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Curriculum Vitae

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Research Interests: transnational feminism, race/ethnic relations, globalization, human rights, gender, and Latin America/Americas.

Education:

- 2006 Ph.D. Sociology and Women's Studies Doctoral Emphasis
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
Dissertation: *'Where are the Women?'* Transnational Feminist Interventions at the United Nations
World Conference Against Racism
Co-Advisors: Professor Avery Gordon and Professor Denise Segura
- 2000 M.A. Sociology
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Thesis: *Cruzando La Frontera: Human Rights Violations at the U.S.-Mexico Border.*
Advisor: Professor Felipe Gonzales
- 1995 B.S. Marketing
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
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Fellowships and Awards:

- 2004-2005 American Association of University Women, Dissertation Writing Fellowship (\$20,000)
- 2004 Pacific Rim Research Mini Grant (\$2000)
- 2003-2005 UC MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant (\$12,000)
- 2003 Humanities and Social Science Research Grant, UCSB (\$2000)
- 2002-2003 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSB (\$12,000)
- 2002 Summer Dissertation Proposal Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSB (\$4000)
- 2002 Graduate Division Travel Grant, UCSB (\$550)
- 2001-2004 Graduate Student Fee Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UCSB (Cumulative: \$3740)
- 2001-2004 Research and Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, UCSB (Cumulative: \$1070)
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Professional Activities:

- 2004-2005 *Manuscript Reviewer, Feminist Studies Journal*
- 2001-2003 *Teaching Assistant Trainer, Teaching Assistant Training Committee, University of California, Santa Barbara*
Served on the Teaching Assistant (TA) Training Committee for the Sociology Department. Duties involved organizing and facilitating a two-day training session for the department's incoming graduate student TAs and coordination of various pedagogy sessions for the department.
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Publications:

- 2006 *Forthcoming:* "Uncovering the U.S. Dynamic in the Politics of Racism and Anti-Racism at the United Nations" in *New Technologies and The Transnational Propagation Of Peace: Anti-Racist Campaigns.* Alleyne, Mark (ed).
- 2006 *Forthcoming:* "Border Crossings and Human Rights." *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism.* Farmington Hills: Macmillan Reference USA.

- 2005 *Under Review by Duke University Press.* Reprint of revised version: "Rape as a Weapon of War: Militarized Border Rape, Women's Human Rights, and the U.S.-Mexico Border." Segura, Denise A. and Patricia Zavella (eds.). *Mexican Women in Transnational Context: Social Violence and Agency in Everyday Life*.
- 2005 *Forthcoming.* "Securing the Nation Through the Violation of Women's Bodies: Militarized Border Rape at the US-Mexico Border" in *Color of Violence*, INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence (eds.) Boston: South End Press.
- 2002 "Demanding the Right to Live Without Violence: Reflections on *Color of Violence II*" with Sharmila Lodhia. *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism*. Vol. 3, Number 1.
- 2001 "Rape as a Weapon of War: Advancing Human Rights for Women at the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Social Justice*, Vol. 28, Number 2: 31-50.
- 2001 "Youth and Criminalization" Position paper for the Women's Institute for Leadership Development (WILD) for Human Rights for the 2001 World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa.

Presentations:

- 2005 "Why are anti-racist feminists unwilling to give up on the United Nations?" Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Portland, April 7-10.
- 2004 "A Comparative Analysis of Feminist Anti-Racist Human Rights Organizing in Mexico and Peru," Latin American Studies Annual meeting, Las Vegas, October 7-9.
- 2004 "Challenging the Discourse of 'There is No Racism Here: An Overview of Perú's Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report," American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, August 14-17.
- 2004 "Feminism Transcending Borders," co-organizing panel with Molly Talcott for the Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, April 15-18.
- 2002 "A roundtable discussion by the authors of the book *Gatekeeper's State: Immigration and Boundary Policing in an Era of Globalization* (2001, edited by Jose Palafox)," National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Chicago, March 29.
- 2002 "Constructing a Research Project," graduate student panel at the Women, Culture, and Development Workshop, University of California, Santa Barbara, March 22.
- 2002 "Women, U.S.-Mexico Border, and Militarized Border Rape," *On the Line: Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights in the Americas* Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz, March 9.
- 2002 "Rape as a Weapon of War: Advancing Human Rights for Women at the U.S.-Mexico Border," Thinking Gender Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, March 1.
- 2001 "Report Back on the World Conference Against Racism," with Professor Avery Gordon, Sociology Department Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara, Nov. 17.

Teaching Experience:

- 2002-2006 **Teaching Associate, University of California, Santa Barbara**
 Served as the instructor of record for the following courses:
 Sociology/Women's Studies 155A - "Women in American Society" (Spring 2006)
 Sociology 128 - "Inter-Ethnic Relations" – Sociology (Spring 2006)
 Sociology/Chicano Studies 155W - "La Chicana" (Winter 2006)
 Sociology/Chicano Studies 144- "Chicana/o Community" (Summer 2005)
 Sociology/Women's Studies 155A - "Women in American Society" (Summer 2002)
- 2000-2002 **Teaching Assistant, University of California, Santa Barbara**
 TAs prepare and run up to three discussion sections weekly and evaluate student performance. TAs provide most of the face-to-face contact with undergraduates.
 Sociology 290 – Teaching Assistant Training Seminar (Fall 2002)
 Sociology 1 – Social Organization (Fall 2000)
 Sociology 4 – Social Research Traditions (Winter 2001)
 Sociology 139A – Black/White Relations (Summer 2001)
 Women's Studies 30 – Women's Struggles in Africa, Asia, & Latin America (Fall 2001)

1998-2000

Graduate Assistant, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque

Graduate Assistants attend courses and grade assignments and exams.

Sociology 200 - Foundations of Social Welfare (Spring 2000)

Sociology 101 - Introduction to Sociology (Fall 1999)

Sociology 308 - Sociology of Gender (Fall 1999)

Sociology 312 - Causes of Crime (Fall 1999)

Sociology 313 - Social Control of Crime and Delinquency (Spring 1999)

Sociology 216 - Dynamics of Prejudice (Fall 1998)

Professional Associations:

American Sociological Association ♦ Pacific Sociological Association ♦ Latin American Studies Association

Language:

Spanish (fluent)