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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; social movements and political participation; Pentecostalism; immigration; life satisfaction and happiness; 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**
Doctor of Philosophy, Public Policy and Political Economy
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**
Master of Science, International Political Economy
Graduated with High Distinction

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX **spring 2007**
Bachelor of Arts, International Relations with a minor in French

EMPLOYMENT

Baruch College, CUNY, New York, NY **fall 2018–present**
Assistant Professor

Baruch College, CUNY, New York, NY **fall 2017–summer 2018**
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: [15] **Valente, R.R.*** and Brian J.L. Berry, "Residential Segregation by Skin Color: Brazil Revisited," *Latin American Research Review*, forthcoming.
- PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES
- [14] Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R. R.**, "No Urban Malaise for Millennials." *Regional Studies*, DOI 10.1080/00343404.2018.1453130, 2018.
- * first author
- [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.
- [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" *Brasiliiana - 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." *Brasiliiana - 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).
- ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES "Congregação Cristã no Brasil," Pentecostalism in Latin America, *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions*, New York: Springer, 2018
- "The Twelve Articles of Faith," Pentecostalism in Latin America, *Encyclopedia of Latin American Religions*, New York: Springer, 2018
- BOOK CHAPTERS 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, 2018.

- UNDER REVIEW **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.**, “Urban Misanthropy: Cities and Dislike of Humankind.” *We use GSS data to investigate the relationship between urbanism and misanthropy. (Revise and Resubmit)*
- Okulicz-Kozaryn, A. and **Valente, R.R.**, “The Perennial Dissatisfaction of Urban Upbringing.” *We use GSS data to provide new evidence to the urban malaise (unhappiness) hypothesis: Urban upbringing results in high levels of unhappiness later in life.*
- CURRENT PROJECTS: ARTICLES “The Pursuit of Happiness: Afro-descendants and subjective well-being in Latin America.” *Assessing happiness of Afro-descendants using survey data from LAPOP.*
- “Measuring race in Brazil - Does skin tone matter?” *Assessing the effect of skin tone on different life domains of Afro-descendants using LAPOP.*
- “The Gender Gap in American Politics: An Urban-Rural Schism,” collaboration with Brian J.L. Berry and Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn. *We analyze 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.*
- “The Perennial Dissatisfaction of Urban Upbringing,” collaboration with Adam Okulicz-Kozaryn. *We analyze how growing up in a city will affect one’s happiness levels later in life.*
- “Como Vamos? - Assessing Quality of Life in Favelas and Comunas.” *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.*
- BOOK “The Christian Congregation in Brazil - Inception, Doctrine, Practices and Contemporary Trends in a Pentecostal Church,” Book project for CHARIS: Christianity and Renewal Interdisciplinary Studies Series, Palgrave Macmillan.
- MEDIA PUBLICITY “Symposium offers insight to human rights in Latin America” at Daily Toreador - Texas Tech, April 11, 2013.
- “Not all Pentecostals are growing in Latin America” at Religion Watch Archives, March 1, 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.
- “Millennials are happiest in cities” at CITYLAB, June 29, 2018.
- “C”mon Get Happy: Study Tracks Generational Joy by Region” at Professional Builder, June 29, 2018.
- “Millennials are happiest in big cities, but they’re being priced out” at Inman News, July 9, 2018.
- “Millennials viven mas felices en ciudades que en pequenos poblados” at El Tiempo, July 12, 2018.
- “Welcome to suburbia: the millennials done with city life- and city prices” at The Guardian, July 26, 2018.

- CONFERENCES & INVITED TALKS “Urban Segregation and Urban Inequality” Paper accepted at the XXXVII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association, Boston, MA, May 24-27, 2019.
- “City Life and Millennials,” Paper accepted at the 49th Urban Affairs Association Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 24-17, 2019.
- “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.
- “Residential Segregation by Skin Color- Brazil Revisited,” Paper accepted at the 76th Annual Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Conference, April 5-8, 2018.
- “Growing up in a city will make you unhappy for the rest of your life” and “No urban Malaise for Millennials,” Papers accepted at the 16th International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies Conference (ISQOLS), March 21, 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 and presented 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 and presented 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 and presented at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 45th Annual Meeting, March 9-11, 2017.
- “Afro-Descendants and the Pursuit of Happiness.” Paper accepted and presented 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 and presented 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 and presented 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.

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

“Racial Discrimination and University Entrance in Brazil.” Paper accepted and presented 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 and presented at the Society for Pentecostal Studies (SPS), 44th Annual Meeting, March 12–14, 2015.

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

**PUBLIC
ENGAGEMENT**

Invited Facilitator. Urban Affairs Association Workshop: “Teaching Effectiveness Workshop for Instructors Serving First-Generation College Students,” Luskin Conference Center, April 24, 2019.

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

Invited Panelist. The EPPS Professional Development Workshop: “Teaching Your First College Class,” The University of Texas at Dallas, February 6th, 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
BARUCH COLLEGE	2019 Spring	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	—
	2019 Spring	PAF 9172 - Regression and Analysis II	—
	2018 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.78/5 = Excellent
	2018 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.54/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 9172 - Regression and Analysis II	4.59/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.75/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.93/5 = Excellent
	2018 Spring	PAF 3105 - Principles of Survey Research	4.38/5 = Very Good
	2017 Fall	PAF 9172 - Regression and Analysis II	4.71/5 = Excellent
	2017 Fall	PAF 3401 - Quantitative Methods for Policy & Practice	4.85/5 = Excellent
	2017 Fall	PAF 3105 - Principles of Survey Research	4.42/5 = Very Good
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY	2017 Spring	LAO 200 - Latinos in American Life and Culture	4.30/5 = Very Good
UT DALLAS	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

Summer 2015

Second Reader for UTD Undergraduate student Senior Honor Thesis, Ana Nicole Giron Vives.

- Undergraduate Faculty Mentor **2014–2015**
Mentor for UTD Undergraduate Research Award recipient, Dakota A. McCarty.
- Faculty advisor for UTD IGNITE Student Association Chapter **2013–2017**
IGNITE builds political ambition in young women via college programs that provide political and civic training and education.
- PROFESSIONAL SERVICE Facilitator for the Teaching Effectiveness Workshop for Instructors Serving First-Generation College Students at the Urban Affairs Association (UAA) 49th Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 24, 2019.
- Brazil Initiation Scholarship Committee Chairperson **2016–present**
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.
- UNIVERSITY SERVICE Faculty Supervisor **Oct 13-14, 2018**
Chaperoned and mentored six undergraduate students who were representing Baruch College at the Yale University International Policy Competition.
- Faculty Associate at the Center for U.S. Latin American Initiatives (CUSLAI) **2015–2017**
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
- Organized event: “Stop Human Trafficking” **November 4th, 2015**
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).
- Organized event: “Paraguay: Emerging in the Heart of South America” **April 9th, 2015**
Featured Ambassador Igor Pangrazio of Paraguay. Organized in collaboration with IPESA (UTD student organization) and EPPS.
- Organized event: “Stop Human Trafficking” **November 5th, 2014**
Featured Rolando Lopez, the CEO and founder of Orphan Secure. Organized in collaboration with IPESA, IGNITE and IJM (UTD student organizations).
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT Participant, Faculty Workshop on Genre Writing, Marxe School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY. October 25, 2018.
- Participant, Faculty Workshop on Responding with Impact to Student Writing, Marxe School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY. October 15, 2018.
- Participant, Faculty Seminar on Inclusive Pedagogy, Marxe School of Public and International Affairs and Bernard L. Schwartz Communication Institute, Baruch College, New York, NY. January–May, 2018.
- Participant, Summer Course for Research Design in the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SCRD), University of Florida, FL, July 16–22, 2017.
- JOURNAL REFEREE *Journal of Happiness Studies*
Applied Research in Quality of Life
Race and Social Problems
PLOS One
Journal of Human Security
Harvard Undergraduate Research Journal
Social Science Research
Sociological Forum
International Journal of Public Opinion Research

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION & MEMBERSHIP	LASA - Latin America Studies Association SPSA - Southern Political Science Association SPS - Society for Pentecostal Studies BRASA - Brazilian Studies Association MPSA - Midwest Political Science Association AGS - American Geographical Society ISQOLS - International Society for Quality of Life Studies AAG - American Association of Geographers NCOBPS - National Conference of Black Political Scientists	2014–present 2014–present 2014–present 2015–present 2015–present 2015–present 2015–present 2016–present 2016–present
TECHNICAL SKILLS	STATA, SPSS, L ^A T _E X, 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	To be provided upon request.	

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