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Employment **Princeton University**
Department of Sociology
Presidential Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Fall 2025-

University of California, Berkeley
Goldman School of Public Policy
Postdoctoral Researcher, Fall 2024-2025.

Education **University of California, Davis**
Ph.D., Sociology, 2024.

Pontificia Universidad Catolica, Chile
M.A. Sociology, 2014
B.A. Sociology, 2011

Dissertation **“Political Determinants of Population Health”**

Areas of Interest

Politics, Race and Ethnicity, Immigration, Health, Quantitative Methodology

Peer Reviewed Articles

Saadi A., Patler C., **Langer P.**, 2025. “Duration in Immigration Detention and Health Harms.” *JAMA Network Open*

Patler C., Saadi A., **Langer P.**, 2025. “The health-related experiences of detained immigrants with and without mental illness.” *Journal of Migration and Health*.

Hamilton E., Masferrer, C., **Langer, P.**, 2025. “Parent-child separation and plans for family reunification after deportation to Mexico from the United States.” *Migraciones Internacionales*

Langer P., Patler C., Hamilton E. 2024. “The 2016 US presidential election was disproportionately associated birth outcomes for infants born to Black and Hispanic mothers.” *Demography*

Patler, C., **Langer, P.**, 2024. “Has population mental health returned to pre-pandemic levels, among and between racialized groups and by immigration status?” *Social Science and Medicine-Mental Health*

Soto-Guerrero, S., Palacios, J., **Langer, P.**, Carrasco, C., Tupper-Satt, L., González-Otaíza, M., Pérez-Cruz, P. E., 2024. “Objective burden, caregiver psychological distress, and patient religion and quality of life are associated with high-intensity burden of care among caregivers of advanced cancer patients in a Latino population.” *Palliative and Supportive Care*

Hamilton, E. R., Masferrer, C., **Langer, P.**, 2022. “US Citizen Children De Facto Deported to Mexico.” *Population and Development Review*

Hamilton, E., **Langer, P.**, Patler, C., 2021. “DACA’s association with birth outcomes among Mexican-origin mothers in the United States.” *Demography*

Hamilton, E., Patler, C., **Langer, P.**, 2021. “The Life-Course Timing of Legalization: Evidence from the DACA Program.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*

Pérez-Cruz, P. E., **Langer, P.**, Carrasco, C., Bonati, P., Batic, B., Tupper-Satt, L., Gonzalez-Otaiza, M., 2019. “Spiritual Pain Is Associated with Decreased Quality of Life in Advanced Cancer Patients in Palliative Care: An Exploratory Study.” *Journal of Palliative Medicine*

Under Review and in Preparation

“The Effect of Presidential Campaign Rallies on Infant Health: Evidence from the 2016 U.S. election”

“Punitive Spending and Racial Inequality in Mortality Across U.S. States”

“Democratic Erosion and Population Health: The Effect of Polling Place Closures After the Voting Rights Act’s Rollback”

“Punishment and Population Health” *with Catherine Duarte*

“The Lasting Association between Interrupted Medical Care During Immigration Detention and Mental Health Outcomes” *with Caitlin Patler and Altaf Saadi*

Fellowships and Grants

2023/24	UC Davis Dissertation Year Fellowship \$53,400
2022/23	UC Davis Sociology Department Graduate Program Fellowship \$12,976
2022	Dissertation Grant, Center for Poverty and Inequality Research, UC Davis
2021/22	UC Davis Sociology Department Research Grant
2021/22	UC Davis Sociology Department Travel Grant

Invited Presentations

Langer, Paola. 2025. “The Effect of Presidential Campaign Rallies on Infant Health: Evidence from the 2016 U.S. Election”

- University of Pennsylvania, Department of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, Perelman School of Medicine
- Loyola Marymount University, Department of Sociology

Langer, Paola. 2025. “Democratic backsliding and population health: The case of polling place closures after Shelby County v. Holder”

- Exploring New Ideas in Immigration Research Papers Workshop, Institute for Humane Studies, UC Davis

Teaching Experience

Mount Tamalpais College

Instructor
Sociology (Spring 2024)

UC Davis

Teaching Assistant
Intermediate Social Statistics (Fall 2019)

Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Instructor
Research Methods (Spring 2017)
Sociological Theory (Spring, Winter, Summer 2015-2017)
Latin American Social History (Spring 2016)
Modern Societies (Spring, Winter, Summer 2015)

Research Experience

- 2023-2024: Researcher, Goldman School of Public Policy, UC Berkeley
- 2018-2023: Graduate Student Researcher, UC Davis
- Jun-Jul 2022: Visiting Researcher, Centre d’Estudis Demogràfics (CED), Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain
- 2015-2017: Research Assistant, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile
- 2014-2015: Technical Secretariat, Presidential Advisory Committee on the Pensions System, Chile
- 2013-2014: Researcher, Center for Public Policy, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile

Conference Presentations

Langer, Paola. 2025. “Democratic backsliding and population health: The case of polling place closures after Shelby County v. Holder.” Oral Presentation, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL

Langer, Paola. 2025. “Democratic backsliding and population health: The case of polling place closures after Shelby County v. Holder.” Oral Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

Langer, Paola. 2024. “Campaign Rallies and Infant Health: the case of Donald Trump.” Presentation, Summer School in the Economics of Migration, Global Migration Center UC Davis and AlianzaMX, Ciudad de Mexico, Mexico

Langer, Paola. 2024. “Trump rallies and immigrant children’s health.” Oral Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada

Langer, Paola. 2024. “Transitions to adulthood among disabled native and foreign-born adults.” Presentation, Add Health Users Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Langer, Paola. 2024. “Trump rallies increased adverse birth outcomes among foreign-born Hispanic, and API mothers.” Oral Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, OH

Langer, Paola. 2024. “U.S. States’ prioritization of carceral spending and Black and White Death.” Oral Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Patler, C.; **Langer, Paola**; Hamilton, E. 2024. “Psychological Distress in the First 2 Years of the COVID-19 Pandemic, by Gender, Racialized Group, and Immigration Status.” Oral Presentation, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Hamilton, E.; Masferrer, C.; **Langer, Paola.** 2023. “Child–Parent Separations and Plans to Reunify Among Mexicans Deported from the United States, 2015–2019.” Oral Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Langer, Paola. 2023. “State-level Spending and Black-White Mortality Gaps.” Poster Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA — PAA Annual Meeting Poster Winner Session “Mortality Morbidity”

Langer, Paola. 2022. “The 2016 U.S. Presidential Election Racialized Health Outcomes for Infants Born to U.S.-born and Foreign-born Mothers.” Oral Presentation, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA

Langer, Paola. 2021. “Federalization of immigration control the multiplication of categories of unwanted immigrants in the U.S. between 1875 and 1924.” Research and Development Mini-Conference, UC Davis, Davis, CA

Langer, Paola. 2019. “Regaining autonomy and family. Ethnography in a program for homeless citizens in Santiago de Chile.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

Langer, Paola. 2016. “Caregivers’ accuracy in reporting patients’ symptom: A preliminary report.” Palliative and Supportive Care in Oncology Symposium, San Francisco, CA

Peer Reviewer

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, Demography, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Population Studies, Journal of Marriage and Family, Social Forces, Social Science & Medicine, Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies, Rural Sociology, American Journal of Education, BMC Public Health

Academic Service

2022-2023 Organizer Fellowship Writing Group, Graduate Student Sociological Association, UC Davis
2021-2022 Organizer Research Development Conference in Sociology, UC Davis
2021-2024 Graduate Student Mentor, Graduate Student Sociological Association, UC Davis

Professional Affiliation

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America

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