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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY. 2026 (Expected)
M.A., Labor Studies, School of Labor and Urban Studies, CUNY. 2018.
B.A., Visual Arts, Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, UNAM. 2007.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban Sociology
Environmental Sociology
Work, Labor Markets and Industries
Political Economy
Tourism, Leisure and Culture

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Gabriela Ceja Morales. 2025. "Racial Capitalism and Tourism Expansion: Axes of Differentiation, Exploitation and Exclusion and the 'Paradise Dividend' in the Mexican Caribbean"

Gabriela Ceja Morales. 2024. "The Production of 'Eco-chic' Tourism: Exclusion and Environmental Inequality in Tulum, Mexico."

Gabriela Ceja Morales and Mary Nell Trautner. 2024. "The Invisibility of Inequality: Men's Perspectives of Gender Issues in the Workplace."

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Gabriela Ceja Morales. 2025. "Enclaves of Externalization and Unequal Exchange: Liminality, Deregulation and the Economies of Deviance in the Mayan Riviera."

COURSES TAUGHT

Urban Sociology: Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023
Population Problems: Spring 2021, Spring 2022 and Spring 2024, Spring 2025
Sociology of Diversity: Fall 2024, Winter 2025

Classical Sociological Theory: Fall 2020

Introduction to Sociology: Summer 2021, Winter 2021, Summer 2022 Winter 2022, Summer 2023

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Gabriela Ceja Morales “Racial Capitalism and Tourism Expansion: The Organization of a stratified Labor Force in the Mexican Caribbean”. Agents and Structures of Urban Change” Panel . Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL. August 8-12.
- 2024 Gabriela Ceja Morales “Bespoke Eco-security and the Environmental Inequalities of Green Luxury Developments in Tulum, Mexico.” Environmental Sociology Section Panel. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montréal, Québec, Canada. August 9-13.
- 2023 Gabriela Ceja Morales and Mary-Nell Trautner. “The Invisibility of Inequality: Men’s Perspectives of Gender Issues in the Workplace.” Gender and Work roundtables. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21
2018. Gabriela Ceja Morales and New Immigrant Community Empowerment. “Workers’ Rights Novela.” Screening and talk. Queens Museum of Art. New York, NY. September 22
2018. Gabriela Ceja Morales and New Immigrant Community Empowerment. “Workers’ Rights Novela.” Screening, Conversation and Workshop. Nathan Cummings Foundation. March 18
- 2018 Gabriela Ceja Morales and Fran Ilich Morales. “Money Lab #5: Matters of Currency.” Panel. Hallwalls, Contemporary Arts Center. April 27-28.
- 2017 Gabriela Ceja Morales. “Immigrant workers organized: Challenges, Achievements and the Trump Times.” Conference organizer and president. CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies. January 17.

AWARDS

- 2024 Nathalie Devin Howe Award for Outstanding Scholarship 3rd Place.
- 2024 Michelle M. Thompson Award for Dissertation Research, Department of

2023 Sociology and Criminology, University at Buffalo
Michelle M. Thompson Award for Dissertation Research, Department of
Sociology and Criminology, University at Buffalo
2017 CUNY Becas Scholarship Award, Jaime Lucero Mexican Studies
2016 CUNY Becas Scholarship Award, Jaime Lucero Mexican Studies

RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS

2019 **NEW IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (NICE)**
Workforce Development Coordinator
2016- 2018 **RESOURCES FOR ADULT EDUCATION (CREA)**
Literacy and Social Studies Instructor
2017-2018 **NEW IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (NICE)**
Worker Center intern
2017 **LOCAL 1010 ROAD PAVERS UNION**
Research and Worker's Educational Resource Committee (WERC) in-
tern.
2016 **NEW YORK STATE IRONWORKERS DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Organizing Intern.
2015-2016 **PUBLICS, DOMAINS AND ACCESS (DPYA)**
Researcher