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Curriculum Vita

Univ. of CA President's Postdoctoral Fellow
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Education:

- 2006 Ph.D. Sociology and Women's Studies Doctoral Emphasis
University of California, Santa Barbara, CA
Dissertation: '*Where are the Women?*' Transnational Feminist Interventions at the United Nations
World Conference Against Racism
Co-Advisors: Professor Avery F. Gordon and Professor Denise Segura
Committee members: Chandra Talpade Mohanty and Beth Schneider
- 2000 M.A. Sociology
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
Thesis: *Cruzando La Frontera: Human Rights Violations at the U.S.-Mexico Border.*
Advisor: Professor Felipe Gonzales
Committee members: Susan Tiano and Christine Sierra
- 1995 B.S. Marketing
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

Research Interests: race/ethnic relations, globalization, human rights, transnational feminism, and Americas/
Latin America.

Book:

From Apartheid to Intersections: Antiracisms, Feminisms, Human Rights and the United Nations
(in process)

Publications and Works in Progress:

Forthcoming: "Mestiza Double Consciousness: The Voices of Afro-Peruvian Women on Gendered Racism" *Gender & Society*, Vol. 22, No. 5, October 2008.

Forthcoming: "Intersectionality," *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 2008.

Forthcoming: "Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women," *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications, 2008.

"Border Crossings and Human Rights," in *Encyclopedia of Race and Racism* (3 vols.). John Hartwell Moore, ed. Detroit: Macmillan Reference USA, 2008.

"Demanding the Right to Live Without Violence: Reflections on *Color of Violence II*" with Sharmila Lodhia. *Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism* Vol. 3, No.1: 265-273, 2002.

"Rape as a Weapon of War: Advancing Human Rights for Women at the U.S.-Mexico Border." *Social Justice*, Vol. 28, No. 2: 31-50, 2001.

----*Reprint and Updated:* "Rape as a Weapon of War: Militarized Border Rape at the U.S.-Mexico Border." Pp. 203-223 in *Women and Migration in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: An Anthology*, edited by Patricia Zavella and Denise Segura. Durham: Duke University Press, 2007.

-----*Reprint and Updated:* "Securing the Nation Through the Violation of Women's Bodies: Militarized Border Rape at the US-Mexico Border." Pp. 119-129 in *Color of Violence*, edited by INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence. Boston: South End Press, 2006.

“Youth and Criminalization” Position paper for the Women’s Institute for Leadership Development (WILD) for Human Rights for the 2001 World Conference Against Racism in Durban, South Africa, 2001.

Award, Grants, and Fellowships:

- 2008-2009 Recipient, University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship
 - 2006-2007 Finalist, University of California President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship
 - 2007 Outstanding Teaching Award, Gamma Phi Beta Sorority, UCSB
 - 2004-2005 American Association of University Women, Dissertation Writing Fellowship (\$20,000)
 - 2003-2005 University of California MEXUS Dissertation Research Grant (\$12,000)
 - 2004 Pacific Rim Research Mini Grant (\$2000)
 - 2003 Humanities and Social Science Research Grant, UCSB (\$2000)
 - 2002-2003 Graduate Research Mentorship Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSB (\$12,000)
 - 2001 Summer Dissertation Proposal Fellowship, Graduate Division, UCSB (\$4000)
 - 2002 Graduate Division Travel Grant, UCSB (\$550)
 - 2001-2004 Graduate Student Fee Fellowship, Dept. of Sociology, UCSB (Cumulative: \$3740)
 - 2001-2004 Research and Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, UCSB (Cumulative: \$1070)
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Professional Activities:

- 2008 **Research Fellow**, Future of Minority Studies Summer Research Institute, Cornell University.
 - 2007-2008 **Manuscript Reviewer**, *Gender & Society*.
 - 2007-2008 **Teaching Fellow**, Center for Teaching and Learning, Connecticut College.
 - 2007 **Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Development Workshop**, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity, Connecticut College, June 4-7.
 - 2006 **Advisory Board**, Solidarity Work: Internationalist and Anti-Racist Women’s Human Rights, University of California Riverside.
 - 2004 **Manuscript Reviewer**, *Feminist Studies Journal*.
 - 2002 **Proposal Reviewer**, Women of Color Grants Initiative, Ford Foundation, New York City.
 - 2001-2003 **Teaching Assistant Trainer**, Teaching Assistant Training Committee, UCSB.
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Presentations and Invited Lectures:

- 2008 *Forthcoming*: “The NGO Response To the U.S. Report on Treaty Compliance to the United Nations Committee to Eliminate Racial Discrimination” International Sociological Association Forum, Barcelona, Spain, September 5-8.
- 2008 “Teaching Affirmative Action: Upsetting the Meritocracy Generation” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Portland (OR), April 10-13.
- 2008 “Situating Transnational Feminism in the Americas” (organizer and discussant) Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Portland (OR), April 10-13.
- 2007 “Reluctant Compliance: The U.S. Reports to the U.N. Committee to Eliminate Racial Discrimination” Sociology Colloquium, Drew University, Madison (NJ), September 24 (Invited).
- 2007 “Living in a Space of Exception: the U.S. Report to the United Nations Committee to Eliminate Racial Discrimination” American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York (NY), August 11-13.

- 2007 “Speaking to each other and not past each other: Bridging Ethnic Studies and Sociology” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Oakland (CA), March 31 - April 1.
- 2007 “Feminist Reflections on Collective & Transnational Struggles,” University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS) seminar on gender and transnationalism, University of California Riverside, January 10 (Invited).
- 2006 “Cross-Border Dialogues: Feminists from the Americas Discussing Transnational Alliances and Struggle” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Hollywood (CA), April 20-23.
- 2006 “But aren’t we the most free?” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Hollywood, April 20-23.
- 2006 “Uncovering the U.S. Dynamic in the Politics of Racism and Anti-racism at the United Nations” Anti-Racist Discourses: Theory and Comparison, an International Scholarly conference at Georgia State University, Atlanta, February 10-11 (Invited).
- 2005 “Why are anti-racist feminists unwilling to give up on the United Nations?” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Portland (OR), April 7-10.
- 2004 “A Comparative Analysis of Feminist Anti-Racist Human Rights Organizing in Mexico and Peru,” Latin American Studies Annual meeting, Las Vegas (NV), October 7-9.
- 2004 “Challenging the Discourse of ‘There is No Racism Here:’ An Overview of Perú’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco (CA), August 14-17.
- 2004 “Feminism Transcending Borders,” panel organizer with Molly Talcott, Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco (CA), April 15-18.
- 2002 “A roundtable discussion by the authors of the book *Gatekeeper’s State: Immigration and Boundary Policing in an Era of Globalization* (2001, edited by Jose Palafox),” National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Chicago, March 29.
- 2002 “Constructing a Research Project,” graduate student panel at the Women, Culture, and Development Workshop, University of California, Santa Barbara, March 22 (Invited).
- 2002 “Women, U.S.-Mexico Border, and Militarized Border Rape,” *On the Line: Gender, Sexuality, and Human Rights in the Americas* Conference, University of California, Santa Cruz, March 9 (Invited).
- 2002 “Rape as a Weapon of War: Advancing Human Rights for Women at the U.S.-Mexico Border,” Thinking Gender Conference, University of California, Los Angeles, March 1.
- 2001 “Report Back on the World Conference Against Racism,” with Professor Avery Gordon, Sociology Department Colloquium, University of California, Santa Barbara, Nov. 17 (Invited).

Teaching Experience:

- 2007- **Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Connecticut College, New London.**
- Current Sociology 400 – “Sociology of Globalization” (Spring 2008)
 Sociology 223 – “Ethnic and Race Relations” (Fall 2007, Spring 2008)
 Sociology 213 – “Gender Theory” (Fall 2007)
- 2006-2007 **Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara.**
- Sociology 185G – “Theories of Gender Inequality” (Spring 2007)
 Sociology 108ST – “Field Research Methods” (Spring 2007)
 Sociology 130GR – “Globalization and Resistance” (Winter 2007)
 Sociology/Chicano Studies 155W - “La Chicana” (Fall 2006)
 Sociology/Chicano Studies 144- “Chicana/o Community” (Fall 2006)
 Sociology 128 - “Inter-Ethnic Relations” (Spring 2006 and Winter 2007)
 Sociology/Women’s Studies 155A - “Women in American Society” (Spring 2006)

2002-2006 **Teaching Associate, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara.**

Served as the instructor of record for the following courses:

Sociology/Chicano Studies 155W - "La Chicana" (Winter 2006)

Sociology/Chicano Studies 144- "Chicana/o Community" (Summer 2005)

Sociology/Women's Studies 155A - "Women in American Society" (Summer 2002)

Professional Associations: American Sociological Association * Pacific Sociological Association

Language: Spanish (fluent)