

# Silvana Montañola

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## EDUCATION

**University of Maryland**, College Park, MD  
Ph.D. Candidate in Medical Anthropology

January 2021–Present

**Rollins College**, Winter Park, FL

May 2020

*Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, English; Minor in Latin American and Caribbean Studies*

*GPA: 3.94; Valedictorian*

*Honors Thesis: Trump-Era Immigration Politics and Preventive Health: HPV Vaccination Ambivalence Among Latinx Immigrants in Florida*

**Maynooth University**, Maynooth, Ireland

February 2018– June 2018

- Completed coursework in Irish Cultural Heritage and site conservation
- Attended field studies to Brú na Bóinne, Knowth, Dowth, Corlea Trackway and Laraghbryan to learn about cultural artifact preservation
- Travelled to over 15 European cities for research on cultural comparisons within Europe

## ACADEMIC HONORS

- Rollins College Class of 2020 Valedictorian; Summa Cum Laude
- Alfond Scholarship Recipient (competitive, full academic scholarship)
- Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honors Society
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society
- Order of Omega Greek Honors Society
- Algernon Sydney Sullivan Scholar of Service and Leadership
- Federico G Gil Memorial Award for Latin American Studies
- President's List (6 semesters)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Latinx immigrants in the United States
- Access to healthcare for vulnerable populations
- The politics of fear
- Refugee experiences; immigrant and refugee politics in Europe

## RELATED COURSEWORK

### Anthropology

Cultural Anthropology

Cultures of the World

Global Cultures

Development of Anthropological Thought

Language, Culture, and Society

Introduction to Epidemiology

Introduction to Global Health

The Maya

Honors Research: Farmworker Health

Introduction to Irish Cultural Heritage

Human Evolution

Introduction to Archaeology

Fantastic Archaeology

### Latin American Studies

People and Cultures of Latin America

Latin American Short Fiction

Latin American and Caribbean Society

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## LANGUAGE SKILLS

*Spanish:* Fluent; native speaker

*Italian:* Conversational

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Honors Program** Trump-Era Immigration Politics and Preventive Health, Winter Park, FL May 2019– May 2020

*Principal Investigator*

- Drafted a 30-page proposal that includes a literature review, proposed work, and expected outcomes
- Utilized previous research as a background to tighten understanding on HPV vaccination
- Outlined, wrote, and submitted a 100-page honors anthropology thesis
- Defended thesis to a panel of anthropology professors

**Student-Faculty Collaborative Research at Rollins College**, Winter Park, FL

May 2019–June 2019

*Undergraduate Research Assistant*

- Prepared a 15-page proposal with relevant literature, methodologies, and anthropological theories for committee
- Created ethnographic surveys, focus groups guides, and research questions to ask participants at interviews
- Performed 8 weeks of participant observation at two immigrant rights organizations in Central Florida
- Interviewed 16 participants and 2 key-informants about HPV vaccination acceptability, preventive healthcare access barriers, and Latinx immigrant experiences; surveyed 4 people about the same topics
- Transcribed 10+ hours of recorded interviews using transcription software and equipment
- Summarized findings and presented at a poster symposium at Rollins College
- Gathered, analyzed, and disseminated literature regarding HPV vaccination and related cancers to participants

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## RESEARCH GRANTS

2019. Student Faculty Collaborative Research at Rollins College. *HPV and Structural Vulnerability Among Latinx Migrant Families in Florida*. \$3,000. **Role:** Co-PI with Nolan Kline

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## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Montanola, Silvana

2020 Policy as a Root Cause of Health Inequity: Trump-Era Immigration Politics and Vaccination. Paper accepted for the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM, March 17. Cancelled due to Covid-19

Montanola, Silvana

2019 HPV and Structural Vulnerability Among Latinx Migrant Families in Florida. Poster presented at the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Symposium at Rollins College, Winter Park, FL, November 1.

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

**Rollins Catholic Campus Ministry**

October 2019– May 2020

*Interfaith Ambassador*

- Attended bi-weekly meetings of the Rollins College Interfaith Council
- Organized interfaith efforts such as an interfaith panel to increase religious understanding across campus
- Worked alongside the Rollins Catholic Campus Ministry to make our presence on campus inclusive to all students

**Alpha Omicron Pi**, Winter Park, FL

January 2019– May 2020

*Vice President of Academic Development*

- Coordinated individual efforts to assist sisters with academic concerns to reach required GPAs
- Planned a banquet and reception for 70 sisters to honor professors who impacted academic achievement
- Directed weekly study sessions geared towards essay organization, presentation and interview practice

**Alfond Scholars Program**, Winter Park, FL

May 2018– May 2020

*President*

- Planned and led the Alfond Scholars retreat for 30+ full-ride scholars
- Organized monthly lunches with scholars and coordinated professor lectures at the lunches

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- Assisted in the planning of Scholar's Weekend in which 50+ students interview for 10 full ride scholarships
- Organized networking efforts between all four Alford classes and Alford alumni

**International Student Orientation at Rollins College**, Winter Park, FL

Aug 2017; Aug 2018; Aug 2019

*International Peer Advisor*

- Participated in a week-long training program to organize, manage, and lead team bonding activities
- Practiced intercultural awareness through mentorship of 30+ incoming students with diverse cultures
- Assisted in building an extensive campus network for 300+ students that will cultivate roles as global leaders

**Immersion: Citizens Take Action**, Winter Park, FL

October 2018 – March 2019

*Facilitator*

- Designed, organized, and facilitated two alternative breaks dealing with hurricane relief and women's issues
- Budgeted and allocated \$10,000 necessary for food, housing, transportation, and cultural activities
- Guided and encouraged active service for a group of 12 students over a period of 160 hours
- Engaged students in social justice awareness by facilitating critical reflection and robust discussions
- Dealt with unforeseen complications of volunteering through effective dialogue with fellow teammates

**Join Us In Making Progress (JUMP)**, Winter Park, FL

March 2017 – December 2017

*Impact Chair*

- Partnered with non-profits like Clean the World to develop volunteer opportunities for Rollins leaders
- Collaborated with the first-year team to create weekly campus activities that advocated change
- Performed team-bonding activities that fomented partnership and ensured maximum impact on campus

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Macris School**, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

August 2020–December 2020

*Teacher Assistant*

- Empowered students to take control of their own learning through project-based and blended learning activities
- Enhanced the holistic classroom experience through socio-emotional learning activities including a Bullying Prevention Awareness Week
- Planned, revised, and executed lesson plans for 15+ units; utilized Bloom's Taxonomy and the 5E lesson plan
- Led educational activities (virtual laboratories) for 50+ students that enhanced the virtual leaning experience.
- Mastered the use of Google Suite for Education; completed the Level 1 Educator Certification
- Crafted, wrote, and published a bi-weekly newsletter for the department that highlighted student achievement
- Guided a Writing Workshop for the yearbook club with the purpose of implementing proper writing techniques

**Center for Leadership and Community Engagement**, Winter Park, FL

August 2019 – May 2020

*Immersion Coordinator*

- Advised 25+ service experiences before, during, and after departure; assisted in logistics and emergency protocols
- Developed and led 3 different trainings for 90+ facilitators concerning service, reflection, and action
- Created and oversaw the implementation of a new educational curriculum for pre-departure meetings
- Organized and directed a re-orientation session for all participants who attended service trips in the year
- Supervised and assisted individual reorientation service projects for 15+ immersions

**Center for Leadership and Community Engagement**, Winter Park, FL

December 2018–May 2019

*Community Service Event Coordinator*

- Organized and facilitated bi-weekly service opportunities with non-profits in Central Florida
- Planned weekly 5-minutes acts of service to underscore pressing social problems and solutions
- Connect students to long-term service opportunities locally following one-time service events

**Office of International Student and Scholar Services**, Winter Park, FL

October 2018–May 2019

*Frueauff Student Coordinator*

- Assisted in the planning and implementation of the International Peer Advisor Program for 2019
- Pitched ideas, design media campaigns, and craft surveys for workshops and social programs
- Designed and oversaw over five social, cultural and religious events for International Education Week

**Tutoring and Writing Center at Rollins College**, Winter Park, FL

August 2018 – May 2019

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## *Anthropology Tutor*

- Supplemented in class discussions with outside help for students in Anthropology courses
- Reinforced anthropological theory and terminology for first- and second-year students
- Maintained communications with anthropology professors regarding the improvement of their students

## **English Programs at UNAH, Tegucigalpa, Honduras**

May 2017 – June 2017

### *Teacher Assistant*

- Facilitated class discussions with over 200 students through the ESL program at the university level
- Worked with the English Department Director to create an action plan that made the department easily accessible to students across campus
- Performed an ethnographic analysis of teaching styles among ESL professors and suggested new methodologies to effectively teach students aged 17-25