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Education

- Present University of New Mexico, Doctor of philosophy student in Political Science
- 2015 University of New Mexico, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
 - Political Science Honors Program. Senior thesis: "Laws Do not Make a Difference: State-Level Punitive Immigration Policies 2005-2010," presented at the New Mexico State Legislature on February 9, 2015.
 - *Summa Cum Laude*
- 2010 *Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey*, Bilingual High School Diploma
 - CENEVAL Awarded "Outstanding Performance" (Mexico's national high school recognition exam).

Professional Experience

RWJF Center for Health Policy at UNM

June 2015-Present

Health Policy Doctoral Fellow. Research on racial and health disparities of minority and immigrant groups in the American States.

Research Assistant. Research on policies and electoral outcomes affecting health disparities among minority and immigrant populations in the United States. Supervisor: Dr. Gabriel R. Sanchez.

Work Published:

- "Cost of Health Care Remains a Major Issue among Hispanics in New Mexico," with Gabriel R. Sanchez, Sam Howarth, and Maria Livaudais. Available at <http://healthpolicy.unm.edu/node/694917>

Under Review:

- "ACA Exclusion of Unauthorized Immigrants Impacts Poverty, Health, and Wellbeing of an Already Marginalized Population," with Gabriel R. Sanchez, and Melina D. Juarez.
- "Nativity and Citizenship Status Affect Latinos' Health Insurance Coverage Under the ACA," with Gabriel R. Sanchez, Edward D. Vargas, Francisco I. Pedraza and Melina D. Juarez.
- "20 Years After IIRIRAL The Rise of Immigrant Detention and Its Effects on Latinx Communities Across the Nation," with Melina D. Juarez and Sonia P. Bettez.

Migration Policy Institute

May-August 2016

Research Intern, U.S. Immigration Policy Program. Research on immigration enforcement, deferred action, and state and local immigration policies.

Work Published:

- "DACA at Four: Participation in the Deferred Action Program and Impacts on Recipients," with Faye Hipsman and Randy Capps. Available at <http://www.migrationpolicy.org/research/daca-four-participation-deferred-action-program-and-impacts-recipients>

Under Review:

- "Restrictive Immigration-Related Policies at the State Level Do Not Deter Immigrants from Residing in the American States."

Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)

June 2014-August 2014

Summer Intern. Legal research of immigration enforcement policies across the states; creation of resources and educational materials for unaccompanied immigrant children and young undocumented immigrants eligible for DACA; and management of the New Americans Campaign, a nonpartisan network of legal-service providers, foundations and community organizations to provide access to naturalization services for legal permanent residents. Supervisor: Staff Attorney Grisel Ruiz.

Work Published:

- "DACA Renewal Process Podcast –English and Spanish," with Lena Graber. Available at <http://www.ilrc.org/node/9267>
- "Detainer Map," with Grisel Ruiz and Angie Junck. Available at <http://www.ilrc.org/enforcement>
- "Detainer Policies," with Grisel and Angie Junck. Available at <http://www.ilrc.org/resources/detainer-policies>
- "DACA Renewal and Advance Parole Practice Advisory (*Recomendaciones de Práctica: Renovación de DACA y Permiso Anticipado para Viajar al Exterior*), with ILRC and United We Dream. Available at <http://www.ilrc.org/resources/daca-renewal-and-advance-parole-practice-advisory-english-spanish>
- "Preparing for Immigration Relief: How to Get a Birth Certificate for Mexican Nationals," with Aidin Castillo. Available at www.adminrelief.org/resources/attachment.259790
- "Preparing for Immigration Relief: How to Get a Passport for Mexican Nationals," with Aidin Castillo. Available at www.adminrelief.org/resources/attachment.259792
- "Unaccompanied Immigrant Children Resources," with Allison Kamhi. Available at http://www.ilrc.org/files/documents/ilrc_uac_best_resources_final_9_10_14.pdf

Cross-Border Issues Group

August 2010-May 2015

Collaborator. Interviewing limited-resource migrants from Central America and Mexico, recording interviews, editing videos, translating materials, and transcribing interviews. Supervisor: Dr. Richard Schaefer.

Work published:

- "Interview with ah Coyote." Available at <https://youtu.be/PR4al-7F61w>

New Mexico Immigrant Law Center

January 2013-June 2015

Legal Assistant. Case management of immigrant survivors of crimes who suffered substantial mental and physical abuse, and young undocumented immigrant students; assisting clients in writing affidavits for humanitarian-based cases. Supervisor: Attorney at Law Jessica R. Martin.

Global Education Office (University of New Mexico)

October 2012-June 2014

Assistant to International Student and Scholar Services Advisors. Supporting the international advising section and managing the international student and scholar reports for the Department of Homeland Security. Supervisor: Associate Director Linda Melville.

World Student Alliance

May 2013-June 2014

President. UNM Student organization that supports past, present and future international and exchange students through cultural events and social activities. Advisor: Dr. Mavel Marina.

Refugee Well-Being Project (University of New Mexico) August 2012-August 2013

Refugee Advocate. Community-based participatory research study that promotes mental health and well-being for refugees in New Mexico. Main investigator: Dr. Jessica R. Goodkind.

VITA/TCE (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014

Volunteer Tax Preparer and Organizer. Organizing tax sessions and supporting non-resident students prepare Federal Tax forms. VITA/TCE Certification 2013 and 2014.

New Mexico Dream Team August 2014-Present

Researcher/Policy Analyst (January 2016-Present). Qualitative research on mental health, power dynamics and access to higher education for undocumented immigrants and mixed-status families of New Mexico. Coordinating the documentation and storytelling of undocumented students and mixed-status families.

Operations Coordinator (August 2015-December 2015). Managing the implementation of outreach planning and strategies to implement legal clinics for immigrants eligible for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA); know-your-rights presentations and information sessions about DACA and the Deferred Action for Parents (DAPA); and trainings for school advisors and allies about access to higher education for undocumented students (DreamZone).

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) Clinic Coordinator (August 2014-July 2015). Organizing legal clinics for undocumented immigrants who are eligible for DACA in collaboration with the Mexican Consulate, the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center and other community organizations.