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Curriculum Vitae

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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*
Diss. Chair: Alejandro Lugo
Committee Members: Martin F. Manalansan IV, Jonathan X. Inda, and Gilberto Rosas
- 2006 M.A., University of California at Riverside
Department of Anthropology
- 2005 B.A., University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign
Latin American and Caribbean Studies
Honor’s Thesis: *Race Relations in Mexico, 1740–1910: Critical Colorismo, Blackness, and Challenges to the Imagined Community*

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Research Areas: Sociocultural Anthropology, Latina/o Ethnography, Social Theory Border Theory, Critical Colorism, Migration, Class, Race, Gender, Identity, Ethnicity, and Nationalism.
Geographic Areas: Chicago, US Midwest, Middle America, United States, and Latin America

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. (Forthcoming).

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

[2018] *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.

[n.d.] *Los Yarderos: Trabajadores Mexicanos de las Yargas en Chicago.*
In preparation for CIESAS de Occidente.

Articles

[2017] "*Los Morenos and the Mexicans: Of Muggings, Color Networks, and Relational Race Making Processes in South Chicago.*" Under review at *Latino Studies*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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)

University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign, Department of Anthropology

August 2010–December 2010

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Course: *The Biology of Human Behavior* (ANTH 178)

The University of California at Riverside, Department of Sociology

January 2006–May 2006

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Course: *Introduction to Sociology* (SOC 1001)

HONORS AND AWARDS

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 2017–2019. 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

- 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 Urbana–Champaign, Urbana, IL.
- 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

- May 2017 Latin@ Border Theory: A Case for Trans/Inter/Cross (Un)disciplinarity Theoretical Advances. Presenter. Inter-University Program for Latino Research, Sixth Biennial Siglo XXI Conference: Mapping of Latino Research. San Antonio, TX. (under review)
- April 2017 *Los Morenos* and the Mexicans: Ethnography and Race Making Processes in South Chicago. Central States Anthropological Society. Presenter. Lincoln, NE. North American Labor History Conference. Presenter. Detroit, MI (under review).
- 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.

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 MEMBERSHIPS

American Anthropological Association (2006–Present)
Association of Latino and Latina Anthropologists (ALLA)
Society for Cultural Anthropology (2016–Present)
Society for the Anthropology of Work (2016–Present)
National Association Chicano and Chicana Studies (2006–Present)

ADDITIONAL 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

WEBSITE

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REFERENCES

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