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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Department Chair, Sociology	California State University, Fullerton	2020-present
Professor of Sociology	California State University, Fullerton	2019-present
Associate Professor of Sociology	California State University, Fullerton	2014–2019
Assistant Professor of Sociology	California State University, Fullerton	2008–2014
Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Population Studies	RAND Corporation	2006–2008
Postdoctoral Research Associate	Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota	2005–2006

EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Brown University, Department of Sociology, Providence, RI	2005
M.A.	Brown University, Department of Sociology, Providence, RI	2002
B.S.	Cornell University, Department of Rural Sociology, Ithaca, NY	1996

COURSES TAUGHT

Statistics (graduate and undergraduate), Sociology of Family, Research Methods (graduate and undergraduate), Immigrant Orange County, Sociology for Career Success, Population and Environment, Sociology of City Life, Global Cuisines, Supervision Courses: Independent Study, MA Thesis, MA Project, Comprehensive Exams, Teaching Symposium

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

CSUF Sociology Department Chair, 2020-present
CSUF Sociology Department Vice Chair, 2015–2020
CSUF Sociology Department Search Committee Member, 2015; 2017; 2019, chair 2015 & 2017
CSUF Sociology Department Personnel Committee, 2015–2017; 2019, chair 2016
CSUF Sociology Lecturer Evaluation Committee, 2016–2020, chair 2016
CSUF Sociology Department Student Affairs Committee, 2015–2018
CSUF Sociology Department Graduate Adviser, 2010–2014.
CSUF Sociology Department Graduate Committee, 2008–2014; Chair, 2009–2014
CSUF Sociology Department Sociology Week Presenter/Organizer, 2010–present
CSUF Sociology Department Methods Comprehensive Exam Reviewer, 2012–present
CSUF Faculty Research Committee (Academic Senate, elected) 2015-2017
CSUF Sociology Representative to the Center for Demographic Research Technical Advisory Committee, 2009–present, Vice-chair 2013-present

PUBLICATIONS—PEER REVIEWED

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Thacker Thomas, Devon, Eileen T. Walsh, **Berna M. Torr**, Anthony Alvarez, and Maria Malagon. 2018. “Incorporating High-Impact Practices for Retention: A Learning Community Model for Transfer Students” *Journal of College Student Retention: Research, Theory and Practice*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1521025118813618>

Torr, Berna M. and Eileen T. Walsh. 2018. “Does the Refugee Experience Overshadow the Effect of SES? An Examination of Self-Reported Health Among Older Vietnamese Refugees.” *Race and Social Problems* 10:259-271. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-018-9240-6>

Otanez, Staci* and **Berna M. Torr**. 2017. “Ethnic and Racial Disparities in HPV Vaccination Attitudes” *Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health*. [DOI 10.1007/s10903-017-0685-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-017-0685-2)

Thacker Thomas, Devon, **Berna M. Torr** and Eileen T. Walsh. 2017. Experiential Learning: Benefits for Hispanic and First-Generation College Students. *International Journal of Learning, Teaching, and Educational Research* 16(5):102-117. <http://ijlter.org/index.php/ijlter/article/view/938/pdf>

Torr, Berna M. 2011. “The Changing Relationship Between Education and Marriage in the United States, 1940–2000.” *Journal of Family History*. 36(4):483–503.

Walsh, Eileen T., **Berna M. Torr**, and Bonnie Ha Bui. 2010. “Inequalities in Self-Rated Health: Untangling Ethnicity, Social Class, and Lifestyle Effects on Vietnamese, Other Asians, Hispanics, and Whites.” *International Review of Modern Sociology*. 36(2):195–220.

Rendall, Michael S., and **Berna M. Torr**. 2008. “Emigration and Schooling Among Second-Generation Mexican-American Children.” *International Migration Review*. 42(3):729–738.

Short, Susan E., Frances K. Goldscheider, and **Berna M. Torr**. 2006. “Less Help for Mother: The Decline in Adult Support for Mothers of Small Children, 1880–2000.” *Demography*. 43(4): 617–629.

Torr, Berna Miller, and Susan E. Short. 2004. “Second Births and the Second Shift: A Research Note on Gender Equity and Fertility.” *Population and Development Review*. 30(1):109–130.

BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Goldscheider, Frances K., and **Berna Torr**. October 2015. “Leaving Home in the Transition to Adulthood (revised).” In *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd edition*, edited by G. Ritzer. Blackwell Publishing, pp. 2570-2575.

Goldscheider, Frances K., and **Berna Torr**. 2006. “Leaving Home in the Transition to Adulthood.” In *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by G. Ritzer. Blackwell Publishing, pp. 2570–2575.

Miller, Berna, and James D. Torr, eds. 2003. *Developing Nations: Current Controversies*. San Diego, CA: Greenhaven Press.

REPORTS—NOT PEER REVIEWED

Miller, Ron, Pearl Beck, and **Berna Torr**. 2016. *Nazi Victims of the Holocaust Currently Residing in Canada, the United States, Revised Estimates and Projections: 2010–2030*. Report Prepared for the Claims Conference.

Torr, Berna M. and Staci Otanez. 2016. *Estimates and Projections of Hungarian Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust 2014-2040*. Report Prepared for the Claims Conference.

Torr, Berna M. and Staci Otanez. 2016. *Estimates and Projections of Canadian Jewish Survivors of the Holocaust 2014-2040*. Report Prepared for the Claims Conference.

Miller, Ron, Pearl Beck, and **Berna Torr**. 2015. *Estimates and Projections of Former Austrian Jewish Nazi Victims to 2040 by Country of Residence*. Report Prepared for the Claims Conference.

Miller, Ron, and Berna M. Torr. 2011. *Estimates and Projections of Evacuees Living in Russia and Ukraine/Moldova 2011–2040*. Report prepared for the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee.

Cohen, Steve M., Ron Miller, Ira M. Sheskin, and **Berna Torr**. 2010. *The Long-Term Impact of Jewish Camp Upon Adult Jewish Engagement: Evidence From Twenty-Six Population Studies in the United States*. Report Prepared for the Foundation for Jewish Camp.

Miller, Ron, Pearl Beck, and **Berna Torr**. 2009. *Nazi Victims of the Holocaust Currently Residing in Canada, the United States, Central and Eastern Europe and Western Europe, Estimates and Projections: 2010–2030*. Report Prepared for the Claims Conference.

INTRAMURAL RESEARCH GRANTS AWARDED

Torr, Berna M. *Study Abroad London Semester*, Spring 2020.

Walsh, Eileen T., Berna M. Torr, and Devon Thacker Thomas. *Increasing Retention and Graduation Rates of Sociology Transfer Students: A Transfer Student Learning Community Built on First Year Experiences*. GI2025 Innovation Grant. \$10,000 AY 2018-2019.

Torr, Berna M., and Eileen T. Walsh. 2014. *Robert and Louise Lee Collaborative Teaching Award*. for SOCI 456: Immigrant Orange County. Amount: \$4,747 for one class, 3-WTU assigned time for Spring 2015.

Torr, Berna M. 2014. *Sabbatical Award for Fall 2014*.

Torr, Berna M., and Eileen T. Walsh. 2013. “NCP for SOCI 456: Immigrant Orange County.” *Call for Proposals for Vietnamese Studies Curriculum Development*. Amount: \$4,000 total

Torr, Berna M. 2012. CSUF FDC Faculty Enhancement and Instructional Development (FEID) Award for “Enhancing the Teaching Symposium in Sociology.” Amount: \$4,747.

Torr, Berna. 2011. “Inequalities in Children’s Health: Untangling Ethnicity, Social Class, and Lifestyle Effects on the Vietnamese, Other Asians, Hispanics, and Whites.” *California State University, Fullerton Junior Faculty Award*. Amount: \$5,000 for students.

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Faculty Recognition Award: Teaching, 2014

HSS Outstanding Service & Student Success Award Nominee, 2011, 2012, 2018

NICHD Postdoctoral Fellowship in Population Studies, RAND Corporation, 2006–2008

Florence Harnish Dissertation Fellowship, Brown University, 2004–2005

Alden Speare Jr. Memorial Award for Best MA Thesis in Sociology, Brown University, 2002

NICHD Fellowship, Population Studies and Training Center, Brown University, 2001–2004

Dean’s Fellowship, Brown University, 2000–2003