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## Education

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Ph.D. in Anthropology Graduated: July 2023  
University of California, Irvine  
Graduate Emphasis: Chicano/Latino Studies  
*Dissertation title:* Living in the Shadow of Deferred Action for  
Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Master of Arts in Anthropology Graduated: December 2013  
San Diego State University  
*Thesis title:* In Search of the American Dream:  
Undocumented Youth and the Journey North

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology Graduated: May 2007  
San Diego State University

## Research Areas

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- Eligible individuals of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) who were not able to obtain DACA and undocumented individuals who grew up in the U.S. but were excluded from the program
- Undocumented immigration to the U.S. by unaccompanied minors from Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and El Salvador

## Service

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### Committees

- Anthropology Program Review
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- Student Awards

### Volunteering

- Border Angels: Day laborer outreach program
- DREAMER Center in San Diego: DREAM Act Labs, tutoring, DACA renewal clinics, and conferences/activity planning
- UNIDOS: registering voters in Latino communities

## Memberships

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- Society for Applied Anthropology
  - American Anthropological Association
  - Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists
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## **Publications**

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- Forthcoming. “What’s my name?: Cultural Politics of Name Change Through DACA.” In *To Be Named: How We Colonize or Decolonize Through the Process of Naming*.
- 2023 “Exclusion by Design: The Undocumented 1.5 Generation in the U.S.” In *Bodies at Borders: Analyzing the Objectification and Containment of Migrants at Border Crossing*. Special Issue. In *Frontiers in Sociology*.
- 2020 “Facing COVID-19 as an Undocumented Essential Worker.” In SAPIENS.
- 2020 Sanchez, Linda and Susan Coutin. “Insurgent Collaboration: Sanctuary as Research Practice.” 9(1): 106-110. Critical Interventions forum. In *Departures in Critical Qualitative Research*. University of California Press.
- 2018 “When I got DACA, I was forced to revert to a name I had left behind.” In *The Conversation*.
- 2013 “In Search of the American Dream: Undocumented Youth and the Journey North.” Montezuma Press.

## **Selected Presentations**

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- Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings in Santa Fe, NM: March 2024
- Guest speaker for Researching Cultural Diversity. Colby College. February 2024
- Guest speaker for Graduate Studies Communication class. University of South Alabama. November 2023
- Guest speaker for Advanced Spanish Class. University of South Alabama. October 2023
- Moderator for roundtable of the Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists at the American Anthropological Association Meetings in Seattle, WA: November 2022
- Les Howard Social Justice Series guest speaker at Whittier College: April 2022
- Guest lecturer for Anthropology methods at San Diego State University: April 2022
- Guest speaker for Chicano/Latino class at University of California, Irvine: February 2021
- Panel for immigration class at the University of California, Irvine: February 2020
- Guest lecturer at University of California, Santa Barbara: January 2020
- Guest lecturer at California State, San Bernardino: November 2019
- American Anthropological Association Meetings in San Jose, CA: November 2018
- American Anthropological Association Meetings in Washington, DC: November 2017
- Undocumented Graduate Student Presentation at Cal State Fullerton: September 2016
- Competitive Edge Summer Research Symposium at UCI: August 2016
- Talk for staff at Museum of Man: October 2013

## **Awards**

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- President’s Dissertation Year Fellowship: 2022-2023
- Association of Latina and Latino Anthropologists Student Paper Award: 2021
- Gilbert G. Gonzales Graduate Student Paper Prize: 2021
- Visiting Fellowship at UC San Diego’s Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies in the School of Global Policy and Strategy: 2021-2022
- Associate Dean Fellowship: 2020
- UC Mexus Small Grant: 2018
- Associate Dean Fellowship: 2018
- UC Mexus Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship: 2017
- Ford Fellowship Honorable Mention: 2017
- UC Presidential Fellowship at the University of California, Irvine: 2017
- Cota-Robles Fellowship at the University of California, Irvine: 2016

## Teaching Experience

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University of South Alabama: August 2023- Present

- Assistant Professor of Anthropology
  - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
  - Anthropological Theory
  - Political Anthropology

University of California, Irvine: September 2016-July 2023

- Teaching assistant, discussion sections taught:
  - Anthropology 2A: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology
  - Anthropology 2B: Introduction to Biological Anthropology
  - Anthropology 121AW: Kinship and Social Organization
  - Chicano/a Studies: Introduction to Chicana/o Studies

San Diego Community College District: January 2014- September 2016

- Anthropology Adjunct Professor, classes taught:
  - Anthro 101: Biological Anthropology [Southwestern College]
  - Anthro 102: Cultural Anthropology [Southwestern College and Palomar College]
  - Anthro 103: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology [City College]
  - Anthro 103 (Honors): Introduction to Cultural Anthropology [City College]
  - Anthro 103 (Online): Introduction to Cultural Anthropology [City College]

Juvenile Court and Community Schools: October 2009-January 2016

- Educator at shelters, community schools, court schools, and juvenile hall
- Instruction, creating lesson plans, grading, and coordinating field trips

## Certifications, Trainings, and Programs

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- Canvas Fundamentals Certification, University of South Alabama
- New Faculty Scholars Program, University of South Alabama
- Preparing All Students Socially and Academically for Gainful Employment (PASSAGE), University of South Alabama
- JagSpot and Degree Works, University of South Alabama
- Mentoring Excellence, University of California, Irvine
- Public Speaking for Academics, University of California, Irvine

## References

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