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Education

Ph.D. | 2020 | American Studies | University of New Mexico

M.A. | 2014 | American Studies | University of New Mexico

B.A. | 2012 | History and Chicana/o Studies | California State University, Dominguez Hills

Professional Appointments

2020- Present | Arizona State University | Assistant Professor of Southwest Borderlands
College of Integrative Sciences and Arts | Mesa, AZ

2024–Present | Arizona State University | Co-Founder & Co-Director, Latinx Oral History Lab
College of Integrative Sciences and Arts | Mesa, AZ

2019-2020 | Central New Mexico Community College | Instructor
School of Communication, Humanities & Social Sciences | Albuquerque, NM

2016-2021 | University of New Mexico | Teaching Assistant in Chicana/o Studies
College of Arts and Sciences | Albuquerque, NM

2015-2020 | University of New Mexico | Teaching Assistant in American Studies
College of Arts and Sciences | Albuquerque, NM

Research

Research Statement

I am a southwest borderlands scholar who studies immigration, activism, and cultural studies.

Research Focus

Activism and social movements, immigration and migration, immigrant student education, borderlands, Chicanx and Latinx studies, U.S. southwest, American and ethnic studies, oral history, public history, public humanities, community-engaged scholarship, digital narratives, interdisciplinary studies.

Publications

** Indicates student collaborator*

Monograph

Martínez, Rafael. *Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2024.

The inaugural publication for the *BorderVisions Series*, *Illegalized* explores the rise of undocumented immigrant youth movements in the twenty-first century. It was awarded the 2025 International Latino Book Award (Silver Medal) for Best Academic Themed Book at the College Level.

Book Reviews (*Illegalized)*:

Sosa, Gloria S. Review: *Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States* by Rafael A. Martínez. *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies*, Vol. 52, Issue 2, September 2026, p. 259-263.

Cabrera, Gabrielle. Review: *Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States* by Rafael A. Martínez. *Regeneración: A Xicanacimiento Studies Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 1, November 2025, p. 162-166.

Guevara Urbina, Martin. Review: *Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States* by Rafael A. Martínez. *CHOICE*, Vol. 62, No. 9, p. 836, June 2025.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

05. Causadias, José M., Belal Jamil*, **Rafael A. Martínez**, and Jinni Su. "Satisfaction with Funerals and Mental Health of Latinx in Arizona During the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Latinx Psychology*. [online], 2025.

04. Warr, Melissa*, Laura Dicochea*, Stacey M. Alvares Flores*, Tasha Holmes*, Brendan H. O'Connor, David Garcia, and **Rafael A. Martínez**. "Leveraging Interdisciplinary Problem-Based Learning for Social Impact in Graduate Education." *The Interdisciplinary Problem-Based Learning* 19, no. 1 (2025).

03. **Martínez, Rafael A.** "Transnational DREAMer Narratives: Following the Deportation and Return-Migration Trails of Mexican Immigrant Youth." *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies* 49, no. 1 (2024): 79-100.

02. **Martínez, Rafael A.**, Froilan Orozco*, and Nancy Canales-Navarrete*. "'Even if you're not going to plant, use your water': Forging Identity Through Cultural Practices." *Chamisa: A*

Journal of Literacy, Performance, and Visual Arts of the Greater Southwest 1, no. 1 (2021): 101-116.

01. **Martínez, Rafael A.** and Rebecca Schreiber. "Sovereignty and Sanctuary: A Roundtable." *Chricú Journal: Latina/o Literatures, Arts, and Cultures* 3, no. 1 (2018): 141-154.

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

02. Cadenas, Germán A., **Rafael A. Martínez**, and Carlos Aguilar*. "Critical Consciousness Development Among Undocumented Youth: State of the Science, Historiography of Immigration Policy, and Recommendations for Research and Practice." In *Critical Consciousness: Expanding Theory, Methods, and Measurements*, edited by Luke J. Rapa and Erin B. Godfrey. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2023.

01. **Martínez, Rafael A.** "Transformative Borders in Cinema: Evolving Concepts of Migrant Crossings." In *La Frontera: Reflections on Borders in American Culture*, edited by Judit Agenes Kadar and Andras Tarnoc. Americana eBooks, 2017.

Keyword Publications

Martínez, Rafael A. "(Un)documented Ecologies." In *Land Management in North America Literature and Culture: From Resource to Reciprocity*, edited by Jada Ach and Kristen Brown. London: Routledge, 2026.

Book Reviews

Martínez, Rafael A. *Amplifying Black Undocumented Student Voices in Higher Education*. Reviewed by Felecia S. Russell, for *Care for Social Justice*, Fall 2025.

Martínez Rafael A. *The Deportation Express: A History of America through Forced Removal*. Reviewed by Ethan Blue for *Journal of Arizona History* 63, no. 1 (2022): 87-90.

Martínez, Rafael A. *Shifting Boundaries: Immigrant Youth Negotiating National State, and Small-Town Politics*. Reviewed by Alexis M. Silver for *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies* 47, no. 2 (2022): 233-237.

Public Facing Scholarship

Exhibit Curations

Co-curator, **East Valley Veterans Exhibit** | 2024–Present | *ASU Chandler Innovation Center (ACIC)*

- **Research Methodology:** An in-depth oral history project featuring eleven twelve-identified ethnic veterans. The project addresses a critical gap in regional data, capturing marginalized veteran experiences of community cultivation and belonging.
- **Community Partnerships:** Collaborated with the ASU Chandler Innovation Center, the Office for Veteran and Military Academic Engagement (OVMAE) at ASU, and the Chandler Museum for permanent digital archiving.
- **Student/Community Involvement:** Facilitated an installation event where student veterans and community members made creative curatorial decisions regarding 3D wooden-print portraits and significant quotes.
- **Impact:** the total number of visitors to the ACIC for the seventeen-month period the exhibit has up been about 27,365, while the monthly average ranges at about 1,610 (statistics collected by ACIC) that engage and learn from the East Valley Veteran Exhibit.

Co-curator, **Querencia Chandler Traveling Exhibit** | 2023–2025 |

- **Research Methodology:** Multiyear qualitative project collecting and preserving over 30 oral history interviews focused on Latinx migration, placemaking, and memory in Chandler, AZ.
- **Community Partnerships:** Traveling exhibition presented at the Chandler Museum, ASU Chandler Innovation Center (ACIC), and ASU Polytechnic Campus Library.
- **Student Involvement:** Fully integrated into curriculum; undergraduate and graduate students served as trained research collaborators for interview production, bilingual transcription, and metadata creation.
- **Impact:**
    - Inaugural event for the "Querencia Chandler Traveling Exhibit" at the Chandler Museum drew approximately 150 people; while in the FY23-24 for the museum reported 11,661 visitors during the year the exhibit was on display (Chandler Museum FY23-24 Impact Report).
    - Exhibit was the ACIC for a whole year with the ACIC reporting approximately 28,326 total visitors, with a monthly average at about 1,805 (statistics collected by ACIC) in which the exhibit was centrally featured.
    - Exhibit on display at the ASU Polytechnic Library from December 2024 to March 2025 reporting an average of 10,329 visitors per month and a total of approximately 72,302 of people visiting the space while the exhibit was on display.

Media Engaged Scholarship

- Martínez, Rafael A. (Director/Producer). *UndocuTalks* Podcast. The podcast centers first-generation immigrant-based scholars discussing immigration and scholarship, 2015–Present.
- Martínez, Rafael A. "Towards UndocuScholarship: Using Our Lived Experiences to Craft Space and Representation in Academia." *My Undocumented Life Blog*, November

23, 2021. https://mydocumentedlife.org/2021/11/23/towards-undocuscholarship-using-our-lived-experiences-to-craft-space-and-representation-in-academia/

- Martínez, Rafael A. "Graduating as UndocuScholar: DACA's Role in Building Collective Power." *Future Focused Education Blog*, June 2018. https://futurefocusededucation.org/2018/06/21/graduating-as-an-undocumented-scholar-dacas-role-in-building-collective-power-2/

Media Coverage

08. "The Latinx Oral History Lab Keeps Arizona History Alive on Campus." *The State Press*, November 5, 2025. https://www.statepress.com/article/2025/11/latinx-oral-history-lab-arizona

07. "Yo Soy Arizona." *Telemundo* (TV Feature), September 26, 2024. https://www.telemundoarizona.com/video/yo-soy-arizona/profesor-martinez-comparte-su-pasion-por-la-educacion/2433586/

06. "ASU Professor honored for leadership in Arizona Hispanic community." *ASU News*, September 2024. https://news.asu.edu/20240920-sun-devil-community-asu-professor-honored-leadership-arizona-hispanic-community#:~:text=Rafael%20Mart%C3%ADnez%2C%20an%20assistant%20professor,impact%20the%20Arizona%20Hispanic%20community.

05. "Community-based history project expands to include stories of East Valley veterans." *ASU News*, February 2024. https://news.asu.edu/20240223-arts-humanities-and-education-communitybased-history-project-expands-include-stories-east

04. "Students bridge past, present in Chandler history exhibit." *ASU News*, November 2023. https://news.asu.edu/20231205-arizona-impact-students-bridge-past-present-chandler-history-exhibit

03. "Controversy Surrounding the use of the term Latinx." *Horizonte*, Arizona PBS, October 2022. https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2022/10/controversy-surrounding-the-use-of-the-term-latinx/

02. "The tortilla slap challenge has gone viral on social media." *Arizona Republic*, August 2, 2022. https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2022/08/08/not-everyone-laughing-tortilla-slap-challenge-heres-why/10186016002/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=true&gca-epti=z1197xxe1197xxv005096d--56--b--56--&gca-ft=172&gca-ds=sophi

01. "The Inconsistencies of the U.S. Citizenship Exam." *Break It Down*, Arizona PBS, April 2021. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=textTO2iQFY

Book Media Interviews

09. Hopeton Hay Podcasts, Podomatic, Austin, TX (January 9, 2025) https://www.podomatic.com/podcasts/hbhpodcasts/episodes/2025-01-09T03_35_23-08_00

08. Writer's Voice, "Illegalized: Rafael Martinez on Undocumented Youth Movements" (December 27, 2024) https://www.writersvoice.net/2024/12/illegalized-rafael-martinez-on-undocumented-youth-movements/

07. On The Bookshelf Podcast, Phoenix, AZ (December 12, 2024) https://onthebookshelf.podbean.com/e/rafael-martnez-on-undocumented-immigrant-youth/

06. The Show, 91.5FM KJZZ, Phoenix, AZ (December 11, 2024) Impact: KJZZ listenership over 300,00. https://www.kjzz.org/the-show/2024-12-11/illegalized-book-explores-how-undocumented-youth-found-power-in-organizing

05. A Public Affair, 89.9FM WBT Radio, Madison, WI (December 17, 2024) https://www.wortfm.org/everyone-should-be-involved-with-social-movement-organizing-with-rafael-a-martinez/

04. Lideres del Futuro, YouTube (November 8, 2024) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y9mAbtr6CZY

03. Building Bridges, 99.5 Free Speech Radio, New York, NY (October 21, 2024) https://wbai.org/archive/program/episode/?id=53650

02. Talk the Talk, WHMP Radio, Northampton, MA (October 19, 2024) https://soundcloud.com/whmp/prof-rafael-martinez-his?utm_source=whmp.com&utm_campaign=wtshare&utm_medium=widget&utm_content=https%253A%252F%252Fsoundcloud.com%252Fwhmp%252Fprof-rafael-martinez-his

01. Horizonte, Arizona PBS, Phoenix, AZ (October 19, 2024) https://azpbs.org/horizonte/2024/10/undocumented-youth-activists-immigrant-rights/

Grants & Fellowships

Funded

2026 | P.I. | *East Valley Veterans* | OVMAE Research Grant
Office of Veterans and Military Academic Engagement (ASU OVMAE) | $4,000

2026 | P.I. | Summer Research funds
Summer Research Award(s) | Dean's Fund, College of Integrative Sciences and Arts (CISA) | $35,500 | (2021-Present)

2024 | P.I. | *Abriendo Puertas: From Storytelling to Action*
Alumni Capstone Team Grant | Knowledge Exchange for Resilience (ASU KER) | $35,000

2024 | P.I. | *East Valley Veterans: Leveraging Place & Belonging in Ethnic Communities*
OVMAE Fellowship | Office of Veterans and Military Academic Engagement (OVMAE) | $4,000

2023 | P.I. | *Querencia: Voices from Chandler's Latinx Barrios*
Research Project Grant | College of Integrative Sciences and Arts (CISA) | $800

2023 | P.I. | *Querencia: Voices from Chandler's Latinx Barrios*
Diversity Education Mini-Grant | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, City of Chandler | $875

2021 | P.I. | *Circles of Truth: Story Circles for Diversity and Inclusion*
Seed Grant | Institute for Humanities Research (ASU IHR) | $7,000

Research Awards & Honors

Awards

2026 | *Catalyst Faculty Award*
The Committee for Campus Inclusion, Office of Inclusive Excellence (ASU) | Tempe, AZ

2026 | *Outstanding Faculty Advisor, Finalist*
Pitchfork Awards Committee (ASU) | Tempe, AZ

2025 | *Success Higher Education Leadership Award*
President's Alliance of Higher Education and Immigration | (Chicago, IL)

2025 | *Men of Chandler Award*
Chandler Chamber of Commerce | (Chandler, AZ)

2025 | *CISA Outstanding Research Award, Junior Faculty*
College of Integrative Sciences and Arts (CISA) | Tempe, AZ | $1,000

2025 | *Faculty Excellence Award*
Multicultural Communities of Excellence (MCOE) | Mesa, AZ

2024 | *Líderes Under 40 Award*
Los DBacks Organization of the Arizona Diamondbacks Baseball | Phoenix, AZ

2024 | *Dr. Manuel Servin Faculty Award*
ASU Chicano/Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA) | Tempe, AZ

2024 | *Faculty Excellence Award*
Multicultural Communities of Excellence (MCOE) | Mesa, AZ

2023 | *Faculty Excellence Award*
Multicultural Communities of Excellence (MCOE) | Mesa, AZ

Presentations

Keynote Speaker Presentations

2023 | CISA First-Generation Annual Dinner
College of Integrative Sciences and Arts (CISA) | Mesa, AZ

2022 | Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Town Hall
ASU Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) Committee | Mesa, AZ

2022 | American Studies Graduation
American Studies Department, University of New Mexico | Albuquerque, NM

Conference Presentations

August 2026 | Oral History Association (OHA) Conference
"Families on the Move: Migration, Memory, and the Politics of Belonging" | Panel | Portland, OR

August 2026 | Western Literature Association (WLA) Conference
"(Un)documented Ecologies" | Roundtable | Eugene, OR

March 2026 | Association of Borderlands Studies (ABS)
"Bordered Lives, Bordered Care: Family, Youth, and Aging Across the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands (Past, Present, Future)" | Roundtable | Albuquerque, NM

April 2025 | National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)
"US-Mexico Border and Immigration Issues Book Roundtable." | Roundtable | Albuquerque, NM

Nov. 2024 | American Studies Association (ASA)
"(Un)Documented Engagements Book Roundtable." | Roundtable | Baltimore, MD

Oct. 2024 | Western History Association (WHA)
"*Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States,* Authors Meets Critics." | Author Meets Critics | Kansas City, MO

Nov. 2023 | Western History Association (WHA)
"(Un)Document: Towards Illegalized Methodologies and Practices." | Panel | Los Angeles, CA

Aug. 2023 | The Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association
"(Un)Document: Illegalized Methodologies and Practices." | Panel | Los Angeles, CA

April 2023 | Association of Borderlands Studies (ABS)
"Mixed-Status Families as Cultural Heritage Producers: Fleeing Persecution and Crafting Community Resilience." | Panel | Tempe, AZ

April 2023 | Arizona History Convention
"At the Fringe of a Frontier Town: Settler Fantasy Myths and the Development of Mesa, Arizona." | Panel | Tempe, AZ

Oct. 2022 | Western History Association (WHA)
"Internal Migrations: Mixed-Status Families Navigating Persecution, Labor & Organizing Across Borders." | Panel | San Antonio, TX

April 2022 | National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)
"Inter-State Borders: Persecution, Mixed-Status Families, and Community Activism." | Panel | ONLINE

Nov. 2021 | Social Science History Association
"Immigration Federalism and Anti-Immigrant Politics in the States." | Panel Chair | ONLINE

Oct. 2021 | Western History Association (WHA)
"Sanctuary in the Archival Record: Japanese-American Internment, Democratic Social Theory, and Assimilation in Educational Inclusion and Reform." | Panel | Portland, OR

Oct. 2021 | American Studies Association (ASA)

"Partying as Political: Undocumented Youth Artivism and Nightlife Scene Production as Disruption to Neoliberal Paradigms." | Panel | ONLINE

April 2021 | National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)
"Sovereignty and Sanctuary: Critical Reflections on Immigrant and Indigenous Movements." | Panel | ONLINE

Book Talks

March 10, 2026 | Colorado University, Boulder | Boulder, CO
Title: "(Un)documenting in Practice: Designing Shared Archives for Immigrant Activism,"
Sponsors: Anthropology Department at CU Boulder and Health & Immigration Cluster

March 5, 2026 | Colorado College | Colorado Springs, CO
Title: "Mapping Resistance: Historicizing Undocumented Youth Movements,"
Sponsors: The Hulbert Center for Southwest Studies at Colorado College

Sept. 22, 2025 | Carleton College | Northfield, MN
Title: "Book Discussion, 'Illegalized' with Dr. Rafael A. Martínez,"
Lecture Series: Northfield's Seventh Annual Hispanic Heritage Month
Sponsors: Carleton College Office of Intercultural Life, Latin American Student Organization (LASO), OIL's Hispanic and Latine cultural house community, La Casa del Sol, and Carleton College's Division of Inclusion, Equity, and Community (IEC).

Sept. 12, 2025 | University of Illinois, Chicago | Chicago, IL
Title: "Book Conversation, 'Illegalized' with Dr. Rafael A. Martínez,"
Sponsors: Supporting Undocumented Students College & Career Equity: Strategies for Success (SUCCESS) Convening 2025 | Presidents' Alliances on Higher Education and Immigration

April 28, 2025 | Baruch College | New York, NY
Title: "'Illegalized' Book Talk,"
Lecture Series: U.S Childhood Arrivals Mural Project Speaker Series
Sponsors: Baruch College Office of Student Life, Baruch College Immigrant Student Success, Baruch College Black & Latino Studies Department, the Sidney Harman Writer-in-Residence Program, and the National Humanities Center.

April 23, 2025 | California State University, Dominguez Hills
Title: “The Power of Student Voice: Centering Hope Through Organizing”
Sponsors: CSUDH Sociology Department, CSUDH Health & Well-Being, CSUDG Immigrant Justice Center, and Espiritu de Nuestro Futuro.

April 12, 2025 | University of California, Berkeley
Title: “‘Illegalized’ Book Talk,”
Lecture Series: Grad 2025 Convening
Sponsors: UC Berkeley Division of Equity & Inclusion, UC Berkeley Inclusive Excellence Hub, UC Berkeley Office of Graduate Diversity, Graduate Division, and the Undocumented Student Program.

April 10, 2025 | De Anza Community College
Title: “‘Illegalized’ Book Talk,”
Sponsors: Higher Education for AB 540 Students (HEFAS).

April 10, 2025 | University of California, Santa Cruz
Title: “‘Illegalized’ Book Talk,”
Sponsors: El Centro Chicanx/Latinx Resource Center, Critical Race & Ethnic Studies, and the John R. Lewis College.

April 8, 2025 | University of San Francisco
Title: “Book Talk with Rafael A. Martínez”
Sponsors: Rhetoric and Language Department, Critical Diversity Studies, Chicanx/Latinx Studies, and Latin American Studies.

April 1, 2025 | University of New Mexico, Taos
Title: “‘Illegalized’ Book Talk”
Sponsors: University of New Mexico Taos Klauer Campus.

March 25, 2025 | Arizona State University
Title: “Beyond the Bookshelf: ‘Illegalized’ with Rafael A. Martínez”
Lecture Series: Beyond the Bookshelf Speaker Series
Sponsors: ASU Libraries

March 13, 2025 | California State University, Dominguez Hills
Title: “Bridging Borders: Stories from Undocumented Youth Movements”
Lecture Series: Race, Power, & Resistance Speaker Series

Sponsors: Department of History California State University, Dominguez Hills.

March 11, 2025 | California State University, Channel Islands
Title: "'Illegalized' Book Discussion with Rafael A. Martinez."
Sponsors: Department of Chicana(o) Studies California State University, Channel Islands.

March 10, 2025 | University of California, Los Angeles
Title: "Illegalized Book Talk."
Sponsors: Department of Chicana(o) & Central American Studies.

Dec. 5, 2024 | California State University, Los Angeles
Title: "Book Talk with *UndocuProfe*: Dr. Rafael A. Martínez."
Lecture Series: Disruptors Digital Archive Experience Event
Sponsors: Department of Chicana(o) & Latina (o) Studies, CSULA Glazier Family Dreamers Resource Center.

Nov. 12, 2024 | University of California, Davis
Title: "UndocuScholarship and Archive as Movement Building."
Sponsors: UC Davis Department of Chicana/o Studies, UC Davis Department of Asian American Studies, and the UC Davis Undocumented Resource Center.

Nov. 8, 2024 | Arizona State University, California Center
Title: "Illegalized Learning & Leading: New Scholarship on Undocumented Youth Movements."
Sponsors: ASU College of Integrative Sciences and Arts (CISA), ASU Latinx Oral History Lab, ASU Humanities Institute (HI), ASU Hispanic Research Center (HRC), The University of Arizona Press, and the Global Latinidades Center: MRIP Grant at UC Riverside.

Nov. 7, 2024 | University of California, Riverside
Title: "Book Launch Presentation: *Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States*."
Sponsors: UC Riverside Department of English, Global Latinidades Project, and the UC Riverside Ethnic Studies Department University of California, Riverside.

Nov. 6, 2024 | Santa Barbara City College
Title: "UndocuScholar Workshop with Dr. Rafael Martínez."
Sponsors: ¡RaícesTrans: First Year and Beyond! program, SBCC Umoja Community, SBCC Extended Opportunities Programs and Services, and SBCC Dream Center.

Nov. 5, 2024 | University of California, Santa Barbara
Title: "Community Book Talk: *Illegalized*."
Sponsors: UC Santa Barbara Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies.

Oct. 28, 2024 | University of New Mexico
Title: "Book Talk with Dr. Rafael Martínez."
Sponsors: University of New Mexico (UNM) Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies Department, UNM El Centro de la Raza, UNM University Libraries, UNM Division for Equity & Inclusion, UNM Department of American Studies, and the New Mexico Humanities Now Mellon Initiative.

Oct. 17, 2024 | Arizona State University, ASU Chandler Innovation Center
Title: "*Illegalized: Undocumented Youth Movements in the United States* – Book Launch."
Sponsors: ASU College of Integrative Sciences and Arts (CISA), ASU Latinx Oral History Lab, ASU Humanities Institute (HI), ASU Hispanic Research Center (HRC), and The University of Arizona Press.

Invited Presentations

April 2026 | "Reframing Narratives" | Invited Panelist | Phoenix, AZ
Mixed Status Conference | Civil Rights, Migration, and Workplace Law Initiative | Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

March 2026 | "Families on the Move" | Invited Panelist | Tempe, AZ
Citizenship in a Changing World Conference | Hispanic Research Center | School of Politics and Global Studies

March 2026 | "Theory As Healing" | Invited Panelist | Providence, RI
Yearning to Breathe Conference | Brown University

March 2026 | "Voices of the East Valley" | Mesa, AZ
America 250 Celebration | Gateway Library Inauguration Event | Mesa Public Libraries

Nov 2025 | "Families on the Move" | Invited Panelist | Tempe, AZ
Research Conexiones | Hispanic Research Center

Sept. 2023 | "Querencia: Leveraging Place and Belonging in Chandler." | Chandler, AZ
CONTIGO: Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration | D.E.I. Division of the City of Chandler

Sept. 2023 | "Behind the Scenes: The Making of Querencia." | Chandler, AZ
History Bites | Chandler Museum

March 2023 | "Querencia: Leveraging Place and Belonging in Arizona." | Mesa, AZ
Valley Leadership

Jan. 2023 | Invited Panelist | Mesa, AZ
The Annual MLK Jr. Peace Dinner | ASU MLK Jr. Celebration Committee

Oct. 2022 | "Partying as Political" | Mesa, AZ
ASU Poly Preparatory.

Aug. 2022 | "Querencia: Leveraging Place and Belonging in the East Valley." | Chandler, AZ
History Bites | Chandler Museum

Sept. 2021 | "UndocuScholarship and Research Methods as Lived Experience." | ONLINE
Toro UndocuScholars Research Program | Toro Dreamers Success Center at California State University Dominguez Hills.

May 2021 | "Narratives in Motion: Creating A Sense of Place in Everyday Life." | Tempe, AZ
Mirabella Lifelong Learning Lecture Series | Arizona State University

April 2021 | "Undocumented Youth Challenging Borders: Detentions, Deportations, and Family Separations in the 21st Century." | ONLINE
History Department | Texas A&M University, San Antonio

Nov. 2020 | "Undocumented Youth Challenging Borders: Detentions, Deportations, and Family Separations in the 21st Century." | ONLINE
Toro UndocuScholars Research Program | Chicana and Chicano Studies | Toro Dreamers Success Center | California State University Dominguez Hills.

Nov. 2020 | "Cultivating Research Interests and Core Themes in UndocuResearch." | ONLINE
Undocumented Insights: Fostering Growth and Resilience in Academia Webinar Series

Oct. 2020 | "DACA Panel" | Mesa, AZ
Hispanic Latinx Heritage Month, Undergraduate Student Government. Arizona State University, Polytechnic Campus.

Teaching Experience

Arizona State University (2020–Present)

History 344: Arizona
History 343: American Southwest
History 448: Mexico-U.S. Border
History 495: Methods of Historical Inquiry
English 245: Popular Culture Issues / Transborder Chicana/o/x Literatures
English 498: Degree Capstone
Technical Writing & Communication 593: Impacting Inequality: Inequity in Education
Communication 510: Transmedia Narratives
Humanities Lab 494: Families Living (Un)Documented
Interdisciplinary Studies 401: Interdisciplinary Fellowship
Interdisciplinary Studies 310: Immigration: From Debate to Reform
Interdisciplinary Studies 321: Desert Archives: Land and Liberation in the U.S. Southwest
Master Liberal Studies 512: Exploring & Expressing Ideas

University of New Mexico (2015–2020)

Chicana and Chicano Studies 201: Music, Media, & Politics
Chicana and Chicano Studies 310: Immigration & Assimilation
Chicana and Chicano Studies 342: Race, Culture, Gender & Class
Chicana and Chicano Studies 360: Chican@/Latin@ Civil Rights
American Studies 184: Intro to Popular Culture
American Studies 185: Intro to Race, Class, & Ethnicity
American Studies 186: Intro to Southwest Studies
American Studies 350: Media, Immigration, Activism
American Studies 393: Immigrant Youth Movements
University 391: Immigration Community Research

Central New Mexico Community College (2019–2020)

American Studies 1130: Intro to Popular Culture
American Studies 1140: Intro to Race, Class, & Ethnicity
Cultural Studies 1150: Intro to Cultural Studies
Chicana and Chicano St 1150: Intro to Chicano Studies

Student Mentorship

Graduate Committees

- **Committee Member**, Ph.D. Dissertation: Alma G. Rodríguez (Sociology of Education, Stanford University, 2026-Present)
- **Committee Member**, Ph.D. Dissertation: Jesus Villa (Transborder Studies, Graduated 2026)
- **Committee Member**, Ph.D. Dissertation: Jennie Burel (Teachers College, Graduated 2026)
- **Committee Member**, Ph.D. Dissertation: Laura Dicochea (Transborder Studies, Graduated 2024)
- **Committee Member**, M.A. Thesis: Pablo Hernandez (Transborder Studies, Graduated 2025)
- **Chair**, M.A. Thesis: Danielle Macias (American Studies, Graduated 2024)
- **Committee Member**, M.A. Committee: Julio Cesar Sauceda (Theater, Graduated 2023)

Undergraduate Committees

- **Chair**, Honors Thesis: Isabella Campanile (May 2022)
- **Chair**, Honors Thesis: Samantha Geiser (May 2022)
- **Reader**, Honors Thesis: David Franco (May 2021)
- **Reader**, Honors Thesis: Christopher Neville (May 2021)

Barrett Honors Contracts

- Sophia Page (2024)
- Jacob Boenzi (2023)
- Emma Nance (2023)

Community-Based Practice Training (Latinx Oral History Lab)

- **IDS 401 Research Fellows (8):** Claudia Aguilera, Francis Broadbridge, Andrea Winters, Kaia Pewitt, Ana Veitia, Syncere Dixon (2025); Zahra Reyes, Wade Niederhauser (2024).
- **Directed Study:** Nicanor Ramirez (M.A. Public History, 2026).
- **Research Scholar:** Mishaela Durán (Independent Scholar, 2024).

Service

University Service

- **Committee Member**, ASU Senate Health, Wellness and Safety Committee. ASU Senate (2025–Present)
- **Faculty Senator**, ASU Senate (2024–2027)
- **Committee Member**, ASU Sponsor Five Year Committee (2023–2024)
- **Liaison**, Poly Sol Latinx Faculty and Staff Association (2023-2025)
- **Scholarship Reviewer**, Undocumented Students for Education Equity (2021)
- **Member**, ASU Chicano/Latino Faculty and Staff Association (2020–2025)

Unit and College Service

- **Mentor**, CISA Faculty Mentoring Program (2026)
- **Committee Member**, CISA College Assembly Committee (2024–2025)
- **Founder**, CISA Speaker Series at the Multicultural Communities of Excellence (MCOE) (2023–2024)
- **Faculty Mentor**, CISA Emerging Professionals Program (2023–2024)
- **Search Committee Member**, Inaugural Director of School of Applied Sciences and Arts (2023)
- **Coordinator**, University of New Mexico, El Puente Research Fellowship annual visit to ASU, Institutional Collaboration & Annual Visiting Fellowship (2021–Present)
- **Co-Moderator**, DEISJ Brown Bag Series, CISA (2021)

Service to Community and Students

- **Graduate Advisory Board Member**, Presidents' Alliance of Higher Education and Immigration (2025–Present)
- **Board Member**, Chandler 4 Change (2025–2026)
- **Committee Member**, D.E.I. Committee, Chandler Chamber of Commerce (2023–2024)
- **Faculty Advisor**: Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, Inc.; Hispanic Organization of Latin Awareness (HOLA); Aliento at ASU; ASU Poly Rocketry Club (2024–Present)

Service to the Profession

- **Peer Reviewer**, *Latino Studies Journal* (2026)
- **National Conference Proceedings Editor**, National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) (2023–2025)
- **At-Large Representative**, NACCS (2023–2025)
- **Rocky Mountain Foco Representative**, NACCS (2021–2023)
- **Editorial Board Member**, *Regeneración: A Xicanacimiento Studies Journal* (2022–Present)
- **Peer Reviewer**, *University of Oklahoma Press* (2025)
- **Peer Reviewer,** *International Journal on Responsibility* (2024)
- **Peer Reviewer,** *Norteámerica Revista Académica CISAN UNAM* (2024)
- **Peer Reviewer,** *Pasados Recovering Histories Journal* (2024)

Professional Memberships and Languages

Memberships

- Association of Borderlands Studies (ABS)
- American Studies Association (ASA)
- Latino Studies Association

- National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS)
- Oral History Association (OHA)
- Western History Association (WHA)
- Western Literature Association (WLA)

Languages

- **English:** Native Proficiency
- **Spanish:** Native Proficiency