

# JONATHAN CALVILLO

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## EDUCATION

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### **Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of California, Irvine** (expected March 2016)

Dissertation: "Diverging Pathways of Assimilation: The Influence of Religious Affiliation on the Ethnic Identity of Mexican Immigrants."

Committee: Stanley Bailey, Jennifer Lee, Jacob Avery, Glenda Flores

My dissertation examines the influence of religious affiliation on the ethnic identity construction of Catholic and Protestant Mexican immigrants in Santa Ana, CA. My findings suggest that Mexican ethnic identities diverge along religious lines, even as both comparison groups assert ethnic legitimacy and maintain commonalities across religions. Based on four years of field work and fifty in-depth interviews of Mexican immigrants, my data uncover several key spheres of social boundary work. Catholicism bolsters Mexican ethnicity via its homeland orientation while Protestantism draws from diverse cultural repertoires. Contested territories related to ethnicity are revealed in the intra-ethnic policing of Mexican authenticity, beliefs about the spirit realm, social network patterns, and attitudes toward ethnic enclaves. Beyond the religious sphere, my study carries broad implications for understanding Latino experiences of assimilation, civic engagement, and racialization.

Qualifying Exams: **Race and Ethnicity, Immigration**

Interdisciplinary Graduate Emphasis: **Chicano/Latino Studies**

### **M.A. Sociology, University of California, Irvine** (2011)

Thesis: Linguistic Acculturation and Religious Affiliation. Home English Usage and Religious Boundaries Among U.S. Latinos.

### **M.Div. Talbot School of Theology** *with honors* (2004)

Emphasis: Intercultural Studies

Research: Ethnography of faith-based inner-city non-profit organization.

### **B.A. Biola University** *with high honors* (2000)

Psychology and Theology (double major)

## AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

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Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Sociology of Religion, Latino Sociology, Urban Sociology

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Calvillo, Jonathan E.** and Stanley R. Bailey. 2015. "Latino Religious Affiliation and Ethnic Identity." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 54(1): 57-78.

**Calvillo, Jonathan E.** Forthcoming. "The Living Borderlands: The Persistent Borderland Presence in Southern California Latino Protestant Congregations." Edited volume on Religion in Los Angeles, edited by Richard Flory and Diane Winston. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

In Progress:

**Calvillo, Jonathan E.** "Latinos, Hip Hop, and the Colorline: Navigating Racial Identities in the Hip Hop Community"

**Calvillo, Jonathan E.** "Ethnic Authenticity in the Barrio: The Ethnic Self-identification of Mexican Immigrants Along Religious Lines."

**Calvillo, Jonathan E.** "Fluency, Confluence, and Fluidity: Boundary Processes in a Latino Evangelical Church."

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

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**Louisville Institute** Dissertation Fellowship (2015-2016)

**Latino Protestant Congregations Project** Research Fellowship (2014-2016)

**Forum for Theological Exploration** Dissertation Fellowship (2014-2015)

Wabash Center Teaching and Learning Workshop (2015)

Forum for Theological Exploration Writer's Workshop (2014)

**UC Irvine** Summer Research Fellowship (2014)

**Institute for the Study of American Evangelicalism** Luce Research Grant(2014)

**UC Irvine** Associate Dean's Fellowship (2013)

**UC Irvine** Graduate Student Researcher (2012)

**Lausanne Committee** Delegate for Younger Leaders Gathering, Malaysia (2006)

**Talbot School of Theology** Students of Underrepresented Groups Scholarship (2002-2004)

**Leighton Ford Foundation** Sandy Ford Fellowship (2001-2003)

**Biola University** Epsilon Kappa Epsilon Honor Society (2000)

**Psi Chi** National Honor Society for Psychology majors (1998-2000)

**Biola University** Highest Honors Academic Scholarship (1996-2000)

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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**Instructor**, Biola University, La Mirada, CA; Sociology Dept. one-year appt. (2015-2016)  
Course: Introduction to Sociology

**Adjunct Professor**, Biola University, La Mirada, CA; Sociology Department (2012-2013)  
Course: Introduction to Sociology (taught four sections total)

**Adjunct Professor**, Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, CA; Sociology Department (2012)  
Course: Immigration in the Americas

**Teaching Assistant**, UC Irvine (2009-2014):  
Courses: Race and Ethnicity, Intro to Sociology, Mexican Politics, U.S. Mexico Border, Intro to Chicano Studies, Intro to Gangs, Sociology of Religion, Media Writing

**Hispanic Programs Coordinator**, Vanguard University (2005-2008):  
Responsibilities: El Puente Latino Student Association Advisor, Masters in Theological Studies Program Coordinator, CINCEL Language Program Coordinator

**Teaching Assistant**, Biola University (2000-2003):  
Courses in Intercultural Studies Department

## ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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"The Ethnic Self-identification of Mexican Immigrants Along Religious Lines." Paper selected for presentation at **American Sociological Association** National Conference, Chicago, IL (August 2015)

"The Diversity of Cultural Influences in Latino Evangelical Worship Practices." Paper selected for presentation at **Society for the Scientific Study of Religion** Annual Meeting, Newport Beach, CA (October 2015)

"The Underlying Influence of Borderland Mexicans on Diverse Latino Evangelical Churches in Southern California." Paper selected for presentation at **Association for the Sociology of Religion** annual meeting, Chicago, IL (August 2015)

"Fluency, Confluence, and Fluidity: The Flow of Cultural Production Streams in Latino Protestant Congregations." Research findings presented at the **Latino Protestant Congregations Seminar** at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (June 2015)

"The Living Borderlands: The Persistent Borderland Presence in Southern California Latino Protestant Congregations." Research findings presented at the **Latino Protestant Congregations Seminar** at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI (June 2015)

“Partaking of the Presence,” an ethnography of a Latino Pentecostal church. Presented at **American Sociological Association** National Conference, San Francisco, CA (2014)

“Latinos, Hip Hop, and the Colorline,” presented at **American Sociological Association** National Conference, New York, NY (2013)

“Religious Affiliation and Linguistic Acculturation,” presented at **American Sociological Association** National Conference, Denver, CO (2012)

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

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**Latino Protestant Congregations** Project Research Fellow (2014-2017):  
Southern California researcher/representative of national qualitative study on Latino Protestant Churches; involves participant observation and in-depth interviews.

**Latino ethnic boundaries** lived out within ethnic and religious communities (2012-2015):  
Research on how religious affiliation influences the social organization of ethnic neighborhoods. Questions of ethnic identity and social networks are central to this study; involves field observation, participant observation, and in-depth interviews.

**Latino hip hop artists** and ethno-racial identity construction (2012):  
Interviewed Latino hip hop artists on their experiences of racialization. Conducted participant observation work within urban arts scene to examine racial boundary crossing.

**Latino Pentecostal church** ethnography (2011-2012):  
Conducted participant observation and in-depth interviews at a Latino Pentecostal mega-church to understand the cultural toolkit that parishioners gain from their religious experience.

**Latino Linguistic Acculturation and Religious Affiliation** (2010-2014):  
Analyzed quantitative data from a Pew Hispanic Center study on Latino religions; examined how religious affiliation correlates with markers of assimilation and acculturation.

**Jesse Miranda Center for Hispanic Leadership organizational assessment** (2006):  
Conducted focus groups of community leaders, faculty members, and institutional administrators to assess the effectiveness of the organization in light of community needs.

**Community non-profit organization ethnography** (2001-2003):  
Examined the relationship between a community based organization in Santa Ana, CA and its surrounding inner-city neighborhood. Assessed needs of the community and services offered by organization. Conducted informal interviews and field observation.

**Community Demographic Consultation**, Arroyo Grande, CA (2000):  
Conducted residential surveys in an under-resourced community and assessed data for a start-up non-profit organization.

## SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

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Presenter, **Cesar Chavez Celebration** and Youth Conference, Santa Ana, CA (2013)  
Presenter, Biola University **Multi-Ethnic Programs** (2011)  
Presenter, Vanguard University **Latino Programs** (2011)  
Panelist, UCI **Latina/o Student Psychological Association** graduate student panel (2010)  
Presenter, Biola University **Student Congress on Racial Reconciliation**, “Latinos in Higher Education” (2008)  
Presenter, **Urban Youth Workers Institute**, Azusa Pacific University, seminar on religious movements in urban contexts (2007)  
Keynote Speaker, Point Loma Nazarene University, “El Encuentro **Latino Student Conference**” (2006)

## SELECTED NON-ACADEMIC COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ROLES

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**Peer Mentor**, UCI Graduate Sociology Department (2014-2015)  
**Mentor**, worked with college interns within Kidworks **Urban Immersion** Program (2011)  
**Community Organizer**, Santa Ana **Building Healthy Communities** Summer Program (2010)  
**Mentor Coordinator**, mentoring program for **at-risk youth** in Santa Ana, CA (2008-2009)  
**Co-founder**, Saint City Session **urban arts** program for at-risk youth, Santa Ana, CA (2007)  
**Coordinator**, Youthworks **urban leadership** program, Santa Ana, CA (2004-2005)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
American Academy of Religion

## LANGUAGE

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Spanish, full fluency: Reading, writing, and speaking

## REFERENCES

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Upon Request