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EDUCATION

- In progress **University of California, Santa Barbara – Santa Barbara, CA**
Ph.D. in Sociology
Tentative title: "Digital Labor, Colonial Pathways, and Privileged Migrations to Guatemala"
- 2022 M.A. in Sociology, *high distinction*
Thesis: "Fractured Nostalgia: LGBTQ+ Immigrants, Family Lessons, and Transnational Ties"
- 2020 **Smith College – Northampton, MA**
B.A. in Sociology, *high honors*
Minor in Women and Gender Studies
Honors Thesis: "Investigating Carceral Logics: Prisons and Immigration Detention in the U.S."
- 2019 **School for International Training – Amman, Jordan**
Study abroad: "Geopolitics, International Relations, and the Future of the Middle East"

RESEARCH AREAS

Migration and Mobility, Race and Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality, Incarceration/Abolition, Cultural Sociology, Political Economy, Postcolonial Feminist Theory, and Central American Studies.

PUBLICATIONS

- Eleazar, Alexandra** and Jean Beaman. Forthcoming (2024). "Pathways of Movement: Migration, Mobility, and Colonial Legacies" in *Oxford Handbook of Comparative Historical Sociology*, edited by R. J. Emigh, R. Lachmann, and D. McCourt. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Eleazar, Alexandra**. Forthcoming (2024). "Sexual Exceptionalism." In the *SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ Studies*, 2nd edition, edited by A. Goldberg. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- Eleazar, Alexandra**. 2022. Review of *Brown and Gay in LA: The Lives of Immigrant Sons*, by A. C. Ocampo, *Men and Masculinities*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Eleazar, Alexandra**. "Transnational Belonging in the Lives of LGBTQ+ Migrants: Investigating the Role of Family, U.S. Nationhood, and Fractured Nostalgia." (Under review).

EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

- 2023 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council
- 2023 Predoctoral Fellowship Alternate/Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation
- 2022 Predoctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council
- 2022 Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation
- 2021 Predoctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council
- 2021 Graduate Fellow, Scholars Strategy Network, Los Angeles Unified Chapter

- 2016 Leadership Award for LGBTQ+ Advocacy, GLSEN Upstate New York & the New York State Assembly
- 2015 LGBTQ+ Youth Award of Recognition and Accomplishment, Pride Center of the Capital Region

INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

UC Santa Barbara

- 2023 Chicano Studies Institute Research Innovation Grant (with Giovanni Batz, Daina Sanchez, Monika Banach, and Emiko Saldivar), UC Santa Barbara
- 2023 Individualized Professional Skills Program Grant, Graduate Division, UC Santa Barbara
- 2022 UCSB Doctoral Scholar Fellowship Award, UC Santa Barbara
- 2022 Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UC Santa Barbara
- 2022 Professional Development Award, Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara
- 2021 Graduate Seed Research Grant, Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara
- 2020 UCSB Doctoral Scholar Fellowship Award, UC Santa Barbara
- 2020 Public Humanities Graduate Fellow, UC Santa Barbara

Smith College

- 2020 Dean's List, Smith College
- 2020 Karel Fierman Wahrsager for Scholarship in Sociology, Smith College
- 2019 Nancy Kershaw Tomlinson Memorial Fund Thesis Award, Smith College
- 2019 Valerie Dean Burgess Stevens Prize for work in the study of women and gender, Smith College
- 2018 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Smith College
- 2018 Social Justice Student Leadership Award, Smith College

NOMINATIONS

- 2023 Sexualities Section Student Representative, American Sociological Association
- 2022 Graduate Student Association Excellence in Teaching Award, UC Santa Barbara

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "Transnational Belonging in LGBTQ+ Immigrant Lives: Investigating the Role of Family, Nationhood, and Nostalgia." Presidential panelist. Presented at the annual Sociologists for Women in Society winter conference; New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 "Coming Out to the Nation: Migration, Sexuality, and Queer Transnational Identity Negotiations" Presented at the annual American Sociological Association conference; Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 "POC and the Ph.D.: Academia by and for Graduate Students of Color." Presented at the annual American Sociological Association conference; virtual meeting (with Yvonne Chen, Lisa Covington, Ashley Crooks-Allen, Christian Lewis, Celine Ayala, J'Mauri Jackson, Makeiva Jenkins, & Katherine Zaslavsky).
- 2020 "Investigating Carceral Logic: Prisons and Immigration Detention in the United States." Presented at the annual Eastern Sociological Society Conference; Philadelphia, PA.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Invited panelist. "Digital Nomads, Colonial Desires, and Privileged Migration to Guatemala." Race, Empire, and Migration Workshop. Co-Hosted by the Migration Initiative at UC Santa Barbara and the Promise Institute for Human Rights at UCLA Law.
- 2022 Invited panelist. "Unsettling California: Migration Studies Panel." Summer Enrichment Program and Mellon Sawyer Seminar Series ("Race, Precarity, and Privilege: Migration in a Global Context"), UC Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2022 Invited presenter. "'It's the American Part of My Identity': Sexuality, Migration, and Transnational Identity Negotiations." Presented at the Sociology Department Gender & Sexualities Work Group; UC Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2019 Invited presenter. "Carceral States: Prisons & Detention Centers in the U.S." Presented at the annual Mellon Mays Undergraduate Northeast Regional Conference; New Haven, CT.
- 2019 Invited panelist. "Invisible Strings: Effects of Identity on Migrant Women Workers in Jordan." Presented at the annual School for International Training Student Research Panel; Amman, Jordan.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS (SELECTED)

- 2023 Invited panelist. "Accessing Trans Healthcare at UCSB: the UCSB Student Experience." Hosted by the Graduate Student Resource Center | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2022 Organizer. "Accessing Trans Healthcare at UCSB." Hosted by the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, Counseling and Psychological Services, and Student Health | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2022 Invited panelist. "Thriving, Not Surviving: Navigating Higher Education as a First-Generation College Student." Hosted by the Educational Opportunity Program, Transfer Student Center, ONDAS Student Center, Summer Sessions, McNair Scholars Program, & EOP Summer Transfer Transition Programs | UC Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2022 Invited panelist. "Transnational Belonging and LGBTQ+ Immigrant Lives." Hosted by the Graduate Student Resource Center | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2022 Organizer and panelist. "Applying to Graduate School: LGBTQ+ Student Edition." Hosted by the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2022 Invited panelist. "Trans Day of Visibility: Trans/Nonbinary Community Leadership Panel." Hosted by the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2021 Invited panelist. "Dear Future Grad Student: First-Gen Edition." Hosted by Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success (ONDAS) Student Center. Presented online | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2021 Invited panelist. "First Gen & Transfer Scholars Welcome." Hosted by the Assistant Dean of Academic Success Initiatives | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2021 Invited panelist. "Thriving, Not Surviving: Navigating Higher Education as a First-Generation College Student." Hosted by Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success (ONDAS) Student Center. Presented online | UC Santa Barbara.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (SELECTED)

- 2022 "Pride of Place: Santa Barbara." Radio interview (Episode 5: "Intersectional Futures"). KCSB News and KCSB-FM, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2018 "Showing Up for Queer Health in 2018." Blog Interview. Planned Parenthood Action Fund. <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/blog/showing-up-for-queer-health-in-2018>
- 2016 "We Are More Than How We Dress." *Community* (vol 4 iss 2). Albany NY: Pride Center of the Capital Region.

GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- October 2022 "Queer and Trans Identity Inclusion Seminar." Presented at the Chemical Engineering Department Orientation; UC Santa Barbara, CA.
- Summer 2022 **Teaching Assistant — Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara**
SOC 188E: Introduction to Ethnomethodology (85 students)
- Spring 2022 **Teaching Assistant — Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara**
SOC 1: Introduction to Sociology (75 students, 3 sections)
- Winter 2022 **Teaching Assistant — Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara**
SOC 118QC: Queer Communities of Color in Digital and Traditional Media (80 students)
- Fall 2021 **Teaching Assistant — Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara**
SOC 1: Introduction to Sociology (75 students, 3 sections)

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

- 2022 - 2023 Student Mentor — Mellon Mays Gap Assistance Program, Institute for Citizens & Scholars
- 2021 - 2023 Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor — Sociology Department, UC Santa Barbara
- Fall 2021 - Spring 2022 Student Mentor — LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program, Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity, UC Santa Barbara
- Spring 2021 Mentorship Program Workshop Facilitator — Students Rising Above Summer Leadership Program, San Francisco, CA
- 2019 - 2020 Student Mentor — Bridge Pre-Orientation Program for Students of Color, Smith College
- 2017 - 2020 Peer Mentor — First Gen Out Loud, Smith College

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

- Fall 2022 - Spring 2023 Graduate Student Assistant for LGBTQIA+ Wellness — Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity (RCSGD), UC Santa Barbara
- 2021 - 2023 Graduate Student Assistant — RCSGD, UC Santa Barbara
- Summer 2020 Summer Research Intern — Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Smith College
- Summer 2019 Summer Programming Intern — Pioneer Valley Workers' Center, Northampton, MA
- 2014 - 2016 Youth Advocate & Peer Educator — Pride Center of the Capital Region, Albany NY

EXTERNAL TRAINING

- July 2023 **Visual Ethnography: A Mode of Ethnographic Translation**
At the Berlin Summer University of the Arts. Received intensive training in filmmaking and ethnographic research methods. Created a short documentary. Attendance sponsored by the UC Santa Barbara Graduate Student Resource Center.
- January 2023 **Podcasting the Humanities: Creating Digital Stories for the Public – Institute for Graduate Students**
Hosted by the National Humanities Center and the Digital Humanities Center of San Diego State University. Received individual training on podcast creation and development. Attendance sponsored by the UC Santa Barbara Interdisciplinary Humanities Center.

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Service **UC Santa Barbara**
Professional Development Committee, Sociology Department (2022-2023)
Sociology Graduate Student Association, Executive Committee (2020 - 2022)
RCSGD Program Coordinator Hiring Committee Member (Spring 2022)
RCSGD Director Hiring Committee Member (Fall 2021)
- Smith College**
Sociology Department Student Liaison (2017-2020)
Study of Women and Gender Department Student Liaison (2016-2020)
- Associations American Sociological Association
 Sections: Sexualities; Peace, War, and Social Conflict; International Migration
 Roles: Sexualities Section Graduate Student Representative
Sociologists for Women in Society
Latin American Studies Association

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES

- Languages: English (fluent), Spanish (conversational), and Arabic (elementary)
Certificates: Domestic Violence Advocate Training, Human Research Subjects Training
Software: Stata, SPSS, Google Suite, Microsoft Suite, Canva, NVivo, Otter.ai, DaVinci Resolve