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## Academic Position

### University of South Carolina – Columbia, SC

- **Research Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
  - August 2024 – present
  - **Bridge to Faculty Fellow (2024 – 2026)**
- **Affiliate Faculty Member**, Women's and Gender Studies
  - October 2024 – present

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## Education

### University of California – Irvine

- **Ph.D. in Social Ecology with emphasis on Chicano/Latino Studies and Law, Culture & Society (2024)**  
Dissertation: *Global Influences, Local Realities: Unraveling Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Michoacán*  
Dissertation Committee: Dr. Susan B. Coutin (Chair), Dr. Lee Cabatingan, Dr. Kirk Williams
- **Master of Arts in Social Ecology (2022)**  
Thesis: *Conceptions of Recovery and Relapse of Severe Mental Illness in Mexico City*
- **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology & Social Behavior & Criminology, Law & Society (2017)**

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## Research Interest

My research focuses on understanding the broader impacts of gender-based violence within marginalized communities, with a particular emphasis on how systemic inequalities and institutional barriers shape survivor experiences. I am interested in community-centered approaches to addressing gender-based violence, survivor advocacy, and how research can inform policy change to create safer, more equitable environments. My work aims to uncover the social, cultural, and policy-related factors that hinder survivors' access to resources and support systems, and I seek to contribute to solutions that prioritize survivor agency and empowerment.

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## Publications

### Published

- Sabina, C., Mariscal, E. S., Weber, M., Medrano, A. S., Flores, Y., Agorde, E. K., Elliot, J. M., **Gonzalez, V.V.**, & Restrepo, M. T. (2025). Factors Enhancing Resilience Among Youth Exposed to Macro-Level Violence in Spanish-Speaking Countries in Latin America. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*, 26(2), 265-282. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380241309375>
- **Gonzalez V. V.** (2025). Variability in the Implementation of Best Practices for Sexual Assault Case Handling Across US Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Agencies. *Journal of public health management and practice : JPHMP*, 10.1097/PHH.0000000000002142. Advance online publication. <https://doi.org/10.1097/PHH.0000000000002142>
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (in press). Is It Possible to Conduct Ethnographic Research on Intimate Partner Violence as a Survivor of Intimate Partner Violence? In Cabatingan, L., Bibler Coutin, S., &

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Martínez, D.N. (Eds.). *Communities of Practice and Ethnographic Fieldwork: Creating Supportive Research Experiences* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003402701>

- Williams, K., Ragan, K., Magnus, A., & **Gonzalez, V.V.** (2024). Death Under Review: Differentiating Lethal and Nonlethal Intimate Partner Violence. In Parker, Karen & Mancik, Ashley (Eds). *Taking Stock of Homicide: Trends, Emerging Themes, and the Challenges*. Temple University Press
- **Gonzalez, V.V.**, (2023). I Was Penalized for Learning a Language at Home. [Letter to the editor]. *Sapiens – Anthropology Magazine*. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/fulbright-hays-native-speaker/>
- **Gonzalez, V.V.**, Rios, J.M. (2023) Conceptions of Recovery and Relapse of Severe Mental Illness from the Perspective of Mental Health Personnel in Mexico City. *Int J Ment Health Addiction*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11469-023-01055-5>

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## Accepted for Publication

- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (accepted for publication). The Evolution of Policies Surrounding the Legal Status of Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence in the United States. In A. Brandon (ed), *Women empowerment for gender equality: Diverse initiatives from across the world* (Vol. 2). Vernon Press.
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (accepted for publication). *Motherwork* Under Confinement: Navigating Incarceration and Maternal Identities in Michoacán's Prisons. In O. Marques & M. H. Miller (Eds.), *Incarcerated (M)others*. Demeter Press.

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## Unpublished Manuscripts

- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (revise and resubmit). Fragmented Responses: Variability in Law Enforcement and Prosecutorial Approaches to Sexual Assault Cases
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (revise and resubmit). Courage in Crisis: Latina Immigrant Survivors of IPV and the Quest for Help Amid Anti-Immigrant Sentiment
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (revise and resubmit). Reflections of a Survivor-Researcher: Personal Experience and Professional Inquiry in IPV Studies.
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (revise and resubmit). Global Norms, Local Realities: Bridging Cultural and Systemic Gaps in IPV Interventions
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (under review). The Cost of Opportunity: Gender and Education in the Socio-Economic Landscape of Rural Michoacán
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (under review). Extended Carceral Experiences: Informal Confinement of LGBTQIA+ Identities Across Non-Corrective Institutions
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (in progress). Feeding Conversations: Using Food as a Methodological Tool in Qualitative Interviews on Intimate Partner Violence.
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (in progress). Conflicting Approaches: How Formal and Informal Organizations Tackle Femicide in Mexico

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## Reports & Public Scholarship

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- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (2024) Understanding and Addressing Electoral Violence in Mexico: Insights and Recommendations from the 2023-2024 Reports. UN Women Mexico Informational Brief.
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (August 8, 2023) Victimization Experiences of Latinas employed in Domestic and/or Farm work. Policy discussion with White House Gender Policy Counsel.
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (2023) Non-confrontational Approach to Domestic Disturbance. Proposed California legislation policy brief.
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (2022) Survivor Centered Responses to Sexual Assault Reporting. Proposed California legislation policy brief.
- **Gonzalez, V.V.** (2016) Parents Creating Change: The Impact of Parenting Education on the Parent-child Relationship of Domestic Violence Survivors. Unpublished report for UCI Advanced Field Study Research Program
- Novaco, R.W., Monjazeb, S., **Gonzalez, V.V.**, & Castro, A. (2016) The Parenting Program at the Orange County Family Justice Center: Findings from Three Program Implementations Unpublished report for Orange County Family Justice Center

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## Fellowships, Scholarships, & Grants

- Excel Funding Program, University of South Carolina (2025-2026)
- CDC ORISE Fellowship, Division of Violence Prevention, NCIPC, CDC (2025)
- College of Arts & Science Faculty Research and Creative Scholarship Grant, University of South Carolina (fall 2024)
- 2024 Northwestern Prison Education Justice Fellowship
- 2024 Daniel and Jeannette Stokols Social Ecology Endowed Grant Award
- 2023 NSF-funded Law and Science Dissertation Grant at Arizona State University
- 2023 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Program – Alternate
- 2023-2024 American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE) Graduate Student Fellowship (2023)
- National Science Foundation INTERN Supplemental Funding Opportunity at UN Women Mexico (2023)
- 2023 Daniel and Jeannette Stokols Social Ecology Endowed Grant Award
- Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies Grant, University of California – Irvine Center for Global Peace and Conflict Studies (2022-2023 & 2023-2024)
- 2023 Graduate Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, University of California – Irvine
- 2023 Research and Policy Latin@ Leadership Fellowship, Esperanza United
- 2023-2024 UC Pre-Professoriate Fellowship, University of California – Irvine
- Center of Psychology & Law Dissertation Award, University of California – Irvine (2022)
- 2022-2023 Public Impact Fellowship, University of California – Irvine
- 2022-2023 Initiative to End Family Violence Graduate Fellowship, University of California – Irvine
- Small Change, Better World Grant, University of California – Irvine Blum Center (2020 & 2022)
- National Science Foundation INTERN Supplemental Funding Opportunity at INMUJERES Mexico (2021)

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- Newkirk Community-Based Initiative Fellowship (2021-2022; 2020-2021)
- Fulbright Research Semi-Finalist (2021 & 2020)
- The Bernard-Partridge Foundation Fund Grant, The Santa Barbara Scholarship Foundation (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- 2019-2020 Initiative to End Family Violence Graduate Fellowship, University of California - Irvine
- 2019 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- University of California Firearm Violence Research Small Grant, University of California - Davis Health (February 2019)
- UC MEXUS Small Research Grant, University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (July 2018)
- The Hispanic Scholarship Fund Award, The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (2017 & 2018)
- Graduate Opportunity Fellowship Award, University of California - Irvine (2017-2021)

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## Honors & Awards

- Honorable Mention, Best Dissertation Award 2025, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Mexico Section
- Honorable Mention, Junior Research Award 2025, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Migration, Displacement, and Mobilities Section
- 2025 Latinx Studies Section Dissertation Award, Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- 2025 Doctoral Student Award, American Association of Hispanics in Higher Education (AAHHE)
- 2024 American Society of Criminology Division of Feminist Criminology Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2024 Outstanding Social Justice Activist Award, UC – Irvine
- 2024 Latino Excellence and Achievement Award, UC – Irvine
- 2023 UC Center Sacramento STEM Solutions Finalist
- 2023 Miki Vohryzek-Bolden Student Paper Award, Western Society of Criminology
- 2022 American Society of Criminology Division of Critical Criminology & Social Justice Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2022 UC Center Sacramento STEM Solutions Finalist
- 2019 Social Ecology Graduate Poster Award
- 2018 UCI School of Social Ecology Graduate Student Mentoring Award

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## Presentations

- Gonzalez, V. (2024, June). *Immigrant and Undocumented Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and the Policies Surrounding their Legal Status*. Presentation at 2024 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Congress.
- Gonzalez, V. (2024, June). *Recognizing, Naming, Blaming, Claiming, and Redress of Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Michoacán and the Role of Globalization*. Presentation at 2024 Law & Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting.

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- Gonzalez, V. (2024, April). *The Unascended Pyramid: A Journey Through Michoacán's Rural IPV Landscape*. Presentation at 2024 Center for Global Peace and Conflict Solutions (CGPACS) Annual Graduate Student Conference.
- Gonzalez, V. (2024, February). *Sexual Assault Case-Handling Practices in the United States*. Presentation at 2024 Western Society of Criminology (WSC) Annual Meeting
- Gonzalez, V. (2023, November). *Sexual Assault Case-Handling Practices in the United States*. Presentation at 2023 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting
- Gonzalez, V. (2023, August). *Formal Help-Seeking of Latina Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During a Period of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*. Presentation at 2023 American Sociological Association (ASA) Meeting.
- Gonzalez, V. (2023, August). *Victimization Experiences of Latina Domestic and Farm Workers in the United States*. Convening Session of Esperanza United Research and Policy Latin@ Leadership Fellowship Convening.
- Gonzalez, V. (2023, June). *Formal Help-Seeking of Latina Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During a Period of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*. Presentation at XX International Sociological Association (ISA) World Congress of Sociology.
- Gonzalez, V. (2023, May). *Sexual Assault Case-Handling Practices in the United States*. Presentation at 2023 Law & Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting
- Gonzalez, V. (2022, July). *Formal Help-Seeking of Latina Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During a Period of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*. Presentation at 2022 Law & Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting
- Gonzalez, V. (2022, May). *Formal Help-Seeking of Latina Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During a Period of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*. Presentation at UCI Law School Initiative to End Family Violence
- Gonzalez, V. (2021, October). *Formal Help-Seeking of Latina Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During a Period of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*. Presentation at UCI Socio-Legal Workshop
- Gonzalez, V. (2020, August). *Room for Improvement. Sexual Assault Case-Handling Practices in the United States*. Presentation at RAND Corporation.
- Gonzalez, V. (2019, October). *Help-seeking Behavior of Undocumented Intimate Partner Survivors in the Era of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*. Presentation at the Conference for Migrant Women's Human Rights, hosted by Michoacán's Secretaria del Migrante, Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico.
- Gonzalez, V & Mora Rios, EJ. (2019, July). *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*. Panel discussion presented at the Congreso Interamericano de Psicología, Havana, Cuba
- Gonzalez, V & Mora Rios, EJ. (2019, March). *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*. Poster presented at the 3rd Biennial International Convention of Psychological Science, Paris, France
- Gonzalez, V. (2019, February). *Help-seeking Behavior of Undocumented Intimate Partner Survivors in the Era of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment*. Panel discussion presented at the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI.

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- Gonzalez, V & Mora Rios, EJ. (2018, October). *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*. Poster presented at the 2018 National Latina/o Psychological Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Gonzalez, V & Mora Rios, EJ. (2018, August). *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*. Poster presented at the 126<sup>th</sup> Annual American Psychological Association Convention, San Francisco, CA.
- Gonzalez, V & Mora Rios, EJ. (2018, May). *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*. Poster presented at the 30<sup>th</sup> Association for Psychological Science Annual Convention, San Francisco, CA
- Gonzalez, V & Mora Rios, EJ. (2018, August). *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*. Poster presented at the Latinx in the US and Beyond: Diverse Perspectives on Latinx Communities, Irvine, CA
- Gonzalez, V & Mora Rios, EJ. (2018, March). *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*. Poster presented at the 2018 William & Mary Graduate Research Symposium, Williamsburg, VA
- Gonzalez, V. (2018, February). *The Impact of Parenting Education on the Parent-child Relationship of Domestic Violence Survivors*. Poster presented at the Western Society of Criminology 2018 Annual Conference, Long Beach, CA

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## Guest Lecture & Invited Talks

**University of California, Irvine Socio-Legal Workshop** (2025, February) *Global Norms, Local Realities: Bridging Cultural and Systemic Gaps in IPV Interventions*

- Invited talk for the socio-legal studies workshop on theorizing the local-global dynamics of IPV survivor resources for rural communities in Latin America.

**San Jose State University** (2024, October) *Community-Engaged Ethnographic Methodologies*

- Invited guest lecture for Department of Justice Studies graduate students to discuss how to plan ethnographic studies with minoritized community members.

**Red Interamericana Anti femicide (RIAF)** (2023, October) *Violencia de Pareja (VP) en Comunidades Rurales de Michoacán*

- Invited talk with a group of scholars and practitioners studying femicide in Latin America

**Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)** (2023, October) *Conceptions of Intimate Partner Violence in Michoacán and Perceptions of Resources*

- Invited talk at UNAM's Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios de Género (CEIG)

**Tecnológico de Monterrey** (2023, April) *Conceptions of Intimate Partner Violence in Michoacán and Perceptions of Resources*

- Lectured to third year psychology students about intimate partner violence and help-seeking behavior about resource usage.

**Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatria Ramon de la Fuente Muñiz**, (2019, August) *Recovery of psychiatric illness from the perspective of mental health personnel in Mexico City*.

- Lectured to first-year psychiatry medical students about mental illness stigma among mental health professionals.

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## Legislative, Policy, Advocacy, and Research Experience

**Research Fellow**, CDC ORISE Fellowship, Division of Violence Prevention (DVP), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- 02/2025 – 08/2025 (*Offered, but position discontinued due to federal hiring freeze*)
  - Conduct research on human trafficking and technology-facilitated violence prevention.
  - Collaborate with the Office of Trafficking in Persons (OTIP) to apply public health models to prevention strategies.
  - Investigate the intersection of technology and violence, recommending evidence-based interventions.

**Collaborating Researcher**, FreeFrom

- 08/2024 – 11/2024
  - Collaborated on research project focused on economic security and justice of survivors of gender-based violence

**Research Intern**, NSF INTERN Opportunity, UN Women Mexico

- 06/2023 – 02/2024
  - Write concept notes, technical sheet, and reports.
  - Provide technical input on presentations, data, summaries, etc.
  - Collect and systematize information and data.
  - Write research reports and other material.

**Research Fellow**, Esperanza United, Remote

- 05/2023 – 08/2023
  - Conduct a scoping review on the victimization of Latinx farm and domestic workers in the United States.
  - Create presentation to deliver at the end of fellowship.
  - Present research to a multidisciplinary audience.

**Research Intern**, NSF INTERN Opportunity, INMUJERES, Mexico City, Mexico

- 04/2022 – 10/2022
  - Create interview guides.
  - Conduct ethnographic observations at workshops on gender-based violence hosted by INMUJERES
  - Collect educational documents on gender-based violence and conduct document analysis.
  - Conduct qualitative data analysis.

**Graduate Student Research Assistant**, Newkirk Center, UC-Irvine, Dr. Connie McGuire & Dr.

Victoria Lowerson Bredow

- 03/2021 – 09/2022
  - Collect and store narratives from people impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.

**Graduate Student Research Assistant**, Long Beach City Policy Immigration Study, UC-Irvine Dr. Susan Coutin & Dr. Walter Nicholls

- 10/2020 – 03/2021
  - Find and analyze Long Beach city policies for potential impact to undocumented and immigrant community members.

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- Analyze city council meetings for discussion on immigrants and immigrant issues.
- Conduct interviews with community members, city council members, and stakeholders on the impact of city ordinances and regulations on immigrant and undocumented community members.

## **Summer Associate, RAND Corporation**

- 06/2020 – 12/2020
  - Design and implement study regarding sexual assault case-handling procedures for law enforcement and prosecutors.
  - Create and submit IRB
  - Design surveys (Qualtrics) and interview guide
  - Conduct interviews with stakeholders.
  - Analyze data using STATA and Atlas.ti

## **Graduate Student Researcher, The Help-Seeking Behavior of Undocumented Immigrant Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence During a Period of Anti-Immigrant Sentiment**

- 07/2018 – 03/2020
  - Interview survivors of intimate partner violence
  - Transcribe and code interviews
  - Data collection and data entry

## **Graduate Student Research Assistant, YEA - Madres Neighborhood Study, UC-Irvine Dr. Kirk Williams**

- 09/2017 – 08/2019
  - Create and translate surveys for neighborhood study.
  - Create and translate recruitment material and consent forms for neighborhood study.
  - Observe and assist in Madres-a- Madres training program.

## **Research Assistant, 2017 MHIRT Latino Mental Health Research Training Program, Mexico (under University of Southern California's Psychology Department)**

- 05/2017 – 08/2017
  - Research project took place in the locations of Mexico City in collaboration with El Instituto Nacional de Psiquiatría Ramón de la Fuente Muñiz project focuses on the concept of recovery as defined by mental health personnel and service users.
  - Assist with the development of coding guide for open-ended interview questions.
  - Assist with data analysis.
  - Assist with writing of report and research article.

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## **Service & Other Experience**

### **Board Member, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Executive Council**

- 06/2024 - present
  - The Executive Council administers the affairs of the association and organizes the annual conference.

### **Council Member, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Student Section**

- 06/2024 – present

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- Assist the chair with social media content management,
- Assist the chair in develop and organize graduate student section events and workshops.

## **Board Member, American Sociological Association (ASA) Student Forum Advisory Board (SFAB)**

- 2023 - present
  - Organizes programming and social events at the ASA Annual Meeting and throughout the year.
  - Chair for the SFAB Communication Committee

## **Graduate Student Representative, American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division of Feminist Criminology**

- 2023 - present
  - Assist in creating section newsletter.
  - In charge of updating section website.
  - Develop and organize graduate student section events and workshops.

## **Co-Chair, Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Student Section**

- 06/2022 – 06/2024
  - Assist in creating section newsletter.
  - Develop and organize graduate student section events and workshops.

## **Graduate Student Representative, American Sociological Association (ASA) Latina/o Sociology Section**

- 07/2021 – 07/2023
  - Assist in creating section newsletter
  - Develop and organize graduate student section events and workshops

## **Graduate Student Representative, UCI Council on Enrollment Management and Admissions (CEMA)**

- 07/2022 – 06/2023
  - Make recommendations and approve policies on admissions, enrollments, enrollment management, and relations with schools to the administration and to the Academic Senate.
  - Monitor outreach programs directed toward academic enrichment of the campus through a diverse student body.
  - Make suggestions for and approve annual reader training for application readers.
  - Maintains liaison with the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools

## **Graduate Student Council Member, UCI Associated Graduate Student (AGS) Council**

- 07/2022 – 06/2023
  - Council members are elected representatives from each graduate school and are responsible for communicating important issues and events to their constituents.

## **Graduate Student Member, UCI Lobby Corps**

- 07/2022 – 06/2023
  - Members of lobby corps plan and advocate for student needs.
  - Write memos advocating for policy in advancement of graduate student needs.
  - Meet with legislators to advocate for policy that advances the needs of graduate students.

## **Student Editor, Sociological Perspectives Journal**

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- 03/2020 – 06/2022
  - Assist in reviewing article manuscripts by giving initial review.
  - Finding potential reviewers for articles.

## **DECADE PLUS Leadership Coach, University of California – Irvine**

- 2018-2019, 2019-2020, & 2020-2021
  - Mentor incoming first-generation freshman and transferring undergraduate students to increase retention

## **CLS Department Graduate Student Representative, Department of Criminology, Law & Society, University of California – Irvine**

- 2019-2020
  - Act as CLS graduate students representative and liaison to CLS administrators and faculty.
- 2018-2019
  - Create community engagement events that bring UCI CLS graduate together with community organizations.
  - Organize community volunteering events.
  - Crate and maintain budget and accounting for committee

## **Co-Chair of CLS Department Peer Mentor Committee, Criminology, Law & Society Department, University of California – Irvine**

- 2018-2019
  - Assign incoming CLS cohort students' mentors
  - Check in with mentors and mentees and assist with mentoring relationships
  - Plan and hold quarterly events for peer mentors and mentees
  - Crate and maintain budget and accounting for committee

## **Co-Chair of CLS Department Graduate Student Social Committee, Criminology, Law & Society Department, University of California – Irvine**

- 2018-2019
  - Plan and hold quarterly graduate social events.
  - Create and maintain budget and accounting for committee

## **Education Program Facilitator, Orange County Family Justice Center, Anaheim, CA**

- Summer 2016
  - Created curriculum for a summer college prep course aimed at the children of domestic violence survivors and other at-risk youth.
  - Facilitated summer college prep program for a group of 20 high school aged children.
  - Secured guest speakers from a variety of post-secondary institutions (CSU Fullerton; UC - Irvine, Orange Coast College)
  - Secured guest speakers and facilitated a career panel discussion.
  - Responsible for providing breakfast and lunch for the students attending program.
  - Created and maintained budget for the College Prep Program.

## **Peer Mentor, School of Social Ecology ACCESS Program, University of California – Irvine**

- Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

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- Mentored 5 new UCI transfer students by providing support and guidance during their first year at UCI.
- Collaborated in the creation of educational material for workshops.
- Led and facilitated workshops designed to inform students on a variety of educational topics.
- Coordinated and led in the creation of service-learning programming.

**Peer Facilitator**, Cross Cultural Center's REACH Program, University of California – Irvine

- Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
  - Promote awareness of diversity issues on campus.
  - Created and led workshops to on-campus organizations on a variety of diversity topics.
  - Collaborated with the creation of material and events to promote campus diversity.

**Assistant Program Coordinator/Research Intern**, Social Ecology Advanced Field Study Program at the Orange County Family Justice Center, Anaheim, CA

- Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
  - Assisted with the creation of Parents Creating Change (PCC) Parenting Program curriculum and supplemental material. Consisted of 15 lessons specifically geared towards Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) survivors.
  - Assisted in creating the promotional material for the PCC program.
  - Assisted in recruiting and enrolling parent/participants for the PCC program.
  - Responsible for the development, design, and administration of the PCC program assessment.
  - Culminated with the report on the findings of the assessment presented to the OCFJC and presentation of the findings at UCI's 2016 Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium.

**Victim Advocate Intern/Researcher**, Blum Immersive Field Study at Orange County Family Justice Center, Anaheim, CA

- Summer 2015
  - Interviewed survivors of IPV and assisted them obtaining restraining orders.
  - Provided referrals to community services and resources including counseling, shelters, social services, educational programs for themselves and their children.
  - Assisted handling sensitive police report information and data entry.
  - Assisted with community outreach to inform the public of the services offered at the OCFJC.
  - Assisted in the creation of community outreach material.
  - Assisted contacting potential victims of IPV referred by the Anaheim Police Department to inform victims of services.
  - Assisted in interpreting for law enforcement while interviewing witnesses.

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## Other Training/Certification

**Field Learning Experiences to Advance Practice (LEAP) Scholar Track**, Justice Community Opioid Innovation Network (JCOIN)

- 2024 – 2025

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- Participating in a one-year program designed to enhance research capacity and ethical collaboration in criminal legal and health systems.

**Fieldwork Training and Cross-Cultural Research Course**, Local Engagement Refugee Research Network, Carleton University

- June 2024
  - Training focused on fieldwork methodologies and cross-cultural research practices aimed at enhancing skills in conducting research in diverse cultural settings.

**California Community College Internship Program**, Graduate Division, University of California – Irvine

- 2023-2024
  - Internship program providing hands-on experience in community college teaching, aimed at preparing graduate students for careers in higher education.

**Inclusive Excellence Certificate**, UCI Office of Inclusive Excellence, University of California – Irvine

- Spring 2020
  - Professional development to bring greater awareness for equity and promote inclusivity in academia and higher education.

**Course Design Certificate**, UCI Division of Teaching Excellence, University of California – Irvine

- Summer 2019
  - Provides foundational overview on successful course design practices including backward integrated course design through establishing goals for student learning and aligning assignments and assessments with the goals.

**Program of Cultural Immersion and Volunteering for Students of Mexican Origin**, the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mexico City, Mexico

- Summer 2019
  - Cultural and educational immersion in Mexico to strengthen Mexican American students' ties to Mexico and encourage cultural bonds of participants.

**Ethics in the Modern World Certificate**, UCI Graduate Resource Center, University of California – Irvine

- Spring 2019
  - Series designed to assist graduate student develop a personal code of ethical reasoning and conduct in research and academic settings.

**Science in Action Member**, UCI Graduate Resource Center, University of California – Irvine

- 2018-2019
  - Professional development through workshops and one-on-one mentorship and guidance for the enhancement of leadership, mentoring, and communication skills.
  - Culminates with the development of a final project which communicates research findings to a wider non-academic audience.

**Mentoring Excellence Program**, UCI Graduate Resource Center, University of California – Irvine

- Spring 2018

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- Program consists of 6 meetings and includes lessons on mentoring relationship, effective communication, ethical issues, conflict resolution, boundaries, and wellness. Participants gain skills and knowledge of resources to help improve proficiency as a mentor.

## **Salud Mental y Bienestar de los Migrantes Mexicanos en EEUU: Retos y Propuestas**

**Binacionales**, Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica, Cuernavaca, Mexico

- Summer 2017
  - Training on overall health with emphasis on mental health issues related specifically to Mexican immigrants residing in the United States.

## **40 Hour Domestic Violence Advocate Training (DVAT)**, Women's Transitional Living Center,

Anaheim, CA

- March 2015
  - Training meets California requirement for designation as a Domestic Violence (DV) Counselor which allows opportunities to work directly with survivors of DV.
  - Training provides knowledge of resources, procedures, and options available to DV survivors, dynamics of battering, and philosophy of empowerment.

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## **Membership in Professional Associations**

American Psychological Association (APA)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association of Psychological Science (APS)

International Sociological Association (ISA)

Interamerican Society of Psychology (ISP)

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Law & Society Association (LSA)

National Latinx Psychological Association (NLPA)

Sociologist for Women in Society (SWS)

Western Society of Criminology (WSC)

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## **Languages**

- Spanish – Heritage
- English – Native