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## EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology *Dec 2023*  
University of Texas at San Antonio - San Antonio, TX  
Graduate Certificate in Rhetoric & Composition  
*Dissertation: Communities of Power: Energy Past, Policy Present, and (Nuclear) Futures*

Master of Arts in Anthropology *Dec 2019*  
University of Texas at San Antonio - San Antonio, TX

Master of Arts in Linguistics *May 2012*  
Focus: Anthropological Linguistics  
University of Virginia - Charlottesville, VA

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology *Aug 2010*  
Minors: English as a Second Language, Linguistics  
University of Texas at San Antonio - San Antonio, TX

## OTHER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATES

Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experience in Research – Entering Mentoring  
Center for the Improvement of Mentored Experience in Research – Training Facilitator  
Quality Matters (QM) Applying the Quality Matters Rubric (Sixth Edition)  
Quality Matters (QM) Peer Reviewer (Higher Education, K-12, K-12 Publisher)  
Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) – Effective Teaching Practices  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ethnic Studies Educator Academy (ESEA) 2022

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Policy cultures, community interaction and reaction to nuclear development; nuclear ideologies; discourses on nuclear safety practices; discourses on the environment; rhetorical networks; policy networks, Uranium fuel cycle in Texas; uranium mining; uranium enrichment; uranium use; uranium disposal; Texas-New Mexico border area

## ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Lecturer I**

*Aug 2023 – Present*

Department of Anthropology

University of Texas at Rio Grande Valley

Courses: Human Evolution, Human Evolution *Online*, Cultural Anthropology

### **Visiting Lecturer**

*Aug 2022 – Dec 2022*

International Studies Program

Trinity University

Courses: Introduction to International Studies

### **Lecturer I**

*June 2017 – Present*

Department of Anthropology

University of Texas at San Antonio

*Aug 2015 – Dec 2015*

Courses: Introduction to Anthropology, Introduction to Anthropology *Online*, Introduction to Biological Anthropology, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology *Online*

### **Teaching Assistant**

*Jan 2017 – May 2017*

Department of Anthropology

University of Texas at San Antonio

*Jan 2016 – May 2016*

*Aug 2012 – May 2014*

Courses: Introduction to Anthropology; Introduction to Cultural Anthropology; Language, Thought, and Culture; Ritual and Symbol; Folklore and Folklife

Prepared course materials for primary instructor including photocopying, grading, writing assignments and exam questions, proctoring exams, holding office hours, and guest lecturing when appropriate.

### **Supplemental Instruction Leader**

*Aug 2012 – Dec 2012*

Tomas Rivera Center for Student Success

University of Texas at San Antonio

*Aug 2009 – May 2010*

Part of a larger program the University of Texas at San Antonio to support student success in entry-level classes with high rates of D, F, or Withdrawals. Developed and employed different strategies in aiding students to understand the curriculum through three 50-minute sessions each week using collaborative techniques.

### **Instructor**

*July 2012 – Aug 2012*

ESL 915: English for Academic Purposes: Listening & Pronunciation

Center for American English and Culture

University of Virginia

Part of an intensive one-month program to incoming university students whose native language is not English. Helped participants develop the pronunciation of standard American English for both production and comprehension purposes. Covered topics including discourse markers, lecture organization, note taking, context and prediction,

spotting main ideas, strategies for understanding and following lectures, and catching numbers and dates.

**Instructor**

*Aug 2011 – Aug 2012*

ESL 801: Workplace Communication for English Language Learners

Center for American English and Culture

University of Virginia

Taught participants to improve oral and written communication in the workplace.

Activities relate to the participants' work, either the Observatory Hill Dining Hall, or the University of Virginia Hospital System. Goals include improving fluency, accuracy, and comprehensibility to 30 participants with a wide range of English-language abilities.

**Instructor**

*Jan 2012 – May 2012*

English for Classroom Communication

Bilingual Faculty Program

School of Continuing and Professional Studies

University of Virginia

Taught and addressed skills and strategies employed in US classrooms to 30 university faculty members from Jiangsu Province, China. Helps participants communicate more effectively by demonstrating their ability to convey content information from their field to undergraduate students in a comprehensible and appropriate manner.

**ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

**Teaching and Learning Consultant**

*Nov 2020 – Sep 2021*

Teaching and Learning Services, Academic Innovation

University of Texas at San Antonio

Coordinates and collaborates with various areas of Academic Innovation, Academic Affairs, Colleges, and various stakeholders to support the University's: faculty development through consultations, programming, certification, conferences on innovative teaching and excellence; student development, including an upcoming residential faculty fellowship program, student programming and events, the innovative First Year Collection program, and supporting graduate training; collaborations for research and scholarship in teaching excellence; and strategic communications for Academic Innovation including social media, webinars scheduling, newsletter communications, and partnerships with the UT System.

**Interim Teaching Consultant**

*Mar 2020 – Oct 2020*

Teaching and Learning Services, Academic Innovation

University of Texas at San Antonio

Coordinates with the Offices of Digital Learning, Learning Technology, and Video Production to optimize workflow and resources for faculty during the rapid remote transition to online instruction in Spring 2020. Produces and referees webinars by corporate partners and technologies.

**Program Coordinator***Aug 2011 – Aug 2012*

Center for American English and Culture  
University of Virginia

Coordinates various activities for outreach and courses for international students. Duties including collaboration with departments across campus in order to provide comprehensive English-language training; event planning; maintain databases on all former and current international students; and creating reports in order to make course recommendations on future training.

**Program Coordinator***Aug 2011 – May 2012*

Bilingual Faculty Program  
School of Continuing and Professional Studies  
University of Virginia

Monitored and facilitated two Bilingual Faculty Programs in collaboration with the University of Virginia's School of Continuing and Professional Studies and Triway International Group. Duties including working with course instructors, communicating with faculty and staff in the University Community, managing curricula, and resolving issues brought by visiting Chinese scholars. Advised (2011) and later assumed management duties of 15 assistants (2012).

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE****Research Assistant***Aug 2014 – May 2015*

Department of Anthropology  
University of Texas at San Antonio

Under Dr. Laura P. Eichelberger, focusing on the spread of *Helicobacter pylori* in untreated water in rural areas, as well as its treatment and connection to gastric cancer. Included interviews, grant applications, and aiding in publication research and writing.

**Research Assistant***Jan 2011 – May 2011*

Studies in Women and Gender  
University of Virginia

Under Dr. Ellen Fuller (Sociology, East Asian Studies, Studies in Women and Gender), on an ongoing book project on higher education in the United States, with a focus on Virginia and Texas universities. Mined and sorted economic data. Researched legal responsibilities of universities and administrative structures.

**GUEST LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**

*Invented Languages*. Guest lecture for Becca Friedel in *Introduction to Anthropology*.  
*Graduate School Experience*. Panel for Jess Reid in *Academic Inquiry and Scholarship*.

*Proxemics*. Guest lecture for Deborah Moon in *Language, Thought, and Culture*.  
*Language & Gender*. Guest lecture for Deborah Moon in *Language, Thought, and Culture*.

## **UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP & SERVICE**

UTSA Certificate in DEI Experiences (Faculty/Staff) Committee                      2022 – Present  
UTSA President’s Distinguished Diversity Award Committee                      2021 – Present

### **Community, Policy, and Development Coordinator**                      *Aug 2019 – Aug 2020*

Anthropology Graduate Student Association

University of Texas at San Antonio

Developed, administered, and reviewed a comprehensive Community and Development Survey of Anthropology graduate students. Produced an executive summary for faculty and students from the results of the Survey. Standardized AGSA governance processes for current and future officers. Collaborated with departmental students, staff, faculty and others to develop professional development workshops and opportunities.

### **Assistant Director**                      *Aug 2011 – May 2012*

Volunteers with International Students, Scholars, and Staff

University of Virginia

Related to the position of Program Coordinator at the Center for American English Language Culture. Directed, administered, and advised the organization to bring a variety of related ESL-related programs to better serve the international community at the University of Virginia. Programs included Language Consultants, ESL Workplace Assistants, ESL Assistants, Classroom Communication Assistants, and Teaching Consultants, totaling over 200 volunteers from and for all parts of the University community.

### **Intern**                      *Jan 2009 – Dec 2014*

Alamo City Cancer Council

The San Antonio-based non-profit organization created by Dr. Sharon Wilks, MD attempts to create a centralized hub of information for people who have recently been diagnosed with cancer. On an as needed basis, duties include seeking and working with translators, applying for copyrights, and communicating with other local Cancer-information and advocacy organizations.

### **President**                      *Aug 2009 – May 2010*

UT San Antonio Anthropological Society

University of Texas at San Antonio

Worked with officers to construct an extensive and detailed community for students interested in Anthropology at the University of Texas at San Antonio. Created close relationships with faculty members and students to promote all the resources available to

students. Emphasize networking with Anthropology students by inviting and meeting students and faculty from other universities.

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2023. "Ungrading as Student-Centered Praxis." In *2022 Ethnic Studies Educators' Academy Teaching Guide*, edited by Democratizing Racial Justice, 35-40. Open Source/Independently Published.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2022. Moving the Needle or Checking the Box: Anthropologists Tapped to Consult on Equity. Virtual Roundtable presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov 19-23.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2020. Personal Stories of Gender and Sexuality in Higher Ed. Virtual Roundtable presented by the UTSA Graduate School, Oct 26.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2019. Building a Game-Based Learning Experience in the Classroom with iClicker. Macmillan iClicker On-Demand Webinar. <https://community.macmillan.com/events/1352-building-a-game-based-learning-experience-in-the-classroom-with-iclicker>

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2018. Using iClicker to 'Gamify' Your Class and Engage Your Students. Macmillan iClicker On-Demand Webinar. <https://learn.iclicker.com/Recording-180411-Using-iClicker-to-Gamify-Your-Class.html>

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2017. "Jusionyte, Ieva. 2015. Savage Frontier: Making News and Security in the Argentine Border. Oakland, California: University of California Press. 304 pp. Ppb.: \$29.95. ISBN: 9780520286474." *Social Anthropology* 25(1).

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2017. Speaking Across Professional Communities: Social Science at a Nuclear Non-Proliferation Conference. *In* *Lessons from the Dawning of the Anthropocene: Trials, Evolving Traditions, and New Directions for Communities Hosting Nuclear Disaster*. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 2017.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2017. (Counter)Culture, Energy and Empowerment: The Argentine Casa Cultural as Salon in the Contemporary World. Paper presented at the Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association 37. Austin, TX, March 2017.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2016. Macri and the Changing Landscape of Argentine Non-Nuclear Proliferation Policy in a Post-Kirchner Era. Paper presented at American Nuclear Society Advances in Nuclear Proliferation Technology and Policy Conference. Santa Fe, NM, September 2016.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2015. Public Promises, Private Guarantees, and Pure Silence: The Production of Nuclear Power in the United States. In Reimagining Public and Private Through Grand Ventures and Small Initiatives in Post-Neoliberal Times (Part I). Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Nov 18-22.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2013. Changes in Nuclear Awareness and Discourse Pre- and Post-Earthquake. In Disaster Perception and Preparedness. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 19-23.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2012. Constantly Adapting: Applied Anthropology In and Out of The Field, a Human Rights and Social Justice Committee Oral History Project. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 27-31.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2012. Building a Career in Anthropology, Advice from Mentors, a Student Committee Development Workshop. Event Organizer & Chair at the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 27-31.

Villanueva, A. Rey. 2010. One Student's Take on the Graduate School Application Process. SfAA News 21(1):38-39.

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

UTSA President's Distinguished Diversity Award	<i>Spring 2021</i>
UTSA Graduate School Professional Development Award	<i>Fall 2016</i>
Department of Anthropology Doctoral Research Grant	<i>Summer 2016</i>
UTSA Graduate School Professional Development Award	<i>Fall 2015</i>
Department of Anthropology Doctoral Research Grant	<i>Summer 2014</i>
UTSA Alvarez Special Fund Scholarship	<i>Spring 2013</i>
Department of Anthropology Doctoral Student Travel Awards	<i>Spring 2013</i>
Department of Anthropology Doctoral Student Scholarship	<i>Fall 2012, Spring 2013</i>
Valero Energy Corporation Student Leader Scholarship	<i>Spring 2010</i>
UTSA Full-Time Student Honor Roll	<i>Spring 2010</i>
UTSA Full-Time Student President's List	<i>Spring, Sum, Fall 2009</i>
National Hispanic Recognition Program	<i>2008</i>
Early High School Graduation Scholarship	<i>2008</i>

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

American Anthropological Association  
American Nuclear Society  
Scholars of Color in Language Studies  
Society for Applied Anthropology

*Editorial Board Member* *2020 – Present*  
*Journal by Scholars of Color in Language Studies*

<i>Student Member, Board of Directors</i> Society for Applied Anthropology	<i>2019 – 2020</i>
<i>Student Conference Submission Reviewer</i> American Nuclear Society	<i>Feb 2016</i>
<i>Student Committee Chair</i>	<i>Mar 2014 – Mar 2015</i>
<i>Information Technology (IT) Committee Member</i>	<i>Aug 2011 – March 2014</i>
<i>Student Committee Vice Chair</i>	<i>Mar 2013 – Mar 2014</i>
<i>Student Committee Communications Coordinator</i> Society for Applied Anthropology	<i>Mar 2011 – Mar 2013</i>
<i>Editorial Board Member</i> Student Anthropologist (American Anthropological Association Journal)	<i>2014 – 2016</i>
Web Design Specialist Society for Applied Anthropology Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	<i>May 2013 – Dec 2015</i> Emergency Maintenance: – <i>Present</i>
Duties include planning and identifying services necessary, designing the website in consultation with management and Board, creating content and graphics, and creating eCommerce solutions to meet the needs of the Society.	
Intern Society for Applied Anthropology	<i>May 2013 – May 2015</i>
Duties included fundraising, event (annual meeting) planning, and database maintenance. <i>Learned</i> to file 501(c)3, state, and federal income taxes and forms, managing a worldwide non-governmental organization, and working with various constituencies.	



## REFERENCES

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