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Profile

Sociologist and higher education leader with over 20 years of experience in teaching, research, and academic management. Specialist in youth socialisation, sexuality, gender equality, sexual and reproductive rights, and well-being. Extensive record of funded research, undergraduate and postgraduate supervision, curriculum leadership, and international collaboration.

Education

PhD in Sociology, Queen's University Belfast, UK, 2005

BSc in Sociology, Universidad del Valle, Colombia, 1998

Current Appointment

Course Lead, B.A. in Education and Social Services (B.A.E.S.S.), University of Strathclyde (2025–present). Academic leadership, quality assurance, curriculum development, widening participation, and staff coordination.

Teaching Fellow / Teaching Associate, University of Strathclyde, UK (2023–present)

Previous Academic and Leadership Positions

Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali, Colombia (2018–2023)

Director of Research, Innovation and Development, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali (2015–2018)

Professor, Senior Lecturer and Researcher, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana Cali (2009–2023)

Research Assistant, CISALVA, Universidad del Valle (early career)

Research and Scholarship

Principal or Co-Investigator in 20+ funded projects on youth well-being, sexual and reproductive rights, and family communication. Publications include peer-reviewed journal

articles, books, and book chapters. Research integrates qualitative and mixed-methods approaches and informs policy, education, and community practice.

Teaching and Supervision

Extensive undergraduate, master's, and doctoral teaching across sociology, research methods, ethics, sexuality, public health, education, and social services. Supervised 30+ undergraduate dissertations, 15+ master's theses, and doctoral research. Experienced in curriculum design and inclusive pedagogy.

Leadership and Service

Member, International Advisory Board, University of Hradec Králové (2020–present; three consecutive terms)

Member, Department Ethics Committee and Faculty Student Experience Committee, University of Strathclyde (2023 – Present)

Mentor and staff development lead for early-career academics

Professional Recognition

Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), Advance HE, UK (2025)

Associate Researcher, Ministry of Science (MinCiencias), Colombia (2010 – Present)

Languages

Spanish (native), English (fluent)