

# MARISELA MARTINEZ-COLA, JD/PhD

## Curriculum Vitae

Morehouse College  
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### Education

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**PhD**, Emory University, May 2018

**J.D.**, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, May 1999

**B.A.**, African American Studies and Psychology, The University of Michigan, May 1996

### Areas of Specialization

Race and Ethnic Relations  
Critical Race Theory

Educational Inequality  
Comparative Historical Sociology

Qualitative Methodology  
Intersectionality

### Academic Employment

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#### Assistant Professor, Morehouse College (Present)

Intro to Sociology  
Race and Ethnicity

Contemporary Social Theory  
Criminology

Social Inequality  
Independent Study

#### Assistant Professor, Utah State University (2018-2021)

Sociology of Race & Ethnicity  
Civil Rights of a Different Color

Political Sociology  
Honors Book Lab 2020

Advanced Qualitative Methods

### Books

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Martinez-Cola, M. (2022). *The Bricks before Brown: The Chinese American, Native American, and Mexican Americans' Struggle for Educational Equality* (University of Georgia Press)

### Published Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

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**Martinez-Cola, Marisela**, Bob Francis, Myron Strong, Mary Scherer, Colby King (forthcoming) Co-Editor of *Teaching Sociology* Special Issue on Teaching by/for/about First-Generation, Working-Class Experiences

Deckard, Natalie, Irene Browne, Cassandra Rodriguez, and **Marisela Martinez-Cola**. 2020. "Controlling Images of Immigrants in the Mainstream and Black Press: The Discursive Power of the 'Illegal Latino.'" *Latinos Studies* 18(4).

Murphy, Mollie, Mehmet Soyer, and **Marisela Martinez-Cola**. 2020. "Fostering 'Brave Spaces' for Exploring Perceptions of Marginalized Groups Through Reflexive Writing," *Communication Teacher*, DOI: [10.1080/17404622.2020.1777316](https://doi.org/10.1080/17404622.2020.1777316)

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2020. "Collectors, Nightlights, and Allies, Oh My! White Mentors in the Academy." *Understanding and Dismantling Privilege* 10(1): 25-57.

Soyer, Mehmet and **Marisela Martinez-Cola**. 2020. "New Resources in TRAILS: Auto-ethnography: A Tool for Creating Safe Zones." *Teaching Sociology* 48(3): 266.

Soyer, Mehmet and **Marisela Martinez-Cola**. 2020. "Auto-ethnography: A Tool for Creating Safe Zones." *American Sociological Association Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology (TRAILS)*.

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2019. "Visibly Invisible: Native American Segregated Schooling and TribalCrit" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 6(4): 468-482.

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2018. "Sympathetic Symbols, Social Movements, and School Desegregation" *Journal of Law and Society* 45(2): 177-204

Martinez-Cola, Marisela with Rocco English, Jennifer Min, Jonathan Peraza, Jamesetta Tambah, and Christina Yebuah. 2018. "When Pedagogy is Painful: Teaching in Tumultuous Times." *Teaching Sociology* 46(2): 97-111.

### **Refereed Book Chapters**

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Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2023. "From 'Constitutionally Colored' to 'Caucasian Cloaks': How Courts Shaped Racial Inequality in Education." In Rebecca Emigh, Richard Lachmann, and David McCourt (Eds) *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Historical Sociology*. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press.

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2023. "The Long Battle Against Jim Crow: African American Activism and The History of Desegregation." In Angela Jones, Ed, *African American Activism and Political Engagement: An Encyclopedia of Empowerment*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO Publishing.

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2020. "The Shameless (and Raceless) Gallaghers." In Jennifer Beggs Weber and Pamela Hunt Kirk (Eds) *Shameless Sociology*, United Kingdom: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

### **Invited Submissions**

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Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2021. "Seeing and Using Connections to Fight Against Injustice," in Kathleen Odell Korgen and Maxine P. Atkinson's (Eds.) *Race and Ethnicity: Sociology in Action*, Los Angeles, CA: Sage Publications, 90.

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2020. "Book Review: A Literate South: Reading Before Emancipation." *Insights: Notes from the Coordinating Council of Women Historians* 51(4):20-23.

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2018. "Book Review: Race and Upward Mobility: Seeking, gatekeeping, and other class strategies in postwar America." *Humanity and Society* 42(2):264-266.

Martinez-Cola, Marisela. 2018. "Book Review: Women Politicking Politely: Advancing Feminism in the 1960s and 1970s" *Insights: Notes from the Coordinating Council of Women Historians* 49(3):23-25.

### **Project Reports**

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Glass, Christy, **Marisela Martinez-Cola**, Rana Abdulbasal, Rachel Gulbrandsen and Brook Hutchinson. 2020. "Gender and Racial Bias in Utah's Legal Profession." Final Project Report, *Women Lawyers of Utah & Utah Bar Association*.

### **Grants/Awards**

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Awarded \$799,994 grant from National Science Foundation for Broadening Participation in Engineering (BPE) Inclusive Mentoring Hubs (IM Hubs) Grant for the formation of an inclusive mentoring hub called Raíces (or *roots* in Spanish) Institute for Transformative Advocacy (RITA).

Awarded \$1.7 million grant from National Science Foundation (NSF) for "Ingenieros Ingeniosos (Indigenous Engineers): Connecting Latinx Youths' Workplace Practices with Engineering through Out-of-School Time Programs.

Awarded a \$60,000 National Endowment for Humanities (NEH)-Mellon Mays Fellowship for Digital Publication for "The Bricks Before Brown v. Board of Education Digital Map."

### **Regional/National Invited Talks**

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Invited Speaker/Trainer, "Collectors, Nightlights & Allies: Advice for Well-Meaning White Mentors," National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Inclusive NOAA Fisheries Internship Program (IN-FISH), May 2022 & June 2022

Invited Speaker/Trainer, "Collectors, Nightlights & Allies: Advice for Well-Meaning White Mentors," *Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute*, May 2022

Invited Panelist, "Collectors, Nightlights & Allies, Advice for Well-Meaning White Mentors," *2030STEM*, April 2022.

Invited Speaker, "Collectors, Nightlights & Allies: Advice for Well-Meaning White Mentors," *University of New Mexico, El Centro de la Raza, El Puente Mentoring Program*, April 2022.

Invited Speaker, "Advice for Mentoring BIPOC Scholars," *National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory*, December 2021

Invited Speaker, "Towards a More Holistic Understanding of Mentoring Best Practices," *Center for Dark Energy BioSphere Investigations (C-DEBI)*, October 2021.

Invited Speaker, "Collectors, Nightlights & Allies: White Mentors in the Academy," *Rhode Island College*, September 2021.

Invited Panelist, "Building an Audience Beyond the Pulpit," *The Pivot Fund*, September 2021

Invited Speaker, "Who Are the People in Your Neighborhood?" *Utah State University Leadership Tedx Talk*, March 2021.

Invited Speaker, "Collectors, Nightlights, and Allies, Oh My! White Mentors in the Academy," *Loyola University Chicago School of Law*, February 2020.

Invited Speaker, "Collectors, Nightlights, and Allies, Oh My! White Mentors in the Academy," *University of California—Irvine Graduate School*, November 2020.

Invited Speaker, "Collectors, Nightlights, and Allies, Oh My! White Mentors in the Academy," *Vanderbilt University Inclusivity in the Biosciences Association*, October 26, 2020.

Keynote Speaker, *WestRock Latinx Resource Group Launch*, "We Don't Fit in a Box: Latinxs at WestRock," online, September 10, 2020.

Invited Speaker, "Diversity and Inclusion in STEM," *Beehive Science and Technology Academy*, August 7, 2020.

Invited Speaker, *The National Latinx Psychological Association*, "Collectors, Nightlights, and Allies, Oh My! White Mentors in the Academy," online, July 29, 2020.

Invited Panelist, *The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine*, "Supporting Women of Color in Tech Throughout their Careers," online, June 4, 2020.

Presenter, *Emory Sociology Brown Bag Series*, "The Bricks before Brown v. Board," in Atlanta, GA, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020. [https://news.emory.edu/stories/2020/03/lgs\\_martinez\\_cola/campus.html](https://news.emory.edu/stories/2020/03/lgs_martinez_cola/campus.html)

Keynote Speaker, *38<sup>th</sup> Annual South Eastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (SEUSS)*, "Social Justice and the Sociological Imagination," in Atlanta, GA, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Keynote Speaker, *Kellogg's Diversity Series organized by the Hispanic Resource Group (HOLA)*, "Dime Con Quién Andas: A Tribute to Latinxs Throughout History," September 13, 2018

Keynote Speaker, *Kellogg's Diversity Series organized by the Hispanic Resource Group (HOLA) and Kellogg African American Resource Group (KAARG)*, "You're Not Just Vanilla: Whiteness and Social Activism," April 24-25, 2018.

### **University/Local Invited Talks**

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Invited Speaker, "Nightlights, Collectors, & Allies, Oh My! White Mentors in the Academy," *Utah State University Biology Department*, October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Invited Speaker, "Social Justice, Systemic Racism, and Higher Education," *Front & Center Success Series*, October 27, 2020.

Keynote Speaker, "Voices and Visions of Black Lives That Mattered Throughout History," *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Inclusive Excellence Symposium*, October 26, 2020

Invited Speaker, "*Mendez v. Westminster*: Desegregation for Latinx Americans in California," *Utah Public Radio Access Utah*, September 25, 2019

Invited Panelist, "MeToo Continues: A Town Hall Panel Discussion," hosted by *Utah Public Radio and Utah Women's Giving Circle*, January 25, 2019

Guest Speaker, *Logan Women's March*, January 19, 2019

Invited Panelist, "USU Latinx Family Night," hosted by the *Office of Admissions*, December 18, 2018.

### **Conference and Seminar Presentations**

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2022 Co-presenter with undergraduate Caleb Strickland, "Developing a DuBoisian Rooted Theory Course: Lessons from an HBCU," *American Sociological Association*, August 9, 2022, Los Angeles, California.

2022 Invited Panelist, "Race and the Classificatory Power of the State," *American Sociological Association*, August 9, 2022, Los Angeles, California.

2022 Invited Panelist, "Getting Jobs in Academia," *Pacific Sociological Association*, April 10, 2022, Sacramento, California.

2022 Invited Panelist, "New to the Tenure Track: Guidance for Early Career Sociologists," *85<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Sociological Society Meeting*, April 7, 2022, Birmingham, AL.

2020 Co-presenter with undergraduates Natalie Hunter, Ketzal Morales, and Christina Morgan, "Finding Alice Piper: Connecting the Past to the Present." *Pacific Sociological Association*, August 10, 2020, Eugene, OR (Cancelled due to COVID).

2020 Panelist, "Getting Jobs in Academia," *Pacific Sociological Association*, August 8, 2020, Eugene, OR (Cancelled due to COVID).

2020 Invited Panelist, *Shameless Sociology* at the *41<sup>st</sup> Annual Southwest Popular Culture/American Culture Association (SWPACA)*, February 20, Albuquerque, NM.

2020 Presenter, "Finding Alice Piper: A Feminist Research Project." *Sociologist for Women in Society Winter Meeting*, January 31, 2020, San Diego, CA.

- 2019 Presenter, "Creating a Brave Classroom," *Sociology Graduate Teaching Pro-Seminar*, December 2, 2019, Logan, UT.
- 2019 Co-Presenter with Xiomara Castro, USU Undergraduate, "Otherwise We'd Cry: The Mexican American, Chinese American, and Indigenous Roots of Racial Comedy," *2019 Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*, November 23, 2019, Chicago, IL.
- 2019 Co-Presenter, "Decentering Whiteness: Radical Inclusion in Teaching and Research," *Inclusive Excellence Symposium*, October 30, 2019, Logan, UT.
- 2019 Presenter, "Being Mestiza at Morehouse: Peace from Performativity," *82nd Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society*, April 10-13, 2019, Atlanta, GA.
- 2019 Co-Presenter, "Serving Unique Populations—Are We Being Inclusive?" *Utah Board of International Education Annual Meeting*, April 5, 2019, Logan, UT.
- 2019 Co-Presenter, "Autoethnography: A Tool for Social Justice Learning," *3rd Annual Teaching for Learning*, March 21-22, 2019, Logan, UT.

## **Professional Memberships & Service**

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### Morehouse College

- Institutional Review Board
- Faculty Appeals Committee
- Alpha Kappa Delta, Advisor
- ADODI, Advisor

### American Sociological Association

- Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Comparative Historical Section (2020-Present)
- Member, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section
- Member, Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations Section

### Social Science History Association

- Co-Representative, Race and Ethnicity Network (2017-present)

### Sociologists for Women in Society

- Chair, Discrimination Committee (2020-2023)
- Local Arrangements Co-Chair for 2018 SWS Meeting in Atlanta, GA

### Southern Sociological Society

- Member, Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (JEDI) Committee (2022-2025)

### Pacific Sociological Association

- Appointee, Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities (2021)

### Society for the Study of Social Problems

### Teaching Sociology

- Member, Editorial Board (2020-2023)

### NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising

- Member
- Ultimate Frisbee Club, Advisor