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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 Postdoctoral Fellow, Penn Migration Initiative, University of Pennsylvania

EDUCATION

- 2023 Ph.D. Political Science, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA)
Dissertation: *The Lines that Divide Us Also Unite Us: Transfronterizx Collective Struggle and Perseverance in the Face of Normalized Violence*
Committee: Matt Barreto (co-chair), Cecilia Menjívar (co-chair), Efrén Pérez, Leisy Abrego, Hiroshi Motomura, Gilbert Gee
- 2019 M.A. Political Science, University of California Los Angeles
- 2014 B.A. Political Science; Honors Minor, Interdisciplinary Studies, San Diego State University (SDSU)

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2022 Castañeda Pérez, E. “Transborder (In)Securities: Transborder Commuters’ Perceptions of Enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” *Politics, Groups, and Identities*, 10(1): 1-20
- Winner of Best Paper Published in *Politics, Groups, and Identities* 2023

Forthcoming

Mitra, A., Chan S., Bautista-Chavez, A., **Castañeda Pérez, E.** “The Politics of Migration in an Era of Contested Mobility: Revisiting Hierarchies in Migration and Citizenship Research.” *Forthcoming* in 60th Anniversary Special Issue for *International Migration Review* (December 2024 issue)

Under Review

- Castañeda Pérez, E. “Surrender Your Rights or Face Retaliation: Enduring Normalized Abuse by CBP Officers”
- Castañeda Pérez, E. “Blurring the Lines: Contested Citizenship and Hegemony at the Mexico-U.S. Border.”

In Progress

- Castañeda Pérez, E. *The Silence of Transborder Suffering: Performing Obedience Through Emotional Suppression*
- Castañeda Pérez, E. *The “Talk” en La Línea: Transborder and Latinx Families’ Responses to Border Surveillance and Gender Violence*
- Castañeda Pérez, E. *Mobility After Deportation: Life Course Changes and Gendered Dynamics After Family Deportation*

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2023 Castañeda Pérez, E. “Unsettling: The El Paso Massacre, Resurgent White Nationalism, and the US-Mexico Border” (Review). Forthcoming in *NACLA*
- 2023 Castañeda Pérez, E. “Medical Legal Violence: Health Care and Immigration Enforcement Against Latinx Noncitizens (review). *Forthcoming in Aztlán: A Journal for Chicano Studies*
- 2021 Castañeda Pérez, E. “The Border Crossed US: The Case for Opening the U.S.-Mexico Border (Review).” *NACLA*: <https://nacla.org/case-opening-us-mexico-border-review>

PUBLIC WRITING

- 2020 **Castañeda Perez, E** and Félix, I. “Algo Qué Declarar? Student Surveillance, Policing, and Belonging at the México-U.S. Border.” [Intervenxions Blog](#) at The Latinx Project at New York University.
- 2020 Castañeda Perez, E. “Inequality in the Mexico-U.S. Borderlands in the Face of a Global Pandemic.” [Remezcla](#).
- 2019 Castañeda Perez, E. “Today We Protest, Tomorrow We Strike.” [NACLA](#).
- 2019 Castañeda Perez, E, and Ramirez, B. “The Continuum of Legal Violence against Central American Migrants.” [USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration](#).
- 2019 Castañeda Perez, E. “Reducing Migrants’ Lives to One Grisly Photograph.” [NACLA Border Wars Blog](#).
- 2019 Castañeda Perez, E. “Border Shutdowns: State Violence and Psychological Warfare Performed.” [NACLA Border Wars Blog](#).
- 2018 Castañeda Perez, E. “The Fight for Dignity.” [Torn apart/Separados Project](#)
- 2013 Castañeda Perez, E. “The Long Path Towards Immigration Reform.” *Border Angels Newsletters, 1*.
- 2013 Castañeda Perez, E. “Crossing Borders: How the Border Challenges Students’ Lives and Education.” *Border Angels Newsletters, 2*.
- 2013 Castañeda Perez, E. “The Door of Hope: The Border at Friendship Park Opens for the First Time.” *Border Angels Newsletters, 3*.
- 2013 Castañeda Perez, E. “Dying for the American Dream.” *Border Angels Newsletters, 4*.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, GRANTS

Fellowships

- 2021-Present Penn Migration Initiative Fellow, University of Pennsylvania
- 2020-2021 Immigration Initiative at Harvard Fellow, Harvard University
- 2020-2021 New York University Faculty First-Look Scholars Program
- 2018-2021 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program Fellow
- 2018-2021 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, \$75,000
- 2016-2017 Minority Fellowship Program, American Political Science Association

Awards

- 2023 Best Paper Published in *Politics, Groups and Identities*
- 2020 Charles E. and Sue K. Young Graduate Student Award, UCLA, \$10,000
- Top award given by the UCLA College Deans for exemplary academic achievement, research, and service (only recipient in the social sciences; one of four across UCLA)
- 2017 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 2016 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

- 2016 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2014 “Best Graduate Student Paper Award,” Association for Borderlands Studies Conference
- 2014 Scholars Without Borders International Award, Student Research Symposium, SDSU
- 2014 Ned Joy Political Science Award for Leadership, Scholarship, and Service, SDSU
- 2014 Honors Sustainability Award, University Honors Program, SDSU
- 2014 First endorsed applicant at SDSU for the Cecil J. Rhodes Scholarship, SDSU
- 2014 “Quest for the Best” Vice Presidential Student Service Award, SDSU
 - Awarded to the top 10 undergraduate seniors across SDSU for outstanding service and leadership.
- 2014 College of Arts and Letters Dean’s Award, Student Research Symposium, SDSU
- Dean’s List, San Diego State University, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014

Grants

- 2023 Diversity Fellowship Program DPP Travel, Research, and Development Grant, American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2023 Summer Centennial Center Research Grant, APSA
- 2023 APSA Fund for Latino Scholarship, APSA
- 2023 APSA Travel Grant, APSA
- 2023 Advancing Research Grant for Early Career Scholars, APSA
- 2021 Dean’s Fund for the Study of Diversity and Racial Inequality, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)
- 2020 National Science Foundation-APSA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2020 Fund for Latino Scholarship, APSA
- 2020 Paula Stone Legal Research Fellowship, UCLA
- 2020 Latin American Institute Graduate Student Summer Research Small Grant, UCLA
- 2020 Political Psychology Fund Dissertation Grant, UCLA
- 2020 Alice Belkin Memorial Scholarship, UCLA
- 2019 Political Violence Grant, American Political Science Association
- 2019 Women of Color in Political Science Workshop Travel Grant, APSA
- 2019 Latino Caucus Travel Grant, American Political Science Association
- 2019 Fellowship in Political Psychology, UCLA
- 2018 Fellowship in Political Psychology, UCLA
- 2018 Centennial Center Research Grant, American Political Science Association
- 2018 UCLA Latin American Institute Tinker Field Research Fellowship, UCLA
- 2018 Fellowship in Political Psychology, UCLA
- 2018 Graduate Research Mentorship, UCLA
- 2018 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA
- 2017 Graduate Summer Research Mentorship, UCLA
- 2017 Fund for Latino Scholarship, APSA
- 2016 Eugene V. Cota Robles Fellowship, UCLA Political Science Department
- 2014 Frank Hydoski Undergraduate Research Scholarship, San Diego State University (SDSU)
- 2014 President Day Scholarship, SDSU
- 2014 Division of Undergraduate Studies Conference grant, SDSU
- 2013 Charles Hostler Institute of World Affairs Fellowship, SDSU
- 2011 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, U.S. Department of State
- 2011 Associated Students Study Abroad Scholarship, SDSU
- 2011 Japan Student Services Organization Student Scholarship (JASSO)
- 2011 J.P Morgan Scholar, American Association of Teachers of Japanese Bridging Scholarship

- 2011 Keith Berhner Political Science Scholarship, SDSU
- 2010 Keith Berhner Political Science Scholarship, SDSU
- 2009 Phi Eta Sigma Freshmen Honors Society, SDSU
- 2009 President's Diversity Scholarship, SDSU

PRESENTATIONS

Academic Presentations

- 2023 The Silence of Transborder Suffering: Performing Obedience Through Emotional Suppression, American Political Science Association (virtual)
- 2023 The Silence of Transborder Suffering: Performing Obedience Through Emotional Suppression, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 Borders and Boundaries Conference, Perry World House, University of Pennsylvania
- 2022 Surrender Your Rights or Face Retaliation, Workshop on New Directions in Race, Ethnicity, and Migration, University of Notre Dame
- 2022 The Mental Health Consequences of Waiting, Interrogation, and Continuous Crossings: In-Depth Transborder Perspectives, IRiS Conference, University of Birmingham, U.K.
- 2021 Contested Citizenship at the Mexico-U.S. Border, American Sociological Association (virtual)
- 2021 Contested Citizenship at the Mexico-U.S. Border, Oxford Migration Studies Society (virtual)
- 2021 Contested Citizenship at the Mexico-U.S. Border, COMASE (virtual)
- 2021 Contested Citizenship at the Mexico-U.S. Border, Immigration Initiative at Harvard, Harvard University(virtual)
- 2020 Contested Citizenship at the Mexico-U.S. Border, California Sociological Association (virtual)
- 2020 Faculty First-Look Program, New York University (virtual)
- 2019 Roundtable Presentation: Resistance at the Mexico-U.S. Border, UC PromISE, UC Irvine
- 2019 Participant: Ford Conference, San Juan, PR
- 2019 Participant: American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2019 *El Que Nada Debe, Nada Teme*: Normalization of State Violence at the Mexico-U.S. Border American Political Science Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2019 *El Que Nada Debe, Nada Teme*: Normalization of State Violence at the Mexico-U.S. Border, Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.
- 2019 Panelist: International Migration Working Group, UCLA
- 2018 *Que Nada Debe, Nada Teme*: Normalization of State Violence at the Mexico-Western Sociological Association, Riverside, CA
- 2018 *El Que Nada Debe, Nada Teme*: Normalization of State Violence at the Mexico-U.S. Border, PRIEC Houston, Texas
- 2018 Defining Normal: Normalization of State Violence at the U.S.-Mexico Border, PRIEC UCSD, San Diego, CA
- 2018 Participant: Ford Conference, Newport Beach, CA
- 2018 Panelist: Transfronteriza: Transborder Citizenship at the U.S.-Mexico Border, Chicana/o Studies Research Center, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA
- 2018 Transborder (In)Securities, Jack W. Peltason Center for the Study of Democracy Graduate Student Conference, UC Irvine, Irvine, CA
- 2018 Transborder (In)Securities: Cross-Border Commuters' Perceptions of Enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Western Political Science, San Francisco, CA
- 2018 Transborder (In)Securities: Cross-Border Commuters' Perceptions of Enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Association of Borderlands Studies San Antonio, TX

- 2018 Transborder (In)Securities: Cross-Border Commuters' Perceptions of Enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico Border: Political Psychology Lab, UCLA
- 2018 Transborder (In)Securities: Cross-Border Commuters' Perceptions of Enforcement at the U.S.-Mexico Border: International Migration Working Group, UCLA
- 2014 Post-9/11 Trans-Border Dynamics, Student Research Symposium, SDSU
- 2014 Post-9/11 Trans-Border Dynamics, Association of Borderlands Studies, Albuquerque, NM

Discussant

- 2021 Chair and Discussant: At the Borders of Belonging, Immigration Initiative at Harvard (virtual)
- 2019 Discussant: Western Political Science Association, San Diego, CA.
- 2019 Co-Moderator: "A Conversation on Refugee Flows and Human Rights" with Karida Brown, Anne Gilliland, Cecilia Menjivar, and Michael Rodriguez, UCLA

Invited Academic Talks and Workshops

- 2023 Participant: NYU Scholars Convention, New York University, New York, New York
- 2023 Presenter with Erika Pinheiro, Al Otro Lado: The Impossibility of Democracy as the U.S.-Mexico Border, Forum on Informality, University of Pennsylvania
- 2022 Plenary Panelist: Bureaucracy at the Border, Public Management Research Conference, Arizona State University
- 2020 Panelist: Seminario de migración y covid-19. Antropología Mexicana y COVID-19 (virtual)
- 2019 Panelist: Intersectionality in Transfronterizx Identity and Culture, Language, Race, and the Law, Chicana - Latinx Law Review, UCLA

Community Presentations and Public Lectures

- 2020 Panelist: Militarized Border Communities: Documenting the Enforcement Landscape. Tribuna del Pueblo (virtual)
- 2020 Lecture: Community and Activism. Aja project for the Juvenile Court and Community Schools (virtual)
- 2019 Lecture: Transborder Youth and the Challenges they endure in U.S. Public Schools. High Tech High Graduate School of Education, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Speaker: My High Tech High Story. High Tech High Media Arts, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Lecture: Transborder Youth and the Challenges they endure in U.S. Public Schools. High Tech High Media Arts, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Keynote Speaker: Advancing Educational Equity for Transborder Youth, National Equity Project Belle Convening, San Diego, CA
- 2019 Keynote Speaker: Student-led Activism in the Border, Universidad Iberoamericana, Tijuana, MX
- 2019 Panelist: Transfronterizx Student Ally Training Program, SDSU
- 2018 Panelist: Transfronterizx Students in Higher Education Ally Training, SDSU
- 2018 Panelist: Transfronteriza: Panel of Graduate Scholars in Transborder Studies, Café Praga, Tijuana, MX
- 2017 Public Lecture: Transborder (In)Securities, Transborder Lecture Series, SDSU
- 2016 Public Lecture: Education without Borders, Alumni Development Seminar, SDSU
- 2015 Public Lecture: Spanish: Empoderando a las mujeres a través del liderazgo y la educación, Instituto de Educación Secundaria Mariano José de Larra, Madrid, Spain
- 2015 Public Lecture: Alcanzando lo Inalcanzable, FORO USA - LEÓN, León, Spain
- 2014 Public Lecture: Reaching the Unreachable, FORO USA - ALBACETE, Albacete, Spain

- 2014 Keynote Speaker: International Migrant’s Day, American Space Madrid
- 2014 Panelist: Benefits of Peer Advising and Study Abroad Programs, Xiamen University Conference, San Diego State University
- 2014 Panelist, Student Organizations and the Honors Program, Xiamen University Conference, San Diego State University
- 2014 Public Lecture: High School to College Transition: How to Survive College During the Freshman Year, High Tech High Media Arts
- 2014 Guest speaker: “Gateway to the Future: Early Preparation and Mentorship for National Scholarships, Fellowships and Graduate School, Compact Scholars Orientation, San Diego State University
- 2013 Public Lecture: San Diego and the Immigrant Community, USC School of Social Work
- 2013 Public Lecture: Japan: Traditionalism, Modernism, and Globalization, Japan Studies Institute, San Diego State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses

- UCLA Graduate Writing Center: Dissertation Prospectus Bootcamp, Summer 2021-2022
- Labor and Workplace Studies M173: Nonviolence and Social Movements, Spring 2018
- Political Science 20: World Politics, Winter 2018
- Political Science 6: Introduction to Data Analysis, Fall 2017

Invited Lectures

- Lecture for Dr. Michael Jones-Correa (Political Science) at University of Pennsylvania, February 2023
- Lecture for Dr. Amelia Frank-Vitale (Anthropology) at Princeton University, November 2021
- Lecture for Professor Betania Santos (Sociology), University of California, Santa Cruz (virtual), November 2020
- Lecture for Dr. David Cortez (Political Science), Notre Dame University (virtual), October 2020
- Lecture for Dr. Melina Juarez Pérez (Political Science), Western Washington University (virtual), September 2020
- Lecture for Dr. Jennifer A. Cook (Anthropology), Southern Methodist University (virtual), April 2020

SERVICE

Journal reviewer: Journal of Marriage and Family, UCLA Chicana-Latina Law Review, Political Behavior, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics

Writing Consultant, UCLA Graduate Writing Center, 2020—2022

Chief Development Editor, UCLA Chicana-Latina Law Review, 2019—2021

Co-Coordinator, Migration Working Group, UCLA, 2019—2021

Volunteer, Al Otro Lado Border Rights Project, Tijuana, MX, 2019- 2020

Co-Coordinator, Pieces of the Craft, UCLA Department of Political Science, 2017—2018

Co-Founder and Co-President, TASO @ UCLA, 2017—2018

Immigrant Rights Project Coordinator, TASO @ SDSU, 2017—2018

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship, Madrid, Spain, September 2014— June 2015

FEATURED RESEARCH AND EXPERT COMMENTARY

Articles

- “A closer look at the fronterizos who cross the U.S.-Mexico border every day.” [Fronteras Desk](#)
- “The Everyday Mistreatment of Transfronterizo Commuters on the Mexico-U.S. Border: A Q&A with Borderlands Scholar Estefanía Castañeda Pérez.” [The Border Chronicle](#)
- “The Fight Against Femicide & Gender Violence in Latin America Continues — & It’s Crossing Borders.” [Refinery 29](#)
- “Even With Border Shutdown, Nogalenses Find Ways to Take Care Of Each Other.” [Fronteras Desk](#)
- “Four months in, coronavirus travel restrictions strain cross-border relationships.” [LA Times](#)
- “Research Shines Light on Transborder Commuters at the U.S.-Mexico Border.” [Giving Compass](#)
- “Thousands of students cross the U.S.-Mexico border everyday to go to college.” [The Hechinger Report.](#)
- “UCLA grad student documents experience of cross-border commuters at Juarez-El Paso bridges and other ports of entry” [Borderzine](#)
- “The Border Crisis is Weaking Havoc on the Lives of Cross-Border Students.” [Vice](#)
- “Students establish TASO chapter at UCLA, support transborder community.” [Daily Bruin](#)
- “Estudiante presenta studio sobre las percepciones de estudiantes transfronterizos hacia las autoridades.” [The Daily Aztec](#)

Radio Stations

- Expert commentary on transborder commuters in Nogales. *Radio Xeny*, Nogales, Sonora, December 14, 2021
- Expert commentary on transborder students in the Tijuana region. Programa Como en Cada mañana, *Uniradio Informa*. Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. November 21, 2017
- Guest and discussion on the Transfronterizx Alliance Student Organization. Desde la Frontera, *Radio IberoTJ*. Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. January 18, 2018

Television

- Expert commentary on mental health impacts of border traffic. [Telemundo 20](#). August 27, 2020
- Expert commentary on transborder commuters in Programa Hola Californias. *Sintesis TV*. Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. November 22, 2017
- Expert commentary on transborder students in Programa Tercera Llamada. *PSN Noticias*. Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. November 22, 2017

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

- Software: R Studio (intermediate); Dedoose and NVivo (intermediate)
- Research methods: survey methods, interviews, ethnography, and focus groups
- Languages: Spanish (native) and English (native)
- Fieldwork: Texas, California, and Mexico (Tijuana and Ciudad Juárez)

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Law and Society Association (LSA)