

# Rosalynn Adeline Vega

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

UT Rio Grande Valley	Interim Associate Dean of the Honors College
UT Rio Grande Valley	Professor, 2024-Present
UT Rio Grande Valley	Graduate Program Coordinator, Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS), Anthropology, 2022-2024
UT Rio Grande Valley	Medical Humanities Assessment Coordinator, 2022-2024
UT Rio Grande Valley	Medical Humanities Program Coordinator, 2021-2024
UT Rio Grande Valley	Director, Development of New Bachelor's Degree in Medical Humanities, 2021-2022
UT Rio Grande Valley	Associate Professor, 2020-2024
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:	Medical humanities; global health; science, technology, and society; racializing processes, intersectionality; environmental and social justice; epigenetics; and the human microbiome.
Geographic Interests:	U.S., Mexico (with an emphasis on "Greater Mexico"), and U.S./Mexico borderlands
Methodological Interests:	Ethnography (traditional-, digital-, and auto-), participant observation, in-depth interviews, focus groups, social and popular media analysis

### EDUCATION

UC Berkeley/UCSF	Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology, 2009-2016
<i>Dissertation Title:</i>	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	MPH, Concentration in Epidemiology, 2015-2016
<i>Thesis Title:</i>	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	 B.A., Anthropology, 2005-2009 Program in Liberal Medical Education, 2005-2007
 Universitat de Barcelona	 Anthropology, 2007-2008

## **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.  
<https://utpress.utexas.edu/9781477316771/no-alternative/>  
 Hardcover ISBN-13: 978-1477316764  
 Paperback ISBN-13: 978-1477316771  
 E-Pub ISBN-13: 978-1477316795  
 Kindle ASIN: B07C7H6SNL

Vega, R. (2023.) Nested Ecologies: A Multi-Layered Ethnography of Functional Medicine. Austin, TX: University of Texas Press. ISBN: 9781477326862  
<https://utpress.utexas.edu/9781477326862/nested-ecologies/>  
 Hardcover ISBN-13: 978-1477326855  
 Paperback ISBN-13: 978-1477326862  
 E-Pub ISBN-13: 978-1477326886  
 Kindle ASIN: B0BLCZVX9L  
 Audio book: In process

Vega, R. (2024.) Physicians of the Future: Doctor-Influencers, Patient-Consumers, and the Business of Functional Medicine. Austin, TX.  
<https://utpress.utexas.edu/9781477328682/physicians-of-the-future/>  
 Hardcover ISBN-13: 978-1477328675  
 Paperback ISBN-13: 978-1477328682  
 E-Pub ISBN-13: 978-1-4773-2870-5  
 Kindle ASIN: B0CKZL1Z1N

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Vega, R. (2024.) Reversing Chronic Disease: Acknowledging Privilege and Seeking Justice. *Language, Literature, and Interdisciplinary Studies*. ISSN 2457-0044.  
<https://ellids.com/archives/2024/12/6.4-Forum-Vega.pdf>

- Vega, R. (2024). Mitochondrial Memory: Transgenerational Trauma, Functional Medicine, and Quantum Physics. Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience. <https://catalystjournal.org/index.php/catalyst/article/view/38240/33238>
- Allen, S., Corpuz, A., and Vega, R. (2024.) LGBTQIA+ Health Disparities. ScholarRx, Rx Bricks. <https://exchange.scholarrx.com/brick/2jk54v2o5wmo>
- Vega, R. (2024.) COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the United States: A Digital Ethnographic Study. Salud Colectiva. <https://doi.org/10.18294/sc.2024.4541> (English version.)
- Vega, R. (2024.) Vacilación ante la vacuna COVID-19 en EEUU: un estudio etnográfico digital. Salud Colectiva. <https://doi.org/10.18294/sc.2024.4541> (Spanish version.)
- Omojola, O., Onyebu, B. and Vega, R. (2024.) Comparative Health Disparities: International Perspective. ScholarRx, Rx Bricks. <https://exchange.scholarrx.com/brick/do75exppnmng0>
- Vega, R. (2023). The Holobiont, Food Justice, and Gaia 2.0: A *Post*-human(ist) Approach to Functional Medicine. Interconnections: Journal of Posthumanism, Vol 3., No. 1: 39-62. <https://journals.library.brocku.ca/index.php/posthumanismstudies/article/view/4112/3349>
- Vega, R. and Paulo Maya, A. (2021.) Operating at the Edge of Il/legality: Systemic Corruption in Mexican Health Care. Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, Vol. 26, No. 1. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jlca.12513>
- Vega, R. (2020.) Converging Space and Producing Place: Social Inequalities and Birth Across Mexico. Revista Espacialidades. Vol. 10, No. 2. [www.doi.org/10.24275/uam/cua/dcs/esp/2020v10n1/Vega](http://www.doi.org/10.24275/uam/cua/dcs/esp/2020v10n1/Vega)
- 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. <https://doi.org/10.1353/jeu.2019.0019>
- 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. (English version) <https://hia.berkeley.edu/publications/migration-health-reports/>
- 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 version) <https://hia.berkeley.edu/publications/migration-health-reports/>

- 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. (English version) <https://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.m (Spanish version) <https://doi.org/10.21670/ref.1816016>
- 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(nte)ridentification: The Racialization of Maternal Health through Oportunidades in Government Clinics. *Salud Colectiva*, 13(3):489-505. (English version) <https://doi.org/10.18294/sc.2017.1114>
- Vega, R. (2017). I(nte)ridentificación racial: racialización de la salud materna a través del Programa Oportunidades y clínicas gubernamentales en México. *Salud Colectiva* 13(3):489-505. (Spanish version) <https://doi.org/10.18294/sc.2017.1114>
- Vega, R. (2017). Commodifying Indigeneity: How the Humanization of Birth Reinforces Racialized Inequality in Mexico. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 31(4):499-518. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12343>
- Vega, R. (2016). Toward Sociocommunicative Justice: Multi-Sited Fieldwork, Transnational Theory, and Hyper-self-reflexivity. *Revista CONAMED* 21(2), 2016: 76-80. ISBN: 2007-932X

#### *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.
- Onyebu, B. and Vega, R. (2024.) Maternal Inflammation in the Risk of Development of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Children. *ScholarRx, Rx Bricks*.

#### **Refereed Book Chapters**

- Paulo Maya, A. and Vega, R. (2021). Medical Anthropology Teaching at the National Autonomous University of Mexico Medical School: A Reflexive Analysis. *In* Dennis Weidmand and Iveris Martinez (Eds.), *Anthropological Teaching on Medical Education: Sustaining Engagement and Impact*. Springer Press. <https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783030622763>
- 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.

<https://ohiostatepress.org/books/titles/9780814214152.html>

*Accepted*

Vega, R. "An Intersectional Framework for Effectively Mentoring Women of Color in STEM Fields." In *Advancing Latinas in STEM Academic Careers*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Vega, R. (2026). Commodifying indigeneity: How the humanization of birth reinforces racialized inequality in Mexico. In Carlos Martinez and Christian Yanes (Eds.), *An Introduction to Medical Anthropology: Toward Health Equity and Social Justice*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press

*Submitted*

Vega, R. La sindemia y la obesidad: Una revisión crítica. *Obesidad, la pandemia anunciada*.

**Public Anthropology**

*Online Publications*

Vega, R. (2022). Listening to Women in Labor. 360info, Monash University. Published online December 12, 2022.

<https://360info.org/listening-to-women-in-labour/>

This story was subsequently republished by multiple online news outlets:

<https://ova.galencentre.org/listening-to-women-in-labour/>

<https://www.bignewsnetwork.com/news/273206708/listening-to-women-in-labour>

<https://www.newsdrum.in/international/listening-to-women-in-labour>

<https://www.eastmojo.com/world/2022/12/14/why-listening-to-women-in-labour-is-important/>

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*

Synopsis of “COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy in the United States: A Digital Ethnographic Study”:  
<https://tinyurl.com/Vaccine-Hesitancy-COVID-19>

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.)

Interview on *Nested Ecologies: a Multilevel Ethnography of Functional Medicine*. Interview by J.F. Matamoros Sanin, Anthropology Channel, New Books Network. March 15, 2023.  
<https://newbooksnetwork.com/nested-ecologies>

Synopsis of *No Alternative* (2016):  
<https://tinyurl.com/No-Alternative-Synopsis>

Book Reading from *No Alternative* (2016):  
<https://tinyurl.com/No-Alternative-Book-Reading>

#### *YouTube videos*

Nested Ecologies promotional video (2023):

<https://youtu.be/T93DK6HtwZI>

No Alternative promotional video (2018):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yVhVS1yZp1E&t=46s>

UC Berkeley Commencement Speech (2016):

[https://youtu.be/GgtQs8NVGR8?si=\\_hlIynINw8NgkZCh](https://youtu.be/GgtQs8NVGR8?si=_hlIynINw8NgkZCh)

Centro para los Adolescentes de San Miguel de Allende (CASA) short documentary (2012):

<https://youtu.be/QRvAxzitzHw?si=XrblWWnPWo55fy-q>

### **Invited Publications**

Vega, R. (2023.) Review of *Pushing in Silence: Modernizing Puerto Rico and the Medicalization of Childbirth*. Journal of Latin American Studies. (November 2023 Issue.)

Vega, R. (2023.) Review of *Undocumented Motherhood: Conversations on Love, Trauma, and Border Crossing* by Elizabeth Farfán-Santos. American Ethnologist.  
<http://doi.org/10.1111/amet.13155>

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. (2023.) Review of *Pushing in Silence: Modernizing Puerto Rico and the Medicalization of Childbirth*. Journal of Latin American Studies. (November 2023 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**

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| October 2024 | “The Inequalities of Medical Mobility at the Border.” Borders and Migration Conference. Sponsored by Education Ilimitada, Practice Mercy Foundation, College of Charleston, Clemson University, Stark College & Seminary, University of Houston, and Fellowship Southwest. McAllen, TX.                                                                                                                                                             |
| July 2022    | “Mexican Midwifery: Critical Race Studies, Intersectional Feminism, and Decolonial Studies Perspectives.” Keynote Speaker hosted by the University for Humanistic Studies in Utrecht, The Netherlands, and co-hosted by the University of Cape Town, City University London, Chilean Observatory for Obstetric Violence, IIT Bombay and the Dutch Midwifery Academy and Department of Midwifery Science of the Amsterdam University Medical Centre. |
| 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**

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| October 2023  | “Sindemia y obesidad: una revisión crítica.” Presenter on the panel, “Enfoque sociocultural de la obesidad.” XIII Congreso Nacional de Historia y Filosofía de la Medicina. Oaxaca, México.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| November 2021 | “Functional Medicine: Integration or Increased Bioconsumption?” Presenter on Complimentary and Alternative Medicine/Integrative Medicine (CAM/IM) panel: Progress or Co-option?: Critical Reflections on the Increasing Integration of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in Hospital and Biomedical Clinical Settings (Panel I of II). American Anthropology Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD. (Presentation delivered virtually.) |



- August 2021 “Racialización y salud: Tres contextos etnogáficos.” Presenter on Seminario PRODER panel: Racismo y salud. Mexico City, Mexico. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
- 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**

- November 2024 “Critique of Existing Syndemics Research Methods and Proposals for Future Research.” Presenter on panel: “The Praxis of Syndemics: How Has Syndemic Theory Been Applied in Practice?” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL.
- September 2024 “Functional Medicine, Environmental Dysbiosis, and Reproductive Medicine.” Presenter on Panel: “The Child and The Environment: Emerging Knowledge, Persisting Inequalities?” Re-Worlding Reproduction: Emerging Knowledges, Politics, and Practices of Justice. University of Pretoria, South Africa.
- November 2023 “Inclusionary Boundary Work and Relational Shifts in Functional Medicine.” Presenter on Panel: “Beyond the Hospital: Neoliberal Realities and Transitions to Pluralistic Medicines.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Toronto, Canada. (Presentation delivered virtually.)

November 2023	“The Human as Holobiont: Functional Medicine, Food Justice, and the Future of Health.” Presenter on panel: Microbiopolitics in the Postgenomic Era. 2023 4S Meeting. Honolulu, HI. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
August 2023	“Medical Humanities Curriculum: Strengths, Limitations, and Future Directions at UNAM and UTRGV.” Individual paper presented in the “Practice” category. BeSST Conference 2023, Interrogating Integration: Social and Behavioural Sciences in Healthcare Professions Education. Edinburgh, Scotland. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
April 2023	“Teaching Online in Interdisciplinary Fields.” 6 <sup>th</sup> Excellence in Online Learning Conference (EOLC), Digital Generation: Learners in the 21st Century and Beyond. University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley.
March 2023	“How Interdisciplinary Education Can Support Well-Being in the Rio Grande Valley: The Role of Medical Humanities.” Second Annual Conference for Interdisciplinary Research, UTRGV.
March 2023	“Food and Health Justice in the Rio Grande Valley and Beyond.” Second Annual Conference for Interdisciplinary Research, UTRGV.
March 2023	“Digital Ethnography: A ‘Big Data’ Approach to Participant Observation?” Society for Applied Anthropology. Cincinnati, OH. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
March 2023	“Designing Health Justice: COVID-19, “Racial” Disparities, Sociogenomics, and Beyond.” Health Humanities Consortium Conference. Cleveland, OH. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
December 2022	“Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in Functional Medicine.” 4S/ECOCITE Joint Meeting. Cholula, Mexico. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
November 2022	“COVID-19 Vaccines for Babies: Unsettling Infectious Disease Response and Care for Children.” Late-Breaking Session. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
August 2022	“Aging As Optional: At What Cost?” The Association for Anthropology, Gerontology and the Life Course (AAGE) 2022. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
April 2022	“Nested Ecologies: Virtual Ethnography of Functional Medicine.” School of Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement, UTRGV. (Presentation delivered virtually.)

April 2022	“Functional Medicine and Health Justice in the Age of Black Lives Matter and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
March 2022	“Anthropology’s Revolutionary Potential for Subverting Censorship: Corruption in Mexican Clinics.” Society for Applied Anthropology 2022 Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
March 2022	“Ethnography in Clinic: Rendering Visible the Culture of Biomedicine and Creating Opportunities for Whole Person (‘Patient-Centered’) Care.” Presenter in Society for Medical Anthropology (SMA) workshop: “Effective Teaching in Medical Schools: Translating Anthropological Knowledge to Practice.” Society for Applied Anthropology 2022 Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, Utah. (Presentation delivered virtually.)
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**

- July 2024 “Los imponderables del trabajo de campo.” Seminario 3 de Investigación, (línea de Antropología Médica). Maestría en Antropología Social, CIESAS Pacífico Sur. Oaxaca, México.
- September 2023 “Health Disparities in Mexico and the U.S.” American Medical Student Association (AMSA) Health Justice Speaker Presentation.
- June 2023 “Movilidad médica e interseccionalidad en la frontera México y Estados Unidos.” En el Seminario: “Desigualdades en salud: Miradas críticas desde América Latina y el Caribe.” Centro Nacional de Derechos Humanos, México.
- April 2023 “Commodified Culture and Supranational Citizenship Through the Lens of Humanized Birth in Mexico.” Spring 2023 Lecture Series on Reproductive Health, Gender and Women’s Studies Program, UTRGV.

October 2022	“Functional Medicine: Racializing Processes and Health (In)justice.” Cal Poly Pomona. Pomona, CA.
May 2022	“Errores teóricos metodológicos en la conceptualización de la sindemia.” La Sociedad de la Historia y la Filosofía de la Medicina. Ciudad de México, MX. (Ponencia impartida virtualmente.)
September 2021	“Mexican Midwifery and the Inadvertent Reinscription of Racial and Gender Inequality.” University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, NV.
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 <i>No Alternative: Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico</i> . Anthropology Club, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. Edinburg, TX.
September 2018	Book talk for <i>No Alternative: Childbirth, Citizenship, and Indigenous Culture in Mexico</i> . 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.

### **Participant in Roundtable**

March 2024	“Reproductive Health.” <i>Healthy Humanities, A Public Humanities Roundtable</i> . STC and UTRGV.
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### **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**

February 2025                      “The Many Ways to Get Started.” Faculty Innovation, Development, and Enhancement (FIDE), Office of Faculty Affairs. Edinburg, TX.

September 2024                      “Revisiting and (Re)Energizing Your Research and Creative Agenda.” Faculty Innovation, Development, and Enhancement (FIDE), Office of Faculty Affairs. Edinburg, TX.

September 2018                      “Hyper-self-reflexivity and Barefoot Anthropology.” Methods to the Madness Series, UTRGV Research and Instruction. Edinburg, 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 and Information Sessions in the Community**

April 2024                      “Pursuing a Degree in Medical Humanities.” Robert Vela High School. Edinburg, TX.

April 2024                      “Pursuing a Degree in Medical Humanities.” Edinburg North High School. Edinburg, TX. (Two sessions.)

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

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2024.	(app in progress)	CVS Health Foundation. “In-Home Partnerships with Patients and Caregivers to Address Mental Health, Social Isolation, and Heat Risks Among Low-Income Hispanics.” Submitted to the Request for Proposals, “Focus on Healthy Aging: Multi-year funding for systems of care that deliver improved health outcomes for older adults.”
2024	(accepted)	Global Affairs Faculty Development Award, UTRGV (To support participation in the McGill Summer Institutes in Global Health)
2024	(accepted)	Global Affairs Faculty Award, UTRGV (This university-wide award recognizes the faculty member whose work has contributed the most to the globalization of the University).
2023		National Institute of Justice “Violence Against Women” Grant, Co-PI
2020	(accepted)	Faculty Development Leave, UTRGV
2019	(accepted)	Office of Global Engagement Faculty Research Grant
2019	(accepted)	Council on Anthropology and Reproduction (CAR) Book Prize – Runner-up
2019	(accepted)	2019 UTRGV ADVANCE Summer Writing Retreat
2018	(accepted)	Office of Global Engagement Faculty Research Grant
2018		Alzheimer's-related Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (AD-RCMAR) (P30)
2017-2018	(accepted)	STEM ADVANCE Graduate Assistant Support Program
2017	(accepted)	Office of Global Engagement Faculty Research Grant

2016	(accepted)	Office of Global Engagement Faculty Research Grant
2016	(accepted)	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Teaching & Resource Center, UC Berkeley
2015-2016	(accepted)	Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
2015	(accepted)	Complementary and Alternative Medicine/Integrative Medicine Paper Prize, Society for Medical Anthropology
2015	(offered and declined)	UC Dissertation Year Fellowship
2014	(accepted)	Lowie-Olson Travel Award
2014-2015	(accepted)	Roselyn Lindheim Award
2013	(accepted)	Lowie-Olson Travel Award
2013	(finalist)	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
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	(finalist)	Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
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	(honorable mention)	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
2009	(offered and declined)	Rackham Fellowship, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
2009	(deferred)	Regents Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2009	(offered and declined)	Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

## TEACHING

### Teaching Experience

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

Fall 2016-Present

Courses taught:

-ANTH 2351: “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 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.

-ANTH 2311: “Global Health and Social Justice:  
Interdisciplinary Approaches to Illness and Security”  
(Spring 2018, Summer I & II 2018, Fall 2018, Spring  
2019\* [2 sections], Summer I & II 2019, Fall 2019 [2  
sections], Summer I & II 2020, Fall 2020 [2 sections],  
Spring 2021 [2 sections], Fall 2021 [2 sections], Spring  
2022, Summer I 2022, Summer II 2022, Fall 2022, Spring  
2023, Summer I 2023, Summer II 2023, Fall 2023, Spring  
2024, Summer I 2024, Summer II 2024, Fall 2024

\*Includes a Service Learning requirement. Over 300 hours  
of service learning were conducted by students at Amigos  
del Valle, Inc.

-ANTH 4311/6311: “Medical Anthropology”  
(Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2021,  
Summer II 2022, Spring 2024)  
[cross-listed as 2 sections: advanced undergraduate and  
graduate]

-ANTH 4351/6351: “Global Health: Critical Perspectives”  
(Spring 2019 [as 4385/6385], Fall 2020, Spring 2022,  
Summer II 2023, Fall 2024)

[cross-listed as 2 sections: advanced undergraduate and  
graduate]

-ANTH 4309/6309: “Anthropology of Sex and Gender”  
(Fall 2019, Summer II 2021, Fall 2023, Spring 2023,  
Summer II 2024)

[cross-listed as 2 sections: advanced undergraduate and  
graduate]

-ANTH 4306/6306: “Anthropology of Borders”  
(Spring 2021)

[cross-listed as 2 sections: advanced undergraduate and  
graduate]

-ANTH 6390: “Directed Studies”  
(Fall 2019)

-ANTH 7100/7300/7301: “Thesis,” “Thesis 1,” and “Thesis  
2”

(Fall 2020, Spring 2021)

-MEDH 4301: “Senior Seminar in Medical Humanities”  
(Spring 2024)

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
<b>Pedagogical Training</b>	
Sep-Oct 2024	Consortium of Universities for Global Health, Global Health Webinar Series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-An Inclusive, Integrated Strategy for Capitalizing NCDs: The Women’s Cancer Case Study</li> <li>-Essential WHO learning for health emergencies: Lessons for future pandemics and emergency events</li> <li>- How can we think more clearly about the "public health system" in the era of UHC?</li> <li>- Global strategy and action plan for integrated emergency, critical and operative care: WHO Consultation</li> <li>-CUGH Young Professionals Network: What it is and how it serves early-career global health professionals</li> <li>- Climate change, pollution, biodiversity loss: Innovations to address this triple threat to planetary health</li> <li>- Politics and Diplomacy for Health</li> <li>- Preparedness, Response, and Resilience: Strengthening Global Health Operations During the times of Crisis</li> <li>- Teaching the Global Burden of Disease</li> </ul>
May-June 2024	McGill Summer Institutes in Global Health, Montreal, Canada
March 2024	Global Health Access and Equity (virtual webinar). Neglected Global Diseases Initiative (NGDI) and The University of British Columbia (UBC).

March 2024	Meaningful Youth Engagement in Global Health, Public Health Foundation, Bangladesh
September 2022	Teach Global Health to Undergraduates, Co-Sponsored by the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) and Teach Global Health.
July 2021	Conexión: First-Year Student Success Academy. Center for Teaching Excellence and Office of Student Success, UTRGV.
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, Allegheny College
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	Pedagogy Seminar, Department of Anthropology, UC Berkeley
Fall 2010	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**

August 2024-Ongoing	Health and Education Among Homeschool Families in the RGV
October 2018-October 2022	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
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### **Research Training**

August 2024	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), Social and Behavioral Research Investigators and Key Personnel
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July 2024	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course 1.
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Aug-Dec 2019	Diplomado "Racismo y Xenofobia en México" de la Red INTEGRA, CONAPRED y CNDH
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April 2017	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (including HIPAA)
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March 2013	Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects
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### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **UTRGV Anthropology Departmental Service**

Aug 2024-Ongoing	Faculty Evaluation Committee
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November 2023-2024	B3 Subcommittee Liaison for Anthropology, College of Liberal Arts
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May 2023-Aug 2024	Chair, Faculty Evaluation Committee
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Nov 2022-Aug 2024	Anthropology Strategic Plan Ad Hoc Working Group
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Oct 2019- Aug2024	Assessment Committee, GE Core and Programs—BA and MAIS, Anthropology
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Aug 2016-Aug 2024	Curriculum Committee
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June 2022-Aug 2024	Graduate Program Coordinator, Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies (MAIS), Anthropology
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March 2020-May 2024	Faculty Evaluation Committee
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Sep 2022-March 2023	Search Committee for 3-Year Lecturer in Biological Anthropology
Sep 2021-March 2022	Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Biological Anthropology
Sep 2020-March 2021	Search Committee for 3-Year Lecturer in Bioarcheology/Forensics
Sep 2019-March 2020	Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Sociocultural Anthropology
May 2017-April 2022	Graduate Committee for Anthropology MAIS, Anthropology
Aug 2016-Aug 2022	Library Committee

### **School of Interdisciplinary Programs and Community Engagement Service**

Dec 2023-Aug2024	B3 Subcommittee Liaison for SIPCE, College of Liberal Arts
Sep 2023-March 2024	Search Committee for Assistant or Associate Professor with primary expertise in Mexican American Studies, Latina/o/x Studies Chicana/o/x Studies, Indigenous Studies, and/or Ethnic Studies; secondary expertise in the areas of Environmental Studies/Environmental Health/Food Studies etc.
Sep 2023-August 2024	Faculty Evaluation Committee
February 2023-April 2023	Equity and Diversity Advocate for 3-Year Lecturer, Human Dimensions of Organization and Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies
February 2023	The Period Project. Mariana Medina Mendez, a student inspired by a toolkit for period advocacy developed at Southern Methodist University, approached Dr. Bruehoefener, who in turn enlisted Dr. Merla-Watson and me to work on addressing period poverty and ensuring equity on campus.
November 2022-August 2024	Medical Humanities Assessment Coordinator
March 2021-August 2024	Medical Humanities Program Coordinator

### **UTRGV Institutional Service**

August 2024-Ongoing	Honors College Vision and Mission Task Force
August 2024-Ongoing	Interim Associate Dean of the Honors College

August 2024-Ongoing	Affiliated Faculty, Center for Community Resilience Research Innovation and Advocacy (CCRRIA)
Sep 2023-May 2024	Equal Opportunity Liaison for Assistant Professor (TT) Faculty Search Committee for the Department of Psychological Sciences
Sep 2023-Aug 2024	College Evaluation Committee, College of Liberal Arts
January 2023	Planning Committee for Symposium in Collaboration with the Mexican Consulate to Celebrate 200 Years of Diplomatic Relationships Between México and the U.S.. Panel on “Health and Culture in the México U.S. Borderlands.”
Nov 2022-Aug 2024	Assessment Committee, College of Liberal Arts
Feb 2022-Aug 2024	Graduate Enhancement and Growth Committee, College of Liberal Arts
January 2021-March 2021	Equity and Diversity Advocate for Lecturer I, History Department, Latin American search
Oct 2018-Aug 2023	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)

#### *Institution Building Projects*

2024	Standalone Master’s in Anthropology: As graduate program coordinator for Anthropology, I led a committee which produced a proposal for a standalone Master’s in Anthropology (including market analysis, course roadmap, enrollment projections, and budget).
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2021-2024	Medical and Health Humanities: I led a steering committee, charged with the task of designing a new major (B.A.) in Medical and Health Humanities. The proposal was accepted. I personally surveyed student interest, conducted market analysis, developed a course roadmap, produced a degree plan, created a budget, and designed two new courses—an introductory course and a capstone course in Medical Humanities. Furthermore, I successfully inserted the introductory course into the General Education Core (080 – Social and Behavioral Sciences) and made a strategic change to the title of the capstone course to attract more students. As Program Coordinator for Medical Humanities, I adjusted course requirements for the pre-existing minor in Medical Humanities so that they are more closely aligned with the new major. The minor is now comprised of a subset of the courses required for the major, allowing students to transition from a minor to a major in Medical Humanities, should they choose to do so.
2017-2018	Global Health and Migration: I designed an Anthropology major and minor with a concentration in Global Health and Migration. This involved producing two degree plans, developing an introductory and capstone course in Global Health, and inserting ANTH 2311: Global Health and Migration into the General Education Core, 090 - Integrative/Experiential Learning Option, Interdisciplinary.

### **Service to the Profession**

October 2023-Ongoing	Editorial Board Member for <i>Íconos: Revista de Ciencias Sociales</i>
November 2019	Executive Board Member-Elect, Society for Medical Anthropology

### **Brown University Institutional Service**

Fall 2014-Fall 2015	Admissions Interviewer, Brown Alumni Interviewing Program.
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### **Guest Reviewer for Refereed Publications**

January 2024	Social Science and Medicine
January 2024	American Anthropologist
November 2023	Íconos
October 2023	Language, Literature, and Interdisciplinary Studies
May 2023	Teaching and Learning Anthropology

November 2022	Revista Maguaré
September 2022	Human Organization
May 2022	Academia Letters
January 2022	Frontiers in Public Health (Life-Course Epidemiology and Social Inequalities in Health)
January 2022	Frontiers in Public Health (Life-Course Epidemiology and Social Inequalities in Health)
October 2021	Academia Letters
October 2021	Academia Letters
October 2021	Revista de Saúde Pública
October 2021	Medical Anthropology Quarterly
August 2021	Salud Colectiva
July 2021	Medical Anthropology
July 2021	Academia Letters
June 2021	Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry
June 2021	Medical Anthropology Quarterly
April 2021	Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry
April 2021	Salud Colectiva
April 2021	Revista Íconos
March 2021	Revista Maguaré
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**

November 2024	Rowman & Littlefield
February 2023	Rowman & Littlefield
October 2019	Routledge Press (Taylor & Francis Group)

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

September 2024	Gave presentation on my professional career trajectory to Hispanic students 8 years old and above as part of the “Educated and Empowered” program, sponsored by Stanford Online High School.
March 2021-July 2021	Member of the Abundant Health Committee, First United Methodist Church of McAllen, TX. I developed and video recorded ten lectures for a public audience regarding nutrition, exercise, and wellbeing. Subsequently, I designed and administered ten surveys to assess the effectiveness of this teaching material for use in the community at large.
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**

July 2024 Madilynn Garcia: I mentored her regarding work/life realities for different medical specialties, her priorities, and her plans for her future career in medicine. I also provided her with a letter of recommendation to UTRGV medical school and to American Medical College Application Services (AMCAS).

June 2024 Bisher Alsabbagh: I provided Bisher with guidance regarding his application to the Master of Public Health program at Brown University. After reading his personal statement, I offered him suggestions for revision. My comments inspired him to submit a second statement as supplemental material.

April 2024 Allison Gonzalez: I mentored her regarding study skills. I also offered guidance regarding how prioritizing her own health and wellbeing facilitates academic success.

April 2024 Sophia Villa: Sophia Villa requested my input regarding her admission to multiple Master's programs—including a Master's in Immunology at Harvard University, where she ultimately decided to enroll. We discussed how the Master's degree would contribute to her overarching career goals and how to make a Masters more affordable.

April 2024 Ashley Rodriguez: I wrote a letter of recommendation for Ashley to the Masters in Bioethics program at UTRGV. She was admitted!

April 2024 Janeth Rodriguez: She is a graduate student in Global Affairs at George Mason University. I provided her with guidance on her capstone project, which examined the impact of cultural appropriation of indigenous traditional midwifery in Western society.

January 2024 Amin Ibrahim: I met with Amin regarding his future career plans in the field of medicine. Amin was already admitted to UTRGV School of Medicine, but sought my guidance regarding how to use his medical training to serve others in rural and resource-poor settings.

November 2023-March 2024 Carina Marques: I provided guidance regarding her future plans for career advancement and offered advice on how to craft effective evaluation narratives.

November 2023	Marlené Mercado: Marlené is a recent PhD graduate who is on the academic job market. I provided her with guidance and insight before and during the on-campus interview process.
November 2023-Ongoing	Gilberto Pérez Camargo: Gilberto is a graduate student in the Programa de Maestría y Doctorado en Ciencias Médicas, Odontológicas y de la Salud en la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). His research explores medical practice and antibiotic prescription patterns amid the emerging crisis of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. He contacted me for guidance, beginning with his project proposal. I offered him specific suggestions for improvement regarding his “propuestas teóricas,” shared pertinent literature, and provided detailed feedback on his research proposal.
August 2023	Abigail Martinez: I wrote a letter of recommendation to support her pursuit of employment as a teacher’s aid. Abigail’s career aspiration is to become a certified middle school science teacher.
Summer 2023-Spring 2024	Aaron Adame: I served as the external member on his thesis committee. I provided him with feedback on his thesis drafts, topical expertise on border families, and guidance on ethnographic and qualitative methods.
March 2023-Ongoing	Md Noor Hossain: I provided Noor, a Presidential Research Fellow, with guidance and feedback on his master’s thesis as a member of his thesis committee. I sent him published studies, theses, and conference presentation slides regarding migration and the Darien Gap upon his request.
February 2023	Stephanie Perez: I provided her with guidance regarding ethnographic research for her Master’s thesis on the African influence on Oaxacan culture. Her work uses the Son Jarocho musical style and the Danza de Los Diablos dance as lenses for analyzing the role music and dance play on local identity. She considered conducting in-person ethnographic research in Veracruz and Oaxaca, but ultimately decided against it for safety reasons.
Fall 2022	Alexandria Bermudez: I provided her with support and completed a recommendation form on her behalf as she applied to the Communication Sciences and Disorders Undergraduate Program.

Summer 2022	Emily Gurwitz is an undergraduate student at Stanford University. I provided her with research-related guidance as she conducted full-time independent student research over the summer. Her project explores how the Rio Grande Valley's culture, economy, and location have shaped the NICU at Doctor's Hospital at Renaissance in McAllen.
Summer 2022-Fall 2023	Rosimar Ruiz Reyna: I submitted letters of recommendation to support her applications to physician assistant programs at UTRGV and other universities.
Spring 2022-ongoing	Frida Espinosa: Frida is a Global Health doctoral student at Arizona State University within the School of Human Evolution and Social Change. I am an external member of her dissertation committee. She sought my mentorship regarding transnational scholarship, embodied knowledge, autoethnography, reflexivity, and the humanized birth movement in Mexico. I have provided her guidance and support for the IRB and dissertation proposal processes; applying for national fellowships and internships; the subject matter of her dissertation (including providing her with reading lists); feedback on her doctoral field statements; the process of fieldwork; and the process of writing and defending a dissertation proposal. When she encountered "obstacles" in the field, I helped her to reframe her approach and to consider these "obstacles" and findings.
Spring 2022	Kayla Cantu: I submitted a letter of recommendation to support her application to the NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates.
Spring 2022	Kimberly Galvan: I submitted a recommendation on her behalf when she applied to the Communication Sciences and Disorders program at UTRGV.
Spring 2021-Summer 2021	Jorge Nájera Godinez: Jorge asked to audit my Anthropology of Borders course in Spring 2021 from Mexico. I helped to facilitate his auditorship via Zoom and wrote a letter to his institution regarding his participation so that his learning experience would be appropriately acknowledged.
Fall 2021-Fall 2023	María Gaona: I submitted letters of recommendation on her behalf as she applied to graduate programs at the University of Texas San Antonio and the University of Texas, Dallas, and Saint Mary's University.



Fall 2021	Daniela Gutierrez: I guided Daniela on how to pick a research topic; interdisciplinary research methods; whether to pursue a PhD in addition to an MD; and how to spend her time in her last semester and summer before enrolling in medical school.
Summer 2021	Rebecca Moore: I submitted a letter of recommendation to support her application to the Board-Certified Behavior Analyst Certification Program
Spring 2021	Norma Rubio: I submitted a comprehensive letter of recommendation to support her application to the Leadership Alliance's Summer Research-Early Identification Program (SR-EIP), Brown University
Spring 2021	Carlos Menchaca: I submitted a letter of recommendation for Carlos to support him in his pursuit of a tutoring position
Spring 2021	Jacquelyn Robles: I submitted a letter of recommendation for Jacquelyn when she applied for a summer internship at Indiana University Center for the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior
Spring 2021	Margarita Gonzalez: I provided Margarita with guidance on how to present original research at an academic conference. The topics we discussed included securing IRB approval, (digital) ethnographic research methods, writing an abstract, and putting together a conference presentation.
Summer 2020	Daryl Dean Grimaldo: I wrote letters of recommendation to support Daryl in her pursuit of internships in public health, epidemiology, and biostatistics. Daryl was subsequently accepted to Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health
Summer 2020	Pablo Ramirez: Pablo enrolled in my Global Health and Social Justice course as a high school student through the UTRGV Mathematics and Science Academy Program. Pablo is interested in obtaining a bachelor's degree in global health, an MPH, and ultimately, an MD—a trajectory that is similar to my own. I mentored him on the college application process and beyond. Later in 2020, he was accepted to Stanford University.
Summer 2020	Sandra Bocanegra: I submitted a letter of recommendation to support her application to the HACU Scholarship
Summer 2019	Prakhar Jain: I submitted a letter of recommendation to support his application to UTRGV School of Medicine. He was accepted!

Spring 2019-December 2021	Sadia Sharmin: I served as 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. During her Master's program, I gave her feedback on her IRB application, taught her ethnographic research methods, provided numerous rounds of comments and direct edits for her thesis, wrote her letters for graduate school, and advised her on the peer-reviewed publication process.
Spring 2019-Spring 2020	Juan Carlo Bautista: I am 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.
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 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 2018	Traci Holland: I submitted a letter of recommendation to support her application to the Bioethics program.
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	Jeronima Nieto: I provided an evaluation of her academic performance as part of her ROTC requirements.
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.
Spring 2017	Abygayl Alvarez: I submitted a recommendation for Abygayl when she applied for the International Education Fee Scholarship for study abroad.

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. Furthermore, I submitted a letter of recommendation on her behalf when she applied to the position of instructional aide.
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 was 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 liason 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.

## NOMINATIONS OF COLLEAGUES AND MENTORS

September 2024	Margaret Graham: I nominated her for the honor of Emeritus Professor.
September 2022	William Yaworsky: I nominated him for the honor of Emeritus Professor.
October 2021	Amanda Cruz: I nominated her for the Minnie Stevens Piper Award.
February 2018	Sarah Rowe: I nominated her for a Faculty Excellence Award in Community Engaged Scholarship
December 2017	Charles Briggs: I wrote a letter to support his nomination for a mentorship award at the University of California, Berkeley

## 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
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 & PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS IN HEALTH/MEDICINE**

June 2024	Providing Health Care to Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant Populations. McGill Summer Institutes in Global Health. (25.5 hours)
May 2024	Environment and Global Health. McGill Summer Institutes in Global Health. (20 hours)
May 2024	12 <sup>th</sup> Annual Symposium on Global Cancer Research. (16 hours)
May 2024	Pandemic Preparedness, Alert, and Response. McGill Summer Institutes in Global Health. (12 hours)
October 2022	Therapeutic Food Plans: A Component of Personalized Nutrition. Institute for Functional Medicine (approved by the American Medical Association for 6.5 hours of Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits)
December 2020	Foundations in Nutrigenomics (60 hours of online coursework). 3x4.Ed
October 2020	Global Conversations: Sustainable Solutions for Population Health Systems. Institute for Functional Medicine (approved by the American Medical Association for 4 hours of Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits)
October 2020	Environmental Medicine: Finding Health in a Toxic World. Institute for Functional Medicine (approved by the American Medical Association for 4.75 hours of Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits)
October 2020	Food for Health: Critical Choices and Food Ecology. Institute for Functional Medicine (approved by the American Medical Association for 5 hours of Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits)
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	Advances in Mitochondrial Medicine: A New Model for Treating Chronic Disease (approved by the American Medical Association for 13.25 hours of Physician's Recognition Award Category 1 Continuing Medical Education credits)
June 2011	Basic Life Support (BLS) Training. Hospital General Felip G. Dobarganes (PACE). San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico
June 2011	BLS in Obstetrics Training. Programa de Actualización Continua en Emergencias (PACE). San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, Mexico
March 2010	Promotora Training Conference. Health Initiative of the Americas. UC Berkeley School of Public Health
May 2006 – Sep 2006	Pediatric Surgery Internship. Children's Specialists, Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
June 2006 – August 2006	Pediatric Surgery Observership. UC Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, CA
June 2006 – August 2006	Obstetrics & Gynecology Observership. Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Elk Grove, CA
Sep 2005 – May 2006	Neonatology Observership. Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI
Sep 2005 – Dec 2005	Reproductive Endocrinology Observership. Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI
Sep2005 – Dec 2005	Pediatrics Observership. Hasbro Children's Hospital, Providence, RI
Sep2005 – Dec 2005	Obstetrics & Gynecology Observership. Women and Infants Hospital, Providence, RI

*Functional Medicine Sessions/Trainings Attended (a sample)*

Webinars, eCourses, and Masterclasses:

The Endocrine Symphony: Evaluating and Supporting the Organs of Communication—Personalized Lifestyle Medicine Institute (May 2024)

Cyrex' Systems Immunology Approach to Predictive Medicine—Personalized Lifestyle Medicine Institute (April 2024)

Advances in the Management of Gastrointestinal Disorders: Upper and Lower GI Issues and their Relationship to the Microbiome—Personalized Lifestyle Medicine Institute. (March 2024)

Healing Histamine—Yasmina Ykelenstam

SIBO—Amy Myers  
 How to Adopt and Sustain Behavior Change—Terry Wahls  
 Food and Nutrition: The Top Five Things Everyone Needs to Know—George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences (webinar)  
 Optimal Epigenetics Through Functional Medicine Masterclass Training—Kara Fitzgerald  
 The Gut-Smart/Gene-Smart Way to Vitality & Longevity eCourse—Donna Gates  
 Breaking Down Our Newest Nutrients—Life Extension  
 January 2019 Grand Rounds Webinar— Academic Consortium for Integrative Medicine & Health  
 Longevity Project Ambassador eCourse—Jason Prall  
 Nutritional Therapy 101—Nutritional Therapy Association  
 Simplicity Medicine: Health Care Reimagined—Personalized Lifestyle Medicine Institute  
 The Virome : A Template for A Regenerative Future—Zach Bush  
 Balancing Your Hormones Naturally—Stephanie Thomas  
 Indoor Air Filtration Webinar— Jonathan Landsman  
 Energy Blueprint Masterclass Training—Ari Whitten  
 Nutrition : The Gut Brain Axis and Human Performance—Zach Bush

Online Summits/Conferences:

Interpreting Your Genetics—James Maskell  
 The DIY Detox Summit—Bridgit Danner  
 2019 EMF Health Summit—Lloyd Burrell (UK)  
 The Overcoming Hashimoto’s Summit—Inna Topiler  
 The Digital Dementia Summit, Dr. Krista Burns  
 Fatigue Super Conference—Alex Howard, UK  
 Food Revolution Summit—John and Ocean Robbins  
 Chronic Lyme Disease Summit—Jay Davidson  
 Healthy Gut Summit—Donna Gates  
 The Evolution of Medicine Summit –James Maskell  
 The Viral and Retroviral Summit—Dr. Jay Davidson  
 Mitochondrial Summit—Dr. Jay Davidson  
 The Genius of Your Genes—Donna Gates  
 Toxic Mold Summit—Margaret Christiansen  
 You Can Heal Your Life Summit 2020—Gabrielle Bernstein  
 Your Best Years Start Now Summit, Brian Vaszily  
 Eat4Earth—Brendan Moorehead

**LEADERSHIP**

Interim Associate Dean  
 August 2024-Ongoing

Honors College, UTRGV

Program Coordinator  
 March 2021-2024

Medical Humanities, UTRGV



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**

### *Present*

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Medical Anthropology  
Association for Anthropology, Gerontology and the Life Course  
Association of Indigenous Anthropologists  
Digital Anthropologies Special Interest Group  
Anthropology of Aging and Life Course Special Interest Group  
Anthropology of Children and Youth Special Interest Group  
Anthropology of Tourism Special Interest Group  
Council on Anthropology of Reproduction  
Human Sexuality and Anthropology Special Interest Group  
NGOs and Nonprofits Special Interest Group  
Health Professions Education Special Interest Group  
Climate Change Interest Group

### *Past*

Society for Anthropological Sciences  
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

## **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