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EDUCATION

2017-present PhD

Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY
Major: Cultural Anthropology

2020

Master of Arts (MA)

Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY
Major: Anthropology

2020

Master of Arts (MA)

University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)
Major: Anthropology. Comprehensive Exam: Cultural Anthropology (High Pass)

2017

Certificate of Graduate Study (CGS)

University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY),
Major: Latin American, Caribbean, and US Latino Studies.

2014

Bachelor of Arts (BA)

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, San Juan, PR. *Magna Cum Laude* Major: Social Sciences & Anthropology
Honor Studies Program Member, Deans Honor List

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

2016

Summer Training in Field Research Methods (Tallahassee Ethnographic Fieldschool) National Science Foundation – University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topics: Anthropology of Food, Political Economy, Consumption, Historical Anthropology, Popular Culture, Ethnicity & Identity, Technology & Pedagogy.

Geographic: Puerto Rico; Latin America & the Caribbean

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021

*Adjunct Lecturer*¹, City College of New York, City University of New York
Department of Anthropology, Gender Studies and International Studies.
Course taught: Food, Justice, and Culture² (S21) – Hybrid.

¹ The teaching appointment at the rank of “Adjunct Lecturer” are additional to my GC Fellowship

² Original course designed by petition of the Department.

- 2018-2021 **Adjunct Lecturer³**, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
 Department of Anthropology (2019-present)
 Courses taught: *Anthropology of Food* (F19), *Cultures and Transformations*⁴ (S20), *Culture and Society* – Fully online (F20), *Latin America* (S21)- Hybrid.
- Department of Puerto Rican and Latino/a Studies (2018-2019)
 Courses taught: *Introduction to Puerto Rican and Latino/a Studies* (S18), *Latin America* –cross listed with Anthropology (F18), *Latino/a Diasporas in the US* (S19)
- 2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Graduate Center, City University of New York
 PhD program in Anthropology, Course: *Migration, Labor and, Walls*
 Prof. I. García-Colón (F20)
- 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Lehman College, City University of New York–
 Ad honorem
 Department of Latin American and Latino Studies, Course: *Food, Health and Migration* – cross listed with Anthropology (S19) – Prof. A. Gálvez
- 2017-2018 **Teaching Assistant**, Graduate Center, City University of New York
 PhD program in Anthropology, Course: *Policing the Crisis* (Workshop and Seminar- F17, S18) – Prof. I. Susser
- 2014 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus –
 Department of Sociology and Anthropology; Course: *Demography* (S15) -
 Prof. V. De Jesús-Monge

PUBLICATIONS

ACADEMIC NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

- Sanabria-León, Waleska & **Torres-González, Joseph A.** (July 14th, 2020) “¿Puerto Rico creció luego de la “anexión”?” *KaosEnLaRed*
<https://kaosenlared.net/puerto-rico-crecio-en-estatura-luego-de-la-anexion/>

ACADEMIC FORUM

- Torres-González, J.A. “Nueva York y la Pandemia Universtiaría” *Dossier: Reflexiones En Torno Al COVID-19, LASA Forum*, 51(3): 33-35.
<https://forum.lasaweb.org/files/vol51-issue3/Dossier-COVID19-6.pdf>

DIGITAL PROJECTS

- Café y Barismo- Digital Teaching Module for Political Economy, Coffee, and Cultural Anthropology.*⁵ 2021 (Phase one); Wordpress Website Hosted by the CUNY

³ The teaching appointment at the rank of “Adjunct Lecturer” is additional to my GC Fellowship

⁴ Transitioned to a fully online course during the middle of the semester due to Covid-19

⁵ Developed to fulfill the course requirement ITP89010– Independent Study and for the completion of the

Commons; Project supervised by Prof. Maura Smale
<https://cafebarismo.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>

Labor, Migration, and Walls- Final Student Projects. 2020; Wordpress Website Hosted by the CUNY Commons designed to display the final student essay projects ANTH 80700⁶ – Labor, Migration, and Walls, Prof. Ismael García-Colón
<https://ant80700fall20.commons.gc.cuny.edu/>

Latinx Studies at CUNY. 2019; Short-Historical and Oral History Project on Latinx Studies at CUNY- Resource Guide; Weebly Website, Developed as part of the Final Project for ANTH 70700 – Latinx Studies, Prof. Alyshia Gálvez
<https://latinxstudies.weebly.com/latinx-studies-at-cuny.html>

HONORS & AWARDS

CUNY GRADUATE CENTER - FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2020 *COVID-19 Pedagogy Project-* The Humanities Alliance, Graduate Center
- 2020 *Public History Research Fellowship*, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society/Rockefeller Foundation Archives.
- 2020 *Doctoral Student Research Grant*, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs
- 2020 *Doctoral and Graduate Student Council (DGSC) Grant* for the event Back from the Field Series (Co-organizer)
- 2019 *Provost's Digital Innovation Grant* – Office of the Provost- Training Grant for attending “Summer Methodology Workshop — Organizing and Analyzing Qualitative Data with NVivo 12” – Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 2019 *Stipend*, Focused Inquiry Group - “Climate Across the Curriculum”, Teaching and Learning Center
- 2019 *Summer Research Fellowship*, Office for Educational Opportunity and Diversity
- 2019, 2020 *Conference Presentation Support*, Anthropology PhD Program
- 2019, 2020 *Summer Research Travel Fellowship*, Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (CLACLS)
- 2019 *Stipend*, PublicsLab –Mellon Public Humanities Seminar “Reimagining the Humanities for the Public Good,” Office of the Provost
- 2018, 2019 *Conference Presentation Support*, Division for Student Affairs
- 2017-2022 *Provost Enhancement Fellowship*, Office of the Provost
- 2017-2022 *Five Year Graduate Center Doctoral Fellowship*, Office of Fellowships

SUNY ALBANY - SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

- 2016 *Graduate Tuition Scholarship*, Office of Graduate Studies
- 2015, 2016 *Graduate Student Association (GSA) Professional Development Grant*

Interactive Technology and Pedagogy (ITP) Graduate Certificate.

⁶ I served as a Teaching Assistant for this course (Fall 2020)

RECOGNITIONS, TRAVEL, RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

- 2020 *Honorable Mention*, #ResearchForChange Grant, MAXQDA, Verbi
 2019 *Student Travel Grant*, Northeastern Anthropological Association
 2017 *Honorable Mention*, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (2016-2017)
 2016 *Finalist*, Hispanic Scholarship Fund
 2014 *Honor Tuition Scholarship*, Office of the Registrar, University of Puerto Rico

FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016-present Fieldwork and Archival Research in Puerto Rico- Coffee culture and consumption. Three Summer Seasons of Preliminary fieldwork, digital research, and archival research (2016-2019)
- 2019-2021 *Research Assistant*, “Social Networks, Acculturation, and Food Behaviors and Values among Mexican-American Families” – CUNY Graduate School of Public Health and Health Policy, PI – Dr. Karen Florez (Financed by the NIH) – 14 months
- 2016 *Visiting Research Fellow*, Health Equity Alliance of Tallahassee (HEAT) Ethnographic Field School University of Florida, Gainesville (Financed by NSF) – 5 weeks
- 2015 *Survey Assistant*, Center for Landscape Conservation – 2 months San Juan, Puerto Rico (Financed by NFS)
- 2014 *Research Assistant*, “Ethnographic Overview and Assessment of the San Juan National Historic Site”, Florida International University (Project Financed by NPS) – 9 months

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & POSTERS

- 2021 “Diasporic Seasonings: Foodways, Transit and Subject Making of Caribbean Diasporas” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 2021. Discussant.
- 2021 “Dilemas éticos y metodológicos de la investigación en tiempos de pandemia: diálogos intergeneracionales” *Presidential Session*. International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 2021. Session Organizer.
- 2021 “Cultura del café, nostalgia e identidades puertorriqueñas” Panel *De Madonna a Puerto Rico Se Levanta: articulaciones puertorriqueñas en tiempos de crisis*. International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). May 2021. Virtual Oral Paper Presentation.
- 2021 “Consumption and Identity - Coffee Culture in Puerto Rico and the Diaspora.” Brooklyn College Faculty Day. *Panel: Food, Taste and Transformations*. May 2021- Brooklyn, New York. Virtual Oral Roundtable Presentation.

- 2021 Roundtable *Rethinking Environmental Discourses in Puerto Rico: Colonialism, Capitalism, and Contemporary Crisis*. XXV Annual Graduate Student Conference – Latin American, Iberian, and Latino Cultures Program, CUNY Graduate Center. Theme: Supervivencia en Disputa: Antropoceno, anticolonialismo y Resistencia ecológica. February 2021- New York, NY. Virtual Oral Presentation; Roundtable Co-organizer.
- 2020 Roundtable *Taste, Space, and Consumption in Contemporary Puerto Rican Foodscapes* Latin American Studies Center – Annual Student Conference, University of Maryland. Theme: “Slow Burn: Food, Justice, and Sovereignty in the Americas.” Sept 2020- College Park, Maryland. Virtual Oral Roundtable Presentation.
- 2020 “Es hora de tomar acciones concretas”: comerciantes, banca y poder ante #RickyRenuncia” *Plaza Pública Virtual*, Estudios Críticos Puertorriqueños - Panelist and Organizer. July 2020- Virtual Oral Presentation.
- 2020 “Puerto Rico: “Latin American nation” or “Social research laboratory of the United States”?” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). *Panel: Puerto Rico’s Nuanced Exceptionalities: Multidisciplinary Perspectives*. May 2020- Guadalajara, Mexico. Oral Presentation.⁷
- 2020 De Jesús-Monge, Vivianna M. & **Torres-González, J.A.** “Descripción de un problema social en un municipio.” *Panel: Uso y relevancia de los datos censales para la política pública e investigación*. Instituto de Estadísticas de Puerto Rico. February 2020- San Juan, Puerto Rico. Oral Presentation.
- 2019 “Anthropology, colonial social science, and the study of commodities: *The People of Puerto Rico* and contemporary approaches to coffee culture.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). *Panel: Politics, Extractivism, and Culture*. May 2019- Boston, M.A. Oral Presentation.
- 2019 “Corporate citizenship, Starbucks, and spectacle in Post-Hurricane María Puerto Rico.” 59th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association. (NEAA). March 2019- Providence, RI. Oral Presentation.
- 2017 Szurek, S., Glavlee, C., Schensul, J. J., Little, T.V., **Torres-González, J.A.**, Whitehead, T.L., Boston, P.Q., Mitchell, M.M. “Reflecting on Five Years of the NSF-Sponsored HEAT Ethnographic Field School: A Roundtable with Community Partners, Faculty, and Alumni.” American Anthropological Association 116th Annual Meeting. November 2017- Washington, D.C. Oral Presentation.

⁷ Panel accepted, but later withdrawn by the panelists –2020 COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

- 2016 “Coffee, Culture and Heritage: Brief Observations at the Puerto Rico Chocolate and Coffee Expo.” New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS) 2016 Annual Meeting. *Panel 2.6: Round Table: Heritage Politics and Latin American Perspectives*. October 2016- Hartford, Connecticut. Oral Presentation.
- 2016 Sanabria-León, W., **Torres-González, J.A.** “Desterritorialización de Identidades a partir del comercio del café en Puerto Rico en el Siglo XIX: El caso de los Pietri-Mariani.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) *Panel: Anthropological Practices in Puerto Rico: A Retrospective View*. May 2016- New York, New York. Oral Presentation.
- 2016 De Jesús-Monge, V. M., & **Torres-González, J. A.** “Estado de pobreza de Guánica: El municipio más pobre de Puerto Rico.” XXXVI Foro Anual de Investigación y Educación, Sesión Especial Premio Justicia en Salud. March 2016- University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus. San Juan, Puerto Rico. Oral Presentation.
- 2015 Sanabria-León, W., **Torres-González, J.A.** “Etnohistoria y Ubicaciones Múltiples: migración corsa y el caso del comercio de café en Puerto Rico a finales del siglo XIX.” IV Congreso Latinoamericano de Antropología; *Simposio. 79- Hacer Antropología en y sobre el Caribe*. October 2015- Mexico City, Mexico. Oral Presentation.
- 2015 “¡Libertad para Oscar! Espacios de cultura y poder desde las Murallas del Viejo San Juan.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), *Panel: Puerto Rico: Culture, Power & Colonialidad*. May 2015- San Juan, Puerto Rico. Oral Presentation.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS – MODERATING PANELS, WORKSHOPS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2021 *Desafíos Pedagógicos en tiempos de pandemia*. LASA Dialogues. Virtual Roundtable, March 2021. Moderator. Virtual roundtable.
- 2020-2021 *Mind, Body, and Soul: Afrofuturist Sounds*– Moderator, Sponsored by the Center for the Humanities, CUNY Graduate Center. December 2020, February 2021, March 2021. Virtual roundtables.
- 2020 “Introduction to Editing Wikipedia (in Spanish)”⁸
2020 Wikipedia Edit-a-thon: Art + Feminism - Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)
April 2020- New York, New York. Workshop.
- 2019 “How to write an abstract for a conference” CUNY Pipeline Program Office for Educational Opportunity and Diversity, Graduate Center, CUNY
December 2019- New York, New York. Workshop.

⁸ Workshop cancelled – 2020 COVID 19 Public Health Emergency

- 2019 “Antropología Económica y Consumo”
Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico, Recinto de Ponce
Departamento de Ciencias Sociales. Guest Lecture. Virtual Presentation.
October 2019- Ponce, Puerto Rico.
- 2019 “Corporate citizenship, Starbucks, and spectacle in Post-Hurricane María
Puerto Rico” Graduate Fellows Colloquium, CUNY Pipeline Program
Office for Educational Opportunity and Diversity, Graduate Center, CUNY
March 2019- New York, New York. Oral Presentation.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & WORKSHOPS

- 2019 “GC Digital Research Institute” –Graduate Center Digital Scholarship Lab
Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY
- 2017 “Human Subjects Research Protection Workshop” – GC HRPP
Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY.
- 2016 Human Subject Research Online Training (Certificate #18467791)
Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

SERVICE & LEADERSHIP

SERVICE AT THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (AAA)

- 2019-2021 *Editorial Assistant Intern, American Ethnologist*
Journal of the American Ethnological Society (AES)
- 2016- 2019 *Peer-Reviewer, Student Anthropologist*
Journal of the National Association of Student Anthropologists

SERVICE AT THE LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION (LASA)

- 2020-2022 *Student Representative*
Executive Council

SERVICE AT THE CUNY GRADUATE CENTER

- 2019-2021 *Student Representative*
Graduate Council – Committee on Student Services
- 2020-2021 *At-Large Student Representative*
Executive Committee- Anthropology PhD Program
- 2020 *Student Liaison- Faculty Search*
Anthropology PhD Program
- 2019-2020 *Student Program Representative*
Doctoral Student Council (DSC)– Anthropology PhD Program
- 2019-2020 *Student Member*
Elections Committee – Anthropology PhD Program

SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY - GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION2016-2017 *Grants Committee Member; Wages and Benefits Committee Member*2016-2017 *Student Representative- Department of Anthropology***PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**2019 *Non-Teaching Adjunct.* Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Academic Assessment for Introductory level courses
Baruch College, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY2018-2019 *Grader.* Department of Sociology and Anthropology (Int. to Cultural Anthro)
Baruch College, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY2017-2020 *Magnet Mentor Fellow.* Office for Educational Opportunity and Diversity
Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY2017 *Library Assistant.* University Library
University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, NY2016-2017 *Graduate Assistant.* Office of Graduate Studies
University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, NY2015-2016 *Payroll Assistant.* Office of Human Resources Management.
University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, NY**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- ❖ Qualitative Research Techniques- Interview Design, Focus Groups, Oral History, MaxQDA Qualitative Analysis Software; Dedoose Qualitative Analysis Software.
- ❖ Quantitative and Statistical Techniques- Approaches / Statistical Packages.
- ❖ Ethnographic Field methods, Interview Summary and Transcription.
- ❖ Archival Research and Document Management – Microfilm reader
- ❖ Microsoft Office Package, Blackboard, & WordPress.

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Native Speaker English: Fluent/Professional Proficiency

Portuguese: Intermediate-Fluent French: Basic

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS***Anthropology***

2013-Present American Anthropological Association(AAA)

2018- Present Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)

2018-Present North Eastern Anthropological Association (NEAA)

Latin American, Caribbean, and US Latino/a Studies

2015-Present New England Council for Latin American Studies (NECLAS)

2013-Present Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Food Studies

2020-Present Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS)