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EDUCATION

PhD	University of California, Berkeley Graduate Group in Sociology and Demography	In Progress
MA	University of California, Berkeley Sociology Thesis: “‘Feeling’ into Categorization: Race/Gender Formations and Insurgent Epistemologies”	September 2022
MA	University of California, Berkeley Demography	May 2019
BA	Reed College Sociology Thesis: “Gender Work in Science Policy: A Discourse Analysis of NIH’s SABV Announcement”	May 2017

HONORS AND AWARDS

University of California Doctoral Completion Fellowship	2026-2027
University of California Dissertation Year Fellowship	2025-2026
Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award (OGSI)	2025
Lowenthal Fellowship	Spring 2025
National Institute on Aging Training Grant	2023-2024
Meyer and Sophie Arnold and Sons Graduate Fellowship	2022
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Training Grant	2018-2023
LGBTQ Citizenship Funding Through the Haas Othering & Belonging Institute	2021
Jennifer Hartman Seminatore Summer Research Grant	2017

President's Commendations for Academic Excellence, Reed College 2013-2016

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

Paper Presentation, Detransitioning: The Politics of Categorization and Gender Outside the Binary," UCB Demography Department Brown Bag Series, April 2026.

Round Table, "Detransitioning: The Politics of Categorization and Gender Outside the Binary," *American Sociological Association*, Gender Non-Conformity and Institutional Constraints Round Table, August 2025, Chicago, Illinois.

Book Review, *Sex is as Sex Does: Governing Transgender Identity* by Paisley Currah, 2023 *Gender and Society*, 37(3): 476-478.

Paper Presentation, "'Feeling' into Categorization: Race/Gender Formations and Insurgent Epistemologies," *American Sociological Association*, Race, Class, and Gender Regular Session I: Expansive Intersectionality, August 2023, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Poster Presentation, "'Feeling' into Categorization: Race/Gender Formations and Insurgent Epistemologies," *Population Association of America*, April 2023, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Paper Presentation, "Studying Both Sexes: Politics of Sex Differences Research in Pre-Clinical Biomedical Research," *American Sociological Association*, Panel on Biomedical Research and its Social Implications, August 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Presented with Kjersten Bunker Whittington.

Paper Presentation, "Studying Both Sexes: Politics of Sex Differences Research in Pre-Clinical Biomedical Research," *Jennifer Hartman Seminare Presentation*, September 2017, Portland, Oregon. Presented with Kjersten Bunker Whittington.

Poster Presentation, "Navigating Lived Race and Cultural Traditions: Alcohol Use Among American Indian Teens," *ICPSR*, August 2015, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

TEACHING AND MENTORING

Lecturer, University of California, Berkeley

- Demography 180, "Social Networks" Summer 2023
Summer 2024
- Environmental Science, Policy, and Management 162A, "Health, Medicine, Society, and the Environment" Taught by Seth Holmes Fall 2022

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley

- Digital Humanities 101, “Python Programming” Summer 2026
Taught by Matthew Kolmer
- Demography 180, “Social Networks” Fall 2024
Taught by Dennis Feehan
- Sociology and Demography c126, “Sex, Death, and Data” Fall 2021
Taught by Ryan Edwards
- Sociology and Demography c126, “Sex, Death, and Data” Fall 2020
Taught by Byron Villacis

Graduate Student Mentor, University of California, Berkeley

- Honors Thesis Mentoring Program 2019-2022

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ADVOCACY

- Sociologists 4 Trans Justice Supporting Scholars Committee Member 2025-2026
- Sociology Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Peer Mentor 2024-2025
- Sociology Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Fellowship
Community Building Fellow 2022-2023
- UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
Gender/Sexuality Workshop Organizer 2021-2022
- T-Cal Facilitator and Publicity Coordinator 2021-2022

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**Graduate Research Assistant, University of California, Berkeley**

- Danya Lagos Summer 2021
- Irene Bloemraad and Cybelle Fox 2019-2020
- Human Mortality Database Spring 2019

Jennifer Hartman Seminare Summer Researcher, Reed College

- Professor Kjersten Bunker Whittington Summer 2017

Program Evaluator, Reed College

- RELAY Leadership Program 2016-2017

Researcher Assistant, Reed College

- Professor Alex Hrycak 2015-2016

Summer Intern, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

- Inter-university Consortium for
Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer 2015

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Cultural Humility Training University of California Berkeley	2023
Professional Training: Pedagogy University of California Berkeley	2019
Responsible Conduct in Research Certification University of California Berkeley	2019, 2023
Michigan Summer Program University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Maximum Likelihood Analysis Course	2015

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language

Spanish: Fluent Listener, Proficient Speaker, Reader, and Writer

OTHER

Rank of Shodan in Aikido

Mental Health First Aid Certification