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Education

Doctorate, Women's Studies Department of Women's Studies University of Maryland, College Park, MD	2010-2016
Master of Arts in Teaching, Special Education Gallup Graduate Studies Center Western New Mexico University, Gallup, NM	2006-2009
Bachelor of Arts, Politics and Women's Studies Willamette University, Salem, OR	2002-2006

Appointments

2018-Present	National Center for Institutional Diversity Postdoctoral Fellow, Women's Studies Department, University of Michigan
2016-2018	Mellon/ACLS Visiting Assistant Professor in Comparative Border Studies, University of California, Davis
2015-2016	Pre-doctoral Visiting Scholar, Women's and Gender Studies Program, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Honors & Awards

2015-2016	Lee Thornton Dissertation Fellowship Award (\$10,000, Declined) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Awarded by the Graduate School for a dissertation that serves the public good
2015	Ford Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2015	National Women's Studies Association Graduate Scholarship, Honorable Mention
2013	University of Maryland, Women's Studies Summer Fellowship (\$2,500)
2010-2012	CRGE Interdisciplinary Scholar Fellowship (\$26,166/year) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked as a research assistant to Dr. Ruth Zambrana at the Consortium on Race, Gender & Ethnicity• Engaged the following research topics: minority representation among faculty at research universities, health and stress among under represented faculty, educational opportunities for Chicana women• Helped edit and contributed literature to a book-length project
2010	Distinguished Graduate, Special Education (Western New Mexico University)

Publications

Cristina Jo Pérez and Robert McKee Irwin (Eds). (2019). The Rise of the Border Industrial Complex: Biopolitics, Economics, Rights, and Culture [Special issue]. *Tabula Rasa: Revista de Humanidades*. In Progress.

Cristina Jo Pérez. "La Violencia del Complejo Industrial de la Frontera. (The Violence of the Border Industrial Complex.)" *Revista Transas: Letras y Artes de América Latina*. December 2016.

Cristina Jo Pérez and Jessica Kenyatta Walker. "Considering People of Color in The Politics of Self-Care." *Powerlines: American Studies Graduate Student Online Journal*. Spring 2015.

Gilberto Rosas. Book Review for "Barrio Libre: Criminalizing States and Delinquent Refusals of the New Frontier." *Powerlines: American Studies Graduate Student Online Journal*. Spring 2013.

B.V. Olgún. Book Review for "La Pinta: Chicina/o Prisoner Literature, Culture, and Politics." *Research Connections*. Spring 2013.

Carlos Ulises Decena. Book Review for "Tacit Subjects: Belonging and Same-Sex Desire among Dominican Immigrant Men." *Research Connections*. Spring 2012.

Margrit Shildrick. Book Review for "Dangerous Discourses of Disability, Subjectivity and Sexuality." *Research Connections*. Spring 2011, pp. 17-18.

"Sexuality and Cognitive Disability: A Discussion About Rights, Victimization, and Education." *New Mexico Association of School Psychologists Review*. 18, 3 (2009): 7-10.

Selected Research Presentations

"A Theory of the Border Archive" University of California, Davis, Mellon Comparative Border Studies. Davis, CA, May 3, 2017. Presenter.

"Feminist Approaches to Migration" Feminist Research Initiative. Davis, CA, March 14, 2017. Presenter and Panelist.

"Anastasio Hernández Rojas, el Exceso, y la Función de la Violencia en el Complejo Industrial Fronterizo. (Anastasio Hernández Rojas, Excess, and the Function of Violence in the Border Industrial Complex)" Segundo Congreso: Cultura en América Latina: Prácticas, Significados, Cartografías, y Discusiones. Mexicali, Baja California, March 2-3, 2017. Presenter.

"The Border Industrial Complex as a Technology of Un/Homing." American Studies Association Conference. Denver, CO, November 17-20, 2016. Presenter.

"Living on and With Wounds: Rethinking Justice in Cases of Border Violence." National Women's Studies Association Conference. Montréal, Québec, November 10-13, 2016. Presenter and Panel Organizer.

“Promiscuous Approaches to Mexican Migrant Sexuality: Queerness and the Reproduction of the ‘Anti-Citizen.’” Latina/o Studies Association Conference on Deliberating Latina/o Studies: Promiscuity, Incivility, and (Un)Disciplinarity. Pasadena, CA, July 7-9, 2016. Presenter.

“Violent Poetics: The Sensate Nation and the Wounding Migrant” Public Talks by GCWS Dissertation Workshop Participants: Women’s and Gender Studies Dissertation Works in Progress. Cambridge, MA, May 10, 2016. Presenter.

Urban Planning Film Series: *Don’t Tell Anyone (No Le Digas a Nadie)*. Cambridge, MA, November 5, 2015. Invited Commentator.

“Violence, Disposability, and the Border Industrial Complex.” National Women’s Studies Association. Milwaukee, WI, November 12-15, 2015. Presenter.

“The Case of Blanca Borrego: Migrating Borders, Queer Subjects, and Disoriented Desire.” Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Global Studies and Languages Series. Cambridge, MA, November 9, 2015.

“Militarizing our Metaphor: Anzaldúan Thought in the Age of the Border Industrial Complex.” Society for the Study of Gloria Anzaldúa, El Mundo Zurdo Conference. Austin, TX, May 27-30, 2015. Presenter.

Moderator. Obstacles and Opportunities: Emerging International LGBTQ Issues. Saul I. Stern Symposium. College Park, MD, April 29, 2015. Invited Moderator.

“Translating Bodies at the Border: Untangling Border Violence in the Case of Sergio Hernández Güereca.” National Women’s Studies Association. San Juan, PR, November 13-16, 2014. Presenter.

Moderator. Critical Disability Studies: A Panel of Emerging Scholars at Maryland. Rise Above Ableism Campaign. College Park, MD, Oct 8, 2014. Invited Moderator.

“‘Until I’m One With You, My World Is Torn In Two’: Forced Intimacies on the Mexico-US Border.” Queer Intimacies: Annual DC Queer Studies Symposium. College Park, MD, April 25, 2014. Presenter.

“Everyday Borders: Dominique Strauss-Kahn and Hotel Room Doors.” National Women’s Studies Association. Cincinnati, OH, November 7-10, 2013. Presenter and Panel Organizer.

“State Histories, Temporal Boundaries, and Racialization in True Blood.” Interventions: Women’s Studies on the Edge. College Park, MD, October 16, 2013. Presenter.

“Touching Embodied History: True Blood and Temporal Borders.” Popular Culture and American Culture Association National Conference. Washington, DC, March 27-30, 2013. Presenter.

“Assembling Borders, (Dis)assembling Bodies.” National Women’s Studies Association. Oakland, CA, November 8-11, 2012. Presenter and Panel Organizer.

“Eliminating Intolerance in the Classroom: Teaching to Address Root Causes.” Center for Teaching Excellence: 17th Annual Action Research Conference. Taos, NM, June 4-6, 2009. Presenter.

“Teachers and Students Raise our Voices: Using Critical Action Research to Support Students.” American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, April 30-May 4, 2009. Presenter.

Invited Lectures

“Violent Intimacies at the Mexico-US Border Industrial Complex.” Colorado State University’s Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program: Borders and Borderlands: Culture, Society, and Economics During Changing Times. Fort Collins, CO, April 20, 2017.

“Making Publishing Opportunities as a Graduate Student.” Feminist Strategies in the Classroom and Beyond. Waltham, MA, April 9, 2016.

Consulting

Twitter. South by Southwest *Vida* Panel Consultant. (2018)

Research Experience

Research Assistant, Dr. Michelle V. Rowley (2012)

- Identified sources relevant to transnational sexuality studies

Research Assistant, Dr. Seung-Kyung Kim (2011-2012)

- Gathered, organized, and shared local resources about domestic violence for CASA de Maryland, an immigrant rights organization so they might better serve undocumented women in the community
- Assisted in writing a proposal for a W.T. Grant Foundation Officer’s Research Grant entitled: “Supporting Success for Immigrants: The Role of Community-Based Organizations in Bridging Home and School Settings”

Teaching Experience

University of California, Davis, Graduate Teaching (2016-2018)

- Queer of Color Critique (Cultural Studies 204)
- Practices of Cultural Studies (Cultural Studies 200C)
- Biomythographies Group Study (Cultural Studies 298)
- Queer of Color Critique Independent Study (Cultural Studies 270)
- Feminist Knowledge Production Independent Study (Cultural Studies 270)
- Queer of Color Critique, AIDS Historiography, and the Archive Independent Study (Cultural Studies 270)

University of California, Davis, Undergraduate Teaching (2016-2018)

- Sexualities, Immigration, and Detention (Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies 180)
- Gender and the Experiences of Race (Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies 175)

University of Maryland, College Park, Undergraduate Teaching (2013-2015)

- Women, Art, and Culture (Women's Studies 250)
- Women's Bodies in Contention (Women's Studies 298) (Online)
- Latina/o Sexualities: Borders, Migration, and Citizenship (Latina/o Studies 498/Immigration Studies 319/American Studies 328)
- Violence, Prisons, and Immigration (Latina/o Studies 498/Immigration Studies 319/American Studies 328) (Online)
- Latinas/os and U.S. Popular Culture (Latina/o Studies 498/American Studies 498)
- From Ricky Ricardo to Jennifer Lopez: Exploring Latina/o Gender and Sexuality in Popular Culture (Latina/o Studies 498/LGBT Studies 448/American Studies 328) (Online)
- Comparative Asian American/Latino Popular Cultures (Latina/o Studies 498/American Studies 328) (Online) (Co-taught with Douglas Ishii)

University of Maryland, College Park, Teaching Assistant (2012-2013)

- Women's Bodies in Contention, Dr. Deborah Rosenfelt (Women's Studies 298)
- Introduction to Women's Studies: Women and Society, Dr. A. Lynn Bolles (Women's Studies 200)

Guest Lectures

- "Gender and Immigration Policy in the US." Gender and Social Policy, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, University of California, Davis, March 7, 2017.
- "The Border Patrol and Border Heteropatriarchal Violence." US-Mexico Border: The Border as Violence and Life, University of California, Davis, October 18, 2016.
- "Anzaldúa's Borders." Introduction to American Studies, University of Maryland, College Park, April 10, 2012.

Summer Corps Member Advisor (2008-2010)

- Teacher trainer, specializing in K-12 Special Education

Crownpoint Middle School, Special Education Teacher (2006-2010)

- Provided direct instruction and support to 6-8 grade students with a broad range of exceptionalities including learning disabilities, emotional and behavioral disorders, and cognitive impairments

Crownpoint Middle School, Individual Education Planning (IEP) Chair (2006-2007)

- Served as Special Education Department Chair

Graduate Student Advising

- Joshua Redwine (Doctoral Student in Cultural Studies, Qualifying Exam Committee Member)

- Hira Mahmood (Doctoral Student in Cultural Studies, Qualifying Exam Committee Member)
- Aaron Benedetti (Doctoral Student in Cultural Studies, Qualifying Exam Committee Member)

University Service

Navigating the Academic Job Market, Panelist (May 2017)

Comparative Border Studies Mellon Initiative Programming (2016-Present)

UndocuAlly Training Participant (2017)

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Program, Faculty Mentor (2016)

Undergraduate Interview Workshop, Panelist (April 2015)

College Consejos and Empanadas, Panelist (March 2015)

Rosalie Reilly Gubernatorial Fellowship Selection Committee Member (2014-2015)

Café con Consejos, Panelist (December 2014)

Ask Us Anything: Latinas Navigating Higher Education, Panelist (March 2014)

Powerlines, Editorial Board, Book Review Ed., Digital Roundtable Ed. (2013-2015)

Graduate Representative, LGBT Faculty Search Committee (2013-2014)

Graduate Representative to the Committee of the Whole (2013-2014)

Consejos: College and Beyond, Panelist (May 2013)

Secretary, Women's Studies Graduate Student Association (2012-2013)

US Latino/a Program Advisory Board Representative (2012-2015)

Qualitative Research Interest Group Executive Committee (2012-2013)

Semana de la Latina Organizing Committee Member (2012-2014)

Graduate Student Committee Representative (2011-2014)

Other Professional Activities

Interventions: Women's Studies on the Edge, Symposium Organizer (2013)

Grant Experience

Pepsi Grant (\$500) (2013)

- Funding for *Interventions: Women's Studies on the Edge Graduate Symposium*

Languages

Native English & Spanish

Professional Associations

National Women's Studies Association
American Studies Association
Latina/o Studies Association

References

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