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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Sociology Department. University of California, Santa Cruz, 2015
- M.A. Sociology Department. University of California, Santa Cruz, 2010
- M.S. Community Development Graduate Group, Human and Community Development
Department. University of California, Davis, 2008
- B.A. Development Studies, International and Area Studies Teaching Program.
University of California, Berkeley. Distinction in General Scholarship, 2003
- Certificate Oral History. University of California, Davis, Extension. 2007.

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor. Howard University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. 2015 –
current.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2012 “Women’s Pathways Into Activism: Rethinking the Women’s Environmental
Justice Narrative in California’s San Joaquin Valley.” *Organization &
Environment*, 25(1):76-94.

- 2011 Perkins, Tracy and Julie Sze. "Images from the Central Valley." *Boom: A Journal of California* 1(1):70-80.

Book Chapters

- 2015 "On Becoming a Public Sociologist: Amplifying Women's Voices in the Quest for Environmental Justice." Pp. 88-92 in *Sociologists in Action on Inequalities: Race, Class and Gender* edited by S. K. White, J. M. White and K. O. Korgen. Los Angeles, CA: SAGE Publications.

Digital Publishing

- 2015 Perkins, Tracy and Lindsey Dillon. 2015. "Gonzales." *Critical Sustainabilities: Analyzing Competing Discourses of Urban Development in Northern California*, Miriam Greenberg (ed). Humanities Research Institute, University of California, August 1. Retrieved October 12, 2015 (<https://critical-sustainabilities.ucsc.edu/gonzales-ca/>)
- 2014 "The Environmental Justice Legacy of the United Farm Workers of America: Stories from the Birthplace of Industrial Agriculture." *Tales of Hope and Caution in Environmental Justice*. The Consortium for Humanities Centers and Institutes, Humanities for the Environment, August 10. Retrieved May 12, 2015 (<http://hfe-observatories.org/blog/the-environmental-justice-legacy-of-the-united-farm-workers-of-america-stories-from-the-birthplace-of-industrial-agriculture/>)

Book Reviews

- 2012 Review of *Kivalina: A Climate Change Story* in *Race, Gender and Class*, 19(1-2)177-179.

Teaching Materials

- 2015 "Valentine's Day and Fossil Fuels." Reposted on *The Sociological Cinema*, February 14, 2015. Retrieved February 25, 2015 (<http://www.thesociologicalcinema.com/blog/valentines-day-and-fossil-fuels>)
- 2014 "Teaching Contemporary Sociological Theory Through the Media." Reposted on *The Sociological Cinema*, April 17. Retrieved May 19, 2014 (<http://www.thesociologicalcinema.com/4/post/2014/04/teaching-contemporary-sociological-theory-through-the-media.html>)
- 2014 "The Unspoken Rules of Social Interaction." Reposted on *The Sociological Cinema*, April 27. Retrieved May 19, 2014 (<http://www.thesociologicalcinema.com/1/post/2014/04/the-unspoken-rules-of-social-interaction.html>)

Popular Press

- 2008 “On the Frontlines of the Environmental Justice Movement.” *REALEYES* (7):19-22.
- 2005 “More Than Profit,” *LEISA Magazine* 21(2):12-13. (Reprinted in Spanish, French and English for regional versions of *Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture Magazine*).
- 2003 “Trip for Trash.” *Terrain*, fall, pp. 34.
- 2003 “When Big Oil Lives Next Door.” *Terrain*, fall, pp. 11.

Manuscripts Under Contract

Perkins, Tracy and Aaron Soto-Karlin. “Climate Politics from California to Chiapas: Carbon Offsets and Environmental Justice Activism.” In *Situating Sustainability: Sciences/Humanities/Societies, Scales and Social Justice* edited by J. Sze. New York: NYU Press.

DIGITAL PROJECTS

In Her Own Words rememberingteresa.org

- 2015 Memorializes the life of California pesticides activist Teresa De Anda through oral history, photography, and original writing. Educates the public about the continuing problem of pesticide drift. Provides tools to use this content in the classroom and in the community.

Voices from the Valley (Formerly 25 Stories from the Central Valley) voicesfromthevalley.org

2008-current Communicates San Joaquin Valley environmental justice activism to the public through photo exhibits and Playback Theater events. Accompanying website includes digital photo exhibit; interactive photo and oral history college; curated San Joaquin Valley environmental justice news feed and archive; teaching assignments and activities; syllabus collection; interactive map of the San Joaquin Valley, and links to San Joaquin Valley environmental justice organizations.

Co-sponsors Environmental Justice Project, John Muir Institute of the Environment, UC Davis; Community Water Center; Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice; Central California Environmental Justice Network; Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment; Tri-County Watchdogs; Californians for Pesticide Reform; San Joaquin Valley Latino Environmental Advancement and Policy Project; Association of Irrigated Residents

Bilingual Photo Exhibits

- 2012 Fresno Regional Foundation, March – August

- 2012 Labor Across the Food System Conference at UC Santa Cruz, Feb. 4
- 2011 San Joaquin River Parkway Trust in Fresno, Feb. 1 to March 28
- 2009 Nelson Gallery exhibit space at the UC Davis Buehler Alumni Center, April 23 to August 23
- Playback Theater Performances
- 2010 United Farmworkers of America's "40 Acres" property in Delano. Opening event, San Joaquin Valley Funders' Tour, Women's Foundation of California. Sept. 21
- 2009 UC Davis Buehler Alumni Center, May 8

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2014 SAGE Teaching Innovations & Professional Development Award, Section on Teaching and Learning, American Sociological Association
- 2011 Graduate Student Paper Competition, Conflict, Social Action and Change Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2011 Robert Dentler Student Achievement Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2014 American Society for Environmental History Travel Grant. \$500
- 2014 University of California, California Studies Consortium Graduate Research Travel Grant, UC Humanities Research Institute. \$500
- 2014 HASTAC Scholar (Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory), Duke University and the University of California Humanities Research Institute
- 2010 Community Outreach and Teaching Grant, UC California Studies Consortium, UC Humanities Research Institute. With Flora Lu and Julie Sze. \$6,980
- 2008 Community Outreach and Teaching Grant, UC California Studies Initiative, UC Humanities Research Institute. With Julie Sze. \$7,500
- 2008 Community Partnership Grant, American Studies Association. With Julie Sze. \$3,000

Internal

- 2013 Hammett Graduate Fellowship, Environmental Studies Department, UC Santa

- Cruz. \$10,600
- 2013 Graduate Student Association Travel Grant, UC Santa Cruz
- 2010 Research and Outreach Grant, Center on Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, UC Santa Cruz. \$7,100
- 2008 Consortium for Women and Research Graduate Research Award, UC Davis. \$1,000
- 2008 Humanities Institute, UC Davis. With Julie Sze. \$1,000
- 2008 Regents Fellowship and Fee Fellowship, UC Santa Cruz. \$25,700
- 2008, 2011, Sociology Department Travel Award, UC Santa Cruz. \$240-\$817
2013, 2014,
2015
- 2007, 2008 Orville and Erna Thompson Travel Award, UC Davis. Unknown, \$520
- 2007 Henry A. Jastro and Peter J. Shields Graduate Research Scholarship, UC Davis. \$1,140
- 2006 Community Development Graduate Group Block Grant, UC Davis. \$10,000

INVITED TALKS

- 2015 “Environmental Justice: Public Engagement for Social Change in the San Joaquin Valley.” Doing and Debating Development series, Community Development Graduate Group, University of California, Davis, February 25.
- 2014 “Environment, Justice, Inequity.” Visual Activism Symposium, San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and the International Association for Visual Culture, San Francisco, CA, March 14-15.
- 2013 “Voices from the Valley: Lessons Learned.” Center for Urban Research and Learning at Loyola University Chicago in Chicago, IL, March 22.
- 2013 “Crossing the Campus-Community Divide: Scholarship, Advocacy, and Trying to Do It All.” Loyola University Chicago in Chicago, IL, March 22.
- 2013 “Voices from the Valley.” Humanities Without Borders. Religions in Diaspora and Human Affairs Humanities Studio Jam, University of California Humanities Research Institute, Irvine, CA, February 21-22.
- 2013 “Voices from the Valley: Lessons Learned.” Doing and Debating Development series, Community Development Graduate Group, UC Davis in Davis, CA, January 23.
- 2012 “Women’s Pathways into Activism: Rethinking the Women’s Environmental Justice Narrative in California’s San Joaquin Valley.” Women as History-Makers in California conference, University of the Pacific, March 24.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Papers Presented

- 2015 “From Conflict to Collaboration: The Evolving Relationship Between California Environmental Justice Activism and the State, 1980s-2010s.” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 21-25.
- 2015 “Protest or Policy? The Evolution of Environmental Justice Activism in California, 1980s to 2010s.” American Society of Environmental History (ASEH) Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., March 18-22.
- 2014 “The Politics of Race in Environmental Decision Making: Unitary Frames and Diverse Realities in California Environmental Justice Activism.” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL, April 8-12.
- 2014 “Neoliberal Environmental Governance and the Evolution of California Environmental Justice Activism.” Dimensions of Political Ecology, Lexington, KY, February 27-March 1.
- 2013 “Climate Justice Advocacy in the Global North: A Case Study from California.” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, April 9-13.
- 2012 “Climate Justice Advocacy in the Global North: The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006.” Rethinking Development in Light of Climate Change Conference, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, October 27.
- 2011 “Explaining Women’s Activism: Rethinking the Women’s Environmental Justice Narrative in California’s San Joaquin Valley.” Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, August 19-21.
- 2011 “Participatory Action Research: Challenges for Graduate Students.” Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section pre-conference workshop, American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, August 18-19.
- 2010 “On Being Useful to Social Movements: Stories from an Academic-In-Training.” Decolonizing the University: Fulfilling the Dream of the Third World College, UC Berkeley, February 26-27.
- 2009 “Becoming Political: Women and Environmental Justice in California’s Central Valley.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 7-11.
- 2009 “Becoming Political: Women and Environmental Justice in California’s Central Valley.” American Association of Geographers (AAG) Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 22-27.
- 2007 “Opportunities and Vulnerabilities in Farm-to-Institution Schemes: Results from a California Study,” w/ Patricia Allen, Jan Perez and Gail Feenstra. Rural Sociological Society (RSS) Annual Meeting, Santa Clara, CA, August 4-8.
- 2007 “Increasing Profits for Small and Mid-Scale Producers: The Institutional Market,”

w/ Patricia Allen, Gail Feenstra, Shermain Hardesty, Jan Perez and Jeri Ohmart. Agriculture, Food and Human Values (AFHV) Annual Meeting, Victoria, Canada, May 30-June 3.

Other Conference Activity

- 2014 Trainer, “Digital Storytelling.” California Nonprofit Technology Festival, Richmond, September 25-26.
- 2014 Round-table Presider, “Water Use and Governance.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August 16-19.
- 2012 Facilitator, “People/Planet/Profitability: Museums & Sustainability.” JFK University Museum Studies Colloquium, Berkeley, CA, November 17.
- 2009 Presenter. “Illustrations and Easy-to-Read Publications: The Basics.” First International Workshop on The Community Guide to Defending Land and Housing Rights, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, October 26-30.
- 2008 Assistant Organizer. Graduate Student Researcher, “PopFest: Popular Education and the Labor Movement,” UC Berkeley Labor Center. February 21-22.

PANELIST

- 2015 “Academic Job Market Timelines,” Sociology Department Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz, May 7.
- 2015 “The Next Generation of Environmental Justice Research,” Department of Human Ecology, Community Development Graduate Group, Center for Regional Change, University of California, Davis, February 24.
- 2014 “Doing Digital History,” Digital Humanities Initiative, University of California, Santa Cruz, November 24.
- 2014 “Sociology Undergraduate Student Workshop: The Graduate Student Experience,” Sociology Department, University of California, Santa Cruz, November 13.
- 2013 “Using Prezi and Powerpoint for Presentations,” Sociology Department Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz, December 4.
- 2013 “Tips and Tools for Applying to Present at Professional Meetings,” Sociology Department Colloquium, University of California, Santa Cruz, November 4.
- 2012 “People/Planet/Profitability: Museums & Sustainability.” JFK University Museum Studies Colloquium, Berkeley, CA, November 17.
- 2011 “25 Stories from the Central Valley: Lessons Learned.” Participatory Action-Research Workshop: Civic Engagement Among Indigenous Mexican Migrant Youth, organized by Jonathan Fox, and Gaspar Rivera, at UC Santa Cruz, July 29.
- 2010 “Partnerships in Rural Areas.” Empowered Partnerships: Participatory Action Research for Environmental Justice. Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social

- Justice, UC Berkeley, October 15.
- 2009 “Engaged Scholarship in the Central Valley: Stories from the Field.” UC Davis, May 5.

CAMPUS TALKS

UC Santa Cruz

- 2015 “From Protest to Policy: The Political Evolution of California Environmental Justice Activism, 1980s-2010s.” Friday Forum for Graduate Research, February 27.
- 2011 “Kettleman City, Then and Now.” Practical Activism conference, October 22.
- 2011 “Environmental Justice and Injustice in the San Joaquin Valley,” Student Environmental Center and Latino and Latin American Studies, May 18.
- 2010 “Connecting Your Schoolwork to the Real Food Movement,” w/ Elsa Dooling, Pesticide Watch. Strengthening the Roots: Food and Justice Convergence, hosted by the California Student Sustainability Coalition and the West Coast Real Food Challenge, February 13.
- 2009 “25 Stories from the Central Valley: The Story Behind the Stories.” Agrifood Seminar and Sociology Colloquium, December 8.

UC Davis

- 2008 “Becoming Political: Women and Environmental Justice in California’s Central Valley.” Doing and Debating Development series, Community Development Graduate Group. CA, May 23.
- 2008 “Creating Empowering Educational Materials.” Environmental Liaison Program, February 6.
- 2007 “An Introduction to Alternative Agriculture Clusters.” Doing and Debating Development series, Community Development Graduate Group. May 4.

GUEST LECTURES

Duke University; University of San Francisco; Santa Clara University; Goucher College; University of the Pacific; University of California, Berkeley; University of California, Davis; University of California, Santa Cruz. Complete list available upon request.

PUBLIC TALKS

2013 “The Modern Day Joads in Photographs.” With Sandy Brown, for Santa Cruz Reads *The Grapes of Wrath*, Santa Cruz Public Library, CA, March 11.

TEACHING

Instructor of Record, Community Studies, UC Santa Cruz

The Making of California (Spring 2015)

Instructor of Record, Sociology Department, UC Santa Cruz

Nature and Society (Fall 2014)

Women and Work (Winter 2014)

Environmental Inequalities (Winter 2012)

Teaching Assistant, Sociology Department, UC Santa Cruz

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2009, Fall 2012)

Sociological Problems (Spring 2012)

World Society: Origins and Consequences of Globalization (Winter 2010)

Classical Sociological Theory (Fall 2011)

Contemporary Sociological Theory (Winter 2013)

Logic and Methods of Social Inquiry (Spring 2010, Spring 2011)

Race and Justice (Fall 2010)

Nature, Poverty and Progress: Dilemmas of Environment and Development (Spring 2013)

Teaching Assistant, Latino and Latin American Studies Department, UC Santa Cruz

Social Science Analytics (Winter 2015)

Politics and Society: Concepts and Methods (Winter 2011)

Instructor, Democratic Education at Cal, UC Berkeley Labor Center and Ethnic Studies Department

Organizing and Education (Spring 2008)

MENTORING AND STUDENT INVOLVEMENT IN RESEARCH

- 2015 spring Evelyn Torres Arellano, Zoe Stricker, Luis Morales, Amanda Bunnell and Alex Buck. Coding interviews using qualitative data analysis software, compiling overview of all California anti-incinerator campaigns, compiling timeline of California environmental justice policy, compiling timeline of formation of California environmental justice organizations.
- 2015 winter Evelyn Torres Arellano and Zoe Stricker. Coding interviews using qualitative data analysis software, compiling overview of all California anti-incinerator campaigns, compiling timeline of California environmental justice policy.
- 2014 Savannah Coker. Coded interviews using qualitative data analysis software.
- 2008, 2014 Labor Summer Mentor, University of California, Berkeley, Center for Labor Research and Education
- 2009 Anandi van Diepen-Hedayat. Selected excerpts from interviews for editing into oral history component of public sociology project *Voices from the Valley*.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2006-2007 Graduate Student Researcher, UC Sustainable Agriculture, Research and Education Program. Conducted research on farm-to-institution sales for small and mid-sized farmers in partnership with the Center on Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at UC Santa Cruz, and the Community Alliance with Family Farmers.
- 2006 Researcher, UC Berkeley Center for Sustainable Resource Development, Ecoagriculture Partners, World Agroforestry Center. Researched and created annotated bibliographies on “Policy and Governance for Ecoagriculture” and “Collaborative Adaptive Management” for a training course in Kenya on East African ecoagriculture.
- 2003 Fellow, US-Brazil Consortium on Agroecology and Sustainable Rural Development, UC Berkeley. Campinas, Brazil (August - December). Conducted original research on the state of organic farming in the São Paulo region.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

Reviewer, *Organization & Environment*, *Sociology of Health and Illness*, *Rural Sociology*

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2011 “Advancing Public Service” profile for The Campaign for UC Davis. August 1. Accessed May 8, 2014 at <http://campaign.ucdavis.edu/inspiring-stories/public-service/environmental-justice>
- 2011 “Don’t Miss the “25 Stories” Exhibit!” Harvesting Health, by Rebecca Plevin, February 7. Accessed May 8, 2014 at <http://blogs.vidaenelvalle.com/health/page/2/?s=kettleman+city>
- 2010 “Women Lead the Fight for Pesticide Reform in California’s Central Valley.” Ecosalon.org, by Vanessa Barrington, September 2. Accessed May 8, 2014 <http://ecosalon.com/women-pesticide-reform-california-central-valley/>
- 2010 “Sprayed, Stripped and Poisoned, One Town Fights Back... and Wins.” Change.org, by Ben Proffer, August 27. Accessed September 10, 2010. <http://www.change.org/stories/sprayed-stripped-and-poisoned-one-town-fights-backand-wins>
- 2010 “Photoblog: Women Sowing Change in the Central Valley.” Women’s Foundation of California Blog. August 20. Accessed May 8, 2014 at <http://womensfoundationofcalifornia.com/2010/08/20/photoblog-women-sowing-change-in-the-central-valley/>
- 2008 “Women Leaders of the Central Valley Environmental Justice Movement,” *Local Dirt*, Producer Alida Cantor. KDVS-FM Davis, CA. June 3.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK

- 2011-2012 Website Consultant – Jonathan Fox, University of California, Santa Cruz
- 2006-2011 Accessible Publications and Popular Education Consultant, International Accountability Project
- 2006, 2009 Accessible Publications Consultant, *Dams, Rivers and Rights: An Action Guide for Communities Affected by Dams*, International Rivers
- 2007 Labor Summer Intern, California Labor Federation and UC Berkeley Labor Center
- 2005-2006 Associate Training Director, Amigos de las Américas, East Bay Chapter
- 2004-2006 Outreach and Research Coordinator, Hesperian Health Guides, *A Community Guide to Environmental Health*

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2015-current Technical Advisory Committee, Salinas Valley Disadvantaged Community Drinking Water and Wastewater Planning Project, Salinas Valley Integrated

Regional Water Management Grant Program, State Water Resources Control Board.

2011-current Board Member, Greenaction for Health and Environmental Justice

2005-2006 Board Member, Amigos de las Américas, East Bay Chapter

LANGUAGES

Conversational Portuguese

Conversational Spanish

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

University of California

2014-current Affiliate, Digital Humanities Initiative, University of California Santa Cruz

2013-current Member, Critical Sustainabilities UC Multi-Campus Working Group

2012-current Affiliated Researcher, UC Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California

2011-2012 Member, Studies of Food and the Body UC Multi-Campus Research Program

Professional Societies

American Sociological Association

Association of American Geographers

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Sociologists for Women in Society

American Society for Environmental History