
Alexandra Eleazar

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Education

- Expected 2025 **University of California, Santa Barbara**
Ph.D. in Sociology
Dissertation: "Digital Empires, Colonial Memory, and Privileged Migrations to Guatemala"
Area Exams: Postcolonial Sociology; Sociology of Migration
Committee: Dr. Jean Beaman (chair), Dr. Terrell Winder, and Dr. Giovanni Batz
- 2022 **University of California, Santa Barbara**
M.A. in Sociology (high honors)
Thesis: "Fractured Nostalgia: LGBTQ+ Immigrants, Family Lessons, and Transnational Ties"
- 2020 **Smith College**
B.A. in Sociology, minor in Gender Studies (high honors)
Thesis: "Investigating Carceral Logics: Prisons and Immigration Detention in the U.S."

Research Focus Areas

Migration and Mobility, Gender and Sexuality, Race and Ethnicity, Cultural Sociology, Labor and Political Economy, Postcolonial Theory, Multimodal and Feminist Methods, Ethnography, and Central American Studies.

Publications

- Eleazar, Alexandra and Jean Beaman. Forthcoming (forthcoming, under contract). "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. 2024. "Sexual Exceptionalism." In the *SAGE Encyclopedia of LGBTQ+ Studies*, 2nd edition, edited by A. Goldberg. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- Eleazar, Alexandra. 2023. Review of *Brown and Gay in LA: The Lives of Immigrant Sons*, by A. C. Ocampo, *Men and Masculinities*, Vol 26 (4): 647-248.

Manuscripts In Process

- Eleazar, Alexandra. "Beyond Assimilation and Towards Solidarity: Building Queer Anti-Nationalist Belonging" (Conditionally accepted, in revision).
- Eleazar, Alexandra. "Fractured Nostalgia: Imagined Belonging, Family Lessons, and Transnational Sexualities" (Under review).
- Eleazar, Alexandra. "Conceptualizing Critical Digital Migration Studies: The Case of Remote Work and Privileged Migration" (Draft in progress).

Research Fellowships and Awards

- 2024 John Mohr Best Paper Award Honorable Mention, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2024 Individualized Professional Skills Program Grant, Graduate Division, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2024 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Dissertation Grant, Institute for Citizens & Scholars
- 2024 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), American Sociological Association
- 2024 Doctoral Student Travel Grant, Academic Senate, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2024 Travel Grant, Graduate Student Association, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2023 Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council
- 2023 Graduate Research Grant, Global Latinidades Project, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2023 Research Grant (with Giovanni Batz, Daina Sanchez, Monika Banach, and Emiko Saldivar), Chicano Studies Institute
- 2023 Predoctoral Fellowship Alternate/Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation

- 2023 Individualized Professional Skills Program Grant, Graduate Division, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2023 Graduate Fellow, Scholars Strategy Network, Los Angeles Unified Chapter
- 2023 Doctoral Scholar Fellowship Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2022 Predoctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council
- 2022 Predoctoral Fellowship Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation
- 2022 Doctoral Scholar Fellowship Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2022 Professional Development Grant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2021 Graduate Seed Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2021 Predoctoral Research Development Grant, Social Science Research Council
- 2020 Public Humanities Graduate Fellow, Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2020 Doctoral Scholar Fellowship Award, Graduate Division, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2020 Karel Fierman Wahrsager Award for Scholarship in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Smith College
- 2019 Valerie Dean Burgess Stevens Prize, Department of Study of Women and Gender, Smith College
- 2018 Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Smith College
- 2018 Social Justice Student Leadership Award, Smith College

Refereed Conference Presentations

- 2024 “Digital Empires: Remote Work and Unequal Migration in Guatemala.” American Sociological Association annual conference; Montréal, Canada.
- 2024 “Towards Critical Digital Migration Studies: The Case Of Digital Nomads, Remote Work, And Privileged Migration.” International Political Economy of Labor Migration Conference, organized by the International Sociological Association’s Committee on Economy & Society; Duisburg, Germany.
- 2024 “‘No vengás gringo’: Privileged Migration, Colonial Memory, and Resistance in Guatemala.” Latin American Studies Association annual conference. Virtual.
- 2024 “Cycles of Mobilities: European and North American Migration to Guatemala.” British Sociological Association annual conference. Virtual.
- 2024 “LGBTQ+ Displacement in Central America: From Colonial Carcerality to Mutual Aid” (with Nicolás De Leon and Valezka Murillo). Central American Politics Consortium (CAPC), hosted by Tulane University’s Center for Inter-American Policy and Research and the University of Oklahoma’s Center for the Americas. New Orleans, LA.
- 2023 “Beyond Assimilation and Towards Resistance: Building Queer Anti-National Belonging.” SWS Virtual Student and Junior Community Scholar Symposium, hosted by Sociologists for Women in Society. Virtual.
- 2023 “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.
- 2023 *Presidential panelist*. “Transnational Belonging in LGBTQ+ Immigrant Lives: Investigating the Role of Family, Nationhood, and Nostalgia.” Sociologists for Women in Society winter conference; New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 “Coming Out to the Nation: Migration, Sexuality, and Queer Transnational Identity Negotiations” American Sociological Association annual conference; Los Angeles, CA.
- 2019 “Carceral States: Prisons & Detention Centers in the U.S.” Presented at the annual Mellon Mays Undergraduate Northeast Regional Conference; New Haven, CT.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

- 2024 Panelist. “Ciclos de desplazamiento: migración europea y norteamericana a Guatemala.” *Desafíos y perspectivas de la migración: Reflexiones multidisciplinares*, Convocatoria a Seminario Internacional. Hosted by the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. Virtual.
- 2024 Guest lecturer. “Unequal Mobilities in Guatemala: Privileged Migration and Local Displacements” Mapping Latine Inequalities course (LAS201) taught by Vicente Carrillo, Department of Latin American Studies, Smith College, MA.
- 2023 Guest lecturer. “Understanding Privileged Migration in Central America: Digital Nomads in Guatemala.” Immigration and the U.S. Border course (CH ST 189) taught by Giovanni Batz, Department of Chicano and Chicana Studies, UC Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2023 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 Guest speaker. “‘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.
- 2021 Guest lecturer. “Queer and Trans Identity Inclusion Seminar.” Chemical Engineering Department Orientation; UC Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2019 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.

External Training

- Spring 2024 *Editorial Management I: Acquisition to Publication*
At the University of California, Los Angeles. Received 10 weeks of instruction on understanding various parts of the publishing industry, including book acquisitions, manuscript preparation, crafting pitches, writing marketing copies, and developing publishing timelines. Attendance sponsored by the UC Santa Barbara Graduate Student Resource Center.
- 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 which culminated in a short film. Attendance sponsored by the UC Santa Barbara Graduate Student Resource Center.
- January 2022 *Podcasting the Humanities: Creating Digital Stories for the Public*
At 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.

Advocacy and Public Work (selected)

- 2024 Exhibition. “Between the Trees, My Father, and I.” Museum of Contemporary Art, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2023 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.
- 2023 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.
- 2023 Organizer. “Writing in Community: A Writing Group for LGBTQ+ Grad Students of Color.” Hosted by the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity and the MultiCultural Center | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2022 Invited speaker. “Transnational Belonging and LGBTQ+ Immigrant Lives.” Hosted by the Graduate Student Resource Center | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2022 Radio interviewee. “Pride of Place: Santa Barbara” (Episode 5: “Intersectional Futures”). KCSB News and KCSB-FM Radio | 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 Organizer. “LGBTQ+ Academic Career Panel: Navigating Academia and the Job Market.” Hosted by the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity and Graduate Career Services | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2021 Invited panelist. “Dear Future Grad Student: First-Gen Edition.” Hosted by Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success Student Center. Virtual | UC Santa Barbara.
- 2018 Interviewee. “Showing Up for Queer Health in 2018.” National Planned Parenthood Action Fund.

Teaching and Mentorship (selected)

- 2023-2024 *Graduate Student Mentor | Graduate Scholars Program*
Graduate Division Diversity Initiatives, University of California, Santa Barbara (3 graduate students)
- 2022 - 2023 *Teaching Assistant | Department of Sociology*
University of California, Santa Barbara

- Summer 2023: “Introduction to Ethnomethodology” (85 students)
- Spring 2023: “Introduction to Sociology” (75 students, 3 sections)
- Winter 2023: “Queer Communities of Color in Digital and Traditional Media” (80 students)
- Fall 2022: “Introduction to Sociology” (75 students, 3 sections)

- 2021 - 2023 *Honors Thesis Mentor | Undergraduate Honors Thesis Program*
Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara (2 students)
- 2021-2022 *Undergraduate Student Mentor | LGBTQ+ Mentorship Program*
Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, University of California, Santa Barbara (3 students)
- 2019 - 2020 *Student Ambassador | Bridge-ing Abroad Program for Students of Color*
International Student Office, Smith College (drop-in basis, served 20-30 students)
- 2019 - 2020 *Student Mentor | Bridge Pre-Orientation Program for Students of Color*
Office of Multicultural Affairs, Smith College (9 students)
- 2017 - 2020 *Peer Mentor and Orientation Leader | First Gen Out Loud*
Wurtele Center for Leadership, Smith College (30 students)

Service and Professional Associations

Service

University of California, Santa Barbara (selected)

- Member, Latin America and Iberian Studies Graduate Affiliate Initiative (2024-current)
- Founding Member, Central American Studies Collective (2023-current)
- Selection Committee, Horacio Roque Ramirez Central American Studies Scholarship, Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies (2023-2024)
- Graduate Student Representative, Professional Development Committee, Department of Sociology (2022-2023)
- Board Member, Queer and Trans Graduate Student Union (2022-2023)
- Board Member, Sociology Graduate Student Association (2020-2022)
- Program Coordinator Hiring Committee Member, Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) (Spring 2022)
- Director Hiring Committee Member, RCSGD (Fall 2021)

Smith College (selected)

- Sociology Department Student Liaison (2017-2020)
- Study of Women and Gender Department Student Liaison (2016-2020)
- Smith Students for Reproductive Justice Campus Chapter President (2018-2019)

Associations

American Sociological Association

Sections: International Migration, Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Latina/o Sociology, Sexualities, Global and Transnational Sociology

Roles: ASA Sexualities Section Graduate Student Representative (2023-2024), Sexualities ASA Conference Planning Committee Member (2023-2024)

British Sociological Association

International Visual Sociology Association

Latin American Studies Association

Additional Professional Experience

Editorial Assistant | Camera Obscura Journal, Santa Barbara, CA

July 2024-Current

- Copyedited article monthly submissions for academic journal publication following the Chicago Manual Style.
- Oversaw submission process from start to finish by responding to author submissions, informing the editorial board of new submissions, and communicating with authors regarding manuscript decisions and changes.

Graduate Programming and Outreach Fellow | Scholars' Strategy Network, Los Angeles, CA

July 2022-Current

- Coordinated event logistics and participation with leading scholars, journalists, and policy-makers across California interested in collaborating on public scholarship and research-informed policy and law.
- Proofread and wrote chapter communication which included weekly chapter email and social media updates following organizational guidelines and branding.
- Managed an email database of 100+ chapter members and assisted in state-wide recruitment.

Programming Assistant | Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, UC Santa Barbara

September 2021-June 2022

- Organized 30+ annual events for graduate students from start to finish, including event brainstorming, creating visual marketing materials, schedule management, and coordination with diverse university-wide departments, faculty and staff, and undergraduate and graduate students.
- Supervised two interns which included coordinating weekly check-ins, maintaining student work schedules and pay, and providing professional development feedback.

Skills and Certifications

Languages: English (native fluency), Spanish (advanced)

Certificates: Domestic Violence Advocate Training, Human Research Subjects Training

Software: Google Suite, Microsoft Suite, Stata, SPSS, Canva, NVivo, Otter.ai, DaVinci Resolve