

# Margarita Osuna

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

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University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA  
Ph.D. in Gerontology – *expected May 2025*

Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia.  
B.S in Sociology – 2015

Thesis title: “*Weights, happiness and coffee: The gym as a meeting point for older adults*” (in Spanish, “*Pesas, alegría y café: El gimnasio, un lugar de encuentro para el adulto mayor*”)

### Research and teaching interests

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Health and aging in Latin America. Socioeconomic inequality in health and well-being in the older adult population. Neighborhoods and housing. Demography in Latin America.

### Publications

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Ailshire, J., **Osuna, M.**, Wilkens, J., Lee, J. (2021) Family caregiving and place of death: Insights from cross-national analysis of the Harmonized End of Life Data, *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 76(S1): S76-S85 .

#### Under review:

Marquez, I., Garcia-Cifuentes, E., Ramirez- Velandia, F., Saaverda, A., Borda, M., Chavarro-Carvajal, A., **Osuna, M.**, Aarsland, D., Ailshire, J., Cano-Gutierrez, C. Motoric Cognitive Risk Syndrome: Prevalence, Risk Factors and Cognitive Performance: A Secondary Analysis from SABE 2015 Colombian Survey. (*The Lancet*)

Ailshire, J., Herrera, C., Choi E., **Osuna, M.**, Suzuki E. Cross-National Differences in Wealth Inequality in End-of-Life Care (*The Lancet*)

#### In preparation:

**Osuna, M.**, Farina, M., Ailshire, J. Gender differences in disabled life expectancy among adults ages 60 and older in Colombia. (*Draft Available*)

**Osuna, M.**, Jaramillo, A., Ailshire, J. Environmental effects on aging in a middle-income context: Neighborhood, housing, and well-being among older adults in Colombia. (*Draft Available*)

Zhao, E., **Osuna, M.**, Ailshire, J., Crimmins, E., Racial and ethnic disparities in kidney functioning among older adults in the United States: Health and Retirement Study. (*Draft Available*)

Franco, Y., **Osuna, M.**, Ailshire, J. Place of death and Immigrant status. Health and Retirement Study

Fennell, G., **Osuna, M.**, Sluys, E., Ailshire, J. Does Pain Influence Subjective Assessments of Life Expectancy in Older Americans? (*Draft Available*)

### Grants and fellowships

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2021- Present Predoctoral Trainee, T32 Multidisciplinary Training in Gerontology Program

2019 - Beca Colfuturo (*Declined*) \$48.000 USD

National scholarship program of Colombia

### Conference presentations

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2021 - Accepted

Organizer: **Margarita Osuna**. Symposium "Health and aging disparities among Latin American older adults: Findings from studies in Brazil, Colombia and Mexico" Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

**Osuna, M.**, Wilkie, R., Ailshire, J.A. "The longitudinal impacts of housing conditions and neighborhood safety on older adults" Session: Evaluating How and Why the Environmental Context Shapes the Course of Development Across the Adult Lifespan. Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

Franco, Y., **Osuna, M.**, Ailshire, J.A. "The Relationship Between Place of Death and Immigrant Status" Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona.

2021 - Completed

**Osuna, M.**, Farina, M., Cano, A., Garcia, E., Ailshire, J. A. "Gender differences in disabled life expectancy among adults ages 60 and older in Colombia." Session: Health expectancy and gender, REVES annual Meeting.

**Osuna, M.**, Farina, M., Cano, A., Garcia, E., Ailshire, J. A. "Environmental Effects on Aging in a Middle-Income Context: Neighborhood, Housing, and Well-being Among Older Adults in Colombia" Session: Environmental Influences on Aging, Population Association of America (PAA).

Ailshire, J. A., **Osuna, M** "Life Course Determinants of Cognitive Function in Older Adults in Colombia" Session: Life Course Determinants of Cognitive Aging in Asia and South America, Population Association of America (PAA).

2020

**Osuna, M.**, Farina, M., Cano, A., Garcia, E., Ailshire, J. A. "Gender differences in disabled life expectancy among adults ages 60 and older in Colombia." Session: Gender- and Sex-Centered Topics in Aging, Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting.

2019

**Osuna, M.,** Ailshire, J. “Envejecimiento y Estratos: Socioeconomic Inequality in Aging in Colombia.” Session: Aging in Latin America: A Focus on Middle-Income Countries, Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Ailshire, J., **Osuna,M.** “Variation in biological risk among older Colombians Session: Aging in Latin America: A Focus on Middle-Income Countries.” Session: Aging in Latin America: A Focus on Middle-Income Countries, Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Ailshire, J., **Osuna.,M.** “End of life interviews in MHAS and the HRS family of studies.” MHAS meeting. Mexico.

### **Research Experience**

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Gateway to Global aging data, 2019 – present.

Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Ailshire

Role: Research assistant

Responsibilities: Survey harmonization, data management and analysis, data visualization, literature review, writing articles.

Center on Global Aging – Latin America Health and Aging Group (LAHA), 2019 – present.

Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Ailshire and Dr. Elieen Crimmins

Role: Research assistant

Responsibilities: Harmonization in surveys in Latin America, data management and analysis. Writing articles, assist with organizing and maintaining collaborations in Latin America, website design.

NLCHDD – Network on Life Course and Health Dynamics and Disparities

Supervisor: Dr. Jennifer Ailshire

Role: Research Assistant

Responsibilities: Data visualization, organization of data resources, website development

### **Teaching and work experience**

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2021 Graduate co-teacher, University of Southern California

Assisted with course design, gave lectures, graded student work.

Class: (Gero 499) Aging and older adults in Latin America.

2021 Invited Guest Lecture, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana

The role of built environment for Older Adults in Colombia.

Class: Metodologías Cuantitativas 1.

2020 Invited Guest Lecture, Universidad Javeriana, Colombia

Data development skills on age standardization

Geriatrics and Neurosciences in the Medical School

2020 Graduate co-teacher, University of Southern California  
Assisted with course design, gave lectures, graded student work.  
Class: (Gero 499) Aging and older adults in Latin America.

2020 Invited Guest Lecture, Universidad Javeriana, Colombia  
Data development skills in STATA  
Geriatrics and Neurosciences in the Medical School

2019 Invited Guest Lecture  
“The Pension System in Colombia.”  
Class: (Gero 499) Aging and older adults in Latin America.

### **Other Work Experience**

2015-2018 Asofondos General Communications Manager.

Role: Helped communicate the complex pension system to the Colombian population, participated in educational events and meetings where we helped journalists, researchers, and others understand how pensions work in Colombia.

### **Software**

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Stata and R data management skills and data visualization. Adobe Photoshop. ArcGIS.

### **Language**

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Spanish – Native level proficiency in: Speaking, reading, writing

English – Native level proficiency in: Speaking, reading, writing

German – Basic level proficiency in: Speaking, reading writing

### **Professional Affiliations**

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Member, Gerontological Society of America

Member, Population Association of America