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University of New Mexico
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EDUCATION

University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. Literature and Cultures in Spanish and Portuguese, Defended May 2018

Dissertation: *Rubber Boom Narratives and the Development of the Amazon*, chair: Dr. Lorraine Leu

M.A. Literature and Cultures in Spanish and Portuguese, May 2015

Qualifying Thesis: "Gendered Politics of Empire: The Female *Explorateur* and Natural Histories of the Amazon"

University of Michigan, Residential College

B.A. with Distinction, May 2011

Majors: Comparative Literature & Spanish, Summa cum laude

Minor: Latin American Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of New Mexico, Department of Spanish and Portuguese Assistant Professor, 2021-present

Portuguese Program Director

Supervision of TAs, course development for Portuguese language

Creation of original courses and research in Latin American cultural studies

American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)/Mellon Public Fellow Natural Resources Defense Council, Campaign Advocate, Latin America, 2019-2021

Collaboration with coalition partners in Chile, Mexico, and Brazil on local and international environmental issues

Amazonian deforestation coordination on city, state, and national bills to cut deforestation from supply chains, campaign against major deforesters

Grassland preservation in the Chihuahuan Desert coordinating environmental engagement campaigns with various stakeholders in Mexico and US

River protection in Chile work with on the ground community partners towards keeping Chilean Patagonia free from dams, organization around lithium extraction

Internal NRDC Led internal working groups on Indigenous Partnerships, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in International work

**Florida State University, Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics
Dean's Postdoctoral Scholar and Gannon Fellow, 2018- 2019**

Managed and developed Portuguese program

Conducted language placement exams for native and non-native speakers

Increased enrollment in Portuguese language and culture courses

Organized university-wide Amazon week

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Eyes on Amazonia: Transnational Perspectives on the Rubber Boom Frontier. Vanderbilt University Press, 2024.

Reviews

Coral Reyes, Daniel. Review of *Eyes on Amazonia: Transnational Perspectives on the Rubber Boom Frontier*, by Jessica Carey-Webb. *Hispania*, vol. 108, no. 4, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1353/hpn.2025.a976080>.

Reynolds, Andrew. Review of *Eyes on Amazonia: Transnational Perspectives on the Rubber Boom Frontier*, by Jessica Carey-Webb. *Romance Quarterly*, vol. 72, 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1080/08831157.2025.2463108>.

Sarzynski, Sarah. Review of *Eyes on Amazonia: Transnational Perspectives on the Rubber Boom Frontier*, by Jessica Carey-Webb. *Hispanic American Historical Review*, vol. 105, no. 1, 2025, pp. 154–56.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Literary

“Territorializing *The Territory*: The Eco-Territorial Turn in Documentary Film” forthcoming in *The Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*.

“The Counter-Travel Narrative: Knowledge, Naming, and Resistance in Micheline Verunsch’s *O som do rugido da onça*” forthcoming in *Hispania*.

“Interrogando el extractivismo: ecopedagogía y estudios culturales brasileños.” Forthcoming in the *Journal of Contemporary Spanish Literature and Film* Special Issue on Ecopedagogies and Hispanic Studies: Knowledge and Skills for the Anthropocene, no. 7, April 2025.

“Representing Environmental Advocacy: Ecopedagogy via Melodrama” *Environmental Communication*, vol. 19, no. 5, February 2025.

“Fevered Returns: Indigeneity and Modernity in *A Febre*.” *Journal of Lusophone Studies*, vol. 8, no. 2, December 2023.

“Gendered Politics of Empire: The Female *Explorateur* and Natural Histories of the Amazon Basin 1899-1901” *Gender, Place, and Culture*, vol. 24, no. 4, April 2017.

“Mapping Masculinity on the Rio Roosevelt” *Spanish and Portuguese Review*, vol. 1, March 2015.

Book Chapters in Edited Volumes

“Beef, Bible, Bullets: Suicidal Cows and the Ecological Imaginings of Brazil,” Invited Chapter in *Violence and Harm in the Animal Industrial Complex: Human-Animal Entanglements*. Routledge, November 2024.

“Displacement and Desperation: Techno-orientalism and Extractivist Violence in *A morte e o meteoro*,” Invited Chapter in *Labor, Land, and the Colonial Roots of Environmental Crisis in Latin America*. Forthcoming, Vernon Press, 2026.

Policy

“JBS Meatpacking Company Investor Risk Assessment,” *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, October 2021.

“Corporate Irresponsibility: JBS’ Inaction and Disregard for Worker Safety have Increased the Spread of COVID-19 in the United States and Brazil,” Issue Brief, *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, May 25, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/resources/corporate-irresponsibility-jbss-inaction-and-disregard-worker-safety-have-increased-spread>

“Hydro-Highway Robbery: Reguemos Chile would Benefit Agribusiness at the Expense of the Environment, Small Farmers and Indigenous Peoples,” *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, Issue Brief, October 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/resources/hydro-highway-robbery-reguemos-chile-would-benefit-agribusinesses-expense-environment>.

“La gran estafa hídrica: Reguemos Chile es una respuesta delirante y equivocada a la megasecuía en Chile,” *Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC)*, Issue Brief, October 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/sites/default/files/hydro-highway-robbery-reguemos-chile-ib-sp.pdf>

Reviews

Biocosmism: Vitality and Utopian Imagination in Postrevolutionary Mexico by Jorge Quintana Navarrete in H-Net Environment Commons, Invited to review, July 2024.

American Experience: Into the Amazon, Invited film review in *Amazonia Latitude* online, October 2017.

The Native and National in Brazil by Tracy Devine-Guzmán in *Native American and Indigenous Studies Association (NAISA) Journal*, May 2015.

Public Scholarship

“JBS’ Workers Paid the Ultimate Price, While Profits Surged,” NRDC expert blog, May 25, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/jbs-profits-rose-while-workers-communities-paid-price>

“Latin America at the Leaders Summit on Climate,” NRDC expert blog, April 23, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/carolina-herrera/latin-america-leaders-summit-climate>

“Brazil’s Bolsonaro Shows Little Progress at Climate Summit,” NRDC expert blog, April 23, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/brazils-bolsonaro-shows-little-progress-leaders-climate>

- “Brazil LNG Expansion Undermines Decarbonization,” NRDC expert blog, April 16, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/brazil-lng-expansion-undermines-decarbonization>
- “Protecting the Wintering Home of Migratory Birds,” NRDC expert blog, February 4, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/protecting-wintering-home-migratory-birds>
- “Legal Strategies to Address Grassland Water Security,” NRDC expert blog, February 4, 2021, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/water-security-chihuahuan-desert-lies-its-laws>
- “Latin America’s 2020 Climate Leaders and Laggards,” NRDC expert blog, December 21, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/amanda-maxwell/latin-americas-2020-climate-leaders-and-laggards>
- “Hydro-Highway Robbery,” NRDC expert blog, December 4, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/hydro-highway-robbery>
- “A New Agenda for Climate Giants of the Western Hemisphere,” NRDC expert blog, December 2, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/new-agenda-climate-giants-western-hemisphere>
- “What Does Climate Adaptation Look like In Latin America?” NRDC expert blog, July 1, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/what-does-climate-adaptation-look-latin-america>
- “Latin America’s Biodiversity is Critical for Global Goals,” NRDC expert blog, May 22, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/lets-protect-latin-americas-biodiversity>
- “Life in the Chihuahuan Desert Grasslands,” NRDC expert blog, May 8, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/life-chihuahuan-desert-grasslands>
- “The Fight for Our Future Depends on Our Forests,” NRDC expert blog, March 19, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/fight-our-future-depends-forests>
- “Women’s Safety Means Earth’s Safety,” NRDC expert blog, March 8, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/womens-safety-means-earths-safety>
- “The Amazon is Still on Fire,” NRDC expert blog, Feb. 25, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/amazon-still-fire>
- “A Nature-Based Solution: The Chihuahuan Desert Grasslands,” NRDC expert blog, Jan. 24, 2020, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/nature-based-weapon-against-climate-change-chihuahua>

“Water is a Right: The Parallel Conference of the Parties in Chile,” NRDC expert blog, Dec. 23, 2019, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/water-right-parallel-cop-santiago>

“The Complicated Patchwork of Amazonia,” NRDC expert blog, Sept. 27, 2019, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jessica-carey-webb/complicated-patchwork-amazonia>

“We Can’t Solve the Climate Crisis without Forest Protection,” NRDC expert blog, Sept. 23, 2019, <https://www.nrdc.org/experts/jennifer-skene/we-cant-solve-climate-crisis-without-forest-protection>

“Pedagogical Strategies in the Teaching of Rhetoric,” series of 6 white papers published for University of Texas OnRamps dual-enrollment initiative

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Curriculum Development Award, University of New Mexico, 2026

\$2,500 to support the development of Spanish 303: Brazilian Culture in Spanish

Faculty Mentored Research Award, University of New Mexico, 2025

\$2,500 in recognition of collaboration and undergraduate mentorship

Consortium of Latin American Studies Programs (CLASP), Faculty Research and Professional Development Award, Summer 2025

\$1,000 in support of field and archival research in Brazilian Amazon

Latin American and Iberian Institute Faculty Field Research Grant, University of New Mexico, Summer 2025

\$3000 for field and archival research in Brazilian Amazon

Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language (UISFL) Faculty Professional Development Award, May 2025

\$500 towards Latin American Studies Association conference participation

Marshall Award for Course Development and Curriculum Enhancement, Arts & Sciences Deans Office, University of New Mexico, 2025

\$2000 to revise curriculum for undergraduate course focused on the environment

Latin American Studies Association, Brazil Section, Conference Travel Award, Spring 2025

\$350 towards travel to LASA San Francisco

College of Arts and Sciences Supplemental Travel Program, University of New Mexico, Spring 2025

\$2,000 to support conference presentation “Postextractivism in Amazonian Documentary Films,” Latin American Studies Association Conference, 2025

College of Arts and Sciences Event Support Program, University of New Mexico, Spring 2025

\$1,400 to support graduate student conference Querencias

LinguaMeeting Curriculum Enhancement Grant, LingroLearning, 2024

\$5,000 towards student learning enhancement in Portuguese

College of Arts & Sciences Assessment Grant, University of New Mexico, 2024-25

\$2,000 for assessment revisions to lower-division Portuguese courses

Summer Institute in Environmental Humanities, Colby College, Summer 2024

Selected as part of cohort for workshop on environmental humanities

Course Development Award, LAII, University of New Mexico, Spring 2023

\$2,500 for original course development, Brazilian Literature and Culture in English

Writing Subvention Award, University of New Mexico, Fall 2022

\$3,000 to support publication expenses of book manuscript

WeR1 FaST Research Support, University of New Mexico, Fall 2022

\$5,300 for course release for research

Course Development Award, LAII, University of New Mexico, Spring 2022

\$2,500 for original course development, Brazilian Literature and Film

ACLS/Mellon Public Fellows Award, Natural Resources Defense Council 2019-2021

\$145,000 to support humanities research and environmental advocacy in Latin America

Post-Doctoral Intramural Travel Award, Florida State University, February 2019

\$500 to support travel to LASA 2019 conference

Founders Fellowship, Rhetoric, University of Texas at Austin, 2017-18

\$15,000, Fellowship to support English Language Arts dual-enrollment program

Fath Fellowship, Spanish and Portuguese, University of Texas at Austin, 2014-15 & 2017-18

\$75,000, Two fully funded years of graduate study

Tinker Field Research Grant, Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2016

\$3,600 to support travel to Manaus, Brazil for field and archival research

LASA Scholarship, Latin American Studies Congress, May 2015

\$500 to support conference attendance

**Black Diaspora and Community Engagement Award, College of Liberal Arts,
University of Texas at Austin, Summer 2014**

\$1,250 for community engagement in Rio de Janeiro

Brazil Center Grant, University of Texas, Austin, Summer 2014

\$330 for BRASA conference attendance

Fulbright Fellowship, Fulbright Commission, 2012

9 months salary and benefits to teach English at Federal University in Brazilian Amazon

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, AND INTERVIEWS

Invited Presentations

“An Alternative Amazonian Political Ecology: Counani’s Anti-Extractivist Experiment,” Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, March 2026

“Strengthening Portuguese Programs Through Collaboration,” Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, December 2025

Discussant, “The Specter of Neoliberalism: A View from Brazil,” Talk with Dr. Thomas D. Rogers, History Department, The University of New Mexico, November 2024

“Representing Advocacy: Ecopedagogy via Melodrama,” The University of New Mexico College of Arts & Sciences, Faculty Lightening Lounge Series, November 2024

“Eyes on Amazonia: Transnational Perspectives on the Rubber Boom Frontier,” The University of New Mexico, Latin American and Iberian Institute Book Talk, October 2024

“Extractivism in Latin America: An Interdisciplinary Conversation,” The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 2024

“Traversing the Rubber Boom: Amazonia’s Environmental and Cultural Legacy.” Georgia Tech University, Latin American Environmental Humanities Lab, Symposium keynote speaker, “The Anthropocene and Global Extractive Industries: Perspectives from the Americas.” Atlanta, GA, March 2024

“Interrogating Extractivism: Ecopedagogy and Brazilian Cultural Studies,” Emory College Language Center Speaker Series, Atlanta, GA, November 2022

Discussant, Sustainability Studies screening of *El abrazo de la serpiente*, at The Guild, Albuquerque, NM, March 2022

“Rethinking Waste: Movements for Environmental Justice in Latin America,” State University of New York, Oswego, Oswego, NY, March 2021

“Life on Land and Climate Action,” Sustainable Development Goals Goalmaker Roundtable, Los Angeles, CA, November 2020

“Artivismo en la Amazonia,” Invited Guest Lecture, St. Edward’s University, Austin, TX, October 2018

Discussant, panels on *También la lluvia* and *Que horas ela volta*, Cinehassee: Tallahassee Film Festival, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Fall 2018

Conference Presentations

“Between the Occident and Orient: Racialized Futures and Environmental Collapse in *A morte e o meteoro*,” American Comparative Literature Association, Montreal, Canada, February 2025.

“Bodies of Fire: Race, Extraction, and Authoritarianism in Latinx América,” Co-organizer, Latin American Studies Association, San Francisco, CA, May 2025

“Bodies in Resistance: Intersectional Feminism, Race, and Spirituality in Brazil,” Session organizer and discussant, Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Francisco, CA, May 2025

“Territorializing the Territory: Post-Extractivism, Emotion, and Documentary Film in the Brazilian Amazon,” Modern Languages Association Conference, “Indigenous Visibilities in Brazil,” New Orleans, LA, January 2025

“A Feminine Fight for the Forest: Mainstreaming Environmental Defenders via Melodrama,” Pacific Ancient and Modern Languages Association, Portland, OR, October 2023

“Fevered Returns: Indigeneity, Hunting, and Consumption in *A Febre*,” Modern Languages Association, San Francisco, CA, January 2023

“Environmental Cultural Studies and Understanding Activism,” Just-in-time Session Organizer, Modern Languages Association, Washington, DC, January 2022

“The Complex Fabric of Amazonia,” Co-Organizer, Amazonia Now: Perspectives on a Region in Crisis, Online, November 2020

“Transnational Cultures of (Eco)economic Crises: Social Mapping and Community Empowerment,” Language, Image, Power, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, October 2019

“The Geopolitics of Plants: Posthumanism and *El abrazo de la serpiente*,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Boston, MA, May 2019

“Archival Research Strategies and Workshop,” Professional Learning Institute, University of Texas at Austin, Lyndon B. Johnson Archive, Summer 2018

“A Novice Traveler in a Land Without History: Race, the Environment and Building the Brazilian Amazon,” American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), Los Angeles, CA, May 2018

“A’ For Attributions: Using Citations Rhetorically,” Professional Learning Institute, University of Texas at Austin, May 2017

“Gendered Politics of Empire: The Female *Explorateur* and Natural Histories of the Amazon Basin,” American Comparative Literature Association (ACLA), Boston, MA, May 2016

“Rubber Boom Narratives and the Development of the Amazon,” Latin American Studies Association (LASA), San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 2015

“Wandering Wildernesses: Race and Nation Building on the Rio Roosevelt,” Brazilian Studies Association (BRASA), London, UK, August 2014

Interviews

“Brazil’s Indigenous Communities Under Threat” with *Borgen Magazine*, Tacoma, WA, October 2022, <https://www.borgenmagazine.com/indigenous-communities-under-threat/>

“Climate Summit ‘Last Chance’ for Brazil to Show Leadership on Global Warming” with *Inside Climate News*, Brooklyn, NY, April 2021, <https://insideclimatenews.org/news/21042021/climate-summit-brazil-leadership-bolsonaro-biden-colombia/>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of New Mexico, 2021-present

Latin American Culture & Composition, SPAN301, Spring 2026

Encounters II: Brazilian Literature, PORT548/448, Spring 2026

Encounters I: Brazilian Literature, PORT457/557, Fall 2025

Latin American Environmentalisms, PORT570/SPAN682/LTAM500, Spring 2025

Developing Spanish Writing Skills, SPAN302, Fall 2024 Intercession course online

Latin American and Iberian Institute Graduate Seminar, LTAM510, Fall 2024

Brazilian Literature & Film, PORT414/514, Fall 2024

Brazilian Literature and Culture in English, PORT2211, Spring 2024

Encounters II: Brazilian Literature, PORT548/448, Spring 2023

Encounters I: Brazilian Literature, PORT547/447, Fall 2022

Brazilian Literature & Film, PORT414/514, Spring 2022

Between Projects: Environment & Culture in Brazil, PORT414/514, Fall 2021

New Course Development for UNM Catalogue:

Portuguese 303: Brazilian Culture in Spanish

Portuguese 2211: Brazilian Literature and Culture in English

Portuguese 301: Topics in Brazilian Cultural Studies

Portuguese 2140: Intermediate Portuguese Language and Culture

Portuguese 1110: All Online Plus

Florida State University, 2018-19

POR3190, Brazilian Film in Translation, Spring 2019

POR4930, The Transnational Amazon, Fall 2018

POR3140 & 3141, Portuguese for Spanish Speakers I & II, Spring and Fall 2018-19

University of Texas, Austin, 2013-18

PRC 320, Imagining the Amazon, Spring 2017

Founder's Fellow, Rhetoric, OnRamps Dual-Enrollment Initiative, 2017-2018

Intermediate-Advanced Spanish (611D), 2016-2017

Intermediate and Intermediate-Advanced Portuguese (610D and

611D), 2015-2016

Fulbright Fellow, Bragança, Pará, Brazil, 2012

English Teaching Assistant at Federal University

Team taught classes such as Anglophone Literature, Phonetics, and Pedagogy

Founded English Language Literature and Conversation Clubs

ACADEMIC SERVICE**Administrative Work and University Committees**

Portuguese Program Coordinator, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, 2021-present

Vice President of Executive Committee, Latin American and Iberian Studies Institute, University of New Mexico, 2024-present

Board Member, International Studies Institute, University of New Mexico, 2024-present

Graduate Studies Committee, University of New Mexico, Spanish and Portuguese, 2021-present

Advisory Committee, Language Learning Center, University of New Mexico, 2021-present

Fulbright Institutional Assessment, University of New Mexico, 2024-present

Co-Organizer, "Postgrowth Imaginaries and Ecopedagogy," Guest speaker Luis Iñaki Prádanos, University of New Mexico, March 2024, Awarded \$2,000 in funding

Planning Member and co-PI, PICANTE, Biology Department, University of New Mexico, NSF grant to develop pathogen and community led collection and research, 2022-24

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Language Evaluator, University of New Mexico, 2022-2024, pre and post grant language evaluations of FLAS student awardees

Fostering Research Expansion in Social Sciences and Humanities (FRESSH), University of New Mexico, 2023-24, Selected as part of an interdisciplinary cohort to develop external grant opportunities, \$3000 honorarium

Faculty Fellow, Student Experience Project, University of New Mexico, Fall 2023, Selected as part of cohort to improve classroom experiences and outcomes for students, \$1000 honorarium

Organizer, Brazilian Women Writers Series, University of New Mexico, Spring 2023, campus-wide event with presentations from Cristiane Sobral, Ana Paula Maia, Natalia Borges Polesso, awarded \$800 in honorariums for speakers

NEH-Teagle Grant Planning Committee, University of New Mexico, Fall 2023, Part of planning for grant to incorporate place-based humanities courses into general curriculum

Grants and Awards Committee, Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico, 2022-2023

Operations Committee, Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico, 2023-2024

Portuguese Program Coordinator, Florida State University, 2018-19

Coordinator, Amazon Week, Florida State University, Spring 2019

Service to the Profession

Latin American Studies Association, Brazil Section, Best Dissertation in the Humanities 2024, Prize Committee

Borderlands Reading Group Commentator, University of Texas, Austin, Spring 2023, commentary for in-progress dissertation work, \$400 honorarium

University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) Library Modern Endangered Archives Program, Grants Reviewer, Spring 2022

Reviewing for Journals

Hispanófila, 2025-present

Latin American Literary Review, 2025-present

Tapuya: Latin American Science, Technology and Society, 2025-present

The English Journal, 2024-present

H-Net Environment, 2024-present

Intersecciones Hispánicas, 2024-present

Luso-Brazilian Review, 2023-present

Environmental Humanities, 2023-present

Hispania, 2020-present

Gastronomica: The Journal of Food Studies, 2020-present

Amazonia Latitude, Editorial Board, Podcaster and Content Contributor, 2018-present

Spanish and Portuguese Review, 2015-2020

Reviewing for Presses

Indiana University Press

Reviewing for National Funding Organizations

Natural Resources Defense Council, Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) Committee
Member, April 2022

American Council of Learned Societies, Leading Edge Fellowship Reviewer, 2022, \$1000
honorarium

Community Service

The Santa Fe Watershed Association, Board Member, Outreach Committee, 2025-present

Major League Soccer, Portuguese/Spanish/English Translator, 2025-present
Contemporaneous translation for Los Angeles Football Club (LAFC) soccer players

Santa Fe International Literary Festival, Development and Outreach, 2025
Managed donations to festival; Outreach to schools and universities; Grant funding and
database management

Grand Challenge Team Member, University of New Mexico, 2021-2022, “Promoting Long-
Term Cultural and Community Resilience to Climate and Pandemic Disaster among First
Nation Peoples of the Four Corners Region”

Interpreter/Translator, Austin, TX, 2016-2017, Portuguese/English interpreter and document
translator for Angolan refugee seeking asylum

Humanities Action Lab, Austin, TX, 2015-2016

Departmental Affiliations

Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico, 2021-present

Sustainability Studies, University of New Mexico, 2021-present

Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, University of New Mexico, 2021-present

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ancestry.com

Latin American Migrations UX Researcher, 2018-present

Use of DNA and mapping technologies to trace migration patterns from 1750s-1950s
throughout Latin America

Customer facing publications for international website

Dev Global Group, Inclusive Development

Advisor and Consultant, 2019-2021

Strategy for locally inclusive development in post-colonial countries
Latin American regional support and expertise
Researcher, policy-writer and academic liaison
Qualitative M&E support

Writing Tutor, PrepNow, Austin, TX, 2015-2019

Individually tutor and mentor high school, college, and graduate level students
Editing and teaching of the writing process

Innovation Fellow, University of Texas OnRamps, 2018

Contribution of project content and online instructional curriculum design
Completion of project management training and implementation strategies
Drafting and revising of system report content

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES

Chair, PhD Dissertations

Sydney Wilson, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, expected 2028

Committee Member, PhD Dissertations

Marina Todeschini, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, “Trespassing and Transcending: Newcomer Crossing and Movement in Latina and Latin American Literature,” Defended May 2020

Chair, Masters Thesis Committee

Beatryz Menezes, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, “Portrayals of Northeastern Women in Brazilian Culture,” Expected May 2026

Anderson Barbosa, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, “Racism as a Weapon of Silencing: The Case of Maria Firminha dos Reis,” Pass, May 2025

Luisa Hurtado, Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, “¿Qué lengua hablas? The Interactions of Languages, Education, and Identity in a Majority/Minority Sociolinguistic Setting,” Pass with Distinction, May 2024

Chair, Masters Exam Committee

Miguel Sabol, Latin American and Iberian Studies, University of New Mexico, High Pass, May 2023

Member, Masters Thesis Committee

Kelsey Varisco, Latin American and Iberian Studies, “Female Latin American STEM Students’ Voices Contributing to the Discussion of Gender and Climate Change,” University of New Mexico, Pass, May 2023

Leticia Rinaldi, “Aging and Learning: Community Engagement and Self-Efficacy in L2 Teaching to Elderly Learners,” Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, High Pass, May 2023

Jéssica Bueno, “O ventre como espaço de resistência em Maria Firmina dos Reis e Yolanda Arroyo Pizarro,” Spanish & Portuguese, University of New Mexico, High Pass May 2022

Member, Masters Exam Committee

Maria Khalsa, Latin American and Iberian Studies, Pass, October 2025

Daniela Galvis Garzón, Latin American and Iberian Studies, Pass, May 2025

Member, Undergraduate Thesis Committee

Natalie Rovello, Honors Art History, Pass, May 2025

CERTIFICATES

Evidence-Based Practices for Teaching Online (EBPTO), University of New Mexico, July 2022

ACTFL Language Assessment Training, Portuguese (partial completion)

Student Experience Project Training

LANGUAGES

Native English

Fluency in Spanish

Fluency in Portuguese

Reading knowledge French