

Valeria Bonatti
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- PhD: Department of Sociology, the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign (2017)
Dissertation Title: “Resistance and Waste Work: Women and Environmentalism in Campania, Italy”
Committee: Tim Liao (chair), Zsuzsa Gille (co-chair), Asef Bayat, Behrooz Ghamari-Tabrizi, Faranak Miraftab
- MA: Department of Middle Eastern Studies, the University of Naples L’Orientale (2010)
- BA: Department of Middle Eastern Studies, the University of Naples L’Orientale (2008)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Current: Global Studies Lecturer and Undergraduate Adviser
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- 2018 Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology
Bard College and Bard College Prison Initiative

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2019 **Valeria Bonatti**, Alvise Del Pra, Brunella Rallo and Maddalena Tirabbassi *Famiglie Transnazionali Dell’Italia che Emigra (Transnational Families of Italian Emigrants)* Edited by Celid – Centro Altreitalie.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2019 **Bonatti, Valeria**, and Zsuzsa Gille “Changing Registers of Visibility: Female Immigrant Domestic Workers in Naples.” *International Labor and Working-Class History* 95, 114-129.
doi:10.1017/S0147547919000085
- 2018 **Bonatti, Valeria**, and Parthiban Muniandy. “Defiant Aspirations: Migrant Women’s Critical Temporalities in Naples and Kuala Lumpur” *Migration Studies* (Published online October 29) doi: 10.1093/migration/mny039
- 2017 “Taking out the Garbage: Migrant women’s unseen environmental work” *European Journal of Women’s Studies* 25 no.1 41-55
- 2015 “Mobilizing Around Motherhood: Successes and challenges for women protesting against toxic waste in Campania, Italy” *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism* 26 no. 4 pp 158 - 175
- 2014 Muniandy, Parthiban, and **Valeria Bonatti**. “Are Migrants Agents or Instruments of Development? The Case of Temporary Migration in Malaysia” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 40 no. 11 pp 1836-1853.

Book Chapters

- 2018 Rallo, Brunella, **Valeria Bonatti** and Renata Rallo “Così lontani, così vicini: le aspettative delle famiglie sul rientro dei giovani italiani migrant” (Faraway, So Close: Italian families’ expectations of youth return migrations) Fondazione Migrantes *Rapporto Italiani nel Mondo* Edited by TAU, Todi (forthcoming)
- 2017 Rallo, Brunella, **Valeria Bonatti** and Giovanna Annunziata. “Genitorialità a Distanza: Le famiglie italiane dei giovani expats (Long-distance parenting: Italian families of young migrants)” in Fondazione Migrantes *Rapporto Italiani nel Mondo* Edited by TAU, Todi

In submission

Muniandy, Parthiban, and **Valeria Bonatti** “Fear, faith and brotherhood: Precarious masculinities of South Indian Men in Malaysia” *Gender, Place and Culture*

Brunella Rallo and **Valeria Bonatti** “Italiane e Transnazionali: Le famiglie dei cervelli in fuga” (Italian and Transnational: The families of Italian ‘brain-drainers’) *Campania Expats* (edited volume)

In preparation

Fires in the Night, Mothers on the Shore: A feminist analysis of Naples’ environmental crisis (Book manuscript)

Bonatti, Valeria, and Parthiban Muniandy “Sustaining Sustainable Development: Invisible Labor of Migrant Workers in Neoliberal Green Economies”

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2019 University of Illinois List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students (Global Health Governance; Global Development; Foundations of Social Research)
- 2018 University of Illinois Excellent Teachers (Global Health – Interventions and Evaluations)
- 2017 University of Illinois Excellent Teachers (Introduction to Global Studies)
- 2010-2016: Bastian Fellowship in Transnational Studies, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- 2015 University of Illinois Excellent Teachers (Advanced Methods of Field Research; Introduction to Sociology)
- 2013: Fellowship for the Transatlantic Summer Institute in European Studies
University of Minnesota
- 2012: Sociology Graduate Student Fellowship, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign.
- 2012 University of Illinois Excellent Teachers (Social Research Methods)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

- 2018 “Transnational Intersections” 14th Annual Congress of Qualitative Inquiry Champaign, IL
May 16-19

Panels and Sessions Presided

- 2019 “Foreign aid, NGOs, & Private corporations in Women's Lives” Full session of the 114th American Sociological Association Annual Meetings. New York, NY, August 10
- 2019 “Ambitions and Scientific Perspective”. Roundtable Session at the ASEAN-China’s Rise and the New Social Norms in Southeast Asia. Paris, France, February 1
- 2017 “Gender and Development”. Refereed Roundtable Session, American Sociological Association 112th Annual Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, August 13t

Papers

- 2019 Bonatti, Valeria. “In the Water – Mediterranean perspectives on displacement and refugees” Human Flows Panel Discussion. George Town, Penang, March 23
- 2019 **Bonatti, Valeria** and Parthiban Muniandy. “Sustaining Sustainabilities: Displaced Labor in Neoliberal Green Economies” Eastern Sociological Society 89th Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, March 15th

- 2018: **Bonatti, Valeria** and Parthiban Muniandy. "Sustaining Sustainabilities: Migrant Workers in Neoliberal Green Economies" 9th Annual Sociology of Development Meeting, Champaign IL, October 21
- 2018 "The Digital and the Male Gaze on Migrant Women: An ethnography of street harassment,". 13th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL, May 19
- 2018: "Contested Motherhood: Feminists, Catholics and Neo-Fascists in Campania's Green Alliances" Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February 23
- 2016: "Outsourcing Sustainability: Migrant domestic workers' recycling efforts in Naples, Italy" American Sociological Association 111th Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 29
- 2016: **Bonatti, Valeria** and Parthiban Muniandy. " Beyond Remittances and Care-giving: migrant women's aspirations and long-term plans in host societies". Comparative Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Seattle, WA, August 18
- 2016: "From Naples, Italy, to Rantoul, Illinois: Migrant' hidden waste labor". The Midwest as Wasteland: Mid-waste Symposium, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL May 8
- 2015: **Bonatti, Valeria** and Parthiban Muniandy. "Informality and Domestic Labor: Insights from migrant women's experiences". American Sociological Association 110th Annual Meeting, August 13, Chicago, IL
- 2015: "Enacting Academia and the Backgrounding of Positionalities". 11th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL, May 22
- 2014: "Feminization of Migration, Austerity and Household Politics: Exploitation and empowerment of migrant domestic workers in Italy". Migration without Boundaries Graduate Student Conference Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, October 10
- 2013: "Commissioners, Activists, and Maids: Authoritarian regimes and women's mobilization during a waste management crisis". American Sociological Association 108th Annual Meeting, Environment and Technology Roundtables, New York, NY, August 13
- 2012: "Operation White Christmas and Catholic identities in the North of Italy". 8th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL May 22

Campus Talks

- 2019 "Displacement and the Environment in the 21st Century" Solving the Refugee Crisis Workshop, organized by the University of Illinois Students for Environmental Concerns. Champaign, IL, April 24
- 2019 "Maternal Identities in Global Health Advocacy – The case of Campania's Cancer Clusters" Hosted by the American Medical Students Association. Urbana, Illinois, February 28

- 2017: “Participant Observations of the Male Gaze: From ethnography to academic writing”
Amber Buckley-Shaklee Graduate Student Conference, University of Illinois Urbana
Champaign
- 2017: “Beyond Maternal Identities: Feminism, Catholicism and Nationalism in Campania’s Anti-
Waste Movements” 7th Annual Ecofeminist Summit, University of Illinois Urbana
Champaign
- 2015: **Bonatti, Valeria** and Parthiban Muniandy. “Global Critical Temporalities: migrant women’s
aspirations and long-term plans”, Sociology Graduate Student Conference, University of
Illinois Urbana Champaign

PUBLIC AND MEDIA APPEAREANCES

- 2019: Rallo, Brunella, Maddalena Tirabbassi and **Valeria Bonatti**. “Famiglie senza confini. Sfide e
Opportunità” (*Families Without Borders. Challenges and Opportunities.*) Senate of the Italian
Republic, Isma Chamber 06/13/2019
- 2015: Bonatti, Valeria. Interviewed by Tom Garza. Immigration Forum Radio, Urbana, Illinois,
11/16/2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

Introduction to Global Studies; Introduction to Global Health; Global Health Governance; Global
Health Interventions and Evaluations; Development; Foundations of Research.

Ipoh Methodological Summer School

Critical ethnographies; Feminist Methodologies; Postcolonial Studies.

Bard College and Bard College Prison Initiative

Public Health and the Environment; Environment and Society in a Global Perspective; Global
Challenges of the 21st Century: An introduction to globalization; Introduction to Sociology

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Teaching Assistant.

Advanced Methods of Field Research (co-instructor); Technology and Society; Social Research
Methods; Introduction to Sociology

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- 2019- current ASEAN-China Norms Network. Engage scholars and students in research and
teaching activities on sustainable development in Southeast Asian countries, and on
the ethical and methodological challenges of conducting ethnographic fieldwork in
the Global South
- 2017 – current Research Associate for the Makran Association. Use qualitative and quantitative data
to investigate financial and social aspects Italy’s current brain-drain; designing
resources to young migrants’ families of origin

University of Illinois Urbana- Champaign, Research Assistant

- 2016-2017: Project “Immigrant Welcome Plans: Rustbelt Efforts to Retain and Attract Immigrants” Advisor: Stacy Harwood
Conducted secondary source research and compiling literature reviews on migration, refugee resettlement and development in the United States
- Winter 2015: Project “The Midwest as Wasteland” Advisor Zsuzsa Gille
Conducting archival analysis, ethnographic interviews and community outreach on the intersections of migration and waste work
- Summer 2013: Sociology Top-Ten Initiative, Advisors: Anna Maria Marshall and Daniel Steward
Developing accessible course materials for online and traditional iterations of Introduction to Sociology
- Spring 2013 Food and Society Course Development, Advisor Zsuzsa Gille. Compiled readings and produced in-class activities for a perspective undergraduate course on food and society.
- Fall 2012: Project “The American University Meets the Pacific Century” Advisors Tim Liao and Nancy Abelmann. Conducted survey and ethnographic research with international students at the University of Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Assistant Instructional Designer

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| Center for Teaching and Learning with Technologies | (Summer 2017) |
| Teaching and Learning with Technology | (Summer 2016) |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Profession

Moodle Advisory Committee for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 2016-2017

Organizing Committee in Annual Graduate Student Conference, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 2017

Mentor in Sociology Graduate Student Peer-Mentoring Program, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 2015

Sociology Program Mental Health Working Group, Graduate Student Representative, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 2015

Student Representative in Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, 2012

To Community

Labor-Management Relations representative, The Graduate Employee Organization 2013-2015

Steward for Sociology in the Graduate Employee Organization 2012-2013

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2013- present: American Sociological Association

2016- present: International Studies Association

2017- present: Eastern Sociological Society

LANGUAGES

Italian (native speaker)

Turkish (intermediate reading, writing, speaking)

French (beginner speaking, intermediate reading)

REFERENCES

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