

Employment

- 09/2022 – 04/2023 **Huron University College**
Visiting Assistant Professor, Centre for Global Studies
- 01/2022 – 03/2022 **Brock University**
Research Assistant for a SSHRC-funded Project on Animal Rights in Latin America
- 06/2017 - 07/2020 **University of Toronto**
Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Anthropology, Scarborough Campus

Education

- 2017 **University of Toronto**
Ph.D. Socio-Cultural Anthropology
- 2002 - 07 **CUNY Baccalaureate Program**
City University of New York
Magna Cum Laude
- 2003 **American University in Cairo, Egypt**
Semester abroad

Research Interests

Anthropology of Capitalism; Anthropology of Work, Labour and Social Reproduction; Anthropology of Commodities; Free Trade Agreements; Space, Time, and Place; Intersections between History and Anthropology; Material Culture; Latin America; Mexico; Mexican Anthropology

Publications**Books**

Transnational Car Production in Post-NAFTA Mexico. Book manuscript in progress

El Vocho: The Social Life of Beetles in Mexico. Book manuscript in progress

Articles

- 2021 “Latin American Labor Studies: National Contexts and Lived Realities.” *Latin America Research Review*, 56 (2):1-10. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.25222/larr.1388>
- 2007 “Corrido Revolucionario: The Making of Gender through Music.” *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal* 2007, pp. 6-9.

Revise and resubmit

“The Economy of Favors: Gender Relations on Mexico’s Car Assembly Lines.” Article submitted to *Cultural Anthropology*.

In progress

“Crafting Solidarity on Mexico’s Car Assembly Lines.” Article to be submitted to *American Ethnologist*.

“Cultivating Class Consciousness on Mexico’s Car Assembly Lines.” Article to be submitted *Critique of Anthropology*

“Mexico’s Gifts to NAFTA: Land and Water.” Article to be submitted to *Focaal: Journal of Global and Historical Anthropology*.

“Contesting Mexico’s Car Economy.” Article to be submitted to *Dialectical Anthropology*.

Public-Facing Writing

- 2022 “[Development Engines: NAFTA, electric vehicles, and the evolution of Mexico’s auto-industry.](#)” *Phenomenal World*
- 2021 “[Mexico Labor Reform May not be Enough for Auto Logistics Workers.](#)” *NACLA: Report on the Americas*

Book Reviews

- 2013 Book Review of *Beyond Multiculturalism: Views from Anthropology*, edited by Giuliana Prato. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development* 34(1): 98-99.

2011 Book Review of *A Companion to Latin American Anthropology*, edited by Deborah Poole. *Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development* 32(4): 409-410.

Fellowships

2017 – 21 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

2013 - 14 John Hope Franklin Dissertation Fellowship, American Philosophical Society

2013 Fellowship in Ethnographic Writing, Centre for Ethnography, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus

2013 - 14 Ontario Graduate Scholarship

2012 - 13 Ontario Graduate Scholarship

2011 Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research

2011 - 12 Ontario Graduate Scholarship

2010 - 14 Graduate Fellowship, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC)

2010 Pre-doctoral Research Grant, Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives and Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

2009 Pilot Dissertation Research Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto

2008 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Mellon Mays Graduate Initiatives and Social Science Research Council (SSRC)

2008 Graduate Fellowship (five years), Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto

2007 Diego Hidalgo Scholarship for Graduate Studies, CUNY Baccalaureate Program

2007 Carl Dunat Scholarship for Graduate Studies, Department of History at City College, CUNY

2005 - present Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF); Andrew W. Mellon Foundation

2005 Thomas W. Smith Academic Fellowship, CUNY Baccalaureate Program

2005 Diego Hidalgo Scholarship for Political Science/International Affairs, CUNY Baccalaureate Program

Travel Grants

2017 Conference Travel Grant, Latin American Studies Association

2015 Conference Travel Grant, Anthropology Department, University of Toronto

2013 Conference Travel Grant, Anthropology Department, University of Toronto

2013 Conference Travel Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto

2012 Travel Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto

2010 Travel Grant, Anthropology Department, University of Toronto

2010 Travel Grant, School of Graduate Studies, University of Toronto

Awards

2015 Syllabus competition for the course Cars in the Everyday under the topic of Emerging Topics in Anthropology, University of Toronto, St. George Campus

2006 Research Award Leadership Alliance Summer Program at Cornell University

2006 Joan Kelly Prize, Department of History at City College, CUNY in recognition of outstanding work in the field of History

Honourable Mention

2010 Roseberry-Nash Award for Graduate Student Paper, *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*

2009 Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP), National Science Foundation (NSF)

Presentations

2021 “Just-in-Time Car Production in Post-NAFTA Mexico.” Talk at the Global Studies Public Forum at the Department of Global and International Studies, University of California Irvine.

2019 “Corporate Paternalism in Post-NAFTA Mexico.” Presented at panel Markets,

- States and Corporations. Canadian Association for Latin American Studies and Caribbean Studies, York University, Toronto.
- 2019 “Driving on the Ring Road: Forms and Flows of Traffic.” Presented at workshop Traffic in the Americas, University of Toronto.
- 2019 “‘The Volkswagen Family’: Corporate Belongings and Subject Formation in the NAFTA Era.” Presented at the International Conference Social Relations of the Capitalocene: Work, Value(s) and Personhood Below the Commanding Heights. Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany.
- 2018 “‘The Volkswagen Family’: Practices and Tropes of Corporate Care in Post-NAFTA Mexico.” Paper presented at panel NAFTA and its Whereabouts, Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.
- 2017 “The Limits of ‘the Right to the City.’” Paper presented at panel El Derecho a la Ciudad en América Latina: Miradas Cruzadas y Saberes Diversos: contestaciones, márgenes y límites, Latin American Studies Conference, Lima, Peru.
- 2015 “‘Don’t Throw Them Out, Restore Them!’ (On Beetles in Mexico).” Paper presented at panel Keeping Things Alive, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- 2014 “On Those Who Stay Behind: Jobs and Aspirations in Puebla.” Paper presented at conference ¡Dinero! The Economics of Mexican Migration, Institute of Mexican Studies, City University of New York (CUNY).
- 2014 “The Car of *El Pueblo*: Stories of Urban Mobilities.” Paper presented at conference Counterstories of Greater Mexico, Cornell University.
- 2013 “The People’s Car: The Beetle as Fetish.” Paper presented at the Centre for Ethnography Fall 2013 Speaker Series, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus.
- 2013 “Crafting Futures Through Cars: *Volkswagen de México*.” Paper presented at panel “Latin American Becomings: Future (Re) Publics and Current Engagements with Development,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2013 “*Volkswagen de México*: Crafting Future Engineers.” Paper presented at Graduate Research Conference on Latin American and Caribbean Studies, York University, Toronto.
- 2011 “Transnacionales en Mexico: El caso de Volkswagen de México” (Transnationals in Mexico: The case of *Volkswagen de México*). Invited lecture at Rotary Club, Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico.

- 2011 “Transformaciones Urbanas Neoliberales: El caso de Angelopolis, Puebla” (Neoliberal Urban Transformations: The case of Angelopolis, Puebla). Invited lecture, Architecture Department, Universidad de las Americas, Puebla, Mexico.
- 2007 “Crossing Borders: A Life History in New York City.” Paper presented at 5th Annual Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Regional Conference at City College, CUNY.
- 2006 “Life History: A Glimpse into Mexican Immigration.” Paper presented at Leadership Alliance Symposium at Westfields Marriot Conference Center Chantilly, Virginia.
- 2006 “Corrido Revolucionario: The Making of Gender through Music.” Paper presented at 2006 Mid Atlantic Mellon Mays Conference at Princeton University.

Panel Organization

- 2018 “NAFTA and its Whereabouts.” Panel co-organized at the Canadian Anthropology Society Annual Meeting, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba.
- 2015 “Keeping Things Alive.” Panel co-organized for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, Colorado
- 2013 “Latin American Becomings: Future (Re)Publics and Current Engagements with Development.” Panel co-organized for the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois

Research Experience

- 2022 Research Assistant for Professor Kendra Coulter’s SSHRC-funded project on animal rights in Latin America, Brock University
- 2017- 2019 Follow-up research for two book projects in Puebla, Mexico (recurrent trips)
- 2015 Follow-up dissertation fieldwork in Puebla, Mexico (June – August)
- 2010 - 2011 Dissertation fieldwork on Volkswagen in Puebla, Mexico
- 2010 Preliminary Ph.D. research in newspaper archives in Puebla, Mexico (June – July)
- 2010 Research Assistant for Professor Krystyna Scieciechowicz, University of Toronto

- 2009 Preliminary Ph.D. research in newspaper archives in Puebla, Mexico (June – August)
- 2006 B.A. oral history project on the life of a Mexican immigrant woman in New York City (January – July)

Teaching Experience

- Winter 2023 NAFTA: Anthropology of Free Trade, Huron University College
- Winter 2023 Theorising Subjectivity and Power, Huron University College
- Fall 2022 Global Energy Regimes, Huron University College
- Fall 2022 Introduction to Global Culture, Huron University College
- Winter 2017 Language and Society, University of Toronto, St. George Campus (Teaching Assistant)
- Winter 2016 Being Human: Classic Thought on Self and Society, University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus (Teaching Assistant)
- Winter 2016 Anthropology of Youth Culture, University of Toronto, St. George Campus, (Teaching Assistant)
- Winter 2015 Cars in the Everyday (Emerging Topics in Anthropology), University of Toronto, St. George Campus (Instructor)
- Winter 2012 Being Human: Classic Thought on Self and Society, University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus, (Teaching Assistant)
- Winter 2010 Culture, Politics, and Globalization, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus (Teaching Assistant)
- Fall 2009 Varieties of Social Life, University of Toronto, Scarborough Campus (Teaching Assistant)
- Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 Introduction to Anthropology, University of Toronto, St George Campus (Teaching Assistant)

Non-Academic Professional Experience

- 2004 Office Assistant, Harold Ober Associates, New York City
- 2002 - 03 Newsletter Designer, Casa Mexico, New York City

1999 - 2000	Founding member and organizer, Mujeres del Bronx, New York City
1999 - 2000	Refugee assistant, Jesuit Refugee Service, New York City
1999 - 2000	Editor in Spanish and writer, “La Quinta Raza,” New York City
1999 - 2000	Volunteer, AMAT <i>Asociación México-Americana de Trabajadores</i> (Mexican-American Workers Association), New York City
1997 - 98	Photo and news researcher, Sintesis (regional newspaper), Puebla, Mexico
1995 - 96	Director’s assistant, El Universal (regional newspaper), Puebla, Mexico

Language Skills

- Fluent in Spanish (first language)
- Fluent in English
- Elementary knowledge of German (level A2.2 Goethe Institut, Canada)