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Education

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| Masters | Latin American Studies Specialization-Latinx Studies, Migration and Transnational Studies University of Florida Gainesville, Fl. | 2021 GPA: 3.9/4.0 |
| Bachelor of Arts | Arts and Sciences Spanish, Minor: Latino and Latin American Studies, Human Resources Development Northeastern Illinois University Chicago, IL | 2018 GPA: 4.0/4.0 |
| Associate of Arts | Associate of Arts W/ Honors Harold Washington Community College Chicago, IL | 2015 |

Research Areas

Latinx Studies, Race and Ethnicity, Organization leadership, Migration and Transnational Studies, Oral history and ethnography and working-class studies, African American Studies.

Academic Work Experience

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| Samuel Proctor Oral History Program (SPOHP) <i>Assistant Director</i> Gainesville, Florida | 2022- Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project Manager, lead a team of twenty staff including Graduate Assistants and Undergraduates.• Oversees fieldwork research opportunities with local communities, produce public programs, community outreach, community building, and conducts oral interviews.• Create managerial procedures and protocols, conference submissions, facilitates year-round volunteer program.• Assists with the completion of project grants such as The Doris Duke Revitalizing Oral History and NEH Reanimating African American History grant projects.• Co-taught internship course and implement Oral History workshop trainings, in charge of Open House events, program team lead for the yearly Mississippi Freedom Project Trip.• Collaborate with UCLA and the Latino Policy and Politics Initiative to bring awareness to Latinx identity and social injustices in the Florida region by conducting interviews and educating the public through the creation of public programs. | |
| <i>Graduate Assistant, Project Coordinator</i> Gainesville, Florida | 2019- 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• SPOHP Coordinator for the Latinx Diaspora in the Americas Project Collection. Created a collaboration with UCLA in the Latino Policy and Politics Initiative and with the University of Texas at Austin through Voces Oral History Project.• Public Program facilitator.• Co-taught, an internship course on Higher Equity in Education and another on Community Based Oral History Methodologies. | |

- Management of ten volunteers per semester, delegate work, transcriptionist, conduct oral history interviews.

Farmworkers Association of Florida (FWAF)

2021

Employed Researcher

Apopka, Florida

- Assisted with the creation of Medicaid material and shared instructional material with local communities.
- Conducted workshops for improving the effectiveness of Medicaid educational material.
- Administrative tasks, input Medicaid enrollment data on Excel and reconfigured community outreach.

Graduate Intern

2019

Apopka, Florida

- Completed MA internship project on ¡*Si se puede!* Yes, We Can! An Analysis of a Non-profit Organization and its Effectiveness; The Farmworkers Association of Florida.
- Attended weekly webinars and collaborate with justice groups throughout the Southwest and Delta to promote sustainable initiatives such as the Gulf South for a Green New Deal (GS4GND).
- Assisted the Farmworkers Association of Florida during Covid-19 by reaching out to city councils to provide PPE gear to five of the FWAF locations.
- Distributed food on a weekly basis to the community and aid with COVID-19-testing.
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative surveys to farmworkers and community members

Writing Intensive Program (WIP)

2019

Peer Tutor and Writing Fellows

Northeastern Illinois University

Chicago, Illinois

- Tutored Latin American Studies WIP students with research investigations, sentence structure, critical thinking, and Syntax development.

Big 10 Academic Alliance, Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP)

2018

Researcher

Purdue University

Lafayette, IN

Faculty Mentor, Cara Kinnally, Ph.D.

- SROP research investigation: Examining the Mestiza Consciousness through the Novels of Latina Women.
- Investigated the psychological and emotional conflicts that leads to Mestiza Consciousness in coming of age migrant and immigrant novels such as: Julia Alvarez's *How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents*, Mayra Santos-Febres's *Sirena Selena vestida de pena*, and Esmeralda Santiago's *Cuando era puertorriqueña*.

Grants/Research

National Endowment for the Humanities

2021-2023

Research Coordinator

PI: Dr. Sarah Moeller

Awarded \$349,000

- Research coordinator for *Reanimating African American Oral Histories of the Gulf South*.
- Assist by conducting oral history interviews with community members, organized and facilitated a webinar as part of the grant with over 100 attendees.
- Provide necessary resources to the linguistics and educational teams.

Doris Duke Charitable Foundation**2021-2022**

Research Coordinator

PI: GiNESSA Mahar

Awarded \$200,000

- Research coordinator for *Doris Duke Native American Oral History Revitalization Project*.
- Provide transcription workshop trainings for a group of transcriptionists. Schedule and attend meetings with tribes, provide input on meetings and how SPOHP can be of assistance.
- Provide blueprints for transcript management, and keeping up with the workflow which includes drafts, audit edits, and final transcripts.
- Built networks with Native American Tribes Organize 2–3-day trip to visit tribes and conduct workshop trainings and oral history interviews.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Grant**2021**

Research Assistant

\$125,000

PI: Gulcan Onel, Antonio Tovar, Dr. Jeanne-Marie Stacciarini

- Research Assistant for “*A Rural State of Mind: Addressing Mental, Physical and Economic Health of Farm Communities in Florida.*”
- Traveled to the city of Immokalee and Belle Glade to do community outreach, set appointments, and conduct interviews with farmworkers.
- Conducted surveys (English and Spanish) with farmworkers regarding their physical and mental health.
- Surveys include questions on status, consisting of questions related to the participants lifetime work, and social networks.

Florida International University- Department of Epidemiology**2021**

Research Assistant

PI: Michael Anastario

- The research project focused on creating a visual life history matrix that measures individual life domains and trajectories relevant to the occupational experiences and health of Latinx agricultural workers.
- Under the supervision of Michael Anastario PhD., traveled to Immokalee's to outreach to the community and conduct 50 in-depth biographical interviews to create a life history calendar per participant.
- Produced over fifty life history calendars with farmworkers to better understand the life history and the connection to diseases such as pesticide usage amongst other agricultural chemicals.

National Science Foundation Grant**2019**

Research Assistantship

\$149,934

PI: Victor Ortiz Ph.D

- Assistant to Professor Victor Ortiz Ph.D. conducted research through the on, “*Suburban Latinos and non-Latinos: diminishing social interactions and race.*”
- Conducted primary and secondary source research, data analyzation, created excel matrixes to quantify populations and the impacts in urban planning development, metropolitan areas in Chicago.
- Traveled to multiple suburbs, worked with local representatives in their municipalities.

Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program**2017**

Northeastern Illinois University

Chicago IL,

Faculty Mentor, Lucia P. Lombardi, Ph.D.

- McNair research proposal: *The Influence of Kamishibai in Latin America.*
- Explored the transfer of Japanese culture into Latin America through street theater performance. Kamishibai serves as an inexpensive pedagogical tool that enhances cultural awareness specifically to people of low economic levels.

- In-depth experience with research concepts, principles, public speaking, faculty mentored research, coursework focused on the culture of graduate education, academic and career counseling.

Publications

MA, Internship Report, *¿Si se puede! Yes, We Can! An Analysis of a Non-profit Organization and its Effectiveness; The Farmworkers Association of Florida.* University of Florida.

Conferences

University of Illinois at Chicago (Virtual)

Chicago, Illinois

2021

- Panelist for, *A Decade of Documenting Agricultural Workers' Struggles: The Farmworker Association of Florida and the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program at the University of Florida*
- The Labor and Working-Class History Association

Renaissance Convention Center

Schaumburg, IL

2018

- *Examining the Mestiza Consciousness through the Novels of Latina Women.*
- Research Presentation at the 27th Annual National Ronald E. McNair Research Conference.

Purdue University

Lafayette, IN

2018

- *Examining the Mestiza Consciousness through the Novels of Latina Women.*
- Research Presentation at the Summer Research Opportunity Program.

Northeastern Illinois University

Chicago, IL

2018

- Research Investigation and presentation: *Puerto Rican Displacement and the Effects of Gentrification in Humboldt Park and Albany Park.*
- Under the Supervision of Victor Ortiz Ph.D. researched and analyzed population demographics and community resources, school enrollment to better understand the impacts of gentrification and displacement.

Teaching Experience

Co-instructor, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Internship Seminar,
History Department, University of Florida

Spring 2021

- Introduced community based oral history methodologies through hands-on experiences in research, conducting and processing oral interviews.
- Taught best oral history practices, digital production techniques, and public outreach methods.
- The theme for the course was Higher Equity in Education, students interviewed founders, alumni, and students of the Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program.

Co-instructor, Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Internship Seminar,
History Department, University of Florida

Fall 2020

- Introduced community based oral history methodologies through hands-on experiences in research, conducting and processing oral interviews.
- Thought best oral history practices, digital production techniques, and public outreach methods.
- Worked in collaboration with St. Patrick Catholic Church, students produced interviews with members of the church and created a historical timeline of the church.

Public Programs

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| • Facilitator for Allison Mitchell Presents “Battle for the Ballot” The Struggle for Voting Rights in Florida | 2022 |
| • Moderator for UCLA <i>Looking Ahead, The Politics of Florida and the 2022 Midterm Elections</i> | 2022 |
| • Moderator, <i>African American History Meets AI in the 21st Century Classroom Webinar</i> . | 2022 |
| • Moderator, Mississippi Freedom Public Program | 2021 |
| • Moderator, Gainesville Latino Film Festival: <i>Traditions, Healing and Survival</i> . | 2021 |
| • Coordinator The Florida Paradox: How Diverse Communities are Transforming the Sunshine State. | 2021 |

Digital Articles

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| • Romero, A. (2021, August), History and the people who make it: Madelyn Lockhart, <i>The Gainesville Iguana</i> , https://gainesvilleiguana.org/2021/articles/history-and-the-people-who-make-it-madelyn-lockhart/ | |
| • Romero, A. (2021, March). The Alachua County Tenants Association: Updates, <i>The Gainesville Iguana</i> , https://gainesvilleiguana.org/2021/articles/the-alachua-county-tenants-association-updates/ | |
| • Romero, A. (2021, February). Diverse Communities are Transforming Florida, <i>The Gainesville Sun</i> , https://www.gainesville.com/story/opinion/2021/02/19/adolfo-romero-diverse-communities-transforming-florida/6781175002/ | |

Volunteer/Organizations

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| Treasurer for the Alachua County Labor Coalition | 2022 |
| Chair for the Alachua County Tenants Association | 2021 |
| Mississippi Freedom Project Trip | 2021 |
| Treasurer for Caribbean, Latinx, and Latin American Exchange Organization | 2020 |
| National Spanish Honors Society Sigma Delta Pi | 2018 |

Honors/Awards

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| Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program | Present-2017 |
| University of Florida, Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Champion Award | 2022 |
| Graduate Assistantship, University of Florida | 2021 |
| Northeastern Illinois University, Summa Cum Laude | 2018 |
| Northeastern Illinois University College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s List (2017-2018) | 2018 |
| Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation Scholarship | 2007 |

Skills

Atlas-ti
Zotero
Descript
Adobe Acrobat
Qualtrics
QuickBooks