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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2011

Master of Arts in Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, 2001

Bachelor of Science in Sociology, Santa Clara University, 1998

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERTISE

Chicanx/Latinx Sociology; Sociology of Religion, Catholic Studies, Lived Religion Studies; Ethnographic Methods, Feminist Studies, and the interlocking of Race, Class, Gender, Religion, & Sexuality.

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

2019-present. Cofounder of Becoming Mujeres, an organization that provides workshops and seminars on mental health to Latina teens and their female caregivers (YouTube Channel: Becoming Mujeres).

2023. Consultant, Louisville Institute

2022-Present. Associate Editor, Perspectivas Journal, Hispanic Theological Initiative

2022-23. Humanities Advisor to documentary filmmakers, ITVS (Independent Television Service, funded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting).

2018-22. Assistant Editor, Perspectivas Journal, Hispanic Theological Initiative

2010-2018. Assistant Professor, Department of Religious Studies, Santa Clara University.

1998-2009. Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara.

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

- *Our Lady of Everyday Life: La Virgen de Guadalupe and the Catholic Imagination of Mexican Women in America*, Oxford University Press (2018). Winner of the 2020 American Sociological Association Latina/o Best Book Award.

Peer-Reviewed Essays

- Castañeda, Socorro. *Nuestra Señora del Café con Leche: El Triángulo Devocional Guadalupeño*. Ciesas, El Ichan Tecolotl, Ciudad de México, Forthcoming December 2022
- Castañeda, Socorro. “Four encounters with the Holy Spirit’s voice that shaped my vocation to serve through teaching.” In *Perspectivas Journal* Fall (2022)

- Castañeda-Liles, Socorro. "Our Lady of Guadalupe." In *Oxford Bibliographies Online: Latino Studies*, Ed. Ilan Stavans. New York: Oxford University Press, 2013
- Castañeda-Liles, Socorro. "Our Lady of Guadalupe." In *Encyclopedia of Global Religion*, Eds. Jurgensmeyer, Mark and Wade Clark Roof. Thousand Oaks CA: Sage Publishers, 2012.
- "Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Politics of Cultural Interpretation." In *Mexican American Religions: Spirituality, Activism, and Culture* (Chapter 6), Eds. Gastón Espinosa and Mario T. Garcia. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2008.
- "Spiritual Affirmation and Empowerment: The Mexican American Cultural Center." In *Latino Religions and Civic Activism in the United States* (Chapter 8). Gastón Espinosa, Virgilio Elizondo, and Jesse Miranda, Eds. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Encyclopedia Entries:

- "Spirituality and Religion." In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*, Eds. Suzanne Oboler and Deena Gonzalez. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.
- "Mexican American Cultural Center." In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*, Eds. Suzanne Oboler and Deena Gonzalez. New York: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Other Publications

- "Our Lady of Brave Change," in BTS Magazine, November 2019 Issue.
<https://www.thebtscenter.org/bearings/november-2019/our-lady-of-brave-change/>
- Castañeda-Liles, Socorro, photographer "Altar at a Business, México City, July 22, 2004." photograph. In *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Latinos and Latinas in the United States*, Eds. Suzanne Oboler and Deena Gonzalez. Volume 4, New York: Oxford University Press, 2005:2.
- "Cruzando la Frontera, Creando Comunidad," in *Perspectivas: Hispanic Theological Initiative Journal*, Furst. Renata and Zaida Maldonado, Eds. Princeton, NJ: Hispanic Theological Initiative, Spring 2002: 9-13 (issue five).
- "Immigrant Youth and the U.S. Catholic Church, interview." In *Ministry in a Multicultural World: Beyond Borders*." San Antonio Texas: Mexican American Cultural Center and JM Communications, 1999. (CD ROM Text).
- "El Catolicismo en la Frontera: Una fé perfumada de flor, canto y cambio social" in *EL Mensajero de San Antonio*. Padua, Italy, No.7-8 Julio-Agosto 1999: 10-11 (Article written in Spanish).

MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER:

- 2020 Reviewed the manuscript, "Saints of Migration Border Saints and Sinners," by William A. Calvo-Quirós, Oxford University Press.
- 2019 Reviewed the manuscript, "Voices from the Ancestors: Xicanx and Latinx Spiritual Expressions and Healing Practices," by Lara Medina and Martha R. Gonzalez, University of Arizona Press.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS:

- 2017-2018 Faculty Grant for First Book, Santa Clara University (\$1,000)
- 2016-2018 Bannan Institute Scholar. “Is There A Common Good in Our Common Home? A Summons to Solidarity.” (\$6,000)
- 2016 Hackworth Grant, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University for the *Living Religions Collaborative Pedagogies Consultation* (\$3,000)
- 2013-2014 Junior Faculty Development Grant, Santa Clara University (\$5,000)
- 2013 Wabash Center For Teaching and Learning In Theology and Religion Summer Grant (5,000).
- 2013-2014 The Louisville Institute First Book Grant for Minority Scholars. (\$30,000)
- 2012. Hackworth Grant, Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Santa Clara University for *Portraits of the Dream: The Importance of Investing in Undocumented America* (\$3,479).
- 2012. Special Projects grant, Ignatian Center for Jesuit Education Santa Clara University for *Portraits of the Dream: The Importance of Investing in Undocumented America* (\$2,500).
- 2012-2013 Pre-Tenure Latino/a Religion Faculty in Theological Schools, Colleges, and Universities. Wabash Center For Teaching and Learning In Theology and Religion.
- 2008. Dissertation Writing Grant (\$1,000), Hispanic Theological Initiative (HTI).
- 2006. University of California Committee on Latino Research (UCCLR) Committee, Center for Chicana/o Studies, UC Santa Barbara (\$6,000),
- 2006. Graduate Travel Grant (\$324.75), Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2005-2006. Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellowship (\$21,000).
- 2004. Graduate Research Grant (\$1,150), UCCLR Committee, Center for Chicana/o Studies, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2004-2005. UC President's Dissertation Fellowship, (\$15,000 plus \$500 for research, travel, fees, and health insurance).
- 2004. Travel Grant (\$200), Latina Goddess GATE (Global Awareness Through Experience).
- 2004. Research Travel Grant (\$500), Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2003-2005. Dissertation Grant (\$12,000), UC MEXUS (University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States).
- 2003. Research Travel Grant (\$800), Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2003-2004. Dissertation Fellowship (\$18,000), Hispanic Theological Initiative, Pew Charitable Trusts.
- 2003-2004. Louisville Institute for the Study of American Religion (declined, I was then invited to be an Honorary Dissertation Fellow).
- 2003-2004. Graduate Student Fee Fellowship (\$7,500), Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara.

- 2002. Hispanic Theological Initiative Research Travel Grant (\$2,000), Pew Charitable Trusts.
- 2002. Research Travel Grant (\$460), Department of Religious Studies, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2002. Research Travel Grant (\$500), Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2001. Pew Charitable Trusts, Hispanic Theological Initiative, Research Travel Grant (\$1000).
- 2001-2002. UC Santa Barbara, Graduate Research Mentorship Program (GRMP), Doctoral Fellowship \$15,000 plus fees and health insurance.
- 2001-2002. Pew Charitable Trusts, Hispanic Theological Initiative, Special Mentoring Award (\$1000).
- 2001-2002. Center for Chicana/o Studies, UC Santa Barbara, UCCLR Graduate Research Fellowship (\$2000).
- 2001. Research Travel Grant (\$800), Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2000-2001. Graduate Student Fee Fellowship (\$7,500), Department of Sociology, UC Santa Barbara.
- 2000-2001. Hispanic Theological Initiative, Doctoral Fellowship (\$15,000), Pew Charitable Trusts.
- 2000. Department of Sociology, Research Travel Grant (\$540), UC Santa Barbara.
- 1999-2000. UCCLR Graduate Research Fellowship (\$2,000), Center for Chicana/o Studies, UC Santa Barbara.
- 1999-2000. Graduate Opportunity Fellowship, Doctoral Fellowship \$12,000 plus fees and health insurance, University of California Santa Barbara.
- 1998. PARAL (Program for the Analysis of Religion Among Latinos) Project funded by the Lilly Endowment and the Ford Foundation. Training Fellowship in Latina/o cultural issues.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- November 22, 2019 “The Making of Girls in the Mexican Catholic Imagination: Women speak on shame, violence, and La Virgen.” Mexican Cultural Institute, Washington, DC.
- November 20, 2016 “The Faces behind the Statistics of Forced Migration: A Retrospective Look at the Forced Migration Wave of the 1980’s in Light of Pope Francis’s Visit to Ciudad Juárez,” American Academy of Religion.
- October 14, 2015 Catholicizing the Female Body from Childhood to Adulthood: A case study among older women of Mexican origin, Faculty Lunch Lecture sponsored by WGST and Critical Gender Studies Research Initiative,
- April 10, 2015. “*La Virgen Detrás del Fondo—El catolicismo y la política del cuerpo femenino*,” *Seminario Permanente sobre Migración Internacional Ciclo 2015*. University of Southern California.
- November 23, 2014. Decolonizing Pedagogies: Senses, Bodies, and Education, Presider, American Academy of Religion.

- November 21, 2014. “Talk to Her,” presentation on my current book project to the *La Comunidad* group at AAR 2014.
- November 31, 2014. “Catholicizing Girlhood: Catholic Devotion Across Generations on Mexican-origin Women,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- September 18, 2014. “(Ir)reverence: Thinking Through Alma Lopez’ Art,” Doug Adams Gallery, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
- June 02, 2014. “Shame in the Name of God: An Invitation to (Re)member the Latina Body,” Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS)
- February 25, 2014. “Our Lady of Guadalupe Across Generations,” Winter Seminar at The Louisville Institute.
- December 9, 2012. “Guadalupe at 12/12/12,” Galeria Tonantzin Center for Art and Humanities, San Juan Bautista.
- December 9, 2012. “Art and Religion in Dialogue,” Galeria Tonantzin Center for Art and Humanities, San Juan Bautista.
- December 8, 2012. “Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Politics of Interpretation,” Galeria Tonantzin Center for Art and Humanities, San Juan Bautista.
- November 2012. Crossing Boundaries: Healing and Walking in Mexico and the Southwest, Presider. American Academy of Religion.
- October 22-26, 2012. *La Red Del Servicio Jesuita a Migrantes Centroamérica y Norteamérica* (SJM CANA) in Mexico City. Member of the U.S. faculty delegation.
- March 31, 2011. Kino Border Initiative Roundtable, participant.
- July 01, 2006. “Our Lady of Structural Violence: La Virgen de Guadalupe in Chicana/Mexicana Praxis,” National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Guadalajara, México.
- March 20, 2006. “Documenting Our Matriarchal Legacies: La Virgen de Guadalupe in Chicana and Mexicana Praxis,” Women's History Month Colloquium, University of Texas, San Antonio.
- March 01, 2006. “Between Heaven and Earth: Mujeres, Madres y Damas Speak on La Virgen de Guadalupe,” Chicano/Latino Research Center Colloquium, University of California Santa Cruz.

INVITED LECTURES

- June 29, 2022. “HTI Panel on work trajectories after the Ph.D.” Hispanic Theological Initiative.
- July 23 and 29 2020. “Young Latinas and Higher Education,” Empoder Latinas Code
- October 05, 2020. “Nuestras Familias: The source of our resilience,” Texas Christian University.
- October 24, 2019. “Shame in the Name of God,” lecture at Santa Clara University, Ethnic Studies Department.
- November 14, 2014. “Catholicizing the Latina Body,” guest lecture given in WGST 115: Race, Class, & Gender in U.S.

- October 9, 2014. “Guadalupe: Our Lady of Everyday Life,” guest lecture given at Jesuit School of Theology at Santa Clara University graduate seminar.
- April 12, 2012. “Catholic Devotion Among Latinas,” guest lecture given in TESP 175: Women’s Theology from the Margins.
- January 25, 2010. “Our Lady of Guadalupe among Mexican-origin women,” guest lecture given in TEST 175: U.S. Hispanic Theology, Religious Studies Department.
- November 9 and 11, 2010. “Sociology of Religion,” guest lecture given in RSOC 179: Research Methods seminar, Santa Clara University.
- April 15, 2008. “Doing Critical Ethnography and the Study of Religion,” guest lecture. Religious Studies Department, UC Santa Barbara.

BOOK PRESENTATIONS

- November 18, 2021. “Our Lady of Everyday Life: Women, Devotion, and Lived Religion,” University of Notre Dame.
- November 02, 2021. “Our Lady of Everyday Life: Ethnography, Ethics, and Lived Religion,” Fordham University.
- March 07, 2022. “Our Lady of Everyday Life,” Amherst College, Amherst, MA.
- November 2018. “Our Lady of Cafe Con Leche: Catholic Devotion Across Three Generations,” 3rd Annual Bernadette O'Connor Lecture on the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. University of Incarnate Word, San Antonio, Texas.
- May 2018. *Our Lady of Everyday Life*, Silicon Valley Latino Leadership Summit, Stanford University.
- May 2018. *Our Lady of Everyday Life*, De Anza College.
- May 2018. *Our Lady of Everyday Life*, Sponsored by Latinas and Libros, Modern Latina Magazine, San Jose State University.
- April 2018. *Our Lady of Everyday Life*, Book Launch, Santa Clara University.
- October 2017. *Our Lady of Everyday Life*, Sponsored by Latinas and Libros, Modern Latina Magazine, Santa Clara University.

PODCAST INTERVIEWS

May 09, 2022. Healing Intergenerational Trauma: a conversation with Becoming Mujeres cofounders, Maria Del Socorro Castañeda and Lupita Castañeda-Liles

March 23, 2022. S1E7 Our Lady of Everyday Life: La Virgen de Guadalupe and the Catholic Imagination of Mexican Women in America

MEDIA COVERAGE

October 3, 2022. “Inspired by Catholic faith, San José nonprofit promotes Latina teen mental health,” National Catholic Reporter.

December 18, 2019. Becoming Mujeres interview launch, Comunidad del Valle, NBC Bay Area

October 2017. Book Launch interview, Comunidad del Valle, NBC Bay Area

Dissertation research on Our Lady of Guadalupe in the following newspapers.

- San Jose Mercury News, San Jose December 11, 2010.
- Whittier Daily news December 11, 2010
- National Catholic Reporter December 12, 2010.
- Tri-Valley Herald December 12, 2010
- Oroville Mercury-Register December 12, 2010
- December 12, 2005. Interview: About my doctoral research aired on national television from La Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, México City, México, Telemundo Network.

December 11, 2003. Interview: The historical, theological, and cultural interpretations of Our Lady of Guadalupe aired on Channel 48 local bay area network, Telemundo Network.

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- Chicano/Latino Senior Ceremony, Santa Clara University, Master of Ceremony
- 2014-present. STOP HT (Santa Clara university Teaching, Outreach, and Programs against Human Trafficking) Member
- December 3, 2013. Presentation to the President's Staff. This presentation was part of a Place-Based Initiative in the greater Washington neighborhood in San Jose, CA.
- July 2, 2012. Motivational Speaker, ALearn SCU Summer Program,
- June 14, 2012. Chicano/Latino Senior Ceremony, Santa Clara University, reader
- April 13, 2012. Noche Latina, Santa Clara University, closing remarks speaker.
- April 12, 2012. Noche Latina, Santa Clara University (faculty participant),
- December 16, 2011. Keynote Speaker, Iglesia Pentecostal Misionera,
- December 10, 2011. Speaker, Sacred Heart Parish, Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration,
- November 12, 2011. Motivational Speaker, Hispanic Youth Institute, Santa Clara Chapter.
- June 9, 2011. Keynote Speaker, Chicano/Latino Senior Ceremony, Santa Clara University.
- May 25, 2011. Keynote Speaker, Religious Studies Senior Banquet, Santa Clara University.
- April 14, 2011. Keynote Speaker, Noche Latina event for incoming freshmen, Santa Clara University.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2021, Consultant to the National Geographic for a documentary on the Virgin Mary.
- 2015, Consultant to the National Geographic for a documentary on Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- 2014-present Latino/a Critical and Comparative Consultation, steering committee member. American Academy of Religion.

- 2012-present Latina/o Religion Culture and Society Group, steering committee member. American Academy of Religion.
- 2012-Present *La Comunidad*, representative at large. American Academy of Religion.
- 2012-present. The Society of Race, Ethnicity, and Religion (SRER), member. American Academy of Religion, founding member.
- 2012- present Mentor, Women's Mentoring Annual Lunch American Academy of Religion annual meeting. Organized by the Committee on the Status of Women in the Profession, the Committee on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, and the Women's Caucus.
- 2012-present. American Association of University Professors

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

- Lived Religion Project, Chair. Religious Studies Department, Santa Clara University.
- Invocation for the President's State of the University Address, February 12, 2013
- November 27, 29, and December 4, 2012, Covered Prof. Ana María Pineda's class.
- 2011-2012 Local Religions Project, committee member.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- April 2017. Keynote Speaker, Padre Mateo Breakfast Fundraiser, Sacred Heart Nativity Schools, San Jose, CA.
- August 2015. "How to prepare Latina/o elementary school children for college," presentation given at University Day sponsored by Santa Clara University, Sacred Heart Parish, and San Juan Diego Scholarship Committee.
- December 2012. Galeria Tonantzin Exhibit, 21st Annual Images of the Virgin Exhibit. Galeria Tonantzin in San Juan Bautista invited me to serve as juror and curator of their exhibit on images of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- September 18, 2014 "(Ir)reverence: Thinking Through Alma Lopez' Art" Doug Adams Gallery, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.
- February 27, 2013. Motivational Speaker, Sacred Heart Homework Center.
- January-June 2005. Committee Member (Spanish-English Translator) City of San José, Art Committee for the Parque de Padre Mateo Sheedy.
- 2004-2005. Committee Member, City of San José, District Three "Parque de Padre Mateo Sheedy" founding committee.
- 2003-2004. Liturgy Committee board member Sacred Heart Parish, San José, CA
- Fall 1997. Co-Founder Misa Guadalupana, Santa Clara University.
- August 1997. Co-Founder Sacred Heart Parish, Computer Center, San Jose, CA.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

- Latinas in Leadership, member (2021-present)
- Ignatian Faculty Forum, member (2012-2013)
- American Academy of Religion (AAR) (2010-2018)
- American Sociological Association (ASA) (2010-2018)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) (2010-2018)
- Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS) (2010-2018)

- Associate Member National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (NACCS) (2010-2018)

LANGUAGES

Spanish Native (Excellent Bilingual and Bi-literate Skills) **REFERENCES** Upon Request