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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 - 2026

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

EDUCATION

The 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

Ben Gurion University of the Negev — 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. and Javier Auyero. (2026). "Opportunities and Alliances: The Relational Dynamics of Criminal Collusion in Latin America." *British Journal of Sociology.*

Auyero, Javier, Faith M. Deckard, Alex Diamond, Maricarmen Hernández, Katherine Jensen, Allison Lang, **Eldad J. Levy**, Águeda Ortega, Katherine Sobering, and Mary Ellen Stitt. (2026). "Why Ethnography?" *Qualitative Sociology.*

Levy, Eldad J. (2025). "Trusting Your Guardian: Relational Trust in High-Risk Services." *Socio-Economic Review* 24(1):1–25.

Levy, Eldad J. (2026). "Looking Right, Looking Busy: The Vigilant Body and the Production of Performative Surveillance in Private Security." *Work and Occupations* 53(2):389–428.

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

Fridman, Daniel, Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla, and **Eldad J. Levy**. (2025). "Aligning Valuations: Preservation Experts and the Values of Historic Heritage in Post-Disaster Mexico." *Qualitative Sociology* 48(2):183–211

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

Fridman, Daniel, Eldad J. Levy, and Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla. (Forthcoming). "The Meanings of Government Monies: Disaster Money and Historic Heritage Preservation Money in Mexico." In *Global Money Talks*, edited by Daniel Fridman and Ariel Wilkis. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

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*, edited by Javier Auyero. Austin: 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.

Alvear Moreno, Enrique, and Eldad J. Levy*. Manuscript in preparation. "The Experts of Policing: Professional Trajectories and the Changing Field of Security Expertise in Mexico and Chile."

**Equal authorship*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ohio University Athens, OH

- *Police and Society*
- *Crime, Risk, and Governnance*
- *Introduction to Latin American Studies*
- *Violence and Security in Latin America*
- *Economic Sociology*

Rollins College Winter Park, FL

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

The University of Texas at Austin Austin, TX

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology 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 2023
Emerging Scholars Award $25,000

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) Foundation 2022
Studentship Award £7500

The University of Texas at Austin, The Graduate School 2022
University Graduate Continuing Fellowship $48,000

The University of Texas at Austin, CB. Smith Sr. Centennial Chair #1 Mexico-US 2021

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology 2021
Excellence Award $5,000

The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology 2020
Excellence Award $5,000

The University of Texas at Austin, LLILAS Institute of Latin American Studies 2020
Tinker Field Research Grant Summer $1,000

The University of Texas at Austin, Urban Ethnography Lab 2019-2020
Research Funds $5,500

BGU, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences 2016
Dean's List Honor Award

BGU, Department of Sociology and Anthropology 2013-2016
Thesis Research Scholarship $1500

PRESENTATIONS

Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2025

"Dark Governance: Clandestine Connections Between Organized Crime, Private Security Actors, and State Agents in Argentina and Mexico."

Latin American Studies Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2025

Author Panelist, "Portraits of Persistence" Book Discussion.

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Presidential Panel, Denver, CO. 2025

"Dark Governance: Clandestine Connections Between Organized Crime, Private Security Actors, and State Agents in Argentina and Mexico."

Ethnographic Café, Online meeting. 2024

Author Panelist, "Portraits of Persistence" Book Discussion.

LACS Faculty Research Series, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL. 2023

"Trusting your Guardian: Navigating Distrust in Mexican Private Security"

Latin American Studies Association, Vancouver, British Columbia. 2023

Session Organizer "Non-State Security Provision in Latin America."

Latin American Studies Association, Vancouver, British Columbia. 2023

"Embodying Security: How Class and Race Inform Security Work in Mexico City"

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. 2022

"Health and illicit Income" Eldad J. Levy, Matthew Snidal.

Power, History, and Society Book Salon, The University of Texas, Austin. 2021

Discussant of the book "All Societies Die: How to Keep Hope Alive," by Sam Cohn.

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting. 2021

"Replacing the Irreplaceable: Conflicting Valuation of Damage of Historic Buildings" Fridman, Daniel, Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla and Eldad J. Levy.

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Meeting, Virtual Meeting. 2021

"Replacing the Irreplaceable: Conflicting Valuation of Damage of Historic Buildings" Fridman, Daniel, Benjamin Ibarra-Sevilla and Eldad J. Levy.

Israeli Anthropological Association Annual Conference, Virtual Meeting. 2021

"Ethnography in Mexico under the COVID-19 Pandemic: Towards a Pragmatic Fieldwork."

Columbia-UT Ethnographic Workshop, New York, NY/Austin, TX. 2020

"The Security Entrepreneurs: Networks of Public and Private Security Governance."

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. 2018
"Heroes, Villains, and Legacies of Modernization: Transforming Mexican Nationalism."

Institute of Latin American Studies Association, The University of Texas, Austin. 2018
"Nationalism in Neoliberal Times: Contesting Discourses and Reinvented Symbols in the Case of the 2013 Mexican Energy Reform."

INVITED TALKS

The University of Texas at Austin, Institute of Latin American Studies 2026
"Rodrigo: "Many Secrets, Nothing to Hide—Security Entrepreneurship in Mexico City."

University of Central Florida, Department of Sociology 2025
"Violence as a Determinant of Health Outcomes."

Florida Atlantic University, *The Americas Initiative,* Boca Raton, FL 2025
"The New Gray Zone: Evidence of Criminal Collusion in Argentina and Mexico."

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 Security Dialogue
- 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-Organize

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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