

# 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

Abulbasal, Rana, Christy Glass, Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, and Marisela Martinez-Cola. 2023. "Exploring the Impact of Women's Representation on the Professional Careers of Women of Color." *Sociological Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214221148452>.

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."

## **Trainings/Certificates**

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Certificate of Completion, African American Policy Forum, Critical Race Theory Summer School, August 14, 2021

Certificate in Policy Analysis, The Frederick S. Pardee Rand Graduate School Faculty Leaders Program in Policy Research and Analysis, July 2022

## **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, "A Conversation with Author Marisela Martinez-Cola, JD/PhD," Authors & Dessert in Duluth, Gwinnett Public Library, Duluth, GA, October 20, 2022

Invited Speaker, "The Bricks before Brown Book Talk," Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at University of Georgia, Athens, GA, October 20, 2022

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, "On Being and Becoming a Historical Social Scientist," *The Comparative Historical Analysis and Theory Network*, July 2022, Online

- 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," *3<sup>rd</sup> 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