

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*.

RESEARCH

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. (2022). “Competing Versions of Reality in Honduras: State Theory as a Tool for the Anthropologist Expert Witness” in Special Issue “Expert Witnessing in Asylum Cases” edited by Gabriela M. Torres and James Phillips. *Annals of Anthropological Practice*. 46(1): 83–86.
- 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.

Book Project

(In Progress.) “Reading the Political Landscape: Resistance, State, and Transnational Migration in Post-Coup Honduras.”

APPLIED SCHOLARSHIP

2017– (Ongoing). Expert Witness Testimony on behalf of Honduran Asylum Seekers

- Country conditions reports (sworn affidavits) written for U.S. and U.K. immigration courts.
- Experience testifying at hearings for asylum cases related to: gang violence; political violence; gender-based & domestic violence; police/military violence; LGBT and Indigenous rights issues.
- Work on over 60 different cases in support of Hondurans applying for Asylum, Withholding of Removal, and Relief Under the Convention Against Torture (in the U.S. immigration system).

Recurring expert witness work, on behalf of a range of organizations:

Immigrant Rights Advocacy Groups: *Refugee & Immigrant Center for Education & Legal Services (RAICES); Northwest Immigrant Rights Project; Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition; PAIR Project (Political Asylum & Immigration Representation–Boston); The Legal Aid Society; Justice for our Neighbors–New York; Legal Services of New Jersey; Lutheran Social Services–New York; AYUDA—Legal, Social, & Education Services; Vital Defense Advocacy Services (VIDAS); American Friends Service Committee; Immigrant Justice–Idaho; Kentucky Refugee Ministries; Immigrant Justice Corps; Social Justice Collaborative; Central West Justice Center–Immigration Unit; Human Rights First Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto; Institute for the Advancement of Community Health; Prisoners’ Legal Services; Legal Services of New Jersey; Human Rights First.*

Laws Schools: *University of Connecticut Law School–Asylum and Human Rights Clinic; Loyola Student Law Clinic.*

Immigration Law Firms: *Blessinger Legal PLLC; Aglae Eufrazio Law PLLC; Kramer Levin Neftalis & Frankel LLP; Birach Law, PC; The Law Office of John M. Bray; Naftalis & Frankel LLP; Chapman & Roberts; Law; Office of Karenina Wolf; Wilson Law Group; Jones Day Law Group; Duncan Lewis LLC; Gibson-Dunn & Crutcher; Wilmer Hale LLP; DLA Piper; Law Office of Viviana Medina; Herrera Law Group; Greenberg Traurig LLP; Perkins Cole LLP; Smith Immigration Law; Reed Smith LLP.*

TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

2023–Present

Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, DePaul University

Courses

- Food and Culture (first-year elective)
- Ethnographic Research Methods (second-year required)
- Senior Capstone Seminar (fourth-year required)

2022–2023

Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, University of Connecticut

Courses

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

2014–2022

Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Pacific Lutheran University.

(appointed as assistant professor in Sept. 2014, tenure and promotion effective Sept. 2020)

Courses

- 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)

2008–2014

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario.

Courses

- 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)

Academic Recognitions, Grants, Awards

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

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

2019. Faculty Spotlight on Expert Witness Work for Honduran Asylum Seekers, “Anthropology and a Just Society” – [Marketing and Communications, Pacific Lutheran University](#).

2018. Wang Center for Global Education, for Faculty-Student Research Project, “*Para Seguir Adelante: Livelihood Strategies, Transnational Ambitions, and the Agency of Honduran and Salvadoran Migrants in the Pacific Northwest*.” (competitive institutional grant – awarded \$5,080)

2018. Severtson/Forest Foundation, for Faculty-Student Research Project, “*Para Seguir Adelante: Livelihood Strategies, Transnational Ambitions, and the Agency of Honduran and Salvadoran Migrants in the Pacific Northwest*.” (competitive institutional grant – awarded \$4,100)

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 (international graduate student research paper award competition)

2012-2016. Full doctoral funding package from the Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario (CDN\$20,300 /year for four years)

2010-2012. Graduate funding package from the Department of Anthropology, University of Western Ontario (CDN\$19,850 /year for two years)

Conference Papers

(Upcoming.) 2024. “Exodus as Resistance: The Agency of Honduran Migrants and Asylum Seekers.” *Latin American Studies Association*, International Congress. Bogotá, Colombia. June 12-15. (international scale).

(Upcoming.) 2024. “Applying Knowledge of the State: Honduran Migrants and Asylum Seekers as Experts of the Institutions they Engage.” *Society for Applied Anthropology* 84th Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, New Mexico. March 26-30. (national scale).

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

2022. “Expert Witnessing Honduran Asylum Cases: Theoretical Applications from Political Anthropology.” *American Anthropological Association*, Annual Meeting. Seattle, Washington. Nov. 9–13 (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, Catalonia. 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)

Mentorship of Student Conference Papers

2019. Estrada, Sandra. "*Para Seguir Adelante: Livelihood Strategies, Transnational Ambitions, and the Agency of Honduran and Salvadoran Migrants in the Pacific Northwest*," for the Dr. Rae Linda Brown Undergraduate Research Symposium. (institutional scale)

2017. Franklin, Paris. "Conscientious Collaboration: Archaeological Approaches Inspired by the Makah." for *The Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference*, Spokane, Washington April 12-15. Winner of NWAC Student Paper Competition. (regional scale)

Research Presentations at Colloquium Series

2013. "The Everyday Work of Honduran Schoolteachers: Resisting Policies of Governance from Within the State," for the *Department of Anthropology's Graduate Research Seminar*. University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario, Canada. October 25. (institutional scale)

2009. "Fieldwork During the Coup: An Ethnographic Perspective on the *Golpe* in Honduras," for the *Department of Anthropology's Graduate Research Seminar*. University of Western Ontario. London, Ontario, Canada. October 7. (institutional scale)

Selected Guest Lectures

2021. "Honduran Exodus: Violence, Poverty, and Asylum Cases since the 2009 Military Coup," for Franke Toby Jones Retirement Center–Tacoma (March 3) – Senior Continuing Education Program.

2020. “*Ideologías Raciolingüísticas, Perspectivas Antropológicas*,” for upper-year undergraduate class in Hispanic Studies & Linguistics (April 2) – Pacific Lutheran University.

2018. “Reflections on ‘Schoolteachers and National ‘Public’ Education’ in Honduras,” Skype call with upper-year undergraduate class in political anthropology on 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.

2017. “*Antropología Lingüística, Ideologías Lingüísticas*,” for upper-year undergraduate class in Hispanic Studies & Linguistics (April 19) – Pacific Lutheran University.

2015. “Postmodernism in American Anthropology,” for upper-year anthropology theory course (December 4) – Pacific Lutheran University.

2014. “Normal School Students in Latin America and Reflections on Ayotzinapa,” panelist for campus-wide solidarity event following events in Mexico (November 14) – 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.

SELECTED SERVICE WORK

DePaul University

2023-2024. Member of Awards Committee (Department of Anthropology).

2023-2024. Faculty Advisor to “ASO” Anthropology Student Organization.

2023-2024. Faculty Advisor to Lambda Alpha (Anthropology National Honors Society).

Pacific Lutheran University

2020-2022. Member of Native American and Indigenous Studies steering committee.

2017-2022. Member of the Latino Studies working group.

2018-2022. Member of Global Studies steering committee.

2019. Member of PLU team sent to the “Diversity, Civility & Liberal Arts” institute in Atlanta, Georgia (June 2–5) – Council of Independent Colleges.

2018-2019. External Member of Search Committee for Tenure-Track Faculty Position (Hispanic Studies).

2018-2020. Member of Peace Scholars Selection Committee.

2019. Co-Organizer of the 4th Annual César Chávez and Dolores Huerta Latino Studies Lecture Series (April 4).

2018. Co-Organizer of Northwest Immigrant Rights Project campus event (November 13).

2014-2019. Anthropology Club Faculty Advisor (Department of Anthropology).

2016-2017. Faculty Secretary for University Governance.

2016-2017. Member of Search Committee for Tenure-Track Faculty Position (Department of Anthropology).

Manuscript Reviewer

Anthropology and Education Quarterly; Bulletin of Latin American Research; The Journal of Urban Anthropology and Studies of Cultural Systems and World Economic Development.

Conference Panels Organized

2023. “The Perils and Promises of Protection for Migrants and Refugee.” Panel for the *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*. Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Nov. 15-19.

2019. “Changes, Continuities, and Engaged Anthropology in Contemporary Honduras.” Panel for the *Society for Applied Anthropology 79th Annual Meeting*. Portland, Oregon. May 19-23.

2017. “Working Side-by-Side: Reflections on Collaborative Anthropology and Archaeology.” Panel for *The Annual Northwest Anthropological Conference*, Spokane, Washington. April 12-15.

2013. “Rethinking Post-Coup Honduras: Anthropological Engagements with the Ongoing Political Crisis.” Panel for the *Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association*. Chicago, Illinois. November 20-24.

2013. “The Future of Education: Contesting State Policies in Public Schools and Universities.” Panel for *The Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, Annual Congress. Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. May 3-5.

Conference Panels Chaired

2018. “Political Cultures, Activism and Citizenship.” Panel for the *Latin American Studies Association*. May 23-26. Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.

2017. “Racism, Violence, and Exclusion: Education as a Terrain of Struggle for Equality.” Panel for the *Latin American Studies Association*. April 27-May 1. Lima, Peru.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES & BACKGROUND

Additional Field Research in Sociocultural Anthropology

2017. Collaborative Project with *Washington Fair Trade Coalition*, “Trade Justice in Tacoma, Washington: Global Processes, Local Viewpoints.” Faculty supervisor of Pacific Lutheran University undergraduate students’ applied research in Tacoma, Washington: February – May.

2009. Collaborative Project with *Friends of the Coves* NGO, “Access to, and Activities in, the East Cove Pond of London, Ontario,” Supervisor: Dr. Karen Pennesi, University of Western Ontario. Anthropological field research conducted in London, Ontario, Canada: Jan. – April.

2006. Undergraduate Research Project, “The Second Generation of Peruvian Immigrants in Santiago, Chile” Supervisor: Dr. Julia Smith, Eastern Washington University. Anthropological field research conducted in Santiago, Chile: Feb. – June.

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. Paraguarí, Paraguay. June – August.

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

Related Work Experience Outside Academia

2007-2008. Bilingual (Spanish-English) Member Services Representative. *Service Employees International Union (SEIU) – Healthcare, Local 775*. Federal Way, Washington, Sept. – June.

2004-2005. Page Editor and Co-Founder of “The Diversity Section,” *The Easterner*, Eastern Washington University’s Student Newspaper, Sept. – May.

Languages

Spanish – fluent speaking, reading, and writing ability; experienced interpreter and translator
English – native speaker

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 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

AFFILIATIONS

- Associated with the *Center for Gender & Refugee Studies (CGRS)*'s expert witness database.
- Listed as Country of Origin Expert for the *Rights in Exile Programme of AMERA International*.
- Registered with *Communitology* as Country of Origin Expert for Honduras.

REFERENCES

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