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Dr. Gómez Cervantes is Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at Wake Forest University. Her research specializes in international migration and immigration policies, race, families, and gender violence. As a Mexican immigrant, she is especially interested in creating initiatives that address the wellbeing of immigrant families and communities in the U.S. and abroad. Dr. Gómez Cervantes is a first-generation scholar and is passionate about providing professionalization and mentoring opportunities for historically excluded students and scholars in academia.

In her first book, *Illegality in the Heartland: Latinidad, Indigeneity, and Immigration Policies During Times of Hate*, she investigates the effects of immigration policies on Latin American immigrants' everyday lives and ethnoracial relations among Indigenous and non-Indigenous Latin American immigrants. Dr. Gómez Cervantes is an Emerging Poverty Scholars Fellow, a University of California President's Fellow, a Ford Fellow, and an American Sociological Association Minority Fellow. Her research has received support from the National Science Foundation as well as affiliated universities. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas in 2019. Her work appears in *Social Problems*, *Journal of Race and Ethnicity*, *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*, *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Migration Letters*, *Sociology Compass*, and *Feminist Criminology*.

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