* 35: 70-92.
- Torche, Florencia and Guillermo Wormald. 2007. "Ascription and Achievement: Changes in the Stratification System in Chile" in Franco, Roberto, Arturo Leon and Raul Atria, ed. *Stratification and Mobility in Latin America: Structural Transformations over a Quarter-Century*. Santiago, Chile: LOM (in Spanish).
- Torche, Florencia and Seymour Spilerman. 2006. "Parental Wealth Effects on Living Standards and Asset Holdings: Results from Chile" in Wolff, Edward ed. *International Perspectives on Household Wealth*. Northampton MA: Edward Elgar.

Torche, Florencia. 2006 "A Stratification System for Chilean Society" *Revista de Sociología* 20: 15-43. (in Spanish).

Torche, Florencia. 2005 "Unequal but Fluid Social Mobility in Chile in Comparative Perspective" *American Sociological Review* 70 (3): 422-450.

Torche, Florencia. 2005. "Privatization Reform and Equality of Educational Opportunity in Chile" *Sociology of Education* 78 (4): 316-343.

Spilerman, Seymour and Florencia Torche. 2004. "Living Standards Potential and the Transmission of Advantage in Chile" in Wolff, Edward ed. *What has Happened to the Quality of Life in Advanced Industrialized Nations* Northampton MA: Edward Elgar.

EDITED VOLUMES

Serrano, Julio and Florencia Torche eds. 2010. *Social Mobility in Mexico: Population, Development and Economic Growth*. Mexico City: CEEY. (In Spanish).

Author of Chapter 2 "Introduction", Chapter 3 "Intergenerational Mobility in Mexico: Change and Persistence", and Chapter 6 "Intergenerational Influences of Wealth in Mexico"

BOOK REVIEWS AND NON-PEER REVIEWED PIECES

Torche, Florencia and Dalton Conley. 2016. "A Pound of Flesh: The Use of Birthweight as a Measure of Human Capital Endowment in Economics Research" *The Oxford Handbook of Economics and Human Biology* Edited by John Komlos and Inas R. Kelly, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Torche, Florencia. 2014. "Is a College Degree still the Great Equalizer?" in Grusky, David ed. *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective*, 4th Ed, Westview Press.

Torche, Florencia, Richard Arum and Jeff Manza. 2012. "Social Stratification, Inequality and Poverty" Chapter 9, NYU Sociology Textbook.

Lopez-Calva, Luis, Jamele Rigolini and Florencia Torche. 2012. "Is There Such Thing as Middle Class Values? Class Differences, Values and Political Orientations in Latin America" IZA Discussion Paper 6292.

Torche, Florencia and Luis Lopez-Calva. 2011. "Middle Class, Education and Mobility in Latin America" *Americas Quarterly* 5(1): 39-43.

Torche, Florencia. 2010. Review of *Legacies of Race* by Stanley Bailey, *American Journal of Sociology* 116(3): 1031-1033.

Torche, Florencia 2009. "Sociological and Economic Approaches to the Intergenerational Transmission of Inequality in Latin America" Working Paper HD-09-2009 –UNDP http://economiccluster-lac.org/images/pdf/desarrollo-humano/09_RPPLAC_HD.pdf

Torche, Florencia. 2009. "Mexico's Fragile Middle Class" *Americas Quarterly*, 3(2): 76-82.

Torche, Florencia. 2007. Review of "Approaches to Class Analysis" Edited by Erik O. Wright, Cambridge University Press. *Contemporary Sociology* 36(5): 440-442.

Torche, Florencia. 2005. Review of "Home Ownership and Inequality in Comparative Perspective". Edited by Karine Kurz and Hans-Peter Blossfeld, Stanford University Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 111(3): 960-962.

Torche, Florencia and Guillermo Wormald. 2004. "Stratification and Mobility in Chile: Between Ascription and Achievement". Working Document 98 *Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, United Nations* (in Spanish).

EDITORIAL BOARDS

Deputy Editor, *American Sociological Review* (2015-2018)

Editorial Board Member *Sociology of Education* (2012-2015)

Consulting Editor *American Journal of Sociology* (2012-2014)

Consulting Editor *Sociological Science* (2013-present)

Editorial Board Member *Sociological Theory* (2009-2012)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2015-2016 "The Role of School Context and Parenting on Racial Neighborhood Sorting"
National Science Foundation #1519017 Dissertation Improvement Grant, for dissertation research of advisee Peter Rich. \$7,500

2010-2012 Principal Investigator "Environmental Stressors and Early Childhood Development"
<http://steinhardt.nyu.edu/ihdsc/eod>
National Science Foundation # 1023841. \$161,781.

2011-2013 Principal Investigator "Environmental Stressors and Childhood Development"
United Nations Development Program, Regional Bureau for Latin America (UNDP-RBLAC).

2009 Postdoctoral Fellowship
National Academy of Education/ Spencer Foundation \$55,000

2009 Stephen Charney Vladeck Junior Faculty Fellowship.

- Wagner School of Public Service. New York University. \$15,000
- 2009 New York University Research Challenge Fund \$12,391
- 2006-2008 Principal Investigator *Social Mobility in Mexico*.
ESRU Foundation Grant \$195,000
- 2005-2007 Co- Principal Investigator *Parental Assets, Institutional Structures, and the Transmission of Inequality in Chile and Israel* (with Seymour Spilerman).
Ford Foundation Grant \$350,000
- 2002-2003 Co-Investigator Project *Living Standards and Economic Wellbeing in Chile*.
PI Seymour Spilerman, Columbia University.
Ford Foundation Grant \$150,000
- 2001-2002 Principal Investigator *Social Mobility in Chile*
National Fund for Sciences and Technology Chile Grant \$ 35,537

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2013 William Julius Wilson Early Career Award, Section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility, American Sociological Association.
- 2013 Elected to Sociological Research Association
- 2013 James Coleman Award for Best Article in the field of Sociology of Education, Sociology of Education Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2007-08 Member of the Council for Equity, convened by Chilean President Michelle Bachelet.
- 2007 Professor of the Year, awarded by Graduate Students, Sociology Department NYU.

GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPERVISED

Dissertation Chair or Co-Chair (institution/current position):

Julia Behrman (NYU / Assistant Professor Northwestern University)
Monica Caudillo (NYU / Post-Doc University of Maryland)
Peter Rich (NYU / Assistant Professor Cornell University)
Hassan Abdel Salam (NYU / Assistant Professor University of Minnesota)

Committee Member:

Natasha Quadlin (Indiana / Assistant Professor Ohio State University)
Abigail Weitzman (NYU / Assistant Professor University of Texas, Austin)
Madhavi Cherian (NYU / Cabinet Office UK)

Benjamin Meade (NYU /NYC Department of Education)
Emily Rauscher (NYU /Assistant Professor Kansas University)

TEACHING

Undergraduate:

Social Determinants of Health: Spring 2017
Inequality in Society: Fall 2012
Senior Seminar on Social Inequality: Fall 2007, Fall 2008.
Wealth, Power, and Status: Spring 2007, Spring 2009.

Graduate:

Sociological Methodology I: Fall 2017.
Counterfactuals and Causal Inference: Spring 2017
Social Stratification: Spring 2007, Spring 2016.
Research Methods: Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016.
Applied Quantitative Analysis I: Fall 2014.
PhD Pro-Seminar: Fall 2014.
Introduction to Statistics: Fall 2006, Fall 2007, Fall 2008.
Research and Writing Seminar: Spring 2011, Fall 2011.
Math and Statistics Refresher: Fall 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015.

SCIENTIFIC BOARDS AND CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION:

Chair Elect, Inequality Poverty and Mobility Section of the American Sociological Association (2017).
Editorial Board, Pathways Magazine 2017 -
Board of Overseers of the General Social Survey GSS (2013-2017)
Standing Committee, American Opportunity Study. National Research Council (2015-2016).
Chair, Nominations Committee. Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Section, ASA 2016.
Board Member, Research Committee on Stratification and Mobility International Sociological Association (2015-2018).
Council Member, Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Section American Sociological Association (2013-2016).
Best Students Paper Award Committee, Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Section ASA 2015.
Chair, Best Article Award Committee. Inequality, Poverty and Mobility Section ASA 2014.
Session Organizer, ASA Annual Meeting 2014.
Session Organizer, Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2014.
Co-Organizer, Thematic Session “*Growing Apart: Causes and Consequences of Economic Inequality*” ASA Annual Meeting 2013.
Organizer, Thematic Session “*Higher Education and the American Dream*” and invited session “*Growing Apart: Causes and consequences of economic inequality*” ASA Annual Meeting 2013
Organizer, Regular Sessions on Social Stratification, ASA Annual Meeting 2011.
Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Selection Committee, Inequality Poverty and Mobility Section ASA 2011.

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Stanford University

Admissions Committee 2017.

Graduate Studies Committee 2017-2018.

Colloquium Organizer 2017-2018.

New York University

Sociology Department Executive Advisory Committee (EAC) 2011/13 – 2014/16.

Promotion and Tenure (P&T) Committee, NYU Abu Dhabi 2013 – Present.

Co-Organizer, Inequality Workshop 2012 - Present.

Faculty Recruitment Committee for Director of the Institute for Human Development and Social Change (IHDSC) NYU 2015.

Global Institute for Public Health (GIPH) Steering Committee 2014-2015.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Social Science and Public Policy NYUAD Fall 2014.

Deputy Director of Graduate Studies Fall 2014.

FAS Committee on Comparative and International Studies 2012-2013.

Chair, Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology 2012, 2013.

Global Institute for Public Health (GIPH) Doctoral Committee 2011-2012.

Gender Equity Committee NYU 2010-2011.

Research Consultant, Scholar-in-Residence program, Faculty Resource Network NYU Summer 2010.

Methods and Statistics Committee, Department of Sociology NYU Spring 2010.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology NYU Fall 2008.

Library Liaison Committee, New York University 2008-2010.

Faculty Recruitment Committee (Senior Methodologist), Steinhardt School of Education NYU, 2007.

Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology NYU Fall 2006.

Occasional Reviewer

Journals: American Sociological Review – American Journal of Sociology – Comparative Education Review – Demography – Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis – Epidemiology – European Journal of Social Theory – Feminist Economics – International Review of Comparative Sociology – Journal of Development Economics – Journal of Economic Inequality – Journal of Health and Social Behavior – Journal of Human Resources – Journal of Income Inequality – Journal of Marriage and the Family – PLOS-ONE – Proceedings of the National Academy of Science (PNAS) – Psykhe – Research in Social Stratification and Mobility – Review of Income and Wealth – Science – Social Forces – Social Science Research – Socio-Economic Review – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity – Sociological Science – Sociology of Education – Sociology of Race and Ethnicity – Sociological Theory – Studies in Comparative and International Development – World Development.

Academic Presses: Stanford University Press.

Fellowships and Grants: National Science Foundation (NSF) Sociology Program – National Fund for Science and Technology Grant Competition, Chile – PSC CUNY Grant – Russell Sage Foundation.

RECENT INVITED PRESENTATIONS (Since 5/2012)

Oct 2017 University of Quebec in Montreal
Aug 2017 South China University of Technology
Apr 2017 CSI Cornell
Mar 2017 European University Institute Florence
Mar 2017 ECSR Spring School Turin
Jan 2017 OpLab Stanford University
May 2016 The Coleman Report 50 Years Later Conference, Brown University.
May 2016 Department of Sociology Catholic University Chile.
Apr 2016 Public Policies in Chile Summit, University of Chicago.
Mar 2016 The World Bank, Washington DC.
Feb 2016 Ohio State Sociology Department.
Jan 2016 Stanford Sociology Department.
Sep 2015 Center of Research on Inequality and the Life Course, Yale University.
Sep 2015 NYU IES/PIRT Seminar.
Aug 2015 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
Aug 2015 Plenary Speaker, RC28 Social Stratification and Mobility Meeting, Philadelphia.
Jun 2015 Social Science Research Center, Berlin.
May 2015 National Academy of Science, Mexico City.
Apr 2015 Declining Inequality in Latin America conference, Brown University.
Apr 2015 Social Mobility in the Americas Center on Poverty and Inequality Stanford University.
Apr 2015 Sociology Department, Harvard University.
Mar 2015 Center for Democracy and Development, Princeton University.
Mar 2015 Society for Research on Child Development Biannual Conference.
Mar 2015 Department of Sociology, Cornell University.
Oct 2014 Center of Public Studies, Chile.
Jun 2014 Network on Poverty and Inequality in Latin America, Santiago Chile.
May 2014 Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston.
Apr 2014 School of Education, University of California Irvine.
Apr 2014 Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University.
Apr 2014 Sociology Department, University of California Berkeley.
Mar 2014 Population Studies Center University of Michigan.
Mar 2014 Eastern Sociological Society.
Feb 2014 NYU Society of Fellows.
Oct 2013 Minnesota Population Center.
Jun 2013 Social Mobility Workshop, National Academy of Science.
Apr 2013 Mellon Biennial, INCITE, Columbia University.
Feb 2013 Division of Social Sciences, NYU Abu Dhabi.
Feb 2013 Office of Population Research, Princeton University.
Oct 2012 Social Science Research Center Berlin (WZB).
Sep 2012 Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin Madison.
May 2012 RC28 Committee in Stratification and Mobility Spring Meeting, Hong Kong.