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EMPLOYMENT

Aug 2026 **Assistant Professor of Spanish and Latinx Studies,**
Department of Romance Languages
University of Georgia

2024-2026 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Spanish,**
Humanities Division
Emory University, Oxford College

EDUCATION

Sept 2024 **PhD Spanish, Latin American Literatures and Cultures**
University of California, Davis
Designated Emphasis: Feminist Theory

Dissertation: *Beyond Migrant Suffering: Aesthetic Practices and the Affective Politics of Undocumented Migration*

Dissertation Committee: Robert McKee Irwin, Chair
Cristiana Giordano
Ana Peluffo

2016 **M.A Latin American Literature and Culture,**
New York University

2014 **B.A Multimedia Journalism (*Magna Cum Laude*)**
Universidad San Francisco de Quito

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Migration and Border Studies, Affect Theory, Digital Humanities, Latinx Studies, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Community-Based Research.

GRANTS/ FELLOWSHIPS/ AWARDS

2025 **Faculty Development Award**
Center for Teaching and Scholarship, Emory University

2023 **Penn-Birmingham Transatlantic Migration Fellowship**
University of Pennsylvania

2023 **Provost Dissertation Writing Fellowship**

Office of the Provost, UC Davis

- 2023 **Graduate Student of Color Research Award**
Student Recruitment & Retention Center, UC Davis
- 2021 **Practicing the Humanities Fellowship Program**
Humanities Institute UC Berkeley
- 2021 **Podcasting the Humanities Fellowship**
National Humanities Center
- 2021 **Dissertation Writing Fellowship**
Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UC Davis
- 2020 **DHI Summer Graduate Fellowship**
Humanities Institute, UC Davis
- 2019 **Graduate Research Summer Award,**
Women's Resource and Research Center, UC Davis
- 2019 **Summer Research Fellowship, UC Davis**
Hemispheric Institute of the Americas, UC Davis
- 2017 **Provost's Fellowship for the Social Sciences and Humanities**
College of Letters and Science, UC Davis
- 2015 **New York University**
Miguel de Cervantes Fellowship for the Humanities

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 2026 McCarl C. et al. "Conducting Digital Oral History with Immigrant Populations from Latin America Today". *Debates in Latinx Humanities*. Gabriela Baeza Ventura, Carolina Villaroel, Maria E. Cotera, Annemarie Perez Ed. University of Minnesota Press (Accepted)
- 2024 Irwin, R. M., & Gutiérrez, M. J. "Más allá de la visibilidad: Intersecciones entre voz e imagen en narrativas del tránsito por el Tapón del Darién y las caravanas centroamericanas". *Dispositivos de representación (audio) visual, migraciones y territorios fronterizos mexicanos*. Juan Antonio del Monte ed., Colegio de la Frontera Norte (Accepted).
- 2022 "Family Unity and Practices of Care: 'Deportation's Effects on the Soul'. *Migrant Feelings, Migrant Knowledge: Building a Community Archive*, Robert McKee Irwin, ed., University of Texas Press, 2022, pp 125-135.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 Gutiérrez, M.J. "Deported and Un/ashamed: Shame, Debt and Deportation in Ecuadorian Andes". *Crossings: Journal of Migration & Culture* (Submitted)
- 2025 Gutiérrez, M.J. "Migración como viaje: Repensar el tránsito a través de escrituras migrantes". *Caracol*, São Paulo, Brasil, n. 31 pp. 1-18 (Accepted)
- 2023 Irwin, R. M., & Gutiérrez, M. J. ["Saberes migrantes ante el albergue a la intemperie"](#) Dossier

Intemperie: políticas de la voluntad y poéticas del cobijo . *Etcétera. Revista Del Área De Ciencias Sociales Del CIFYH*, (12)

- 2020 Ponce de León, Alejandro and Gutiérrez, María José. [“Comentario editorial. Lo afectivo como espacio de apertura y experimentación”](#). *Brújula: Revista Interdisciplinaria sobre estudios Latinoamericanos*. Vol.14. 1-8.

Media Publications and Public Scholarship

- 2023 Burneo, Cristina and Gutiérrez, María José. [“La deportación: El no regreso al hogar”](#). *Seremos libres, tú perdiste*. Corredores Migratorios, Ecuador.
- 2022 [“Bajar el mundo para encontrarlo”](#). Corredores Migratorios, Ecuador.
- 2021 [“Por mi hija camino al sur”](#). *Memoria caminante de Venezuela*. Corredores Migratorios, Ecuador
- 2020 Castro Ricalde, Maricruz and Gutiérrez, María José. [“Deported Mothers: Mental Health and Family Separation”](#). *Migrant Narratives Series*. UC Davis Global Migration Center.

Book Reviews

2026.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2026 “Andean Latinx Studies” at Latinx Studies Association Conference (LSA). Austin, Texas.
- 2025 “Humanizando la Deportación/El Asilo” at *Seminario Sentipensares de las Migraciones*. Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México.
- 2025 “Reimaginar el tránsito” at the Roundtable *World-Making in the Americas: Migrant Autonomy, Embodied Knowledge* at Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Congress. San Francisco, California.
- 2023 “La culpa del migrar: Maternidades migrantes y narrativas digitales sobre retorno en Ecuador” at 2do Seminario Narrando Historias de Frontera desde los Feminismos. Universidad Autónoma de México (UAM)
- 2023 “*Feeling Like a Tourist: Conceptualizing Migration-as-Travel Through Affect*” at Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Hybrid Congress: América Latina y el Caribe: Pensar, Representar y Luchar por los Derechos, Vancouver, Canada
- 2023 “NEH Humanities Connections Planning Grant: Preparación de estudiantes bilingües para seguir carreras en leyes de inmigración en aulas de humanidades en español” at *XVI Samuel Armistead Colloquium*, Department of Spanish and Portuguese UC Davis.
- 2020 “La video-carta como archivo afectivo de la migración Ecuatoriana” Latin American Studies Association Congress (LASA), Guadalajara, México.
- 2018 “Inadequate Speech: Rotten Bodies and Neoliberal Disavowal in *Fruta Podrida* by Lina Meruane” at *Voicing Gender: XXVIII Annual congress of the Association of Gender and Sexualities (AEGS)*”

WORKSHOPS AND INVITED TALKS

- 2025 **Roundtable**, “Latin American, Caribbean and Latinx Studies: A Discussion”, Emory University
- 2025 **Roundtable**, “Migrant World-Making in the Central American and Mexican Corridor”. Global Migration Center at UC Davis.
- 2022 **Discussant**, “Beyond Social Death: Migrant Ontologies in the Digital Narrative” presented by Brooke Kipling for the UC Davis Global Migration Center
- 2023 “Afectos y cultura migrante en Ecuador” *Panel: Archivo AMAME*. Colectivo Ñukanchik People and International Organization for Migration (IOM).
- 2022 “Humanizing Deportation: Digital Storytelling with Vulnerable Migrants”. Public Stories Lab Project. University of Maryland, Baltimore County.
- 2022 **Workshop** Taller de elaboración de narrativas digitales” (Training on the production of digital storytelling for migrants from Venezuela and Colombia living in Ecuador. *Community School on Migrant Rights/ Corredores Migratorios*.
- 2021 **Workshop** “La narrativa digital/Humanizando la Deportación” (Training for faculty and students from five Tec de Monterrey campuses). Tecnológico de Monterrey/ Fundación SM.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

- Spring 2026 **SPAN 302: Modern Hispanic Texts and Contexts**
Oxford College, Spanish
Emory University
- SPA 202: Intermediate Spanish II**
Oxford College, Latin American Studies
Emory University
- Fall 2025 **LACS 101: Intro to Latin American Studies**
Oxford College, Spanish
Emory University
- SPA 312: Documentary Film in Latin America**
Oxford College, Spanish
Emory University
- SPA 201: Intermediate Spanish**
Oxford College, Latin American Studies
Emory University

Spring 2025	LACS 270: Intro to Latinx Culture Oxford College, Spanish Emory University
	SPA 312: Documentary Film in Latin America Oxford College, Spanish Emory University
	SPA 311: Hispanic Narrative: Gender, Horror and Literature Oxford College, Latin American Studies Emory University
Fall 2024	SPA 302: Race, Class and Emotions in Latin American Culture Oxford College, Spanish Emory University
	SPA 318: Testimonio and Border Crossings in the Americas Oxford College, Spanish Emory University
Fall 2023	SPA 159: Horror and Otherness in The Andes Department of Spanish and Portuguese University of California Davis
Spring 2022	SPA 169: Special Topics in Latinx Studies: Migrant Journeys in the Americas Department of Spanish and Portuguese University of California Davis
Summer 2021	SPA 159: Emotions and Migrant Knowledges in Latin America Department of Spanish and Portuguese University of California Davis
2018-2022	Associate Instructor SPA 1-3 Elementary Spanish SPA 21/2 Intermediate Spanish SPA 22V Virtual Intermediate Spanish SPA 24 Composition and Writing
2016	Associate Instructor SPA 1-3 Elementary Spanish Universidad San Francisco de Quito
Teaching Assistant	
Spring 2023	SPA 177: California and Latin America

Department of Spanish and Portuguese
University of California Davis

Winter 2022 **WMS 50: Introduction to Critical Gender Studies**
Department of Spanish and Portuguese
University of California Davis

Winter 2020 **SPA 174: Chicano Culture**
Department of Spanish and Portuguese
University of California Davis

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022 **Graduate Student Researcher**
National Endowment for the Humanities sponsored “[Preparing Bilingual Spanish Speaking Students for Careers in Immigration Law](#)” (co-PIs: Robert McKee Irwin, Emily Vázquez Enriquez)
- 2022 **Researcher**
[Humanizing Deportation](#) Research Team
Fieldwork Mexico City 2018 Facilitation and Production of Digital Stories (8)
Fieldwork Ecuador 2021: Facilitation and Production of Digital Stories (10)
- 2019 **Graduate Student Researcher**
Prof. Sara Giordano
Women and Gender Studies, UC Davis
- 2015 **Researcher**
Belgian Cooperation sponsored “Sexuality and Teenage Pregnancy in Ecuador. (co-PIs: Cristina Burneo Salazar, Angélica Ordoñez)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021 **Audio Intern**
Podcast Production for ‘[Historias y Recuerdos](#)’ oral stories project
[Colibrí Center for Human Rights](#), Arizona
- 2021–to date **Reporter / Researcher**
Media Collective [Corredores Migratorios](#), Ecuador
- 2020 **Assistant Project Coordinator**
[Humanizing Deportation Digital Archive](#), UC Davis
- 2019 **Guest editor**
Interdisciplinary Journal of the Americas Vol. 13 (*Brújula*)
UC Davis/ Hemispheric Institute of the Americas
- 2016 **Managing Editor**

2015 **Assistant Editor**
International Documentary Film Festival, EDOC, Ecuador

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2024 **Job Placement Committee**
Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UC Davis

2020 **Diversity and Inclusion Committee**
Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UC Davis

2020 **Graduate Student Representative**
Department of Spanish and Portuguese, UC Davis

LANGUAGES

Spanish Native Speaker

English Proficient

German Proficient

REFERENCES

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