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Academic Appointments

Associate Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2021-present

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The University of Texas at El Paso, 2015-2021

Adjunct Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, Southern Methodist University, 2013-2014

Education

Southern Methodist University, Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology, 2015

Southern Methodist University, M.A. in Cultural Anthropology, 2011

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, M.A. in Sociology, 2009

Indiana University of Pennsylvania Robert E. Cook Honors College, B.A. in Anthropology, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Heckert, Carina. 2024. *Birth in Times of Despair: Sociopolitical Crises and Maternal Harm on the US-Mexico Border*. New York: New York University Press.

Heckert, Carina. 2018. *Fault Lines of Care: Gender, HIV, and Global Health in Bolivia*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* indicates student author)

Heckert, Carina and Nia Parson. 2022. "Recalibrating the Scales: Enhancing Ethnographic Uses of Standardized Mental Health Instruments." *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 47: 918-936.

De Anda, Victoria* and Carina Heckert. 2022. "Stratified Access to Care and Mental Health Implications for Pregnant and Postpartum Immigrants in the US-Mexico Border Region." *Research Handbook on Society and Mental Health*. Edited by Marta Elliot, pgs. 101-114. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Curtis, Rachel, Regina Vadney, Carina Heckert, and Cathy Román*. 2022. "Contrasting Birth Preferences to Practices in El Paso." *Frontiers in Global Women's Health*. Doi: 10.3389/fgwh.2022.830512.

Heckert, Carina. 2022. "Syndemics in Symbiotic Cities: Pathogenic Policy, Border Thinking, and the Production of Health Inequities across Borders." *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 37(1): 37-55.

Heckert, Carina. 2021. "Embodied Pathways of Emotional Distress and Birth Complications among Immigrant Women on the US-Mexico Border." *Ethos*, 48(4): 438-458.

Solis, Isabela* and Carina Heckert. 2021. "The Intersections of Intimate Partner Violence and Legal Violence among Pregnant Immigrant Women on the US-Mexico Border." *Affilia*, 36(1): 27-42.

Heckert, Carina. 2020. "The Bureaucratic Violence of the Health Care System for Pregnant Immigrants on the United States-Mexico Border." *Human Organization*, 79(1): 33-42.

Heckert, Carina. 2019. "Travesti Subjectivity and HIV Care: The Collision of the Global LGBT Rights and Evangelical Ex-Gay Movements in Bolivia." *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, 24(2): 406-423.

Heckert, Carina, Timothy Wright, Estefania Hernandez*, and Victoria de Anda*. 2019. "Ethnographic Reflections on Communicative Inequities, Global Health Relationships, and Two Decades of HIV in the Bolivian Press." *Global Public Health*, 14(3): 407-417.

Heckert, Carina. 2017. "Blaming *Machismo*: How the Social Imaginary is Failing Men with HIV in Santa Cruz, Bolivia." *Medical Anthropology*, 36(2): 157-169.

Heckert, Carina. 2016. "When Care is a 'Systematic Route of Torture': Conceptualizing the Violence of Medical Negligence in Resource-Poor Settings." *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry*, 40(4): 687-706.

Parson, Nia and Carina Heckert. 2014. "The Golden Cage: The Production of Insecurity at the Nexus of Intimate Partner Violence and Unauthorized Migration in the US." *Human Organization*, 73(4):305-314.

Heckert, Carina. 2012. "Latina Immigrants in Rural Western Pennsylvania and Use of Mental Health Resources When Coping with Depression: Implications for Practice." *International Journal of Culture and Mental Health*, 5(3):182-189.

Publications under Review

Heckert, Carina. "Navigating the Bureaucratic Dimensions of Reproductive Violence during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on the US-Mexico Border." *American Anthropologist*.

Heckert, Carina and Andrea Daniella Mata*. "Stratified Access and Experiences of Maternal Health Care in the US-Mexico Border Region." *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*.

Heckert, Carina, Kimberly Anaya*, Alondra Arias*, and Sireesha Reddy. “Understanding Therapeutic Distrust and COVID-19 Vaccination Intentions among Pregnant Latinas on the US-Mexico Border.” *Women’s Reproductive Health*.

Book Reviews

Heckert, Carina. 2018. “Robert Wyrod’s *AIDS and Masculinity in the African City: Privilege, Inequality, and Modern Manhood*.” *City and Society*, 30(3).

Heckert, Carina and Ophra Leyser-Whalen. 2017. “Kathryn Rhine’s *The Unseen Things: Women, Secrecy, and HIV in Northern Nigeria*.” *Gender and Society*, 31(4): 559-561.

White Papers and Research Reports

Román, Cathy*, Carina Heckert, Rachel Curtis, and Regina Vadney. 2020. “Expanding Birth Choices in El Paso: Women’s Perceptions of the Midwifery Model of Care.” Research report prepared for local hospital OBGYN departments.

Heckert, Carina. 2019. “Emotional Distress and Maternal Health among Pregnant Latinas at the Intersections of Immigration and Health Policy on the US-Mexico Border.” Policy brief prepared for the Latino Center for Leadership Development-Tower Center at Southern Methodist University.

Heckert, Carina, Tyler Beltran*, Claudia Borunda*, Viridiana Edwards*, Elizabeth González*, Brittany Hearn*, Gabriella Mendoza*, Hannah Penklis*, and Sonia Ramos*. 2018. “Filling in Healthcare Coverage Gaps: What Can El Paso Learn from Other Healthcare Delivery Models?” Report prepared for local policymakers as a part of the Sociology of Health graduate seminar.

Heckert, Carina. 2014. “Una Etnografía de las Experiencias de Personas Viviendo con VIH-Sida Dentro del Sistema de Salud en Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia.” Research report prepared for Servicio Departamental de Salud Santa Cruz (SEDES), Centros de Vigilancia y Referencia de VIH-Sida (CDVIR), and Civil Society Organizations.

Heckert, Carina. 2013. “Primary Data Formative Research Report: Heterosexuals Living in High-Risk Areas Cycle 3 (HET-3), Dallas Metropolitan Division.” Research report prepared for Texas Department of State Health Services and the CDC.

Heckert, Carina. 2012. “Primary Data Formative Research Report: Injection Drug Users Cycle 3 (IDU-3), Dallas Metropolitan Division.” Research report prepared for Texas Department of State Health Services and the CDC.

Brettell, Caroline, Shay Cannedy, Lisa Haayen, Carina Heckert, Laura Jarvis, Beibei Yang, and Amber Zabka. 2010. “Burmese Refugees and Healthcare in Dallas.” A report for Texas Health Resources and Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas, TX.

Other Publications

“Engaged Anthropology Grant: Carina Heckert.” 2016. The Wenner-Gren Blog.
http://blog.wennergren.org/2016/12/eag_heckert/.

Podcasts

“Maternal Health and Emotional Distress on the US-Mexico Border.” 2019. Heckert, Carina, Victoria de Anda, Isabela Solis, and Jesus Aleman. <https://soundcloud.com/user-213239205/maternal-health-and-emotional-distress-on-the-us-mexico-border>.

Conference Papers

2023. (with Luis Torres*). “Pandemic Distress and Postpartum Experiences among Low-Income Latinas in the US-Mexico Border Region.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH.
2021. (with Cathy Román*). “The Mental Health Burden of the US-Mexico Border Closure on Pregnant Women with Cross-Border Familial Ties.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
2018. “Emotional Distress, Maternal Health, and the Syndemics of Deportability on the US-Mexico Border.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.
2018. “Syndemics in Symbiotic Cities.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
2016. “‘When I Was a *Travesti*’: Evangelicalism, HIV Care, and Transgender Subjectivity in Bolivia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
2016. “Decolonization in Crisis: Healthcare Reform and HIV Care in Plurinational Bolivia.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
2015. “Blaming *Machismo*: The Social Imaginary and the Illness Experiences of Men with HIV in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
2014. “‘I’m Poor, but I’m not Stupid!’: Contesting the Symbolic Violence of Medical Negligence toward People with HIV.” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
2010. “Latina Immigrants in Rural Western Pennsylvania and Use of Mental Health Resources: Implications for Practice.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Merida, Mexico.
2009. “Teaching Diversity through Ethnography.” Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Annual Diversity Summit, Harrisburg, PA (Invited Presentation with Victor Garcia and Qiana Lightner).

2009. "A Typology for Understanding Depression in Latina Immigrants." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM.

2008. "Understanding Depression in Latina Immigrants in Rural Western Pennsylvania." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Memphis, TN.

Conference Posters

Olmos, Rosario* and Carina Heckert. "Cross-Border Healthcare Utilization among Pregnant Women during the COVID-19 Pandemic." UTEP Summer Research Symposium, 2023.

Mada, Sanjana*, Nina Beltran*, Sireesha Reddy, Katherine Serafine, and Carina Heckert. "Hair Cortisol Levels among People Seeking Prenatal Care in the US-Mexico Border Region." Behavior, Biology, and Chemistry Conference, 2023.

Anaya, Kimberly* and Carina Heckert. "COVID Vaccine Hesitancy During Pregnancy in the Borderlands." UTEP Summer Research Symposium, 2022.

Solis, Anamaria* and Carina Heckert. "A Case Study Approach to Understanding Social Vulnerabilities in Preeclampsia Patients." UTEP Summer Research Symposium, 2022.

Torres, Luis* and Carina Heckert. "Pandemic Distress Among Pregnant and Postpartum Latinas on the US-Mexico Border." UTEP Summer Research Symposium, 2022.

Chavez, Star* and Carina Heckert. "Pandemic, Parents, and Providers: The Impact of COVID on Border Mental Health." UTEP Summer Research Symposium, 2022.

Anaya, Kimberly* and Carina Heckert. "Perceptions of the COVID Vaccine during Pregnancy among Latinas on the US-Mexico Border." UTEP BUILDing Scholars Summer Virtual Symposium, 2021.

De Anda, Victoria* and Carina Heckert. "Mental Health Needs and Coping Strategies Reflected in Pregnancy Narratives among Immigrant Women in El Paso." UTEP COURI Spring Virtual Symposium, 2020.

De Anda, Victoria* and Carina Heckert. "Mental Health Needs and Coping Strategies Reflected in Pregnancy Narratives among Immigrant Women in El Paso." UTEP Women's History Month Spring Virtual Conference, 2020.

Mata, Daniella* and Carina Heckert. "Stratified Healthcare Access and Implications for Maternal and Infant Health among First- and Second-Generation Immigrant Women in the US-Mexico Border Region." UTEP COURI Spring Virtual Symposium, 2020.

Mata, Daniella* and Carina Heckert. "Stratified Healthcare Access and Implications for Maternal and Infant Health among First- and Second-Generation Immigrant Women in the US-Mexico Border Region." UTEP Women's History Month Spring Virtual Conference, 2020.

Milam, James* and Carina Heckert. "Provider Perceptions of Pregnant Immigrant Women's Experiences Accessing Healthcare." UTEP COURI Spring Virtual Symposium, 2020.

Solis, Isabela* and Carina Heckert. "The Intersections of Experiences of Violence and Immigration-Related Stress in Pregnant Women in the Borderland Region." UTEP Annual COURI Symposium, 2019.

Milam, James* and Carina Heckert. "Provider Perceptions of Healthcare Access for Pregnant Immigrant Women." UTEP Annual COURI Symposium, 2019.

Conference Panels Organized and/or Chaired

2024. "The Maternal Health and Emotional Distress on the US-Mexico Border Project: Engaging Students in Research." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM. Organizer and Chair of Student Panel.

2018. "Methods and Practices in Health and Health Research." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Panel Chair.

2018. "Border Women's Health Issues." Women's History Month Conference, University of Texas at El Paso. Chair of Student Panel.

2017. "Gender and Representation in Cross-Cultural and Historical Perspective." Women's History Month Conference, University of Texas at El Paso. Organizer and Chair of Student Panel.

2017. "Methods for Engaging Students in Research." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM. Organizer and Chair of Student Panel.

2016. "Bodies for Hire." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. Panel Chair.

2016. "Local Advocacy, Global Issues: Promoting Women's Rights on a Global Scale." Women's History Month Conference, University of Texas at El Paso. Organizer and Chair of Student Panel.

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

Virtual interview about *Birth in Times of Despair*. Faculti Platform. Recorded August 20, 2024.

Podcast interview about *Birth in Times of Despair*. New Books Network, Human Rights Channel. Recorded July 2, 2024.

"The Local Biology of Preeclampsia on the US-Mexico Border." Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine, Distinguished Researcher Lecture Series. April 24, 2024.

Book discussion of *Fault Lines of Care*. Liberal Arts Honors Program Book Discussion Series, University of Texas at El Paso. April 28, 2022.

Virtual lecture “The COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake and Pregnancy on the US-Mexico Border.” Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Anthropology in Action Series. March 28, 2022.

Virtual book discussion of *Fault Lines of Care*. For the course Introduction to Global Health Equity at Macalester College. November 3, 2021.

Virtual BUILDing Scholars Research Experiences Discussion, University of Texas at El Paso. July 28, 2021.

Virtual book discussion of *Fault Lines of Care*. Liberal Arts Honors Program Book Discussion Series, University of Texas at El Paso. February 27, 2021.

Virtual book discussion of *Fault Lines of Care*. For the course Health, Healing, and Ethics at Spelman College. November 11, 2019.

Panelist for Viva la Girl, Viva la Mujer Leadership Summit hosted by Con Mi Madre. El Paso, TX. June 7, 2019.

Book discussion of *Fault Lines of Care*. For the course Contemporary Medical Anthropology at New Mexico State University. April 2, 2019.

“Fault Lines of Care.” Health and Society Lecture Series. Southern Methodist University. February 26, 2019.

Virtual book discussion of *Fault Lines of Care*. For the course Medical Anthropology at the University of Texas at Arlington. March 25, 2019.

Book presentation of *Fault Lines of Care*. UTEP Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, September 19, 2018.

Meet the author book discussion and signing for *Fault Lines of Care*. City Lights Bookstore and Café, Sylva, NC. May 31, 2018.

“Syndemics as a Theoretical Tool for Health Research.” UTEP Culture and Health Symposium. May 4, 2018.

“Emotional Distress, Maternal Health, and the Syndemics of Deportability.” UTEP Public Administration Interdisciplinary Colloquium Series. March 29, 2018.

“Ethics and Ethnography.” For the course Bioethics at the University of Texas at El Paso. September 27, 2017.

“Applying Anthropology in Global Health: An Ethnography of Bolivia’s AIDS Funding Crisis.” Inaugural Lecture for the Mid-Atlantic Addiction Training Institute Lecture Series on Health and Disadvantaged Communities. Indiana University of Pennsylvania. February 29, 2016.

“Gender, Sexuality, and Evangelicalism.” For the course Gender and Sex Roles at Southern Methodist University. March 26, 2015.

Workshops and Roundtables

What We Can Learn from Conducting Research during Times of Great Global or National Uncertainty and Change? Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Cincinnati, Ohio (hybrid format). March 28, 2023. Roundtable Panelist for Virtual Panel.

Birth in Times of Despair. UTEP Women’s History Month Conference. March 22, 2022. Organized Student Roundtable.

Salud LGBTQ en la Frontera Juárez-El Paso. El Colegio de la Frontera Norte, Ciudad Juárez, Mexico. January 31, 2020. Invited Roundtable Panelist.

Society for Medical Anthropology-Research on US Health Roundtable: Addressing Access and Barriers to Health in the US. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. November 2019. Roundtable Panelist.

Invited participant/reviewer for book manuscript workshop for *Queer Amazon* by Justin Perez. Princeton University. May 11, 2019.

Mental Health and Pregnancy on the Border. UTEP Women’s History Month Conference. March 11, 2019. Organized Student Roundtable.

Culture and Health Symposium. University of Texas at El Paso, May 4, 2018. Participant and Presenter.

Frontera Women’s Healthcare Access Roundtable: Connecting Women on the Border to Healthcare. University Medical Center Neighborhood Health Center, El Paso, TX. March 23, 2018. Participant.

“Feminist Methods for Qualitative Health Research.” University of Texas at El Paso, November 27, 2017. Co-presenter with Ophra Leyser-Whalen for Interdisciplinary Feminist Methods Workshop Series.

Anthropological Writing: Engaging Various Audiences. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM. March 2017. Roundtable Panelist and Co-organizer.

Building Research Experiences into Undergraduate Social Science Courses. University of Texas at El Paso, January 28, 2017. Workshop Participant.

Perspectivas en Mejorando la Calidad de Vida de Personas Viviendo con VIH. Santa Cruz, Bolivia. July 14, 2016. Roundtable Organizer and Moderator.

Mejorando la Calidad de Vida de Personas Viviendo con VIH. Talleres Interinstitucionales y para Personas Afectadas. Santa Cruz, Bolivia. June 30 and July 6, 2016. Workshop Series Organizer and Presenter.

Academic Convening on Border and Immigration Issues: Preparing Local and National Narratives on Border and Immigration for 2016 and 2017. University of Texas at El Paso, April 28-29, 2016. Workshop Participant.

RESEARCH

Extramural Research Funding

National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Supplement to Grant #1947551 for “Pandemic Distress among Low-Income Postpartum Latinas in the US-Mexico Border Region,” August 2021-May 2022, Role: PI

National Science Foundation Senior Researcher Grant #1947551, joint funding from Cultural Anthropology and Sociology Programs for “Emotional Distress and Pathways of Embodied Maternal Health Vulnerability among Immigrant Women on the US-Mexico Border,” August 2020-July 2023 (\$318,383), Role: PI

Latino Center for Leadership Development at Southern Methodist University Tower Center Research Grant for “Emotional Distress and Maternal Health among Pregnant Immigrant Latinas at the Intersections of Immigration and Health Policy on the US-Mexico Border,” August 2018-August 2019 (\$9,986.85), Role: PI

Wenner-Gren Engaged Anthropology Grant for “Improving Experiences of Care for People Living with HIV/AIDS in Santa Cruz, Bolivia,” Summer 2016 (\$4,256), Role: PI

Wenner-Gren Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fieldwork Grant for “Gender Relations, Illness Experiences, and HIV/AIDS Care in Santa Cruz, Bolivia,” August 2013-August 2014 (\$19,983), Role: PI

Ethnographic Consulting

Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute CDC Funded, Ethnographic Research on HIV Risk among Heterosexuals Living in High Poverty Areas, Dallas Metropolitan Division
February-July 2013 (\$9,000)

Texas Department of State Health Services and Texas A&M Public Policy Research Institute CDC Funded, Ethnographic Research on HIV Risk and Injection Drug Use, Dallas Metropolitan Division
March-July 2012 (\$9,000)

Internal Grants and Fellowships

Humanities Collaborative at UTEP and EPCC Faculty Fellow, 2024-2026
UTEP Faculty Research Development Leave, Spring 2023
Southern Methodist University Dissertation Writing Fellowship, Spring 2015
Southern Methodist University Graduate Student Development Grant, 2010, 2011, and 2014
Southern Methodist University Anthropology Department Edward Fry Award for Summer Research, 2010 and 2011
Southern Methodist University Anthropology Department Steed Travel Award, 2010
Indiana University of Pennsylvania Graduate Student Research Grant, 2008
Indiana University of Pennsylvania Honors College Scholarship, 2002-2006
Indiana University of Pennsylvania Athletic Scholarship, 2002-2006

Research Training

UTEP BUILDing Scholars Summer Sabbatical at the University of New Mexico (NIH-funded), 2017
UTEP Liberal Arts Grant Proposal Enhancement Program, Spring 2017
UTEP BUILDing Scholars Supermentor Program (NIH-funded), Faculty Mentee, 2016-2017
NSF Cultural Anthropology Field School in the Bolivian Amazon, Summer 2011

TEACHING

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Level

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
Health, Healing, and Ethics: Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Sickness and Society
Health as a Human Right: Globalization, Health, and Cross-Cultural Ethics
Medical Sociology
Medical Anthropology
Global Health
Special Topics: Anthropology of Human Rights
General Sociological Theory
Theory in Anthropology

Graduate Level

Sociology of Gender
Sociology of Health
Graduate Special Topics: Advanced Topics in Global Health
Graduate Special Topics: Gender and Health

Undergraduate Mentoring

- Brisa Medina, Humanities Collaborative Undergraduate Research Fellow, 2024-present
- Noelle Alarcon, Humanities Collaborative Undergraduate Research Fellow, 2024-present
- Rosario Olmos, NSF-funded Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2022-present
- Brianna Murillo, NSF-funded Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2022-2023
- Dalia Hardy, NSF-funded Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2022-2023
- Andrea Sandoval, NSF-funded Undergraduate Research Assistant, Fall 2022

- Star Chavez, BUILDing Scholars Summer Program, 2022
- Anamaria Solis, NSF-funded Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2021-2022; UTEP SURPASS Program, Summer 2022; UTEP BUILDing Scholars Program, 2022-present
- Kimberly Anaya, Undergraduate Research Assistant, BUILDing Scholars Summer Program, 2021 and 2022, NSF-funded Research Assistant, Spring 2022
- Luis Torres, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2020, NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates recipient, 2021-2022, BUILDing Scholars Summer Program, 2022
- Cathy Román, Volunteer Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2019-2020, NSF-funded Research Assistant, 2020-2021 (current PhD student in Cultural Anthropology program at UCLA)
- Victoria de Anda, Undergraduate Research Assistant, Spring 2017 and 2018-2019, UTEP Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives MERITUS Program, 2019-2020 (completed MA in Latin American and Border Studies at UTEP)
- Jesus Aleman, Volunteer Research Assistant, Spring 2019-2020 (current MPH student at UTEP)
- Daniella Mata, UTEP BUILDing Scholars Undergraduate Research Fellow, Spring 2019-2021 (Top 10 Senior, Liberal Arts Banner Bearer, current PhD student at Michigan State University)
- Isabela Solis, UTEP Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives MERITUS Program, 2018-2019 (current MA/MPH student at the University of South Florida)
- James Milam, UTEP BUILDing Scholars Undergraduate Research Fellow, 2018-2020
- Ana Fuentes, UTEP BUILDing Scholars Undergraduate Research Fellow, 2017
- Estefania Hernandez, UTEP Campus Office of Undergraduate Research Initiatives MERITUS Program, 2016, (Department Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award, current PhD/MPH student at Case Western Reserve)
- Mehdi Hami, Southern Methodist University Engaged Learning Project, 2015

Graduate Mentoring

Thesis Committee Chair

Mariel Cano, UTEP, MA in Sociology, Department Outstanding Graduate Student Award, 2019

Noemi Dimuzio, UTEP, MA in Sociology, Liberal Arts Graduate Student Marshall, 2019

Viridiana Edwards, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2019

Maralyn Doering, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2019 (current PhD student at University of Cincinnati)

Donna Maldonado, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2022

Thesis Committee Member

Anessa Anchondo, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2016

Kathryn Guerra, UTEP, MA in History, 2018

Rudy Garza, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2019

Juliana Cardoso, UTEP, MA in Health Psychology, 2019

Denise Delgado, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2019

Veronica Martinez, UTEP, MA in Communication, 2019

Hannah Penklis, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2020

Itzahi Rodela, UTEP, MPH, 2020

Vanessa Cuevas, UTEP, MA in Communication, 2020

Gabrielle Mendoza, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2021
Tyler Beltran, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2021
Sonia Ramos, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2022
Isabela Solis, University of South Florida, joint MA in Anthropology and MPH, 2023
Salma Atiya, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2023
Jesus Aleman, UTEP, MPH, 2023
Brianna Trejo, UTEP, MA in Sociology, 2024

Dissertation Committee Member

Juliana Cardoso, UTEP, PhD in Psychology, 2020
Suresh Lohani, UTEP, PhD in Rhetoric and Composition, 2022
Daniel Jimenez, UT San Antonio, PhD in Anthropology, in progress

Other Graduate Project Committees

Kristin Giroux, Texas Tech, Doctor of Nursing Practice, project committee member, 2024

Teaching/Mentoring Awards

UTEP College of Liberal Arts BUILDing Scholars Mentoring Award, 2023
American Anthropological Association Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award, 2020

Other Teaching/Mentoring Activities

Mentor for NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates program on Immigration Policies and Border Communities at UTEP and NMSU
Summers of 2023 and 2024

Society for Medical Anthropology Speed Mentoring Session
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA
November 15, 2018

Society for Medical Anthropology Speed Mentoring Session
American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
November 17, 2016

Academic Tutor for Sociology, Anthropology, Writing, and Spanish
Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center, Southern Methodist University
January-May 2013

Teaching Assistant
Department of Anthropology, Southern Methodist University
August 2009 – May 2012

ESL Instructor
Centro Venezolano Americano, Caracas, Venezuela
August 2006-January 2007

SERVICE

Service to the University

UTEP Student Organization Faculty Advisor, University Honors Program, Fall 2023-present
UTEP Department of History Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2023-Spring 2024
UTEP Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee, Fall 2018-present
UTEP Liberal Arts Research Council, Fall 2017-Fall 2019
UTEP Faculty Senate Representative, Fall 2017-Summer 2018
UTEP Student Organization Faculty Advisor, Amnesty International, January- May 2017

Service to the Sociology and Anthropology Department

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Associate Department Chair, Fall 2023-present
Departmental Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2022-Spring 2023
Graduate Admissions Committee, 2022-Summer 2023
Post-tenure Review Committee, Fall 2021
Department Lecture Series Committee, Fall 2018-Spring 2020
Department Quality of Life Committee, Fall 2016
Department Infrastructure Committee, Fall 2015

Service to the Community

Texas Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Steering Committee, Summer 2023-present
El Paso Maternal Health Community Advisory Committee, Chair, Fall 2020-Spring 2022
Planned Parenthood of Greater Texas, El Paso Community Board Member, Jan. 2019-Dec. 2023
El Paso HIV Community Mobilization Group, Member, Sept. 2015-May 2018
El Paso HIV Community Mobilization, Subcommittee on Substance Abuse, May 2016-May 2018
Social Control Committee for HIV (Santa Cruz, Bolivia), Member, Dec. 2013-Aug. 2014

Reviewer

Journals

American Anthropologist
American Ethnologist
American Journal of Public Health
BMC Public Health
Ethos
Ethnicities
Global Bioethics
Global Public Health
Human Organization
Journal of Homosexuality
Medical Anthropology
Medical Anthropology Quarterly
Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health
PLOS One
Public Integrity

Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare

Books

Duke University Press

Textbooks

Routledge

Grants

National Science Foundation, Ad-hoc Reviewer, 2023 (1 proposal)

National Science Foundation, Grant Review Panelist, 2020 (1 panel) and 2021 (2 panels)

Trans-Atlantic Platform for Social Sciences and Humanities: Recovery, Renewal and Resilience in a Post-Pandemic World, Expert Reviewer (2 proposals), 2021

External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion

University of Toledo

University of Michigan

Other Awards/Recognitions

Recipient of Indiana University of Pennsylvania Young Alumni Achievement Award, 2022