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Curriculum Vitae

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024 Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International Affairs, Princeton University
2023-24 Term Assistant Professor, Program in Human Rights, Barnard College
2021-23 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University

EDUCATION

2021 Ph.D. Anthropology, 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

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Under review Frank-Vitale, Amelia, Lauren Heidbrink, and Luis Guaman. "Due Process in Absentia: Ethnographic Court-Watching in Authoritarian Times," *Journal of the Anthropology of North America*

Under review Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Sabemos Aguantar: Migration at the Intersection of Aspiration and Desperation," *Cultural Anthropology*

2025 Frank-Vitale, Amelia, and Jesse Hoffnung-Garskof. "Honduras, Gangs, and Asylum Law." *Latin American Perspectives* 52, no. 2 (March 1, 2025): 105–24. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0094582X251321833>.

2025 Arastu, Nermeen, Linda Bosniak, Barbara Buckinx, Amelia Frank-Vitale, and Shannon Gleeson. "Distilling Solidarity" 119 (January 2025): 7–12. <https://doi.org/10.1017/aju.2025.4>.

2024 Hasemann Lara, José Enrique, Alejandra Díaz de León, Deniz Daser, John Doering-White, and Amelia Frank-Vitale. 2024. "Towards a Social Determination of Health Framework for Understanding Climate Disruption and Health-Disease Processes." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 38 (3): 313–27. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12866>.

2023 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Coyotes, caravans, and the Central American migrant smuggling continuum." *Trends in Organized Crime*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12117-022-09480-z>.

2022 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Particular Social Group Trouble: Producing Categories of 'Unworthy' Asylum Seekers." *Annals of Anthropological Practice*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/napa.12181>.

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: 67–83, <https://doi.org/10.1111/jlca.12465>.

2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia, and Juan José Martínez d'Aubuisson. "The Generation of the Coup: Honduran Youth at Risk and of Risk." *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 25, no. 4: 552–68. <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, 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: 139–58. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14650045.2019.1662396>.

OP-EDs

- 2025 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "The weaknesses of Trump's migration diplomacy can be seen in his attempts to bully Latin American leaders." *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, March 12, 2025.
- 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.
- 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.

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- 2023 Díaz de León, Andrea, John Doering-White, Deniz Daşer, Amelia Frank-Vitale, and José Enrique Hasemann Lara. "Policy Brief: Ill Health, Climate Change, and Migration in Honduras, Mexico, and the United States." *The Migration Initiative of Toronto Metropolitan University*, January 26, 2023.
- 2023 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Interview with Tomás Ayuso, Honduran Photographer, Journalist, and Storyteller." *Istmo. Revista virtual de estudios literarios y culturales centroamericanos*, 44 (2022): 151-161.
- 2022 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Writer's Block" In *"Taking Note: Complexities and Ambiguities in Writing Ethnographic Fieldnotes," American Ethnologist website*, 26 August 2022.
- 2022 Ruiz, Pamela and Amelia Frank-Vitale. "Old Challenges Confront a New Government in Honduras" *NACLA Report on the Americas*. 54 (2): 142-148. June 16, 2022.
- 2021 Heidbrink, Lauren and Amelia Frank-Vitale. "Development Aid: A 'Root Cause' of Child Migration." *Migration Policy and Practice* Vol. XI, Number 2 (September 2021): 21–25.
- 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. "Sirens and Birds and Death: On (Not) Writing A Dissertation During a Pandemic." In *"Pandemic Diaries," American Ethnologist website*, April 23, 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.
- 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 Website*.
- 2018 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "From Caravan to Exodus, From Migration to Movement." *NACLA Report on the Americas*, November 20, 2018.
- 2018 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Home in Honduras: Snapshots of Life after Deportation." *World Policy Journal* 35, no. 2 (June 1, 2018): 112–17.
- 2017 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "On the Honduran Election and Its Aftermath/Sobre Las Elecciones En Honduras y Sus Secuelas." *Youth Circulations*, December 11, 2017.
- 2015 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Looming Crisis: What the United States Must Do to Address the Plight of Migrants from Central America." *ICWA Experts Series*. Institute of Current World Affairs.
- 2013 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Central American Migrants in Mexico: Implications for U.S. Security and Immigration Policy." *CLALS Working Paper Series*. American University.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

- Forthcoming* Frank-Vitale, Amelia, Geoffrey Boyce, and Joseph Nevins, "Seeds from Honduras: Migrant Caravans and the Making of a Commons." In *Hydra Rising*. Edited by Bridget Anderson, Nandita Sharma, and Cynthia Wright. Duke University 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. 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. University of Notre Dame Press, 2015.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2025 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Book Review: 'Exit Wounds: How America's Guns Fuel Violence Across the Border.' By Ieva Jusonyte. University of California Press, 2024. Pp. 348." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12915>
- 2023 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Book review: 'Gothic Sovereignty: Street Gangs and Statecraft in Honduras.' By Jon Horne Carter. University of Texas Press. 2022. Pp. 375." *The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jlca.12698>.
- 2021 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Book Review: 'Migranthood: Youth in a New Era of Deportation.' By Lauren Heidbrink. Stanford University Press, 2020. pp 240." *Anthropological Quarterly* 94, no. 2 (2021): 345–49. <https://doi.org/10.1353/anq.2021.0005>.

- 2020 Frank-Vitale, Amelia. "Book Review: 'Asylum for Sale: Profit and Protest in the Migration Industry.' Edited by Siobhán McGuirk and Adrienne Pine. 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. 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. Rutgers University Press, 2013. pp 249." *International Migration Review* 49, no. 1 (2015): 266–67.

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."

INVITED TALKS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2025 Invited panelist. "Close Up on the Honduras 2025 Elections," Webinar hosted by Global Exchange.
- 2025 Invited panelist. "Políticas y alternativas para un arraigo digno de los y las migrantes," Foro Mesoamericano Realidades De La Movilidad Humana, ECOSOL, Siguatepeque, Honduras.
- 2025 Invited panelist. "The Trump Administration and US-Latin American Relations," Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS), Princeton University. Princeton, NJ.
- 2025 Invited lecture. "Leave (If You Can): Deportation, Migration, and Survival in Honduras." Center for Migration and Development (CDM), Princeton University. Princeton, NJ.
- 2025 Invited panelist. "La población Latinx en los Estados Unidos: Riesgos y desafíos en tiempos de exclusión," LASA Dialogues from the Latin American Studies Association.
- 2024 Invited lecture. "Leave (If You Can): Deportation, Migration, and Survival in Honduras," Migration, Ethnicity, Racism and Health Group (MERHG) Seminar, Drexel University. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2024 Invited panelist, "Coyotaje as Care: Honduran Migration, Border Expansion, and the Making of Accidental Smugglers," *Migration and Governance in the Americas*, Bildner Center for Western Hemisphere Studies, City University of New York. New York, NY.
- 2024 Zoom lecture. "Derecho de asilo en estados unidos: Situación de los hondureños." Licenciatura en Derecho, Ceutec, Tegicgalpa, Honduras
- 2024 Invited keynote, "Mañana me mandan, mañana me vengo: La migración hondureña y la nueva era de la deportación," Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, Valle de Sula (UNAH-VS). San Pedro Sula, Honduras.
- 2024 Invited panelist, "Election Series: Border Policy, Organized Crime, and Migration Between Mexico and the US," The Wilson Center and the Mexico Institute
- 2024 Invited panelist, "Best Practices When Using Expert Witnesses," Immigrant ARC Spring Conference, Brooklyn Law School, NYC.

- 2024 Invited lecture, "Mañana Me Mandan, Mañana Me Vengo: Honduran Migration and a New Era of Deportation," Global Studies 2024 Hunt Lecture, Colby College
- 2024 Invited panelist, "Im/Mobility in Migratory Contexts," Center for Latin American Studies, Rutgers University
- 2023 Invited panelist, "Public Ethnography Methods Panel," School of Public Health, University of Michigan
- 2023 Invited lecture, "Central American Migration: The Evolution of Policies and Practices," Institute for Training and Development, US Department of State and Amherst College
- 2022 Invited panelist, "Engaging Country Conditions Experts in Asylum Cases," American Bar Association
- 2022 Invited lecture, "Migrant Caravans in Mexico," Trinity College
- 2022 Invited lecture, "La Migración Centroamericana: La evolución de las políticas y practicas," Institute for Training and Development, US Department of State and Amherst College
- 2022 Invited lecture. "Mañana me mandan, mañana me vengo: La nueva era de la deportación y la migración hondureña." Instituto Universitario en Democracia Paz y Seguridad (IUDPAS), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras (UNAH), Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
- 2022 Invited panelist. "Capturing Migration Stories in Honduras: Narratives, Images, and the Politics of Representation." Smith College.
- 2022 Invited panelist. "Migratory Crisis and Latin American Conflicts." Elon College.
- 2022 Invited lecture, "Migrant Caravans in Mexico," International Cultural Studies Program, University of Hawaii
- 2022 Invited Panelist. "Best Practices in Finding and Using Expert Testimony," Annual New York Asylum & Immigration Conference. New York Law School Asylum Clinic.
- 2021 Invited Panelist. "Análisis Académico del Plan de Gobierno de Xiomara Castro: Desde una Perspectiva de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Constitucional." CeuTec. Honduras.
- 2021 Invited lecture, "Leave if You're Able: Deportation, Migration, and Survival in Honduras," Latin American Anthropology Seminar Series, Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London
- 2021 Invited panelist. "Roundtable on the global histories of migration," LePage Center for History in the Public Interest, Villanova University
- 2021 Invited panelist, "From the Center for Mexican Studies to CeMeCa: Regional Studies, Transnationalism, and the Politics of Geographic Imaginaries," The Center for the Study of Mexico and Central America, Columbia University
- 2021 Invited panelist, "The State of the Border: Roots and Impacts of Migration from Latin America," Network 2020 and the Institute of Current World Affairs
- 2021 Invited panelist, "Migration and Mortality Panel," Social Anatomy of a Deportation Regime, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and CUNY Research Foundation
- 2021 Invited lecture, "Leave if You're Able: Deportation, Migration, and Survival in Honduras," Migration Lab, Princeton University.
- 2021 Invited panelist. "Caravanas y Otras Luchas Migrantes en Mesoamérica," (In)Movilidad en Las Americas research collective
- 2020 Invited panelist. "Honduras: Militarism, Repression, and Resistance." Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2020 Invited panelist. "Migration and COVID-19 Webinar," ICWA Discussions Series, Institute of Current World Affairs, Washington, DC

- 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. "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 Invited panelist. "La migración en Honduras: experiencias de campo y usos prácticos de la investigación académica," Ceutec, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- 2019 Invited panelist. "De Centroamérica hacia el norte: Migrantes confrontando violencia y deportaciones," LASA Dialogues from the Latin American Studies Association.
- 2019 Discussant. Circulo de lectura "Nuestra Mirada," tema: Migraciones. Invitada por Contra Corriente y UNAH-VS, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2019 Invited panelist. "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), Comayagua, 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 y Tegucigalpa, 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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Anthropology and International Affairs, Princeton University

2025 Asylum Politics, Policy, and Practice

2025 Anthropological Theory

2024 Anthropology of Borders

Term Assistant Professor, Human Rights Program, Barnard College

2024 Power, Politics, and Procedure in US Immigration Court

- 2024 Seeking Sanctuary in New York City
- 2023 Seeking Sanctuary in New York City
- Lecturer, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University
- 2023 Battling Borders in the Americas
- 2022 Central Americans Seeking Asylum in the United States
- 2022 Rethinking the Northern Triangle: Violence, Intervention, and Resistance in Central America
- 2021 Battling Borders in the Americas
- Guest Professor, Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO), Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Honduras (UNAH), Tegucigalpa, Honduras
- 2018 Qualitative methods (with a focus on migration studies), Masters Seminar

GUEST LECTURES

- 2024 Guest lecture on anthropology, migration, and asylum for Grazzia Grimaldi, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University
- 2023 Remote guest lecture on violence and migration in Honduras for Lauren Heidbrink, Human Development Department, University of California, Long Beach
- 2023 Remote guest lecture on masculinities in asylum proceedings and migration for Sam Shuman, Anthropology Department, Davidson College
- 2022 Guest teacher on transit migration for Dario Euraque, History Department, Trinity College
- 2022 Remote guest lecture on ethnographic methods for Amarielys Estrella, Anthropology Department, Rice University
- 2021 Remote guest lecture for John Doering-White, School of Social Work, University of South Carolina
- 2021 Remote Guest Lecture on migrant caravans in Mexico, for Dario Euraque, History Department, Trinity College
- 2021 Remote Guest Lecture on Honduras, migrant caravans, deportation, and asylum for Bruno Rennero-Hannan, Anthropology Department, SUNY Geneseo
- 2021 Remote Guest Lecture 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
- 2020 Remote Guest Lecture for Allang Rodriguez, Social Psychology, Unitec, San Pedro Sula, Honduras
- 2020 Remote Guest Lecture on Honduras, migrant caravans, and deportation for Dario Euraque, History Department, Trinity College
- 2020 Remote Guest Lecture on ethnography of migration and deportation for Miranda Cady Hallett, Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work, University of Dayton
- 2020 Remote Guest Lecture on Central American migration and research methods for Lily Pearl Balloffet, Latin American and Latino Studies Department, UC Santa Cruz
- 2020 Remote Guest Lecture on Honduras, ethnography, migration and asylum for Nara Milanich, History Department, Barnard College
- 2019 Remote Guest Lecture on deportation, migration, and Honduras for Christine Sargent, Anthropology Department, University of Colorado

- 2018 Remote Guest Lecture on gangs and migration in Honduras, for Noelle Brigden, Political Science Department, Marquette University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Accepted* "Lessons from the Margins: Vital Acts and Intimate Hopes" with Magdalena Zegarra Chiappori. American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- Accepted* Roundtable: "Outside the Resilience Frame: Writing on Immigrant Endurance in Unendurable Times." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2025 "Presidential Panel: USA/Latinx América o los primeros 120 días de Donald Trump," Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2025 Roundtable/Workshop: "From Latin American Studies to Expert Witnessing in Asylum Cases." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2024 "Repair Against Resilience: Rethinking Approaches to Addressing 'Root Causes' of Migration in Central America." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2024 Roundtable: "Fieldwork After Fire in Latin America and the Diaspora." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2024 "Reflections on ethnographic methods for research 'in transit.'" Methodologies for Research on the Health and Wellbeing of Migrants in Transit Workshop, Barnard College
- 2023 Late Breaking Session Roundtable: "Life and Death in Transit: Mobility, Violence, and the Politics of Care from the Mediterranean to the Americas." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2023 Roundtable: "No Path to Citizenship: Transitions in Immigrant Activist Imaginaries." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2023 "Rethinking rights: Forging a holistic approach to understanding climate change and migration from Honduras." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2023 "From Scholar to Witness: Demystifying Expert Witnessing in Asylum Claims in Immigration Court." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2022 Roundtable: "From One Unsettled Landscape to Another: Theory and Method in Tracking Ill Health and Climate Change." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2022 "Honduras, Gangs, and Asylum Law." Latin American Studies Association Meeting. Virtual.
- 2021 "'Better in Jail There than Dead Here': Deportation, Migration, and Violence in Honduras," University of Dayton's Human Rights Center's Social Practice of Human Rights Conference.
- 2021 "'If I just had scars' Reflections on Truth and Responsibility in the Asylum Process," American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 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 Global Human Rights Hub, Arizona State University
- 2020 Roundtable: "Waging Expertise: Strategies for Humans," Latin American Studies Association Meeting
- 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, Executive Session "Movements Against Borders," American Anthropological Association Meeting

- 2019 Roundtable "Methodological Inclusion: On conducting fieldwork in Latin America with NGOs and Grassroots Organizations," Latin American Studies Association Meeting
- 2019 "Con los brazos abiertos? The violence(s) of Deportee Reception in Honduras," Latin American Studies Association Meeting
- 2018 "Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Participatory Photography," Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association Meeting
- 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," 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, El Salvador
- 2017 "Stuck in Motion: Mobility, Agency, and Central American Transit Migration," Latin American Studies Association Meeting
- 2016 "Lo Que Lleva(n): The Materiality of Migration and Deportation" with Jason De León, American Anthropological Association Meeting
- 2016 "The Dangers of Spiderman: Central American Asylum Seekers," World on the Move: Lightning Talks on Human Migration and Displacement, American Anthropological Association Meeting
- 2016 "Stuck in Motion: Migrants, Polleros, and Victims in Central American Transit Migration," American Ethnological Society Meeting
- 2016 "La(s) Violencias de la Ruta Migratoria/The Violence(s) of the Migration Route," "Reconceptualizing Violence in the Twenty-First Century," University of Puerto Rico
- 2014 "Between Borders: Migration in the Transit Country," Migration Without Boundaries Conference, Michigan State University
- 2011 "The Ethics of Documenting the Undocumented," Co-authored with Noelle Brigden, Public Anthropology Conference

PANEL CHAIR, DISCUSSANT, OR ORGANIZER

- Accepted.* Organizer and Chair. "Peripheral Hauntings: Presence and Possibilities from the Margins." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- Accepted* Organizer. "Outside the Resilience Frame: Writing on Immigrant Endurance in Unendurable Times." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- Accepted.* Discussant. "Haunted by Policy: Specters of Dismantling, Displacement, and Disappearance." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2025 Discussant. "Massacres and Mass Disappearances in Mexico," talk by Claudio Lomnitz for the Princeton University Anthropology Department.
- 2025 Discussant. "Approaches to Transnational Grassroots Organizing in Mexico, the United States, Canada and Central America." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2025 Discussant. "Carceral Intimacies: Family Organizing, Social Reproduction of Life, and the Limits of El Salvador's Carceral State," talk by Grazzia Grimaldi for the Princeton University Program in Latin American Studies
- 2024 Discussant. "Migration Justice: Praxis and Human Mobility in the Era of Neoliberal Authoritarianism." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2024 Discussant. "Exit Wounds: How America's Guns Fuel Violence Across the Border," talk by Ieva Jusonyte for the Princeton University Anthropology Department.

- 2024 Discussant. "*Fronterización de las Américas*: Critical Dispatches from the Field." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2024 Discussant. "Solidarity for systemic change." Solidarity, Migration, and Law Workshop. NYU School of Law.
- 2024 Organizer. "Climate and Environmental Degradation as Drivers of Forced Migration; Expanding Routes to Legal Protection." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2024 Chair. "Reparaciones, resistencia y reimaginando futuros justos en las Américas." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2023 Chair. Late Breaking Session Roundtable: "Life and Death in Transit: Mobility, Violence, and the Politics of Care from the Mediterranean to the Americas." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2023 Discussant. "Aging while in Legal Limbo: Undocumented Migrants Transitioning to Old Age." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2023 Organizer. Roundtable: "No Path to Citizenship: Transitions in Immigrant Activist Imaginaries." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2022 Organizer. Roundtable: "Beyond Violent Masculinities: Gender, Gangs, And Criminalization in Central America." American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2022 Chair. "Latin Americans Seeking Asylum in North America: Documenting the Crisis as Researchers and Expert Witnesses Part II." Latin American Studies Association Meeting.
- 2021 Discussant. "At a crossroads: old and new racializations in the Central American migratory landscape," American Anthropological Association Meeting.
- 2021 Discussant. Presentation of *Migrantidad. La juventud en una nueva era de deportaciones*, by Lauren Heidbrink. Centro de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias sobre Chiapas y la Frontera Sur (CIMSUR-UNAM), México
- 2021 Organizer and Chair. Roundtable: "La Movilidad Hondureña: Desplazamiento/Migración/Éxodo/Asilo," 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
- 2019 Organizer and Chair. Roundtable: "Methodological Inclusion: On conducting fieldwork in Latin America with NGOs and Grassroots Organizations," Latin American Studies Association Meeting
- 2019 Chair, "Being "seen" in the city: Emerging Forms of Social and Political Participation in the Urban Margins," Latin American Studies Association Meeting
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, "Photoethnography in 2018: Resistance, Practice, and Reinvention. Roundtable on the Current State of Photoethnography," American Anthropological Association Meeting
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, "Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Equipment and Technology," Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association Meeting
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, "Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Participatory Photography," Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association Meeting

- 2018 Organizer and Chair, "Photoethnography in 2018: Workshop on Aesthetics and Design," Society for Visual Anthropology, American Anthropological Association Meeting
- 2018 Organizer and Chair, "Panel: Cycling Through Undocumented Migration: Social Relations and Subjectivity along Precarious Migrant Pathways," American Anthropological Association Meeting
- 2011 Discussant, Screening of *Which Way Home*, American Anthropological Association Meeting

CURATED EXHIBITS

- 2019 "Día a día San Pedro Sula: una mirada a lo profundo: una exposición de fotografía hecha por jóvenes deportados," 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.

RESEARCH AND WRITING FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020 Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2020 Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship (declined)
- 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
- 2017 Fulbright Hays (declined)
- 2012 Institute of Current World Affairs (ICWA) Fellow

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2025 INCITE Institute at Columbia University, "Hard Questions" Grant, for "Hard Questions, Hidden Justice: An Ethnographic Examination of U.S. Immigration Courts," with co-PIs Nara Milanich, Barnard College and Lauren Heidbrink, California State University, Long Beach
- 2025 Magic Grant for the "Caravan Archive Project," Humanities Council, Princeton University
- 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 International Research Award, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan
- 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2016 Pre-Candidate Research Support, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
- 2016 Field Research Grant, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Michigan
- 2015 Margaret Dow Towsley Scholar, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan
- 2015 Research Grant, Tinker Foundation, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Michigan

2011 Harold Davis Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Latin American Studies, American University

SERVICE

2025-29 Program in Latin American Studies Executive Committee, Princeton University
 2024-26 Lecture Series Committee, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University
 2022-25 Founder and Co-editor, Regional Expert Series, Center for Mexico and Central America (CeMeCa), Institute for Latin American Studies, Columbia University
 2024-25 Editorial Collective, *Home/Field*, open-access platform affiliated with the *Journal for the Anthropology of North America* (JANA)
 2023-25 Council Member, Expert Witness Section, Latin American Studies Association
 2021 Conference Organizer, "Witnessing in Real Life: a workshop and symposium for Central Americanists serving as experts in U.S. immigration courts." University of Dayton's Human Rights Center's Social Practice of Human Rights Biennial Conference
 2021 Admissions Committee, Anthropology Department, University of Michigan
 2017 Coordinator, "Language Justice: Interpretation Training for Bilingual Academics and Activists with a Social Justice Perspective," University of Michigan
 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
 2015 Co-Coordinator, Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, "Militarization in the Americas Research Collective," University of Michigan

As a reviewer

2025 American Ethnologist
 2025 Frontiers
 2025 Bloomsbury Press
 2025 Journal for the Anthropology of North America (JANA)
 2024 Journal for the Anthropology of North America (JANA)
 2024 Historia Crítica
 2024 Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
 2023 Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies (JEMS)
 2022 Political and Legal Anthropology Review (PoLAR)
 2021 Latin American Research Review
 2021 American Anthropologist
 2021 Errantes: Journal of Social and Cultural Anthropology
 2021 Bulletin for Latin American Research
 2021 Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies
 2020 Périplos: Revista de Investigación Sobre Migraciones. CLACSO.
 2020 Andamios: Revista de Investigación Social. Mexico.

As an advisor

- 2026 Senior Thesis, Lucía Armengol, Anthropology, Princeton
- 2026 Senior Thesis, Ayse Basak Ersoy, Anthropology, Princeton
- 2026 Senior Thesis, Olivia Sanchez, SPIA, Princeton
- 2025 Senior Thesis, Rodrigo Galindo, Anthropology, Princeton
- 2025 Senior Thesis, Alan Gutierrez, SPIA, Princeton
- 2025 Senior Thesis, Wasif Sami, Anthropology, Princeton
- 2025 Senior Thesis, Sibette Vazquez, SPIA, Princeton
- 2024 Second reader for Specialization Examination, Sara Pan Algarra, International and Comparative Education Program, Department of International and Transcultural Studies, Teachers College, Columbia University
- 2023 Undergraduate Thesis advisor, Misael Dario Izaguirre Nuñez, Anthropology Department, National Autonomous University (UNAH), Honduras
- 2022 Evaluating Thesis Committee Member, Marleni Consuelo Salgado Salgado, MA program in Social Sciences, Urban Studies, and International Migration, FLACSO Honduras
- 2021 Thesis advances evaluator, Samuel Fernando Rivera Andrade, PhD Program in Social Anthropology, Center for Anthropological Studies, Colegio de Michoacán, Mexico

LANGUAGES

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

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Anthropological Association (AAA)
 Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology (SLACA)
 Society for Cultural Anthropology (SCA)
 American Association of University Professors (AAUP)
 Anthropology Department, Honduran National Autonomous University
 Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
 Central America Section
 International Migration Section
 Expert Witness Section
 Law and Society Association
 Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)