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Curriculum Vitae

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Department of Anthropology
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EDUCATION

- 2021 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2020 Graduate Certificate, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Michigan
- 2017 M.A. Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2011 M.A. Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs, American University
- 2005 B.A. Anthropology, Yale University

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University

RESEARCH AND WRITING FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2017 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2017 Wenner-Gren Foundation Dissertation Fieldwork Grant
- 2017 Inter-American Foundation Grassroots Development Field Research Fellowship
- 2017 Fulbright U.S. Student Award
- 2012 Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA) Fellow

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017-19 Two years in San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2016 Two months in San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2015 Three months in Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Honduras
- 2012-14 Two years in Mexico
- 2010-11 Six months in Mexico

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Under review. Frank-Vitale, Amelia and Jesse Hoffnung-Garskoff. "Gang Violence and Asylum Law," for the Special Issue "Latin Americans Seeking Asylum in North America: Documenting the Crisis as Researchers and Expert Witnesses," edited by Sarah England, Lisa Maya Knauer, and Alfonso Gonzales. *Latin American Perspectives*.

Under review. Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Interview with Tomas Ayuso," for the Special Issue "Fotografía en, desde, y sobre Centroamérica II: Fotografía en contextos de guerra y violencia" edited by Magdalena Perkowska and Cristina Pardo Porto. *O Istmó*.

Under review. Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "PSG Trouble: Producing Categories of 'Unworthy' Asylum Seekers," for Special Issue on Expert Witnessing, edited by James Phillips and Gabriella Torres. *Annals of Anthropological Practice*.

- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia, and Juan José Martínez d'Aubuisson. "The Generation of the Coup: Honduran Youth *at Risk and of Risk*," In Focus issue on Generation, edited by Ellen Moodie and Jennifer Burrell. *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jlca.12512>
- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Such a Thing as the American Dream: On Immigration, Affect, and the Election of Donald Trump." *Public Anthropologist* 2 (2): 158–76. <https://doi.org/doi:10.1163/25891715-bja10004>.
- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Stuck in Motion: Inhabiting the Space of Transit in Central American Migration," *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 25, no. 1 (2020): 67–83, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jlca.12465>.
- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia, and Margarita Nuñez Chaim. "'Lady Frijoles': Las Caravanas Centroamericanas y El Poder de La Hípervisibilidad de La Migración Indocumentada." *EntreDiversidades. Revista de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades* 7 (1 (14)): 37–61. <https://doi.org/10.31644/ED.V7.N1.2020.A02>.
- 2019 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Rolling the Windows Up: On (Not) Researching Violence and Strategic Distance." *Geopolitics* 26, no. 1 (2019): 139–58. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2019.1662396>.

OTHER ARTICLES AND REPORTS

- Forthcoming*. Heidbrink, Lauren and Amelia Frank-Vitale. "Development Aid: A "Root Cause" of Child Migration," *Migration Policy and Practice*, International Organization for Migration.
- 2020 Shorack, Marna, Elizabeth G. Kennedy, and Amelia Frank-Vitale. "A State of Mistrust." *NACLA Report on the Americas* 52 (4): 404–9. November 4, 2020.
- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia and Sandra Ivett Amador Mazariegos. "Deportación, Inseguridad, y la Migración Circular en Honduras." Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO)-Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras. 1 ed. pp 14. Tegucigalpa, Honduras. 2020.
- 2018 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "De caravana a éxodo, de migración a movimiento." *Contra Corriente*, November 28, 2018.
- 2018 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "From Caravan to Exodus, From Migration to Movement." *NACLA Report on the Americas*, November 20, 2018.
- 2018 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Regreso a casa: La vida después de la deportación a Honduras." *Contra Corriente*, July 17, 2018.
- 2018 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Home in Honduras: Snapshots of Life after Deportation." *World Policy Journal* 35, no. 2 (June 1, 2018): 112–17.
- 2015 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Looming Crisis: What the United States Must Do to Address the Plight of Migrants from Central America." Policy Paper. ICWA Experts. Washington, DC: Institute of Current World Affairs.
- 2013 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Central American Migrants in Mexico: Implications for U.S. Security and Immigration Policy." Working Paper. *CLALS Working Paper Series*. Washington, DC. December 13, 2013.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- In Preparation.* Álvarez Velasco, Soledad, Amelia Frank-Vitale, and Bruno Miranda, “Doubly forced to transit Ethnographic Approaches to Global Transits through the Central America-Mexico Migratory Corridor,” in *Organized violence and forced migration in the Americas*. Edited by Ximena Alba Villalerver, Oscar Calderón, Ludger Pries, and Stephanie Schütze.
- Forthcoming.* Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “On Deportation and (Im)Mobility.” In *Handbook on Forced Migration*. Edited by Karen Jacobsen and Nassim Majidi. Elgar Press.
- 2021 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “‘Better in Jail There than Dead Here’: Deportation, Migration, and Violence in Honduras.” In *Migration and Mortality: Social Death, Dispossession, and Survival in the Americas*. Edited by Jamie Longazel and Miranda Cady Hallett. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2021.
- 2017 Doering-White, John, Amelia Frank-Vitale, and Jason De León. “Chapter 4: Central America.” In *Fatal Journeys Volume 3 Part 2: Improving Data on Missing Migrants*. International Organization for Migration, 2017.
- 2015 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “‘Fui Migrante y Me Hospedaron’: The Catholic Church’s Responses to Violence Against Central American Migrants in Mexico.” In *Religious Responses to Violence: Human Rights in Latin America Past and Present*, edited by Alexander Wilde. Notre Dame: University of Notre Dame Press, 2015.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Forthcoming.* Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “Book Review: *Migranthood: Youth in a New Era of Deportation*. By Lauren Heidbrink. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2020. pp. 213” *Anthropological Quarterly*.
- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “Book Review: *Asylum for Sale: Profit and Protest in the Migration Industry*. Edited by Siobhán McGuirk and Adrienne Pine. Oakland: PM Press, 2020. pp 343.” *Antipode*.
- 2019 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “Book Review: *Exiled Home: Salvadoran Transnational Youth in the Aftermath of Violence*. By Susan Bibler Coutin. Durham: Duke University Press, 2016. pp 288.” *Border Criminologies*.
- 2013 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “Book Review: ‘Zapotecs on the Move: Cultural, Social, and Political Processes in Transnational Perspective. By Adriana Cruz-Manjarrez. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 2013. pp 249.’” *International Migration Review* 49, no. 1 (2015): 266–67.

OP-EDs

- 2021 Frank-Vitale, Amelia and Lauren Heidbrink. “The Real Root Cause of Central American Migration.” *In These Times*.
- 2019 Martínez d’Aubuisson, Juan José and Amelia Frank-Vitale. “On Covering San Pedro Sula and Why Global Media Outlets Will Always Dangerously Get It Wrong.” *Latino Rebels*, May 24, 2019.
- 2019 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. “You Want to See a Real Emergency, Mr. President? Visit Me in Honduras.” *Washington Post*. February 16, 2019, sec. Opinion.

- 2018 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "I Live in Honduras, Where People Are in Constant Fear of Being Murdered. It's No Wonder They Join Caravans." *Fortune*, November 23, 2018.

BLOG POSTS

- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Sirens and Birds and Death: On (Not) Writing A Dissertation During a Pandemic." In "Pandemic Diaries," Gabriela Manley, Bryan M. Dougan, and Carole McGranahan, eds., *American Ethnologist website*, April 23, 2020.
- 2019 Frank-Vitale, Amelia, Wendy Vogt, and Martha Balaguera. "AMLO's Political Prisoners: Mexico's Move to Criminalize Accompaniment and Solidarity with Migrants in Transit." *Border Criminologies*, September 6, 2019.
- 2019 Frank-Vitale, Amelia and Blanca Cordero. "The Crime of Migrant Accompaniment?" *Anthropology News Website*, July 15, 2019.
- 2019 Frank-Vitale, Amelia and Areli Palomo Contreras. "Caravan Migrant Roots." *Linea84: Periodismo Etnográfico y Acción Comunitaria*, May 11, 2019.
- 2019 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "The Caravan Is Honduras: Hope and Death at the Border." In *Behind the Migrant Caravan: Ethnographic Updates from Central America*. HotSpots. Cultural Anthropology.
- 2017 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "On the Honduran Election and Its Aftermath/Sobre Las Elecciones En Honduras y Sus Secuelas." *Youth Circulations*, December 11, 2017.

THESES

- 2021 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. Doctoral dissertation. "Leave if You're Able: Migration, Survival, and the Everydayness of Deportation in Honduras."
- 2011 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. Master's thesis. "Guerreros Del Camino: Central American Migration Through Mexico and Undocumented Migration as Civil Disobedience."
- 2005 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. Undergraduate thesis. "RE//CROSSING THE LINE: A Study of the Divisions Between Latinos and African-Americans, Community and Labor, Yale and New Haven, and the Coalitions That Attempt to Bridge Them."

CURATED EXHIBITS

- 2019 "Día a día San Pedro Sula: una mirada a lo profundo: una exposición de fotografía hecha por jóvenes deportadxs," Museo de Antropología e Historia, San Pedro Sula, Honduras.
- 2018 "Honduras y su gente: una exposición fotográfica de la vida en el Valle de Sula," Museo de Antropología e Historia, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2018 "Transgrediendo Fronteras: Las caravanas migrantes en México," Museo de Antropología e Historia, San Pedro Sula; Comayagua; FLACSO, Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018 Visting Professor. Qualitative methods (with a focus on migration studies), Masters Level Seminar, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO) de la Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras (UNAH), Tegucigalpa, Honduras

- 2017 Head Graduate Student Instructor Anthropology 101, University of Michigan
- 2016 Head Graduate Student Instructor Anthropology 101, University of Michigan
- 2016 Head Graduate Student Instructor Anthropology 101, University of Michigan
- 2015 Graduate Student Instructor Anthropology 101, University of Michigan
- 2015 Graduate Student Instructor for Jason De León's Undocumented Migration Project Field School in Palenque, Chiapas, Mexico, with the Institute for Field Research
- 2012 Adjunct Professor, "Introduction to Latin American Studies," Latin American Studies, Adult Degree Program, Albright College
- 2012 Adjunct Professor, "US-Mexico Borderlands," Latin American Studies, Adult Degree Program, Albright College
- 2011 Adjunct Professor, "US-Mexico Borderlands" Latin American Studies, Adult Degree Program, Albright College

INVITED LECTURES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2021 Invited panelist, "The State of the Border: Roots and Impacts of Migration from Latin America," organized by Network 2020 and the Institute of Current World Affairs
- 2021 Invited panelist, "Migration and Mortality Panel" for *Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime*, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and CUNY Research Foundation, New York, NY
- 2021 Remote (zoom) Guest Lecture on Honduras, migrant caravans, deportation, and asylum for Bruno Renero-Hannan, Anthropology Department, SUNY Geneseo, Geneseo, NY
- 2021 Remote (zoom) Guest Lecture on Honduras, migrant caravans, and deportation for Dario Euraque, History Department, Trinity College, Hartford, CT
- 2021 Invited (zoom) speaker for Soledad Alvarez Velasco and Ulla Berg's joint class on "COVID-19 and (Im)mobilities in the Americas" between Rutgers University and the University of Houston
- 2021 Invited lecture for Princeton University's Migration Lab, "Leave if You're Able: Deportation, Migration, and Survival in Honduras."
- 2021 Invited panelist. "Caravanas y Otras Luchas Migrantes en Mesoamérica," organized by the *(In)Movilidad en Las Americas* research collective
- 2020 Invited (zoom) speaker for Allang Rodriguez, Social Psychology, Unitec, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2020 Remote (zoom) Guest Lecture on Honduras, migrant caravans, and deportation for Dario Euraque, History Department, Trinity College, Hartford, CT
- 2020 Remote (zoom) Guest Lecture on ethnography of migration and deportation for Miranda Cady Hallett, Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work, University of Dayton, Dayton, OH
- 2020 Panelist, Honduras: Militarism, Repression, and Resistance. Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2020 Panelist, Migration and COVID-19 Webinar, ICWA Discussions Series, Institute of Current World Affairs, Washington, DC

- 2020 Remote (zoom) Guest Lecture on Central American migration and research methods for Lily Pearl Balloffet, Latin American and Latino Studies Department, UC Santa Cruz
- 2020 Remote (zoom) Guest Lecture on Honduras, ethnography, migration and asylum for Nara Milanich, History Department, Barnard College, New York, NY.
- 2020 *canceled COVID-19*. Invited Lecture. “Con los brazos abiertos? The violence of Deportee ‘Reception’ in Honduras,” Trinity College, Hartford, CT
- 2020 *postponed COVID-19*. Invited Speaker. “Working as an Expert Witness – trials of representation.” *The Border is Everywhere: The Crisis of the Immigration Enforcement Regime*. Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies. The Graduate Center at the City University of New York. New York, NY
- 2020 *canceled COVID-19*. Invited panelist. “Responses to Forced Migration.” Symposium on Forced Migration from Central America, hosted by the Drug Policy Program at CIDE, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2020 Invited panelist. “In Children’s Best Interests: Advancing a Fundamental Standard for the Treatment of Migrant Children,” American University and the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Washington, DC
- 2019 Discussant. Screening of *Border South*. Margaret Mead Film Festival, New York, NY.
- 2019 Invited guest with John Doering-White and Lily Pearl Balloffet. “Historias 69: on Central American Migration” Podcast of the Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS).
- 2019 Invited panelist. “On the False Premise of Reintegration/Reinsertion for Deportees in Honduras,” Presented for the Seattle International Foundation’s Central America Donor’s Forum, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- 2019 Conferencista invitada. “La migración en Honduras: experiencias de campo y usos prácticos de la investigación académica,” Facultad de Derecho, Ceutec, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- 2019 Invited guest with Cecilia Menjívar and Sonja Wolf. “De Centroamérica hacia el norte: Migrantes confrontando violencia y deportaciones,” LASA Dialogues from the Latin American Studies Association.
- 2019 Remote (zoom) Guest Lecture on deportation, migration, and Honduras for Christine Sargent, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado, Denver, CO
- 2019 Comentarista. Circulo de lectura “Nuestra Mirada,” tema: Migraciones. Invitada por Contra Corriente y UNAH-VS, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2019 Conferencista invitada. “La migración de la mujer: causales específicas y su migración en caravana.” Observatorio de Migraciones Internacionales en Honduras (OMIH), Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), con la Municipalidad de Comayagua, Comayagua, Honduras
- 2018 Remote (skype) Guest Lecture on gangs and migration in Honduras, for Noelle Brigden, Political Science Department, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI
- 2018 Invited panelist. “Documentando lo Indocumentado: experiencias y enfoques de la investigación de la migración centroamericana,” Observatorio de Migraciones Internacionales en Honduras (OMIH), Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Tegucigalpa, Honduras

- 2018 Invited panelist. "Documentando lo Indocumentado: experiencias y enfoques de la investigación de la migración centroamericana," Observatorio de Migraciones Internacionales en Honduras (OMIH), Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Comayagua, Honduras
- 2018 Invited panelist. "Documentando Lo Indocumentado: Migración Centroamericana y estrategias de investigación en temas invisibilizados y clandestinos," Museo de Antropología e Historia con Ceutec, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2018 Invited panelist. "Foro de Violencia y Migración." UCENM, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2017 Invited lecture. "Conversatorio sobre Implicaciones Globales de la Política de 'Ciudades Modelos' e Impactos Migratorios en el Triángulo Norte de Centroamérica," Área de Ciencias Sociales del Centro Universitario Regional del Litoral Atlántico (UNAH-CURLA), La Ceiba, Honduras
- 2017 Invited panelist. "Borderland Bottlenecks, Detentions, and Removals: Highlighting the Cases of Haitian and Latinx Migrant Communities," Transcontinental Solidarity Network, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015 Featured Speaker. "The Global Migration and Refugee Crisis: Challenges, Lessons and Opportunities," Institute of Current World Affairs / International Organization for Migration, Washington, DC
- 2015 Keynote Lecture. "The Broken Road to America: Immigration Forum," Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA
- 2015 Remote (skype) Guest Lecture on migration and human trafficking in Mexico for Cyd Cipolla, Gallatin School of Individualized Study, New York University, New York, NY
- 2013 Discussant, Screening of *Entre Serpientes y Escaleras, Desaparecidos*. Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Xochimilco, Mexico City, Mexico
- 2013 Guest Lecture on Central American migration through Mexico for Sarah Jacobson, Sociology Department, Harrisburg Area Community College, Lancaster, PA
- 2013 Featured Speaker. (I)Migra/ción Week, Haverford College, Haverford, PA
- 2011 Discussant, Showing of *Which Way Home*, American Anthropological Association Meeting, Montreal, Canada
- 2010 Guest Lecture on Central American migration, Sociology Department, Albright College, Reading, PA

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 "If I just had scars..." The Possibility of Protection and the Violence of the Asylum System," Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2021 "Asylum Denied: Honduran Deportees and the Failure of the System of International Protection," for *Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law*, Virtual Workshop, hosted by the Global Human Rights Hub at Arizona State University
- 2020 Roundtable discussion on "Waging Expertise: Strategies for Humans" for Latin American Studies Association Meeting.

- 2020 *canceled COVID-19. “Lady Frijoles’: Las caravanas centroamericanas y el poder de la migración indocumentada visible y reivindicativa”* with Margarita Nuñez Chaim. Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Guadalajara, México
- 2019 “Alerta que Camina (Warning on the Move): Central American Caravans in Mexico and the Power of Public and Unapologetic Undocumented Migration,” with Margarita Nuñez Chaim, for Executive Session “Movements Against Borders” at the American Anthropological Association Meeting, Vancouver, Canada
- 2019 Roundtable discussion on “Methodological Inclusion: On conducting fieldwork in Latin America with NGOs and Grassroots Organizations,” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2019 “Con los brazos abiertos?” The violence(s) of Deportee Reception in Honduras,” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2018 “Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Participatory Photography,” Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association meetings, San José, California
- 2018 “Acá no se puede estar: Deportación, Inseguridad, y la Migración Circular en Honduras,” with Sandra Ivett Amador Mazariegos, “Deportation and/in the Future of Migration Studies: An International Conference,” Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 2018 “(Un)Safe at Home: On Migration, Violence, and Ethnographic Presence” for workshop on “Research Challenges in Violent Contexts,” Cristosal with Marquette University, San Salvador, El Salvador
- 2017 “Stuck in Motion: Mobility, Agency, and Central American Transit Migration,” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Lima, Peru
- 2016 “Lo Que Lleva(n): The Materiality of Migration and Deportation” with Dr. Jason De León, American Anthropological Association Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 “The Dangers of Spiderman: Central American Asylum Seekers” for World on the Move: Lightning Talks on Human Migration and Displacement, American Anthropological Association Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2016 “Stuck in Motion: Migrants, Polleros, and Victims in Central American Transit Migration,” American Ethnological Society Spring Meeting, “Incoherence: Disorder, Normativity, Anthropology,” Washington, DC
- 2016 “La(s) Violencias de la Ruta Migratoria/The Violence(s) of the Migration Route,” University of Puerto Rico – University of Michigan 2nd Symposium, “Reconceptualizing Violence in the Twenty-First Century,” Puerto Rico
- 2014 “Between Borders: Migration in the Transit Country,” Migration Without Boundaries Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 2011 “The Ethics of Documenting the Undocumented,” Co-authored with Noelle Brigden, Public Anthropology Conference, “(Re)Defining Power Paradigms of Praxis,” American University, Washington, DC
- 2011 “Beyond Piquetes: The Hegemonic Challenge of the Processes and Organizational Forms of the Piqueteros in Argentina,” Mid-Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Meeting, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

PANEL CHAIR, DISCUSSANT, OR ORGANIZER

- 2021 Organizer and Chair, “La Movilidad Hondureña: Desplazamiento/Migración/Éxodo/Asilo,” Roundtable session, Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2021 Discussant. “Citizenship and Movement,” *Human Rights on the Edge: The Future of International Human Rights Law and Practice*, Virtual Workshop, hosted by the Global Human Rights Hub at Arizona State University
- 2020 Moderator, “The Human Rights Crisis of COVID-19 and Prisons in Honduras,” Fundación San Alonso Rodríguez, ERIC-SJ, UUSC
- 2020 *canceled COVID-19*. Discussant, “Construyendo solidaridad hemisférica: miradas críticas en torno al sistema migratorio y las prácticas colectivas en defensa del derecho a migrar,” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Guadalajara, México
- 2020 *canceled COVID-19*. Organizer and Chair, “La Movilidad Hondureña: Desplazamiento/Migración/Éxodo/Asilo,” Roundtable session, Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Guadalajara, México
- 2019 Organizer and Chair, roundtable discussion, “Methodological Inclusion: On conducting fieldwork in Latin America with NGOs and Grassroots Organizations,” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2019 Chair, “Being “seen” in the city: Emerging Forms of Social and Political Participation in the Urban Margins,” Latin American Studies Association Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, “Photoethnography in 2018: Resistance, Practice, and Reinvention. Roundtable on the Current State of Photoethnography,” American Anthropological Association meetings, San José, CA
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, “Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Equipment and Technology,” Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association meetings, San José, CA
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, “Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Participatory Photography,” Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association meetings, San José, CA
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, “Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Aesthetics and Design,” Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association meetings, San José, CA
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, “Panel: Cycling Through Undocumented Migration: Social Relations and Subjectivity along Precarious Migrant Pathways,” American Anthropological Association meetings, San José, CA
- 2015 Organizer, “Crisis in Context: Central American Migration and Social Justice,” Conference hosted by the University of Michigan School of Social Work and the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2021 Honorable Mention, LASA Expert Witness Section Publication Award for “The Generation of the Coup” with Juan José Martínez d’Aubuisson
- 2019 Research Grant, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, University of Michigan

- 2018 First prize for my photo “Road to Cortés,” SSRC IDRF photography competition
- 2017 First Prize, International Migration Section Award, Latin American Studies Association for “Stuck in Motion”
- 2017 Student Grant, Latin American Studies Association
- 2017 International Research Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan
- 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2016 Summer Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan
- 2016 Pre-Candidate Research Support, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2016 Field Research Grant, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, University of Michigan
- 2015 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholar, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan
- 2015 Individual Fellowship, International Institute, University of Michigan
- 2015 Travel Research Grant, Tinker Foundation, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, University of Michigan
- 2011 Harold Davis Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Latin American Studies, American University
- 2011 Christina Turner Travel Grant, Mid-Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies
- 2011 Travel Award, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Pittsburgh
- 2010 Graduate Research Award, School of International Service, American University

SERVICE

- 2021 Graduate Student Member, Admissions Committee, Sociocultural Subfield, Anthropology Department, University of Michigan
- 2021 Reviewer. *Bulletin for Latin American Research*
- 2021 Reviewer. *Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies*
- 2020 Reviewer. *Périplos: Revista de Investigación Sobre Migraciones*. CLACSO.
- 2020 Reviewer. *Andamios: Revista de Investigación Social*. Mexico.
- 2017 Coordinator, “Language Justice: Interpretation Training for Bilingual Academics and Activists with a Social Justice Perspective,” University of Michigan
- 2016 Co-Coordinator, Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, “Militarization in the Americas Research Collective,” University of Michigan
- 2016 Program Assistant, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Center, University of Michigan
- 2015 Co-Coordinator, Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, “Militarization in the Americas Research Collective,” University of Michigan
- 2014 Representative to the Graduate Employees’ Organization, University of Michigan
- 2014 Co-founder, Michigan Solidarity Network with Mexico
- 2011 Co-President, Society for Ethics, Peace, and Global Affairs, American University

LANGUAGES

English (Native)
Spanish (Fluent)
Italian (Conversational)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
 Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 Central America Section
 International Migration Section
 Expert Witness Section
Museum of Anthropology and History of San Pedro Sula
The Undocumented Migration Project (UMP)