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## INTERESTS & EXPERTISE

► Economic and social development, including: race relations; the educational system; affirmative action; socioeconomic inequalities due to race, class, and gender, in the context of social, political and religious institutions; urban v. rural development; poverty; human rights issues; social movements and political participation; Pentecostalism; immigration; life satisfaction; Latin America, Afro and Latino(a) studies.  
► Data-driven analyses for public policies assessment; data science, advanced regression analysis, categorical and limited dependent variable analysis, data management, survey research, and research design.

## EDUCATION

**The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX **spring 2013**  
Public Policy and Political Economy, Ph.D.  
Advisor: Brian J.L. Berry

Dissertation: *Effects of Racial Discrimination on High-School Performance and College Admission in Brazil*

**The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX **fall 2009**  
International Political Economy, M.Sc.  
*Graduated with High Distinction*

**Southern Methodist University**, Dallas, TX **spring 2007**  
International Relations, B.A. with a minor in French

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**Baruch College**, CUNY, New York, NY **fall 2017–present**  
Substitute Assistant Professor

**Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ **spring–summer 2017**  
Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology (Program in Latino Studies)

**The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX **fall 2013–summer 2017**  
Research Associate, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Advisor: Brian J.L. Berry

**The University of Texas at Dallas**, Richardson, TX **spring 2011–spring 2013**  
Teaching Assistant

## HONORS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

2017 *Summer Course for Research Design supported by the NSF*  
2015–2016 *EPPS Outstanding Teaching Comet Award at UTD*  
2014–2015 *EPPS Outstanding Teaching Comet Award at UTD*  
2014 *Mentor - UTD Undergraduate Research Award*  
2014 *Artinian Travel Award SPSA*  
2013–2014 *EPPS Outstanding Teaching Comet Award at UTD*  
2012 *Pan American Scholarship at UTD*  
2011–2013 *The Provost TA Scholarship at UTD (\$56,500)*  
2010 *Good Neighbor Scholarship Program at UTD (\$12,000)*  
2005–2007 *Honor Transfer Scholarship at SMU (\$25,000)*  
2003 *Rising Star Scholarship at North Lake College (\$15,000)*  
2003 *John Stipes Motivational Scholarship, Irving Schools Foundation (\$5,000)*

- PUBLICATIONS: [13] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R.R.**, “Livability and Subjective Well-being Across European Cities.” *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, DOI 10.1007/s11482-017-9587-7, 2018.
- PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES  
\* *first author*
- [12] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R. R.**, “Life Satisfaction of Career Women and Housewives.” *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, DOI 10.107/s11482-017-9547-2, 2017.
- [11] **Valente, R. R.\*** and Holmes, J. S., “*Vamos Para Rua!* - Taking to the Streets, Protest in Brazil” *Brasiliana - Journal for Brazilian Studies*, 5(2): 2017.
- [10] **Valente, R. R.**, “The Vicious Circle: Effects of Race and Class on University Entrance in Brazil.” *Race Ethnicity and Education*, 20(6): 2017.
- [9] **Valente, R. R.\*** and Brian J.L. Berry, “Performance of Students Admitted through Affirmative Action in Brazil,” *Latin American Research Review*, 52(1): 18-34, 2017.
- [8] **Valente, R. R.\*** and Brian J.L. Berry, “Effects of Perceived Discrimination on the School Satisfaction of Brazilian High School Graduates.” *Brasiliana - Journal for Brazilian Studies*, 5(1): 405-440, 2016.
- [7] **Valente, R. R.\*** and Brian J.L. Berry, “Acculturation of Immigrant Latinos into the U.S. Workplace: Evidence from the Working Hours-Life Satisfaction Relationship” *Applied Research in Quality of Life*, 12(2): 451-479, 2016.
- [6] **Valente, R. R.**, “The Impact of Race and Social Economic Status on University Admission at the University of São Paulo.” *Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies Journal* 11(2): 95-118, 2016.
- [5] **Valente, R. R.\*** and Brian J.L. Berry, “Dissatisfaction with city life? Latin America revisited,” *Cities - The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning*, 50: 62-67, 2016.
- [4] **Valente, R. R.\*** and Brian J.L. Berry, “Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States.” *Journal of Happiness Studies*, 17(3), 1173-1204, 2016.
- [3] **Valente, R. R.\*** and Brian J.L. Berry, “Countering Inequality: Brazil’s *Movimento Sem-Terra*.” *Geographical Review*, 105(3): 1-20, 2015.
- [2] **Valente, R. R.** “From Inception to Present: The Diminishing Role of Women in the *Congregação Cristã no Brasil*.” *PNEUMA - The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies*, 37(1), 2015.
- [1] **Valente, R. R.** “Institutional Explanations for the Decline of the *Congregação Cristã no Brasil*.” *PentecoStudies: An Interdisciplinary Journal for Research on the Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements*, 14(1), 2015.
- **Valente, R. R.** “Effects of Racial Discrimination on High School Performance and College Admission in Brazil.” The University of Texas at Dallas, ProQuest, UMI dissertation, 2013
- EDITORIAL WORK Section Editor, “Pentecostalism in Latin America,” *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions*, edited by Henri Gooren (New York: Springer References, forthcoming, 2018).
- BOOK CHAPTER Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R. R.**, “City Life: Glorification, Desire, and the Unconscious Size Fetish” In Ilan Kapoor (Ed.) *Psychoanalysis and the Global*, Lincoln, NE: University of Nebraska Press, forthcoming, 2018.
- UNDER REVIEW **Valente, R.R.** and Berry, B.J.L., “Housing Segregation by Skin Color in Brazil,” *This paper explores patterns of residential segregation by skin color in metropolitan areas in Brazil. (Revise and Resubmit)*
- Valente, R.R.** and Okulicz-Kozaryn, “Circle of Trust: the More Believing, the Less Belonging—How Individual and Social Forms of Religiosity Affect Trust.” *We use the GSS to investigate the relationship between trust (belief) in God and trust in people (interpersonal trust).*
- Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R.R.**, “No Urban Malaise for Millennials.” (Revise and Resubmit) *We use the GSS to examine the urban-rural happiness gradient among different generations in the U.S.*

Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R.R.**, “Urban Misanthropy: Cities and Dislike of Humankind.” *We use pooled GSS data to investigate the relationship between urbanism and misanthropy.*

CURRENT  
PROJECTS

“The Pursuit of Happiness: Afro-descendants and subjective well-being in Latin America.” *Assessing happiness of Afro-descendants using survey data from LAPOP.*

“The Gender Gap in American Politics: An Urban-Rural Schism,” collaboration with Brian J.L. Berry and Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn. *Controlling for individual voters’ traits, we find that differences in the preference for governmental action to address social problems lie at the heart of the gender gap in American Politics.*

“Median Voters’ Happiness Cycles in the United States along the Nation’s Principal Political fault line,” collaboration with Brian J.L. Berry and Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn. *We examine how the rise and fall of median voter’s unhappiness drives regime change between the two major political parties.*

“*Como Vamos?* - Assessing Quality of Life in *Favelas* and *Comunas*,” collaboration with Jennifer S. Holmes. *Using data provided by Comovamos we analyze the quality of life in Brazilian favelas and Colombian comunas.*

“Religiosity and Life Satisfaction in Latin America and the Caribbean.” *Assessing how religion affects life satisfaction in Latin America and the Caribbean using survey data from LAPOP.*

CONFERENCES &  
INVITED TALKS

“Residential Segregation by Skin Color- Brazil Revisited,” 76th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, April 5-8, 2018.

“Measuring Race in Brazil Negro, Mulato, Moreno—Does Skin Tone Matter?” Paper accepted at the Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), XIV International Congress, July 25-28, 2018.

“City Life and Millennials: Urban Malaise Re-examined.” Paper presented at *Healthy Cities Conference*, Baruch College, City University of New York, October 16th, 2017.

“The Pursuit of Happiness: Afro-descendants’ subjective well being in Latin America.” Paper accepted at the American Association of Geographers (AAG), April 5-9, 2017.

Invited Talk. “Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States.” Clarkson University, March 30, 2017.

“Afro-Descendants and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Paper accepted at the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS), 48th Annual Meeting, March 15-18, 2017.

“Changing Tides - A Historical Account of the Role of Women in the Christian Congregation in Brazil (Congregação Cristã no Brasil - CCB).” Paper accepted at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 45th Annual Meeting, March 9-11, 2017.

“Afro-Descendants and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Paper accepted at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), 88th Annual Meeting, January 12-14, 2017.

Invited Talk. “Election Predictions and Confidence Intervals.” Baruch College, City University of New York, December 15, 2016.

“The Fallacy of Under-performing Affirmative Action Students: Evidence from Brazil.” Paper accepted at Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA) 2016 Congress - Brown University, March 31–April 2, 2016.

“The Diminishing Role of Women in the Congregação Cristã no Brasil (CCB).” Paper accepted at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 45th Annual Meeting, March 10–12, 2016.

Invited Talk. “Race and Educational Accessibility in Brazil: From Racial Democracy to Affirmative Action,” and “An Introduction to Research and Survey Design,” Miami University, March 4, 2016.

Invited Talk. "Race and Educational Accessibility in Brazil: From Racial Democracy to Affirmative Action." University of North Carolina Charlotte, February 24, 2016.

"Effects of Perceived Discrimination on School Satisfaction in Brazil." Paper accepted at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), October 15–17, 2015. Presenter and Session Chair.

"Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States." Paper accepted at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), October 15–17, 2015. Presenter and Session Chair.

"Acculturation or Value Difference? Working Hours and Life Satisfaction among Latinos in the United States." Paper accepted at the International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), October 15–17, 2015. Presenter and Session Chair.

Invited Panelist. UT Dallas Hispanic Heritage Month. "Call Me Latino." October 6, 2015.

"Vamos para Rua! Taking to the Streets! Protests in Brazil." Paper accepted at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), XXXIII International Congress, May 27–30, 2015.

Invited Interview, "Working Hours and Life Satisfaction: A cross-cultural comparison of Latin America and the United States" at Brian Lehrer TV - Public Intellectual Segment CUNY TV, May 7th, 2015.

"Racial Discrimination and University Entrance in Brazil." Paper accepted at the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA), 73rd Annual Meeting, April 16–19, 2015.

"A Century of Change in the Congregação Cristã no Brasil." Paper accepted at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 44th Annual Meeting, March 12–14, 2015.

Invited Panelist. The EPPS Professional Development Workshop: "Teaching Your First College Class," The University of Texas at Dallas, February 6th, 2015.

"Performance of Students Admitted Through Affirmative Action Policies in Brazil." Paper accepted at the Southern Political Science Association (SPSA), 86th Annual Meeting, January 15–17, 2015.

Invited Panelist. "The Puzzle of the Americas: A Weeklong Journey into the Complexity of U.S.- Latin America Relations." Human Rights Panel. Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX. April 2013.

## TEACHING

Semester	Course	Students Evaluation
2018 Spring	PAF 9172 - Regression and Analysis II	—
2018 Spring	PAF 3405 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	—
2018 Spring	PAF 3405 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	—
2018 Spring	PAF 3105 - Principles of Survey Research	—
2017 Fall	PAF 9172 - Regression and Analysis II	4.71/5 = Excellent
2017 Fall	PAF 3405 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.85/5 = Excellent
2017 Fall	PAF 3105 - Principles of Survey Research	4.42/5 = Very Good
2017 Spring	LAO 200 - Latinos in American Life and Culture	4.30/5 = Very Good
2016 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.94/5 = Excellent
2015 Fall	IPEC 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.96/5 = Excellent
2015 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.94/5 = Excellent
2014 Fall	IPEC 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.97/5 = Excellent
2014 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.88/5 = Excellent
2013 Fall	ISSS 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.77/5 = Excellent
2013 Spring	EPPS 3405 - Introduction to Social Statistics with Lab	4.67/5 = Excellent
2012 Fall	ISSS 3349 - World Resources and Development	4.85/5 = Excellent
2012 Spring	SOC 3336 - Culture Regions Brazil	4.85/5 = Excellent

(Course Evaluations and Syllabi available upon request)

MENTORING	Undergraduate Faculty Mentor <i>Second Reader for Ana Nicole Giron Vives' Senior Honor Thesis.</i>	<b>Summer 2015</b>
	Undergraduate Faculty Mentor <i>Mentor for UTD Undergraduate Research Award recipient, Dakota A. McCarty.</i>	<b>2014–2015</b>
	Faculty advisor for UTD IGNITE Student Association Chapter <i>IGNITE builds political ambition in young women via college programs that provide political and civic training and education.</i>	<b>2013–2017</b>
SERVICE	Brazil Initiation Scholarship Committee Chairperson <i>The Brazilian Studies Association is an international, interdisciplinary group of scholars who support and promote Brazilian studies in all fields, especially in the humanities and social sciences.</i>	<b>2016–present</b>
	Faculty Associate at the Center for U.S. Latin American Initiatives (CUSLAI) <i>The Center for U.S.-Latin America Initiatives mission is to enhance the academic relationship and understanding between UT Dallas students and faculty with their Latin American counterparts, using an interdisciplinary approach to support the University's mission of preparing students for life and leadership in a constantly changing world</i>	<b>2015–2017</b>
	Organized event: "Stop Human Trafficking" <i>Featured Rolando Lopez, the CEO and founder of "Orphan Secure," and Carrie Gurley from "We are Cherished." Organized in collaboration with IPESA, IGNITE and IJM (UTD student organizations).</i>	<b>November 4th, 2015</b>
	Organized event: "Paraguay: Emerging in the Heart of South America" <i>Featured Ambassador Igor Pangrazio of Paraguay. Organized in collaboration with IPESA (UTD student organization) and EPPS.</i>	<b>April 9th, 2015</b>
	Organized event: "Stop Human Trafficking" <i>Featured Rolando Lopez, the CEO and founder of Orphan Secure. Organized in collaboration with IPESA, IGNITE and IJM (UTD student organizations).</i>	<b>November 5th, 2014</b>
Reviewer for journal article submissions:	<b>2014–present</b>	
	<i>Journal of Happiness Studies</i>	
	<i>Applied Research in Quality of Life</i>	
	<i>Race and Social Problems</i>	
	<i>PLOS One</i>	
	<i>Journal of Human Security</i>	
	<i>Harvard Undergraduate Research Journal</i>	
	<i>Social Science Research</i>	
	<i>Sociological Forum</i>	
PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION & MEMBERSHIP	LASA - Latin America Studies Association	<b>2014–present</b>
	SPSA - Southern Political Science Association	<b>2014–present</b>
	SPS - Society for Pentecostal Studies	<b>2014–present</b>
	BRASA - Brazilian Studies Association	<b>2015–present</b>
	MPSA - Midwest Political Science Association	<b>2015–present</b>
	AGS - American Geographical Society	<b>2015–present</b>
	ISQOLS - International Society for Quality of Life Studies	<b>2015–present</b>
AAG - American Association of Geographers	<b>2016–present</b>	
	NCOBPS - National Conference of Black Political Scientists	<b>2016–present</b>
TECHNICAL SKILLS	STATA, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, SPSS, Beamer, Qualtrics–Online Survey Software System, Gnuplot, HTML Git Version Control System, Data Management, Microsoft Office, Macintosh & Windows	
LANGUAGES	English (Fluent), Portuguese (Native), Spanish (Advanced), French (Advanced), Italian (Intermediate)	

## REFERENCES

**Prof. Brian J. L. Berry**

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