

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- PhD** Anthropology – University of Western Ontario. Completed July 2014.
- Dissertation Title: “The Politics of Honduran Schoolteachers: State Agents Challenge the State.” Advisor: Dr. Kim Clark.
 - Fieldwork conducted in southern Honduras, January – December 2012.
 - Successfully Completed “Western Certificate in University Teaching and Learning,” *UWO Centre for Teaching and Learning*.
- MA** Anthropology – University of Western Ontario. Completed April 2010.
- Thesis Title: “Honduran Political Culture and the 2009 Coup: Experiences from San Lorenzo.” Advisor: Dr. Kim Clark.
 - Fieldwork conducted in southern Honduras, April – August & December, 2009.
- BA** Anthropology and Spanish – Eastern Washington University. Completed June 2007.
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude.
 - Third year spent studying Anthropology and Spanish in Santiago, Chile at *La Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile*.

RESEACH

Book Project

(Under contract with Lexington Books, an imprint of Bloomsbury.) *Reading the Political Landscape: Resistance, State, and Transnational Migration in Post-Coup Honduras*.

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Levy, Jordan. (2022). “Reluctant State Agents: Schoolteachers and Governing Authorities in Post-Coup Honduras.” [*Political and Legal Anthropology Review*. 45\(2\): 140–155.](#)

Levy, Jordan. (2020). “Honduran Political Culture and Ambivalent Experiences during the Outbreak and Immediate Aftermath of the 2009 Coup.” [*A Contracorriente: Una Revista de Estudios Latinoamericanos*. 17\(3\): 227–254.](#)

Levy, Jordan and Sandra Estrada. (2020). “‘*La Gente de Washington es la Más Tranquila*’ (People from Washington are the Most Laid-Back): An Ethnographic Perspective on Honduran

and Salvadoran Migration to the Pacific Northwest.” [*Journal of Northwest Anthropology* 54\(1\):1–21.](#)

Levy, Jordan. (2019). “Reforming Schools, Disciplining Teachers: Decentralization and Privatization of Education in Honduras.” [*Anthropology and Education Quarterly* 50\(2\):170–188.](#)

Levy, Jordan. (2017). “Schoolteachers and National ‘Public’ Education in Honduras: Navigating the Reforms and Re-Founding the State.” [*Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 22\(1\):137–156.](#)

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

2023–Present. DePaul University, Department of Anthropology. Assistant Professor.

2022–2023. University of Connecticut, Department of Anthropology. Visiting Assistant Professor.

2014–2022. Pacific Lutheran University, Department of Anthropology (appointed as Assistant Professor in Sept. 2014, tenured & promoted to Associate Professor in Sept. 2020).

CONTRACTS, GRANTS, & SPONSORED RESEARCH:

2024–25. Research Fellowship – Center for Latino Research, DePaul University, in support of book project “Reading the Political Landscape: Resistance, State, and Transnational Migration in Post-Coup Honduras.” (internal fellowship—two course release scheduled for fall 2024, up to 100 hours of student research assistance).

2023–24. Faculty Summer Research Grant – College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, DePaul University, in support of book project, “Reading the Political Landscape: Resistance, State, and Transnational Migration in Post-Coup Honduras.” (internal grant—awarded \$4,700 for writing & \$1,500 for additional research expenses in summer 2024).

2018–2019. Faculty-Student Research Grant – Wang Center for Global Education, Pacific Lutheran University, in support of ethnographic research project, “*Para Seguir Adelante*: Livelihood Strategies, Transnational Ambitions, and the Agency of Honduran and Salvadoran Migrants in the Pacific Northwest.” (internal grant – awarded \$5,080 for research expenses).

2018–2019. Faculty-Student Research Grant – Severtson/Forest Foundation, Pacific Lutheran University, in support of ethnographic research project, “*Para Seguir Adelante*: Livelihood Strategies, Transnational Ambitions, and the Agency of Honduran and Salvadoran Migrants in the Pacific Northwest.” (internal grant – awarded \$4,100 for research expenses).

2012–2016. Full Doctoral Funding Package – Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario (CDN\$20,300 /year for four years & international student tuition waiver).

2011–2012. Regna Darnell Award for Fieldwork in Sociocultural Anthropology, University of Western Ontario, in support of doctoral dissertation research, “The Politics of Honduran Schoolteachers: State Agents Challenge the State.” (internal grant – awarded CDN\$2,000).

2008-2012. Full Masters Funding Package – Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario (CDN\$19,850 /year for two years & international student tuition waiver).

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS:

2025. Nominated for *Excellence in Teaching Award* – Quality of Instruction Council, DePaul University

2024. *Faculty Fellow Spotlight* on Book Project and Expert Witness Work – “El Centro Newsletter,” Center for Latino Research, DePaul University

2020. Praise for *Makah Culture Past and Present* Course as Model for Community Engaged Education, “How Education Abroad Offices Can Create Global Connections Locally” – International Educator.

2015. Faculty Spotlight on Teaching, “Using Skype for a Virtual Author Visit” – Instructional Technologies, Pacific Lutheran University.

2013. Whiteford Graduate Student Award in Applied and Public Anthropology – *Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology*, American Anthropological Association (graduate student research paper award competition—international scale).

SCHOLARLY PAPERS PRESENTED:

2023. “Reading the Political Landscape and Deciding to Migrate: The Honduran Exodus as Seen Through the Collapse of Public Institutions.” *American Anthropological Association & Canadian Anthropology Society*, Annual (Joint) Meeting. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Nov. 15-19 (international scale).

2019. “*Para Seguir Adelante*: Livelihood Strategies, Transnational Ambitions, and the Agency of Hondurans and Salvadoran Migrants in the Pacific Northwest.” *Latin American Studies Association*, International Congress. Boston, Massachusetts. May 24-27. (international scale). Paper co-authored and delivered with student co-researcher Sandra M. Estrada; featured as part of LASA conference proceedings.

2019. “Navigating Uncertainty Here and There: Honduran Transnationalism and Everyday Negotiations in Washington State.” *Society for Applied Anthropology* 79th Annual Meeting. Portland, Oregon. March 19-23. (international scale). Paper co-authored and delivered with student co-researcher Sandra M. Estrada.

2018. "Cultivating Forms of Resistance, Compromise, and Political Patronage: Teachers and Governing Authorities in Post-Coup Honduras." *Latin American Studies Association*, International Congress. Barcelona, Cataluña. May 23-26. (international scale -- oral version of paper delivered in Spanish.)

2017. "Clientelism and Exclusion in Honduran Schools: Struggles for Equal Opportunity in the Era of 'Golpismo.'" *Latin American Studies Association*, International Congress. Lima, Peru. April 28–May 1. (international scale -- oral version of paper was delivered in Spanish; written version (in English) was featured as part of LASA conference proceedings.)

2017. "Teaching Applied Anthropology in the Era of Donald Trump: Reflections on Collaborative Research with the Washington Fair Trade Coalition." *The Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference*, Spokane, Washington April 12-15. (regional scale)

2015. "Reforming Schools, Disciplining Teachers: Decentralization and Privatization of Education in Honduras." *American Anthropological Association*, Annual Meeting. Denver, Colorado. November 18–22 (international scale)

2015. "Schoolteachers and Popular Resistance in Honduras: Interrupting Neoliberal Education Policies from Within the State." *The Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference*. Eugene, Oregon. March 27. (regional scale)

2014. "Imagining What the State Could Be: How Honduran Schoolteachers Enact their Visions of the State." *Canadian Anthropology Society*, Annual Conference. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. April 30-May 3. (international scale).

2013. "The Everyday Work of Honduran Schoolteachers: Resisting Policies of Governance From Within The State." *American Anthropological Association*, Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. November 20-24. (international scale)

2013. "Schoolteachers and National 'Public' Education in Honduras." *Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, Annual Congress. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. May 3-5. (national scale)

2011. "Honduran Political Culture and the 2009 Coup: Experiences from San Lorenzo." *Society for Applied Anthropology*, Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington. March 29-April 2. (international scale)

2010. "The Ousting of Mel Zelaya: An Ethnographic Perspective on the *Golpe* in Honduras." for *Western University Symposium of Graduate Research*. University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario, Canada. February 27. (institutional scale)

2007. "Las Inmigrantes Peruanas en Santiago Centro: Transnacionalidad y Vinculos Peruanos en el Mundo Popular Chileno." *The Annual Student Research and Creative Works Symposium* at Eastern Washington University. Cheney, Washington. May 16. (institutional scale)

2007. “The Second Generation of Peruvian Immigrants in Santiago, Chile.” *The Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference*. Pullman, Washington. March 16. (regional scale)

Selected Guest Lectures for Academic Venues

2024. “*Leyendo el Ambiente Político y Diciendo Emigrar: El Exodo Hondureño*,” Guest lecture in Spanish for SPN 379 on research in Levy & Estrada 2020 JONA article (Feb. 22) – DePaul University.

2018. “Reflections on ‘Schoolteachers and National ‘Public’ Education’ in Honduras,” Guest lecture for upper-year undergraduate class in political anthropology on research in Levy 2017 JLACA article (November 2) – MacEwan University, Alberta, Canada.

2017. “Central America of the 1980s and Volunteer Tourism Today,” for upper-year undergraduate class in Business & Non-Profit Studies that will do volunteer work in Nicaragua (April 24) – Pacific Lutheran University.

2010. “Honduran Politics, Society and NGO Work,” for upper-year undergraduate class on “Volunteer Tourism,” (January 26) – The Centre for Global Studies at Huron University College.

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:

DePaul University

Food and Culture (first-year elective)
Ethnographic Research Methods (second-year required)
Senior Capstone Seminar (fourth-year required)
States, Markets, and Societies (second-year honors course)

University of Connecticut

Peoples and Cultures of the World (first-year required)
Social Anthropology (second-year required)
Migration (third-year elective)
Contemporary Latin America (third-year elective)

Pacific Lutheran University

Ethnography of Latin America (third-year elective)
Transnational Lives: Anthropology of Migration (third-year elective)
Resistance, Resilience, and State Power (third-year elective)
Anthropological Inquiry (fourth-year required theory course)
Seminar in Anthropology (fourth-year required capstone thesis course)
Makah Culture Past and Present (study away course in Neah Bay, WA)
Ethnographic Perspectives on State Formation (second-year honors course)
Honduran Cultural History and Contemporary Ethnography (reading course)
Introduction to Human Cultural Diversity (first-year required)
Introduction to Language in Society (first-year elective)
Applied Anthropology (first-year elective)
Contemporary Global Issues: Migration, Poverty, Conflict (second-year elective)

University of Western Ontario (Graduate Teaching Assistant)
Foundations of Anthropology (upper-year required theory course)
Cultures of Latin America (upper-year elective)
Cultures of the Caribbean (upper-year elective)
Introduction to Linguistics (first-year required)
Discourse Analysis and Pragmatics (upper-year elective)
Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology (first-year required)
Sex, Sexuality, and Desire (upper-year elective)

OTHER RELATED WORK

Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) Work in Latin America

2004. Supervisor of Volunteers in NGO Public Health Projects. *Amigos de las Américas* and *Save the Children-Honduras*. Valle, Honduras. June – August.

2001–2003. Recruiter and Trainer of Seattle Area Volunteers for NGO Work in Latin America. *Amigos de las Américas*. Seattle, Washington.

2002. Volunteer in NGO Public Health Projects. *Amigos de las Américas* and Plan International-Paraguay. Paraguari, Paraguay. June – August.

2001. Volunteer in NGO Public Health Projects. *Amigos de las Américas* and Save the Children-Honduras. Valle, Honduras. June – August.

Work Experience Outside Academia

2007-2008. Trade Union Member Advocate (bilingual). *Service Employees International Union (SEIU) – Healthcare, Local 775*. Federal Way, Washington, Sept. – June.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Academic Associations

- American Anthropological Association
- Latin American Studies Association
- Society for Applied Anthropology
- Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
- Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
- Canadian Anthropology Society
- Northwest Anthropological Association