

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

2012: **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology

2004: **University of California, Santa Barbara**

Master of Arts, Latin American and Iberian Studies

2000: **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**

Bachelor of Arts, History

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

[Social Sciences Department, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo](#)

Associate Professor, Sociology

[Cuesta College/The California Men's Colony State Prison](#)

Lecturer, Sociology

[American University, Center for Latin American and Latino Studies](#)

Religion and Environmental Displacement, Research Associate

[National Center for Institutional Diversity, University of Michigan](#)

Diversity Scholar

[University of California-California State University](#)

Knowledge Action Network for Transformative Climate and Sustainability Education and Action

[Resilient Communities Research Institute](#)

Research Associate

[National Association for the Advancement of Colored People \(NAACP\), San Luis Obispo](#)

Executive Committee, Criminal Justice Chair

CURRENT PROJECTS

Development and implementation of a Sociology Bachelor's Degree for California Men's Colony State Prison Inmates

Alaniz, Ryan. Under Revision. "The Conscientious Gringo: Changing yourself and the world through international volunteerism" ([Engineers Without Borders USA](#), [National Science Foundation CONVERGE](#))

MANUSCRIPT UNDER CONTRACT

Alaniz, Ryan. (Book) "Social Problems: Learning from People Incarcerated." Palgrave MacMillan Publishers. Forthcoming Mid-2022

BOOKS

Alaniz, Ryan. December 2017. *[From Strangers to Neighbors: Resettlement and Community Development in Post-Disaster Honduras](#)*. Austin: University of Texas Press.

*Book highlighted by the [Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder](#).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Alaniz, Ryan.** 2015. "Creating Community after Disaster: Norm Formation in Post-Hurricane Mitch Resettlements." In *Disasters' Impact on Livelihood and Cultural Survival: Losses, Opportunities, and Mitigation*, ed. Michèle Companion. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group.
- Tanner, Thomas, David Lewis, David Wrathall, Saleemul Huq, Chris Lawless, Raphael Nawrotzki, Vivik Prasad, Md. Ashique Rahman, **Ryan Alaniz**, Robin Bronen, Katherine King, Karen McNamara, Md. Nadiruzzaman, Sarah Henly-Shepard, and Frank Thomalla. 2015. "Livelihood resilience: preparing for sustainable transformations in the face of climate change." *Nature Climate Change*. 5:23-26.
- Adams, Helen, **Ryan Alaniz**, Robin Bronen, and Karen McNamara. 2015. "Maintaining and building place' through managed and forced community relocations: Lessons for a climate changed world." UNU-EHS Working Paper Series, No. 16. Bonn: United Nations University Institute of Environment and Human Security.
- Tellman, Beth, **Ryan Alaniz**, Andrea Rivera, and Diana Contreras. 2015. "Violence as an obstacle to livelihood resilience in the context of climate change." UNU-EHS Working Paper Series, No. 13. Bonn: United Nations University Institute of Environment and Human Security.
- Doyle, Emma H, Shabana Kahn, Carolina Adler, **Ryan Alaniz**, Simone Athayde, Kuan-Hui Lin, Todd Schenk, Fabiola Sosa-Rodriguez, Victoria Sword-Daniels. 2014. "Risk Interpretation and Action (RIA): Decision Making Under Conditions of Uncertainty." *Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies*. 18 (1):27-37.
- Alaniz, Ryan** and Peter Daly. 2013. "Volunteering in Honduras: A Practical Guide" in *Building Partnerships in the Americas: A Guide for Global Health Workers* edited by Margo J. Krasnoff. Lebanon, NH: University Press of New England.
- Alaniz, Ryan.** 2012. "Unsupervised Recovery: Adaptation Strategies by two NGOs in Post-Mitch Honduras" *SOURCE 'Studies of the University: Research, Counsel, Education' Publication Series of United Nations University –Institute for Environment and Human Security* 16: 110-124.

PEER-REVIEWED SHORT WORKS OR EXHIBITS

- Alaniz, Ryan;** Papadopoulos, Irena (2020) "Questions to Encourage Culturally Competent Research—CONVERGE Extreme Events Research Check Sheets Series." DesignSafe-CI. <https://doi.org/10.17603/ds2-gbht-ma87>.
- Alaniz, Ryan.** 2019. **Consumption and Climate Change-Transformative Educational Resources** University of California/California State University Knowledge Action Network (<https://www.nxterra.orfaleacenter.ucsb.edu/topic-consumerism/>)
- Alaniz, Ryan.** 2013. "Catholic Relief Services," in *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management* edited by K. Bradley Penuel, Matt Statler, and Ryan Hagen. Sage: Thousand Oaks.
- Alaniz, Ryan.** 2013. "Red Cross/Red Crescent," in *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management* edited by K. Bradley Penuel, Matt Statler, and Ryan Hagen. Sage: Thousand Oaks

Alaniz, Ryan. 2013. “United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) in *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management* edited by K. Bradley Penuel, Matt Statler, and Ryan Hagen. Sage: Thousand Oaks.

PUBLIC POLICY PUBLICATIONS

Olson, Laura and **Ryan Alaniz.** 2019. “[Canary in the Coal Mine: Drought in California.](#)” *Research Counts.* Natural Hazards Center, **University of Colorado Boulder.**

Alaniz, Ryan, Laura Olson, and Gillian Hoortunian. 2016. “[Policy Brief: Drought as Disaster--Drought Response, Risk Reduction, Preparedness, Mitigation, & Climate Change Adaptation.](#)” National Security Council, **The White House.**

Alaniz, Ryan, Laura Olson, and Gillian Hoortunian. 2016. “[‘2021 Goal’ - 5-year Plan: Taking Steps towards a Drought-Resilient Future.](#)” **California State Legislature.**

Ayeb-Karlsson, Sonja, Tanner, Thomas, van der Geest, Kees, Warner, Koko, Adams, Helen, Ahmedi, Istiak, **Alaniz, Ryan,** Andrei, Stephanie, Barthelt, Christian, Bhargava, Malashree, Bronen, Robin, Contreras, Diana, Cradock-Henry, Nick, Fernando, Nishara, Henly-Shepard, Sarah, Huq, Saleemul, Lawless, Christopher, Lewis, David, Loster, Thomas, McNamara, Karen. 2015. “Livelihood resilience in a changing world – 6 global policy recommendations for a more sustainable future.” *UNU-EHS.* Bonn: **United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security.**

The United Nations University- Institute for Environment and Human Security Resilience Academy. 2014. *The Chiemsee Declaration: A white paper on livelihood resilience.* **Secretary General of the United Nations.**

UNDER REVIEW

Fiegel, Gregg, Tom Trice, and **Ryan Alaniz.** “*Introducing Sustainability to First-Year Civil Engineering Students Using Drought as a Case Study.*” *Science, Engineering, and Environment.*

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR

October 2015: “Disaster by Drought Summit: Livelihood Resilience under Conditions of Climate Uncertainty.” **United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human (UNU-EHS) Security and Cal Poly.** (<https://socialsciences.calpoly.edu/disaster-by-drought>)

May 2010: (Director) “Post-desastre Desarrollo a Largo Plazo de Honduras a El Salvador.” Conferencia Tragedia y Oportunidad. **Institute for Community Recovery and Development.** Divina Providencia, Honduras

HONORS AND AWARDS--ACADEMIC AND SERVICE

2020: **Cal Poly Distinguished Scholarship Award (Nominee)**

2019: **Cal Poly President’s Community Service Award (Nominee)**

For service with inmates and parolees

2016/2017: **Early Promotion to Associate Professor/Tenure**

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2016: **Invited Participant: White House Water Summit**

The White House

2015: **Invited Lead Author-Policy Brief on California Drought**

National Security Council, The White House

- 2015: **Invited Lead Author IPBES/UNESCO Report (DECLINED)**
Human impact of Ecosystem Changes in Latin America
- 2013: **Top 20 Under 40-San Luis Obispo County**
[San Luis Obispo's Tribune Newspaper](#)
- 2012-2013: **Cal Poly President's Community Service Award**
Founding board member of Restorative Partners
- 2010-2011: **Engaged Scholarship Award**
University of Minnesota Sociological Research Institute
- 2010-2011: **Public Sociology Award (as a member of the Contexts editorial board)**
University of Minnesota Sociological Research Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS--TEACHING

- 2017: **Cal Poly CLA Diversity Award (Nominee)**
College of Liberal Arts
- 2017: **Terrance Harris Excellence in Mentorship**
Distinguished Honoree
- 2015-2016: **Outstanding Faculty Award**
Cal Poly Honors Program
- 2015-2016: **Outstanding Mentor**
Cal Poly Engineers Without Borders, Nicaragua
- 2014-2015: **Early Career Award in Teaching (Commendation)**
College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly
- 2014-2015: **[Honored Grateful Grads](#)**
Student Philanthropy Council, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- 2014-2015: **Mustang Mentor**
Cal Poly Basketball Team
- 2013-2014: **Honored Faculty at Lavender Commencement**
PRIDE Center, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- 2012-2013: **Distinguished Educator Award**
California Faculty Association
- 2012-2013: **Most Supportive Professor (Nominee)**
Society for Women Engineers, Cal Poly

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014-2015: Cal Poly Center for Community Engagement and Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology
Service Learning Faculty Fellow
- 2013-2014: International Social Science Council
World Social Science Fellow
- 2011-2012: Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation
Dissertation Writing Fellowship
- 2011-2012: Society for the Study of Social Problems
Graduate Racial/Ethnic Minority Fellowship (Declined)
- 2011-2012: University of Minnesota
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2011-2012: Ford Foundation
Dissertation Writing Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
- 2011-2012: College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota
Ron Anderson Technology and Social Cohesion Fellowship
- 2011: University of Minnesota
Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship

- 2010-2011: National Science Foundation; Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado, Boulder; Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI)
National PERISHIP Award--Dissertation Fellowship in Disasters
- 2009-10: Department of State
Fulbright Full Grant Research Fellowship, Honduras
- 2009-10: Social Science Research Council/Andrew Mellon Foundation
International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2009-10: Inter-American Foundation
International Grassroots Dissertation Research Fellowship (Declined)

RECENT GRANTS

- 2021-22: Cal Poly Strategic Research Initiatives (~\$250,000)
Project: Institute for Climate Leadership and Regional Resilience
Erin Pearce (PI), **Ryan Alaniz**, Mike Boswell, David Camp, Adrienne Greve, Lars Tomanek
- 2019-2021: Social Science Research Council (\$550,000-Unfunded)
Project: *Displacement, Migration and Environmental Change*
Christopher Sellers (PI), **Ryan Alaniz** (Co-PI)
- 2019: Cal Poly Summer Research Stipend (\$6,000)
Project: *Perspectives of the Incarcerated: An Intersectional Approach to Social Problems*
- 2017: Cal Poly College of Liberal Arts, Diversity Module (\$3,000)
Project: *“Nosce te ipsum: Recognizing privilege in yourself and the world”*
- 2016-2020: National Science Foundation solicitation number: 14-601 (\$1.5 million-Unfunded)
Project: *CNH-L: Coupled interaction between changing climate and anthropogenic factors in the Western USA: Implications for agricultural sustainability*
Ashok Mishra (PI), **Ryan Alaniz** (Co-PI)
- 2015: United Nations University/Cal Poly “Disaster by Drought” Summit (\$21,000)
Project: *“Disaster by Drought” Summit*
- 2015: Center for Sustainability in Engineering (\$5,000)
Project: *“Disaster by Drought” Summit*
- 2015: American Society for Civil Engineers (with Gregg Fiegel) (\$2,000)
Project: *“Disaster by Drought” Summit*
- 2015: Resilient Communities Research Institute (\$500)
Project: *“Disaster by Drought” Summit*
- 2015: Cal Poly College of Liberal Arts, Summer Stipend Writing Grant (\$7,000)
Project: *“A Community of Strangers” Book Editing and Publishing*
- 2014: International Social Science Council and START Research grant (\$15,000)
PI: Kuna-Hui Lin, Lilibeth Acosta-Michlik, Ryan Alaniz, Shabana Khan, and David Olanya
Project: *Communication influences on decision making in disaster recovery and reconstruction: Implications for Risk Interpretation and Action framework*
- 2014: Cal Poly Baker Endowment (\$3,500)
PI: Ryan Alaniz (Ellie Gertler and Georgia O’Farrell, SLO Sheriff’s Department, and Restorative Partners)
Project: *The Garden Project-Gardening as a Rehabilitative Tool for Inmates*
- 2014: Cal Poly CONNECT Grant (\$4,800)
Project Director: Ryan Alaniz
With Engineers without Borders, Cal Poly
Project: *Construction of a Public Elementary School and Capacity-Building in Camilo Ortega, Nicaragua*

TRAVEL GRANTS (Selected)

2019-2020

National Science Foundation, American University, Universidade do Brasilia
(~\$3,000 in support of a conference presentation)

2016-2017

Munich RE Foundation

(in support of the resilience academy in Washington DC hosted by the United Nations
University)

International Social Science Council, UNESCO, Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Oslo,
Norway

(~\$3,000 in support of a conference presentation)

2015-2016

Purdue University

(~\$2,000 in support of a lecture given at the university)

2014-2015

Munich RE Foundation

(in support of the resilience academy in Munich, Germany hosted by the United Nations
University)

2013-2014

International Social Science Council, START, Council of Excellence, Taipei

(in support of the World Social Science Fellow Conference)

Cornell University and Ithaca College

(in support of presentations given at each university)

University of Wisconsin

(in support of a presentation)

Munich RE Foundation

(in support of the resilience academy in Dhaka, Bangladesh, hosted by the United Nations

University and Bangladesh University)

2012-2013

Munich RE Foundation

(in support of the United Nations University Summer Academy)

INVITED LECTURES/PARTICIPATION

December 2020: Systemic Racism in San Luis Obispo County

San Luis Obispo County, Sheriff's Department

May 2020: "The Violent Soul of America"

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People San Luis Obispo,

#BlackLivesMatter Rally

January 2020: "Reconciling the Ideal and the Real: Latin American faith volunteers and activists"

Environmentally-Induced Displacement and Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean:

Engaging the Normative and Legal Landscape. **Universidade do Brasilia.** Brasilia, Brazil

July 2019: "People, Power, and Policy in Disaster Resettlement"

Geography Department, **Oregon State University,** Corvallis

November 2018: ["Dealing with Population Displacement in Practice"](#)

Symposium on Population Migration and Repatriation Following Major Disasters.

University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

October 2018: "From Strangers to Neighbors."

Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona. Barcelona, Spain.

February 2018: ["From Strangers to Neighbors" Conversations with Cal Poly Authors.](#)

Cal Poly, Kennedy Library, San Luis Obispo.

January 2018: “Want to Change the World?: Start Here”
 Cal Poly Inclusion Starts with Me Teach-In. **Cal Poly**, San Luis Obispo.

June 2017 (Online): “[Nosce Te Ipsum: Bridging Our Values and Actions in Addressing Climate Change](#)”
University of California, California State University-Knowledge Action Network.

February 2017 (Lecture): “Recognizing inequality in yourself and the world.”
Unite Cal Poly. San Luis Obispo.

October 2016 (Panel Member): “From Strangers to Neighbors: Resettlement and Development in Honduras.” *On the Move – Global migrations, challenges and responses*.
International Social Science Council. Oslo, Norway.

April 2016 (Participant): Big Water Projects, Innovation, and the New Reality.”
CSU Chancellor’s Office Water Resources and Policy Initiatives. Long Beach, CA.

April 2016 (Lecture): “Education Behind Bars: The Co-Production of Knowledge by Inmates and University Students.”
Student Community Services. Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

March 2016 (Participant): “Water Summit”
The White House, Washington D.C.

March 2016 (Lecture): “Education Behind Bars: The Co-Production of Knowledge by Inmates and University Students.”
Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

February 2016 (Participant): “Reimagining Engineering Education.”
National Science Foundation sponsored pilot study. Montecito, California

February 2016 (Lecture): “Tourism as Transformational Pedagogy.”
Global Tourism and Environmental Conservation. University of California, Santa Barbara.

January 2016: (Facilitator) “Sharing of Drought Research.” Drought Summit.
California State University, Fresno.

November 2015: (Participant-DECLINED) WATER ACT! Symposium: Reaching Consensus Through Awareness.
U.S. Embassy in France, France Fulbright Association. Paris, France.

November 2015: (Presenter) “Next Steps after the Master’s or Doctoral Degree Webinar”
The William Averette Anderson Fund for Hazard and Disaster Mitigation Education and Research. University of Colorado, Boulder.

April 2014: (Presenter-DECLINED) “Variabilidad de las lluvias, seguridad alimentaria y migración humana en Guatemala y en Centroamérica.”
Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales de Guatemala and UNU-EHS. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

December 2013: (Fellow) “Risk Interpretation and Action.”
International Social Science Council (UNESCO), START, and Council of Excellence, Taiwan. Wellington and Christchurch, New Zealand.

November 2013: (Presenter) “*Building Community Among Strangers: Challenges of Post-Disaster Resettlement in Honduras.*”
Latin American Studies and History Programs. Ithaca College. Ithaca, New York.

November 2013: (Presenter) “*Building Community Among Strangers: Challenges of Post-Disaster Resettlement in Honduras.*”
Latin American Studies Program Seminar Series. Cornell University. Ithaca, New York.

May 2013: (Presenter) “*Estamos en el Paraíso* (We are in Paradise!): The Role of Emergent Norms in Post-Disaster Resettlements.”
Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Aid Conference. University of Wisconsin, Madison.

October 2012: (Keynote Speaker) “The Future is Ours.”
5th Annual Chicana-Latino Convocation. Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

October 2010: (Participant) Disaster Recovery Theory Development Workshop Participant.
Public Entity Risk Institute & National Science Foundation. Chapel Hill, NC.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PARTICIPATION

- April 2021 (Presenter): Sociology as Critical Literacy Work: Designing a Sociology Degree Program for a State Prison. [Conference on Community Writing](#).
- February 2020 (Participant): Trauma-Informed Education in Correctional Institutions.”
New York University and Bakersfield College.
- June 2019 (Presenter): “Counterpoising Consumerism: The Seven Rs to Salvage Our Society.”
[Next Earth: Teaching Climate Change Across Disciplines](#). **University of California, Santa Barbara**. Presentation [online here](#).
- March 2019 (Presenter): “A Resettlement is not the same as a community”: Evaluating Post-Disaster Social Development Strategies.
Society for Applied Anthropology. Portland, OR.
- January 2018 (Presenter): “Incarceration and Access.”
UNSTOPPABLE: Planned Parenthood Generation Action Conference. **Cal Poly, SLO**
- August 2017 (Participant): Inside-Out Training Program for teaching in the jail/prison context.
Temple University and Graterford Prison, Philadelphia, PA
- April 2017 (Presenter) “From Strangers to Neighbors: The Social Construction of Culture in Post-Disaster Resettlements.”
Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- March 2016: (Organizer/Presenter) “Social Implications of Water Scarcity”
Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, Canada.
- August 2014: (Presenter) “Nosce Te Ipsum: Resilience and Reflexivity.” Livelihood Resilience Conference
UNU-EHS and International Centre for Climate Change and Development. Munich, Germany.
- October 2012: (Participant) 2012 Keystone Conference. “From Social Vulnerability to Building Resilience in the Context of Climate Adaptation.”
United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security and Munich RE Foundation. Bonn, Germany.
- September 2013: (Presenter) “Resilience Academy.”
United Nations University, International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, and International Institute for Environment and Development. Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- March 2013: (Presenter) “How does a Resettlement Become a Community?: Theorizing Post-Disaster Social Development”
Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, Colorado.
- July 2012: (Presenter) “Unsupervised Recovery: Adaptation Strategies by Two NGOs in Post-Mitch Honduras”
37th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop, Broomfield, CO.
- July 2011: (Participant) 2011 Summer Academy: Climate Change and Fragile States: Rethinking Adaptation. **United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security** and Munich RE. Schloss Hohenkammer, Germany.
- June 2011: (Presenter) “The Increasing Importance of Disaster Recovery Research”
14th Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Conference, **FEMA & the U.S. Department of Homeland Security**, Emmitsburg, MD.
- October 2010: (Presenter) “Sustainable Post-Disaster Development: Theory-Building and Practical Applications.” **Social Science Research Council IDRF Conference**, Denver, CO.
- March 2010: (Presenter) “A Tale of Two Cities: An Analysis of Long-term Post-disaster Community Development.” **Fulbright Conference**, Central American Section. El Valle, Panama.

CURRENT ACADEMIC WORK AND SERVICE (Selected)

2020: Cal Poly State University Quarter Plus Program

Learning Assistant Coordinator

2020-Present: Faculty Advisor

Best Buddies Club at Cal Poly

2018-Present: University of California/California State University Knowledge Action Network

Scholar-Activist Network and co-curator (<https://www.nxterra.orfaleacenter.ucsb.edu/>)

2017-Present: International Network on Displacement and Resettlement

Standards Committee

2017-2019: Murmurations Journal

Catalyst (Review) Board

2016-Present: Ad Hoc Reviewer

Journal of Risk Research

2016-Present: Member

Cal Poly CLA Faculty Diversity Committee

2014-Present: Ad Hoc Reviewer

Human Organizations

2012-Present: Advisor-Engineers without Borders, Nicaragua

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2013-Present: Honors Professor

Taught courses for the Cal Poly Honors Program

2013-2017: Social Sciences Website Committee

2013-Present: Faculty Search Committees (twelve)

Search committee for ten sociology and one geography faculty

Social Sciences department, Cal Poly

2011-Present: Affiliated Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2011-Present: Fulbright Alumni Ambassador

United States Department of State

2010-Present: Reviewer

Environmental Justice Journal

PREVIOUS ACADEMIC WORK AND SERVICE (Selected)

2017-2019: Cal Poly Academic Senate

Member

2014, 2019: Expert Witness

Asylum Cases, Honduras

2016: Reviewer

United Nations Environment Programme

Climate Change Loss and Damage: The Role of Ecosystem Services

2015-2016: CSU Chancellor's Water Resource and Policy Initiative

Research Collaborator

2016: Reviewer

Cal Poly Center for Sustainability in Engineering

2014: Honors Search Committee

Search Committee member and EEF for Honors ASC II

2014: Selection Committee Member

Fulbright Selection Committee

2013-2016: Global Studies Minor

Working with other faculty to introduce Global Studies as a new minor, College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2014: **Honors Search Committee**

Search Committee member and EEF for Honors ASC II

2013, 2014: **Sociology 200, 460**

Voluntarily taught a one-unit professional development course for the Social Sciences Department, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2013-present: **Social Sciences Assessment Committee**

2011-2012: **Teacher-Scholar Development Series Participant**

Center for Teaching and Learning, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY/COMMUNITY SERVICE

2020-Present: Executive Committee

San Luis Obispo NAACP

2020-Present: Committee Member

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department Unity Committee

2020-Present: Committee Member

San Luis Obispo Public Safety Committee—Bridging the Gap

2017-Present: Advisor to the Mayor on social issues (Homelessness, Diversity, Inclusion, Inequality)

City of San Luis Obispo

2017-Present: Project Collaborator (Child Welfare, Foster Care, and CalFresh)

San Luis Obispo County Social Services

2004-Present: Executive Director, **The Fútbol Project**

Founder and executive director of non-profit (501c3) organization that obtains donations of sports equipment for orphanages and underprivileged children in Latin America and Africa.

(<http://www.thefutbolproject.org>)

February 2017: [Diversity Module Author](#)

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

August 2017: [Inside Out](#) Training: Social Change through Transformative Education.

Temple University/Graterford Prison, Philadelphia.

April 2016 (Lecture): "From Farm Laborer to the White House."

Arroyo Grande High School, Arroyo Grande, California.

2013-Present: **Ambassador, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanages International**

Nine orphanages working with 3,600 children throughout Latin America.

2011-2015: **Restorative Partners**

2013 Winner of Cal Poly's President Community Service Award

Founding advisory board member of the non-profit organization that works with San Luis Obispo county jail, the juvenile hall, crime victims, and the broader community to rehabilitate inmates.

(<http://www.restorativepartners.org>)

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, PRESENTATIONS, AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2020:

January (Brasilia, Brazil):

American University and Universidade do Brasilia

Invited Presenter

2018:

October (Barcelona, Spain):

Universidad Autonoma de Barcelona

Invited Presenter

2016

October (Oslo, Norway):

International Social Science Council Conference

On the Move – Global migrations, challenges and responses.
Participant and Presenter

2015

June-July (Valladolid, Spain):
Cal Poly Study Abroad Program

2014

August (Munich, Germany):
United Nations University Resilience Academy
Participant and Presenter

June-July (Peru):
Cal Poly Study Abroad Program
Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities
Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member (pro bono)

2013

December (Wellington, New Zealand):
International Social Science Council Seminar
Participant and Presenter

September (Dhaka, Bangladesh):
United Nations University Conference
Participant and Presenter

August-September (Nicaragua):
Advisor to Engineers Without Borders Nicaragua Cal Poly team
Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

June-July (Peru):
Cal Poly Study Abroad Program
Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities
Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

March (Nicaragua):
Advisor to Engineers Without Borders Nicaragua Cal Poly team
Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities
Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

2012

August-September 2012 (Honduras and Nicaragua):
Research on post-disaster community development.
Advisor to Engineers Without Borders Nicaragua Cal Poly team
Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities
Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

January 2021: New Times

[Local NAACP branch points to racist graffiti as evidence of racism in SLO County](#)

September 2017: **University of Texas Press**

[Hurricane Harvey and Irma—Build Back Better—Elsewhere?](#)

June 2017: **Mustang News**

[The Wheelchair Foundation: New chapter, same goals](#)

June 2017: **Mustang News**

[Restorative Partners: Helping inmates one class at a time](#)

April 2016: **KCBX Radio**, Issues and Ideas Program

[The California drought and the White House Water Summit](#)

March 2016: **KSBY News**

[Professor to attend White House Water Summit](#)

October 2015: **KCBX News**

[United Nations conference this week at Cal Poly to study devastating drought effects](#)

October 2015: **Cal Poly Magazine**

[Running Dry](#)

October 2015: **Mustang News**

[Cal Poly prepares for United Nations University](#)

March 2015: **Mustang News**

[Interview concerning “Week in the Life” Pedagogy](#)

February 2015: **Mustang News**

[Interview about “Incarceration and Society” class held at the county Jail](#)

December 2014: **KEYT Television**

Interview about the Ferguson Protests

[\(http://www.keyt.com/news/ferguson-solidarity-march-in-downtown-slo/30091596\)](http://www.keyt.com/news/ferguson-solidarity-march-in-downtown-slo/30091596)

November 2014: **Conversations with Cal Poly Authors**

Interview with Kathleen Cairns about her book “Hard Time at Tehachapi”

[\(https://soundcloud.com/kennedy-library/hard-time-at-tehachapi\)](https://soundcloud.com/kennedy-library/hard-time-at-tehachapi)

July 2014: **KCBX Central Coast Voices**

[Interview concerning the “Cost of Living in SLO County”](#)

May 2014: **College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly**

[Interview describing my collaborations with the United Nations University.](#)

May 2012: **Mustang Daily**

[Interview describing my “Learn by Doing Sociology” extra credit assignments.](#)

April 2012: **KCOY News**

[Interview highlighting my “Learn by Picking Strawberries” experiential field trip.](#)

January 2012: **New Times**

[Interview concerning the changing definition of marriage in the United States.](#)

STATISTICAL AND QUALITATIVE SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES

SPSS, STATA, EXCEL, ATLAS TI

LANGUAGES

Spanish: Fluent; English: Native

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

United Nations University-Institute of Environment and Human Security

International Social Science Council

Fulbright Program-U.S. State Department

University of California-California State University--Knowledge Action Network (PROJECT NXTERRA)

CSU Chancellor’s Water Resource and Policy Initiative

New York University/Cuesta College Sustaining Futures Initiative

Inside-Out Program International

Resilient Communities Research Institute

American Sociological Association

Society for Applied Anthropology

Latin American Studies Association

Chicana/Latino Faculty and Staff Association, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo