
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME: Javier Auyero

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POSITION TITLE: Professor, Department of Sociology

EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE	Completion Date MM/YYYY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina	Licenciatura	05/1991	Sociology
The New School for Social Research, New York, NY	MA	09/1995	Sociology
The New School for Social Research, New York, NY	PhD	10/1997	Sociology

A. Personal Statement

Javier Auyero is an ethnographer working on issues of urban marginality, violence, environmental suffering, and popular politics. His current research agenda is three-fold. One project examines the uses and forms of interpersonal violence in relegated neighborhoods in Buenos Aires, Argentina and the role of the state in the production of daily violence among the urban poor. The other project studies collective perceptions of risk and collective action dynamics in three highly contaminated communities (Peru, Ecuador, and Argentina). The last one studies forms of collective action against hydraulic fracking in Texas. His research falls under primary research area of Population Health.

Javier Auyero directs the Ethnography Lab in the Sociology Department – an institutional space, administered by the PRC, that provides opportunities for collaboration, hands-on experience, mentorship, and advanced training in the use qualitative methods. Together with a group of graduate students from the Lab he completed a project that documents modern forms of social suffering in Austin, TX – the book *Invisible in Austin* was published last year. As a FRA of the PRC, the Administrative Core has been essential to his research efforts.

B. Positions and Honors**Positions and Employment**

2008-present	Joe R. and Teresa Lozano Long Professor in Latin American Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin.
2004-2008	Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Stony Brook
1998-2003	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Stony Brook
2001	Visiting Professor, FLACSO (<i>Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales</i>), Ecuador
2000	Visiting Professor, Facultad de Humanidades, Ciencias Sociales y de la Salud. Universidad Nacional de Santiago del Estero, Argentina.
1997	Adjunct Assistant Professor, Eugene Lang College, The New School for Social Research

Other Experience and Professional Memberships

2000-2001	The John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowship
2002	American Sociological Association's Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award
2005	Harry Frank Guggenheim Fellowship
2004-2010	Editor <i>Qualitative Sociology</i>
2008	American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
2006-2007	Editor ASA Rose Monograph Series
Present	Corresponding Editor of <i>Theory and Society</i>
Present	Associate Editor, <i>Apuntes de Investigación en Cultura y Política</i> . Buenos Aires: Fundación del Sur

Present Member of the Editorial Board of *Ethnography*
Present Member of the Editorial Board of *Sociological Forum*
Present Member of The Center for Legal and Social Studies (CELS), Argentina.

Honors

2001 New England Council for Latin American Studies, Best Book Prize, *Poor People's Politics*
2001 C. Wright Mills Award Finalist, *Poor People's Politics*
2008 Political Sociology Section Book Award for Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship, American Sociological Association, for *Routine Politics and Collective Violence in Argentina*.
2010 Mirra Komarovsky Best Book Award from the Eastern Sociological Society for *Flammable*.
2010 Robert Park Best Book Award from the Urban Sociology/Community section, American Sociological Association for *Flammable*.
2010 Charles Tilly Best Book Award from the Collective Behavior and Social Movements section, American Sociological Association for *Flammable*.
2010 Best Book Award from the Association for Humanist Sociology for *Flammable*.
2015 Robert Park Best Book Award from the Urban Sociology/Community section, American Sociological Association for *In Harm's Way*.

C. Contributions to Science

Urban Violence

Drawing on more than two years of immersive fieldwork, our project (published in the book *In Harm's Way* and several other papers) provides an intimate account of what it is like to live under the constant threat of violence. It argues that being physically aggressive becomes a habitual way of acting in poor and marginalized communities, and that violence is routine and carries across various domains of public and private life. We trace how different types of violence—be it criminal, drug related, sexual, or domestic—overlap, intersect, and blur together. We show how the state is complicit in the production of harm, and describe the routines and relationships that residents, particularly children, establish to cope with and respond to the constant risk that besieges them and their loved ones.

Collective Action and Risk Perceptions

Our work offers a relational account of the emergence, development, and impact of a social movement against urban fracking in Texas. We highlight the role played by the *interactions* between grassroots activism, local officials, and other stakeholders in the political construction of shared understandings of environmental risk. Drawing upon scholarship on risk perceptions and on social movement outcomes, we show that as a result of relationships of conflict and cooperation between activists, officials, residents, and oil and gas industry representatives, a field of opinion about the potential (negative) impacts of fracking emerges. We also show that grassroots, face-to-face, joint action played a key role in the campaign to ban fracking. Localized collective action should be at the front and center of social scientific examinations of shared understandings of environmental danger

Complete List of Published Work in MyBibliography:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/javier.auyero.1/bibliography/51033310/public/?sort=date&direction=descending>

D. Research Support

Ongoing Research Support

None at present

Completed Research Support

SES-1153230 (J. Auyero, PI)
National Science Foundation
Violence in Urban Communities

05/15/12-04/30/15

This project will bring together the often dispersed insights that have developed over the past two decades in the study of urban violence. It will seek to develop into a single coherent analysis that understands the ways in which neoliberal transformations, urban poverty, and diverse types of violence are mutually imbricated.

Role: Principal Investigator

Responsibilities: Conduct fieldwork, write up final report

SES-1259046 (J. Auyero, PI)

05/01/13-04/30/15

National Science Foundation

The Social Production of Risk Perceptions

This project seeks to understand and explain the mechanisms and processes involved in the social production of risk perceptions and in the ebb and flow of environmental protest.

Role: Principal Investigator

Responsibilities: Supervise the work of graduate students