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## EDUCATION

### University of New Mexico

PhD. Candidate, Anthropology (Ethnology)

Committee: Dr. Field (Chair), Dr. Singer, and Dr. Wallerstein

M.A., 2005; Anthropology

### University of Chicago

M.A., 2003; Master of the Arts Program in the Social Science

B.A., 1999; Anthropology & Latin American Studies

### Arizona State University

2002 Arizona State University: The Amazon & the Andes Field School  
Training in Ethnographic Research Methods

**DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH** 22 August, 1976, Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, México

**LANGUAGES** Spanish

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- Fall 2009 Adjunct Professor, Anthropology Department  
El Paso Community College, Valle Verde Campus
- Anthropology 2351, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (online & hybrid sections)
- 2006 - 2008 Teaching Associate, Research Service Learning Program  
University College & Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico
- Anthropology 230, Anthropology & Community Gardens II (Spring 2008)
  - Anthropology 230, Introduction to Ethnographic Video (Fall 2007)
  - Anthropology 230, Anthropology & Community Gardens (Spring 2007)
  - Anthropology 340, Community-Based Urban Anthropology Research (Fall 2006)
- Spring 2003 Adjunct Professor, Sociology Department  
Richard J. Daley College, City Colleges of Chicago
- Sociology 201, Introduction to the Study of Society
  - Sociology 101, Introduction to the Scientific Study of Human Behavior
- Spring 2002 Adjunct Professor, Continuing Education  
Graham School of General Studies, University of Chicago
- Course Offered: American Indian Powwows

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS**

2009-2010	Dissertation Fellowship, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$12,000)
2008-2009	Doctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$24,000)
2008	Doctoral Area Scholar, Summer Fellowship, Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$4,000)
2007-2008	Doctoral Area Scholar, Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$6,000)
2007	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – CHCI Summer Internship, Division of Diabetes and Translation. National Diabetes Education Program, Atlanta, Georgia (room, board, and stipend)
2006 - 2008	Graduate Instructor, Research Service Learning Program, University of New Mexico (\$12,000 yearly)
2005 - 2009	Graduate Student Fellowship, University of New Mexico (\$28,000 total)
2005 - 2006	Graduate Assistant, El Centro de la Raza (room and board)
2005	Smithsonian Institution Visiting Student, National Museum of American History (summer room, board & research expenses)
2005	Regents Fellowship, University of New Mexico (\$7,200)
2004 - 2005	Graduate Student Assistant, American Indian Graduate Center, Albuquerque, NM
2005	Ford Foundation Diversity Predoctoral Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2004	Governor's Fellowship, Office of the Governor & Cultural Affairs, New Mexico Historic Preservation Division (room, board & research expenses)
2003 - 2004	Fellowship, Center for Southwest Research, University of New Mexico (\$12,000)
2003	Web Intern, National Trust for Historic Preservation, Washington, D.C.
2003	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2002	Teacher Scholarship, Arizona State University (\$1,000)
2002	Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Quichua Language, Ecuador (declined)
2001 - 2002	Fellowship, Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program (\$12,500)
1998	Summer Research Opportunities Program, University of Chicago (room, board)

**SCHOLARSHIPS, AWARDS, AND HONORS**

2009	Graduate Research Development Grant, video equipment (\$4,800) for City of Albuquerque community gardens and health video, University of New Mexico
2007-present	Travel Awards (Doctoral Pre-research/Tribal Consultation & Academic Conferences), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$2,900)
2007	Travel Award (for CDC/NDEP - Native Science Talk), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy, University of New Mexico (\$500)
2007	Speaker Honorarium, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation & New Visions Lecture Series. University of New Mexico (\$100)
2006	Conference Travel Scholarship, GPSA, University of New Mexico (\$100)
2006 & 2007	Wendell Scott Award, Hispanic Association of Colleges & Universities (\$4,000)
2006	Stipend, Peer Mentoring for Graduate Students of Color, U. of New Mexico (\$100)
2006	3% Graduate Scholars Award, University of New Mexico (Spring tuition & fees)
2006	New Mexico Hispano Round Table Award (\$1000)
2005	Hispanic-Serving Health Professionals Schools/CDC Conference Award (\$1015)

- 2005 Specialized Travel Grant, GPSA, University of New Mexico (\$200)
- 2005 Ed and Carolyn Lewis Scholarship, University of New Mexico (\$1000)
- 2005 Hispanic Scholarship Fund/Good Times Stores Scholarship (\$2,500)
- 2005 Research Project & Travel Grant, University of New Mexico (declined)
- 2005 Stipend, Peer Mentoring for Graduate Students of Color, U. of New Mexico (\$100)
- 2004 - 2005 3% Graduate Scholars Award, University of New Mexico (tuition & fees)
- 2004 Travel Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico (\$50)
- 2004 National Trust for Historic Preservation Diversity Scholarship (declined)
- 2004 Hispanic Scholarship Fund/Good Times Stores Scholarship (\$1,750)
- 2003 Travel Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico (\$30)
- 2003 Conference Scholarship, Children's Defense Fund, Washington D.C. (\$1,000)
- 2001 Tuition Grant, Graduate Division, University of Chicago (\$23,680)
- 1999 Best Undergraduate Paper, Central States Anthropology Society (\$300)

#### **OTHER GRANTS**

- 2007 Google Earth Education Initiative, Google Earth Pro Program License (\$400)
- 2007 Home Depot Community Development Grant (\$3,000). For the Research Service Learning Program Barelás Community Garden, University of New Mexico.
- 2006 Pepsi Fund, University College, "Special Event Funding" (\$1,000). For El Centro de la Raza, University of New Mexico
- 2006 Provost Office Fund for Innovative Events (\$15,000). For El Centro de la Raza, University of New Mexico
- 2005 W.K. Kellogg Foundation, "Healing Hearts Workshop" (\$90,000). Co-authored for the American Indian Graduate Center, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2004 Tommy Hilfiger Corporation Foundation, Inc., "All Native American High School Academic Team" start-up grant (\$5,000). Co-authored for the American Indian Graduate Center, Albuquerque, NM.

#### **PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS**

- 2008 RWJ Working Paper Series: "From Classroom to Field: The Challenges and Impacts of Teaching Community Based Research Courses as a Graduate Student"
- 2007 "Practicing Public Anthropology at the CDC and Implications for Future Research." *In* Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools Newsletter (Summer 2007).
- 2005 "National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Listing: Historic New Mexican Dude Ranches." (NPS Form 10-900-b, OMB No. 1024-0018.) The National Register of Historic Places, National Park Service.
- 2004 "Dude Ranching as Heritage Tourism in New Mexico." *In* Preservation New Mexico. August. Vol. 19, No. 4.
- 2003 "Case Studies in Successful Historic Preservation." The National Trust for Historic Preservation: [www.nationaltrust.org/primer/examples.html](http://www.nationaltrust.org/primer/examples.html)
- 2001 "Why Indians and Why at the University of Chicago?" University of Chicago Free Press. October, Sec. A, p.1.

#### **ACADEMIC PAPERS & SESSIONS**

- 2009 "Sowing the seeds for the future to honor Tigua history and tradition." Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health policy Annual Meeting of the Board, UNM.

- 2008 “The Challenges and Impacts of Teaching Community Based Research Courses as a Graduate Student.” Panel: Participatory Research in Education. Annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Memphis, TN.
- 2007 “The Linguistic Politics of Collaboration: Lessons Learned from Collaborative Research”. Panel: Trauma, transformation, and tactics: Rethinking the socialization of graduate students in anthropology. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association., Washington, D.C.
- 2007 “Speaking With the Public: Lessons Learned from a Collaborative Service Learning Course.” Panel Co- Organizer for Service-Learning and Action Anthropology II: From Ethnography to Community Involvement. Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropology Society, Minneapolis MN.
- 2007 Teaching Session & Roundtable Discussant. Panel: Service-Learning and Action Anthropology III: Teaching and Learning. Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropology Society, Minneapolis MN.
- 2006 “‘We Got Jack’: Ambiguous recognition and Casino Ideologies”. University of the New Mexico Graduate Symposium, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2005 “Negotiating Recognition: Casinos, Law and Identity on the U.S. - Mexico Border.” Invited session of the Central States Anthropological Society: American Indian Gaming and Its Impacts. Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2005 “Reconsidering the Urban Indian Experience: Identity, Place and Diabetes.” Annual Smithsonian Institution Minority Internship Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 “Case Studies of Successful Preservation: Using the Web as a Means for Action.” Annual National Park Service Diversity Intern Summer Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2003 “Towards an Ethnography of Sound: Acoustic Space at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.” Annual University of the New Mexico Graduate Symposium, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2001 “Crossing the Digital Divide: Negotiating American Indian Identity in a Web Chat-Room.” Annual Meeting of the Illinois Consortium for Educational Opportunity Program, Grand Rapids, MI.
- 1999 “From Failed Literacy Programs to a Pan-Indian Identity: The Role of Indigenismo in the Formation of the Mexican Indian, 1920-1940.” Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropology Society, Chicago, IL. Awarded *Best Undergraduate Paper*.

#### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS**

- 2008 “Service Learning as Applied Anthropology.” Co-presented with Patrick Staib, University of New Mexico. Annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Memphis, TN.
- 2007 “Type 2 Diabetes and the Role of Ethnographic Research.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Heath Polity & New Visions Public Lecture. University of New Mexico.
- 2007 “Diabetes Meets Teatros: Using traditional communication methods to educate Latinos/as about diabetes.” Division of Diabetes and Translation. Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Atlanta, GA
- 2007 “Community Consultations and the Challenges of Community-Based Participatory Research”. New Visions Public Lecture, University of New Mexico.
- 2007 “The Democratic Classroom and the Undemocratic Real World.” Panel: Universities as Facilitators of Community-Based Learning: The Politics of

- Empowerment. Second Annual Success in the Classroom Conference. University of New Mexico. (February)
- 2006 Guest Lecture, "Community Preservation in the City." For Anthropology 340G:007. Critical Social Issues, Dr. Lamphere, University of New Mexico, Department of Anthropology
- 2006 Guest Lecture, "Urban Community Gardens and Implications for Action." For African American Studies 397B.033, African American Resistance Movements 1960-1970, David Hilliard, University of New Mexico, African American Studies
- 2000 "Rational for Support of the 2000 University of Chicago Powwow: Recruitment, Climate, Community and History." Co authored with Dr. Anne Terry Straus

### **BA AND MA THESIS**

- 2003 "Issues of Tigua Recognition: Negotiating Legal and Ethnic Identity on the U.S. – Mexico Border." M.A. Thesis, University of Chicago.
- 1999 "From Failed Literacy Programs to a Pan-Indian Identity: The Role of Indigenismo in the Formation of the Mexican Indian, 1920-1940." B.A. Thesis, University of Chicago.

### **RADIO INTERVIEWS**

- 1999 WHPK, University of Chicago, "What's a Powwow?"
- 1998 National Public Radio, Chicago. "Eight Forty-Eight: The 2<sup>nd</sup> U of Chicago Powwow, 40 Years After the American Indian Conference with President Kennedy"

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- 2008 Coordinator, RWJ Graduate Brown Bag Workshop Series
- 2006 Student Representative, Tenure and Promotion Review Committee, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico
- 2006 Reviewer, Specialized Travel Grant, University of New Mexico
- 2006 - present Web Editor, Anthropology Graduate Student Union, UNM ([www.unm.edu/~agsu](http://www.unm.edu/~agsu))
- 2006 - 2007 Web Editor, Research Service Learning Program, UNM ([www.unm.edu/~rslp](http://www.unm.edu/~rslp))
- 2005 Reviewer, Student Research Allocation Committee, University of New Mexico
- 2005 - present Web Editor, *Journal of Anthropological Research* ([www.unm.edu/~jar](http://www.unm.edu/~jar))
- 2005 - present Peer Mentor & Board Member, Peer Mentoring for Graduate Students of Color, University of New Mexico
- 2005 - present Graduate Mentor, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico
- 2004 - 2005 Ethnology Student-Faculty Liaison, Anthropology Graduate Student Union, Department of Anthropology, University of New Mexico
- 2003 - 2004 Finance Committee Member, Student Activities Office, University of New Mexico

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Association for Community Health Improvement  
American Anthropological Association  
Central States Anthropological Society  
Society for the Anthropology of North America  
Society for Applied Anthropology  
American Association of Latino & Latina Anthropologists

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2006 - present Co-Founder & Consultant, AmericanIndianSearch.com
- 2002 - 2003 Coordinator, Amandla Center & Minority Student Mentorship Program, University of Chicago
- 2002 - 2003 Bilingual Paralegal, Miner, Barnhill & Galland, PC, Chicago, IL
- 2001 - 2002 Sound Engineer & Student Assistant Manager, Mandel Hall, University of Chicago
- 2001 - 2002 Publicity Assistant, Office of Community Affairs, University of Chicago
- 1999 - 2001 Program Coordinator, Office of the Reynolds Club & Student Activities, University of Chicago
- 1998 - 1999 Mayan Language Web Assistant, Department of Anthropology, U. of Chicago
- 1997 - 1998 Anthropology Collections Volunteer, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL

## **TRAVEL**

Research, international travel or living experiences in: U.S.A., Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Czech Republic, Ecuador, France, Germany, India, Mexico and Venezuela.

## **VOLUNTEER & STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

- 2009 – present Volunteer Board Member, El Paso Museum of Archaeology, El Paso, TX
- 2008-present Volunteer, Ysleta del Sur Pueblo Diabetes Prevention Program, El Paso, TX
- 2006 - 2007 AmeriCorps/VistaCorps Volunteer, Barelas Community Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2006 Extra, SciFi Channel “The Lost Room”, Filmed in Albuquerque, NM
- 2005 - 2006 Press Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness, Albuquerque, NM
- 2004 Clothing Donation Coordinator, Pueblo Cultural Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2004 Donated Book Distribution, American Indian Graduate Center, Albuquerque, NM
- 2004 - 2005 Fencing Coach, Highland & Monzano Community Centers, Albuquerque, NM
- 2003 - 2004 Fencing Club Treasurer, Fencing Club, University of New Mexico
- 2002 - 2003 Audio Producer, American Indian Center Anniversary Multimedia CD, Chicago, IL
- 2001 Judge, Miss Indian World Pageant, GON Powwow, Albuquerque, NM
- 2001 - 2003 Publicity Coordinator, Graduate Student Conference, Minority U of Chicago
- 1998 - 2002 Vice-Chair & Sound Engineer University of Chicago Powwow Committee

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Ethnography, decolonizing methodologies, health disparities & policy, diabetes prevention, political economy, the American Southwest, ethnographic video methods, community-based participatory research (CBPR), and service-learning.

## **REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**