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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2017-Present Visiting Assistant Professor, Latino Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington.

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 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, United States, and Latin America

EMPLOYMENT

- 2017-present: Visiting Assistant Professor, Latino Studies Program, Indiana University, Bloomington
- 2013-2015: Task Force Member, Center for Operational Excellence, City Colleges of Chicago.
- 2011-2013: Lecturer, Social Sciences Department, Harold Washington College.
- 2010-2012: Lecturer, Anthropology Unit, Chicago State University.

2010-2011: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois
2007-2010: Graduate College Fellow, Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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; 104-112.

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] "Of Palimpsests and Border Theory: *Latinidad*, Indigeneity, and the Voided Politics of Race" In preparation for *Cultural Dynamics*.
[2018] "*Los Morenos* and the Mexicans: Of Muggings, Color Networks, and Relational Race Making Processes in South Chicago." Under review at *Latino Studies*
[2018] "Photo Essay: *Los Yarderos* in the Age of Immigration" Under review *Chiricu Journal*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana University, Bloomington, Latino Studies Program

Fall 2017-present

Visiting Assistant Professor

Course(s):

Introduction to Latino Studies (LAST L101)

Latino History (LAST L102)

Harold Washington College, Social Science Department

January 2011–May 2013

Lecturer

Course(s):

Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 201)

Evolution of Culture (ANTH 202)

Social Science I (SOC SCI 101)

Social Science II (SOC SCI 102)

Chicago State University, Sociology, Geography, and Anthropology Department

August 2010–June 2013

Lecturer

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 (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 Certificate of Recognition for serving in the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists' Program Committee. American Anthropological Association Meetings, Denver, CO.
- 2015 American Anthropological Association, Community Engagement grant. Event facilitator. Session entitled, "Community Activists and Artists in Denver: Practice, Knowledge, and Expressions to Confront State Violence," on Nov. 9, 2015, Denver, CO. \$700.
- 2015 Julian Samora Research Institute, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Michigan State University. Two year offer (Declined).
- 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.
 2000 National Hispanic Scholarship, University of Illinois at Chicago, Fall semester, \$4,500.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017 Transborder Mexicans in Chicago. Fieldwork expected to start in December 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

- Jan 2018 “Comparative Refugee Studies.” Panelist in roundtable, Department of Geography, Indiana University. Bloomington, IN.
 Oct 2017 “Busting the Melting Pot Myth: Migration, Race, and Nation in Modern America.” Guest speaker in Communications: Critical Approaches (C104). Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.
 Oct 2017 “Borders of Manhood: New Era of Mexican Crimigration.” Speaker. The Latino Cultural Center. Indiana University. Bloomington, IN.
 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. 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

- Nov 2017 “Mexican Exceptions: Gender and State in the New Era of Mexican Crimigration” Presenter on panel entitled, #NoBanNoMuro/SanctuaryForAll: Local and Transborder Resistance to Anti-Immigrant and Anti-Muslim Policies in Trump’s America. 116th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Nov 2016 “Undocumented Biopower: The Production of Unsovereign Mexican Subjects through Racism” Presenter in absentia, paper read on panel entitled, The Work of Racialization and the Racialization of Work. 115th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- 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 PROFESSION

- 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 Committee (2014)
Program Editor (2015)
Secretary (2017)
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Society for the Anthropology of Work

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

ONLINE PRESENCE

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REFERENCES

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