

# Curriculum Vitae | A. Stefanie Ruiz

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Nonprofit management, volunteering, consequences of volunteering, immigrant volunteering, immigrant integration

## EDUCATION

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- 2018 – 2022**    **Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare**, expected June 2022  
The School of Social Policy & Practice, University of Pennsylvania  
Supervisor: Professor Femida Handy  
**Thesis title:** *Immigrant Volunteering and Integration*
- 2015 – 2017**    **M.A. in Nonprofit Management & Leadership**  
The Rothberg International School, Hebrew University, Jerusalem  
Degree Certificate with 94.56 out of 100 and Magna Cum Laude
- 2012 – 2015**    **BSc in International Business**  
ESB Business School, Reutlingen University in Germany  
Minored in Human Resource Management | Semester at Hanyang University, South-Korea  
Degree Certificate with 1.8 (1=excellent; 2=good; 3=satisfactory; 4=sufficient; 5/6=failed)

## AWARDS & CERTIFICATES

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- 2021**            **Certificate in: College and University Teaching**  
Participation in teaching workshops, external observations, and review of teaching skills
- 2021**            **Certificate in: The Science of Generosity – Do Good Feel Good**  
Participation in PennX, an online learning initiative of the University of Pennsylvania
- 2020**            **2020 ARNOVA Doctoral Fellow Award**  
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action conference
- 2017**            **2017 ARNOVA Emerging Scholar Award**  
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action conference

## GRANTS AND RESEARCH SUPPORT

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- 2021**            **Social Welfare Summer Funding Award** of \$4,000 – University of Pennsylvania
- 2020**            **Social Welfare Summer Funding Award** of \$6,100 – University of Pennsylvania
- 2015 – 2017**    **Scholarship from the German Academic Foundation** for MA studies at the Hebrew University

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Ruiz, A. S., & Sharon, R. (2022). How does engagement versus nonengagement in volunteering influence first-generation immigrants' perceptions of integration into US society? *VOLUNTAS International Journal*.
- Ruiz, A. S., Wang, L., & Handy, F. (2021). Integration and volunteering: The case of first-generation immigrants to Canada. *Voluntary Sector Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1332/204080521X16319931902392>
- Heist, H. D., Cnaan, R., & Ruiz, A. S. (2020). The Emigration of Pro-social Behaviors: A comparative analysis of Colombian and US Latter-day Saints *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-020-00243-4>
- Ruiz, A. S., & Greenspan, I. (2019). Relational Interactions Between Immigrant and Native-Born Volunteers: Trust-Building and Integration or Suspicion and Conflict? *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 30(5), 932–946. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-019-00108-5>

## RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW

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- Cicchelli, V., Octobre, S., Katz-Gerro, T., Handy, F., Yodovich, N. & Ruiz, A. S. (Revise & Resubmit). The Glocalization of K-Pop for self-empowerment: East meets West in Manchester, Paris, and Philadelphia. *The British Journal of Sociology*.
- Ruiz, A. S. (Under Review). A conceptual proposition to if and how immigrants' volunteering in nonprofits influences their integration into the host society. *Perspectives of Urban Education Journal*.
- Ruiz, A. S., Ravitch, S. (Under Review). (Re)Conceptualizing Definitions from Inside - A Case of Underrepresented Groups in Overrepresented Research. *Methodspace by SAGE Publishing*.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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- Ruiz, A. S. (expected 2022). How volunteering shapes immigrants' social identity - Insights from foreign-born formal and informal volunteers. *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2021** "How does engagement versus nonengagement in volunteering influence first-generation immigrants' perceptions of integration into US society?", ARNOVA Conference, November, GA
- 2020** "The case of Canada – In what ways is immigrant volunteering associated with immigrant integration among first-generation immigrants?"  
1) ARNOVA conference, November, virtually hosted by Indiana University  
2) Nonprofit Regional Scholars Meeting, December, virtually hosted by KEAN University
- 2019** 1) "Retention and Attrition of Sport Volunteers: The Case of USA Fencing" and  
2) "The Emigration of Pro-social Behaviors: A Comparative Analysis of Colombian and US Latter-day Saints" with Dan Heist, Assistant Professor at UNC, ARNOVA Conference, November, CA
- 2018** "Relational Interactions Between Immigrant and Native-Born Volunteers: Trust-Building and Integration or Suspicion and Conflict?" – Roundtable Discussion, ARNOVA Conference, November, TX
- 2017** "Relational Interactions Between Immigrant and Native-Born Volunteers: Trust-Building and Integration or Suspicion and Conflict?", ARNOVA Conference, November, MI

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2018 to date**    **Research Assistant** under Professor Femida Handy - University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia  
Assisting with data collection and manuscript writing
- 2016 – 2017**    **Research Assistant** under Professor Itay Greenspan – Hebrew University, Jerusalem  
Assisted with literature review processes and conducted content analyses of German sources

## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

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- 2022**            **Teaching Assistant: Corporate Social Responsibility**  
Online graduate course, Nonprofit and Leadership Program, UPenn
- 2021**            **Co-Instructor: Ethics for Social Impact**  
Mixed online and in-person graduate course, Nonprofit and Leadership Program, Upenn
- 2020**            **Teaching Assistant: Ethics for Social Impact**  
Online graduate course, Nonprofit and Leadership Program, UPenn

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2018 to date**    **Ad Hoc Reviewer for VOLUNTAS** – International Journal of Voluntary & Nonprofit Research
- 2018 – 2020**    **Co-chair, Doctoral Students’ Steering Committee** - University of Pennsylvania
- Worked as a liaison between PhD students and administration as well as faculty
- 2019 – 2020**    **Graduate and Professional Student Assembly Representative** - University of Pennsylvania
- Reviewed graduate students’ applications for internal grants and financial help
- 2015 – 2016**    **Intern at the Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC)** – Jerusalem, Israel
- Established partnerships between ITC and nonprofit organizations in Germany
- 2015**            **Intern at the United Nations Office of Sustainable Development** – Incheon, South Korea
- Organized international workshops and investigated market niches for UNOSD work

## SKILLS

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- Fluent in German and Spanish; Conducted data collection and research in both languages
- Proficient in Word, PowerPoint, and the data analysis software programs R and NVivo
- Experienced in administering Canvas and teaching synchronous Zoom classes

## INTERESTS

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- Mentoring and counseling students and friends from minority groups
- Exploring holistic learning and interdisciplinary epistemology
- Traveling, cultural exploration and learning languages