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Curriculum Vitae

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of California, San Diego

2024 – present Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Communication

Affiliations

Design Lab (2024 – present)

University of Washington, Seattle

2024 – present Affiliate Associate Professor with endorsement to chair doctoral supervisory committees, Department of Geography

2018 – 2024 Associate Professor (with tenure), Department of Geography

2014 – 2018 Assistant Professor, Department of Geography

Affiliations

American Indian Studies Department; Adjunct faculty (2020 – 2024)

Center for Environmental Politics; Core faculty (2014 – 2024)

Center for Human Rights; Faculty associate (2015 – 2024)

Comparative History of Ideas Department (CHID); Adjunct faculty (2015 – 2024)

Environmental Cultures & Values Program; Affiliate faculty (2018 – 2024)

Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies Department (GWSS); Adjunct faculty (2015 – 2024)

Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies; Affiliate faculty (2024)

Latin American & Caribbean Studies Program; Core faculty (2014 – 2024)

Women Investigating Race, Ethnicity and Difference (WIRED); Member (2016 – 2024)

Willamette University

2010 – 2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Politics

Affiliations

American Ethnic Studies Program; Affiliate faculty (2011 – 2014)

Latin American Studies Program; Affiliate faculty (2010 – 2014)

EDUCATION

2005 – 2010 PhD **University of California, Berkeley**
Department of Environmental Science, Policy & Management
Division of Society & Environment

1998 – 2002 BA **New York University**
Latin American Studies
Magna cum laude, with honors

RESEARCH

Environmental justice and political ecology
 Latinx and Chicana/o studies
 Abolition geography

* Equal co-authorship

† Student co-author

Books & Monographs

Ybarra, M (2020) *Guerras Verdes: Conservación y Descolonización en la Selva Maya*. Guatemala City, Guatemala: Asociación para el Avance de las Ciencias Sociales en Guatemala (AVANCSO). Autores Invitados N° 29. (272 pages)

Revised translation of *Green Wars* (2017); with prologue by Gladys Tzul Tzul (K'iche' Maya) and epilogue by Jennifer J. Casolo.

Distributed open access via the Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (Latin American Council of Social Sciences) at: <http://biblioteca.clacso.edu.ar/clacso/gt/20211007025743/Guerras-verdes.pdf>

Ybarra, M (2017) *Green Wars: Conservation and Decolonization in the Maya Forest*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press. (204 pages)

Winner, 2019 Outstanding Publication Award of the Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group (CAPE) of the American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Ybarra, M, Obando Samos, O., Grandia, L. and Schwartz, N.B. (2012) *Tierra, Migración y Vida en Petén, 1999-2009*. Guatemala City, Guatemala: Coordinación de ONG y Cooperativas – Instituto de Estudios Agrarios y Rurales (CONGCOOP-IDEAR) and Magna Terra Editores. (106 pages)

Guest Editor, Special Issues

“Making Abolition in Geography” Online Forum, Chavez-Norgaard, S, L Montagne, JE Sayers and M Ybarra (Guest Editors), *Society & Space Magazine*. <https://www.societyandspace.org/forums/making-abolition-in-geography>, published October 31, 2022.

Contributors: Stefan Chavez-Norgaard, Leah Montagne, Jah-Elyse Sayers and Megan Ybarra; Navon Morgan, Camille Samuels, Carlos Serrano, and Megan Ybarra; Lucien Baskin; Jane Henderson and Leah Montagne; Gavriel Cutipa-Zorn; Yogesh Mithra; and Lawrence Jenkins.

“Abolition Ecologies” Symposium, Heynen, N. and M Ybarra (Guest Editors), *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography*, Volume 53, Issue 1, January 2021.

Contributors: Eve Bratman & Malini Ranganathan; Laurel Mei-Singh; Nik Heynen; David Pellow; and Megan Ybarra.

“Latinx Geographies” Online Forum, Muñoz, L. and M Ybarra (Guest Editors), *Society & Space Magazine*. <https://www.societyandspace.org/forums/latinx-geographies>, published January 23, 2019.

Contributors: Madelaine Cahuas, Cristina Faiver-Serna, Daniel González, Alfredo Huante and Kimberly Miranda, Edgar Sandoval, Isabel Urrutia, and Megan Ybarra.

Guest Editor, Special Issues

“Conservation and Security,” *Geoforum* journal special issue, AB Kelly and M Ybarra (Guest Editors), volume 69, February 2016.

Contributors: D. Bocarejo and D. Ojeda; C.A. Loperena; M. Ybarra; M.B. Dwyer, M.L. Ingalls and I.G. Baird; L. Lombard; F. Massé and L. Lunstrum; and R. Duffy.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Muñoz, L and M Ybarra* (in press) “Latinx Geographies.” In Chen, G and Eaves, L (eds) *How to Foster Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice in Geography*. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar

Ybarra, M (2023) “Indigenous to Where? Centering homelands (*pueblo*) in Indigenous/Latinx studies.” *Latino Studies* 21: 22 – 41.

Ybarra, M (2021) “Site Fight! Towards the abolition of immigrant detention on Tacoma’s Tar Pits (and everywhere else).” *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* 53(1): 36–55.

Heynen, N and M Ybarra* (2021) “On Abolition Ecologies and Making Freedom as a Place”, *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* 53(1): 21–35.

Ybarra, M (2019) “We are not ignorant:” Transnational migrants’ experiences of racialized securitization.” *Environment and Planning D: Society & Space* 37(2): 197-215.

Ybarra, M (2018) Petén, Guatemala, desde la colonización interna hacia migración transnacional: ¿Nuevos paradigmas para el siglo XXI? *Dirección General de Investigación, Universidad de San Carlos, Guatemala. Revista Centroamericana de Investigación y Postgrado: Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades* 5(1): 55-66.

Lunstrum, E. and M Ybarra* (2018) “Deploying difference: Security threat narratives and state displacement from protected areas.” *Conservation & Society* 16(2): 114-124.

Republished in: T. Kepe and S. Mollett (eds). 2018. *Land Rights, Biodiversity Conservation and Justice: Rethinking parks and people*. (pp. 51-70) New York: Routledge.

Ybarra, M and Peña, IL† (2017) “We don’t need money, we need to be together: Forced transnationality in deportation’s afterlives.” *Geopolitics* 22: 34-50.

AB Kelly and M Ybarra* (2016) “Introduction to themed issue: Green security in protected areas.” *Geoforum* 69: 171-175.

Ybarra, M (2016) “‘Blind passes’ and the production of green security through violence on the Guatemalan border.” *Geoforum* 69: 194-206

Ybarra, M (2014) "Don't just pay it back, pay it forward: from accountability to reciprocity in research relationships." *Journal of Research Practice* 10(2): Article N5.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

Ybarra, M (2013) “You Cannot Measure a *Tzuultaq’a*: Cultural politics at the limits of liberal legibility.” *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* 45(3): 584-601.

Ybarra, M (2012) “Taming the Jungle, Saving the Maya Forest: Sedimented counterinsurgency practices in Guatemalan conservation.” *Journal of Peasant Studies* 39(2): 479-502.

Republished in: Fairhead, J; Leach, M and Ian Scoones (eds). 2014. *Green Grabbing: A new appropriation of nature*. (pp. 243-266) New York: Routledge.

Ybarra, M (2011) “Privatizing the *Tzuultaq’a*? Private property and spiritual reproduction in post-war Guatemala.” *Journal of Peasant Studies* 38(4): 793-810.

Republished in: Peluso, Nancy L. and Christian Lund (eds). 2012. *New Frontiers of Land Control*. (pp. 127-144) New York: Routledge.

Ybarra, M (2011) “Slashed and Burned: the debate over privatization of Q’eqchi’ lands in northern Guatemala.” *Society & Natural Resources* 24(10): 1027-1041.

Ybarra, M (2009) “Violent Visions of an Ownership Society: the land administration project in Petén, Guatemala.” *Land Use Policy* 26(1): 44-54.

Book Reviews

Ybarra, M (2023) Review of Schrader, S (2019) *Badges Without Borders: How global counterinsurgency transformed American policing*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press. H-Diplo Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum Roundtable Review 14-8. <https://issforum.org/to/jrt14-8>, published January 13, 2023.

Ybarra, M (2021) Review of *The Shadow of El Centro: A History of Migrant Incarceration and Solidarity*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press. Antipode Foundation. https://antipodeonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Book-review_Ybarra-on-Ordaz.pdf, published June 22, 2021.

Ybarra, M (2011) Review of Jaime Marroquín Arredondo, Adela Pineda Franco and Magdalena Mieri (eds). *Open Borders to a Revolution: Culture, Politics and Migration*. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Scholarly Press, 2013. *Delaware Review of Latin American Studies* 4(2), December 30, 2013.

Public Scholarship (Editorials, Zines, Video Documentary)

S Chavez-Norgaard, L, Montagne, JE Sayers and M Ybarra* (2022) “Introduction: Making abolition through one million experiments.” <https://www.societyandspace.org/forums/making-abolition-in-geography>, published October 31, 2022.

N Morgan, C Serrano, C Samuels, SA Smythe and M Ybarra* (2022) “Reflections on Cops Off Campus and Everywhere Else Movements, from 2020 and beyond.” <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/cops-off-campus-and-everywhere-else-a-conversation>, published October 31, 2022.

Public Scholarship (Editorials, Zines, Video Documentary)

Carrasco, W.[†] and Ybarra, M* (2021) *Unjust Enrichment: The struggle for fair wages and an end to all immigrant cages*. <https://tinyurl.com/unjustenrichment>, published June 2021.

Mora Villalpando, M. and Ybarra, M* (2019) "ICE rebranded the Tacoma detention center. It's still inhumane." *Crosscut*, <https://crosscut.com/2019/09/ice-rebranded-tacoma-detention-center-its-still-inhumane>, published September 24, 2019.

Muñoz, L. and Ybarra, M* (2019) "Introduction: Latinx Geographies." *Society & Space Magazine*. <https://www.societyandspace.org/forums/latinx-geographies>, published January 23, 2019.

Ybarra, M (2019) "On becoming a transnational Latinx geographies killjoy." *Society & Space Magazine*. <http://societyandspace.org/2019/01/23/on-becoming-a-latinx-geographies-killjoy/>, published January 23, 2019.

Ybarra, M (2019) "Why are Indigenous children dying at the US Border? Transnational state violence and Indigenous erasure in asylum bureaucracies." *Society & Space Magazine*. <http://societyandspace.org/2019/01/16/why-are-indigenous-children-dying-at-the-us-border-transnational-state-violence-and-indigenous-erasure-in-asylum-bureaucracies/>, Published January 16, 2019.

Republished by National Peace Corps Association,
<https://travel.peacecorpsconnect.org/indigenous-children>

Ybarra, M and L. McKinley. (2017) "Hunger Strikes: A call to end immigrant detention." Tacoma, WA: Northwest Detention Center Resistance (NWDCR). Debuted July 23, 2017 at Northwest Film Forum, Seattle, WA.

Cházaro, A. Madrigal, T., Mitchel, M., Mora, J., Mora Villalpando, M., Pantoja, W, Ríos Alegría, C., Strand, N. and M Ybarra. (2017) *The Hunger Strikers Handbook*. Tacoma, WA: Northwest Detention Center Resistance (NWDCR).
<https://issuu.com/muybarra/docs/hungerstrikershandbook-eng>

McSweeney, K., Bacon, C., Bryan, J., Casolo, J., Mollett, S., Offen, K.H., Pine, A. and M Ybarra (2015) "7 Reasons to Scrap the \$1 Billion Aid Package to Central America." Center for International Policy, Americas Program, <http://www.cipamericas.org/archives/15371>, published May 2015.

Ybarra, M (2013) "Narco-violence and cartel territoriality in Guatemala." Guest post for Central American Politics blog, Published
<http://centralamericanpolitics.blogspot.com/2013/08/narco-violence-and-cartel.html>, August 2013.

Ybarra, M (2007) "Letters to the Editor: Languages, not Dialects." *The New York Times*, page 53. Available at http://www.nytimes.com/2007/12/30/travel/30letters-1-NOTDIALECTS_LETTERS.html, published December 30, 2007.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2021 Nominee, University of Washington Distinguished Teaching Award
- 2019 Winner, Cultural and Political Ecology Outstanding Publication Award; American Association of Geographers (AAG). For *Green Wars: Conservation and Decolonization in the Maya Forest*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press, published 2017.
- 2018 Undergraduate Majors' Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching, UW Department of Geography.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 UW Simpson Center, "Climate Justice and Abolitionist Worldmaking" Reading Group with Jed Murr (PI), Danya Al-Saleh, José Alaníz, Dan Berger, and Jasmine Mahmoud. (\$6,250)
- 2024 UW Center for American Indian & Indigenous Studies (CAIIS) Native Knowledge Grant with registered student organization HOPE. "Indigenous Incarceration, Intergenerational Trauma and Healing in Washington State" speaker panel. (\$3,000)
- 2024 UW Center for American Indian & Indigenous Studies (CAIIS) Native Knowledge grant for "Carbon Sovereignty" book talk and campus workshop with Andrew Curley (Diné) (\$3,000)
- 2023 UW Simpson Center, Sylvia Wynter Reading Group with Janelle Rodrigues (PI), Stephanie Clare, Kessie Alexandre, Oliver Rollins and Deepa Rao. (\$1,000)
- 2022 UW Simpson Center Society of Scholars Fellowship (2 class teaching release), for *The Aroma of Tacoma*.
- 2022 UW Center for American Indian & Indigenous Studies (CAIIS) Native Knowledge grant for "Plurifeminisms Across Abiayala" conference; with Michelle Habell-Pallan and Cricket Keating. (\$2,000)
- 2021 UW Simpson Center for the Humanities. "Abolitionist Futures & Intentional Kin-making." Co-curricular institute; with Dian Million, Chandan Reddy, and Stephanie Smallwood. (\$12,000)
- 2020 UW Harry Bridges Center; Washington State Labor Research Grant. "Unjust Enrichment and the Struggle for Minimum Wage at the Northwest Detention Center" (one quarter Research Assistant funding)
- 2019 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award with Edgar Sandoval, lead investigator. "Landscapes of Violence: Immigrants and Mixed-Status Families Navigating Economic Revitalization in Suburbia" (\$16,432)
- 2018 Antipode Foundation Scholar-Activist Project Award, with Liberation Not Deportation WA, "We Need to Talk... Anti-Blackness in Seattle's Immigration Advocacy" (£10,000)

- 2018 University of Washington (UW) Simpson Center Public Scholarship Grant: “Community Engaged Collaboration” (\$5,000): Course development with incarcerated scholars; with Gillian Harkins (PI), Dan Berger and Megan Ming Francis
- 2017 UW Royalty Research Fund Scholar: “A 21st Century Border? Migration and Security in Southern Mexico” (\$40,000)
- 2016 UW Simpson Center Society of Scholars Fellowship (one quarter teaching release), for *Green Wars: Conservation & Decolonization in the Maya Forest*.
- 2016 Antipode Foundation Scholar-Activist Project Award, with Northwest Detention Center Resistance. “The Hunger Strikers’ Handbook” (£10,000)
- 2014 Mellon Foundation & Willamette University (WU) President’s Innovation Fund Community-Based Learning with Latinx Leaders in the Willamette Valley (\$3,300)
- 2012 American Association of University Women (AAUW) American Fellowship Summer/Short-term Research Publication Grant (\$6,000)
- 2011 WU Center for Sustainable Communities Curriculum Development Grant Guest speaker series on the Politics of Equity in the Willamette Valley (\$3,600)
- 2008 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant in Geography and Regional Science (\$12,000; lead investigator)
- 2006 UC Berkeley Human Rights Center Summer Fellowship (\$3,500)
- 2006 UC Berkeley Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Summer Field Research Travel Grant (\$750)
- 2006 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (3 years tuition & living stipend)
- 2005 UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Fellowship (4 years tuition & living stipend)
- 1999 New York University Robert Holmes Travel/Research Award: To study immigration and racial formations from Haiti to New Orleans during the Haitian Revolution (\$5,000)
- 1998 New York University College of Arts & Sciences Presidential Honors Scholar (4 years tuition & living stipend)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations & Plenaries

- 2023 Panelist on “Abolition Ecologies.” Symposium: 'Neoliberal Natures: Market Environmentalism and Abolition Ecologies in the Anthropocene'. High Meadows Environmental Institute, Princeton University, NJ. December 8.

- 2023 Plenary Panelist. “Abolition Ecologies in Action: A conversation on political-ecological praxis.” Dimensions of Political Ecology (DOPE) + Cultural & Political Ecology (CAPE) Preconference. Denver, CO. March 22.
- 2022 Panelist. “Let’s Think Together About the Power of Place and Care.” UW Honors Program Global Challenges. With Martine Pierre-Lewis, LaShawnDa Pittman, and Stephanie Smallwood. November 7.
- 2022 Keynote. “Research as Relationships: Graduate research for community advocacy.” UW Annual Gabriel E. Gallardo Research, Student Leadership & Advocacy Symposium for first-generation and under-represented minority (URM) undergraduate students. April 18.
- 2021 “The Many Dimensions of Ecosystem Services.” “Friday Focus” Plenary Panel, Society for American Forestry (SAF) National Convention; Sacramento, CA (Virtual); November 5.
- 2021 “Political Ecology: Strengths and Silences.” Cultural & Political Ecology (CAPE) Specialty Group Plenary. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Seattle, WA (Virtual); April 9.
- 2021 “The Aroma of Tacoma.” Colloquium, Department of Geography & Environment, Syracuse University. Syracuse, NY. March 12.
- 2021 Presentación del libro, *Guerras Verdes*, con Clara Arenas (AVANCSO), Gio B’atz’ (UC Davis), Jovita Tzul Tzul y Héctor Asig (APROBA-SANK); Asociación para el Avance de las Ciencias Sociales en Guatemala (AVANCSO). Guatemala City, Guatemala, March 4.
- 2021 “Abolition.” Katz Lecture Roundtable, with Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Angélica Cházaro, Shaun Glaze and Chandan Reddy. University of Washington. Seattle, WA. February 25.
- 2020 “The Urgency of Abolition in Global Political Ecology.” Yi-Fu Tuan Lecture, University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI. October 16.
- 2020 “The Case for Immigration Detention in Abolition Geography.” Colloquium, School of Geography, Development & Environment. Tucson, AZ. September 4.
- 2019 “Conversatorio: Situación de las Tierras de Comunidades Indígenas en Petén, Izabal y Alta Verapaz. Una Mirada desde las Investigaciones de Megan Ybarra.” Bufete para Pueblos Indígenas, Centro para la Acción Legal en Derechos Humanos (CALDH), y Instituto Amaq. Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala. July 15.
- 2019 “Raíces and Latinidades.” Latinx Unidos Keynote. University of Puget Sound. Tacoma, WA. April 20.
- 2018 “Site Fight! Toward the abolition of immigrant detention on Tacoma’s Tar Pits (and everywhere else).” Stanford University. Palo Alto, CA. May 16, 2019
University of British Columbia Geography Department. Vancouver, BC, Canada. November 6.
Willamette University Green Fund. Salem, OR. November 13.

- 2018 “Green Wars: Narco Narratives and Indigenous Self-Determination in Guatemala's Maya Forest.”
University of North Carolina Geography Department. Chapel Hill, NC. September 21.
University of California-Davis Geography Graduate Group. Davis, CA. June 7.
Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies; New Haven, CT. April 2.
University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN. February 16.
- 2016 “We didn’t invade the park, the park invaded us! Green security and Maya land activism in Guatemala’s protected areas.” York University; Toronto, Canada. October 12.
- 2016 “¿Quién es un invasor? Estudio de la ecología política del Parque Nacional Laguna Lachuá.”
University of San Carlos, Facultad de Agronomía, Subárea de Ciencias Sociales y Desarrollo Rural; Guatemala City, Guatemala. September 8.
- 2015 “Ignite Change.” Keynote speech, 4th Annual Beyond HB 1079 Conference for undocumented students in Washington state; Everett, WA. October 10.
- 2012 “Tierra, Migración y Vida 1999-2009, Resultados Destacados.” Plenary presentation. 2^o Simposium Internacional de Investigación Interdisciplinaria; sponsored by Universidad Juárez Autónoma de Tabasco, División Académica Multidisciplinaria de los Ríos, México; and the Universidad de San Carlos, Centro Universitario de Petén, Guatemala. Santa Elena, Petén, Guatemala. August 16.
- 2012 “Capitalismo, NAFTA y Migración.” Hora Campesina on Radio Movimiento, 95.9 FM, and Viernes Comunitario. Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), Woodburn, OR. July 13.
- 2011 “Tierra, Migración y Vida: 1999-2009, Resultados Preliminares.” Centro Universitario Departamento de El Petén (CUDEP), Universidad de San Carlos, Santa Elena, Petén, Guatemala. March 21.

Conference Sessions Organized (selected)

- (2025) Co-organizer with Danya Al-Saleh. Solidarity, In Translation. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Detroit, MI.
- 2023 Co-organizer with Cindi Katz. Author Meet’s Critics: Christopher Loperena’s *The Ends of Paradise*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO. March 25.
- 2023 Co-organizer with Wesley Carrasco and Olivia M. Orosco. Telling our own stories? Collaboration and contingency in knowledge production I and II. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO. March 26.
- 2022 Chair and co-organizer, with the AAG Cops Off Campus collective. Cops Off Campus & Everywhere Else I, II, III & IV. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New York, NY; February 25.

- 2019 Organizer and co-chair for two paper sessions, with Juan Herrera and Laura Pulido. Latinx Geographies I & II. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington, DC; April 4.
- 2018 Organizer and co-chair for two paper sessions, with Nik Heynen. Abolition Ecologies I & II. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, LA; April 13.
- 2014 Organizer and co-chair for paper session, with Sharlene Mollett. Geographies of Loss. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress; Chicago, IL; May 22.
- 2013 Organizer and co-chair for paper session, with Jennifer Casolo. Who is a Criminal? Rethinking Rights Claims and Justice in Mesoamerica. Latin American Studies Association (LASA) International Congress; Washington, DC; May 31.

Conference Paper & Panel Participation (selected)

- (2024) Panelist. “Restoring land and people: the place of community engagement.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 16, 2024.
- (2024) Chair. “Research and/as Organizing for Spatial Justice and Grounded Theory.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 17, 2024.
- 2024 Panelist, Abolition, Reparations, Investment, Safety (ARIS) Study Circle Delegate. “Censored Curricula and Carceral Campuses: What is a democratic response?” Through the Portal: Growing the World We Want. September 21, 2024.
- 2024 “Rethinking accountability in scholar-activism across unequal power relations.” Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress, Bogotá, Colombia, June 13.
- 2023 Discussant. “Refusing the imaginaries of violence through pedagogical possibilities.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO; March 23.
- 2023 “Who are we accountable to? On the possibilities and threats of exclusion in co-producing knowledge.” Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Denver, CO; March 26.
- 2022 “Questioning de/colonial legacies in the struggle for environmental rights.” Panelist. Latin American Studies Association International Congress. San Francisco, CA. May 7.
- 2022 “Cops Off Campus and Everywhere Else I.” Moderator. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New York, NY (Virtual); February 25.
- 2021 “How Not To Be Complicit In the Datafication of Environmental Injustice.” Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Seattle, WA (Virtual); April 9.
- 2019 “Settler Colonialism Across Latinidades.” Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington, DC. April 4.
- 2019 “Enough!” Panelist. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Washington, DC. April 3.

Conference Paper & Panel Participation (selected)

- 2018 “Author Meets Critics: Green Wars.” Author. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, LA. April 13.
- 2018 “Site Fight! Towards the end of immigrant detention on Tacoma’s Tar Pits (and everywhere else).” Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, LA. April 13.
- 2018 “Latinx Geographies III: Envisioning Latinx Geographies.” Panelist. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, LA. April 12.
- 2018 “Feminist Methodologies in Researching Migration Management.” Panelist. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), New Orleans, LA. April 11.
- 2017 “Sexuality and Space Keynote: Treva Ellison: Rethinking Homonormativity - Spatializing Theories of Gender and Sexuality.” Discussant. Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), Boston, MA; April 8.
- 2017 “When Knowing Your Rights is Not Enough: A Hunger Strikers Handbook.” National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS), Irvine, CA; March 23.
- 2016 “Mexico’s Southern Border Plan: Racialized rightlessness in the 21st century migrant management regime.” Dis/placing the Borders of North America. McMaster University; Hamilton, ON, Canada; October 13.
- 2016 With Libby Lunstrum. “Where is difference dangerous? Conservation displacement as a security strategy.” Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation (PE-3C). Wageningen, The Netherlands, July 7.
- 2016 “Locking In: On the intimate geopolitics of activism.” Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, CA; March 29.
- 2016 With Libby Lunstrum. “Difference is dangerous: Conservation displacement as a security strategy.” Annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers (AAG), San Francisco, CA; March 31.
- 2015 With Isaura L. Peña. “We don’t need money, we need to be together: Families across the US-Mexican border.” Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Chicago, IL; April 23.
- 2015 “Central American ‘Crisis’ Revisited.” Panelist. Annual meeting of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Chicago, IL; April 22.

Workshops & Community Conversations

- 2024 “Solidarity After Ceasefire: How to think beyond crisis and protest-oriented demands.” Moderator for panel discussion with speakers from Samidoun Seattle and SUPER UW, sponsored by UW Comparative History of Ideas (CHID). Seattle, WA, January 17.
- 2023 “Ruth Conniff with Megan Ybarra: How an American Crisis Brought Midwestern Dairy Farmers and Mexican Workers Together.” Town Hall Seattle and University of Washington, Seattle, WA. April 26.

Workshops & Community Conversations

- 2022 “Spatial Analytics and Abolitionist Futures” Moderator with Puck Lo, Erin McElroy, and Tim Stallman. AAG Socialist and Critical Geography Abolition working group. November 4, published as: <https://vimeo.com/768188213>
- 2022 “Tips on Applying for a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship” Panelist. UW McNair Scholars Program. August 12.
- 2021 “Defund/Disarm or Reform? UW Police: What’s Been Done, and What’s Next?” Panelist. UW Faculty Council on Multicultural Affairs and UW Faculty Council on Student Affairs. Seattle, WA. March 1, published at: https://youtu.be/_QotXL_9srs?t=6
- 2021 Moderator and co-organizer, “Protecting Culture and Tribal Treaty Rights,” Zoom webinar, hosted by The Conversation of Tacoma, UW American Indian Studies, and the Puyallup Tribe. February 20, published at: <https://youtu.be/obwI3AARn4Q>
- 2021 Moderator, “Taking Our Power Back: Indigenous Sovereignty and Pipeline Politics,” Zoom webinar, hosted by Seattle 350. February 18, 2021, published at: <https://youtu.be/msXO-ruT4G0>
- 2020 Organizer and moderator, “Mutual Aid in Abolitionist Practice and the #CopsOffCampus Movement” webinar with Dean Spade, Angélica Cházaro and Chandan Reddy. University of Washington, Seattle; December 1.
- 2020 “Tacoma LNG Resistance on Environmental Injustice.” Panelist. Racial Justice is Climate Justice webinar, hosted by 350 Seattle. Seattle, WA. October 4, published at: <https://youtu.be/fgxs6R0iJac>
- 2020 “Border Panic! And Contagion.” Panelist. Red May webinar. Seattle, WA. May 31.
- 2020 “The Covid Crisis and the Carceral State.” Panelist. Red May webinar. Seattle, WA. May 30.
- 2020 “COVID-19 Impact on the Latino Community of Pierce County.” Panelist for webinar hosted by Centro Latino, Tacoma, WA. May 5.
- 2020 “Solidarity with Incarcerated Communities.” Panelist for webinar hosted by Washington Environmental Council, Seattle, WA, March 26.
- 2019 “What does Public Scholarship Produce? Artifacts & Evidence.” Social Justice in Campus/Community Partnerships. Panelist. UW Center for Communication, Difference & Equity. October 11.
- 2019 “Immigrant Justice under the Trump administration.” Social Justice Tuesdays. Panelist. UW Law School. Seattle, WA. October 1.
- 2019 “In-reach before Outreach” Environmental Justice Conference. Panelist. UW College of the Environment. Seattle, WA. April 19.

TEACHING

CoursesAssociate / Assistant Professor, Geography, University of Washington*Graduate Seminars*

Communication as Interdisciplinary Study (2025)	COMM 296
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Undergraduate Courses

Environmental Justice (2025)	COMM TBD
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Associate / Assistant Professor, Geography, University of Washington*Graduate Seminars*

Critical Race & Anticolonial Geographies (2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2024)	GEOG 576
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Indigenous Methodologies, co-facilitated with Jean Dennison (2020, 2022)	AIS 576
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Abolition Geographies Microseminar for visit of Dr. Ruth Wilson Gilmore to UW, co-facilitated with Edd Parks (Blaq Elephant Party), Melanie Malone (UW Bothell) and JM Wong (Free Them All WA and Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Awareness Group Family) (2021)	HUM 597
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Undergraduate Courses

Microseminar: The Quest for Environmental and Climate Justice for visit of Dr. Robert Bullard to UW	ENVIR 497
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Race, Nature & Power (2016, 2018, 2019, 2024)	GEOG 472
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Geographies of Environmental Justice (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023)	GEOG 272
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Geographies of the Developing World (2015, 2020, 2023)	GEOG / JSIS 335
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Latinx Migrations (2019, 2022)	GEOG 403
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Abolition Geographies (2021, 2022)	GEOG 404
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Borderlands: Gender, Race & Place (2016)	GEOG295
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Co-Curricular Facilitation

Abolition Institute for BIPOC and/or formerly incarcerated undergraduate students across the UW campuses, co-facilitated with Dian Million, Chandan Reddy, and Stephanie Smallwood (2020, 2021)	(no course credit, student compensation)
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Assistant Professor, Politics, Willamette University*Undergraduate Courses*

Transnational Labor Politics | 40+ hours with community partners (2014)

Borderlands/Fronteras College Colloquium (2013)

Politics in the Developing World (2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010)

Political Ecology (2013, 2011)

Latin American Politics (2013, 2011)

Latin American Revolutions (2013)

Social & Environmental Justice | 40+ hours with community partners (2012)

Senior Thesis in Politics (2013, 2012, 2011)

Graduate Student Instructor, Environmental Science, Policy & Management, UC Berkeley
 Environmental Justice | 40+ hours with community partners (2010)
 Society and Environment (2009)

Graduate Mentoring & Advising

In Progress – Chair

Sai Ahmed. PhD; Geography. *Awarded 3-year NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2023*
 Wesley Carrasco, PhD; Geography. *Awarded 3-year NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2022*
 Anna Fernandez, PhD; Geography.
 Diego Martinez-Lugo, PhD; Geography. *Awarded 1-year UW Graduate Student Equity & Excellence Fellowship, 2023*
 Olivia Orosco, PhD; Geography. *Awarded 3-year Ford Foundation Fellowship, 2021*

Completed PhDs – Chair

Edgar Sandoval. PhD; Geography. 2021. “Landscapes of Violence: Latinx migrants navigating life in Chicagoland.” *Awarded NSF Doctoral Dissertation Grant; post-doctoral fellowship and tenure-track position in Latino/a Studies, Williams College*

Completed MAs – Chair

Sai Ahmed, MA; Geography. 2024. Co-chair with Carrie Freshour. MA, Geography. “Convergence: Building towards future fluidities.”
 Wesley Carrasco, MA; Geography. 2022. “Cracks in the Concrete Jungle: Indigenous Urban Resistance in Diaspora.” *Awarded 1-year UW Alfonso Carlos Peña Fellowship, 2021*
 Olivia Orosco, MA; Geography. 2022. “Se Pesa’: Structural Uncaring in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Caregivers’ Kinships of Care. *Awarded 1-year UW GO-MAP fellowship, 2020; Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship*
 Ken Wolkin, MA; Geography. 2022. “Parallel Disentanglement: Treaty-based navigation of settler-Indigenous governance politics.”
 Edgar Sandoval. MA; Geography. 2017. “UndocuQueer Disidentifications: ‘Being undocumented and gay, just like death, means having to navigate between two worlds.’” *Awarded UW Top Scholar fellowship; 3-year NSF Graduate Research Fellowship; Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship.*
 Amelia Schwartz. MA; Geography. 2020. “Indigenous Nations’ Access to Geospatial Climate Data: The case of the Lummi Nation.” *Analyst, Washington State Department of Ecology*

In Progress – Committee Member

Cristian Aguilar Valverde. PhD, Multicultural Education.
 Alike Bourgette. PhD, History.
 Soohyung Hur. PhD, Geography.

Completed – PhD Committee Member

Isaac Javier Rivera. PhD, Geography. 2023. “Mapping the Terms of Freedom and the Ongoing Refusal of Settler Imaginaries.”
 Elizabeth Shoffner. PhD, Geography. 2022. “Relational Conservation Territories: Racialized property regimes, negotiated rights and environmental management in the *Selva Misionera*.”

- Elizabeth Ramírez Arreola. PhD, Gender, Women & Sexuality Studies. 2022. “*Quieren Mi Labor Más No Mi Intelecto* They Want My Hands Not My Brains: Mapping the gendered and racialized journeys of adult English learner immigrant Latin American Women in the US higher education system.”
- Rae Jing Han. PhD, Multicultural Education. 2022. “Designing Justice-Centered and Intersectional Environmental and Climate Learning across a professional network.”
- Will McKeithen PhD, Geography. 2020. “Life in Prison: Health, Care and Biopolitics in the Neoliberal Penitentiary.”
- Verónica Guajardo. PhD; Information Science. 2018. “UndocuLives: Understanding the information behavior, needs and networks of Undocustudents in higher education.”

Completed – MA/MS Committee Member

- Hanover Madison Vale. MA, Geography. 2023. “Collapsing Moments: Confronting anti-Black logics in the Philippines’ anti-colonial archive.”
- Gregory T. Woolston. MS in Architecture (Theory and History). 2020. “Reading the White Spatial Imaginary in the Redevelopment of Yesler Terrace.”
- Andrew Romero. MA; Geography. 2017. “Permission to Participate: Incorporating Alaska Native Participation on Resource Governance in Alaska through Alaska Native Corporations.”
- Isaac Fones. MA; International Studies. 2016. “Selective Listening: Why US policymakers did not securitize Colombia’s internal displacement crisis.”

In Progress – External Committee Member

Jess Martinez. PhD, Geography; University of Georgia.

Completed – External Committee Member

Betsabé Piña Morales. 2022. “Prácticas de conservación y protección del patrimonio biocultural en Yanhuítlán, Oaxaca. El caso del Geoparque de la Mixteca Alta.” Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social (Center for Research and Higher Education in Social Anthropology, Mexico City, Mexico) Qualifying Exams only.

Undergraduate Mentoring

(faculty supervisor for students awarded funding only; does not include internship advising, independent studies or 20+ undergraduate theses supervised at Willamette University)

- 2020 – 2021 UW Mary Gates Leadership Scholarship. Mentor for Navon Al-Tareek Morgan, Black Student Union.
- 2019 – 2020 “And Still We Rise: We are all the ‘Other’ in the PNW.” Racquel West, Undergraduate Honors Thesis in Geography. UW Center for the Study of the Pacific Northwest.
- 2018 – 2020 McNair Scholars Program. Faculty supervisor for Racquel West.
- 2014 Mellon Foundation & WU President’s Innovation Fund: “Latin@ Rights in the Willamette Valley”
 Maria D. Hernández. “Broken Laws, Families Separated, Unprotected Workers: Searching for justice for the Latin@ community in Oregon.”
 Isaura L. Peña. “Tangled in the Barbed Wire: Immigration and deportations.”
 Guadalupe Mosqueda-Franco. “*Delito ser madre* | Is it a crime to be a mother?”

Undergraduate Mentoring

- 2013 Willamette University Carson Undergraduate Research Grant
Noor Amr. “Beyond Tahrir: Gender, Justice and the Nation in Egypt.”
- 2012 Willamette University Carson Undergraduate Research Grant
Karin Elena Wimberger. “Generational Impacts on Civil Disobedience: How the legacy of a dictatorship has influenced current student activism in Chile.”
- 2011 Willamette University Liberal Arts Research Collaborative: “Latin American Landscapes”
Elizabeth Calixtro Solano. “The Right to Life: Indigeneity and territoriality in the case of the Maya of Belize.”
Octaviano Chavarín. “Debt-for-Carbon: Implications of voluntary offsets for the developing world.”

SERVICE***Community Engagement***

Board of Trustees member (2017 – present), Secretary (2022 – 2024), Co-Chair (2024 – present); Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund for Activist Scholars
Sponsor, Nuestro Grupo Cultural (“Hispanic Cultural Group”), Clallam Bay Correction Center, for cultural events, lectures, readings and documentaries of the incarcerated Latinx community (2017 – 2019)
Council of Advisors member, CAPACES Leadership Institute (2012 – 2014)
Community Council member, Willamette Academy (2011 – 2014)
International advisor to World Bank Guatemala, evaluation of Land Administration Project I (2011 – 2012)

Academic Service**National Positions & Committees**

Member, Committee for Annual Honors of the American Association of Geographers (AAG). 2021 – 2023 (elected by membership). Committee Chair, 2023 – 2024.
Member, Cops Off Campus Ad-Hoc Working Group, American Association of Geographers (AAG). 2021 – present.
Member, American Association of Geographers (AAG) Arrangements Committee for Annual Meeting in Seattle. 2020 – 2021.
Chair, Latinx Geographies Specialty Group, American Association of Geographers. 2018 – 2020. (elected by membership)
Member, Latinx Geographies Working Group for the American Association of Geographers (2017-2018)

Editorial Responsibilities

Editorial Board member, *The Professional Geographer* (2019 – 2023)
Editorial Board member, *Environment & Planning D: Society and Space* (2019 – present)
International Advisory Board member, *Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography* (2014 – present)

Reviewer

Journal manuscript reviews: + indicates more than one peer review for a journal in a calendar year
Annals of the Association of American Geographers (2017+, 2019, 2022+, 2023, 2024)
Antipode: A Radical Journal of Geography (2013+, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024+)
Climate and Development (2023+)

Conservation & Society (2015)
cultural geographies (2011)
Dialogues in Human Geography (2023, 2024+)
Ethnography (2013)
Environment and Planning D: Society & Space (2018+, 2019, 2020, 2021)
Geoforum (2016; 2018)
Journal of Latin American & Caribbean Anthropology (2017)
Journal of Peasant Studies (2016+, 2012, 2011)
Journal of Research Practice (2014+)
Journal of Rural Studies (2017)
Land Use Policy (2019)
Latino Studies (2023, 2024)
The Professional Geographer (2020, 2021+, 2023+, 2024+)
PoLAR: Political and Legal Anthropology Review (2013)
Resistance: A Journal of Radical Environmental Humanities (2024)
Social & Cultural Geography (2022)
Society & Natural Resources (2011)

Book Manuscript / Proposal Review

University of Arizona Press (2014)
Polity Press (2024)

Grant Proposal Review

National Science Foundation (NSF) Reviewer (2017, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024)

University Service

UCSD University

Executive Committee Member, John Muir College (2024 – present)

UCSD Communication Department

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee (2024 – 2025)

University of Washington College / University

Faculty Coordinator, Sustainability & Environmental Justice minor campus initiative (2023 – 2025)

External committee member, Renewal of Assistant Professor Danya Al-Saleh, Jackson School of International Studies (2024)

Reviewer, UW EarthLab Innovation Grants (2024)

Reviewer, UW Mary Gates Endowment for Students Research Scholarship (2017, 2018, 2019, 2022, 2023, 2024)

Reviewer, UW Royalty Research Fund (2022, 2023 spring and autumn)

Mentor, UW Faculty Development Program for junior women faculty of color (2021 – 2022)

Reviewer, UW Graduate School Selection Committee, Fritz and Boeing Fellowships for International Research and Study (2020)

Member, Planning Committee, UW Environmental Justice Conference (2019 – 2020)

Member; Success, Education and Empowerment for all DREAMers (SEED) Scholarship Committee (2016)

University of Washington Geography Department

Chair, Colloquium Committee (2015 – 2016, 2017 – 2018; 2023 – 2024)

Chair, Geography Search Committee; Assistant Professor of Health Geography (2023). *Resulted in hire of Patricia J. Lopez*

Internal member, Geography Chair Search Committee (2023)

Member, Undergraduate Program Committee (2019 – 2023)

Member, Executive Committee (2015 – 2016; 2018 – 2019; 2022 - 2023)

Chair, Geography Search Committee; Assistant Professor of Urban Geography (2022). *Resulted in hire of Chrystel Oloukoï and Erin McElroy*

Member, Graduate Program Committee (2016 – 2019; 2021 – 2022)

Member, Geography Search Committee; Assistant Professor of Climate & Health (2019 – 2020). *Resulted in hire of Kessie Alexandre*

Chair, Geography Search Committee; Assistant Professor of Race, Migration or Diaspora (2018-2019). *Resulted in hire of Carrie Freshour*

Willamette University

Undergraduate Grants and Awards, committee member (2013 – 2014)

Diversity advisor to search committee for Director of Sustainability (2013)

Sustainability Council, co-curriculum committee member (2012 – 2013)

Search committee member, visiting assistant professor of German (2011 – 2012)

Multicultural Affairs Committee member (2011 – 2012)

University of California, Berkeley

Graduate Admissions Committee member, ESPM Division of Society & Environment (2009)

ESPM Graduate Diversity Council. Society & Environment Division Representative, (2005 – 2006); Secretary (2006 – 2007)

Graduate student search committee representative; Assistant Professor of Science, Technology & Environment (2006)

MEMBERSHIPS

American Studies Association (ASA)

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Languages

English (native)

Spanish (fluent, written & spoken)

Q'eqchi' Maya (very basic, 200 hours language training)

Professional Development

Scholars for Social Justice Study Circle 2023-2024 on Abolition, Reparations, Investment, Safety (ARIS) for scholar-activists engaging campus-based liberation struggles. (Competitive application process.)

Movement Broadcasting Intensive 2023: Creating Audio & Video for Collective Liberation. Intensive series of skill-sharing workshops on creating audio, video, and live broadcasts to support movements for liberation for movement journalists, podcasters and documentarians. (Competitive application process). Run by Migrant Roots Media, Interrupting Criminalization, and Press On.