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## EDUCATION

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- Current** Ph.D. Student in Chicana/Chicano Studies  
University of New Mexico (UNM)
- 2022** M.A. in Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies  
California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)
- 2016** B.A. in Chicano and Latino Studies  
Minor in Native American Cultures  
California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)
- 2014** A.A. in Social and Behavioral Sciences  
A.A. in Kinesiology and Wellness  
Mt. San Antonio College (MT. SAC), Walnut, CA
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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Environmental Racism in The Coachella Valley  
Chicana Feminist Pedagogies and Epistemologies  
Songwriting, Videography, and Digital Art as a Method of Decolonization and Social Activism

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## RESEARCH INTENTIONS/OBJECTIONS

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Peruvian Migration to California from 1980's-Present  
Cultural Attributes and Transformation of Public Roadside Burials into Sacred Sites  
Environmental Racism in The Coachella Valley  
Songwriting, Videography, and Digital Art as a Method of Decolonization and Social Activism

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## AWARDS

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- Perfect Attendance | Indio High School (2008)
- Dean's List | College of the Desert in Palm Desert | Fall 2009
- Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (E.O.P.S) Transfer Student Achievement from MT. SAC to CSULB with a 3.50 GPA (2014)
- Dean's Honor List | California State University, Long Beach | Fall 2014
- Dean's Honor List | California State University, Long Beach | Fall 2015

- President's Honor List | California State University, Long Beach | Spring 2016
- Fellowship | California State University, Los Angeles | Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
- Special Recognition in Graduate Studies in 2020 from the College of Ethnic Studies for Superior Scholastic Achievement | California State University, Los Angeles

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## PROJECTS

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### FILM:

- Xicano Thought: Political Hip-Hop* | December 10, 2015
- Empeño* | May 17, 2016
- My Name Is...* | May 23, 2016
- Sazón, Charlas Culinarias, & Oral History with Manuel Carreon* | October 6, 2019
- Old Timers Show & Shine* | October 19, 2019
- Sounds & Images: Old Timers Southern California* | October 22, 2019

### SONGWRITING:

- Homeland Security* (2013)
- Beautiful Day* (2013)
- Morir de Pie* (2013)
- Immigration Please* (2015)
- Racialized* (2015)
- Revolución* (2015)
- Chican@s Can Do It Too* (2016)
- Can't Take It Anymore* (2016)
- Got to Go* (2016)
- Boycotting it All* (2018)
- Duck Down* (2018)

### POETRY:

- Solo digo...* (Spring 2016)
- Question to my Existence* (Fall 2019)

### INTERVIEWS:

- Tommy Escarcega: Representing Old Timers Southern California* | Chicana Feminisms. Audio, video, transcriptions, and essay. December 5, 2019
- Influential Latina Womxn: Martha Mendivil* | Chicana Feminisms. October 2019
- A Talk with Maurice "Reece" Marsh* | Black Sexuality. December 11, 2019

### ESSAYS:

- Geopolitical Boundaries: Plants, Wildlife, and Latina/o's in the Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUC) of the Coachella Valley* | December 2018
- Mundo Santuario: School grounds as a **space** and **place** representing home, safety, and growth* | May 12, 2020

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## COLLOQUIUMS IN ATTENDANCE

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American Indian Studies Department Presents: **Winona LaDuke**  
“Building the Green Economy: Indigenous Strategies for a Sustainable Future”  
April 23, 2015, California State University, Long Beach (CSULB)

Associated Students Inc. Presents: **George Lopez** | April 28, 2015, CSULB

Unpacking the Achievement Gap: Latinos, Asian American and Inequalities in Education | Panelist: **Dr. Gilda L. Ochoa** and **Dr. Robert Teranishi**  
April 30, 2015, CSULB

Social Policy Event: *War Against All Puerto Ricans: Revolution and Terror in America's Colony* | Guest Speaker: **Nelson Dennis**  
Panelist: **Dr. Victor M. Rodriguez** | October 17, 2015, CSULB

*Bordertown* TV Screening with **Lalo Alcaraz** and **Gustavo Arellano**  
November 4, 2015, CSULB

University of California, Riverside Lecture Series: Native American Sacred Spaces & Cultural Preservation: Native American Land Conservancy's Old Woman Mt. Preserve | Panelist: **Daisy Ocampo**  
February 8, 2016, University of California, Riverside | Palm Desert, CA

La Raza Student Association Presents: *Mendez vs. Westminster: For All the Children*  
Documentary Screening and Q&A with **Sandra Robbie** | April 26, 2016, CSULB

American Indian Studies Department Presents Diné/Navajo Culture  
Guest Lecturer: **Mabelle Drake** (Diné Nation) | April 13, 2016, CSULB

**Third World Liberation Front (TWLF) Symposium**  
at California State University, Long Beach

Puvungna and California Indian Maritime Culture  
Guest Lecturer: **Cindy Alvitri** | February 17, 2016, CSULB

The Wavering of Significance: How the Symbol of the American Flag Changes in Meaning in American Indian Art | Guest Lecturer: **Craig Stone**  
February 22, 2016, CSULB

American Indian Literature | Guest Lecturer: **Carol Zitzer-Comfort**  
April 6, 2016, California State University, Long Beach

Pow Wow Workshop with **Anna Nazarian-Peters**  
Student Life & Development | March 9, 2016, CSULB

Chicano and Latino Studies Hosts Screening Panel: *Harvest of Empire*  
Panelist: **Dr. Victor M. Rodriguez** | October 18, 2014, CSULB

Inaugural Lecture with **Dolores Huerta**  
Featuring **Alice Bag** | Panelist: **Dr. Dolores Delgado Bernal**  
September 6, 2018, CSULB

Latin American Studies Department Presents: *Urban Seeds*  
Guest Lecturer: **Dr. Lani Cupchoy**  
August 29, 2019, California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA)

Introducing OGs and Formerly Incarcerated or Convicted Mujeres  
Guest Lecturer: **Amanda Perez** (Community Activist, Director at Maravilla Historical Society and Old Timers Southern California)  
September 26, 2019, CSULA

The Chicana M(other)work Anthology  
Guest Speakers: **Yvette Martínez-Vu, Judith Pérez-Torres, Christine Vega, and Cecilia Caballero** | October 8, 2019, CSULA

*Our Man in Tokyo* (Chicano music documentary) and **El Haru Kuroi Band**  
Panelist: **Dr. José Anguiano** | October 9, 2018, CSULA

A Charla with Activists Entertainment and Songwriting Methodologies with Quetzal Flores and Maya Jupiter | Panelist: **Dr. José Anguiano** and **Dr. Anthony J. Ratcliff**  
March 20, 2019, CSULA

Chicana Feminisms Guest Lecture: **Cahuilla Red Elk**  
Fall 2019, CSULA

*Diary of a Reluctant Dreamer* by Alberto Ledesma  
Panelist: **Dr. Ester Hernandez, Dr. Alejandro Villalpando, and Dr. Valerie Talavera-Bustillos** | October 29, 2019, CSULA

Documentary Screening: *TransVisible: Bamby Salcedo's Story*  
Guest Speaker: **Bamby Salcedo**  
November 7, 2019, CSULA

Lesbo Expo Presents: *Queer Genius*  
Directed/Produced by **Catherine Pancake**  
October 24, 2019, Palm Springs Cultural Center

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## ETHNIC STUDIES EXPERIENCE

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### **History of the Mexican American**

Professor April Tellez  
Summer 2011, Mt. San Antonio  
College (Mt. SAC)

### **Mexican American Politics**

Dr. Richard Santillan  
Winter 2012, Mt. SAC

### **Native American History**

Professor April Tellez  
Summer 2012, Mt. SAC

### **History of The United States**

Professor April Tellez  
Fall 2012, Mt. SAC

### **African American Political Science**

Dr. Felix Jollevet II  
Winter 2013, Mt. SAC

### **History of Mexico**

Professor April Tellez  
Fall 2013, Mt. SAC

### **Identity and Assimilation in**

#### **Chicano/Latino Life**

Dr. Victor M. Rodriguez  
Fall 2014, California State  
University, Long Beach (CSULB)

### **Chicano History**

Dr. Luis Arroyo  
Fall 2014, CSULB

### **Wealth/Poverty in Latino**

#### **Communities**

Dr. Victor M. Rodriguez  
Fall 2014, CSULB

### **Latina/o Population in the U.S.**

Dr. Victor M. Rodriguez  
Fall 2014, CSULB

### **Ethnic Experience in the U.S.**

Dr. Maulana Karenga, Cindy Alvitri,  
Dr. John N. Tsuchida, and Dr. Luis  
Arroyo  
Spring 2015, CSULB

### **Latino Education in the U.S.**

Dr. Jose F. Moreno  
Spring 2015, CSULB

### **Latinas/os: Health Care Status and Health Care Access**

Maria T. Pacho, M.P.H.  
Spring 2015, CSULB

### **American Indians and the Law**

Judge Deborah Sanchez  
Fall 2015, CSULB

### **Latina/os Law and Public Policy**

Dr. Rigoberto-Rodriguez  
Fall 2015, CSULB

### **Latino Transnational Experience in the Caribbean**

Dr. Victor M. Rodriguez  
Fall 2015, CSULB

### **Chicana/o and Latina/o Thought**

Dr. Anna Sandoval  
Fall 2015, CSULB

### **1492 and Beyond**

Dr. Daniela Suarez  
Fall 2015, CSULB

### **American Indian Museum Studies**

Cindi Alvitri, NAGPRA Coordinator  
Spring 2016, CSULB

### **Introduction to the Study of Native American People**

Spring 2016, CSULB

**Asian American and Chicano-Latino Cinema**

Dr. Anna Sandoval  
Spring 2016, CSULB

**American Indian Studies  
Directed Studies**

Craig Stone  
Spring 2016, CSULB

**Chicano and Latino Studies  
Senior Colloquium**

Spring 2016, CSULB

**Chicana/o Studies &  
Contemporary Theory**

Dr. José Anguiano  
Fall 2018, California State  
University, Los Angeles (CSULA)

**Chicana/o Studies Research  
Methods**

Dr. Ester Hernandez  
Fall 2018, CSULA

**The Educational Pipeline**

Dr. Dolores Delgado Bernal  
Spring 2019, CSULA

**Chicana(o) & Latina(o) Studies  
Interdisciplinary Seminar**

Dr. José Anguiano  
Spring 2019, CSULA

**Chicana Feminisms: History,  
Theory, & Praxis**

Dr. Dolores Delgado Bernal  
Fall 2019, CSULA

**Food Justice in Latin America**

Dr. Enrique Ochoa  
Fall 2019, CSULA

**Black Sexuality**

Dr. Christopher Jackson  
Fall 2019, CSULA

**History of Mexico**

Dr. Enrique Ochoa  
Spring 2020, CSULA

**Latin American Studies  
Interdisciplinary Seminar**

Dr. Alejandro Villalpando  
Spring 2020, CSULA

**Afro-Latin Music**

Dr. Paul de Castro  
Spring 2020, CSULA

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### VOLUNTEER

- Community Service at **Indio Community Center** (2006)
- Community Service at **Boys & Girls Club** in Indio, CA (2006)
- Community Service at **Riverside County Fair and Date Festival** in Indio, CA (2007)
- **NASCAR Sprint Cup Series** at the Auto Club Speedway in Fontana, CA with **Mt. San Antonio College Men's Basketball Team** (2011); assisted with cleaning, directing guest, and passing out brochures
- *Breaking Down Borders Through Cultural Consciousness* with **M.E.CH.A. de MT. SAC** | Fall 2015
- **46th Annual Pow Wow** at California State University, Long Beach (2016); contributing with set-up, labor work, photography, and spreading awareness both on campus and social media
- Organized communities in Pomona, CA to vote during Congressman Raul Ruiz and Barack Obama's Presidential Campaign (2012)
- *New FilmMakers* during *BritWeek* (April 2015); setting up tables/chairs, cleaning, and customer service
- Proposed policy for **Delhi Community Center** in Santa Ana, CA (2015)
- Organized communities in Desert Hot Springs, CA to vote during Congressman Raul Ruiz and Bernie Sanders Presidential Campaign (2016)
- *Peru Village Festival* in Los Angeles, CA (2016); promoter
- *Joshua Tree Music Festival* in Joshua Tre, CA (2016); promoter
- *Dia De Los Muertos* with **Raices Cultura** in Coachella, CA (2018)
- *Show & Shine* (2019) and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Menudo Breakfast (2022) with Old Timer of Southern California; assisted with photography, videography, setting up tables/chairs, sign-in sheets, cleaning, serving food, and interviews
- **Mission Creek Band of Mission Indians Tribe** (2016); doing research, implementing ideas, and attending tribal meetings

### ORGANIZATIONS

- Old Timers of Southern California (2019-Present)

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- Cutco/Vector Marketing Salesmen (2009)
- Teacher Assistant for Dr. Jose Anguiano of the Department of Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies at California State University, Los Angeles (August 2018-December 2020)
- Older Youth Leader at Think Together in Desert Hot Springs High School, Desert Springs Middle School in Desert Hot Springs, CA, and Della S. Lindley in Thousand Palms, CA (2022)
- Independent songwriter under Broadcast Music, Inc. (BMI) and The United States Library of Congress
- Uncredited background actor in television shows and films: *Straight Outta Compton* (2015), *Secret in Their Eyes* (2015), *Ted 2* (2015), *Sports Jeopardy!* (2016), *Popstar: Never Stop Never Stopping* (2016), *Lucha Underground* (April 2015), *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* (Episode 9/6/2016), *Wild N' Out* (Season 8, Ep. 11), and *World of Dance* (2017); background vocal audience for television shows *Ridiculousness*, *ESPN Sports Nation*, *Clipped*, *Conan*, and *One Day at a Time*

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## SKILLS

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- Working with Children, Adolescents
- Photography, Videography
- Field Work, Research
- Teamwork Group Work
- Tenacious Work Ethic
- Physical Education and Fitness
- Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Microsoft Office
- Ethnic Studies, Kinesiology
- English to Spanish, Spanish to English
- Open to Learning New Skills

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## LANGUAGES

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- English
- Spanish
- Elementary Italian