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I am interested in the etiology of juvenile delinquency within Latino communities. One of my current projects focuses on the political economy, education, and ecological variables and how these factors may create settings that facilitate the emergence of Mexican gangs. I am also interested in police-youth relationships and the role that residents play within Latino communities. Currently, there is a paucity of data specifically addressing police-youth contacts, even though most research indicates that police-minority interactions are negative. However, there might be other factors that facilitate contact and arrest, for instance, do Latinos living in communities with high crime rates not only call the police, but also advocate for youth to be arrested?