

Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2017-Present Visiting Assistant Professor. Latino Studies Program, Indiana University.
2013-2016 Task Force Member, Central Offices of the District, City Colleges of Chicago.
2011-2013 Instructor, Department of Social Sciences, Harold Washington College.

EDUCATION

2014 Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
Department of Anthropology
Dissertation: *Class, Labor, and Color Hierarchies: An Ethnography Study of Mexican Yarderos/as in South Chicago*
2006 M.A., University of California at Riverside
Department of Anthropology
2005 B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Honor's Thesis: *Race Relations in Mexico, 1740–1910: Critical Colorismo, Blackness, and Challenges to the Imagined Community*

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

GEOGRAPHIC

U.S.-Mexico Borderlands and the U.S.-Midwest; Mexico

RESEARCH

Transborder Migration, Mexican Migrants, First-generation, Ethnicity and Identity Politics, Border Theory, Class, Color, Capitalism, Gender, State Formation, Race and Racism, Power, and Inequality.

PUBLICATIONS

Published Work

Peer-review Journals

2017 Lemus, S. "Performing Power *en Las Yardas* (at the Yards): The Body, Capitalist Discipline, and the Making of Mexican Lives in South Chicago." *Anthropology of Work Review*, Vol 38, Issue 2.

Digital Publications

- 2016 Lemus, S, Chavez, X, and Lomeli, H. “Latinas/os in Denver doing Anthropology and Engaging with the Community.” *Anthropology News*, (March Digital Edition).
- 2015 Lemus, S. An Introduction of Borders.” *Anthropology News*, (May Digital Edition).
- 2014 Lemus, S. Latina/o Ethnography in the Anthropological Toolkit. *Anthropology News*, (April Digital Edition).

Book Reviews

- 2014 Lemus, S. Review of Michael Innis-Jimenez’s “*Steel Barrio: The Great Migration to South Chicago 1915–1940*.” New York: New York University Press. *Latino Studies*, Vol 12, No. 4, 644–645.

Work in progress

Book manuscripts

[2019] *Los Yarderos: Mexican Yard Workers in Neoliberal Chicago*.
Manuscript under contract at University of Illinois Press.

[n.d.] *Fronteras del Norte: Gender, Color, and Power in the Rise of Transborder Mexicans*.
Manuscript under contract at Michigan State University Press.

Articles

[2018] “*Los Morenos* and the Mexicans: Of Muggings, Color Networks, and Relational Race Making Processes in South Chicago.” Under review at *Latino Studies*

[2018] “We work! Le Chingamos en Las Yardas”: Photo Essay. Under review at Chiricu Journal.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana University, Latino Studies Program

August 2017 to Present

Visiting Assistant Professor

Course(s):

Introduction to Latino Studies (L101)

Latina/o History (L102)

Chicago State University, Sociology, Geography, and Anthropology Department

August 2010–June 2013

Instructor

Course(s):

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1010)

Mexican and Puerto Rican Cultures (ANTH 1001)

African and African-American Cultures (ANTH 2045)

Harold Washington College, Social Science Department
January 2011–May 2013

Instructor

Course(s):

Introduction to Social Science (SOC SCI 101)

Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 202)

Physical and Cultural Evolution (ANTH 210)

University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, Department of Anthropology

August 2010–December 2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Course (s):

The Biology of Human Behavior (ANTH 178)

The University of California at Riverside, Department of Sociology

January 2006–May 2006

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Course(s):

Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1001)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists. Excellence in service as Program Editor at AAA Annual meetings in Denver, CO. Presented by the ALLA Vice President Gina Perez.
- 2015 American Anthropological Association Community Engagement grant. Event facilitator, entitled, *Community Activists and Artists in Denver: Practice, Knowledge, and Expressions to Confront State Violence*, on Nov. 9, 2015, at AAA annual meetings in Denver, CO. \$700.
- 2015 Julian Samora Research Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship, Michigan State University. Two year offer (Declined).
- 2015 Certificate of Recognition for serving in the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists' Program Committee. American Anthropological Association Meetings, Denver, CO.
- 2009 National Science Foundation, (*Honorable Mention*) for dissertation proposal submitted.
- 2008 Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois. Small Summer Research Grant, \$750.
- 2007 University of Illinois. Graduate College Fellowship, August 2007–2010. 3-Year Award, \$16,000/year.
- 2007 Diversifying Faculty in Illinois Fellowship, August 2007–2010. 3-Year Award, \$14,000/year (Declined).
- 2006 UCR Department of Sociology Teaching Assistantship. Spring quarter, \$6,000.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Transborder Mexicans in Chicago. Fieldwork expected to start in November 2017.
- 2015 Ethnography of the College Initiative at City Colleges of Chicago. Project that offers the opportunity for undergraduate students to carry out ethnographic research about their college experiences under IRB protocol at City Colleges of Chicago.
- 2013 Carried out educational research at the Center for Operational Excellence, City Colleges of Chicago. I researched accelerated learning options for community college students and provided strategic plans to implement instructional changes at the institutional level.
- 2012 Performed 15 months of ethnographic fieldwork among Mexican men and women in the United States. I examined the cultural meanings of color, class, and race within the Mexican community. Site located in Chicago, IL.
- 2009 Performed two months examining the landscaping economy in the United States. I documented the form and structure of this economic activity. Site located in Chicago, IL.
- 2008 Archival research under research protocol from the Ethnography of the University Initiative. Researched documents, photographs, and pamphlets about the racial experience of minority students at University of Illinois housing facilities.

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Oct 2017 Borders of Manhood: New Era of Mexican Crimigration. La Casa, Latino Cultural Center. Brown Bag Presentation. Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
- Feb 2017 Biopower and the “Undocumented” Subject: Methodological Notes to Study a Hidden Target in the State’s Optic. Presenter. Social Theory Workshop, The University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Feb 2016 Contemporary Labor Politics: From NAFTA to Landscaping. Skype guest lecture in Introduction to Mexican American Studies (MAS 2340-02). University of Houston, Houston, TX.
- Mar 2015 On Capitalism and the Body: The Hidden Stories of the Exposed Mexican Yardero. Community of Scholars Research Symposium, University of Illinois.
- May 2014 Latina/o Ethnography and Fieldwork among *Yarderos/as* in South Chicago. Invited lecturer for course on Latinos in the Midwest, Northwestern University, Latina/o Studies Program. Evanston, IL.
- Nov 2013 Color Inspections and the Predicaments of Racism: The Use of Border Theory to Ethnographically Document Color Hierarchies among Mexicans in South Chicago. Social Theory Workshop, The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Sep 2011 Religion in Latin America and U.S.-Latinas/os. *Invited Lecture* as co-discussant in session celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Month. Latino Resource Center, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL.
- Sep 2012 Exploring the Problem of the Color-Line among Mexican Subalterns in Greater Mexico (Colonial and Post-Colonial). Sociology Workshop on Transnational Race/Class/Gender Studies. Department of Sociology, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.
- May 2009 Dissent at Border Inspections: Queering Mexican Racial Formation in Everyday Life. Queer Theory Symposium, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.
- Mar 2006 Blacks’ in Colonial Mexico: Transgressing “Racial” Porous Boundaries. Brown-Bag Presentation. Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL.

May 2008 Korean/Americans and Clothing–Global/Student Identities. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Ethnography of the University Initiative.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- Dec 2017 Borders of Manhood: Gender and the State in the New Era of Mexican Crimigration. Presenter and Organizer at 116th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Nov 2015 Alternative Imaginings of Class, Gender, and Capitalism: Works and Careers Inspired By Alejandro Lugo. Organizer at 114th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Nov 2015 Social Media and Digital Racial Protest: Uploading and Sharing State Violence. Presenter at 114th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- July 2014 The Ethnography of Mexican “Yarderos” in South Chicago. Presenter. *Imagining Latina/o Studies: Past, Present, and Future*, Chicago, IL.
- Nov 2013 Politics, Margins, and Border Theory: Intellectual Visions, Generational Revisions, and a Transborder Ethnography of Mexicans in South Chicago. American Anthropological Association. Presenter, Chicago, IL.
- April 2009 Gesturing Towards the Sovereign’s Race, Class, and Gender (In)visibility: The Naked State, Subaltern Resistance, and Policing Across the Chicago–Mexican Borderlands. Newberry Library, Seminar on Borderlands and Latino Studies, Chicago, IL.
- Feb 2009 Beauty Pageants & Desire: Cultural (Re)Production and Activism within the United Clubs of Zacatecans in Chicago. *Latina/Latino 4th Biennial Graduate Student Conference*, University of Illinois, Urbana, IL

ACADEMIC JOURNAL PEER-REVIEWER

- 2017 *Chiricu* Journal, Indiana University Press
2017 *Dialogo*, Center for Latino Research, DePaul University

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2009 Sociocultural Chair, Graduate Association of Student Anthropologists (GASA), University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign.
- 2009 Student Committee Member, Linguistic anthropology job search, University of Illinois, Department of Anthropology.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- American Anthropological Association
Association of Latino and Latina Anthropologists
.... Program Editor (2014-2015)
.... Program Chair (2015-2016)
.... Secretary (2017-Present)
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for the Anthropology of Work
National Association Chicano and Chicana Studies

RELEVANT SKILLS

Language Skills: Fluent bilingual and bi-literate in English and Spanish; medium proficiency in French

Software Skills: Nvivo, EndNote, Tableau, Word, Power Point, Excel

SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENCE

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REFERENCES

Available upon request