

# FERNANDO A. CALDERÓN FIGUEROA

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## EDUCATION

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University of Toronto (UofT) <i>Ph.D., Sociology (expected June 2023)</i>	<i>2016-Present</i>
Comprehensive Exam 1: Urban Sociology (August 2017)	
Comprehensive Exam 2: Political Sociology (August 2018)	
Committee: Dan Silver (Supervisor), Luisa Farah Schwartzman, Angelina Grigoryeva	
University of Toronto (UofT) <i>Master of Arts, Sociology</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>
Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú (PUCP) <i>Honours Bachelor of Arts and Professional Degree, Sociology</i>	<i>2004-2009</i>
Thesis Supervisor: Pablo Vega-Centeno	
“Urban <i>Ronderos</i> of Cajamarca: A Community Response to Insecurity and Injustice”	

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Urban Sociology; Political Sociology; Social Policy; Sociological Theory; Quantitative Methods; Spatial Analysis; Computational Social Science; Race and Ethnicity

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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Institute on Municipal Finance & Governance’s Blanche and Sandy Van Ginkel Graduate Fellowship (\$5,000)	<i>2021-2022</i>
Department of Sociology Doctoral Completion Award (\$8,976)	<i>2021-2022</i>
School of Cities Student Fellowship (\$2,000)	<i>2021</i>
Department of Sociology Doctoral Completion Award (\$9,500)	<i>2020-2021</i>
School of Graduate Studies Research Travel Grant (\$5,500)	<i>2021</i>
University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship (\$16,287)	<i>2019-2020</i>
School of Graduate Studies Conference Travel Grant (\$710)	<i>2018</i>
Department of Sociology Program Summer Level Fellowship (\$2,000)	<i>2017-2018</i>
University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship (\$16,414)	<i>2018-2019</i>
University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship (\$30,992)	<i>2017-2018</i>
University of Toronto Graduate Fellowship (\$29,711)	<i>2016-2017</i>

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

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Canadian Research Data Centre Network’s National Policy Challenge (Finalist)	<i>2021</i>
University of Toronto Outstanding Admissions Award (\$3,000)	<i>2016-2017</i>
University of Toronto Outstanding Admissions Award (\$6,000)	<i>2015-2016</i>

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando, Daniel Silver, and Olimpia Bidian. 2022. "The Dilemmas of Spatializing Social Issues." *Socius* 8:1-20. doi:10.1177/23780231221103059
- Olson, Alexander W., Fernando Calderón-Figueroa, Olimpia Bidian, Scott Sanner, and Daniel Silver. 2021. "Reading the City through its Neighbourhoods: Deep Text Embeddings of Yelp Reviews as a Basis for Determining Similarity and Change." *Cities* 110:1-14. doi:10.1016/j.cities.2020.103045
- Olson, Alexander W., Kexin Zhang, Ronen Yakubov, Scott Sanner, Daniel Silver, Daniel Arribas-Bel and Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2020. "Classification and Regression via Integer Optimization for Neighbourhood Change." *Geographical Analysis* 53(2):192-212. doi:10.1111/gean.12252
- Silver, Daniel, Zack Taylor, and Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2020. "Populism in the City: The Case of Ford Nation." *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society* 33(1):1-21. doi:10.1007/s10767-018-9310-1

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando, Zack Taylor, and Daniel Silver. 2019. "Cosmopolitan Populism? Making Sense of Ford Nation." [Blog] *The New Spirit*, January 24. Available at: <https://thenewspirit.ca/2019/01/24/cosmopolitan-populism-making-sense-of-ford-nation/>
- Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando 2013. *Rondas Urbanas Cajamarquinas: Estrategia Comunitaria de Acceso a la Seguridad y la Justicia*. [Urban Night-Watchers of Cajamarca: A Community Response to Insecurity and Injustice.] PUCP: Honours Thesis in Sociology.
- Ministerio de Cultura. 2015. *Nuestros Pueblos Indígenas: Los Pueblos Achuar, Awajún, Kandozi y Wampis* [Our Indigenous Peoples: The Achuar, Awajun, Kandozi, and Wampis Peoples], edited by S. Torrejón and F. Calderón-Figueroa. Lima: Ministerio de Cultura.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND WORKING PAPERS

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- Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando 2022. "Micro-Segregation via Street Barriers in Lima, Peru." *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando 2022. "The Spatiality of Trust in Canadian Metropolises." *Manuscript in preparation*.
- Lee, Jooyoung, Andrew D. Nevin, Christopher Cooper, Olimpia Bidian, and Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2022. "Pedestrian Spontaneity: Go Pro Cameras for Studying Walks Through Neighbourhoods." *Manuscript in preparation*.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2023. "Residential Micro-Segregation via Street Barriers in Lima, Peru." Paper Presented at the Canadian Sociological Association @Congress, panel on *Spaces of Sociability: Copresence in Urban Public Spaces*, May 29-June 2, Toronto, Ontario.
- Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2022. "Challenges of Researching Social Solidarity During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Panelist at the American Sociological Association Meeting, *Culture in a (Post)Pandemic World (Graduate Professionalization Panel)*, August 5-9, Los Angeles, California.
- Fernando Calderón-Figueroa, Daniel Silver, and Olimpia Bidian. 2021. "The Dilemmas of Spatializing Social Issues." Paper presented at the Canadian Sociological Association @Congress, panel on *Urban Social Change*, May 31-June 4, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Fernando Calderón-Figueroa, Daniel Silver, and Zack Taylor. 2019. "The Populist Style in the City: The case of Ford Nation." Paper presented at the European Sociological Association Congress, August 20-23, Manchester, United Kingdom.
- Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2019. "Trust thy Neighbour, but Leave Up the Hedges: Trust in the Urban Scene." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Meeting, panel on *Social Capital and Trust*, August 10-13, New York City, New York.
- Olson, Alexander W., Olimpia Bidian, Fernando Calderón-Figueroa, and Daniel Silver. 2019. "Reading the City." Paper presented at the Canadian Sociological Association @Congress, June 1-7, Vancouver, British Columbia.
- Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2019. "Social Capital in Context: Public Space, Civic Engagement and Trust in Lima." Paper presented at the Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies Congress, May 10-12, Toronto, Ontario.
- Lee, Jooyoung, Andrew D. Nevin, Christopher Cooper, Olimpia Bidian, and Fernando Calderón-Figueroa. 2018. "Pedestrian Spontaneity: Go Pro Cameras for Studying Walks Through Neighbourhoods." Paper presented at the Yale Urban Ethnography Conference, November 1-3, New Haven, Connecticut.
- Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando. 2018. "Social Capital in Context: Public Space, Civic Engagement, and Trust in Lima." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, May 23-26, Barcelona, Spain.
- Lee, Jooyoung, Fernando Calderón-Figueroa, Olimpia Bidian, Christopher Cooper, and Andrew D. Nevin. 2017. "The Methodological Riches of Wearable Cameras." Paper presented at the Canadian Sociological Association @Congress, May 29 – June 1, Toronto, Ontario.
- Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando. 2017. "Social Movements and (Urban) Space: Theoretical Inquiries From The Latin American Perspective." Paper presented at the Latin American Studies Association Congress, April 29 – May 1, Lima, Peru.

Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando. 2013. “*Ronderos* in Cajamarca City: Territorial Territorial Dynamics in the Limits Between the “Urban” and the “Rural.”” Paper presented at Peruvian National Congress of Sociology & Pre-ALAS 2013, August 5-8, Lima, Peru.

Calderón-Figueroa, Fernando. 2012. “Urban *Rondas* in Cajamarca: An Innovative Traditional Response to Insecurity.” Paper presented at the XIII N-AERUS Conference organized by the Prodig Laboratory and GIS-GEMDEV, November 22-24, Paris, France.

Arca, Alexandra, Fernando Calderón-Figueroa, and Caterine Picardo. 2008. “Productive Housing in Villa El Salvador.” Paper presented at DESCO’s I Young Urban Researchers Forum, September, Lima, Peru.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Urban Genome Project December 2018 - Present  
*Graduate Student Researcher* University of Toronto

- Led sub-projects, co-authored articles, and conducted spatial, statistical and text analyses.

Mediating Place and Politics September 2016 - December 2018  
*Assisting Prof. Dan Silver* University of Toronto

- Co-authored an article, and conducted statistical and spatial data analysis.

Multiculturalism and Racial Democracy April - May 2018  
*Assisted Prof. Luisa Schwartzman* University of Toronto

- Coded articles from Canadian and Brazilian newspapers.

Colour Violence and Deadly Geographies in Brazil January - March 2013  
*Assisted Prof. Luisa Schwartzman* University of Toronto

- Conducted spatial analysis of gun violence data in Brazilian municipalities.

Dialogue and Social Conflicts March - December 2013  
*PI* Peruvian Ombudsman’s Office

- Collected and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data, and wrote research report.

Intercultural Indicators for Development Projects January 2012 - January 2014  
*Co-PI with Fidel Tubino* Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

- Elaborated literature review.

Social Representations of Poverty within a CCT Program April 2011 - December 2012  
*PI* Instituto de Estudios Peruanos

- Conducted fieldwork, analyzed qualitative data, and wrote research report.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Course Instructor January 2022 - Present  
*Department of Sociology* University of Toronto Scarborough

- SOC486 – Advanced Seminar in Urban Sociology Summer 2022

- SOCD01 – Advanced Seminar in Culture and Cities: Sociology of The Neighbourhood *Winter 2022*
- SOCC26 – Sociology of Urban Cultural Policies *Winter 2022*

Guest Lecturer

*Department of Sociology*

*University of Toronto*

- The Neighbourhood in Context *September 30, 2019*
- Indigenous Peoples and the Nation State: Canada and Peru *November 9, 2018*
- Indigenous Peoples and the Nation State: Canada and Peru *November 2, 2017*
- Propaganda and Persuasion *June 1, 2016*

Teaching Assistant

*Department of Sociology*

September 2015 - Present

*University of Toronto*

- Culture and Inequality
- Sociology of Urban Cultural Policies
- Introduction to Race and Ethnicity
- Sociology of Suburbs and Suburbanization
- Population and Society
- Logic of Social Inquiry
- Classical Sociological Theory I & II
- Media, Ethics, and Conflict
- Advanced Seminar in Cities and Culture: The Sociology of Neighbourhoods
- Introduction to Sociology

Course Instructor

*Department of Humanities*

March 2014 - July 2015

*Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas*

- Ethics and Citizenship
- Integrated Research Seminar
- Cultural Anthropology

Teaching Assistant

*Department of Social Sciences*

July 2010 - December 2012

*Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú*

- Academic Research in Social Sciences

## PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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Peer Reviewer

*Publications*

*2022-Present*

- City and Community

Session Co-Organizer and Presider

*ASA Meeting - Community and Urban Sociology Section*

*2020*

- “Cities and ‘Big Data’ ” (Co-Organized with Daniel Silver)

Vice-President and Secretary

*Charles Street Family Housing Tenants’ Association*

*2020-2022*

Treasurer

*Peruvian Students Association at the University of Toronto*

*2019-Present*

International Student Co-Liaison <i>Graduate Sociology Student Association</i>	2017-2019
· Advocated for the creation of the position on behalf of the international student body.	
Graduate Program Committee Student Co-Representative <i>Graduate Sociology Student Association</i>	2017-2020
Volunteer <i>PODER: Latinx Feminist Non-Profit Organization</i>	2016-2019
Session Co-Organizer <i>Latin American Studies Association Conference</i>	2018
· “Urban Policy and Everyday Life” (Co-Organized with Viktor Bensús)	
Fundraiser for El Niño’s Flood Victims in Peru Co-Organizer <i>Sponsored by PODER and Casa Maíz</i>	2017
Rally in Support to Ni Una Menos Perú National March #13A Volunteer <i>Ni Una Menos Perú – Canada Section</i>	2016

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Canadian Sociological Association	2021-Present
American Sociological Association	2019-Present
European Sociological Association	2019-Present
Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies	2018-Present
Latin American Studies Association	2014-Present

## MEDIA PRESENCE

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School of Cities Staff. 2021. “Students in the Spotlight: Fernando Calderón Figueroa.” *School of Cities*, June 8. Available at: <https://www.schoolofcities.utoronto.ca/students-spotlight-fernando-calderon-figueroa>

Florida, Richard. 2019. “Ford Nation: How Populism Took Hold in Toronto.” *City-Lab*, January 17. Available at: <https://www.citylab.com/life/2019/01/doug-ford-populism-in-cities-too-rob-ford-toronto-politics/580618/>

## LANGUAGES

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English  
*Fluent speaker and writer*

Spanish  
*Native speaker and writer*

Portuguese  
*Working skills in reading*

French

*Intermediate skills in reading*

## COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

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*Extensive experience in R, Stata, Python, ArcGIS, and Atlas.Ti*

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science—Chicago  
*Northwestern University*

*2021*

Verified edX Certificates—Harvard  
*Data Science Professional Certificate*

*2020-2021*

- Data Science: R Basics
- Visualization
- Probability
- Inference and Modeling
- Productivity Tools
- Wrangling
- Linear Regression
- Machine Learning
- Capstone

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú  
*Diploma Course in Applied Statistics*

*2012-2013*

- Basic Statistical Procedures
- Sampling and Survey Elaboration
- Forecasting, Regression and Time Series Techniques
- Categorical Data Analysis
- Multivariate Analysis Techniques