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EDUCATION

2026 (expected)	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Georgia Committee: Drs. Patricia L. Richards (chair), Diana Graizbord, Pablo Lapegna Dissertation: “Immigration Enforcement, International Education, and the Significance of Street-Level Bureaucrats on University Campuses.” Comprehensive Exam Area: Political Sociology, Spring 2023.
2024	Nonprofit Management and Leadership Certificate, University of Georgia
2019	M.A. Sociology, Middle Tennessee State University Committee: Drs. Ashleigh E. McKinzie (chair), Jackie Eller, Ida F. Leggett Thesis: “International Students and Changing Policy: Experience, Life, and Plans after Graduation.”
2015	B.A. Sociology (Social Research), Thammasat University, Thailand Advisor: Dr. Natcheree Suwannapat Thesis: “Consuming the Supplements for Ideal Beauty and Body.”

AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

International Higher Education Race and Ethnicity	Political Sociology Qualitative Methods	Sociology of Immigration
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PUBLICATIONS*Peer-reviewed*

2020	Marbang, Phattra, Ashleigh E. McKinzie, Jackie Eller, and Ida F. Leggett. “International Students’ Experiences with Changing Policy: A Qualitative Study from Middle Tennessee.” <i>Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies in Education</i> 9(2):311-37. (Link to article)
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Book review

2022	Marbang, Phattra. Review of <i>People Power: Why We Need More Migrants</i> by Giles Merritt. <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> . (Link to article)
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MANUSCRIPT IN PREPARATION (*Full draft available)

2025	*Marbang, Phattra, Ashleigh E. McKinzie, Ida F. Leggett, and Jackie Eller. “Regulating and Disciplining International Students’ Bodies: The Mechanics of ‘Othering’ in the United States.” Expected submission: Summer 2025
2025	Marbang, Phattra. “English is not our Language”: Reflection on Constructive Meanings Between Non-English Speaker Interviewees and Interviewers.
2025	Marbang, Phattra, and Vahid Jadidi. “The Political Economy of Visa Fees and Rejections: The Cost of Global South Students to the Global North Economy.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 **Marbang, Phattrra.** "Immigration Surveillance vs. International Education: The Significance of Street-Level Bureaucrats on University Campuses." *Political Sociology Roundtables, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Chicago, IL. August 11.
- 2025 **Marbang, Phattrra.** "The Importance of Interaction between International Students and Scholars Services and the Students They Serve." *NAFSA: Association of International Educators Annual Meeting*. San Diego, CA. May 28.
- 2025 **Moderator.** Spring [Ethnography Symposium](#): Community Hour and Collective Project Problem-Solution Sharing and Advice. *Society for Emerging Ethnographers*. April 24. (Virtual).
- 2024 **Session Organizer and Presenter.** "Education as Empowerment: How Can We Support Immigrant Students?" *Mid-South Sociological Association Annual Conference*. Nashville, TN. October 17.
- 2022 **Marbang, Phattrra, Ashleigh E. McKinzie, and Ida F. Leggett.** "Regulating and Disciplining International Students' Bodies: The Mechanics of 'Othering' in the Era of Donald Trump." *Student Forum Refereed Roundtable—Table 8: Education, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Los Angeles, CA. August 6.
- 2021 **Marbang, Phattrra, Ashleigh E. McKinzie, Ida F. Leggett, and Jackie Eller.** "International students' experiences with changing policy: A qualitative study from middle Tennessee." *Society of Transnational Academic Researchers (STAR) Global Conference*. December 10. (Virtual Presentation).
- 2021 **Marbang, Phattrra.** "F-1 Visa Rules and the Struggle of International Students After Graduation: Discussing How Thai Student Associations Could Help Our Students." *Association of Thai Students in the United States of America (ATSA) Annual Conference*. Boston, MA. August 20.
- 2019 **Marbang, Phattrra.** "International Students and Changing Policy: Experience, Life, and Plans after Graduation." *Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Conference*. Atlanta, GA. April 12.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023 The Ethnography Summer School. "Politics of International Higher Education: The University, State Administrative Powers, and Nonimmigrant Student Control." *University of Texas at Austin*. Austin, TX. March 23–26.
- 2019 Graduate Teaching Assistant Teaching Preparation Certificate, LT&ITC (Learning Teaching & Innovative Technologies Center), MTSU, April.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2024 Online Volunteer, UN Volunteers, Supervisor: Paweena Suwiwatsanti, Operations Analyst (Asia and Pacific)
Project: Data Collection for the UNV Visibility Survey

University of Georgia

2023 Research Assistant (Summer), Supervisor: Dr. Patricia Richards

2022 Research Assistant (Summer), Supervisor: Dr. Diana Graizbord

Thammasat University, Thailand

2015 Research Assistant, Supervisor: Dr. Anusorn Unno

Project: "Constructing Social Justice Index (SOJUST) Project," Bangkok.

2013, 2015 Research Assistant, Supervisor: Drs. Teera Sindecharak and Ornuma Teparakul

Project: "The Surveying Satisfactions of the Communities Surrounding the Industrial Estates and Industrial Ports in Thailand," Rayong. 2013 and 2015.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, University of Georgia

Development of Sociological Theory

Fall 2025 (scheduled)

Race and Ethnicity in America

Fall 2024 (43 students), Spring 2025 (39 students)

Introductory Sociology

Fall 2023 (37 students), Spring 2024 (83 students), Fall 2024 (39 students), Spring 2025 (38 students),
Fall 2025 (scheduled)

Teaching Assistant, University of Georgia

Introductory Sociology (9 sections), Criminology (1 section), Lives in Time and Place (1 section)

Teaching Assistant, Middle Tennessee State University

Social Deviance (1 section), Drugs in Society (1 section)

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Middle Tennessee State University

2019 Excellent Graduate Student in Sociology

2017-18 International Student Merit Scholarship (\$4,000)

Thammasat University, Thailand

2015 Second-class Honor, Thammasat University, Thailand.

SERVICE

University of Georgia

Departmental Service

2024-present Graduate Student Representative, Inclusive Excellence Committee (Fall-).

2024-present Diversity Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Society (SGSS) (Fall-).

2023-2024 Assistant Diversity Chair, SGSS.

University Service

2023-2024 General Scholarship Committee, Office of Global Engagement. (Fall-Spring).

2023-2024 Executive Planning Committee, Thai Student Association (ThSA).

2023 Speaker, "Academic Differences in Social Sciences and Time Management as a TA."
International Student Orientation. August 10.

2023 Volunteer Researcher, "Housing Resources for Prospective International Students."

- 2021-23 *International Student Life (ISL)*. (Summer).
Public relations, ThSA. Fall 2021 – Spring 2023.
- 2021-22 Administration Outreach Committee, “Airport Transportation Project for Incoming International Students.” *International Student Advisory Board (ISAB)*. (Fall 2021–Fall 2022).

Middle Tennessee State University

Departmental Service

- 2019 Volunteer, Women’s and Gender Studies, *Biennial Conference Creating Global Change: Gendered Migration, Bodies, and Borders*. Murfreesboro, TN. March 28–30.
- 2019 Graduate Student Representative, *27th Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium—From the Ice Age to the Anthropocene: Human Responses to Global Change*. Murfreesboro, TN. February 27 – 28.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Political Sociology, International Migration

Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

Mid-South Sociological Association (MSSA)

Association of Thai Students in the United States of America (ATSA)

Tri-Alpha, National Academic Honor Society for First-generation College Students

MEDIA

Interview for the Department of Sociology, MTSU. ([Link to media](#))

REFERENCES

Dr. Patricia L. Richards

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