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Stephanie L. Canizales, PhD, is a researcher, author, and professor at the University of California, Berkeley, and Faculty Director of the Berkeley Interdisciplinary Migration Initiative. Stephanie specializes in the study of international migration and immigrant integration, with particular interest in the experiences of Latin American migrants in the United States. Over the last decade, Stephanie has focused her research on the migration and coming-of-age of unaccompanied children from Central America and Mexico in the US. Stephanie's first book, *Sin Padres, Ni Papeles*, brings together six years of research to tell the stories of unaccompanied migrant youth in Los Angeles, California.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, Stephanie is the daughter of Salvadoran immigrants whose experiences growing up as unaccompanied youth in LA motivate her commitment to public scholarship. Stephanie's research has appeared in the *New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, and the *Los Angeles Times*, among other public outlets. She aims to impact policy through her work as a Resident Scholar with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and a Research Consultant at UNICEF.

Praise for *Sin Padres, Ni Papeles*

"*Sin Padres, Ni Papeles* illuminates the challenges and adaptations these young people face, offering a compelling call to reexamine our policies and attitudes toward these most vulnerable members of our society. A must-read!"

—Carola Suárez-Orozco, Harvard Graduate School of Education

"Canizales develops a deeply engaging portrait of her participants to provide a sobering account of the lives of unaccompanied Central American minors who are aging into adulthood without the support of parent-led households or K-12 schools."

—Laura E. Enriquez, author of "Of Love and Papers: How Immigration Policy Affects Romance and Family"

Recent Works:

- 2024. "Between obligations and aspirations: Unaccompanied immigrant teen workers' transnational family lives and imagined futures." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.
- 2023. "'Si mis papas estuvieran aquí': Unaccompanied, undocumented Latinx youth's emergent frame of reference and health in the U.S." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- 2023. "Work primacy and the social incorporation of unaccompanied, undocumented Latinx youth in the United States." *Social Forces*.
- 2023. "Latin American child migrant labor in the U.S.: Past, present, and future." *ASA Footnotes: Sociological Perspectives on Immigrants and Immigration*.
- 2023. "How immigration policy fuels a child labor epidemic." *Los Angeles Times*.
- 2021. "Advocating for asylum-seeking children is traumatic, new research finds." *Washington Post*.

Speaking Subjects:

- Destiny and Future: Root causes of child migration from Latin America to the US
- Alone and Exploited?: Children's perspectives on migration, labor, and care
- The Immigrant Threat Myth: Understanding the impact of immigration on US-born workers
- Second-gen Daughter, First-gen Academic: Resisting silence through research and writing

