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Education:

- University of California, Irvine
 - PhD in Anthropology (in progress)
 - Advancement to Candidacy 06/2016
 - MA in Anthropology 03/2016
- Michigan State University
 - BA in Anthropology with Honors 2012
 - BA in History with Honors 2012
 - Additional major in Spanish 2012
 - Specialization in Latin American and Caribbean Studies 2012
 - Study Abroad at La Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador, Spring 2011

Web-Based Publication:

- 2018. "In Good Hands: Tactile Skill and the Care of Racehorses." Sensorium. Online Features. Culture and Agriculture.

Awards/Honors/Grants:

- 2018 Christian Werner Fellowship
- 2017 UC Mexus Dissertation Research Grant and Mildred Mathias Award
- 2016 Society for the Anthropology of North America St. Clair Drake Travel Grant
- 2016 Kentucky Historical Society Fellowship
- 2014, 2015, 2016 UCI Anthropology Department Summer Research Fellowship
- 2013 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
- 2013-2018 UCI Social Science Merit 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:

- Sept 28, 2018 "Rocking the Earth: Natural Disasters and the Roots of Philanthrotech in China" California-Shanghai Innovation Dialogues. Irvine, CA.
- June 15, 2018 "Behind the Tracks: Social and Labor Relations in the U.S. Horse Racing Industry" Department of Anthropology. University of California, Irvine. Irvine, CA.
- Nov 30, 2017 "The 'Backside' of the Track: Labor in Thoroughbred Horse Racing. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington D.C.

- April 6, 2017 “Work, Skill, and Latinos in Horse Racing” Diálogos: Hispanic and Latino Philosophy and Ideas in Context. University of Louisville Discussion Series. Louisville, KY
- March 23, 2017 “‘Horses are like Babies’: Work and Skill in the Care of Racehorses” Living with Animals Conference. Richmond, KY
- Nov 19, 2016 “Off to the Races: Migrant Lives, Work, and Legal Status in the Horse Racing Industry” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN
- April 1, 2016 “Noticing Nuances: Work and Skill in the Care of Racehorses” UCI Anthropology in Transit Conference. Irvine, CA
- Nov 22, 2015 “Place and Space in the Lives of Immigrant Equine Workers” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO
- 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” Anthropology Department Brown Bag presentation. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- April 16, 2010 “Immigrant Community Contributions through the Lens of Immigrant Gardening” University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum. Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- March 26, 2010 “Refugee Community Contributions through the Lens of Refugee Gardening” Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters Annual Conference. Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI

Teaching Experience:

- 2018 Lecturer at California State University, Long Beach
 - Class: Migration and Modernity in the International Studies Department
- 2014-2016 Teaching Assistant at University of California, Irvine, CA
 - Classes:
 - Introduction to Chicana/o and Latina/o History (2014, 2015, 2016)
 - With Dr. Anita Casavantes Bradford
 - Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (2015, 2016)
 - With Dr. Leo Chavez and Dr. Mei Zhan
 - Global Cultures and Society (2014, 2015)
 - With Dr. Thomas Douglas
 - Lead discussion sections
 - Met with students in office hours and corresponded via email
 - Evaluated student papers and exams

Service:

- University of California, Irvine
 - 2015-2016 Graduate Student Representative, Department of Anthropology
 - 2015-2016 Editor, Trans-Scripts (UCI Humanities and Social Sciences Journal)
 - 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

Other Work Experience and Reports

- 2018 Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Bill Maurer at the University of California, Irvine for a project titled “Philanthrotech”: New Ways to Give for New Kinds of Givers
- 2018 “Summary of Programs and Recommendations for the Equine Worker Community.” Report prepared for the California Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Foundation

- 2016-2018 Interpreter at Kentucky Racing Health Services Center, Louisville, KY
 - Facilitate effective spoken communication between Spanish-speaking patients and English-speaking health care providers during medical appointments
- 2016-2017 Program Development and Student Outreach Coordinator at the Backside Learning Center, Louisville, KY
 - Recruit students and help them access the BLC's services
 - Plan and organize programs and events
 - Evaluate BLC programs and create plans for improvement
 - Identify funding sources for programs
 - Create informational materials and communications
 - Teach a beginner level English class for ELL 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
- 2008-2012 Professorial Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
 - Conducted interviews and participant observation
 - Under the supervision of Dr. Laura DeLind for a project on refugee participation in community gardens
- 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

Languages:

- English
- Spanish