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EDUCATION

2022 Ph.D. Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2017 M.A. Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley
2014 B.A. with Highest Honors. Ethnic Studies, University of California, Berkeley

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Fields comparative ethnic studies (Native American and Indigenous studies, Chicana/Latina studies); sociocultural anthropology (political, legal, public anthropologies); area studies (Central American studies, Latin American studies, American studies)

Methods ethnography; theory (critical, social, cultural); engaged research (collaborative research, decolonial methodologies, public engagement)

Keywords race, ethnicity, Indigeneity, culture, nation, colonialism, political economy, class, inequality, power, governance, social movements, development, the state, migration, the environment, Latin America, the United States

PUBLICATIONS

Books

In preparation. *Indigenizing Indianness: Race, class, ethnicity, and nation in El Salvador.*

Refereed Journal Articles

Revise and resubmit. "The impossibility of Indigenous territorial autonomy: Dispossession, genocide memory, and decolonization in El Salvador." *Latin American Perspectives.*

In review. "Indigenizing popular religiosity: *Mayordomos*, Indigenous heritage, and racialized class inequality in Izalco." *American Ethnologist.*

FELLOWSHIPS, RESEARCH GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External:

2022-2025 IDEAL Provostial Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, Stanford University. \$249,000.

- 2022-2024 UC President's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of California, Los Angeles. \$106,920. Declined.
- 2022-2023 Mellon Postdoctoral Fellowship in the Humanities, Wolf Humanities Center and Center for Latin American and Latinx Studies, University of Pennsylvania. \$64,000. Declined.
- 2021 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies. New York, NY. \$43,000.
- 2021 Writing & Mentoring Fellowship, Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal. Minneapolis, MN. \$600.
- 2015-2020 Graduate Multi-year Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation. Alexandria, VA. \$102,000.
- 2015 Ford Foundation Multi-year Predoctoral Fellowship, Alternate, Washington, DC

Internal:

- 2022 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, GSI Teaching and Resource Center, U.C. Berkeley.
- 2021 Ethnic Studies Dissertation Award, U.C. Berkeley. \$5,000.
- 2018 (x2) Native American Studies Program Graduate Student Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley. \$2,000.
- 2018 Center for Race and Gender Graduate Student Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley. \$1,000.
- 2016 Myers Center for Research on Native American Issues Graduate Student Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley. \$1,000.
- 2016 Ethnic Studies Department Summer Research Block Grant, U.C. Berkeley.
- 2016 Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Graduate Student-in-Residence, U.C. Berkeley.
- 2016 Native American Studies Program Graduate Student Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley. \$1,000.
- 2015 Center for Race and Gender Graduate Student Research Grant, U.C. Berkeley. \$1,000.
- 2015-2017 Chancellor's Multi-Year Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley. Won in a university-wide competition. \$67,000.

TEACHING

- Spring 2025 Anthropology: Decolonial Futures. Instructor of Record, Stanford University.
- Fall 2023 Anthropology 345W: Indigeneity. Instructor of Record, Stanford University.
- Spring 2023 Anthropology 29A: Race, Indigeneity, and Cultural Heritage in Latin America. Instructor of Record, Stanford University.
- Spring 2021 Native American Studies R1B: Indigenous Politics in the Americas. Instructor of Record, U.C. Berkeley.

Fall 2020 Ethnic Studies 11AC: Introduction to Ethnic Studies. Graduate Student Instructor, U.C. Berkeley.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences:

- 2023 “Remembering an Indigenous massacre: Race, human rights, and dispossession in postwar El Salvador.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada. November.
- 2023 “Race, Indigeneity, and color.” IDEAL Provostial Fellows Annual Conference. Stanford University, Stanford, California. October. This paper was part of a panel I organized, titled “Indigeneity: Histories and futures.” Other participants: Mathew Snipp, Audra Simpson, Charles Hale, and Michael Wilcox.
- 2023 “Remembering dispossession: Indigenous rights, violence, and the settler state in El Salvador.” Latin American Studies Association, Virtual Congress. May.
- 2022 “Race and settler colonialism in El Salvador.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Seattle, Washington. November. This paper was part of an invited session for the Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology that I organized, titled “Unsettling Latin America: Rethinking race, ethnicity, and Indigeneity in Abya Yala.” Other participants: Shannon Speed, Bianet Castellanos, Gabriela Spears-Rico, and Ashley Agbasoga.
- 2022 “Indigenous Self-Identification as Settler State Elimination of Indigenous Peoples and Territories in Contemporary Latin America.” Latin American Studies Association, Virtual Congress. May.
- 2021 “Indigenous Self-Identification as Settler State Elimination of Indigenous Peoples in Latin America? Notes from El Salvador.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD; November.
- 2021 “Settler Colonialism and the Social Stigma of Being Indigenous in El Salvador.” Latin American Studies Association, Virtual Congress; May.
- 2019 “Centering Multiplicity and Differentiation within the Indigenous slot.” American Anthropological Association, Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC; November.

Other:

- 2024 “Race, Indigeneity, and nation in El Salvador.” Talk sponsored by the Department of Chicana/o Studies at U.C. Santa Barbara. Winter quarter (forthcoming). Invited by Giovanni Batz.
- 2023 “Indigenous Studies: A Global Conversation.” Roundtable sponsored by Global, International, and Area Studies; Department of Anthropology; and Institute of

- 2023 East Asian Studies at U.C. Berkeley. November. Invited by Rosemary Joyce. Other participants: Chih-hua Chiang, Carolyn A. Smith, and Jun Sunseri. “Rethinking Race, Ethnicity, and Indigeneity in Latin America.” Faculty Seminar Series-IDEAL Fellows, Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University. May.

SERVICE

- 2021-2022 Member. Native American Studies Search Committee. U.C. Berkeley.
2016-2018 Co-Chair. American Indian Graduate Student Association. U.C. Berkeley.
2014-2015 Graduate Research Associate. Center for Latino Policy Research (now the Latinx Research Center). Led “Latin@s and Tech” initiative. U.C. Berkeley.
2013-2014 Organizer. Unión Salvadoreña de Estudiantes Universitarios. U.C. Berkeley.
2012-2013 Organizer. Mixed Student Union (now the Mixed @ Berkeley Recruitment and Retention Center). U.C. Berkeley.
2012-2013 Volunteer. Pilipinx Academic Student Services. U.C. Berkeley.
2011-2012 Organizer. Queer-Straight Alliance (now the Queer Student Union). U.C. Berkeley.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Latin American Studies Association

NEWS

- May 13, 2024. “An IDEAL approach to race and ethnicity.” Stanford University.
<https://momentum.stanford.edu/stories/an-ideal-approach>
October 5, 2021. “I’m a Berkelyan: Hector M. Callejas on finding communities that support Latinx research.” <https://news.berkeley.edu/2021/10/05/im-a-berkelyan-hector-m-callejas-on-finding-communities-that-support-latinx-research/>
October 12, 2021. “Politics of Indigeneity in El Salvador.”
<https://matrix.berkeley.edu/research-article/politics-of-indigeneity-in-el-salvador/>

LANGUAGES

English (fluent)
Spanish (fluent)

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