

# CURRICULUM VITAE (abridged)

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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](#)

Interim Chair

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

Professor, Sociology

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

Diversity Scholar

### CURRENT PROJECTS

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

### BOOK

**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

Kuan Hui Elaine Lin, Shabana Khan, Lilibeth Acosta, **Ryan Alaniz**, David Olanya. 2020. "The dynamism of post disaster risk communication: a cross-country synthesis." *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*.

Erikson, Christine, Victoria Sword-Daniels, Emma Hudson-Doyle, **Ryan Alaniz**, Caroline Adler, Todd Schenk, and Suzanne Vallance. 2016. "Embodied Uncertainty: Living with Complexity and Natural Hazards." *Journal of Risk Research*. DOI:10.1080/13669877.2016.1200659

**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.nxtterra.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**.

## **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**

2022: **Cal Poly President’s Community Service Award**

For service to: the Sheriff’s UNITY committee, DEI efforts in SLO, to students as a club advisor, to people incarcerated

2021: **Early Promotion to Full Professor**

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

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

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

For service with inmates and parolees

2017: **Early Promotion to Associate Professor**

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](#)

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 Pearse (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/PRESENTATIONS/PARTICIPATION**

February 2021: “Strategies to Combat Systemic Racism and Microaggressions in SLO County: An Interactive Dialogue”

Cal Poly Inclusion Starts with Me Teach-In. **Cal Poly**, San Luis Obispo.

December 2021: Systemic Racism and Housing Segregation in San Luis Obispo County

**San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce**

October 2021: Moderator-Environmental Racism and Public Policy Track

**Climate Solutions Now! Conference** Cal Poly, SLO

May 2021: Systemic Racism and Microaggressions

**Diversity Coalition Board of Directors**, San Luis Obispo County

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.”  
**5<sup>th</sup> 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

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”  
**37<sup>th</sup> 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”  
14<sup>th</sup>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)**

2022: **Consultative Search Committee**

Dean of Extended, Professional, and Continuing Education Cal Poly

2020-Present: **Cal Poly State University Quarter Plus Program**

Learning Assistant Coordinator, Extended Education

2016-Present: **Member**

Cal Poly CLA Faculty Diversity Committee

2020-2023: **[BEACoN Research Program](#)**, Cal Poly State University

Mentor

2018-2021: **University of California/California State University Knowledge Action Network**

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

2017-2020: **International Network on Displacement and Resettlement**

Standards Committee

2017-2019: **[Murmurations Journal](#)**

Catalyst (Review) Board

2016-2019: **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

Journal of Risk Research

2014-2019: **Ad Hoc Reviewer**

Human Organizations

2013-2017: **Social Sciences Website Committee**

2013-2021: **Faculty Search Committees** (twelve)

Search committee for eleven 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

2014: **Honors Search Committee**

Search Committee member and EEF for Honors ASC II  
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

### **SERVICE TO STUDENTS**

2020-Present: **Faculty Advisor**  
Cal Poly Bee Program (Bee City USA)  
2020-Present: **Faculty Advisor**  
Cal Poly Best Buddies Club  
2012-Present: **Advisor-Engineers without Borders, Nicaragua**  
Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo  
2013-2020: **Honors Professor**  
Cal Poly Honors Program  
May 2020: **Mentor**  
Underrepresented Students “Speed Mentoring”  
April 2016: **Presenter** “From Farm Laborer to the White House.”  
Arroyo Grande High School, Arroyo Grande, California.  
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  
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  
2012-2014: **Advisor**  
Social Sciences Club, Cal Poly

### **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2020-Present: Committee Member  
**San Luis Obispo County Sheriff’s Department Unity Committee**  
2017-2019: Project Collaborator (Child Welfare, Foster Care, and CalFresh)  
**San Luis Obispo County Social Services, SLO Mayor’s Office**  
2013-Present: **Ambassador, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanages International**  
Nine orphanages working with 3,600 children throughout Latin America.  
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>)  
2020-2021: Committee Member  
**San Luis Obispo Public Safety Committee—Bridging the Gap**  
2017-2021: Advisor to the Mayor on social issues (Homelessness, Diversity, Inclusion, Inequality)  
**City of San Luis Obispo**  
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.**  
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**

March 2022: Cal Poly Magazine

[A Brighter Human Future](#)

October 2021: Dave Congalton Show. KVEC Radio and Podcast.

[We discuss the new analysis of systemic racism in slo county.](#)

October 2021: Holden, L. San Luis Obispo Tribune

[Sheriff's report finds 'very powerful indicators of systemic racism' in SLO County](#)

September 2021: KSBY News

[Sheriff's Office releases report on systemic racism in San Luis Obispo County](#)

September 2021: KEYT News

[Sheriff Powerful Indicators of Systemic Racism in SLO County](#)

May 2021: The Reluctant Therapist

[Creating Difference and Improving Lives](#)

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](#)

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

[Interview with Kathleen Cairns about her book "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: Strong command; 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)*

*Inside-Out Program International*

*Resilient Communities Research Institute*

*American Sociological Association*

*Society for Applied Anthropology*

*Latin American Studies Association*