## Education

**M.A./Ph.D., Chicana/o Studies** (Exp. June 2025)

University of California, Los Angeles

**B.A., Chicana/o Studies** (June 2018) – Graduated Cum Laude

Minor: Child & Adolescent Development

California State University, Northridge (CSUN)

## Research Experience

**UCLA Community Scholars Program** (Current)

Research Assistant

University of California, Los Angeles – Los Angeles, CA

* Examined the theoretical and pragmatic complexities of social movements with a particular focus on The Sanctuary Movement
* Provided a best practice assessment for analyzing policy and pragmatic implications of Executive Order 13768

**Association of College Unions International (ACUI) Research Study** (July 2018)

Research Assistant

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

* Examined, transcribed, and content analyzed interview recordings of student organization, student employees, faculty, staff, and administration
* Created coding instrument
* Provided recommendations to the research team

**Summer Programs for Undergraduate Research (SPUR)** (June 2018 – August 2018)

Research Assistant

University of Los Angeles, California – Los Angeles, CA

* Conduct research alongside faculty mentor, Dr. Matt Barreto
* Develop writing and research skills
* Enhance strategies for success in applying to graduate school graduate school
* Examine UCLA graduate students academic career opportunities
* Participate in GRE test preparation
* Engage in Cultural and educational activities

**CSU UndocuServices Project (CUSP)** (February 2018 – June 2018)

Research Assistant

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

* Conducted research alongside CSUN EOP DREAM Center staff, interns, and student scholars
* Administrative Services (i.e., Coordinating meetings, task delegation, reporting, etc.)
* Conducted Focus Groups across the CSU with undocumented students
* Coordinated with CSU campuses on IRB protocol and research ethical practices
* Produced relevant data and literature

**CSU Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Program** (2017 - 2018)

Principle Investigator

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

* Conducted human subjects approved research titled,   
  *Refugees Seeking Asylum: Navigating Immigration Policy and Higher Education (A Study on Unaccompanied Minors and Mixed-Status Families)*
* Participated in a summer research experience program at a doctoral-granting institution
* Traveled to a national symposium or professional meeting
* Conducted field visits to doctoral-granting institutions to explore opportunities for doctoral study
* Received one-on-one mentorship from faculty members from within the California State University system, as well at California State University, Northridge

**Service-Learning Student Scholars Program** (2017 – 2018)

Research Assistant

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

* Hired by Dr. Monicka Guevara, lecturer in the Department of Sociology, California State University, Northridge. Monicka for showing leadership potential, an interest in civic engagement, and strong research and organizational skills
* Tracked, monitored, and documented student placements and online form submissions
* Assisted student leaders in utilizing the database and getting their service-learning site placements approved
* Organized Risk Management forms for each student
* Collected data and critical literature for professor’s analysis of civic engagement within the classroom
* Compiled data that will be incorporated in the online Year-end Report on service-learning
* Served as liaison between the source and their community partner

**Scholarships & Fellowships**

**Karpf Peace Prize Summer Fellowship (2018)** – ($6,000)

University of California, Los Angeles – Los Angeles, CA

**Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship (2018 – 2022)** – ($25,000, annual)

University of California, Los Angeles – Los Angeles, CA

**Chancellor’s Incentive Doctoral Program (2018 – 2019)** – ($30,000)

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

**CSU Pre-Doc Sally Casanova Scholar (2017-2018)** ($3,500)

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

**California State University, Northridge Scholar (2017-2018)** – ($7,000)

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

**Chicana/Chicano Studies Foundation Scholarship Recipient (2016-2017)**- ($1, 000)

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

**La Raza Alumni Association's "Ignacio Pulido Memorial" Scholarship (2016-2017)** – ($2,000)

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

**Professional and Scientific Conference Presentations**

Ramirez, Iris M. 2019. “Refugees Seeking Asylum: A Study on Unaccompanied Minors from Central America.” Paper presented at the 6th Annual IH Grad Con, Merced, CA.

Ramirez, Iris M. 2018. “Refugees Seeking Asylum: Navigating Immigration Policy and Higher Education (A Study on Unaccompanied Minors and Mixed-Status Families.)” Paper presented at the Annual CSU Research Competition, Sacramento, CA.

Ramirez, Iris M. 2018. “Refugees Seeking Asylum: Navigating Immigration Policy and Higher Education (A Study on Unaccompanied Minors and Mixed-Status Families).” Paper to be presented at the 45th Annual Western Undergraduate Research Conference, San Jose, CA.

Ramirez, Iris M. 2018. “Refugees Seeking Asylum: Navigating Immigration Policy and Higher Education (A Study on Unaccompanied Minors and Mixed-Status Families), 1990 – 2017” Paper presented at the CSUN Civil Discourse and Social Change Research Conference, Northridge, CA.

Ramirez, Iris M. 2018. ““Refugees Seeking Asylum: Navigating Immigration Policy and Higher Education (A Study on Unaccompanied Minors and Mixed-Status Families.)” Paper presented at the CSUN Student Research Symposium, Northridge, CA

**Conference Attendance**

**6th Annual IH Grad Con** – April 4 – 6, 2019

Merced, CA

**2018 Latino Mental Health Conference** – September 4, 2018

Los Angeles, CA

**ACUI Annual Conference** – March 21 – 25, 2018

Anaheim, CA

**ACUI Region I Conference** – November 17 – 29, 2017

Tucson, AZ

**The California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education** – October 4 - 5, 2017

CSU Channel Islands, CA

**HACU International Conference** – March 29 - 31, 2017

San Jose, CR

**CSUnity** – August 11-13, 2016

Sacramento, CA

**CaHPSA Lobby Day #Health4All** – April 2015

Sacramento, CA

**University and Campus Service (Selected)**

**Applying to Graduate School Workshop Series** (July – November 2018)

CSUN Department of Chicana/o Studies

**Graduate Education Immersion Program** (February 2018 – June 2018)

California State University, Northridge

EOP DREAM Center

**Bridge to the Future Scholars Program, Student Outreach Coordinator and Peer Mentor** (Spring 2017 – January 2018)

California State University, Northridge

Institute for Community Health and Well Being

**Chair of the USU BOD** (2017 – 2018)

CSUN University Student Union, Board of Director’s

**Chair of Personnel** (2016 – 2017)

CSUN Associated Student

**Recognitions**

**2nd place CSUNposium Oral Presentation, Humanities & Health & Human Development**

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

**Dean’s List (2015 – 2018)**

California State University, Northridge – Northridge, CA

**Skills**

**Statistics**: SPSS, R Statistics

**Research**: Qualtrics, open focus coding, Geographic Information System (GIS) Mapping Technology

**Productivity**: Word, Excel, PowerPoint

**Certifications**

CITI Conflicts of Interest

HSR Basic Course

HSR Basic Course for Social-Behavioral-Educational Researchers

Responsible Conduct of Research

Refresher for Social, Behavioral, and Education Researchers

Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research

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