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EDUCATION

- 2017 to date **Ph.D. in Anthropology**, sociocultural specialization. University of California Santa Barbara (UCSB). M.A. (September 2019) and ABD (September 2021). Dissertation: “Racial Capitalism in Mexican-US Agrarian Camps. Labor Migration Controls in Sonora’s Contemporary Plantations.”
Committee: Casey Walsh (co-chair), Emiko Saldivar (co-chair), France Winddance Twine, and Charles R. Hale.
- 2011-2013 **M.A. in Social Anthropology**. El Colegio de Michoacán (COLMICH). Thesis: “Regional Racialization in Labor and Spatial Organization: Cane Cutting in Autlán-El Grullo Valley, Jalisco” [Spanish].
Committee: Andrew Roth (chair), Mónica Moreno, and Eduardo Zárate.
- 2005-2010 **B.A. in Sociology**. Universidad de Guadalajara (UDG). Thesis: “Finances and Household Economies in a Jalisco’s Town” [Spanish].
Committee: Magdalena Villarreal (chair), Norman Long, Lourdes Angulo, Peter Gerritsen, Zeyda Rodríguez, and Mónica Gallegos.

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023 to date Elinor Ostrom Fellowship. The Mercatus Center at George Mason University.
- 2022 Graduate Division Dissertation Fellowship. UCSB Graduate Division.
- 2022 Charles J. Erasmus Fund Award. Department of Anthropology, UCSB.
- 2017-2022 Doctoral Fellowship. Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología (CONACYT) & University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UCMEXUS).
- 2015 Honorary mention in the category of master’s thesis at the 5th Edition of the Arturo Warman Award. Cátedra Interinstitucional Arturo Warman.
- 2013 Honorary mention in the award for best postgraduate student presentation by the Latin American and Caribbean Ethnic Studies (LACES). 3° Conference of

the Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples (ERIP) Section of Latin American Studies Association (LASA).

2011-2013 M.A. Fellowship. CONACYT.

2008-2009 Fellowship for B.A. External Thesis. Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (CIESAS).

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Rodriguez Solis, G. **Submitted**. “Racial Capitalism of so-called Mexico. State Formation’s Anti-Indigenous Violence.” *Settler Colonial Studies*.

Rodriguez Solis, G., M. C. Arellano Gálvez, and P. Aranda Gallegos. **2021**. “Racialization and Agricultural Labor in Northwestern Mexico. Analysis from Newspaper Articles 2013-2019” [Spanish]. *Revista Noroeste de México, Nueva Época* 3:135-163.

Rodriguez Solis, G. **2019**. “Memories of Racism, Exploitation, and Resistance. Sugarcane Cutting in Autlán-El Grullo Valley, Mexico, 1968-2013” [Spanish]. *Revista Latinoamericana de Antropología del Trabajo* 3(5).

Bouquet, E., S. Morvant-Roux, and G. Rodriguez Solis. **2015**. “Agricultural Workers, Credit Rationing and Family Networks in Rural Mexico.” *Journal of Development Studies* 51 (5): 523–37.

Book Chapters

Rodriguez Solis, G. **2023**. “Anti-Indigenous Racism and Spatial Control. Barracks System in Jalisco and Sonora’s Plantations” [Spanish]. In *Racismos entrelazados. Intersecciones de las opresiones racistas en México*, edited by C. Masferrer León. Mexico City: UNAM.

Rodriguez Solis, G. **2021**. “Agricultural Labor and Migration in Jalisco Southwest. The ‘Agrifood Giant’ and its Systematic Violation of Human Rights” [Spanish]. In *Tomo II. Personas en contexto de movilidad humana*, edited by E. Sosa Márquez, 71-83. *Colección de estudios en derechos humanos*. Guadalajara: CEDHJ.

Coyotecatl Contreras, J. M., and G. Rodriguez Solis. **2017**. “Hierarchy and Governmentality in a Social Program of International Methodology” [Spanish]. In *Volumen II. Las políticas públicas: entre los límites del estado y la cultura*, edited by M. G. Huerta Morales and L. R. Canto Valdés, 2:79–86. *Reflexiones multidisciplinares sobre la interculturalidad*. Puebla: BUAP and UIEP.

Villarreal Martínez, M., and G. Rodriguez Solis. **2012**. “Juggling and Riding in the Financial Practices of Rural Families in Ayuquila, Jalisco” [Spanish]. In *Las Microfinanzas en los intersticios del desarrollo: cálculos, normatividades y malabarismos*, edited

by M. Villarreal Martínez and L. Angulo Salazar, 309–22. Guadalajara: CIESAS, UPN, and FOJAL.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Academic Projects

- 2022 **Visiting Scholar**, “Labor Control and Social Policy in Agricultural Fields of Hermosillo, Sonora. An Ethnography of Racial Capitalism in Northwestern Mexico.” El Colegio de Sonora (COLSON).
- 2020-2021 **Research Assistant**, “Social Data and the Archive: Rethinking the Politics of Knowledge Production.” Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies at UCSB.
- 2020-2021 **Research Assistant**, “Impacts of COVID-19 in Afro-Mexican and Indigenous Communities of the Costa Chica of Guerrero and Oaxaca.” Grupo de Trabajo “Mujeres Negras Afromexicanas e Indígenas de la Costa Chica,” CIESAS & Institute for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Research (ISBER) at UCSB.
- 2017-2021 **Research Assistant**, “Towards the Inclusion of Afro-Descendant People in Mexico’s 2020 Census.” ISBER at UCSB & W.K. Kellogg Foundation.
- 2008-2013 **Researcher**, “Rural Microfinance and Employment. Do Processes Matter? (RUME), a comparative perspective across Madagascar, Mexico, and India.” Centro de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD), CIESAS & Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD).
- 2010-2011 **Researcher**, “Indigenous Families’ Financial Practices in Two Municipalities of The Highlands of Chiapas.” Institute for Money, Technology and Financial Inclusion (IMTFI) at University of California Irvine (UCI), CIESAS & Universidad Autónoma de Chiapas (UNACH).
- 2010-2011 **Research Assistant**, “Synchronizing Ideas and Activities: Migration and Human Rights.” CIESAS & Ford Foundation.
- 2008 **Research Assistant**, “Women, Social Finances, and Economic Violence in Marginalized Areas in Guadalajara.” Instituto Municipal de las Mujeres en Guadalajara, Instituto Jalisciense de las Mujeres & CIESAS.

Public Policy Evaluations

- 2016 **Researcher**, “Evaluation of the Integral Financial Inclusion Program (PROIIF).” Spectron Desarrollo & Prospera-Programa de Inclusión Social.
- 2015- 2016 **Researcher**, “Study on the Factors that Influence the Perception of Household Food Security in the Framework of the National Crusade Against Hunger.”

- Consejo Nacional de Evaluación de la Política de Desarrollo Social (CONEVAL) & CIESAS.
- 2013- 2014 **Researcher**, “Evaluation of the Special Program for Food Security of the Food and Agriculture Organization (PESA-FAO).” Universidad Autónoma del Estado de México (UAEMEX) & Secretaría de Agricultura, Desarrollo Rural, Ganadería, Pesca y Alimentación (SAGARPA).
- 2008 **Researcher Assistant**, “Analysis of the Situation of Young People in the Municipality of Jocotepec, Jalisco.” Ayuntamiento de Jocotepec & Instituto Municipal de la Juventud de Jocotepec.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Teaching Assistant

- 2023 ANTH 113: Indigenous People and the Nation-State in the Americas, Prof. Emiko Saldivar. UCSB. Online.
- 2023 ANTH 2: Introductory Cultural Anthropology, Prof. Elana Resnick. UCSB. Santa Barbara, California.

Guest Lecturer

- 2023 “Racial Capitalism and the Anti-Indigenous and Anti-Migrant Violence.” Undergraduate course “ANTH 113: Indigenous People and the Nation State in the Americas.” Online.
- 2022 “Professional Experience and Racism in Mexico” [Spanish]. Talk to undergraduate students in sociology. Universidad de Sonora. Hermosillo, Sonora
- 2022 “What is a Research Problem?” [Spanish]. Graduate course “Metodología 1.” COLSON. Hermosillo, Sonora.
- 2021 “Racism in Latin America. Formation, Reproduction, and Confrontation” [Spanish]. Undergraduate course “Regional Studies: Latin America.” Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Occidente (ITESO). Online.
- 2021 “Agribusiness and Labor Exploitation in the Fields of Jalisco and Sonora” [Spanish]. Undergraduate course “Land, Territory, and Autonomy.” Moxviquil, Instituto de Educación Superior en Desarrollo Humano Sustentable. Online.
- 2020 “Racism, Plantation Economies, and State Violence. Two Ethnographies about Labor Migration in Mexico.” Undergraduate course “ANTH 117: Borders and Borderlands.” UCSB. Online.
- 2020 “The Politics of the Anthropological Research.” Undergraduate course “ANTH 129: Ethics and Engagement in Ethnographic Research.” UCSB. Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2012 “The Situation of Migrant Farmworkers in the Autlán-El Grullo Valley” [Spanish]. Talk to undergraduate students and professors. UDG. Autlán, Jalisco.

- 2010 “Training Course for the Application of Surveys” [Spanish]. Undergraduate course “Anthropological Research Seminar. Gender and Solidarity Economy.” UNACH. San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas.

Highschool Teacher

- 2017 Philosophy [Spanish]. Four groups. Universidad del Valle de México (UVM) Campus Guadalajara Sur.

Workshops for Professionals

- 2023 “Labor exploitation and its prevention” [Spanish]. To government employees with direct work with migrant agricultural laborers. Secretaría de Trabajo y Previsión Social del Gobierno del Estado de San Luis Potosí. Online.
- 2020 “Historical Ethnography. Methodological Tool to Denature Domination” [Spanish]. To professors and students. Departamento de Sociología, UDG. Online.
- 2014-2015 Training Manager of the program “No More Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth” toward government employees directly working with children and adolescents. Alianza Heartland México. Guadalajara, Jalisco.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Speaker

- 2023 Book presenter “Migraciones y Asentamiento Indígenas en México” [Spanish]. 14^o Conference of Mexican Association of Rural Studies (AMER). Saltillo, Coahuila.
- 2022 “Anti-Indigenous Racism: The Case of Migrant Farmworkers” [Spanish]. Workshop “Racism in Mexico. Towards the construction of an anti-racist agenda” to the Comisión Estatal Indígena Jalisco employees. Colectivo para Eliminar el Racismo en México (COPERA). Online
- 2021 “Anti-Indigenous Racism: The Case of Migrant Farmworkers” [Spanish]. Workshop “Racism in Mexico. Towards the construction of an anti-racist agenda” to the Instituto para las Mujeres en la Migración employees. COPERA. Online.
- 2020 “Displacement through Mexico and the Mexico-US Migratory Agreement Today.” Displaced. Exploring the Refugee Crisis in K-12 Classrooms. The California Global Education Project & UCSB. Online.
- 2020 “Daily and Structural Racisms. From their Recognition to Anti-racist Actions” [Spanish]. Key speaker to Latin-American employees of FMC Agrichemical Company. July 28. Online.

- 2019 “Racism and Labor Exploitation. Ethnographic Notes on Agricultural Industries in Jalisco and Sonora” [Spanish]. Key speaker at “Permanent seminar on ethnicity, globalization, and citizenship.” CIESAS. Guadalajara, Jalisco.

Peer-Reviewed Academic Conferences (Selected)

- Accepted “Mexican-US Corporations’ Agricultural Transition: Agribusiness Fantasies in Capitalist Labor Camps.” American Anthropological Association (AAA) Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.
- Accepted Discussant in “SAW’s Conrad M. Arensberg Award: Celebrating the Contributions of Harsha Walia.” AAA Annual Meeting. Toronto, Ontario.
- 2023 “Racism, Depoliticization, and Paternalism towards Agricultural Workers. Agribusiness Foundations in Hermosillo, Sonora” [Spanish]. 14° Conference of AMER. Saltillo, Coahuila.
- 2023 “Landscapes of Agricultural Productivity and Racial Hyper-Surveillance in Northwest Mexico. Labor and Spatial Controls on Capitalist Camps” [Spanish]. LASA 2023 Congress. Vancouver, British Columbia.
- 2023 “Racialized Border Regimes of the so-called ‘Mexican State.’” Workshop on Race, Empire, and Migration. The UCSB Migration Initiative and the Promise Institute for Human Rights at the University of California Los Angeles Law School. Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2022 “Farm Fascism’s Social Policies. State Programs and Philanthropic Foundations Targeting Migrant Farmworkers in Northwestern Mexico.” AAA Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- 2022 “Celebrating Progress and Domination. Agro-industrial Elites and Racial Projects in Sonora” [Spanish]. 16° Meeting of International Historians of Mexico. Austin, TX.
- 2022 Research poster “‘The Whole Country Became a Border.’ Racial Hostility and Control of Mobility against Indigenous Migrants in Mexico”. Conference “Borders Walls and Borderlands. Security, Environment and Resistance”. Montreal, Quebec.
- 2022 “Racial Capitalism of/in so-called Mexico: ‘The War of Today, the Racism of 500 Years.’” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 “Agrarian Camps in Hermosillo. Labor and Territorial Control Projects in Plantations in Northwest Mexico” [Spanish]. 10° Conference of the Latin American Association of Labor Studies (ALAST). Online.
- 2019 “Labour, Domination, and Resistance. Agroindustry in Western Mexico.” 11° Anthropology in Transit Graduate Student Conference. UCI. Irvine, CA.
- 2018 “Memories of Exploitation and Struggle of Sugarcane Cutters in Western Mexico.” 1° Latin American and Iberian Studies Graduate Student Conference. UCSB. Santa Barbara, CA.

- 2014 “Racism and Agricultural Labor Segmentation. Cane Cutting in the Southwest of Jalisco” [Spanish]. 3° Mexican Conference of Anthropology and Ethnology. Mexico City.
- 2014 “Spatial Segregation and Labor Racialization. Agricultural Shelters in Southwestern Jalisco” [Spanish]. International Colloquium “Identities, Racism and Xenophobia in Latin America.” Mexico City.
- 2013 “Labor Racialization. Cane Cutting in the Autlán-El Grullo Valley, Jalisco, Mexico” [Spanish]. 3° Conference ERIP-LASA. October 23-25. Oaxaca, Oaxaca
- 2012 “Financial Exclusion. When ‘Popular’ and ‘Solidarity’ Services are not for Everyone” [Spanish]. 3° National Conference of Social Sciences. Mexico City.
- 2011 “Diversity of Arrangements and Contracts of Farmworkers in Autlán, Jalisco” [Spanish]. 8° Conference of AMER. Puebla, Puebla.
- 2010 “‘Those Above.’ Social Exclusion in a Jalisco Town” [Spanish]. 17° National Meeting of Sociology Students. May 11-14. Guadalajara, Jalisco.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Civil Society Organizations

- 2023 to date **Consultant.** Report “International Agricultural Laborers in Chiapas.” Voces Mesoamericanas, Acción con Pueblos Migrantes.
- 2019-2020 **Collaborator** on activities promoting migrant farmworkers’ rights in Sonora and Chiapas. Voces Mesoamericanas, Acción con Pueblos Migrantes.
- 2015 **Local Coordinator** of the “Integrated Sexual Health Program to Increase Rights and Education (INSPIRE).” Alianza Heartland México. Guadalajara, Jalisco.
- 2014-2015 **Local Coordinator** of the “I am Change. Young Community Leaders Program.” Alianza Heartland México. Guadalajara, Jalisco.
- 2008-2010 **Volunteer.** Amnesty International Mexico.

Judge and Committees

- 2023 Judge in the Social Sciences: Anthropology & Cultural Studies category. The Global Undergraduate Awards.
- 2022 Judge in the Social Sciences: Anthropology & Cultural Studies category. The Global Undergraduate Awards.
- 2021 Judge in the Social Sciences: Anthropology & Cultural Studies category. The Global Undergraduate Awards.
- 2020 Student representative for the human migration faculty position searching. Department of Anthropology. UCSB.
- 2019 Editorial committee’s guest of the journal *Carta Económica Regional*. Departamento de Estudios Regionales, UDG.

Media

- 2023 Video “[Episode 12. Racism in the Agricultural Labor](#)” [Spanish]. Difusión de Etnología y Antropología Social (DEAS-TV), INAH.
- 2020 Interview by Caitlin Taylor. CBC Canada. Via telephone. April 15.
- 2013 Interview by Richard Marosi. Los Angeles Times. Via telephone. November 7.

Academic Groups (Currently)

- [Grupo de Investigación sobre Población Jornalera Agrícola en el Noroeste](#). COLSON.
- [Migration Initiative](#). UCSB.
- [The Walsh Water Group](#). UCSB.

Memberships (Currently)

- American Anthropology Association.
- Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Rurales.
- American Sociology Association.
- Latin American Studies Association.

Complementary Studies

- 2022 Seminar “Cinema and ethnicity in Mexico.” Museo Amparo. Online
- 2022 Seminar “The *Mestizo*. Pigmentocracies, Nation State and Racial Imaginary in Latin America and the Caribbean.” Contranarrativas. Online.
- 2021 Workshop “Towards an Anti-Racist Future in the Jovel Valley.” La Cosecha Librería. Online.
- 2016 Seminar “Post and decolonial theory and critique: issues and debates.” Cátedra Sur-Sur, Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO). Online.
- 2016 Workshop “Racism in Mexico: Towards the Development of an Anti-Racist Agenda.” COPERA. Mexico City.
- 2016 Specialization on “Analysis of Qualitative Information for Research with Support from Nvivo.” Software Shop. Online.
- 2015 Workshop “HIV-AIDS, Application of Rapid Tests and Counseling.” Consejo Estatal para la Prevención del Sida (COESIDA) Jalisco. Guadalajara, Jalisco.
- 2014-2015 Specialization on “Prevention and Treatment of Gender-Based Violence in the Workplace” AEGI Educación Social. Online
- 2012 Workshop “Focus Groups as a Methodological Research Strategy.” COLMICH. Zamora, Michoacán.

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