

# Curriculum Vitae

**Gilberto Lopez, ScD, MPH, MA**

Provost's Charter Professor | Assistant Professor

School of Transborder Studies

Arizona State University

**Email:** [Gilberto.Lopez@asu.edu](mailto:Gilberto.Lopez@asu.edu) | **Website:** [El Laboratorio](#)

## Table of Content

[APPOINTMENTS](#)

[EDUCATION](#)

[AWARDS AND HONORS](#)

[GRANTS AWARDED](#)

[PROGRAM OF RESEARCH AND CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP](#)

[RESEARCH DISSEMINATION](#)

[TEACHING](#)

[MENTORSHIP AND STUDENT SUCCESS](#)

[SERVICE and INSTITUTION BUILDING](#)

[PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT](#)

[FELLOWSHIPS](#)

[PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES](#)

## APPOINTMENTS

---

<b>Arizona State University</b>	
(Inaugural) Provost's Charter Professor	2024 – Present
Assistant Professor, School of Transborder Studies	2020 – Present
<b>The Atlantic Institute, Oxford, UK</b>	
Senior Fellow	2020 – Present
<b>UC Merced</b>	
Research Affiliate, Nicotine and Cannabis Policy Center	2020 – 2022
<b>University of Rochester Medical Center</b>	
Research Assistant Professor, Cancer Control	2018 – 2020

## EDUCATION

---

<b>Harvard University T.H. Chan School of Public Health</b>	2018
ScD, Social and Behavioral Sciences	
<b>Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health</b>	2012
MPH, Health, Behavior, and Society	
Certificate, Health Communication	
<b>Southern Methodist University</b>	2009
MA, Medical Anthropology	
<b>Fresno State University</b>	2007
BA, Anthropology	
BA, Chicano Studies	
Minor, Philosophy	
<b>Modesto Junior College</b>	2003
AA, General Education	

## OTHER EDUCATION

---

<b>Oxford University</b>	2025
Creative Nonfiction Writing Summer Program	
<b>University of Puerto Rico</b>	2018
Hispanic Alliance for Clinical and Translational Research	
<b>Dana Farber Cancer Institute</b>	2017
Educational Program in Cancer Prevention	
<b>Harvard Kennedy School of Government</b>	2014
Rappaport Policy Fellows Program	
<b>University of California Los Angeles</b>	2013
Center for Population Health Disparities	
<b>University of California San Diego</b>	2010
Center for Comparative Immigration Studies	

## AWARDS AND HONORS

---

- 2024 Winner: Inspiring Programs in STEM Award. Insight Into Diversity.
- 2024 Winner. ASU Charter Professor Award. Office of the University Provost, Arizona State University.
- 2024 Dr. Manuel Servin Faculty Award. ASU Chicano/Latino Faculty & Staff Association. Awarded to faculty who exemplify achievement in research, mentorship of Hispanic students, and leadership at ASU/the community.
- 2024 Nominee. The Zebulon Pearce Distinguished Teaching Award. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University.
- 2024 Gold Winner. Hermes Creative Awards. Category: Strategic Campaigns – Pandemic Response. For COVIDLatino.org health communication campaign. Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals (AMCP). COVIDLatino Campaign.
- 2024 Gold Winner. Healthcare Advertising Awards. Category: COVID Marketing Campaign. COVIDLatino Campaign.
- 2024 Winner. National Health Information Awards. COVIDLatino Campaign.
- 2024 Gold Winner. DANDA Awards in Design + Aesthetics. COVIDLatino Campaign.
- 2023 Nominee. The Zebulon Pearce Distinguished Teaching Award. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Arizona State University.
- 2022 Winner: Los Angeles Film Awards. For Super Vaccine Vato animation.
- 2022 Winner: Los Angeles Animation Film Festival. For Super Vaccine Vato.
- 2022 Semifinalist: Miami short Film Festival. For Super Vaccine Vato.
- 2022 Semifinalist: Georgia Latino International Film Festival. For Super Vaccine Vato.
- 2022 Honorable Mention: Nassau Film Festival. For Super Vaccine Vato.
- 2021 Outstanding Faculty Mentor Award (nominee). Arizona State University.

## GRANTS AWARDED

---

### **Flagship Program: Culturally Tailored Health Communication (~\$370,000)**

- 1. Addressing COVID-19 in Minoritized Communities across Arizona.** Tohono O’odham Nation COVID-19 Relief Grant, 2021.
  - **Co-PI. \$118,125.**
  - Community-based partnership producing Latino-focused COVID-19 information campaigns.
- 2. From Research to Impact: Communicating Culturally Tailored COVID-19 Risk Management Information to Latinos in Arizona.** Research Investment Grant, ASU Knowledge Enterprise, 2021.
  - **Co-PI. \$104,850.**
  - Mixed-methods study on culturally tailored health messaging for Spanish-speaking communities.
- 3. The COVID-19 Health Animation Project.** Atlantic Institute, Rhodes Trust (Oxford, UK), 2020.
  - **Principal Investigator. £5,000 (~\$6,250).**
  - Produced multilingual animated videos explaining COVID-19 prevention and vaccination across Latin America.
- 4. The COVID-19 Health Animation Project—Children’s Mental Health.** Atlantic Institute, Rhodes Trust (Oxford, UK), 2020.
  - **Co-I. £5,000 (~\$6,250).**

- Created culturally sensitive animated mental health materials for children during the pandemic.
- 5. Understanding the Social Determinants of the COVID-19/Tobacco Link: Survey of Central Valley Latinos.** Tobacco-Related Disease Research Program (TRDRP) COVID-19 Seed Grant, University of California Office of the President, 2020.
  - **Co-I. \$25,000.**
  - Survey study linking tobacco use, health risk perception, and COVID-19 outcomes among Latino populations in California’s Central Valley.
- 6. Explanatory Models of COVID-19 among Latinos in Central California.** Nicotine and Cannabis Policy Center, University of California, Merced, 2020.
  - **Co-I. \$6,000.**
  - Explored local and cultural explanations of COVID-19 risk among agricultural Latino workers in California.

**Extension 1: Environmental and Climate Communication (~\$133,000)**

- 1. Agua es Vida: An Interactive Exhibit.** Impact Water-Arizona, 2024.
  - **Principal Investigator. \$54,000.**
  - Developed a bilingual public exhibit integrating XR, data visualization, and storytelling to increase environmental literacy and water stewardship among Latino communities in Arizona.
- 2. Social and Health Inequities Research Training (SHIRT) Program.** Online Undergraduate Research Scholars (OURS), Arizona State University, 2024.
  - **Principal Investigator. \$9,954.**
  - Trained online undergraduates in participatory research methods to examine water issues, conservation behaviors, and communication strategies among Latino communities in Arizona.
- 3. Agua es Vida: Engaging Latino Communities and their Knowledge on Water Issues in Arizona.** Impact Water-Arizona, 2023.
  - **Co-Investigator. \$50,000.**
  - Community-engaged research documenting Latino and Indigenous perspectives on water issues across Arizona.

**Extension 2: Scientific Training Pipelines (~\$770,000)**

- 1. ASU Migratory Student Summer Academy (MSSA).** Arizona Department of Education, Migrant Education Program.
  - **Co-PI (2022-present).**
    - 2025: \$150,768
    - 2024: \$239,113
    - 2023: \$178,939
    - 2022: \$200,000
  - MSSA is an annual one-week STEM enrichment program funded by the Arizona Department of Education for high-school-aged children of migratory seasonal farmworkers. MSSA combines leadership workshops, hands-on learning, and cultural enrichment to promote college readiness and success.
- 2. Barriers and Challenges in Grant Writing among Small NGOs in the Global South: Implications for the Use of Artificial Intelligence.** Atlantic Institute, Rhodes

Trust (Oxford, UK), 2023.

- **Co-PI. £50,000 (~\$62,500).**
- Pilot study exploring digital inequities and AI-assisted capacity building for community organizations.

### **Emerging Extension: Substance Use Risk Communication (~\$9,000)**

**2. Social and Health Inequities Research Training (SHIRT) Program—Cannabis Use Among Latino Young Adults.** Online Undergraduate Research Scholars (OURS), Arizona State University, 2023.

- **Principal Investigator. \$8,820.**
- Supported undergraduate-led research on cannabis beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors among Latino young adults, including a market scan of dispensaries in Arizona.

## **PROGRAM OF RESEARCH AND CREATIVE SCHOLARSHIP**

---

### **Culturally Grounded Communication as Research, Intervention, and Public Scholarship**

My scholarship is organized around a unified research agenda examining how culturally grounded communication can function as both an empirical research approach and a public intervention to reduce inequities in health, environmental risk, and educational access. This program is anchored by a flagship initiative in culturally tailored health communication and extended through parallel applications in environmental communication, science training pipelines, and emerging public health risk domains.

### **Flagship Program: Culturally Tailored Health Communication**

#### **1. COVIDLatino health communication campaign – Principal Investigator and Founding Director. (2020 – 2024).**

Conceptualized and directed a nationally recognized culturally tailored health communication initiative integrating social science research, visual art, and digital media production to address COVID-19 disparities among Latino communities. The campaign developed and elevated culturally grounded messaging interventions using participatory research and behavioral science frameworks, generating multiple peer-reviewed publications and national juried creative awards. Website: [covidlatino.org](https://covidlatino.org).

#### **2. Arizona CEAL COVID Consortium – Co-Investigator. (2021 – 2024).**

NIH-funded collaborative research initiative focused on improving COVID-19 awareness and trust among Latino, American Indian, and African American communities. Contributed expertise in Spanish-language health communication and culturally tailored message design. Website: [AZCEAL](https://AZCEAL.org).

### **Extension 1: Environmental and Climate Communication**

**1. Agua es Vida: Latino Perspectives on Water and Water Equity in Arizona – Co Investigator. (2023-2024).**

Community-engaged mixed-methods study examining Latino beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors related to water use, conservation, and institutional trust in the Phoenix metropolitan area. The project included surveys, focus groups, and in-depth interviews. I led the qualitative interview component and authored the integrated research report. Findings informed development of the Agua es Vida public scholarship exhibit.

**2. Agua es Vida: Research-to-Exhibit Public Scholarship Initiative – Principal Investigator. (2024-2025).**

PI-led bilingual research-translation project developing an interactive environmental communication exhibit installed in the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado Audubon Center. The exhibit helps audiences understand where Arizona’s water comes from, how it is used and recycled, and key water equity and sustainability challenges facing the state. Website: [Aguaesvida.info](http://Aguaesvida.info).

**Extension 2: Scientific Training Pipelines and Knowledge Equity**

**1. ASU Migratory Student Summer Academy (MSSA) – Co-Director. (2022-2025).**

Co-direct an annual one-week residential STEM academy funded by the Arizona Department of Education for high-school students from migratory seasonal farmworker families. MSSA integrates leadership workshops, hands-on instruction, and cultural enrichment to promote college readiness and educational equity. Website: [MSSA](http://MSSA).

**2. Social and Health Inequities Research Training (SHIRT) Program – Director. (2021-Present).**

Founder and Director of SHIRT, a research-training pipeline at ASU’s School of Transborder Studies guiding students through all phases of community-engaged research—from design to dissemination. The program develops emerging scholars committed to advancing social and health equity.

**3. Cien Cerebritos Initiative – Pilot (2023).**

A mentoring pilot program broadening access to graduate education for first-generation and economically disadvantaged students. Modeled after the Ronald E. McNair Program.

**4. Barriers and Challenges in Grant Writing among Small NGOs in the Global South: Implications for the Use of Artificial Intelligence – Co-PI. (2023).**

Pilot study funded by the Atlantic Institute (Oxford, UK) exploring digital inequities and AI-enabled capacity building among community organizations.

**Emerging Extension: Substance Use Risk Communication**

**1. Cannabis Health Education Initiative – Director. (2024 – Present).**

Sampled 300 Latino young adults across Arizona to better understand beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors concerning cannabis use. The insights gained from this data were used to develop an effective health education campaign aimed at dispelling myths, enhancing understanding of cannabis health implications, and improving the well-being and decision-making capabilities of young Latino adults.

## RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

---

### Peer-Reviewed Publications

NOTE: \*Denotes Student/Trainee

15. Oesterle, S; Ayers, S; Wolfersteig, W; Rodriguez, N; Kirley, M; Herbert Williams, J; **Lopez, G**; Davidson, R; Goodman, S; Tilburt, J; Sabo, S; Parthasarathy, S. (2025). "A Practice-Based Evaluation of a Community-Partnered, Culturally Tailored Long COVID Awareness Campaign in Arizona." *Health Promotion Practice* (Under Review).
14. **Lopez, G.** (2025) "Planting a Seed." *Science*. (Essay; in press).
13. "Understanding Social Media Vaccine Messaging: A Discreet Choice Experiment on Visual Preferences." (2025). Abascal, L; Comfort, A; **Lopez, G**; Riley, A; Valli, J; Epperson, A; Diamond-Smith, N. *JAMA Network Open* (R&R).
12. Jin, X; Wei, F; Kandala, S; **Lopez, G**; Laubichler, M; Bils, T; Li, R. (2025). "[The Impact of Culturally Tailored Video Interventions for Long COVID Among Hispanic/Latino Populations.](#)" *Health Education & Behavior* (R&R).
11. Ignacio, M; Antone, Q; Antone, F; Cano, M; Mercado, M; Voelkel, H; Ore, CE; Chavarria-Leslie, IM; Jose, ER; Lopez, G. (2025). "[COVID-19 health impacts among Indigenous adults living on Tribal land in Arizona.](#)" *Journal of Rural Mental Health*. Advanced Online Publication.
10. Ignacio, M; Oesterle, S; Rodriguez-Gonzalez, N; **Lopez, G**; Ayers, S; Carver, A; Wolfersteig, W; Williams, HJ; Sabo, S; Parthasarathy, S. (2024). "[Limited awareness of Long COVID despite common experience of symptoms among African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, and Indigenous adults in Arizona.](#)" *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. 12(5): 3013-3023.
9. Mercado, M; **Lopez, G**; Ignacio, M; Ayers, S; Carver, A; Hamm, K; Wolfersteig, W; Oesterle, S. (2024). "[Hesitant or Confident: A Qualitative Study Examining Latinos' Perceptions of COVID-19 Vaccines in Arizona.](#)" *Health Education & Behavior*. 51(4): 512-520.
8. \*Straus, A; \*Sharma, N; Mattie, H; Pine, KH; **Lopez, G.** (2023). "[Examining the Relationship between Rurality, Risk Perception, and COVID-19 Vaccine Willingness among Rural Latinos in Arizona and California.](#)" *Journal of Community Health*. 48(6): 945-950.

7. Ignacio, M; Oesterle, S; Mercado, M; Carver, A; **Lopez, G**; Wolfersteig, W; Ayers, S; Ki, S; Hamm, K; Parthasarathy, S; Sabo, S; Doubeni, C. (2022). "[Narratives from Hispanic/Latinx, American Indian/Alaskan Native, and African-American/Black Community Members in Arizona to Enhance COVID-19 Vaccine Trust and Confidence](#)". *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*. 46: 140-152.
6. Tran A, Kaplan JA, Austin SB, Davison K, **Lopez G**, Agenor M. (2020). "[It's all outward appearance-based attractions:](#)" a qualitative study of body image among a sample of young gay and bisexual men. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*. 2020.
5. Gilmore N, Canin B, Whitehead M, Sedenquist M, Griggs L, Finch L, Grossman V, Targia V, Wells M, Kamen C, Flannery M, Magnuson A, Plumb S, Obrecht S, Lowenstein L, **Lopez G**, Anderson J, Berenberg J, Vogel V, Bearden J, Dale W, Mohile S. (2019). "[Engaging Older Patients and Caregivers in Cancer Research](#)." *Cancer*. 2019. 125(23): 4124-33.
4. Sharif M, Albert S, Chan-Golston A, **Lopez G**, Kuo A, Prelip M, Ortega A, and Glik D. (2017). "[Community Residents' Perceptions about Neighborhood Corner Stores in Two Latino Communities: Implications for Interventions to Improve the Food Environment](#)." *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*. 2017. 12(3): 342-51.
3. Smith-Morris C, **Lopez G**, Ottomanelli L, Goetz L, and Dixon-Lawson K. (2014). "[Ethnography, Fidelity and the Evidence Anthropology Adds: Supplementing the Fidelity Process in a Clinical Trial of Supported Employment](#)." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. 2014. 28(2): 141-61.
2. **Lopez G**. (2010). "[Forging a Biomedical Paradigm: Politics and Illness in Rural Mexico](#)." *Journal of Contemporary Anthropology*. 2010. 1(2): 21-32.
1. **Lopez, G**. (2007). "Why are we so fat?" Mexican Immigrant Perceptions of Obesity in California's Central Valley. *Proceedings of the Southwestern Anthropological Association*. 1:47-59.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

1. **Lopez, G**, et al. (Manuscript in preparation).  
 "Evaluating the Impact of a Residential STEM Academy on College Aspirations, STEM Knowledge, and Self-Efficacy among Students from Migratory Farmworker Families."  
 (Analysis of two years of mixed-methods evaluation data from the ASU Migratory Student Summer Academy).
2. **Lopez, G**, et al. (Manuscript in preparation).  
 "Beliefs, Attitudes, and Cannabis-Related Health Behaviors among Latino Young Adults in Arizona." (Analysis of survey data from a statewide sample of 300 Latino young adults).

3. \*Zhang, S; Mattie, H; **Lopez, G.** (Manuscript in preparation).  
“*Long COVID Awareness Among Latino Adults in Arizona: A Survey of Demographic Influences.*” (Analysis of survey data from COVIDLatino study).

### **Book Chapters**

- 2014 Gomez J, **Lopez G,** Vega Perez AD, Nuñez J, and Lopez B (2014) “Management of Chronic Disease: Diabetes and Health Seeking Behavior in a Binational Migrant Community. In [Return Migration, Health, and Sexuality in a Transnational Mexican Community](#). Center for Comparative Immigration Studies. University of California, San Diego. By Wayne A. Cornelius, Alejandra Lizardi-Gomez, Allison Van Vooren, and David Keyes (Eds.).
- 2013 Calvario R, Duncan W, Enriquez D, **Lopez G,** and Salgado H (2013) “Migration and Mental Health in a Binational Mixteco Community.” In [The Wall Between Us: A Mixteco Migrant Community in Mexico and the United States](#). Lynne Rienner Publishers. By David FitzGerld; Jorge Hernandez Diaz; and David Keyes (Eds.).
- 2013 Smith-Morris C, **Lopez G,** Ottomanelli L, and Goetz L, (2013) “Narrating a Return to Work After Spinal Cord Injury.” In [Reframing Disability and Quality of life: A Global Perspective](#). Narelle Warren and Lenore Manderson (Eds). Springer Publishing.

### **Public-facing Publications**

- 2021 Grijalva, R.; Makhlof, M; Srinivas, M; and **Lopez, G.** “[An Equitable distribution of COVID-19 vaccine must include noncitizens](#)” (Op-Ed). The Hill. January 26.

### **Reports**

Authored and co-authored reports that capture the outcomes of key projects and initiatives. These reports encompass rigorous evaluations and case studies presented to stakeholders and funders.

- 2025 Migratory Student Summer Academy—Final Report Summer 2025. Report presented to the Arizona Department of Education.
- 2024 Migratory Student Summer Academy—Final Report Summer 2024. Report presented to the Arizona Department of Education.
- 2023 Migratory Student Summer Academy—Final Report Summer 2023. Report presented to the Arizona Department of Education.
- 2022 Migratory Student Summer Academy—Final Report Summer 2022. Report presented to the Arizona Department of Education.
- 2019 Case study of the Applied Leadership Network. Report presented to the Annie E. Casey Foundation, by WestEd.
- 2016 Evaluation of the American Evaluation Association 2016 Conference Design Loft Sessions. Report presented to American Evaluation Association president.
- 2012 “Enfrentando Temores: Una historia sobre el poder de la Amistad y la familia ante el cancer de seno”. Photonovella designed for The Johns Hopkins Center for Cancer Disparaties.
- 2012 “Mixtec Migration and Social Integration.” Prepared as an expert witness report for the Executive Office for Immigration Review. February.
- 2010 “Baylor Peak Street Clinic Shared Medical Appointment: Final Report” Report prepared for and presented to Central Dallas Ministries. Dallas, TX. June.

- 2009 “Ethnographic Evaluation of the Spinal Cord Injury-Vocational Integration Program” (with Carolyn Smith-Morris, PhD). Report prepared for and presented to the Department of Veterans Affairs Dallas VA Medical Center. Dallas, TX. June.
- 2008 “Necesidades Básicas de las Promotoras de Salud en Emilio Carranza” [Translation: *Felt Needs of Emilio Carranza’s Volunteer Health Assistants*]. Report prepared for, and presented to, the Rayones Municipal Government. Rayones, Nuevo León (MEX). June.

**Other (newspaper, TV, radio)**

- 2024 [“These AZ groups are honoring Hispanic Heritage Month with community celebrations and civic engagement.”](#) Interview with The Copper Courier.
- 2024 [“Children of seasonal workers explore STEM subjects at ASU summer academy.”](#) Interview with ASU News.
- 2024 [“Inspirar a Jovenes estudiantes, el objetivo del astronauta Latino Jose Hernandez en la ASU.”](#) Interview with Univision Arizona.
- 2024 [“‘Never give up on yourself’: Former astronaut inspires students from farmworker families.”](#) Interview with Arizona Republic
- 2024 [“Children of migrant farm workers dream big with ASU summer camp.”](#) Interview with ABC15 AZ.
- 2024 [“Programa educa sobre COVID-19 con lenguaje adaptado a la cultura Latina.”](#) Interview with Voz de America. April.
- 2024 [“Long COVID impacts Latinos at a higher rate.”](#) Interview with PBS Horizonte. April.
- 2024 [“Las secuelas del COVID-19.”](#) Interview with Prensa Arizona Podcast. April.
- 2024 [“COVID en Arizona afecta a los Latinos.”](#) Vision Latina News. April.
- 2024 [“Health communication program brings LongCOVID awareness to Latinos.”](#) ASU News. March.
- 2024 [“Latinos experiencing effects of LongCOVID.”](#) Arizona Horizon, PBS. February.
- 2022 [Case Study](#) of COVIDLatino written by World Health Organization
- 2022 [“Super Vaccine Vato Short film, Audience Feedback](#) from 2022 Comedy Fest.”
- 2022 [“Informacion sobre el COVID-19 culturalmente adaptada para Latinos”](#). Interview with El Planeta. March 8, 2022.
- 2022 [Tanya Alderete](#) interview on HealthCare UnTold Podcast. February.
- 2022 [Lalo Alcaraz](#) interview on HealthCare UnTold Podcast. February.
- 2022 [Students interview](#) on HealthCare UnTold Podcast. January.
- 2021 [“Vaccine Promoters Struggle to Get People Boosted in California’s Fields”](#). Interview with Kaiser Health News. December 20, 2021.
- 2021 [HealthCare UnTold Podcast interview](#). December 2021.
- 2021 [“COVID misinformation is rampant among California Latinxs. One artist is fighting back.”](#) Interview with Fresno Bee. October 29, 2021.
- 2021 [“¿Que tan crucial es la vacunacion para contner el avance del COVID-19?”](#). Interview with Voz de America. August 14.
- 2021 [“Un dibujante Latino utiliza su arte para fomentar la vacunacion contra el COVID-19.”](#) NBC News piece on our COVID campaign.
- 2021 [“ASU Professor Uses Art to Educate Latino Community about COVID-19”](#). Interview with KJZZ Radio (AZ NPR). May 4.

- 2021 [“ASU professor creates public health messages through art for Latinx community”](#). Interview with CBS Arizona (3TV/CBS5). April 23.
- 2021 [“Barbers, artists help defy vaccine myths for people of color”](#). Interview with Associated Press. April 14.
- 2021 [“Latinx COVID Education”](#). Interview with Cronkite News. April 5.
- 2021 [“Data shows more white seniors in Arizona are getting COVID-19 vaccines than seniors of color. The inequity could get worse.”](#) Interview with Arizona Republic. February 25.
- 2021 [“Las barreras que enfrentan los Hispanos en EEUU para poder vacunarse contra el COVID-19.”](#) Interview for Telemundo Arizona. February 16.
- 2021 [“Latinos face barriers like fear, language in getting vaccine.”](#) Interview for The Associated Press. February 16.
- 2020 [“COVID019 Para la Comunidad Hispana/LatinX.”](#) Town hall forum on COVID-19 for Spanish speakers. Mayo Clinic. December,
- 2020 [“Latino leaders urge better promotion of free virus tests.”](#) Interview for The Associated Press. Printed in The Washington Post and New York Times. August 1, 2020.
- 2020 [“The impact of the coronavirus pandemic on Latinos.”](#) Interview on Horizonte, Arizona PBS. May 13.
- 2020 [“Pandemic Hitting Latino Communities Especially Hard.”](#) Interview with ASU Now. May 7.

## TEACHING

### Arizona State University [Instructor]

1. Intro to Latino Studies (2023, 2024, 2025) - undergraduate
2. Latino/a Health Issues (2022, 2023) - undergraduate
3. Theories and Methods in Transborder Research (2024) - graduate
4. Migration and Health (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026) - undergraduate
5. Transborder Practicum (2021) - undergraduate
6. Special Topics: Health Equity Research (2021, 2022) – undergraduate/graduate

## MENTORSHIP AND STUDENT SUCCESS

### Graduate Mentorship

1. **Rylie Seidl** 2022 - Present  
 Dissertation Committee Chair  
 Topic: The impact of carcerality on the embodied health of migrants on the US-Mexico Border in Arizona.  
 PhD student in Transborder Studies. Arizona State University.
2. **Jazmin Gamboa** 2023 - 2024  
 Thesis Committee Co-Chair  
 Title: *COVID-19 Vaccination Hesitancy Among Pregnant People in Arizona.*  
 MS student in Justice Studies. Arizona State University.  
 Outcome: Accepted to PhD in Justice Studies at Arizona State University.
3. **Florence Awde** 2021 - 2023

Thesis Committee Chair

Title: *Beliefs, Attitudes, and Understanding of Childhood Cancer Among White and Latino Parents in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area: A Comparative Study.*

MA student in Transborder Studies. Arizona State University.

Outcome: Accepted to MPH program at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health.

4. **Emily Wu** 2021 - 2023  
Research Project Co-Chair  
Research Project: *Beliefs and Awareness of Hospice vs. Palliative Care among Latinos in Arizona.*  
MD Student. Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine - Phoenix

### Undergraduate Thesis Advising

1. **Sandra Casas** 2020 – 2021  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.  
  - Thesis Title: *It's Okay Not to Be Okay: Mental Health in the Latinx Community.*
  - Outcome: Accepted to clinical psych MA at Northern Arizona University.
2. **Christopher Hernandez** 2021 – 2022  
Honors Thesis Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.  
  - Title: *Evaluating Vaccine Hesitancy Among Pregnant People in Arizona.*
  - Outcome: Accepted to MD program at University of Arizona.
3. **Cyrus John Eapenn** 2021 – 2022  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.  
  - Title: *Barriers to Hesitancies to the COVID-19 Vaccination.*
4. **Jazmin Gamboa** 2021 – 2022  
Honor Thesis Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.  
  - Title: *Evaluating Vaccine Hesitancy Amongst Pregnant People in Arizona.*
  - Outcome: Accepted to PhD program in Justice Studies at ASU.
5. **Valeria Perez** 2021 – 2022  
Honors Thesis Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.  
  - Title: *Evaluating Vaccine Hesitancy Amongst Pregnant People in Arizona.*

- Outcome: Accepted to MD program at University of Texas Medical Branch.
6. **Juliana Perez** 2022 – 2023  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.
    - Title: *The Impact of Alzheimer’s Disease on Latinx Populations.*
    - Outcome: Accepted to computational biology PhD program at UC Berkeley.
  7. **Alejandro Peña-Rivera** 2022 – 2023  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.
    - Title: *The Health Effects of Pesticide Exposure on Latino Migrant Farmworker Youth’s Health: A Literature Review.*
  8. **Rashi Magiyawala** 2023 – 2024  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.
    - Title: *Exploring the Influence of Sociopsychological Factors Upon A1C Levels in Prediabetic Latinx Individuals.*
    - Outcome: Accepted to MD program at University of Arizona.
  9. **Isabel Huerta** 2023 – 2024  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.
    - Title: *Health Literacy Among Latinx Adults with Pre-Diabetes in Arizona.*
    - Outcome: Applicant for the Rhodes Scholars Program. Oxford University.
  10. **Paulina Johnson** 2023 – 2024  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.
    - Title: *Neither Here Nor There: Existing in a Cultural Liminal Space.*
    - Outcome: Accepted to Sustainability Solutions MA program at Arizona State University.
  11. **Eleanor Renteria** 2025 – Present  
Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.
    - Title: *Farmworker Health in Central Valley*
  12. **Luis Dominguez Monge** 2025 - Present  
Honors Thesis Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.
    - Topic: *Arizona’s Latino Doctor Training: Beliefs and Attitudes*
  13. **Renee Cardoza Leon** 2025 - Present

Honors Thesis Co-Chair. Barrett, The Honors College. Arizona State University.

- Topic: *Latino Social Inequities gamification*

## **SERVICE and INSTITUTION BUILDING**

---

### **Service to Disciplines**

1. Arizona Community Engagement Alliance (AZ CEAL), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Team. 2021 – 2024.
2. Scientific Advisory Board member for NIH R01 Grant by Maria-Elena Young at UC Merced. 2023 – present.
3. NIH CEAL communication working group. 2021 – 2022.

### **Service to Arizona State University**

1. Arizona State University Faculty Senate. Participate in the governance of the university, contributing to policy decisions that shape the academic and administrative landscape of ASU. (2020-2023, 2023-present).
2. Research and Creative Activities Committee. Served in an advisory capacity on matters concerning research and creative activities across ASU. 2023 – present.
3. Barrett Honors Faculty Council. Develop and formulate policies, recommend honors courses and curricula, and administrative procedures. 2021-2023.
4. Student-Faculty Policy Committee. Serve in a policy-forming and advising capacity in matters governing student conduct. 2021-2023.

### **Service to the School of Transborder Studies**

1. Personnel Advisory Committee (2023, 2024)
2. Arizona State University Faculty Senate. 2020 – present.

### **Other**

1. Mentor for the University of Rochester Latino Medical Student Association.
2. Helped Harvard recruit public health students at Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS).
3. Speaker at Ivy League Project Harvard visits. Program for high-performing under-resourced students of color from around the country.
4. Harvard SACNAS student organization. Co-founder and board member. 2015-2018.
5. Latino Public Health Network. Johns Hopkins. Co-Founder and board member. 2011-2012.
6. 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cal State Student Research Competition. Fresno State University Representative. 2007.
7. Anthropology Student Organization. Co-founder and board member. Fresno State University. 2004-2007.
8. Culture Inscribed: The Newsletter of the Department of Anthropology. Editor. Fresno State University. 2005-2007.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

---

**Climate Change Summit in Colombia:** Participated in a global summit dedicated to addressing climate change challenges. Collaborated with international experts to ideate and strategize on sustainable actions necessary for mitigating climate impact, with a focus on vulnerable populations. Atlantic Institute. Colombia, 2024.

**Community Health Initiatives in Peru:** Engaged in field studies to learn about local community health efforts in Peru. This experience highlighted grassroots health interventions and their success in improving outcomes through community engagement and empowerment. Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity. Peru, 2024.

**Memory and Narrative Workshop in Armenia:** Participated in an immersive learning experience focusing on the use of narrative and storytelling in advancing social equity work. Explored strategies to integrate storytelling effectively in initiatives aimed at social change. Atlantic Institute. Armenia, 2023.

**Health Systems Study in Cuba:** Engaged in a comprehensive study tour to examine Cuba's healthcare system, gaining insights into its history, structure, efficiency, and community impact. This trip provided a comparative perspective on health system organization and community health practices. Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity. Cuba, 2023.

**LGBTQ+ Health Equity Workshop in Miami:** Attending a specialized meeting to deepen understanding of LGBTQ+ health equity issues. Focused on learning innovative approaches to enhancing healthcare accessibility and inclusivity for LGBTQ+ communities. Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity. Miami, 2022.

## FELLOWSHIPS

---

- 2020 Fellow. Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity. Atlantic Institute and The George Washington University.
- 2018 Health Disparities and Translational Research Training Award. Hispanic-In-Research Capability (HiREC), the University of Puerto Rico, and the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities.
- 2017 Cancer Prevention Fellowship, Harvard School of Public Health and Dana Farber Cancer Institute. For training in cancer prevention research.
- 2017 Fellowship, NYU's Faculty First-Look Program. Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development. New York University.
- 2016 Graduate Education Diversity Internship (GEDI) Program, American Evaluation Association. To increase diversity in program evaluation careers.
- 2014 Fellow. Radcliffe/Rappaport Public Policy Doctoral Fellows Program. Harvard University and The Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston.
- 2014 Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship (finalist). Humanity in Action.
- 2013 Summer Research Training Program in Health Disparities Training. UCLA/USC Center for Population and Health Disparities.
- 2012 Latino Mental Health Research Training Program. University of Southern California.
- 2012 Hispanic Serving Health Professions Schools (HSHPS) Training Program, US-Mexico

- Border Health Program (declined). University of California, San Diego.
- 2009 Fellow. David L. Boren Fellowship. National Security Education Program.
- 2008 Intern. Cary M. Maguire Center for Ethics and Public Responsibility. Southern Methodist University.
- 2007 Fellow. Sally Casanova California Pre-Doctoral Program. California State University.
- 2006 Fellow. Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. Fresno State Univ.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

---

### ***A. Session Chair/Moderator:***

4. "Farm Labor in the Food System." Just Food? Forum on Justice in the Food System. Harvard University. March 28, 2015.
3. "Public Health Concerns Confronting Agricultural Workers." National Farmworker Awareness Week at Harvard University. March 27, 2015.
2. "Health: Meanings and Contexts." Society for Applied Anthropology 67th Annual Meetings (SFAA). Tampa, Florida. 2007
1. "Images of Culture: Mexico and California's San Joaquin Valley." Southwestern Anthropological Association Annual Meetings (SWAA). Pasadena, California. 2006

### ***B. Presentations and Talks:***

64. "More Than a Place: Understanding the Intersection of Work, Housing, and Wellbeing for Latinos in the Desert." Nevada HAND. September 2024. Las Vegas, NV.
63. "The Migrant Summer Student Academy at ASU." Arizona Hispanic Serving Institute Consortium. September 2023. Tucson, AZ.
62. "Trusted and culturally relevant COVID-19 and long-COVID public health messages developed using participatory methods." American Public Health Association Annual Meetings 2023. Atlanta, GA.
61. "Es posible la equidad en salud en el continente mas Desigual del mundo?" Partners in Health, Peru (Socios en Salud). Regional Webinar Series. March 29, 2022.
60. Source of Information about COVID-19 Differentiates Masking Behavior and Vaccination Intentions Among Latinos in the Southwest. UC Global Health Day. (Poster).
59. "Challenging the Status Quo: Combining the Arts and Social/Health Sciences to Develop Culturally-Tailored COVID-19 Information for Latinx." Panella J. Tuberville Speaker Series. Frances McClelland Institute for Children, Youth, and Families. University of Arizona. January 2022.

57. "COVID-19 and Social Media: Best Practices to Reach Your Community." Webinar by Health Leads and The CDC Foundation. January 2022.
56. "Toondemic: The Art of Combatting Vaccine Misinformation." Webinar for The Allergy and Asthma Network. January 2022.
55. "Pandemics, Cartoons, and Public Health: culturally tailored communication for Latinx in the San Joaquin Valley." Fresno State University, Department of Anthropology. October 2021.
54. "Addressing COVID-19 mis/dis-information among Latinx through culturally tailored animations. (Film). American Public Health Association Annual meetings 2021. Denver, CO.
53. "Culturally tailored strategies to increase COVID-19 vaccine acceptance in Black, Latino, and Indigenous communities in Arizona." American Public Health Association Annual meetings. October 2021. Denver, CO.
52. "COVID-19, rurality, and perceptions of risk and prevention among Latinx in California and Arizona" (Poster). American Public Health Association Annual meetings 2021. Denver, CO.
51. "The AC3 partnership: CBPR to assure equity for African-American, Hispanic, and Native American communities for COVID-19 awareness and vaccination" (Poster). American Public Health Association Annual meetings 2021. Denver, CO.
50. "Combatting Vaccine Misinformation through Art". Global Arts and Writing Lecture Series. University of California, Merced. October 2021.
49. "Combatting COVID Amongst the Latinx Community through Data, Art, and Tailored Communication." Glendale Community College. October 2021.
48. "Research, design, and implementation of a culturally-tailored COVID-19 health information and education campaign for Latinx communities." Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center. Arizona State University. February 2021.
47. "Race, ethnicity, and health: COVID-19 among Latinx." Social Epi Course lecture. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. February 2021.
46. "COVID-9 Hispanic/Latinx Virtual Town Hall." Sponsored by Latinos MERG at Mayo Clinic. Phoenix, AZ. December 2020.
45. "COVID-19 Disparities in BIPOC Communities." Medical-Legal Partnership Clinic. Penn State University Dickinson Law School. October 2020.

44. "COVID-19 (mis)information among Latinx in California's Central Valley." COVID-19, Tobacco, and Vaping: Insights from research in California's San Joaquin Valley. Webinar at UC Merced's Nicotine and Cannabis Policy Center. July 2020.
43. "Addressing COVID-19 (Mis)information in the Latinx Community." Health Talks Speaker Series. College of Health Solutions. Arizona State University. June 2020.
42. "COVID-19 in the Latinx Community." Principles of Epidemiology course. University of New Haven. May 4, 2020.
41. "Race/Ethnicity and Cancer Information Seeking: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Sample." Society of Behavioral Medicine 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. April 2020.
40. "The Social Determinants of Cancer Among Rural Hispanic Populations." American Psychosocial Oncology Society Annual Conference. Portland, OR. March 2020.
39. "Race, Place, and (Im)migrant Health." School of Transborder Studies. Arizona State University. March 4, 2020.
38. "Place, Race/Ethnicity, and Cancer Information-seeking: evidence from the Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS-5)." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2019.
37. "Migration Stressors and Mental Health in a Mixteco Migrant Community." VII Congress on Migration and Mental Health: Gender, Place, and Identity. New Paltz, NY. October 2019.
36. "Cancer information seeking across four categories of an Urban/Rural continuum" (Poster). 12<sup>th</sup> AACR Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. San Francisco, CA. Sept. 2019.
35. "Not all rural areas are created equal: smoking in rural America across four categories of an urban/rural continuum" (Poster). Multinational Association of Supportive Care in Cancer (MASCC) Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. June 2019.
34. "Race/Ethnicity and Smoking Across Rural America: Evidence from the 2017-2018 Health Information National Trends Survey (HINTS-5)" (Poster). National Rural Health Association's Health Equity Conference. Atlanta, GA. May 2019.
33. "State Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative: Case Study Findings." Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Baltimore, MD. March 2019.
32. "The Association Between Migration Stressors and Mental Health in an Indigenous Mexican Migrant Community." Society of Behavioral Medicine Annual Meeting.

Washington, DC. March 2019.

31. "The Social Determinants of Health in the Context of Indigenous Mexican Migrants." Im/migrant Workers Conference: Healthcare Barriers and Solutions. University of Rochester, NY. February 2019.

30. "Gender and Migration Stressors in a Binational Mixteco Migrant Community." California Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Riverside, CA. November 2018.

29. "State Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative: Case Study Findings." American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

28. "The Relationship between Migration and Integration Stressors and Tobacco Use in a Migrant Mixteco Community" (Poster). American Association for Cancer Research Conference on The Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. New Orleans, LA. November 2018.

27. "State Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative: Case Study Findings." American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

26. "An Honest Conversation: Navigating Graduate School as a Student of Color." Office for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. Harvard University. April 20, 2017.

25. "Migration, Ethnicity, and Violence: Indigeneity as a moderator of violence among Mexican immigrants." Works in Progress Seminar, Social and Behavioral Sciences Department, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. April 6, 2017.

24. "Navigating Graduate School as a 1<sup>st</sup> Generation College Student." Office of Diversity and Inclusion. Harvard School of Public Health. September 2016.

23. "(Im)migrant Workers' Health: Implications for Future Research." Mathematica Policy Research Inc. September 2016.

22. "Migration and Mental Health in a Binational Context." SACNAS New England Regional Conference. UMASS Boston. April 2016.

21. "Social Determinants of Health in Immigrant Populations." Ethnic Studies Program on Migration Studies. Shippensburg University. Shippensburg, PA. March 2016.

20. "Social Determinants of Immigrant Health: How Place Matters." MARTI Speaker Series on Health and Disadvantaged Communities. University of Indiana of Pennsylvania. March 2016.

19. "Indigeneity: A Cross-Cultural Discussion." Global Chat Series, Harvard School of Public Health. April 1, 2015.

18. "Migration and Health in the Context of Mexico." Global Chat Series, Harvard School of Public Health. December 10, 2014.
17. "Mental Health and Treatment Preferences in a Binational Oaxacan Community." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Baltimore, MD. March 2012.
16. "Migration and Mental Health: Attitudes, Understandings, and Treatment Preferences in a Binational Oaxacan Community." Critical Research Issues in Latino Mental Health. Latino Behavioral Health Institute (LBHI) and National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Miami, FL. October 2011.
15. "Ideas that Migrate: Perceptions of Health and Healing within Two Mexican Sending Communities." Center of Expertise on Migration and Health Research Training Workshop. Oakland, CA. June 2011.
14. "McNair Program—Graduate School Panel." Invited to speak to group of graduate-school bound underrepresented university students about graduate school experience. April 21, 2011. Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. University of California, San Diego.
13. "Perceptions of Body Size among 'Pre-Migrant' Women in Northern Mexico." (Presidential Plenary Session) Society for Applied Anthropology 70th Annual meeting (SFAA). Merida, Yucatan (MEX) March 2010.
12. "Revisiting the Mexican-immigrant Family: Tradition, Transition, and Identity" (with Diana Velazquez). Latin American Studies Conference. Stephen F. Austin State University. Nacogdoches, TX. April 2009
11. "Fidelity and Ethnography: A Collaborative Evaluation of a VA Supported Employment Trial for Persons with Spinal Cord Injury" (with Carolyn Smith-Morris, PhD). Society for Applied Anthropology 69th Annual meeting (SFAA). Santa Fe, New Mexico March 2009
10. "When There is No Doctor: Identifying the Felt-needs of Promotoras de Salud in a Rural Mountain Village in Northeast Mexico" Society for Applied Anthropology 69th Annual meeting (SFAA). Santa Fe, New Mexico. March 2009
9. "Forging a Biomedical Paradigm: Politics and Illness in Rural Mexico." Department of Anthropology Brown Bag Lecture Series. Southern Methodist University. Dallas, Texas. October 1, 2008.
8. "Contesting Cultural Incompatibility Theories on Latino Health." 28th Annual Central California Research Symposium. California State University, Fresno. 2007
7. "Latino Health Identity: Refuting Popular Preconceived Ideas." Southwestern Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (SWAA). Sacramento, California. April 2007

6. "Epistemological Approaches to Latino Health: Local Depictions of Global Disparities." Society for Applied Anthropology 67th Annual meeting (SFAA). Tampa, Florida. March 2007
5. "Why are Mexicans so Fat?: Mexican Immigrant Perceptions of Overweight and Obesity in California's Central Valley." (**Invited session**) American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (AAA). San Jose, California. November 2006
4. "Perceptions on Overweight and Obesity by Chicano and Mexican Immigrants in California's Central Valley." Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Research Symposium. California State University, Fresno. 2006
3. "What is the Chicano Family?: An Analysis of Past Research in the Social Sciences." Social Science Research and Instructional Council (SSRIC) Annual Research Conference. California State University, Northridge. 2006
2. "The Chicano Family—A Universal Term?: An Alternative Approach to Researching Chicano Families." Southwestern Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (SWAA). Pasadena, California. 2006
1. "In Search of New Methods: Issues in Studying *The Chicano Family*". 27th Annual Central California Research Symposium. California State University, Fresno. 2006