



Florencia Torche

Professor of Sociology

Bio

BIO

Florencia Torche is a social scientist with substantive interests in social demography, stratification, and education. Professor Torche's scholarship encompasses two related areas. A longer-term area of research studies inequality dynamics -- the dynamics that result in persistence of inequality across generations -- with a particular focus on educational attainment, assortative mating (who marries who), and the intergenerational transmission of wealth. A more recent area of research examines the influence of early-life exposures -- as early as the prenatal period -- on individual development, attainment, and socioeconomic wellbeing. She has studied the effect of in-utero exposure to environmental stressors on children's outcomes, and how these exposures contribute to the persistence of poverty across generations.

Torche's research combines diverse methodological approaches including quantitative analysis, causal inference, experiments and natural experiments, and in-depth interviews. Much of her research uses an international comparative perspective. She has conducted large cross-sectional and longitudinal surveys, including the first national survey on social mobility in Chile and Mexico. Her work has appeared in journals in sociology and other disciplines, such as the *American Sociological Review*, the *American Journal of Sociology*, the *Annual Review of Sociology*, *Demography*, *Sociology of Education*, *Human Reproduction*, and the *International Journal of Epidemiology*. Her research has received funding from the National Science Foundation, the Ford Foundation, and the Spencer Foundation, among others.

Professor Torche holds a BA from the Catholic University of Chile and an MA and PhD in Sociology from Columbia University.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Sociology

PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Center for Latin American Studies

LINKS

- Stanford Profile: <https://sociology.stanford.edu/people/florencia-torche>

Teaching

COURSES

2018-19

- Counterfactuals and Causal Inference in the Social Sciences: SOC 351 (Aut)
- Graduate Proseminar: SOC 305 (Aut, Win)
- Workshop: Inequality: SOC 341W (Aut, Win, Spr)

2017-18

- Sociological Methodology I: Introduction: SOC 381 (Aut)
- Sociology Colloquium: SOC 396 (Aut, Win, Spr)
- The Social Determinants of Health: SOC 152, SOC 252 (Spr)
- Workshop: Inequality: SOC 341W (Aut, Win, Spr)

2016-17

- Counterfactuals and Causal Inference in the Social Sciences: SOC 351 (Spr)
- Workshop: Inequality: SOC 341W (Win, Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Josh Gagné, Rebecca Gleit, Colin Peterson, Tamkinat Rauf

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Catherine Sirois

Doctoral (Program)

Amy Johnson

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Estimating Intergenerational Mobility With Grouped Data: A Critique of Clark's the Son Also Rises** *SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS & RESEARCH*
Torche, F., Corvalan, A.
2018; 47 (4): 787–811
- **Restrictive Immigration Law and Birth Outcomes of Immigrant Women.** *American journal of epidemiology*
Torche, F., Sirois, C.
2018
- **Intergenerational Mobility at the Top of the Educational Distribution** *SOCIOLOGY OF EDUCATION*
Torche, F.
2018; 91 (4): 266–89
- **Prenatal Exposure to an Acute Stressor and Children's Cognitive Outcomes.** *Demography*
Torche, F.
2018
- **Panel Conditioning in the General Social Survey** *SOCIOLOGICAL METHODS & RESEARCH*
Halpern-Manners, A., Warren, J. R., Torche, F.
2017; 46 (1): 103-124
- **Compensation or Reinforcement? The Stratification of Parental Responses to Children's Early Ability** *DEMOGRAPHY*
Gratz, M., Torche, F.
2016; 53 (6): 1883-1904