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## EDUCATION

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- **University of New Mexico, Latin American Iberian Institute** Expected Graduation: May 2017  
-MA in Latin American Studies  
-Concentrations: Sociology and Community Regional Planning
  - **University of New Mexico Center for Teaching and Learning** Fall 2015  
-Teaching Undergraduate Education Certificate
  - **Earlham College, Richmond, IN.** 2014  
-Bachelor of Arts with double major in: Latin American Studies, and Theater Arts.
  - **Border Studies Program. Tucson-Guatemala-Mexico.** Spring 2013  
-Focus: Immigration, social movements, and economy.
  - **United World College of India. Pune, India.** International Baccalaureate 2010

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- **Graduate and Professional Student Academy, GPSA UNM** \$500 Spring 2016
  - **Latina/o Graduate and Professional Fellowship, Centro de la Raza UNM** \$500 Spring 2016
  - **Traveling Award, Latin American and Iberian Institute UNM** \$500 Fall 2016
  - **Student Field Research Grant, Latin American and Iberian Institute UNM** \$1000 Summer 2016

## AWARDS and RECOGNITIONS

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- **Who is Who Among Students in America Colleges & Universities** Spring 2016
  - **Designation of Distinction in Global Engagement Award**, Earlham College April 2014

## EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERING

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- **Communications Organizer, El CENTRO de Igualdad y Derechos** Spring 2017- present. NM.
  - **Community Outreach Assistant, Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM.** Fall 2015- present.
  - **Researcher, American Friends Service Committee.** 2015-present. Albuquerque. NM.
  - **Media and Outreach Co-coordinator, Finca Demonstrativa Ecologica Utopia.** January 2015-Present. San Ramon, Costa Rica.
  - **Center for English Language and American Culture Teaching Fellow, UNM.** Summer 2016.
  - **Bilingual Program Coordinator: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson.** Spring 2014- Spring 2015. AZ.  
Responsibilities: recruit, train, interview, and evaluate families and volunteers; supervise and support volunteers and families, coordinate family referrals to other organization according to the family's needs.
  - **Mariposas Sin Fronteras.** Spring 2014- Spring 2015. AZ.  
Responsibilities: Provide paralegal support to LGBTQI undocumented immigrants detained in detention centers, and organize fund-raising events.
  - **Member of the Casa Mariposa Community Restoration Project.** Spring 2014- Spring 2015. AZ.  
Responsibilities: Provide hospitality and community referrals to individuals and families after they have been released out of detention centers.
  - **American Friends Service Committee Alternative Spring Break.** Spring 2014. MI.  
Focus: Prison Industrial Complex and legal advocacy in detention centers.
  - **Intern - Tierra y Libertad Grassroots Organization.** Spring 2013. Tucson, AZ.  
Responsibilities: Organized 3 immigrant rights workshops and information sessions about new immigration reform for + 25 individuals.
  - **Intern - Owl and Panther Project.** Spring 2013. Tucson, AZ.  
Responsibilities: Designing and coordinating physical theater activities for survivors of political violence.
  - **Peer Advocate - Sexual Aggression Peer Advocate Program.** 2012-2014. Earlham College.  
Responsibilities: Advocating for students survivors of sexual aggression through phone counseling, one-

on-one consultations and offer support through legal procedures. Lead workshops on consent, sexual diversity and positive sexuality to high school and college students.

- **Intern Supervisor - Miller Farm.** 2012-2013. Earlham College.  
Responsibilities: Facilitating farm planning and production. Facilitated farm workshops for the Boys and Girls Club, and the Girls Scouts of Wayne County.
- **Co-convenor of Spectrum- LGBTQ College support group.** 2012-2013. Earlham College.  
Responsibilities: Organize weekly meetings and monthly activities for the LGBTQ community and allies.
- **Teaching Assistant - Hispanic and Spanish Literature Department.** 2011-2014. Earlham College.
- **Spanish Tutor - Academic Enrichment Center.** 2010- 2014. Earlham College.
- **ESL Tutor and Interpreter – Latino Community Center.** 2011-2012. Richmond, IN.
- **Theater Teacher Assistant, Theater of the Oppressed - Akshara NG** 2009. Pune, India.

#### Theater for Community Organizing:

- **Intern - The San Francisco Mime Troupe.** Summer 2012. San Francisco.  
Non-profit organization that brings free performances and youth art programs to communities.  
Responsibilities: Setting up for shows and marketing.
- **Volunteer - The Adrian Mejia Fund.** Summer 2012. San Francisco.  
This organization gives economic support to community based emerging theater assembles.  
Responsibilities: setting up and striking the performances.

#### Secretarial Related positions:

- **Intern - Office of Events.** 2012-2014. Earlham College.  
Responsibilities: house manager, publicity assistant and backstage crew.
- **Office Student Worker - Fine Arts department.** 2012-2013. Earlham College.
- **Office Assistant- Student Development Office.** Summer 2011. Earlham College.  
Responsibilities: Front desk and clerical work duties.

#### Presentations and Conferences:

- **Conducting Field Work under Complicated Circumstances, UNM** April 2016  
Multimedia Art Exhibition: El Agua en Nuestras Vidas, Stories of Water
- **Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies** April 2016  
Paper: The Green Propaganda, Costa Rica as the Poster Child for Sustainable Tourism.
- **Shared Knowledge Conference, UNM** March 2016  
Paper: Conducting Research on Rural Development and Foreign Investment in Central America.
- **Raza Graduate Student Conference** March 2016  
Multimedia Art Exhibition: El Otro Soy Yo- Art for Community Organizing.
- **ILASSA 36 Annual Student Conference on Latin America, University of Texas** March 2016  
Paper: Sardinal City of Water, Water Fights in Latin American and the Southwest.

#### MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- **Latin American Studies Association** 2015-Present
- **MALCS Women Active in Letters and Social Change** 2015-Present
- **International Business Student Global UNM.** Affiliated Member 2015-Present
- **Project for New Mexico Graduates of Color** 2015-Present
- **Student Association for Latin American Studies** 2015-Present

#### SKILLS

- Computer: Microsoft Word, Excel, Social Media (Flickr, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, SoundCloud), YouTube, Movie Maker, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Premiere, Adobe Soundbooth CS4, Pretzi, PowerPoint, ATLAS.ti, Excell, and Outlook
- Languages: Bilingual, Spanish and English

#### Certifications:

- Ball State Safe Zone Trained, 2014.

#### REFERENCES UPON REQUEST