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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2023-2025

University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellow

Department of Anthropology

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara, 2023

Ph.D. in Feminist Studies

Cornell University, 2013

M.P.A. in Public Affairs

Minor in Latina/o Studies

University of California, Santa Cruz, 2006

B.A. in Psychology

Educational Abroad Program: Bahia, Brazil

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 Morales, Nancy, "Privileging *Guelaguetza* Epistemology: Zapotec Feminist Research Methodologies." *Frontiers: A Journal of Women's Studies*. (In-preparation)
- 2025 Morales, Nancy, "Zapotec Matriarchs: Kinship and Intergenerational Strategies across *Abya Yala*." Special Issue: Native/Indigenous Family Studies, *The Genealogy Journal*. Edited by Renya Ramirez and Brittani Orona. (Under Review)
- 2022 Morales, Nancy, co-authored with Tao Leigh Goffe, Shannon Gleeson, et al., "The World We Became: Map Quest 2350, A Speculative Atlas Beyond Climate Crisis," *Asian Diasporic Visual Cultures and the Americas*, 7(1-2), 5-49. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/23523085-07010002>

Book Chapters

- 2025 Morales, Nancy, "Indigenous Latinx Women in the Central Valley," *New Directions in Latinx History*, Edited by Veronica Martinez-Matsuda and Luis Alvarez. New York, NY: Routledge Press. (Forthcoming)

- 2024 Morales, Nancy, “Zapotec Feminist Pedagogy: Accessible, Healing, and Transformative Theory.” *Transgressive Teaching & Learning: Critical Essays on bell hooks’ Engaged Pedagogy*. Edited by Megan Feifer, Maia L. Butler, and Joanna Davis McElligatt. New York/London: Bloomsbury Press. (Forthcoming)
- 2024 Morales, Nancy and Daina Sanchez, “How do We Build Collaborative Learning Environments and Practices as Diasporic Indigenous Researchers?,” *Communities of Practice and Ethnographic Fieldwork: Creating Supportive Research Experiences*. Edited by Lee Cabatingan, Deyanira Nevarez Martinez, and Susan Bibler Coutin. New York, NY: Routledge Press. doi: <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003402701-15>

Other Commentary and Public Scholarship

- 2022 Interview with Asumi Shuda, UC Santa Barbara’s Daily Nexus, “[Student Organizers Demonstrate Die-in in Honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit People Awareness Day](#),” May 2022.
- 2014 Interview with Debbie Nathan, [NPR’s Latino USA, “Challenging the Checkpoints,”](#) October 2014.
- 2014 Morales, N., “[Óyeme Voz: Latin@ and Immigration Communities Resound Citizenship and Belonging](#).” Sounding Out: The Sound Studies Blog, January 2014.

AWARDS, HONORS, & FELLOWSHIPS
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- 2024 Mother-Scholar Writing Retreat Grant, International Association of Maternal Action & Scholarship
- 2024 UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship, UC Office of the President
- 2023 Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Associate, Department of Latinx Studies, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (Declined)
- 2023 Childcare Grant, Graduate Student Association, UC Santa Barbara
- 2022 American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women
- 2022 Native American and Indigenous Studies Journal Writing/Mentorship Fellow, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (Alternate)

- 2022 Humanities and Social Science Research Grant, Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara
- 2022 Dissertation Write-In Summer Session Recipient, Graduate Student Resource Center, UC Santa Barbara
- 2021 UC-Hispanic Serving Institute President’s Pre-Professoriate Fellowship, UC Office of the President
- 2021 CARES Act MSI Summer Grant, Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara
- 2021 Excellence in Teaching Award, Graduate Student Association, UC Santa Barbara
- 2021 Dissertation Award Recipient, Chicano Studies Institute, UC Santa Barbara
- 2021 Summer Institute Program, Migration Initiative, Cornell University
- 2020 Mellon Graduate Fellowship, Engaging Humanities, UC Santa Barbara
- 2019 Milestone Fellowship, Feminist Studies, UC Santa Barbara
- 2016 SAGE Sara Miller McCune Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara
- 2015 Graduate Conference Travel Grant, Feminist Studies Department, UC Santa Barbara
- 2015 Regents Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Conference Presentations

- 2025 “Visual Sovereignty: Storytelling, Gender, and Healing in Abya Yala” roundtable, Native American and Indigenous Studies Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Accepted.
- 2024 “Remembering Relationality: Embodying Empowered Indigenous Scholarship” panel, American Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland, November 16.

- 2023 “Love and Healing: Embracing Multiple Methodologies” panel, National Women’s Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland, October 29.
- 2022 “Care Across Generations: Resistance, Values, and Transformation” roundtable, National Women’s Studies Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 12.
- 2021 “Indigenous Online Feminist Pedagogies,” Center for Innovative Teaching, Research and Learning, Engaging Teaching Virtual Symposium, UC Santa Barbara, October 20.
- 2020 “Decolonizing the Classroom: Ethics, Compassion, and Responsibility,” Center for Innovative Teaching, Research and Learning, Engaging Teaching Virtual Symposium, UC Santa Barbara, October 28.
- 2020 “Disrupting Sonic Markers of Belonging in Linguistic Motherwork,” Latina/o Studies Association, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana (*Accepted and canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic*).
- 2019 “Privileging Indigenous Women: Strategies of Resistance and Survival – A Roundtable in Honor of Inés Talamantez,” American Academy of Religion, San Diego, CA, November 24.
- 2016 “Mobilizing Cultura Becoming Latina/o in New England College Town: Promiscuous Narratives of Latinidades.” Latina/o Studies Association Conference, Pasadena, CA, July 8.
- 2014 “Pedagogies of Racial and Social Justice in Community Contexts.” Syracuse, NY, 7th Annual Conference on Equity and Social Justice, Syracuse University, NY, March 1.

Keynotes

- 2023 “We are still here: New Generations of Indigenous Latinx Women in *Oaxacalifornia*,” AAUW Del Mar-Leucadia Branch Council Meeting, Virtual, April 8.
- 2023 “*Tequio* (community labor) in California’s Central Coast and Central Valley Regions,” AAUW Santa Barbara County Inter-Branch Council Meeting, Solvang, California, February 25.
- 2022 “Navigating Higher Education as a Non-traditional Student Parent.” *La Escuelita’s* Annual Student Parent Conference, Student Organization, UC Santa Barbara, April 30.

Invited Lectures

- 2025 “Privileging *Guelaguetza*: Indigenous (Zapotec) Feminist Research Methodologies,” Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas, UC Santa Cruz, January 22.
- 2024 “Indigenous Futures: Oaxaqueñx Youth Encuentro and New Voices in the California Central Valley,” Department of Ethnic Studies Fall Colloquium, UC Riverside, December 2.

- 2024 “Building Oaxacan Pride: Indigenous Women and Indigiqueer Youth’s Challenges under Heteropatriarchy,” Latinx Indigeneities, Department of Chicana and Latinx Studies, UC Irvine, May 23.
- 2024 “Oaxacan Pride: Indigenous Women and Indigiqueer Youth’s Challenges under Heteropatriarchy,” Gender in Cross-Cultural Contexts, Department of Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz, Virtual, May 2.
- 2024 “Coming out as Indigenous: Un/documented, Indigeneity, and Resurgence under Settler Colonialism,” Department of Anthropology, UC Los Angeles, January 10.
- 2023 “Coming out as Indigenous: Building Safe Spaces for Indigenous Undocumented Students,” Department of Anthropology, UC Merced, November 30.
- 2023 “Coming out as Indigenous: Building Safe Spaces for Indigenous & Undocumented Students,” Introduction to Latinidades, Department of Chicana/o Studies, UC Santa Barbara, November 8.
- 2023 “Key Lessons in Graduate School,” American Association of University Women Chapter, UC Santa Barbara, May 4.
- 2021 “We are still here: New and Future Generations of Indigenous Women in *Oaxacalifornia*,” Introduction to Gender, Race & Sexuality, Department of Women and Gender Studies, Loyola Marymount University, Virtual, October 6.
- 2021 “Caring Across Generations: Black, Indigenous, and Latinx Motherwork: Communities of Care,” Feminist Futures Center, UC Santa Barbara, Virtual, February 26.
- 2019 “Articulating a Zapotec Transnational Process to Reclaim,” Introduction to Native American Religious Traditions and Philosophies, Department of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara, October 12.
- 2014 “Domestic Work and Inequalities of Class, Race, Gender, and Citizenship,” Justice in the Home: Domestic Work Past, Present, and Future Conference, National Domestic Workers Alliance, New York, NY, Barnard College, October 17.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Santa Barbara

- 2021- **Co-Investigator**, *Migration Initiative Research Grant*, PI: Dr. Daina Sanchez. Conducted ethnographic research on place-making among Indigenous Latinx college students.

- 2015 **Research Assistant**, *Department of Feminist Studies, PI: Dr. Eileen Boris.*
Developed a long-term home care workers' questionnaire survey for a comparative study with private domestic workers, including Spanish translation.

Cornell University

- 2013-2015 **Research Assistant**, *Department of Anthropology, PI: Dr. Sofia A. Villenas.*
Conducted individual interviews with community leaders, participant observations of community events, and maintained ethnographic field notes.
- 2011-2013 **Graduate Researcher**, *Advisor: Dr. Maria L. Cook.* Investigated and wrote a case study on immigrant workers' modes of organizing for inclusiveness, particularly exploring the historical relationship between Latinx immigrant workers and the U.S. labor movement.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of California Santa Barbara

Instructor of Record, Undergraduate Courses

- 2021 FEMST 30: Women, Globalization, and Resistance
- 2017 FEMST 60: Women of Color: Race, Class and Ethnicity
- 2017 FEMST 50: Global Feminisms and Social Justice

Teaching Assistant

- 2020 FEMST 150: Sex, Love, and Romance
- 2020 FEMST 50: Transnational Feminist Social Movements
- 2020 FEMST 40: Women, Representation, and Cultural Production
- 2020 FEMST 30: Women, Globalization and Resistance
- 2019 FEMST 20: Introduction to Gender and Power
- 2019 FEMST 50: Transnational Feminist Social Movements
- 2019 FEMST 30: Women, Development, and Globalization
- 2018 ENGL 134FC: *Flora y Canto*: Poetry Reading and Writing
- 2018 FEMST 150: Sex, Love, and Romance
- 2017 FEMST 50: Global Feminisms and Social Justice
- 2017 FEMST 30: Women, Development and Globalization
- 2016 FEMST 20: Women, Culture, and Society

Ithaca College

Instructor of Record, Undergraduate Courses

2014 CSCR 10700: Introduction to Latina/o Studies

2014 CSCR/WS 23100: Maid in the U.S.: Latinas & Carework (designed)

2013 CSCR 10700: Introduction to Latina/o Studies

UNIVERSITY & COMMUNITY SERVICE

University of California

2024 **Panelist**, “UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellows,” Proseminar on Scholarships, Fellowships & Grants,” The Global Latinidades Center, UC Santa Barbara

2020-2023 **Advisor & Co-founder**, Collective of *Pueblos Originarios* in Diaspora, Student Organization, Student Engagement, and Leadership, UC Santa Barbara

2021-2022 **Advanced Doctoral Student Mentor**, Graduate Scholars Program, Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara

2022 **Panelist**, “Forming and Sustaining Community in Diaspora During a Pandemic,” Multicultural Resource Center’s Social Justice Virtual Conference, UC Santa Barbara

2022 **Member**, Excellence Teaching Award Selection Committee, Graduate Student Association, UC Santa Barbara

2021 **Panelist**, “Disrupting a Monolithic Indigenous Narrative,” Multicultural Resource Center’s Social Justice Virtual Conference, UC Santa Barbara

2018 **Representative**, University Children’s Center, Student Resource Building Governance Board, UC Santa Barbara

2016 **Panelist**, “Graduate School 101,” Women’s Center, UC Santa Barbara

Cornell University

2012 **Co-organizer**, Guest workshop: Alexis Pauline Gumbs, “Brilliance Re-mastered: Workshop for Graduate Students,” Latina/o Graduate Student Coalition, Latinx Studies Program

2012 **Co-organizer**, Artist visit and film screening: Aurora Guerrero, *Mosquita y Mari*, Latina/o Graduate Student Coalition, Latinx Studies Program

2012 **Panelist**, “*Precious Knowledge* Documentary Screening,” Cornell Cinema & Latinx Studies Program

2011 **Co-organizer**, “Navigating the Academy: A Panel Discussion with Latina/o

Scholars,” Latina/o Graduate Student Coalition, Latinx Studies Program

Community/External Service

- 2020-2024 **Committee Member**, Oaxaqueñx Youth Encuentro, Binational Center for the Development of Oaxacan Indigenous Communities, Fresno, CA
- 2024 **Panelist**, “Breaking Barriers & Paving Paths,” Tequio Youth Program, Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project, Oxnard, CA
- 2022-2023 **Mentor**, Oaxaqueñx Youth Encuentro, Indigenous Mentor Program, Los Angeles
- 2018 **Volunteer**, 805 Undocufund Clinic, Mixteco/Indigena Community Organizing Project, Oxnard, CA

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native)
English (Fluent)
Portuguese (Conversational)
Zapoteco (Beginner)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Studies Association (ASA)
Association for *Joteria* Arts, Activism, and Scholarship (AJAAS)
Latina/x/o Studies Association (LSA)
National Women’s Studies Association (NWSA)
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA)