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EDUCATION

- 2007: Post-doctorate in Demography: University of Wisconsin-Madison (U.S.A.)
- 2004: PhD in Sociology: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (U.S.A.)
- 1997: Bachelor of Arts in Sociology: University of California-Los Angeles (U.S.A.)

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-present: Collaborateur Scientifique at the Faculty of Language and Literature, Arts and Education (FLSHASE) of University of Luxembourg. Lead and coordinate the development of a new admissions exam, and procedures, for the Bachelors of Science in Education (BScE) program. A major goal of this project is to identify important noncognitive measures that are predictive of both success in college and teaching potential at the primary school level.
- 2007-2010: Research Analyst at American Institutes for Research (AIR) in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. Helped develop innovative measure of socioeconomic status (SES) using geo-referencing census data and oversaw Background Variable item development on behalf of the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) study.
- 2004-2007: Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) of University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI, U.S.A. Participated and collaborated on several demographic research projects using both cross-sectional and longitudinal data.
- 2003-2004: Research Associate at University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, MI, U.S.A. Population data research for General Motors Corporation. Responsible for preparing and presenting summary reports of demographic, social and economic trends based on Current Population Survey (CPS), General Social Science (GSS), Survey of Consumer Expenditure, and Census data.

EXPERTISE

- Project leadership and management: experience leading and coordinating the work of senior subject/policy-experts, mid-level colleagues, and research assistants; and developing and maintaining effective interagency partnerships and interdisciplinary team efforts.
- Subject matter expertise: social inequality and stratification, particularly issues concerning education, race/ethnicity, and immigrant status; higher education admissions; measurement of noncognitive psychosocial constructs; and diffusion of technological innovations.
- Technical expertise: large-scale item development; quantitative research methods; survey design and implementation; analyses of cross-sectional and longitudinal survey data; and psychometrics.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

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- Rivas, Salvador, Gilbert Busana, Marilyn Binkley, and Romain Martin. (2012) "Improving Admission Decisions for a Teacher Training Program: The Case of a Multilingual and Multicultural Environment." Paper presented at annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association (AERA) held on April 13-17, 2012 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Dogan, Enis and Salvador Rivas. (2012) "A Blind Item-Review Process as a Method to Investigate Item Characteristics in Measuring Diverse Populations." Paper presented at annual meetings of the National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) held on April 14-16, 2012 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Rivas, Salvador, Robert M. Hauser, and Vicky Chang. (2011) "Toward a Revised Socioeconomic Index using the American Community Survey, 2000-2006." Poster presented at the annual Spring meetings of the International Sociological Association (ISA) Research Committee on Social Stratification (RC28) held on April 13-16, 2011 at the University of Essex, UK.
- Ogut, Burhan and Salvador Rivas. (2011) "Deciphering Socioeconomic Status: Understanding the Association Between SES and Student Background Variables in the National Assessment of Educational Progress." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association in New Orleans, LA held April 8 – April 12, 2011.
- Wilson, Franklin D., Uzi Rebhun, and Salvador Rivas. 2011. "Population Change and Changing Educational Attainment of Ethnic Groups in the United States, 1980-2000." *Population Research and Policy Review*, 30: 639-659.
- Rivas, Salvador and Burhan Ogut. (2010) "Understanding the Association Between the National School Lunch Program, SES, and Reading Among Grade 8 Students in NAEP." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association in Denver, Colorado held April 30 - May 4, 2010.
- Rivas, Salvador and Ebony L. Walton. (2010) "Looking to the Past, to help the Future: Using Retired NAEP Variables to Improve ELL Identification." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Educational Research Association in Denver, Colorado held April 30 - May 4, 2010.
- Rivas, Salvador. (2007) "Digital Inequality Among U.S. Latinos: What do we know? What do we want to know?" Invited presentation at eChicago: Understanding and Implementing Local Community Use of Information Technology symposium hosted by the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Dominican University on April 20, 2007.
- Freese, Jeremy, Salvador Rivas, and Eszter Hargittai. 2006. "Cognitive Ability and Internet Use Among Older Adults." *Poetics*, 34:236-249.
- Rivas, Salvador, Gilbert Brenes, and Julieta Perez Amador. (2006) "Analfabetismo Cibernético: Una Nueva Dimensión de la Desigualdad Social en Latinoamérica." ["Cybernetic Illiteracy: A New Dimension of Social Inequality in Latin America."] Paper presented at the 2nd Congress of the Population Association of Latin America (ALAP) in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico held September 3-5, 2006.
- Freese, Jeremy, Salvador Rivas, and Eszter Hargittai. (2006) "Cognitive Skills and Internet Use among Older Adults." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada held August 10-14, 2006.
- Rivas, Salvador and Jeremy Freese. (2006) "Income and Digital Inequalities in the United States." Invited presentation at the annual IRP Summer Research Workshop: Current Research on the Low-Income Population in Madison, Wisconsin held June 19-22, 2006.
- Freese, Jeremy and Salvador Rivas. (2005) "Cognition, Personality, and the Sociology of Response to Social Change: The Case of Internet Adoption." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Gerontological Society of America in Orlando, Florida.

- Salvador Rivas. (2005) "The Divide in the Digital Divide: Race and Ethnic Differences in Computer Ownership, 1984-2003." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Pedraza, Silvia and Salvador Rivas. (2005) "Family and Work: Immigrant Self-employment Among Latin American and Asian Immigrants in the U. S. in 2000." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Pedraza, Silvia and Salvador Rivas. (2005) "Immigrant Self-employment Among Latin American and Asian Immigrants in the U. S. in 2000: A Tale of Resources, A Tale of Cities." Invited presentation at Mexican Immigrant Entrepreneurs mini-conference hosted by the UCLA Latin American Center, Los Angeles, California.
- Rivas, Salvador. (2005) "Exploring the Divide in the Digital Divide: The Effect of Race/Ethnicity on Computer Ownership in United States, 1984 – 2003." Poster presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Poster Session-2 Winner.
- Rivas, Salvador and Justin L. Thomas. (2003) "Data in the Classroom: South Africa Distance Learning Project." Presented at the Biennial Meeting of ICPSR Official Representatives, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- Rivas, Salvador. (2003) "The U.S. Digital Divide: Race, SES, and Social Context as Predictors of Computer Ownership, 1997-2001." Paper presented in round table session at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in Atlanta, Georgia.
- Manfreda, Katja L., Mick Couper, Mateja Vohar, Salvador Rivas, and Vasja Vehovar. 2002 "Virtual Selves and Web Surveys." *Developments in Social Science Methodology*, 18: 187-213.
- Rivas, Salvador and Mateja Vohar. (2001) "Virtual Selves and Web Surveys." Paper presented at the International Conference on Methodology & Statistics, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- Rivas, Salvador. (2001) "A Closer Look at the U.S. Digital-Divide." Graduate Student Webshop, University of Maryland.
- Pedraza, Silvia and Salvador Rivas. (1999) "Immigrant Self-Employment: A Reassessment of the Role of Social Capital Among Immigrants from Latin America and Asia in the U.S. in 1990," Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- Rivas, Salvador. (1997) "Educational Attainment as a Function of Delayed Acculturation." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association in Toronto, Canada.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Co-instructor. (June 23rd – June 28th, 2008). "Introduction to the Malawi DHS: Demographic and Socio-Economic Analysis using Stata" Chancellor College, Zomba, Malawi in collaboration with the World Bank.
- Co-instructor. (January 20 – January 31, 2003). "Analysis of Survey Data for Social Science Research" Department of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa in collaboration with the School of Public Policy, University of Michigan.
- Co-instructor. (January 21 – February 1, 2002). "Analysis of Survey Data for Social Science Research" Department of Economics, University of Cape Town, South Africa in collaboration with the School of Public Policy, University of Michigan.
- Rivas, Salvador. Graduate Student Instructor. (Winter 2000) "Introduction to Research Methods" Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.
- Rivas, Salvador. Graduate Student Instructor. (Fall 1999) "Elementary Statistics" Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.