

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- PhD Michigan State University**, Doctorate of Philosophy  
Expected graduation date: May 2024  
Program: Sociology  
Concentration: Environmental Sociology, Political Ecology
- MPP University of Michigan**, Masters of Public Policy, *Fall 2018*
- Cert. Virginia Commonwealth University** Graduate certificate, *May 2014*  
Social & Behavioral Health Disparities  
Thesis: “Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino Young Adults' Depressive Symptoms?”  
Advisor: Dr. Rosalie R. Corona, PhD
- BS Virginia Commonwealth University**, Psychology, *May 2012*  
Minor: Biology  
Major GPA: 3.7/4.0
- BA Virginia Commonwealth University**, Theater Arts, *May 2012*  
Major GPA: 3.7/4.0
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### HONORS AND AWARDS

- Academic Achievement Grad. Assistantships (AAGA) FS2019/SS 2020.**  
Awarded to incoming graduate students, nominated by graduate program faculty, to students whose enrollment will contribute to our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion while enhancing their program’s academic excellence and diversity.
- Rackham Merit Fellowship FS 2016-SS 2018**  
Awarded to incoming students, nominated by faculty in their admitting graduate program, with outstanding academic qualifications, exceptional potential for scholarly success, and promise for contributing to wider academic, professional, or civic communities.
- Scholar Activist Award, Rackham Graduate School FS 2017**  
Peer nominated award for someone who demonstrates a commitment to service and community involvement.

**Dia De La Mujer- Latina Leadership Award 2016**

Awarded in recognition of those dedicated to serving Latinx communities in Lansing, MI at the annual Dia De La Mujer conference.

**Society for Prevention Research Poster Award -Hon. Mention, 2014**

Poster title “*Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino Young Adults' Depressive Symptoms?*”

**NIH Post-Baccalaureate Research Experience (PREP) Fellowship, 2013**

Awarded to encourage individuals from underrepresented groups or from a disadvantaged background who hold a recent baccalaureate degree in a biomedically relevant area of study to pursue a research doctorate.

**NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) in STEM, 2010**

IMSD is a graduate student training program for institutions with research-intensive environments. The goal of the IMSD program is to develop a diverse pool of scientists earning a Ph.D., who have the skills to successfully transition into careers in the biomedical research workforce.

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**RESEARCH &  
PROFESSIONAL  
EXPERIENCE**

**College of Menominee Nation** Keshena, WI

July 2020- Present

*IPSI Organizing Team Member*, Supervisor: Kyle P. Whyte, Chris Caldwell

- Researched and compiled best digital learning and education strategies for 2020 [Indigenous Planning Summer Institute](#).

**Michigan State University** Lansing, MI

*Various projects*

Project: Agroenvironmental Epistemologies

December 2019- Present

*Research Manager*; Team member: Jennifer Lai.

Project: Cooling the Hot Spots

May- August 2020

*Research Assistant*; Supervisor: Stephen Gasteyer

**The City of Grand Rapids Planning Department** Grand Rapids, MI

January 2019- September 2019

*Planning Aide*, Supervisor: Landon Bartley

- Assisted with administration of medical marijuana ordinances and long-range planning projects.
- Managed and implemented Medical Marijuana Operations and Oversight (MMOO) policy education and outreach project.

**Michigan State University, University of Michigan** MI and Puerto Rico;  
February 2018- Present

*Research assistant*, Supervisor: Dr. Yomaria Figueroa

- Primary field work for Proyecto Palabras Puerto Rico

**The City of Ann Arbor** Ann Arbor, MI,  
September 2017-January 2018

*Graduate research consultant*, Supervisors: Matt Naud, Environmental Coordinator for the City of Ann Arbor ; Elisabeth Gerber, PhD, FSPP

- Co-developed Water Equity Report to refine the City's Water Equity goals
- Designed and implemented qualitative research component of report

**The Detroit Health Department** Detroit, MI,  
May 2018 -June 2018

*Planning and Policy Intern*, Supervisors: Lauren Fink, MPH; Eric Kessel, PhD

- Facilitated multi-sector collaboration to carry out stakeholder engagement efforts required to develop a city-wide Community Health Assessment strategy, implemented fall of 2017.
- Created community-engaged research guide to successfully build Department wide capacity.
- CBPR (photo-voice) proposal, community engagement coordination, and data collection

**Michigan Public Health Institute** Okemos, MI;  
December 2014 - May 2016

*Research Assistant/Field Interviewer* Supervisors:

- Collected and managed qualitative interview data for longitudinal research in Flint with a University of Michigan research partner to highlight equity implications in population health and policy in Michigan.

**Clark Hill Center on Positive Youth Dev.**

**Virginia Commonwealth University** Richmond, VA

August 2013- May 2014

*Graduate Research Assistant*

- Designed, implemented, and edited mixed-method research project outlining familial dynamics as social determinants and predictive factors in Latinx young adult mental health outcomes.
- Facilitated outreach and recruitment of minoritized Latinx populations.
- Completed bilingual (English-Spanish) data collection, transcription, and coding activities to inform future development of Latinx serving mental health clinic.

**Dept. of Health Psychology**

**Virginia Commonwealth University** Richmond, VA

January -April 2012

*Undergraduate Research Assistant*, Supervisor: Rebecca Hubbard PhD; Paul Perrin, PhD

- Compiled literature review and coded qualitative data for research projects addressing homophobic violence and behavior and with social-impact policy implications
- Resulting paper: Hubbard, R. R., Snipes, D. J., Perrin, P. B., Morgan, M. R., De Jesus, A., & Bhattacharyya, S. "Themes in Heterosexuals' Responses When Challenging LGBT Prejudice," *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, vol. 10, no. 4, 2013, pp. 269-278.

### **Dept. of Pharmacology & Toxicology**

**Virginia Commonwealth University** Richmond, VA

January 2010- August 2012

*Undergraduate Research Assistant, Laboratory Tech*, Supervisor: Sean Anderson, PhD, Darlene Brunzell, PhD

- Conducted and communicated results of tobacco cessation research on mammalian neurological systems for multiple technical and non-technical audiences to inform improvements in mental health medications.

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Michigan State University**, East Lansing, MI

FS20 ||||| *Teaching Assistant*, MSU Department of Sociology

- *Led two lab sections for SOC 281- Sociological Research Methods*
- *Developed semester strategy for remote communication and instruction*
- *Created educational materials, assignments, and assessments for more than 100 students*

FS19-SS20 ||||| *Teaching Assistant*, MSU Sociology Department

- *Led two recitation sections for SOC 100, Introduction to Sociology*
- *Created educational material, in-class assignments, and assessments for more than 100 students each semester*
- *Provided 1:1 instruction during office hours*

**Grand Valley State University**, Grand Rapids, MI

*Adjunct Professor*, Liberal Studies, Winter 2019

- Taught *Inter-cultural Communication (ITC-100)*, 22 students
- Developed class activities, writing assignments, and end of course class evaluations.

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## **PUBLICATIONS**    *Peer Reviewed Publications*

**De Jesus, A.** “Human Rights and Disaster Politics,” *Michigan Journal for Public Affairs*, vol. 15, 2018, pp. 86-88.

Ramos, S.F., **De Jesus, A.** “Xicano Indigeneity & State Violence: A Visual/Textual Dialogue,” *Present Tense: A Journal of Rhetoric in Society*, vol. 5, no. 2, 2015, *online publication*.

Hubbard, R. R., Snipes, D. J., Perrin, P. B., Morgan, M. R., **De Jesus, A., & Bhattacharyya, S.** “Themes in Heterosexuals’ Responses When Challenging LGBT Prejudice,” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, vol. 10, no. 4, 2013, pp. 269-278.

### ***Conference Papers (Peer-Reviewed)***

De Jesus, A. Pope, M. and Corona R. “Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino/a Young Adults’ Depressive Symptoms?” Society for Prevention Research 22nd Annual Meeting, 2014  
(*Abstract-Reviewed*)

De Jesus, A. “Reforestation and Resistance in Times of (Colonial) Crises: The Case of Puerto Rico,” *Latino/a Studies Association: Latinx Studies Now*, 2018

De Jesus, A., Anderson, S.M. and Brunzell, D.H. “Contribution of  $\beta_2$  subunit containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors to anxiety-like behaviors in male mice using a novel model of anxiety,” *American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology*, 2012

De Jesus, A., Anderson S.M. and Brunzell, D.H. “Contribution of  $\beta_2$  subunit containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors to anxiety-like behaviors in male mice using a novel model of anxiety,” *Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students*, 2011

### ***Data Visualizations & Illustrations***

Original Illustration for Yomaira Figueroa’s “Your Lips: Mapping Afro-Latina Becomings.” *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, 41, No. 1, May 2020.

### ***Public Scholarship and Other Media***

Original Artwork, titled “Three Places at Once: Puerto Rico Nacio en Mi/ Puerto Rico Duele en Mi/Puerto Rico Crece en Mi”, published in Aponte, EM. (Ed.). (2019). *Boricua En La Luna*.

**PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED ADDRESSES** *Panel Presentations*

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Panelist “Afro-Latinx Studies Now: Histories, Hurricanes, & Futurities (I, II, III) /// The Futures of Afro-Latinx Studies Part 3: Of Hurricanes, Colonial Dystopias & Resistance. Latino/a Studies Association: Latinx Studies Now, Washington, D.C., 2018

Panelist “We Will Persist: Navigating Graduate School”. 24th Annual Dia de La Mujer Conference, Lansing, MI, 2017

Panelist “Placing (Place, Placing) Identity panelist on identity construction and performance”. Virginia Commonwealth University Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies Annual Art Show, Richmond, VA, 2014

*Poster Presentations*

“Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino/a Young Adults’ Depressive Symptoms?” *Society for Prevention Research 22nd Annual Meeting*, 2014

“Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino/a Young Adults’ Depressive Symptoms?” *VCU Institute for Women’s Health 10th Women’s Health Research Day*, 2014

“Contribution of  $\beta_2$  subunit containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors to anxiety-like behaviors in male mice using a novel model of anxiety,” *Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students*, 2011.

*Selected Workshops*

Co-organizer, “Re-conceptualizing sustainable development in post-hurricane Puerto Rico” Ecological Society of America, New Orleans, LA, 2018

Co-organizer, *Sexuali (Tea)*, 23rd Annual Dia de La Mujer Conference, Lansing, MI 2016

Co-organizer, *keeping careful/being dangerous: transformation justice through strategic self-care*, INCITE! COV 4, Chicago, IL 2014.

Co-organizer, *D.I.Y. Self-Care Tool Kits Workshop*, UR Q- Summit, University

of Richmond, Richmond, VA 2013

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**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING** *Selected Seminars and Workshops*

*DetroitXPuerto Rico Solidarity Exchange*, Allied Media Conference, Detroit, MI, 2017

*Abolishing the PIC and Transforming Justice: Miram Kaba*, Shira Hassan's Just Practice Chicago, IL 2014

*Certificates and Technical Training*

**Certified Public Health Certificate (CPHCE)**, American Public Health Association., 2015

Description: Unequal Treatment: Disparities in Access, Quality and Care

**Skill Path: Fundamentals of Successful Project Management**, MSU Eli Broad School of Management, 2015

Description: Measuring and Improving Processes

**Interpreting for Social Justice**, Wayside Center for Popular Ed., 2012

Description: 20 hour language interpretation training for interpreters focused on language and social justice.

**Michigan Public Health Institute**, [Business Analyst], [Center for Social Enterprise], (December 2014-May 2016)

- ONLC: Advanced Microsoft Excel (v. 2010)
- ONLC: Microsoft Visio
- ONLC: Intermediate Microsoft Excel (v. 2010)

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS** Latino/a Studies Association, 2018-Present

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity, 2018-Present

American Public Health Association, 2015-Present

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE** **Symposium Co-Organizer**

University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy, Out in Public's Policy Leadership Institute, 2018

University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy, Out in Public's Policy Leadership Institute, 2017

**SERVICE**

**Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy: Out in Public (OIP)**, Executive Board Member | Ann Arbor, MI | 2016-2018

**Michigan Indígena Chicanx Community Alliance (MICCA)**  
Executive Board Member | Lansing, MI | 2015-2018

**Indigenous Youth Empowerment Program (IYEP) & Native American Youth Association (NAYA)**  
Mentor | Lansing, MI | 2014-2016

**Southerners on New Ground**  
Member Leader | Richmond, VA | 2012-2014

**Inter-Health Professionals Association**  
Contributing writer, outreach coordinator | Richmond, VA | 2013-2014

**Wayside Center for Popular Education**  
Volunteer interpreter | Richmond, VA | 6 mo.

**Virginia Center for Latin American Arts**  
Volunteer | Richmond, VA | 2013-2014

**The Daily Planet and Medical College of Virginia (MCV)**  
Yoga/Meditation Instructor | Richmond, VA | 2012-2013

**LANGUAGES**

**English:** Native Language, Superior Reading and Writing, Advanced Listener of Southern and Spanglish dialects.

**Spanish:** Native Language, Advanced Reading and Writing, Intermediate Listener of Puerto Rican dialect

**COMPUTER SKILLS**

**Software and other applications:** ArcGIS, SPSS, STATA, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Dedoose

**OTHER**

Certified Yoga Instructor (RYT 200hr)  
U.S. Citizen  
U.S. Driver's License  
Dual citizenship eligible in Mexico

