



Delia P. Wallace

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Innovative sociologist, educator, and independent researcher with over three years of undergraduate teaching experience in Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary Social Problems and Racial and Ethnic Diversity. Committed to creating engaging, student-centered learning environments that foster critical thinking, active participation, and meaningful dialogue. Dedicated to mentoring students and empowering them to take ownership of their educational journeys through inclusive and accessible instruction. Research interests include race, ethnicity, identity, culture, LGBTQ+ studies, ethnography, social stratification, wellness, and Afro-Panamanian studies. Current research examines contemporary Afro-Panamanian LGBTQ+ movements through qualitative and ethnographic methodologies. Bilingual in English and Spanish.

EDUCATION

East Texas A&M University, Department of Social Sciences, Commerce, TX

M.S. in Sociology, August 2023

East Texas A&M University, Department of Social Sciences, Commerce, TX

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology; Latin American and U.S. Latino Studies and Spanish, with highest honors distinction; Honors College, May 2020

Thesis: "Here and There: An Autoethnographic Exploration of the Intersecting Racial and Ethnic Identities of an Afro-Panamanian Immigrant"

Committee: Nicole Farris, P.hD (chair), Leigh Merrill

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, East Texas A&M University, Fall 2026

SOC 370W: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity. Developed syllabus, preparing to monitor virtual classroom discussions for 45+ students, administer two exams, grade ten discussions, evaluate three research based assignments, host office hours, and assign final grades.

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, East Texas A&M University, Fall 2025

SOC 1306W: Contemporary Ideas; Social problems. Developed syllabus, selected textbook and supplemental materials, prepared and monitored virtual classroom discussions for 45+ students, administered two exams, developed six research based assignments, graded five discussion posts, hosted office hours, and assigned final grades.

SOC 370W: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity. Developed syllabus, selected textbook and supplemental materials, prepared and monitored virtual classroom discussions for 45+ students, administered two exams, developed six research based assignments, graded five discussion posts, hosted office hours, and assigned final grades.

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, East Texas A&M University, Spring 2025

SOC 1306W: Contemporary Ideas; Social problems. Developed syllabus, prepared and

monitored virtual classroom discussions for 45+ students, administered two exams, graded four critical response papers, evaluated eight discussions, hosted office hours, and assigned final grades.

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, East Texas A&M University, Fall 2024

SOC 1306W: Contemporary Ideas; Social problems. Developed syllabus, prepared and monitored virtual classroom discussions for 45+ students, administered two exams, graded two critical response papers, evaluated eight discussions, hosted office hours, and assigned final grades.

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, East Texas A&M University, Spring 2024

SOC 1306W: Contemporary Ideas; Social problems. Developed syllabus, prepared and monitored virtual classroom discussions for 45+ students, administered two exams, graded two critical response papers, evaluated eight discussions, hosted office hours, and assigned final grades.

Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, East Texas A&M University, Fall 2023

SOC 1301W: Introduction to Sociology. Developed syllabus, prepared and monitored virtual classroom discussions for 45+ students, administered two exams, graded twelve discussions, hosted office hours, and assigned final grades.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Creating a New World: An Exploration of Afro-Panamanian LGBTQ+ Resistance Movements, 2024-Present

Qualitative study examining Afro-Panamanian LGBTQ+ identity, resistance, and community formation through ethnographic and oral history methodologies.

The Grey, 2025–Present

Community-based visual ethnography and oral history project documenting stories of identity, belonging, and everyday life through photography and participant narratives.

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Workshop Selection. "Engaging in Cultural Ownership: Reclaiming our Creative Autonomy" Afro-Latin Research Institute, Association of Black Sociologists Conference, New York, NY; August, 2026.

Paper Selection. "De Nueva York pa'l Istmo: Transnational Legacies of Ballroom" Afro-Latin Research Institute, Harvard University, Cali, Colombia; July, 2026.

Paper Panel Presentation. "Against Imperial Memory: Toward Decolonial Futures" American Studies Association, San Juan, PR; November, 2025.

Paper Presentation. Southwestern Social Sciences Association: Social Transformation: The Role of Academia "Here and There: An Autoethnographic Exploration of the Intersecting Racial and Ethnic Identities of an Afro-Panamanian Immigrant" San Diego, CA 2019.

HONORS & AWARDS

Scholarship Recipient. Honors College Graduate with Highest Honors Recognition for Honors Thesis, East Texas A&M University, 2020.

Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program Scholar, East Texas A&M University, 2019–2020.