

# Rosalynn Adeline Vega

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

UT Rio Grande Valley	Associate Professor, 2020-Present
UT Rio Grande Valley	Assistant Professor, 2016-2020
CIESAS D.F.	Visiting Scholar, 2014-2015
UNAM Medical School	Visiting Professor, 2013-2014
U Guanajuato (León)	Visiting Scholar, 2012-2013

### AREAS OF INTEREST

Topical Interests: Cultural anthropology; medical anthropology; critical race theory, intersectionality; political economy; citizenship; environmental and social justice; epigenetics; and the human microbiome.

Geographic Interests: Mexico, with an emphasis on “Greater Mexico” and U.S./Mexico borderlands

### EDUCATION

UC Berkeley/UCSF <i>Dissertation Title:</i>	Ph.D in Medical Anthropology, 2009-2016 Supranational Citizenship: (Im)mobility and the Alternative Birth Movement in Mexico <i>Co-Diss. Chairs: Nancy Scheper-Hughes and Charles Briggs</i> <i>Committee Members: Ian Whitmarsh and Charis Thompson</i> <a href="http://escholarship.org/uc/item/1bx9c6p8?view=search">http://escholarship.org/uc/item/1bx9c6p8?view=search</a>
UC Berkeley <i>Thesis Title:</i>	MPH, Concentration in Epidemiology, 2015-2016 Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Cesarean Section Rates: A Systematic Review <i>Thesis Chair: Mahasin Mujahid, Academic Adviser: Leonard Syme</i> <i>Other advisers: Arthur Reingold and Jack Colford</i>
Brown University Universitat de Barcelona	B.A., Anthropology, 2005-2009 Anthropology, 2006-2007

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2020	(accepted)	Faculty Development Leave, UTRGV
2019	(accepted)	Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR) Book Prize – Runner-up
2019	(accepted)	2019 UTRGV ADVANCE Summer Writing Retreat
2018	(declined)	Alzheimer's-related Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (AD-RCMAR) (P30)
2017-2018	(accepted)	STEM ADVANCE Graduate Assistant Support Program
2015-2016	(accepted)	Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
2015	(accepted)	Complementary and Alternative Medicine/Integrative Medicine Paper Prize, Society for Medical Anthropology
2015	(declined)	UC Dissertation Year Fellowship
2014	(accepted)	Lowie-Olson Travel Award
2014-2015	(accepted)	Roselyn Lindheim Award
2013	(accepted)	Lowie-Olson Travel Award
2013		Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship Finalist
2013	(accepted)	UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant
2012	(accepted)	Dean's Normative Time Fellowship
2012	(accepted)	UC Global Health Institute Women's Health and Empowerment Graduate Student Fellowship
2012		Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship Finalist
2011	(accepted)	UC Berkeley Anthropology Department Award
2011	(accepted)	Lowie-Olson Travel Award
2011	(accepted)	Tinker Grant for Summer Research
2011	(accepted)	Human Rights Center Summer Fellowship
2010	(accepted)	Lowie-Olson Travel Award
2009-2013	(accepted)	Jacob K. Javits Fellowship
2009		National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Honorable Mention
2009	(declined)	Rackham Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2009	(deferred)	Regents Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2009	(declined)	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Books**

Vega, R. (2018). *No Alternative: Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico*. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press. ISBN: 078-1-4773-1677-1.

### *In Progress*

Vega, R. *Nested Ecologies: Epigenetics, the Microbiome, and the Future of Health*.

Vega, R. *Accessing Recovery: Functional Medicine and Health Disparities*.

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Vega, R. and Paulo Maya, A. (2020.) *Operating at the Edge of Il/legality: Systemic Corruption in Mexican Health Care*. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, Vol. 26, No. 1.

Vega, R. (2020.) *“Traditional Mexican Midwifery” Tourism Excludes Indigenous “Others” and Threatens Sustainability*. *Tourism Geographies Journal*.  
DOI: 10.1080/14616688.2020.1733068

Vega, R. (2020.) *Coming of Age in the Rio Grande Valley: Race, Class, Gender, and Generations in Narco Culture*. *Jeunesse: Young People, Texts, Cultures*. Special Issue on Borders. Vol.11, No. 2. <http://jeunessejournal.ca/index.php/yptc/issue/view/25>

Vega, R. (2018). *Medical Migration as Access to Health Care in the Rio Grande Valley*. *Migration and Health: Current Challenges and Opportunities*. A UC Berkeley School of Public Health and National Population Council (CONAPO) publication.

Vega, R. (2018). *La migración médica como forma de acceder a la atención médica en el Valle del Río Grande*. *Migración y salud: Retos y oportunidades actuales*. Una publicación de la UC Berkeley Escuela de Salud Pública y la Comisión Nacional de Población (CONAPO). (Spanish translation)

Vega, R. (2018) *Race and Medical Mobility Across the U.S.-Mexico Border*. *Estudios Fronterizos*, vol. 19, 2018, e016: 1-18. e-ISSN 2395-9134, doi.org/10.21670/ref.1816016

Vega, R. (2018) *La movilidad médica y la interseccionalidad en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y México*. *Estudios Fronterizos*, vol. 19, 2018, e016: 1-18. e-ISSN 2395-9134, doi.org/10.21670/ref.1816016 (Spanish translation)

Vega, R. (2017). *Childbirth and Medical Pluralism in Multiethnic Mexico*. *L'Uomo : società, tradizione, sviluppo* 2017 (1):125-156. ISBN: 9788843087204

Vega, R. (2017). Racial I(nter)dentification: The Racialization of Maternal Health through Oportunidades in Government Clinics. *Salud Colectiva* 13(3):489-505. doi: 10.18294/sc.2017.1114

Vega, R. (2017). I(nter)dentificación racial: racialización de la salud materna a través del Programa Oportunidades y clínicas gubernamentales en México. *Salud Colectiva* 13(3):489-505. doi: 10.18294/sc.2017.1114 (Spanish translation)

Vega, R. (2017). Commodifying Indigeneity: How the Humanization of Birth Reinforces Racialized Inequality in Mexico. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 31(4):499-518. (First published online December 30, 2016. DOI: 10.1111/maq.12343)

Vega, R. (2016). Towards Sociocommunicative Justice: Multi-Sited Fieldwork, Transnational Theory, and Hyper-self-reflexivity. *Revista CONAMED* 21(2), 2016: 76-80. ISBN: 2007-932X

#### *Accepted*

Vega, R. (2019.) Converging Space and Producing Place: Social Inequalities and Birth Across Mexico. *Revista Espacialidades*. Vol. 9, No. 2, julio-diciembre 2019.

#### *In Process*

Vega, R. One Model, Mixed Methods: Combining Epistemic Tools in Syndemics Research.

Vega, R. Critique of Existing Syndemics Research Methods and Proposals for Future Research.

#### **Refereed Book Chapters**

Vega, R. (2019). One Woman's Choice is Another Woman's Disobedience: Seguro Popular and Threats to Midwifery in Mexico. *In* Modhumita Roy and Mary Thompson (Eds.), *The Politics of Reproduction: Adoption, Abortion, and Surrogacy in the Age of Neoliberalism*. Ohio State University Press.

#### *In Press*

Paulo Maya, A. and Vega, R. Medical Anthropology Teaching at the National Autonomous University of Mexico Medical School: A Reflexive Analysis. *In* Dennis Weidmand and Iveris Martinez (Ed.), *Anthropological Teaching on Medical Education: Sustaining Engagement and Impact*. Springer Press.

## Public Anthropology

### *Online Publications*

- Vega, R. (2020). Mitochondrial Memory and Maternal Mourning. Society for Applied Anthropology. Published online April 15, 2020.  
<https://www.appliedanthro.org/annual-meeting/2020-virtual-meeting>
- Vega, R. (2019). Syndemics: Considerations for Interdisciplinary Research. Somatosphere: Science, Medicine, and Anthropology. Published online September 20, 2019.  
<http://somatosphere.net/2019/syndemics-considerations-for-interdisciplinary-research.html/>
- Vega, R. (2018.) How Natural Birth Became Inaccessible to the Poor. Sapiens: Anthropology/Everything Human, Wenner-Gren Foundation. Published online April 6, 2018. <https://www.sapiens.org/body/indigenous-midwives-mexico/>
- Vega, R. (2018). Como o Parto Natural virou Inacessível aos Pobres. Published online May 23, 2018. [blogueirasnegras.org/2018/05/23/como-o-parto-natural-virou-inacessivel-aos-pobres/](http://blogueirasnegras.org/2018/05/23/como-o-parto-natural-virou-inacessivel-aos-pobres/) (Portuguese translation.)
- Vega, R. (2011). “Humanized Birth as a Human Right.” Ethnographic Video. Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, 27 Oct. 2011. [clas.berkeley.edu](http://clas.berkeley.edu)
- Vega, R. (2011). A Tale of Two Births: Transnational Health Care in Multiethnic Mexico. The Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies, Fall 2011. (Online version: Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley, 9 Aug.2011.) [clas.berkeley.edu](http://clas.berkeley.edu)
- Vega, R. (2011). Nahua Midwives: Human Rights Defenders (Updates from the Field). Berkeley Law –Home. Human Rights Center, 18 Aug. 2011.  
[www.law.berkeley.edu/HRCweb/updates.html](http://www.law.berkeley.edu/HRCweb/updates.html)

### *Radio Interviews and Podcasts*

- Interview on Autoimmunity, Thyroid Disorders, and Second Book: *The Genome in Microbial Terms*. Interviewed by Kim Clark on *Psycho Bio Justice*, KSDT radio, University of California, San Diego. [https://ksdt.ucsd.edu/ps/2019\\_10\\_23\\_12\\_00\\_01.mp3](https://ksdt.ucsd.edu/ps/2019_10_23_12_00_01.mp3)  
(Forty-eight minute segment aired on October 16 and October 23, 2019.)

### **Invited Publications**

- Vega, R. (2020.) Review of *Changing Birth in the Andes: Culture, Policy, and Safe Motherhood*, by Lucia Guerra-Reyes. The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology.
- Vega, R. (2020.) Review of *Privileges of Birth: Constellations of Care, Myth, and Race in South Africa*, by Jennifer J. M. Rogerson. Medical Anthropology Quarterly.

- Vega, R. (2019.) Review of *Pushing in Silence: Modernizing Puerto Rico and the Medicalization of Childbirth*. *Journal of Latin American Anthropology*. (November Issue.)
- Vega, R. (2019). WHAT'S OUT THERE (Review of *A Portrait of Assisted Reproduction in Mexico: Scientific, Political, and Cultural Interactions*, by Sandra P. González-Santos). *Reproductive BioMedicine and Society Online*. (DOI: [10.1016/j.rbms.2019.11.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rbms.2019.11.001))
- Vega, R. (2019). An Intersectional Framework for Effectively Mentoring Women of Color in Academia: A Best Practices Guide. Special Issue on Best Practices for Mentoring Underrepresented Minority Women in Economics, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession News 2019(1):4-5.
- Vega, R. (2018). Review of *Fresh Fruit, Broken Bodies: Migrant Farmworkers in the United States*, by Seth Holmes. *Health Tomorrow Journal*, Volume 5.
- Vega, R. (2015). Review of *Neoliberalism, Interrupted: Social Change and Contested Governance in Contemporary Latin America*, edited by Nancy Grey Postero and Mark Goodale. *Cultural Analysis*. Vol 14, 2015.
- Vega, R. (2015). Review of *Conceiving Cuba: Reproduction, Women, and the State in the Post Soviet Era*, by Elise Andaya. *American Ethnologist*. 42(1): 190-191. (DOI: 10.1111/amet.12124\_13)

## PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Keynote and Plenary Presentations at Conferences

- May 2018                      “On Intellectual Disobedience and Constructive Irreverence: Reframing the Classroom for Contentious Times.” Plenary Speaker at the Ford Foundation Conference, National Academies of Science. Washington, D.C.

### Invited Papers at Conferences

- March 2020                      “Bacteria R Us?: How Mitochondrial DNA Transforms Kinship.” Presenter on SMA Plenary panel: What Kind of Substance Is This? Society for Applied Anthropology Plenary Session. Albuquerque, New Mexico. (This meeting was canceled days before my presentation due to the rapid spread of COVID-19.)

- November 2019 “It Takes Two: Men’s Perspectives Before, During, and After Birth.” Presenter on Society for Medical Anthropology Panel: Seeing men when they are already there: Ethnographies of Men and Pregnancy/Childbirth.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- November 2018 “Resiliency and Adaptation through Medical Migration in the U.S./Mexico Borderlands.” Presenter on Society for Urban, National, and Transnational/Global Anthropology panel: Intersections of care and wellbeing with resilience and adaptation in the migrant experience. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Jose, CA.
- November 2015 “Humanized Birth: Producing Future Citizens in the New Regime of Proper Parenting.” Presenter on Society for Medical Anthropology Panel: Proper Births, Proper Parents. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado.

### **Refereed Papers at Conferences**

- March 2020 “Social Epigenetics: Uncovering the Social Determinants of Genetic Expression.” 2020 Conference of the Society for Medical Anthropology. Havana, Cuba.
- January 2020 “The Role of Intellectual Disobedience and Constructive Irreverence in Critical Pedagogies.” Presenter on panel: “Critical Pedagogies: Precarity, Contingency, and Professional Practice.” Modern Language Association Annual Convention. Seattle, Washington.
- July 2019 “Social Borders and the Construction of Identities: Socioeconomic Class, Gender, Language, and Racial Discrimination as Boundaries.” Individual presenter at Beyond Borders: Conceptualizing Boundaries, Crossings, and Disruptions, The 22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Conceptual History. El Colegio de México, Mexico City.
- May 2019 “An Intersectional Framework for Effectively Mentoring Latinas in STEM.” Presenter on panel: Why Is Intersectionality in STEM Important? 2019 NSF INCLUDES Symposium: Advancing Latinas in STEM Academic Careers. South Padre Island, TX.
- April 2019 “Intersectional Borders and Narco Culture: Race, Class, Gender, and Generations.” Western Social Studies Association Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.
- April 2019 “Medical Migration Across the U.S. Mexico Border: Intersectional Racialization Processes.” Global Borders & Borderlands Symposium, Texas A&M University.

- March 2019 “Intersectional Experiences of Inclusion/Exclusion Among UTRGV Students.” NEXUS—The College of Liberal Art’s Research, Teaching & Service Symposium. University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Edinburg, Texas.
- September 2018 “Medical Tourism and Intersectional Racialization: An Ethnographic Analysis in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands.” Nexus of Migration and Tourism: Creating Social Sustainability Symposium. Vietnam National University. Hanoi, Vietnam.
- July 2018 “What Medical Migration Tells Us About Citizenship Along the U.S./Mexico Border.” Presenter on panel: US-Mexico Border Region: An Alternative Approach. Association for Borderlands Studies World Conference 2018. Budapest, Hungary.
- June 2018 “Antropólogos en los hospitales del Valle de Rio Grande, Tejas.” Presenter on panel: Antropólogos en hospitales y escuelas de medicina: perspectiva hispanoamericana. Congreso de Humanidades Médicas, National Autonomous University of Mexico. Mexico City, Mexico.
- May 2018 “The ‘Destination Birth’ Industry in Mexico.” Presenter on Panel: Is Tourism Colonialism? XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. Barcelona, Spain.
- October 2017 “Medical Migrations in the Rio Grande Valley: Winter Texans and Undocumented Residents.” The Second International Conference on Border Studies. Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas Matamoros and UTRGV. Brownsville, Texas.
- October 2017 “The Meanings of (Im)mobility in the Mexican Alternative Birth Movement.” The Second International Conference on Border Studies. Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas Matamoros and UTRGV. Brownsville, Texas.
- October 2017 “Depression and Anxiety Among Underserved Hispanics in the Rio Grande Valley: Lessons from Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) Implementation.” NAAAS International Research Conference. NAHLS & UTRGV. South Padre Island, Texas.
- October 2017 Lead Presenter for “Beyond the veil of numbers: Introducing ethnographic tools in PCBH impact evaluation.” Collaborative Family Health Association Conference. Houston, Texas.
- March 2017 “The Racialization of Class Inequalities Within the Transnational Humanized Birth Movement.” Norte Dame Intersectional Inquiries Conference, University of Notre Dame. Norte Dame, Indiana.



- November 2016 “The ‘Right’ to Labor?: Birth after Seguro Popular.” Presenter on panel: Engaging with the Right to Health, Part 2: Primary Health Care, Evidence Based Policy and the Millennium Development Goals. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- October 2016 “Medical Migration and the Commodification of Indigeneity in the Humanized Birth Movement.” Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies, University of Nevada Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.
- October 2016 “The Return of ‘Traditional’ Birthing Arts.” National Association of Hispanic and Latino Studies International Research Conference. South Padre Island, Texas.
- September 2016 “Consuming Humanized Birth: (Ethno)medical Migration, Commodification of Indigeneity, and the Politics of Parenting in Mexico.” Presenter in Academic Exchange, Cultural Studies. Ford Foundation Conference, National Academies of Science. Washington, D.C.
- May 2016 “Justicia sociocomunicativa.” Primer Coloquio: Aproximaciones teórico-metodológicas en las narrativas del padecer. National Autonomous University of Mexico Medical School. Mexico City, Mexico.
- September 2015 “Reproducing Neoliberalism.” Presenter in Academic Exchange, Ethnic Studies. Ford Foundation Conference, National Academies of Science. Washington, D.C.
- December 2014 “Binational Discourse, Bi-Disciplinary Collaborations, and Transnational Health Projects: The Case of UNAM.” Presenter on panel: Bi-disciplinary Identities: Medical Anthropology–Public Health Hybrids and the Importance of Cross-Disciplinary Understandings. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C.
- November 2013 “Birth and Seguro Popular in Multiethnic Mexico: The End of Health Care Inequity or The Beginning of Consumer-Citizenship?” Presenter on panel: The Politics of Healthcare Access and Belonging. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.
- November 2012 “Human Rights and ‘Humanized Birth’ in Mexico.” Presenter on panel: Global Flows, Human Rights, Sexual and Reproductive Health: Ethnographies of Crossing and “Translation” in the Global South. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California.

- November 2011 “A Tale of Two Births: Transnational Health Care in Multiethnic Mexico.” Presenter on panel: “Geographic Legacies, Embodied Futures.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada.
- November 2011 “Transnational Health Care in Multiethnic Mexico,” Knowledge/Culture/Social Change International Conference. Centre for Cultural Research, University of Western Sydney. Sydney, Australia.
- November 2011 “Medical Technologies and Reproduction in Multiethnic Mexico.” Presenter on panel: Technologies of Health Care in Latin America. Society for the Social Studies of Science Conference. Cleveland, Ohio.
- November 2011 “The Future of Childbirth in Mexico: Midwifery and the Medical Imaginary.” Presenter on panel: Medical Imaginaries and Technological Futures. Society for the Social Studies of Science Conference. Cleveland, Ohio.
- November 2011 “Conflicted Birth: Transnational Medical Knowledges.” Presenter on panel: In Search of ‘Lines of Flight’ in Latin America. Society for Social Studies of Science Conference. Cleveland, Ohio.
- September 2011 “A Tale of Two Births: Reproduction and Medical Pluralism in Multiethnic Mexico.” Presenter on panel: Reproduction, sexuality, childbirth and medical pluralism. 1<sup>st</sup> EASA Medical Anthropology Network Conference on Medical Pluralism: Techniques, Politics, Institutions. Sapienza-Università di Roma, Italy.

### **Invited Lectures on Original Research**

- March 2020 “Humanized Birth: Commodification of Culture and Supranational Citizenship in Mexico.” Scripps College. Claremont, CA.
- March 2019 “‘Pushing’ Through the Politics of Difference: How Race, Class, and Gender Hierarchies Shape How We are Born.” Department of Comparative Cultural Studies, University of Houston. Houston, TX.
- November 2018 Book talk for *No Alternative: Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico*. Anthropology Club, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Edinburg, TX.
- September 2018 Book talk for *No Alternative: Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico*. Culture in Global Affairs Program (CIGA) of the Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University. Washington, D.C.

- February 2016 “The (Re)invention of Tradition: Commodification of Culture and Supranational Citizenship In the Humanized Birth Movement.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Texas Río Grande Valley. Edinburg, Texas.
- January 2016 “The (Re)invention of Tradition: Commodification of Culture, Feminist Intentions & Supranational Citizenship In the Humanized Birth Movement.” Guest lecture for Mind, Medicine and Culture Graduate Seminar. Anthropology, UC Los Angeles.
- October 2015 “Multi-Sited Fieldwork and Reflections on the Ethnographic Method.” Guest Lecturer, Research Theory and Methods in Socio-Cultural Anthropology, UC Berkeley.
- June 2015 “Uses and Misuses of Cultural Competency: How to Better Engage Diverse Populations.” Joint learning about Culturally Competent Care, Guest Speaker at Kaiser Permanente National Diversity Council Quarterly Meeting, Portland, Oregon.
- May 2015 “Uses and Misuses of Cultural Competency: How to Better Engage Diverse Populations.” Brown bag lecture, Kaiser Permanente Institute for Health Policy, Oakland, California.
- November 2014 “Newborns and New Midwifery: Racialization, Bioconsumer Citizenship, and the Humanized Birth Movement in Mexico.” Medical Anthropology Fall Dissertation Series, UC Berkeley.
- September 2014 “Recién nacidos y ciudadanos biológicos en México: Procesos de racialización y la comunidad transnacional de parto humanizado.” Individual presentation at the Permanent Medical Anthropology Seminar, Center for Superior Research and Studies in Social Anthropology. Mexico City, Mexico.
- October 2013 “La importancia de la interculturalidad en la atención al parto.” Individual presentation at the General Hospital of Tlapa, Guerrero, sponsored by the Mexican Ministry of Health of the State of Guerrero.
- November 2012 “How Disempowerment Happens and What Can Be Done to Empower Women in Rural Mexico,” UC Global Health Institute, Women’s Health and Empowerment Center of Excellence Annual Retreat. White Retreat Center, Mill Valley, California.
- October 2012 “La medicina tradicional y la biomedicina en México.” Individual presentation given in Spanish to “Oaxaca Abroad” UC Davis Chicana/Chicano Studies students in Oaxaca, Oaxaca.

- June 2012 “Parteras profesionales en la Costa Chica y la Montaña de Guerrero.” Individual presentation given to the Secretary of Health of the State of Guerrero in Chilpancingo, Guerrero.
- November 2011 “Humanized Birth as a Human Right: The Midwifery Model in Multiethnic Mexico.” Human Rights Center Conference, UC Berkeley.
- October 2011 “Mexican Midwives: Finding Social Justice Through Medical Pluralism and Hybridization.” Tinker Foundation Presentation, Center for Latin American Studies, UC Berkeley.
- February 2010 “Seizures and Suffering: Epilepsy in Rural Guerrero, Mexico,” Panel on Current Issues in Latin America, UC Berkeley.

**Panel Discussant**

- June 2017 Discussant on panel: “Antropología Médica: experiencias, retos y propuestas para la formación.” Asociación Latinoamericana de la Antropología. Bogotá, Colombia.

**Invited Lectures on Professional Development**

- September 2018 “Hyper-self-reflexivity and Barefoot Anthropology.” Methods to the Madness Series, UTRGV Research and Instruction. McAllen, TX.
- February 2018 “How to Successfully Publish a Book with an Academic Press.” General Faculty Development Program, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs & Diversity, UTRGV. Edinburg, TX
- September 2011 Journey to the Ph.D. Brown Bag Series, UC Berkeley
- September 2010 Graduate Funding Seminar, Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley.
- September 2009 Graduate Funding Seminar, Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley

**Public Lectures in the Community**

- May 2017 “Fetishizing the Past: Birth in Mexico.” International Museum of Arts and Sciences. McAllen, Texas.

## TEACHING

### Teaching Experience

\*\*\*To view complete sets of teaching evaluations, please see Academia.edu\*\*\*

- Fall 2016-Present      Assistant Professor, UTRGV. Courses in progress:
- “Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology”  
(Fall 2016 [2 sections], Spring 2017, Fall 2017 [2 sections],  
Spring 2018, Summer I & II 2018, Fall 2018 [2 sections],  
Summer I & II 2019, Summer I & II\* 2020, Spring 2021)  
\*Prepared a bilingual course incorporating readings and  
audio visual materials originally in Spanish. Bilingual  
teaching is a valuable component of my efforts to  
decolonize the discipline.
  
  - “Global Health and Social Justice: Interdisciplinary  
Approaches to Illness and Security”  
(Spring 2018, Summer I & II 2018, Fall 2018, Spring  
2019\*, Summer I & II 2019, Fall 2019 [2 sections],  
Summer I & II 2020, Fall 2020 [2 sections], Spring 2021)  
\*Includes a service learning requirement. Over 300 hours  
of service learning were conducted by students at Amigos  
del Valle, Inc.
  
  - “Medical Anthropology”  
(Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2021)  
[cross-listed as 2 sections: advanced undergraduate and  
graduate]
  
  - “Global Health: Critical Perspectives”  
(Spring 2019, Fall 2020)  
[cross-listed as 2 sections: advanced undergraduate and  
graduate]
  
  - “Anthropology of Sex and Gender”  
(Fall 2019)  
[cross-listed as 2 sections: advanced undergraduate and  
graduate]
  
  - “Directed Studies”  
(Fall 2019)
  
  - “Thesis I”  
(Fall 2020)

June 2018	Visiting Professor, Graduate Program in Anthropology of Health, National Autonomous University of Mexico Medical School. “Sindemia: Herramientas interdisciplinarias para la justicia social en la salud global.”
May 2016	Visiting Professor, Graduate Program in Anthropology of Health, National Autonomous University of Mexico Medical School. “De las narrativas del padecer a la justicia comunicativa.”
Spring 2015	Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology, Professor James Holston, UC Berkeley
Summer 2013- Spring 2014	Professor, Graduate Program in Anthropology of Health, National Autonomous University of Mexico Medical School. Courses taught: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-“Antropología Médica: Teoría norteamericana contemporánea.” (graduate students, February-June 2014)</li> <li>-“El arte de la antropología: Destrezas para estudios de posgrado.” (prospective graduate students, February-April 2014)</li> <li>-“Perspectivas sobre la interculturalidad en el parto.” (medical school students, June-July 2013)</li> </ul>
October 2013	Guest Professor, Professional Midwifery School of the State of Guerrero. “Perspectivas sobre la interculturalidad en el parto.”
Fall 2011	Reader and Grader for “Sexuality, Culture & Colonialism: Global Sexuality” with Professor Lawrence Cohen, UC Berkeley
Fall 2009	English as a Second Language Instructor, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant

### **Teaching Awards**

Spring 2016	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Teaching & Resource Center, UC Berkeley
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### **Pedagogical Training**

Aug-Dec 2019	Diplomado “Racismo y Xenofobia en México” de la Red INTEGRAL, CONAPRED y CNDH.
June 2017	Teaching Global Health: Summer Institute for Undergraduate Curriculum and Course Design
Summer 2015	UC Berkeley Summer Institute for Preparing Future Faculty

Spring 2015	Graduate Student Instructor Teaching Conference, UC Berkeley Teaching and Resource Center
Fall 2010 Fall 2010	Pedagogy Seminar, Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley Graduate Student Instructor Professional Standards and Ethics Course, UC Berkeley Teaching and Resource Center
Fall 2010	Teaching Conference for New Graduate Student Instructors, UC Berkeley Teaching and Resource Center

## **RESEARCH**

### **Research Experience**

October 2018-Ongoing	The Genome in Microbial Terms: Intersectional Epigenetics and the Future of Health
July 2017-January 2020	Medical Anthropology Approaches to Primary Care Behavioral Health (PCBH) Implementation and Border Health
April 2015-August 2015	Qualitative Evaluation of Complex Care Provided to High-Cost Patients at LifeLong Clinics
Dec 2010-Nov 2013 (28 months)	Race, Class and Transnationalism, and Their Effects on Women's Birth Experiences in Mexico, Multi-sited (dissertation research)
2010 (4 months)	Epilepsy and Rural Poverty in La Costa Grande, Guerrero, Mexico
2007-2008 (10 months)	Marginalization of the Roma People in Barcelona, Spain
January-May 2007 (5 months)	Biopsychosocial Study of Eating Disorders, Alcohol Use and Comorbid Psychiatric Disorders

### **Research Training**

May 2020	Institute for Functional Medicine Annual International Conference (approved by the American Medical Association for 17.5 hours of Continuing Medical Education credits)
October 2019	Physician's Recognition Award Category 1. Advances in Mitochondrial Medicine: A New Model for Treating Chronic Disease (approved by the American Medical Association for 13.25 hours of Continuing Medical Education credits)
Aug-Dec 2019	Diplomado "Racismo y Xenofobia en México" de la Red INTEGRA, CONAPRED y CNDH

April 2017 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Training, Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (including HIPAA)

March 2013 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative Training, Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **UTRGV Departmental Service**

March 2020-Ongoing Faculty Evaluation Committee (Tenure-Track; Tenure and Promotion to Associate), Anthropology, UTRGV

October 2019-Ongoing Assessment Committee, Anthropology, UTRGV

September 2019-March 2020 Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Sociocultural Anthropology

May 2017-Ongoing Graduate Committee for Anthropology MAIS, UTRGV

August 2016-Ongoing Library Committee, Anthropology, UTRGV

August 2016-Ongoing Curriculum Committee, Anthropology, UTRGV

### **UTRGV Institutional Service**

October 2018-Ongoing Women of Color Committee, Women Faculty Network, UTRGV

April 2019 ADVANCE Women's Leadership Workshop, UTRGV

October 2018 Contributed to the planning of the Symposium for ADVANCING STEM Latinas in Academic Careers (I put together a contact list of 38 Latinas in STEM careers, and corresponded personally with 20 of them to confirm their interest in participating in the event)

October 2018 Authored article: "An Intersectional Framework for Effectively Mentoring Women of Color in Academia: A Best Practices Guide." Special Issue on Best Practices for Mentoring Underrepresented Minority Women in Economics, Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession News 2019(1):4-5.

### **National Service**

November 2019 Executive Board Member-Elect, Society for Medical Anthropology



### **Brown University Institutional Service**

Fall 2014-Fall 2015                      Admissions Interviewer, Brown Alumni Interviewing Program.

### **Guest Reviewer for Refereed Journals**

April 2020                                  Feminist Anthropology  
March 2020                                  Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology, and Society  
January 2020                                Feminist Anthropology  
December 2019                              Feminist Studies  
October 2019                                Estudios Fronterizos  
January 2019                                Social Science & Medicine  
April 2018                                    Global Public Health  
January 2018                                Global Public Health  
December 2017                              Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (JLACA)  
January 2017                                Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (JLACA)  
April 2016                                    Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (JLACA)  
February 2016                                Anthropological Quarterly

### **Guest Reviewer for Academic Presses**

October 2019                                Routledge Press (Taylor & Francis Group)

### **Research-Related Service to the Community**

May 2011-August 2011                      Intern and Resident Scholar, Center for the Adolescents of San Miguel de Allende, Mexico  
Fall 2009-Spring 2011                      Instructor of “Health and Life” Workshops: Diet, Exercise, Reproduction, STDs and Chronic Disease Affecting the Latino Immigrant Community, East Bay Sanctuary Covenant  
August-December 2009                      English-Spanish Interpreter, Alameda County Social Services Agency, US

June - July 2008 Volunteer caring for AIDS patients, Hogar Nuestra Señora de la Esperanza, Cartago, Costa Rica

### **ADVISING AND MENTORING**

Spring 2019-ongoing Juan Carlo Bautista: I served as a committee member on her thesis, beginning with the initial stages of brainstorming ideas and continuing through the thesis writing process. I have also mentored her regarding applying for internships, PhD programs, and graduate fellowships.

Spring 2019-ongoing Sadia Sharmin: I am her master's thesis chair. Before joining UTRGV as a graduate student, I provided her with guidance regarding her pending master's-level research at UTRGV, including familiarizing her with the IRB process and readings related to her research.

Fall 2019-Spring 2020 Karen Melissa Flores Tavizón: I served as a committee member for her master's thesis, "Gendering Dynamics in Charrería Mexicana." Specifically, I helped her to identify her own scholarly voice.

Spring 2019-Spring 2020 Evelyn Cantu: I mentored her regarding a future career in anthropology post-graduate school. Furthermore, I wrote her a letter of recommendation for the Latino Museum Studies Program at the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage.

Spring 2019-Fall 2019 Valeria Trevino: I mentored her on her Engaged Scholarship Award research, "Transnational Migration, Families, and Women in Morocco," which included providing her with feedback/support for her proposal, reviewing her IRB application before submission, guiding her through ethnographic data collection, and mentoring her as she wrote up an article manuscript.

Spring 2019-Fall 2020 Prakhar Jain: I advised him regarding his medical school application process and supported his application through writing a letter of recommendation. He has since been accepted into the UTRGV Medical School.

Summer 2019 Anna Hector: I advised Anna with regards to her Watson Fellowship application. The fellowship would allow her to pursue a year-long independent research project after graduation from Wesleyan University. Specifically, I mentored her with regards to adapting research methods for the specific sites where I have conducted ethnographic research, and where she is planning to carry out her project if awarded the fellowship.

Spring 2019	Ella Garza: I strategized with her regarding how best to combine an MPH with an MD degree in the future.
Fall 2018-Spring 2019	Aaron Sosa: I advised him regarding the IRB process and his aspirations for publishing his research in the future. I have also mentored him with respect to preparing for graduate school.
Fall 2017-Spring 2019	Karina Villarreal: Initially, I mentored her regarding research, including details about the IRB. I have since mentored her regarding study habits and her future career trajectory.
Fall 2018	Manuela Gutierrez: I advised her as she formulated the research question for her doctoral dissertation, helping her to distinguish between the analytical lens and the object of her research.
Fall 2018	Brianna Cortez: I counseled her as she was deciding on an undergraduate major. We discussed her future professional goals and how a major in anthropology would position her to achieve those goals.
Fall 2018	Guadalupe Mendoza: I counseled her as she was deciding on an undergraduate minor. We discussed her future professional goals and the pragmatics of financing her education with the goal of minimizing her school loans.
Spring 2018	Joshua Sevilla: I advised him regarding time management to help him transition from the daily schedule he was accustomed to in high school to a less-structured college environment
Spring 2017-Fall 2017	Gabriela Chapa: I provide mentorship and guidance for conducting multi-sited medical ethnography and writing field notes.
Spring 2017-Fall 2017	Timothy Ruelas: I provide mentorship and guidance for conducting multi-sited medical ethnography and writing field notes.
Spring 2017	Joseph Sotelo: Mentorship includes advice on ungraduated coursework, graduate school, and critical thinking and writing skills.
Spring 2017	Tristan Mendez: Mentorship includes advice on ungraduated coursework, graduate school, and critical thinking and writing skills.
Fall 2016	Daniella Guerrero: Mentorship includes advice on ungraduated coursework, graduate school, and critical thinking and writing skills.

Fall 2016	Andrea Juarez: I mentored her on the graduate school application process.
Fall 2016	Israel Quiroga: I provided him with feedback on how to improve his critical thinking and writing skills.
Winter 2014	Stephanie Gonzalez: I advise Stephanie, an undergraduate, about how to position herself for graduate school in social sciences.
Fall 2014	Blanca Merary Martinez-Cobian: I provided her with feedback on her statement of purpose for applications to graduate school in medical anthropology.
Fall 2014	Nick Rubashkin: I provided him with feedback on his application materials to graduate school in medical anthropology.
Spring 2014-Spring 2015	Joan Francisco Matamoros Sanín (mentee/advisee): I began mentoring Joan Spring 2014 when he was my student. He has been later accepted to the graduate program in Medical Anthropology at UNAM and I was an external adviser for his master's thesis.
Spring 2014-Spring 2015	Tomás Loza Taylor (advisee): I was a committee member and external adviser for his master's thesis.
Spring 2014	Graciela Muñoz: I helped her formulate a successful doctoral research proposal, acted as a liaison to the National Commission for Medical Arbitration (Mexico City), and secured institutional access.
Fall 2013	Savonya McAllister: I provided her with feedback on her personal statement for applications to pediatric residency programs.
Spring 2012-Ongoing	Fatima Segura Casillas: I provided her with guidance through the graduate school application process her subsequent transition into the work force.

## **RELATED COURSEWORK**

Medicine and Medical Anthropology:	Introduction to Medical Anthropology; Discourse and the Body; Topics in Medical Anthropology; Bioethics and Culture; Culture and Health; Gender and Sexuality; Biopsychosocial Approaches to Comorbid Psychiatric Disorders; Introduction to Fetal Medicine
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Cultural Anthropology:	Ethnographic Methods; Anthropological Theory and Method; Anthropological Approaches to World Issues; Global Poverty; Anthropology of Kinship; Regional Ethnology; Language and Culture; Cities and Identities: Urban Narratives; Urban Anthropology; Cultural Transmission and Education; Violence in the History of Catalonia and Spain
Public Health and Epidemiology:	Biostatistics; Applied Linear Models; Epidemiology Research Seminar; Public Health Policy and Management; Environmental Health; Epidemiology Methods; Applied Epidemiology Using R; Statistical Analysis of Categorical Data; Social Epidemiology Seminar; Social Epidemiology Methods
Math and Science:	Biology: Foundation of Living Systems; Anatomy and Physiology; Basic Physics; Equilibrium, Rate, and Structure; Organic Chemistry; Inorganic Chemistry; Introductory Calculus; Statistics
Area Studies:	“Greater Mexico”: History of the Mexican Diaspora, Mexican Culture, and U.S./Mexico Relations; Mexican Theorists: Medical Anthropology, Critical Epidemiology, and Social Medicine Theory Produced in Mexico; Health in Mexico; Racismo y Xenofobia en México; Racismo and Xenofobia en México
Spanish:	Eight semesters of university Spanish

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

May 2020	Institute for Functional Medicine Annual International Conference. 17.5 hours of Continuing Medical Education credits
Physician’s Recognition Award Category 1 October 2019	Advances in Mitochondrial Medicine: A New Model for Treating Chronic Disease. American Medical Association. 13.25 hours of Continuing Medical Education credits
Basic Life Support (BLS) Training June 2011	Hospital General Felip G. Dobarganes (PACE) San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico
BLS in Obstetrics Training June 2011	Programa de Actualización Continua en Emergencias San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico
Promotora Training Conference March 2010	Health Initiative of the Americas UC Berkeley School of Public Health
Student Intern, Pediatric Surgery May 2006 – September 2006	Children's Specialists, Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, CA

Observership, Pediatric Surgery June 2006 – August 2006	UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
Observership, OB/GYN June 2006 – August 2006	Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Elk Grove, CA
Observership, Neonatology September 2005 – May 2006	Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI
Observership, Reproductive Endo. September 2005 – December 2005	Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI
Observership, Pediatrics September 2005 – December 2005	Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI
Observership, OB/GYN September 2005 – December 2005	Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI

**LEADERSHIP**

Executive Board Member-Elect November 2019	Society for Medical Anthropology
Secretary, Board Member, Strategic Planning 2015-2016	Mujeres Aliadas, A.C. U.S. Organization
Class Representative 2005-2007	Program in Liberal Medical Education, Brown University

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

*Past*

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Medical Anthropology  
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology  
Anthropology of Tourism Interest Group  
Digital Anthropology Interest Group  
Society for Anthropological Sciences  
Anthropology of Aging and Life Course Interest Group  
Anthropology of Children and Youth Interest Group  
Council on Anthropology of Reproduction  
Human Sexuality and Anthropology Interest Group  
Interest Group on NGOs and Nonprofits

**LANGUAGES**

English: fully fluent, native in speaking, listening, reading and writing

Spanish: fully fluent, near-native in speaking, listening, reading and writing

Cantonese, Toishan dialect: native in speaking and listening

Catalan: some listening, reading and translating

Portuguese: some listening and reading

Italian: some listening and reading