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APPOINTMENTS

Ohio University Athens, OH
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology 2026 - Present

The University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX
Urban Ethnography Lab Fellow 2025 - Present

Rollins College Winter Park, FL
Alfred J. Hanna Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow 2023-2025

EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin July 2023
Ph.D., Department of Sociology
Dissertation: *Making a Market for Risk: Security Entrepreneurship in Mexico City*
Advisor: Javier Auyero

BGU May 2017
M.A., Department of Sociology
Thesis: *Nationalism in Neoliberal Times: The Case of the 2013 Mexican Energy Reform*
Advisor: Sara Helman
summa cum laude

Haifa University July 2010
B.A., Department of Sociology
Minor: The School of Political Science
magna cum laude

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Levy, Eldad J. (2025) "Trusting Your Guardian: Relational Trust in High-Risk Services." *Socio-Economic Review*.

Levy, Eldad, J. (2025) "Looking Right, Looking Busy: The Vigilant Body and the Production of Performative Surveillance in Private Security." *Work and Occupations*.

- 2023 ASA Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section's James D. Thompson Graduate Paper Award.
- 2023 ASA Body and Embodiment Section Student Paper Award.

Auyero, Javier; Faith Deckard; Alexander Diamond; Maricarmen Hernandez; Katherine Jensen, Eldad J. Levy; Katherine Sobering; and Mary Ellen Stitt. (Forthcoming) “Why Ethnography?” *Qualitative Sociology*.

Fridman, Daniel, Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla, and Eldad J. Levy. (2025) “Mediating valuations: Preservation Experts and the Values of Historic Heritage in Post-disaster Mexico.” *Qualitative Sociology*.

Weitzman, Abigail; Mónica Caudillo; Eldad J. Levy (2024). “Hybrid Interpersonal Violence in Latin America: Causes and Patterns.” *Annual Review of Criminology* 7(1): 163-186.

Levy, Eldad, J. (2021). “Legacy Work: Three Strategies of Adversarial Meaning-Making of Historical Characters.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 9: 518–554.

Book Chapters

Levy, Eldad, J. (2024) “Rodrigo: “Many Secrets, Nothing to Hide—Security Entrepreneurship in Mexico City” In *Portraits of Persistence: Inequality and Hope in Latin America*, University of Texas Press.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS AND UNDER REVIEW

Levy, Eldad J. *The New Security Experts: State, Entrepreneurship, and Labor in Mexico City*. Book Manuscript. Under consideration at *Cambridge University Press*.

Levy, Eldad J. and Javier Auyero. “Opportunities and Alliances: The Relational Dynamics of Criminal Collusion in Latin America.” Under review at the *British Journal of Sociology*.

Fridman, Daniel and Eldad J. Levy. “The Meanings of Government Monies: Disaster Money and Historic Heritage Preservation Money in Mexico” For the edited volume *Global Money Talks*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Rollins College

Professor, *Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program*

Winter Park, FL

August 2023 - 2025

- *Foundations of Latin American and Caribbean Culture and Society*
- *Violence and Security in Latin America*

The University of Texas at Austin

Teaching Assistant, *Department of Sociology*

Austin, TX

August 2017 – July 2023

- *Qualitative and Mixed Methods in Social Research and Fieldwork*
- *Sociological Theory*
- *Economy, Culture, and Society*
- *Introduction to the Study of Society*
- *Life and Death from a Sociological Perspective*

HONORS & AWARDS

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Emerging Scholars Award \$25,000	2023
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) Foundation Studentship Award £7500	2022
The University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School University Graduate Continuing Fellowship \$48,000	2022
The University of Texas at Austin, CB. Smith Sr. Centennial Chair #1 Mexico-US	2021
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology Excellence Award \$5,000	2021
The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology Excellence Award \$5,000	2020
The University of Texas at Austin, LLILAS Institute of Latin American Studies Tinker Field Research Grant Summer \$1,000	2020
The University of Texas at Austin, Urban Ethnography Lab Research Funds \$5,500	2019-2020
BGU, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean's List Honor Award	2016
BGU, Department of Sociology and Anthropology Thesis Research Scholarship \$1500	2013-2016

PRESENTATIONS

Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA. “Dark Governance: Clandestine Connections Between Organized Crime, Private Security Actors, and State Agents in Argentina and Mexico.”	2025
Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA. Author Panelist, “Portraits of Persistence” Book Discussion.	2025
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Presidential Panel, Denver, CO. “Dark Governance: Clandestine Connections Between Organized Crime, Private Security Actors, and State Agents in Argentina and Mexico.”	2025
Ethnographic Café, Online meeting. Author Panelist, “Portraits of Persistence” Book Discussion.	2024

LACS Faculty Research Series, Rollins College , Winter Park, FL. “Trusting your Guardian: Navigating Distrust in Mexican Private Security”	2023
Latin American Studies Association , Vancouver, British Columbia. Session Organizer “Non-State Security Provision in Latin America.”	2023
Latin American Studies Association , Vancouver, British Columbia. “Embodying Security: How Class and Race Inform Security Work in Mexico City”	2023
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting , Los Angeles, CA. “Health and illicit Income” Eldad J. Levy, Matthew Snidal.	2022
Power, History, and Society Book Salon , The University of Texas, Austin. Discussant of the book “All Societies Die: How to Keep Hope Alive,” by Sam Cohn.	2021
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting , Virtual Meeting. “Replacing the Irreplaceable: Conflicting Valuation of Damage of Historic Buildings” Fridman, Daniel, Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla and Eldad J. Levy.	2021
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting , Virtual Meeting. “Replacing the Irreplaceable: Conflicting Valuation of Damage of Historic Buildings” Fridman, Daniel, Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla and Eldad J. Levy.	2021
Israeli Anthropological Association Annual Conference , Virtual Meeting. “Ethnography in Mexico under the COVID-19 Pandemic: Towards a Pragmatic Fieldwork.”	2021
Columbia-UT Ethnographic Workshop , New York, NY/Austin, TX. “The Security Entrepreneurs: Networks of Public and Private Security Governance.”	2020
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting , Philadelphia, PA. “Heroes, Villains, and Legacies of Modernization: Transforming Mexican Nationalism.”	2018
Institute of Latin American Studies Association , The University of Texas, Austin. “Nationalism in Neoliberal Times: Contesting Discourses and Reinvented Symbols in the Case of the 2013 Mexican Energy Reform.”	2018

INVITED TALKS

University of Central Florida , Department of Sociology “Violence as a Determinant of Health Outcomes.”	2025
Florida Atlantic University , <i>The Americas Initiative</i> , Boca Raton, FL “The New Gray Zone: Evidence of Criminal Collusion in Argentina and Mexico.”	2025

- University of Arkansas**, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Fayetteville, AR 2025
 “The Vigilant Body and the Production of Visible Surveillance.”
- Arizona State University**, School of Criminology, Phoenix, AZ 2024
 “The Vigilant Body and the Production of Visible Surveillance.”
- Barnard College, Columbia University**, *Latin American Lives*. NYC, NY. 2024
 “Rodrigo: “Many Secrets, Nothing to Hide—Security Entrepreneurship in Mexico City.”
- The University of Wisconsin-Madison**, *Life Stories from Latin America*, online. 2024
 “Rodrigo: “Many Secrets, Nothing to Hide—Security Entrepreneurship in Mexico City.”
- Rollins College**, *Issues in Latin America*, Winter Park, FL. 2023
 “Rodrigo: “Many Secrets, Nothing to Hide—Security Entrepreneurship in Mexico City.”

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Reviewer for the American Sociological Review
 Reviewer for the Socio-Economic Review
 Reviewer for Work and Occupations
 Reviewer for Frontiers in Political Science
 Reviewer for the Israeli Science Foundation
 Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
 Rollins College Latin American and Latinx Studies Symposium Co-Organizer
 International Students Representative in the Department of Sociology at the University of Texas at Austin

MEDIA OUTREACH

A New Body for Surveillance, Work in Progress, 10.16.2025 [English]
México se ha desintegrado como Estado soberano por la guerra, sin embargo, 7.20.2017 [Spanish].
Violence and the Social Disintegration of Mexico, Open Democracy 7.18.2017 [English].
War on Drugs in Mexico is Claiming the Life of Thousands of Uninvolved Civilians, Haa’retz, 4.28.2016 [Hebrew].

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
 American Sociological Association
 Latin American Studies Association
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economy

LANGUAGES

English – Academic

Spanish – Native
Hebrew – Native

REFERENCES

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