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**Education:**

- University of California, Irvine
  - MA and PhD in Anthropology, 2013-present (In Progress)
- Michigan State University
  - BA in Anthropology with Honors, 2008-2012
  - BA in History with Honors, 2008-2012
  - Additional major in Spanish, 2008-2012
  - Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 2008-2012
  - Study Abroad at La Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador, Spring Semester 2011

**Volunteer and Work Experience:**

- 2014-present Teaching Assistant at University of California, Irvine, CA
  - Lead discussion sections
  - Meet with students in office hours and correspond via email
  - Grade student papers and exams
- 2014-present Volunteer Visitor with Friends of Orange County Detainees, Irvine, CA
  - Visit detainees at the James A. Musick Facility who request visits from community members
- 2014 and 2015 Summer Preliminary Fieldwork and Volunteer at the Backside Learning Center, Louisville, KY
  - Conducted interviews with equine workers and horse owners at the racetrack
  - Observed the work of equine workers and trainers at the racetrack
  - Volunteered at the Backside Learning Center
    - Recruited students and helped them access the BLC's services
    - Planned and organized events
    - Created informational materials and communicated with current and prospective students
- 2012-2013 AmeriCorps VISTA and Program and Volunteer Coordinator at the Backside Learning Center, Louisville, KY
  - Recruited students and helped them access the BLC's services
  - Recruited, trained, and managed volunteers
  - Planned and organized events
  - Solicited donations and applied to grants
  - Created informational materials and sent organization communications
- 2011-2012 Spanish Writing Consultant at La Casa, the Michigan State University Undergraduate Spanish Writing Center, East Lansing, MI
  - Led client consultation appointments
  - Helped undergraduate students of Spanish improve their written work
- 2011-2012 Tutor at Lansing Refugee Development Center, Lansing, MI

- Assisted middle-school refugee students with their math and social studies homework
- 2010 English Teacher at Exodus Refugee Immigration Center, Indianapolis, IN
  - Taught a section of approximately 15 students at an English class for refugees
  - Implemented a lesson plan for the beginner level
- 2010 Gardener at the Midwest Food Bank Garden of Hope, Indianapolis, IN
  - Helped Burmese refugees harvest food from the garden

**Service:**

- University of California, Irvine
  - 2015-present Graduate Student Representative, Department of Anthropology
  - 2015 Steering Committee Member, “Anthropology in Transit” (Graduate Student Conference)
  - 2014-2015 Coordinator, Working Title (workshop for ethnographic writing)
  - 2014 Reviewer, Social Science Dean’s Fellowship Advisory Committee
  - 2014 Conference Organizer, “Anthropology in Transit” (Graduate Student Conference)
  - 2013-2014 Curriculum Analyst, Anthropology Undergraduate Committee
- Michigan State University
  - 2011-2012 President, Undergraduate Anthropology Club
  - 2009-2010 Vice President, Undergraduate Anthropology Club

**Awards/Honors/Grants:**

- 2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- 2013-2018 UCI Social Science Merit Fellowship
- 2013 and 2014 UCI Anthropology Department Summer Research Fellowship
- 2013 UCI Graduate Dean’s Recruitment Fellowship
- 2012 MSU Anthropology Department Outstanding Senior Award
- 2011 MSU Presidential Study Abroad Scholarship
- 2011 MSU Cole Excellence Award
- 2011 MSU College of Social Science Study Abroad Alumni Scholarship
- 2010 University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum First Place Award for Category 3 of Social Science
- 2010 Andrew Undergraduate Fellowship
- 2010-2012 MSU Honors College Research Grant
- 2008-2012 MSU Honors College membership
- 2008-2012 MSU Dean’s List 8 semesters
- 2008-2010 MSU Professorial Assistantship
- 2008 National Merit Scholar
- 2008 AP Scholar with Honors
- 2008 MSU Alumni Distinguished Scholar Commended Finalist

**Research Presentations:**

- May 12, 2015 “Behind the Tracks: Immigrant Labor in the U.S. Horse Racing Industry” Guest Lecturer for Dr. Leo Chavez’s Transnational Migration Undergraduate Course. University of California, Irvine, CA
- April 20, 2012 “Rethinking Community Development through the Lens of Refugee Gardening” as a Brown Bag presentation for the Michigan State University Anthropology Department, East Lansing, MI
- April 16, 2010 “Immigrant Community Contributions through the Lens of Immigrant Gardening” at the University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum at Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- March 26, 2010 “Refugee Community Contributions through the Lens of Refugee Gardening” at the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters annual conference, at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

**Teaching:**

- University of California, Irvine School of Social Sciences, 2014-2015  
Teaching Assistant
  - Classes Taught: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Introduction to Chicana/o and Latina/o History, Global Cultures and Society

**Languages:**

- English
- Spanish: advanced reading, writing, and speaking skills