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## Academic Appointments

2017–Present	Mary Toepelt Nicolai and George S. Blair Assistant Professor Claremont Graduate University
2018–Present	Co-Director, Inequality and Policy Research Center
2018–Present	Co-Director, Institute for Democratic Renewal
2014–Present	Research Affiliate, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan
2014–2017	Policy Researcher, Mathematica Policy Research
2012–2014	NICHD Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Michigan

## Education

2012	Ph.D. Political Science, UCLA
2009	M.A. Political Science, UCLA
2007	M.A. Political Science, Arizona State University, Tempe
2005	B.A. History, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

## Peer Review Journal Articles

**Rodríguez, Javier M.** 2019. “[The politics hypothesis and racial disparities in infants’ health in the United States.](#)” *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health*; Vol 8, 1-11.

Geronimus, Arline T., John Bound, Timothy A. Waidmann, **Javier M. Rodríguez**, and Brenden Timpe. 2019. “[Weathering, Drugs and Whack-a-mole: Fundamental and Proximate Causes of Widening Educational Inequity in U.S. Life Expectancy by Sex and Race, 1990-2015.](#)” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; 60 (2), 222-239.

**Rodríguez, Javier M.**, Arun Karlamangla, Tara Gruenewald, Teresa E. Seeman, Sharon Merkin, and Dana Martinez-Miller. 2019. “[Social Stratification and Allostatic Load: Shapes of Health Differences in the MIDUS Study in the United States.](#)” *Journal of Biosocial Sciences*; 1-18.  
DOI:10.1017/S0021932018000378

Cottrell, David, Michael C. Herron, **Javier M. Rodríguez**, and Daniel A. Smith. 2019. “[Mortality, Incarceration, and African American Disenfranchisement in the Contemporary United States.](#)” *American Politics Research*; 1-43. DOI: 10.1177/1532673X18754555.

**Rodríguez, Javier M.** 2018. “[Health Disparities, Politics, and the Maintenance of the Status Quo: A new Theory of Inequality.](#)” *Social Science & Medicine*, 200: 36-43.

John Bound, Arline T. Geronimus, **Javier M. Rodríguez**, and Timothy A. Waidmann. 2015. “[Measuring Recent Apparent Trends in Longevity: The Role of Increasing Educational Attainment.](#)” *Health Affairs*, 34 (12): 2167-2173.

**Rodríguez, Javier M.**, Arline T. Geronimus, John Bound, and Danny Dorling. 2015. “[Black Lives Matter: Differential Mortality and the Racial Composition of the Electorate.](#)” *Social Science & Medicine*, Vol. 136-137: 193-199.

- Tapia-Granados, Jose A. and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. 2015. “[Economic Crisis, Health, and Austerity: A Comparison of Greece, Finland, and Iceland.](#)” *Health Policy*, 119 (7): 941-953.
- Rodriguez, Javier M.**, John Bound, and Arline T. Geronimus. 2014. “[Time Series Analysis and US Infant Mortality: De-trending the Empirical from the Polemical in Political Epidemiology.](#)” *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 43 (3): 831-834.
- Rodriguez, Javier M.**, John Bound, and Arline T. Geronimus. 2014. “[US Infant Mortality and the President’s Party.](#)” *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 43 (3): 818-826.
- Pantoja, Adrian D., Rafael A. Jimeno, and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. 2012. “[The Political Consequences of Latino Immigrant Transnational Ties.](#)” In David L. Leal and Jose E. Limon, Eds. *Immigration and The Border: Politics and Policy in the New Century*. South Bend: University of Notre Dame Press, 130-148.

## Other Publications

- Bound, John, Arline T. Geronimus, Timothy A. Waidmann, and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. 2018. “[Local economic hardship and its role in life expectancy trends.](#)” *Michigan Retirement Research Center Research Paper*, Working papers series, No. 2018-389.
- Tapia-Granados, Jose A. and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. 2016. “[Evidence is Missing to Diagnose a Public Health Tragedy in Greece.](#)” *Health Policy*, 120 (7): 861.
- Bound, John, Arline T. Geronimus, **Javier M. Rodriguez**, and Timothy A. Waidmann. 2016. “[Declining U.S. Life Expectancy, 1990-2010: The Authors Reply.](#)” *Health Affairs*, 35 (3): 550.
- Lyons, Jennifer, Danielle Chelminsky, and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. 2016. “[HCIA Round Two Evaluation: Montefiore Medical Center.](#)” In Gilman, Boyd et al. 2016. “Evaluation of the Round Two Health Care Innovation Awards (HCIA R2): First Annual Report.” *Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services*, 636-656.
- Lyons, Jennifer, Danielle Chelminsky, and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. 2016. “[HCIA Round Two Evaluation: The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.](#)” In Gilman, Boyd et al. 2016. “Evaluation of the Round Two Health Care Innovation Awards (HCIA R2): First Annual Report.” *Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services*, 943-964.
- Bagby, Emilie, Steve Glazerman, Nancy Murray, Virginia Poggio, and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. 2016. “Impact Evaluation of Espacios para Crecer: Final Evaluation Plan.” *United States Agency for International Development (USAID)*.
- Cheh, Valerie, Suzanne Felt-Lisk, Jelena Zurovac, Keith Kranker, Jessica Heeringa, Lori Timmins, Andrea Wysocki, **Javier M. Rodriguez**, Linda Barterian, Mariel Finucane, Arnold Chen, Catherine McLaughlin, Kirsten Barrett, Tyler Fisher, Lauren Vollmer, Alex Bryce, and Borianna Pratt. 2015. “[Project Evaluation Activity in Support of Partnership for Patients: Interim Evaluation Report, Final.](#)” *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovations*, 343 pages.
- Fornango, Robert, Gina M. Tignini, Cindy Strickland, Rochelle Malinoff, Michael Lichter, Ravee Nithianandam, Nikhil Nagaraj, Bin Gu, Jason Martindale, Sunny Bateman, Julia Lewis, Malissa Mojica, Brian Starr, Valerie Cheh, Suzanne Felt-Lisk, Jelena Zurovac, Keith Kranker, Jessica Heeringa, Lori Timmins, Andrea Wysocki, **Javier M. Rodriguez**, Linda Barterian, Mariel Finucane, Arnold Chen, Catherine McLaughlin, Kirsten Barrett, Tyler Fisher, Lauren Vollmer, Alex Bryce, and Borianna Pratt. 2015. “[Project Evaluation Activity in Support of Partnership for Patients: Interim Evaluation Report—Appendices.](#)” *Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Innovations*, 437 pages.
- Bound, John, Arline T. Geronimus, **Javier M. Rodriguez**, and Timothy Waidmann. 2014. “[The Implications of Differential Trends in Mortality for Social Security Policy.](#)” *Michigan Retirement Research Center Research Paper*, Working papers series, No. 2014-314.

**Rodriguez, Javier M.**, John Bound, and Arline T. Geronimus. 2014. “[Politicization with Misrepresentation: On De-trending in Time Series Analysis.](#)” *International Journal of Epidemiology*, 43 (4): 1343-1344.

[*Software*] **Rodriguez, Javier M.**, Eric Wu, and Peter M. Bentler. 2012. “Applying Sensitivity Analysis to Structural Equation Modeling: An Application of the R Interface to EQS.” (Written in R.) Los Angeles: Multivariate Software, Inc.

## External Research Awards

*Total external research grants = \$2,437,588*

National Institute on Aging (#5R01AG059743-02), 2018–2023 (\$2,051,263)

[Economic distress and growing educational disparities in life expectancy: Weathering, high effort coping, and despair](#)

Lead PI: Arline T. Geronimus; Co-PIs: **Javier M. Rodriguez**, John Bound, and Timothy A. Waidmann

Social Security Administration & UM Retirement Research Center (UM18-07), 2017–2018 (\$100,000)

[Local Economic Hardship and Its Role in Life Expectancy Trends](#)

Lead PI: Timothy A. Waidmann; Co-PIs: **Javier M. Rodriguez**, John Bound, and Arline T. Geronimus

Social Security Administration & UM Retirement Research Center (UM17-19), 2016–2017 (\$75,000)

[The Implications of Differential Trends in Mortality for Social Security Policy](#)

Lead PI: John Bound; Co-PIs: **Javier M. Rodriguez**, Arline T. Geronimus, and Timothy A. Waidmann

National Institutes on Aging (#3R01AG047167-01S1), 2014–2015 (\$62,500)

[Measurement Error in Population Health Inequity Research using Novel Biomeasures](#)

Lead PI: Arline T. Geronimus; Co-Investigator: **Javier M. Rodriguez**

Russell Sage Foundation, 2013–2014 (\$148,825)

[The Political Origins of Health Inequalities: Political Parties and Infant Mortality](#)

Co-PIs: **Javier M. Rodriguez**, Arline T. Geronimus, and John Bound

## Internal Research Awards

*Total internal research grants = \$16,453*

Fletcher Jones Research Grant, CGU, 2019–2020 (\$7,953)

The Lost Generation: Excess Black Mortality During the Reagan and H. W. Bush Administrations

PI: **Javier M. Rodriguez**

The Population Studies Center Initiative Fund, 2013–2014 (\$8,500)

[The Effects of Racial Disparities in Health and Aging on the Future Racial Composition of the Electorate](#)

PI: **Javier M. Rodriguez**

## Other Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

*Total other research-related awards = \$183,650*

- Dissertation Year Fellowship, UCLA (\$20,000) 2012
- Cotta Robles Graduate Research Mentorship Award (\$20,000) 2011
- Graduate Research Mentorship Award, UCLA (20,000) 2010
- Department of Political Science, UCLA, Travel Grant (3x\$500) 2009, 2010, 2011
- Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, Travel Grant (\$1,200) 2008, 2009, 2010, 2013
- The Eugene and Cotta Robles Research Fellowship Award (3x\$18,000) 2007–2009
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA (3x\$5,000) 2008, 2009, 2010
- Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA, Travel Grant (2x\$1250) 2009, 2010

- Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, UCLA, Travel Grant (2x\$500) 2009, 2010
- Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Research Grant, UCLA (\$4,500) 2009
- National Science Foundation/University of California, Travel Grant (\$1,250) 2009
- Department of Psychology, Political Psychology Fund, UCLA, Travel Grant (\$500) 2009
- National Science Foundation/University of California, Research Grant (\$5,000) 2008
- Department of Psychology, Political Psychology Fund, UCLA (\$5,500) 2008
- Graduate and Professional Students Association, ASU, Travel Grant (2x\$400) 2006, 2007
- Underrepresented Graduate Enrichment Match Fellowship (UGEM), ASU (2x\$15,000) 2005, 2006
- Department of Political Science, ASU, Travel Grant (\$400) 2006
- The Shades of Leadership Award, UNL (\$500) 2005

## Grants in Process

Submitted to the National Institutes on Aging (\$1,700,000)

Structural and Proximate Determinants of Growing Educational Inequity in Life Expectancy: The Role of Economic Distress and Weathering

Lead PI: Arline T. Geronimus; Co-PIs: **Javier M. Rodriguez**, John Bound, and Timothy A. Waidmann

[In progress.] To be submitted to the National Institutes of Health (\$500,000)

Minority Diminishing Returns to Educational Inequity in Life Expectancy

Co-PIs: **Javier M. Rodriguez** and Shervin Assari

## Papers and Book Under Review

[*Book Manuscript.*] **Rodriguez, Javier M.** and Dean Robinson. "US Mortality in Black and White: Political Causes and Consequences of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health." *Oxford University Press.*

**Rodriguez, Javier M.**, Sandra P. Garcia, John Garcia, and Carlos Echeverria-Estrada. "A Policy Approach to Overcome Pre-immigration Barriers to Participation in the Latinx Immigrant Community."

**Rodriguez, Javier M.**, David O. Sears, Carlos Echeverria-Estrada, and Mark Q. Sawyer. "Early and Later Political Socialization in Latin American Immigrants: Assessing the Impact of Immigration."

**Rodriguez, Javier M.**, Rafael A. Jimeno, and John A. Garcia. "The Non-participant Across Borders: Linking Immigrant Political Behavior in the Country of Origin to the United States."

Garcia, Sandra P. and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. "Infant Mortality, Abortion, and Macroeconomic Conditions: How Women's Health Policy Moderates Unemployment Effects on Infant Mortality."

Schroedel, Jean, Aaron Berg, Javier M. Rodriguez, and Joseph Dietrich. "Political Trust and Native American Electoral Participation: An Analysis of Survey Data from Nevada and South Dakota."

## Selected Working papers

**Rodriguez, Javier M.**, Arline T. Geronimus, John Bound, and Christina Kinane. "Party Composition of State Legislatures and Racial Disparities in Health."

Wei, Ye and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. "The Impact of the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) on Racial and Ethnic Minorities."

Di Pasquale, Giacomo, Matthew Gomies, and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. "Race and Class Patterns of Post-Recession Income Inequality in the United States."

Gomies, Matthew, Giacomo Di Pasquale, and **Javier M. Rodriguez**. "Gender and Income Inequality after the Great Recession in the United States."

**Rodriguez, Javier M.** and Carlos Echeverria-Estrada. "Politics, Police Fatal Encounters, and Racial Disparities in Health."

**Rodriguez, Javier M.** “Diversity is Destiny: How Racial Disparities in Health are Shaping the Future American Political Landscape.”

**Rodriguez, Javier M.** “Change in Infant Mortality Rate among Infants Born to Latina Mothers after Senate Bill 1070 in Arizona.”

**Rodriguez, Javier M.** “The Early Disappearance of Low-education White Americans and the Perpetuation of Inequality in the United States.”

Canela, Ynez D., **Javier M. Rodriguez**, and Rixin Wen. “Political Party Dominance in State Legislatures and its Effects on Gender State Incarceration Rates.”

**Rodriguez, Javier M.** and Byeng Seon Bae. “Maternal and Infant Mortality Rates and the Political Realignment in the U.S., 1915-2016.”

**Rodriguez, Javier M.** “State Infant Mortality Trends and Presidential Electoral Participation in the United States.”

**Rodriguez, Javier M.** “Healthy Life Expectancy and the U.S. Presidential Election of 2016.”

## Invited Presentations

- 2020** | Dr. M. Alfred Haynes Lecture Series, Charles Drew University
- 2019** | Social Policy Forum Research Center, Bogazici University, Istanbul  
Department of Health Education and Health Sociology, and Naoki Kondo Social Epidemiology Research Laboratory, University of Tokyo, Tokyo  
Sears Political Psychology Laboratory, UCLA
- 2018** | Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice & Health, UCLA  
Sears Political Psychology Laboratory, UCLA  
Tuesday Talk Series, CGU  
Department of Political Studies, Pitzer College  
The University Club of Claremont
- 2017** | Tuesday Talk Series, CGU  
Centro de Investigaciones Socio-jurídicas, Universidad Católica de Colombia, Bogotá  
Center for the Study of Adversity and Cardiovascular Disease, UC-San Francisco
- 2016** | School of Nursing and Health Professions, University of San Francisco  
Department of Social Welfare, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA  
Survey Research Center, University of Michigan
- 2015** | Department of Political Science, University of Massachusetts, Amherst  
The Methodology Center, University of Michigan  
BioSocial Methods Collaborative, University of Michigan  
Center for Political Studies, University of Michigan
- 2014** | Resource Center for Minority Data, University of Michigan  
Division of Health Policy Research, Mathematica Policy Research  
School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University  
RWJF Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico  
Social Statistics and Methodology Discussion Series, University of Michigan  
Coalition for Interdisciplinary Research on Latino/a Issues, University of Michigan
- 2013** | Department of Political Science, University of California, Berkeley  
Social Neuroscience of Health Disparities, University of Michigan
- 2012** | School of Government and Public Policy, University of Arizona  
Department of Political Science, University of Rochester  
Department of Political Science, Rutgers University, New Brunswick
- 2011** | Department of Political Science, University of California, Irvine  
Summer Institute for Political Psychology, Stanford University

## Conference Presentations

- 2019** | International Conference of Economics and Social Sciences  
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)
- 2018** | The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)  
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)  
International Conference on Social Sciences  
Inequality Transdisciplinary Research Symposium, CGU  
International Conference on Social Sciences and Economics  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)
- 2017** | The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)
- 2016** | The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)  
AcademyHealth National Health Policy Conference (NHPC)
- 2015** | American Public Health Association (APHA)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- 2014** | Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)
- 2013** | The National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- 2012** | The 4<sup>th</sup> ASU-BNI Neuroscience Research Symposium
- 2011** | American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2010** | American Political Science Association (APSA)  
Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)
- 2009** | International Society of Political Psychology (ISPP)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)  
American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2008** | Western Political Science Association (WPSA)  
Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)
- 2007** | Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC)
- 2006** | American Political Science Association (APSA)

## Recent Invited Media Commentaries

**Javier M. Rodriguez** and Cristian Caputescu, “[Poor people die younger in the U.S. That skews American politics.](#)” *Washington Post*, May 31, 2018.

David Cottrell, Michael C. Herron, **Javier M. Rodriguez** and Daniel A. Smith, “[Nearly 4 million black voters are missing. This is why.](#)” *Washington Post*, April 11, 2018.

[Interview.] William Wan, “[The Great Recession raised America’s blood pressure, study finds.](#)” *Washington Post*, March 12, 2018.

## Other Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2012 and 2014  
ICPSR Summer Program, Department of Statistics, Quantitative Methods Program

Stanford University, Palo Alto, 2008  
Summer Institute in Political Psychology

Universidad de La Sabana, Colombia, 1993–1999  
Production Engineering. (Five years of coursework plus one year as Researcher.)  
Thesis: “A natural alternative to the biochemical pigmentation of the egg yolk.”

## **Additional Research Experience**

### **Data Analyst, 2009–2012**

Geriatrics Division, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA  
Teresa E. Seeman

- Collaborator in several papers that investigate the effects of socioeconomic status and psychosocial factors on biological markers of health. Provided statistical analysis and support on research projects.

### **Data Analyst, 2008–2012**

UCLA Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics (CSREP)  
Mark Q. Sawyer

- Ran and reported data and statistical analyses for data generated by the CSREP and other affiliated institutions. Contributed with survey design, oversampling techniques, and questionnaire construction.

## **Teaching Experience**

Claremont Graduate University

- Applied Data Analysis: Machine Learning and Data Mining for Social Scientists
- Advanced Quantitative Research Methods
- Policy Evaluation: Research Design to Solve Real-World Problems
- Nature of Scientific Inquiry
- Inequality Transdisciplinary Research
- Political Behavior

University of California, Los Angeles

(Teaching Assistant: 1.5-hour weekly TA session)

- Data Analysis and Statistics, Fall 2008
- Introduction to Quantitative Analysis, Spring 2009
- Introduction to Comparative Politics and Data Analysis and Statistics, Fall 2009
- Introduction to Data Analysis, Winter 2009
- Introduction to Data Analysis, Winter 2010

## **Professional Affiliations**

American Political Science Association

AcademyHealth

Midwest Political Science Association

National Conference of Black Political Scientists

American Public Health Association

Claremont Data Science & Analytics Initiative

UM Social Statistics and Methodology Discussion Series, Yu Xie, Director

UM BioSocial Methods Collaborative, Richard Gonzalez, Director

UM Social Neuroscience of Health Disparities, Institute for Social Research, James Jackson, Director

UCLA Causal Inference Group, Judea Pearl, Director

UCLA Political Psychology Laboratory, David Sears, Director

## **Service to the Profession**

- Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Inequality and Policy Research Center, CGU
- Co-Director of the Institute for Democratic Renewal, CGU
- Co-Director of the CGU Inequality Research Laboratory, CGU
- Graduate Research Methodology Field Member, CGU
- Graduate Public Policy Field Member, CGU
- Consortium's Benefits Committee Representative, CGU
- American Politics Faculty Search Committee, CGU, 2017

- Recent referee for: Journal of Politics; Social Science & Medicine; Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race; Demography; PLoS ONE; American Journal of Epidemiology; Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Health Disparities; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Social Science & Medicine – Population Health.
- Co-organizer of the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), CGU, 2018
- Organizer of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inequality Transdisciplinary Research Symposium, CGU, 2018
- Co-organizer of, and presenter in, nine Inequality Research Labs (IPRC), CGU

## **Academic Advising**

Dissertation Committee Member

- Carlos Echeverría-Estrada
- Chung Eun Koo
- Giacomo DiPasquale
- Wei Ye
- Whitney Martinez
- Rixin Wen
- Matthew Gomieš

## **Software Skills**

R, STATA, Python, EQS, SPSS, EQSIRT, HLM, DataDesk

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