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Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

University of Michigan - Ann Arbor
Ph.D in American Culture

Ann Arbor, CA
August, 2026 - Present

California State University - Los Angeles
Master of Arts in Latin American Studies
GPA: 3.97

Los Angeles, CA
August, 2024 - May, 2026

California State University - Channel Islands
Bachelor of Arts in Chicana/o Studies, Minor in History
GPA: 3.64

Camarillo, CA
January, 2023 - May, 2024

West Los Angeles College
Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts & Humanities
GPA: 2.93

Culver City, CA
August, 2016 - June, 2019
January, 2022 - December, 2022

Los Angeles Senior High School STEM Magnet

Los Angeles, CA
August, 2013 - June, 2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

20th Century United States, Chicana/o History, Mexican-American History, Latin American History, Central American History, Central American Diaspora in the United States, Labor History, Media Coverage of Marginalized Communities in the United States, Latin American Media Coverage, Media Literacy, History of Gentrification, Critical Race Theory, History of Popular Culture, United States Political History, Latin American Political History

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*A Legacy of Pain: The Immediate News Coverage
of the Guatemalan Inoculation Study*

**California State University
Channel Islands (2023)**

I conducted my own research related to the unveiling of the Guatemalan Inoculation Study from 1946-1948. I analyzed the tone and effort in the coverage by popular publications. I also used the historical context of the relationship between the United States and Guatemala to ground my research.

*Oral Histories of Mexican Survivors
of the 1928 St Francis Dam Disaster*

**California State University
Channel Islands (2023)**

I worked with Dr. Jose Alamillo investigating the impact of the 1928 St. Francis Dam Disaster on the Mexican Community in Santa Paula, CA. Tasks I worked on included looking for maps, creating my own maps, and looking through historical newspapers to find any coverage regarding the Mexican-American community affected by the dam break.

*The Cost of “The American Dream”:
Media, Violence, and Immigration
In American Films from 1983-2009*

**California State University
Los Angeles (2026)**

My masters thesis at CSULA provided historical context and criticism of the journey of immigrants in American films. This project focused on the films *El Norte* (1983), *La Misma Luna* (2007), and *Sin Nombre* (2009). I argue that the effect of humanizing the experiences of immigrants in these films do little to contextualize the conditions that create migration.

PRESENTATIONS

*Delinquent Targets: Pachucas and
the Ventura School for Girls in the 1940s*

**16th Annual CSUCI Student
Research Conference (2024)**

*Testimonios of Student Success Post-Ethnic
Studies Requirements in High Schools
and the CSU's led by Dr. Jennie Luna*

**National Association for
Chicana and Chicano Studies
Conference (NACCS 2024)**

Moderator for Panel: *Tenant Rights, Land
Struggles in the Americas*

**Cal State LA Latin American
Studies 1960-2025: Celebrating
65 Years of Teaching, Scholarship,
and Activism (2025)**

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Honors in Chicana/o Studies

**California State University
Channel Islands (2024)**

Dolphins Guardian Scholars
Graduate with Honors

**California State University
Channel Islands (2024)**

Semester Honors - Fall 2023

**California State University
Channel Islands (2023)**

Latin American Studies Scholarship

**California State University
Los Angeles (2024)**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Los Angeles County, California

2024-2027 School Years

K-12 Substitute Teacher

I am currently a part of the substitute teacher pool for two different districts/agencies: Alhambra Unified School District, Downey Unified School District and Swing Education. I have traveled to diverse teaching and learning environments throughout Los Angeles county. I work with students from K-12, sometimes including SPED students.

Santa Monica Blvd. Community Charter School

2023-2024 School Year

School Site Supervisor/Classroom Aide

I was in charge of watching over students during their recess and lunch periods. I was also occasionally tasked with working one on one with students and/or as classroom aids when necessary.

TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

Latino Male Retreat to Santa Rosa Island, CA -

Oct. 27th, 2023 - Oct. 29th, 2023

*Retreat to disconnect and be in community
with other Latinos in Higher Education*

Study Abroad in Peru -

May 24th, 2024 - June 6, 2024

*Volunteered and visited different
Quechua communities*

Family Trip to Guatemala -

July 24th, 2024 - August 2nd, 2024

*Visiting family members in
different parts of Guatemala*