

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2018-present	Ph.D.	Medical Anthropology , University of Maryland, College Park-In progress
2020	MAA	Applied Anthropology , University of Maryland, College Park
2017	BA	Anthropology and Psychology with honors , University of New Mexico Honor's thesis: <i>The Impact of Economic Post-Migration Stressors on the Mental Health of Recently Resettled Refugees.</i>
2013	AA	Social Sciences , Wake Tech Community College

Research Areas

Anthropology of violence: power/governance; social suffering; affect/subjectivity/embodiment; trauma; critical phenomenology.

Anthropology of citizenship: asylum/refugees; identity/belonging; statelessness; deportation; global health

Border theory: temporality, race and racialization, enforcement, states of exception, México and Latin America.

Honors and Fellowship awards

2018-2024	McNair Graduate Fellowship, (\$40,000) University of Maryland
2021-2022	Fellowship for Diversity and Inclusion, (\$5,000) University of Maryland
2016-2017	Departmental Honors in Anthropology, Magna Cum Laude, University of New Mexico
2016-2017	McNair Undergraduate Fellowship (\$2,000), University of New Mexico
2016	Dean's Honors List, University of New Mexico
2015-2016	El Puente's Research Fellowship (\$2,000), La Raza Center, University of New Mexico

Teaching and Professional Experience

Graduate and Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland

Spring 2022	ANTH 260: Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology and Linguistics
Fall 2021	ANTH 210 Introduction to Medical Anthropology and Global Health
Spring 2021	Administrative assistant,
Fall 2020	ANTH 260 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology and Linguistics
Summer 2020	ANTH 265 Anthropology of Global Health
Spring 2020	ANTH 260 Introduction to Sociocultural Anthropology and Linguistics
Fall 2019	ANTH 210 Introduction to Medical Anthropology and Global Health

Research Experience

2019	<i>Fieldwork Researcher and Research Analyst</i> Study: " <u>Statewide Ethnographic Assessment of Drug Use and Services (SEADS)</u> ," funded by the Maryland Department of Health through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Crisis Response Funds. PI: Dr. Andrea M. Lopez, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Maryland.
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- Led and developed a research sub-study to incorporate Latinx-serving stakeholder's perspectives on drug use and service landscape for the Latinx community and assess local needs and gaps
- Participated in outreach and recruitment methods of participants, consent,
- Conducted qualitative ethnographic interviews in English and Spanish
- Transcribed and translated interviews
- Assisted with analysis of qualitative data
- Assisted with administrative and outreach tasks for the main study
- Scheduling and correspondence of stakeholders for sub-study
- Presented findings of sub-study at an academic conference.

2019

Co-Principal Investigator,

Study: "Students with Chronic Illnesses: An Examination of the University Experience"
Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland

- Developed a preliminary research study to understand the lived experiences of university undergraduate students with chronic illness/disabilities.
- Created and submitted IRB protocols (study IRB approved)
- Developed qualitative ethnographic interview questions
- Applied consent protocols for participants
- Conducted qualitative ethnographic interviews among undergraduate students to examine their lived experiences navigating existing support services from the university for students with chronic illness/disability, and the barriers they encounter in accessing
- and using these services, and existing gaps within the university campus.
- Management of data, scheduling, communications, consent forms, and storage of study's documents.
- Conducted coding and analysis of data.
- Wrote report of research findings

2018

Fieldwork Researcher and Assistant

College of Population Health, University of New Mexico

Study: "Immigrant Well-Being Project" funded by NIH/ National Institute of Health & Health Disparities

PI: Dr. Jessica Goodkind, Assistant Professor Sociology Department, University of New Mexico

- Lead roles as ethnographic fieldworker and Interviewer
- Applied consent protocols to participants
- Coordinated recruitment of immigrant participants and community stakeholders
- Interviewed participants and community stakeholders (immigrant-serving organizations)
- Transcribed and translated research documents from English-Spanish and Spanish-English.
- Conducted qualitative data analysis of interviews
- Assisted in research team meetings with community stakeholders for the project
- Disseminated and presented initial findings to stakeholder organizations
- Completion of administrative tasks, including data management and documentation

2017-2018

Student Research Assistant

Health and Social Inequalities Research Lab, Department of Sociology, UNM

Study: "The Refugee Well-Being Project (RWP)," funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Center for Health Policy

PI: Dr. Jessica Goodkind, Assistant Professor Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico

- Coordinated and conducted recruitment of research participants
- Administered Consent protocols for participants of the research study

- Collected qualitative ethnographic data from interviews with participants in English and Spanish
- Analyzed data sets from the study's last five years using Nvivo 10, and SPSS software
- Conducted quantitative data analysis, multiple regressions, correlation matrix, reliability scales, frequencies, and percentages tables, using SPSS software.
- Writing and dissemination of study findings
- Completion of administrative tasks, including data management and scheduling
- Gain proficiency in Nvivo and SPSS software

2015-2017 *Student Refugee Integration and Social Advocate*, (2015-2017)
 Health and Social Inequalities Research Lab, Department of Sociology, UNM
 Study: “Refugee Well-Being Project (RWP)”
 PI: Dr. Jessica Goodkind, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of New Mexico.

- Aid in the filing and submitting of SSI, Medicaid, SSDI, government-subsidized housing, rental assistance, and employment applications.
- Service and supported refugee families to Albuquerque city government appointments
- Facilitated access to community integration and services for resettled refugee families.
- Assisted in preparation of cultural exchange groups for newly resettled refugees

2015-2016 *El Puente Research Fellow*
 Centro de la Raza, University of New Mexico

- Development of qualitative research project on societal attitudes toward undocumented migration
- Conducted qualitative data analysis
- Participated in research seminars on qualitative and quantitative methodologies
- Presented research findings in academic conferences

Publications

2022 Lopez, Andrea M., Matthew Thomann, Zena Dhatt, **Julieta Ferrera**, Marwa Al-Nassir, Margaret Ambrose, and Shane Sullivan. 2022. “Understanding Racial Inequities in the Implementation of Harm Reduction Initiatives.” *American Journal of Public Health* 112 (S2): S173–81. <https://doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2022.306767>.

2021 Goodkind, Jessica, **Julieta Ferrera**, David Lardier, Julia Meredith Hess, and R. Neil Greene. 2021 “A Mixed-Method Study of the Effects of Post-Migration Economic Stressors on the Mental Health of Recently Resettled Refugees.” *Society and Mental Health* 11, no. 3: 217–35. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2156869320973446>.

Conference Presentations

2020 **Ferrera, Julieta**. “Compounded Vulnerability of Latinx who Use Drugs: Legal Violence and Frontline’s Provider’s Activism.” Oral presentation. *Society for Applied Anthropology 80th Annual Meetings, Albuquerque, NM*. Canceled due to COVID-19.

2020 **Ferrera, Julieta**. “Latinx Who Use Drugs.” Oral presentation. *30th Annual Colloquium, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland*.

2020 Goodkind, Jessica, **Julieta Ferrera**, David Lardier, Julia Meredith Hess, and +R. Neil Greene. August 2020. A Mixed Method Study of the Impact of Economic Resources on Refugee Mental Health. Presented in Section on the Sociology of Mental Health Paper Session: Integrative Approaches to Studying Mental Health Disparities at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.

- 2018 **Ferrera, Julieta.** “The Impact of Economic Post-Migration Stressors on the Mental Health of Recently Resettled Refugees.” Poster presentation. *McNair Scholars and Research Opportunity Program Poster Symposium, University of New Mexico*
- 2017 **Ferrera, Julieta.** “The Impact of Economic Post-Migration Stressors on the Mental Health of Recently Resettled Refugees.” Oral presentation. *25th Annual National Ronald E. McNair Scholars Symposium. The University of California Berkeley.*
- 2016 **Ferrera, Julieta.** “Legitimacy: Societal Perceptions and the State in Shaping Immigration Policy and Migrant Belonging.” Oral presentation. *Shared Knowledge Conference, University of New Mexico*

Professional Service

- 2019-2020 *Student representative, Department of Anthropology BSOS Deans Graduate Student Advisory Council, University of Maryland
Mental Health sub-committee*
- 2019-2020 *Secretary, Practicing Anthropologists Student Association (PASA), Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland*

Professional Memberships

American Anthropological Association (AAA)- Student member
Society for Medical Anthropology
Critical Urban Anthropology Association
Association for Legal and Political Anthropology

Skills

Native Spanish and Fluent English
Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, SPSS, NVivo
Ethnographic Interviews
Transcribing and translating
Qualitative coding and analysis
Data management
ESL Tutor