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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Amherst College

Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, 2017-2020
William R. Kenan Professor of Sociology and American Studies, 2018-2021
Professor of Sociology and American Studies, 2017-
Associate Professor of Sociology and American Studies, 2014-2017

Montana State University

Associate Professor of Sociology, 2010-2014
Assistant Professor of Sociology, 2004-2010

EDUCATION

Boston College, USA

PhD Sociology, 2004 (Chair, Juliet Schor)

The London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom

MSc Social Policy and Development, 1996

The University of New Hampshire, USA

BA Economics/International Affairs, Spanish Minor (Cum Laude), 1992

AREAS OF INTEREST

International Migration, Immigrant Families, Latino Youth, New Immigrant Destinations,
Rural Sociology, Globalization, Gender, Qualitative Methods

HONORS

Faculty Speaker, Amherst College Commencement - Senior Assembly, 2017
Author Meets Critics Selection, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, 2015
Rural Sociology, Best Paper Award, 2012
President's Excellence in Teaching Award, Montana State University, 2012
Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Teaching Award, Montana State University, 2012
Betty Coffey Award, Montana State University, 2011
American Sociological Association Community Action Spivak Fellowship, 2008
ASA/National Science Foundation Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, 2007
Sussman Award for Best Publication, Groves Conference on Marriage and Family, 2006
UNESCO/International Sociological Association Graduate Fellowship, 2002
Donald J. White Graduate Student Teaching Award, Boston College, 2001
Bok Award for Teaching Excellence, Harvard University, 2000; 2001

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- Menjívar, Cecilia, Leisy Abrego and Leah Schmalzbauer. 2016. *Immigrant Families* (Immigration & Society Series). Oxford, UK: Polity.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2014. *The Last Best Place? Gender, Family and Migration in the New West*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2005. *Striving and Surviving: A Daily Life Analysis of Honduran Transnational Families*. New York: Routledge.

SPECIAL ISSUE EDITORSHIPS

- Bickham Mendez, Jennifer & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2018. Latino Youth, Education and Social Transformation. *Ethnicities* 18.
- Carling, Jørgen, Cecilia Menjívar & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2012. Transnational Migration and Children Left Behind. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 38.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Schmalzbauer, Leah & Aleli Andres. 2019. Stratified Lives: Family, Illegality and the Rise of a New Educational Elite. *Harvard Educational Review*, 89:635-660.
- Bickham Mendez, Jennifer & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2018. Latino Youth and Struggles for Inclusion in the 21st Century. *Ethnicities* 18:165-177.
- Abrego, Leisy & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2018. Illegality, Motherhood and Place: Undocumented Latinas Making Meaning and Negotiating Life. *Women's Studies International Forum* 67:10-17.
- Garcia, Angela & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2017. Placing Assimilation Theory: Undocumented Migration in Urban and Rural America. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 672:64-82.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2015. Temporary and Transnational: Gender and Emotion in the Lives of Mexican Guestworker Fathers. *Ethnic & Racial Studies* 38:211-26.
- Kevane, Bridget, Frances Moore and Leah Schmalzbauer. 2015. Latinos and Immigration in Montana. *Chronica Mundi* 10:85-110.
- Dreby, Joanna & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2013. The Relational Contexts of Migration: Mexican Women in New Destination Sites. *Sociological Forum* 28:1-26.
- Leticq, Bethany & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2012. Community Based Participatory Research with Mexican Migrants in a New Rural Destination. *Action Research* 10:244-59.

Carling, Jørgen, Cecilia Menjivar & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2012. Central Themes in the Study of Transnational Parenthood. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 38:191-217.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2011. "Doing Gender," Ensuring Survival: Mexican Migration and Economic Crisis in the Rural Mountain West. *Rural Sociology* 76:441-60.

Winner: 2012 Rural Sociology Best Paper Award

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2010. Disruptions, Dislocations, and Inequalities: Latino Families Surviving the Global Economy. (Special Issue: Global Markets, Family and the State) *North Carolina Law Review* 88:1857-80.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2009. Gender on a New Frontier: Mexican Migration in the Rural Mountain West. *Gender & Society* 23:747-67.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2008. Family Divided: The Class Formation of Honduran Transnational Families. *Global Networks* 8:329-46.

Reprinted: Adams, Richard, Josh DeWind, Hein de Haas & Una Okonkwo Osili (Eds) 2011. *Migrant Remittances and Development: Research Perspectives*. Social Science Research Council.

Anastario, Michael & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2008. Piloting the Time Diary Method among Honduran Immigrants: Gendered Time Use. *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health* 10:437-43.

Dodson, Lisa, Deborah Piatelli & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2007. Researching Inequality through Interpretive Collaborations: Shifting Power and the Unspoken Contract. *Qualitative Inquiry* 13:821-43.

Dodson, Lisa & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2005. Poor Mothers and Habits of Hiding: Participatory Methods in Family Research. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67:949-59.

Reprinted: Luttrell, Wendy (Ed). 2009. *Qualitative Educational Research: Readings in Reflexive Methodology and Transformative Practice*. New York: Routledge.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2005. Transamerican Dreamers: The Relationship of Honduran Transmigrants to the American Dream and Consumer Society. *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 49:3-31.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2004. Searching for Wages and Mothering from Afar: The Case of Honduran Transnational Families. *Journal of Marriage and Family* 66:1317-31.

Winner: 2006 Sussman Award for Outstanding Publication

BOOK CHAPTERS, REVIEWS AND ESSAYS

Schmalzbauer, Leah. In Press. Review of: Mexicans in Alaska: An Ethnography of

- Mobility, Place, and Transnational Life. By Sara V. Komarnisky. University of Nebraska Press. *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2019. Review of: Making Los Angeles Home: The Integration of Mexican Immigrants in the United States. By Rafael Alarcón, Luis Escala and Olga Odgers. University of California Press. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 60:112-114.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2018. Review of: Politics of Precarity: Migrant Conditions, Struggles and Experiences. Edited by Martin Bak Jørgensen and Carl Ulrik Schierup. Brill. *Contemporary Sociology* 47 (3).
- Hall, Amy & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2016. Interchanges: 45 Shades of Gray. *Feminist Theory* 17:345-348.
- Kevane, Bridget & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2016. Reports from the Field: 'Education is everything. It Determines your future.' Latino Youth and College Access in Rural Montana. *Latino Studies* 14:272-80.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2013. Motherhood and Transformation in the Field: Reflections on Access, Meaning and Trust. In Tamara Brown & Joanna Dreby (Eds) *Family and Work in Everyday Ethnography*. Philadelphia, PA: Temple University Press.
- Stein, Otto & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2012. Engineers without Borders at Montana State University: Student-Led Engagement and Transnational Collaboration. *Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement* 16:187-210.
- Essay written in Acknowledgement of: Magrath Community Engagement Award.**
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2011. Review of: Divided by Borders: Mexican Migrants and their Children. By Joanna Dreby. University of California Press. *American Journal of Sociology* 116 (4).
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2011. Community Based Research and Immigrant Rights. In Kathleen Korgen, Jonathon White & Shelley White (Eds) *Sociologists in Action: Sociology, Social Change and Social Justice*. Los Angeles, CA: Sage.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2010. Review of: Next of Kin: The Family in Chicano/a Cultural Politics. By Richard Rodriguez. Duke University Press. *International Journal of Sociology of the Family* 36 (2).
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2010. Review of: Working Hard, Drinking Hard: On Violence and Survival in Honduras. By Adrienne Pine. University of California Press. *Estudios Interdisciplinarios de América Latina y el Caribe* 21 (1).
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2009. Migration, Separation and Family Survival. *National Council on Family Relations Report* 54:F1-F3.

Reprinted: (2010) *The Best of Report. National Council on Family Relations* 55.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2008. Latinos in Minnesota. In Mark Overmyer-Velazquez (Ed) *Latino America: State-By-State*. Westport, CT: Greenwood.

Schmalzbauer, Leah, Alice Verghese & Meenu Vadera. 2007. Caring for Survival: Motherwork and Sustainable Feminisms. In Sonita Sarker (Ed) *Sustainable Feminisms: Advances in Gender Research*. Oxford, UK: Elsevier.

Dodson, Lisa, Leah Schmalzbauer & Deborah Piatelli. 2006. Behind the Scenes: A Conversation about Feminist Participatory Methods. In Patricia Leavy & Sharlene Hesse-Biber (Eds) *Feminist Research Practice*. New York: Sage.

COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2018. *The Meanings of Mobility: Family, Immigration and the Rise of the New Latino Elite*. Amherst College Faculty Research Award Program (\$24,826).

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2012. *The Last Best Place?: Gender, Family and Migration in the New West*. Montana State University Scholarship and Creativity Grant (\$17,373).

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2008. *Family in the Margins: Latino Incorporation and Family Formation in Southwestern Montana*. Montana State University Scholarship and Creativity Grant (\$19,000).

Schmalzbauer, Leah & Bethany Letiecq. 2008. *Building Community, Struggling for Justice: A Participatory Study of Migrant Needs*. American Sociological Association Community Action Research Initiative: Spivak Program (\$3,000).

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2007. *Off the Migratory Map: Family Survival Strategies in a New Settlement Area*. American Sociological Association/ National Science Foundation Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline (\$5,700).

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2002. *Transnational Caretaking and Family Well-being: A Daily Life Analysis of Central American Transnational Families*. UNESCO-International Sociological Association Graduate Fellowship, PhD Methods Laboratory. Brisbane, Australia.

Boston College Dissertation Fellowship. 2002.

Benedict Alper Dissertation Fellowship. 2001.

INVITED ACADEMIC TALKS

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2020. Discussant. Center for Engaged Scholars. Dissertation proposal for Lucia León.

The Last Best Place?: Gender, Family and Migration in the New West
Williams College – Department of American Studies (2019)
University of Cincinnati – Graduate Seminar: Gender and Globalization (2018)
Fitchburg State University – Nancy Kelly Memorial Lecture (2017)

- USC – Sociology Seminar: Social Analysis and Mexican Migration (2016)
 UCLA – Center for Immigration Studies (2016)
 Boston College – Department of Sociology (2016)
 Yale University – School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (2015)
 UMass – Center for Latin American, Caribbean and Latino Studies (2015)
 Harvard University – Transnational Studies Institute (2014)
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2018. Critic. Author Meets Critics Session. *On the Shoulders of Grandmothers: Gender, Migration and Post-Soviet Nation Building*, by Cinzia Solari. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2015. Critic. Author Meets Critics Session. *Gender and International Migration*, by Katharine Donato and Donna Gabaccio. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2013. *Gender, Family and Illegality: Mexican Migration and the New American West*. Keynote Address. Providence College Women's Studies Speakers' Series.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2013. *Mexican Migration in the New West*. Presidential Plenary. Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Reno, NV.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2013. *Gender, Migration and (Il)legality in the Rural Mountain West*. Pacific Basin Institute. Pomona College. Claremont, CA.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2012. 'I Do it for My Family': *The Gendered Challenges and Strategies of Mexican Guest Worker Fathers*. Workshop on Care, Life Course and Kin Work: Anthropological Perspectives on Trans-Local Entanglement. University of Humboldt. Berlin, Germany.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2011. *Transnational and Temporary: Fatherhood and Family Formation among Mexican Guest Workers*. Guest Workers: Western Origins, Global Future. The Huntington Library. San Marino, CA.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2009. *Disruptions, Dislocations and Inequalities: Latino Families Surviving the Global Economy*. North Carolina Law Review Symposium: Global Markets, Families and the State. UNC Center for Global Initiatives.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2009. *Transnational Burdens: Gender and Care in Transnational Families*. Symposium on Women and Migration. Centro Cultural Español- Spanish Embassy and the University of Central America. San Salvador, El Salvador.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2008. *Family Divided: The Class Formation of Transnational Families*. Workshop on Transnational Parenting and Children Left Behind. International Peace Research Institute. Oslo, Norway.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2006. *Parenting across Borders: Transnational Carework and Family Survival*. Sussman Award Address. Groves Conference on Marriage and Family. Tucson, AZ.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2005. *Transamerican Dreamers*. Berkeley Journal of Sociology: Conference on Society and Consumption. University of California, Berkeley.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2018. *Stratified Lives: Family, Illegality and Belonging among the New Latino Elite*. Workshop on Transnationalism, Citizenship and Belonging. Peace Research Institute. Oslo, Norway.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2018. Gender and Migration Panel participant. International Migration Mini-Conference. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2017. Round-table Presider. Latino Youth and Education. International Migration Section. American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec.

Garcia, Angela and Leah Schmalzbauer. 2017. *Placing Assimilation Theory*. Latino/a Sociology Section. American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec.

Schmalzbauer, Leah and Leisy Abrego. 2016. *The Micro-Contexts of Illegality: Undocumented Latinas Negotiating Daily Life*. International Migration Section. American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2014. Session Organizer and Presider. *Rural Sociology*. American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2013. *Gender, Place and Illegality*. Latino/a Sociology Section. American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

Dreby, Joanna & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2012. Gender, Migration and Power in New Sites of Mexican Migration. Latin American Studies Association. San Francisco, CA.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2012. *Motherhood and Transformation in the Field: Reflections on Positionality, Meaning and Trust*. Eastern Sociological Society. New York, NY.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2011. 'Doing Gender,' *Ensuring Survival: Mexican Migration and Economic Crisis in the Rural Mountain West*. International Migration Section. American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2011. Round-Table Presider – *Issues in Transnational Migration*. Section on Global and Transnational Sociology. American Sociological Association. Las Vegas, NV.

Leticq, Bethany & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2010. Symposium Organizers: *Families Surviving in the Shadows: Coping and Resilience among Latino Migrant Families*. National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN.

Leticq, Bethany & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2010. *The Mental Health of Rural Latino Migrants*. National Council on Family Relations. Minneapolis, MN.

- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2009. *Mothering on a New Frontier: Constructions of Latina Motherhood in a New Migrant Destination*. Sex and Gender Section. American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah & Bethany Letiecq. 2009. *Building Community, Struggling for Justice: Community-based Migration Research*. Public Sociology Section. American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2008. *Gender and Latino Incorporation in the Northern Rockies*. International Migration Section. American Sociological Association. Boston, MA.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2007. *Life in the Margins: Latino Incorporation under the Big Sky*. Latino Migration to New Settlement Areas. University of South Carolina.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2007. *Honduran Youth Assimilating from Afar?* International Migration Section. American Sociological Association. New York City, NY.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2005. *Migrants Surviving in the Margins, Struggling to Move Up*. Pacific Sociological Association. Portland, OR.
- Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2004. *Families across Borders: Honduran Transnational Families in Pursuit of Survival*. International Migration Section. American Sociological Association. San Francisco, CA.

TEACHING

AMHERST COLLEGE

- FYSE 101: Progress?
- SOCI/AMST 260: Latino Immigration: Labor, Lifestyle and Legality
- SOCI/AMST 265: Unequal Childhoods: Race, Class and Gender in the US
- SOCI/AMST 302: Globalization, Inequality and Social Change
- SOCI/AMST 305: Gender, Power and Migration: Latinos in the Americas
- SOCI/AMST 326: Immigration and the New Second Generation
- AMST 221: Active Citizenship
- COLQ 341: Meanings of Mobility: Latino Youth and the American Dream

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

- SOCI 326: Sociology of Gender
- SOCI 368: Latino Migration
- SOCI 370: Sociology of Globalization
- SOCI 455: Sociological Theory
- SOCI 499: Qualitative Inquiry
- SOCI 491: Engineering in Global Perspective
- SOCI 491: Immigration and the New Second Generation
- LS 301: Immigration: People and Policy
- WS 301: Gender, Migration and Power

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Executive Committee of the Eastern Sociological Society, 2015-2018

Chair – Coser Dissertation Award Committee, 2016-2018

Chair – Komarovsky Book Award Committee, 2015-2016

Member – Finance Committee, 2015-2017

Editorial Board, *Rural Sociology*, 2014-2017

Tenure and Promotion Reviews: Oregon State University, Providence College, University of California-Irvine, University of Idaho, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, University of the Pacific, University of Toronto

Invited Article Reviewer: *American Behavioral Scientist, American Sociological Review, Critical Sociology, Ethnicities, Gender & Society, Global Networks, Human Ecology, International Migration Review, International Migration, Journal of Comparative Family Studies, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Latino and Latin American Studies, Journal of Marriage and Family, Latino Studies, Qualitative Sociology, Rural Sociology, Social Problems, Social Psychology, Sociological Forum, Studies in Social Justice*

Invited Manuscript Reviewer: Duke University Press; Oxford University Press; Pine Forge Press; Polity; Routledge; Stanford University Press; Temple University Press; University of California Press

Invited Proposal Reviewer: National Science Foundation

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

American Studies Association

Eastern Sociological Association

SERVICE TO AMHERST COLLEGE

Member, Committee of Six, 2018-2020

Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, 2017-2020

Faculty Chair, Amherst College Press, 2017-2019

Faculty Adviser, La Casa Latino Culture House, 2016-2020

Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Spanish Department, 2015-2016

First Year Seminar Committee, 2015-2018

Editorial Board – Amherst College Press, 2014-2017

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Expert Witness: Deportation and Asylum Cases, 2008; 2010; 2011; 2012; 2015; 2018

MSU Community Extension Instructor, 2011
Board Member, Gallatin Valley Human Rights Task Force, 2008-2010
Chair, Coalition of (Latino) Resource Organizations (CORO), 2008-2009
Discussion Leader, Montana Center for International Visitors, 2006-2009

INVITED PUBLIC TALKS

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2019. *Democracy and Globalization*. Amherst Today: Democracy. Amherst College.

Schmalzbauer, Leah and Alelí Andres. 2018. *The Meanings of Mobility: Family, Undocumented Immigration and the Rise of the New Latino Elite*. Amherst College Reunion Weekend.

Schmalzbauer, Leah and Alelí Andres. 2017. *Lived Realities of Immigration: Mexican and Undocumented in the United States*. Wisteriahurst Museum, Holyoke, MA.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2015. *Immigration to Unexpected Places: Latinos in the Rural Mountain West*. Parents' Weekend. Amherst College.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2015. *The Last Best Place?* The Country Bookshelf, Bozeman, MT.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2014. *Speaking Spanish in Montana*. Bozeman Public Library.

Bejarano, Cynthia & Leah Schmalzbauer. 2010. *Migration's New Borderlands*. Research Panel for the Presidential Inauguration of Waded Cruzado. Montana State University.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2009. *Mexican Migration to the New West*. International Education Week. Montana State University.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2007. *Striving and Surviving in a Land of Plenty: Life in Immigrant America*. American Association of University Women- Globalization Speaker's Series. Minneapolis, MN.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2007. *Latino Migration: Policy and Controversy*. Montana International Speaker Series. Bozeman, MT.

Schmalzbauer, Leah. 2006. *Migration in the Northern Rockies: Connecting the Global and the Local*. Northern Rockies Bioneers' Conference. Bozeman, MT.