

**HECTOR M. CALLEJAS**  
IDEAL Provostial Fellow  
Department of Anthropology  
Stanford University  
[hmcallejas.com](http://hmcallejas.com)

## 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, Latinx studies); sociocultural anthropology (political, legal, and environmental anthropologies); environmental studies (political ecology); and area studies (Latin American studies, Central American studies, American studies)  
Methods ethnography; archival research; theory (critical, social, cultural); community-engaged research methodologies (collaborative research, decolonial methodologies, public engagement)  
Keywords colonialism, Indigeneity, the environment, race, ethnicity, culture, nation, political economy, class, inequality, power, governance, social movements, development, the state, migration, food, agriculture, Americas  
Areas transnational Indigenous activism in Central America; environmental justice activism in the United States

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

In preparation. *Indigenous Landlessness: Agro-extractivism and the Settler State in Postwar El Salvador*.

### Refereed Journal Articles

In review after revise and resubmit. "The impossibility of Indigenous land rights: Dispossession and genocide memory in El Salvador." *Latin American Perspectives*.

In preparation. "Indigenizing popular religiosity: Race, class, and land inequality in Izalco." Target journal: *Cultural Anthropology*. Rejected after review by *American Ethnologist*.

In preparation. "Sacred site protection, water management, and food insecurity for poor rural Indians in Nahuizalco." Target journal: *Geoforum*.

## 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: Indigeneity. Instructor of Record, Stanford University.  
Spring 2023 Anthropology: Race, Indigeneity, and Cultural Heritage in Latin America.  
Instructor of Record, Stanford University.  
Spring 2021 Native American Studies: Indigenous Politics in the Americas. Instructor of  
Record, U.C. Berkeley.  
Fall 2020 Ethnic Studies: 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 “The impossibility of Indigenous land rights 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 East Asian Studies at U.C. Berkeley. November. Invited by Rosemary Joyce. Other participants: Chih-hua Chiang, Carolyn A. Smith, and Jun Sunseri.
- 2023 “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 Faculty 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/>

Hector M. Callejas - CV

## **LANGUAGES**

English (fluent)  
Spanish (fluent)

## **REFERENCES**

Thomas Biolsi  
Professor, Department of Ethnic Studies  
University of California, Berkeley  
biolsit@berkeley.edu  
(510) 643-0796

Angela Garcia  
Professor and Chair, Department of Anthropology  
Stanford University  
garcia2@stanford.edu  
650-723-3421

Shari Huhndorf  
Class of 1938 Professor, Department of Ethnic Studies  
University of California, Berkeley  
huhndorf@berkeley.edu  
(510) 643-0796

Rosemary Joyce  
Distinguished Professor, Department of Anthropology  
University of California, Berkeley  
rajoyce@berkeley.edu  
(510) 642-3392

Jonathan Rosa  
Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education  
Stanford University  
jdrosa@stanford.edu  
(650) 723-2109