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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)

University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC)..... *Spring 2013*

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Media Arts

The Illinois Institute of Art – Schaumburg..... *Spring 2008*

WORK EXPERIENCE

UIC Latino Cultural Center, Chicago, IL..... *Fall 2013 - Present*

Assistant Director

- Coordinating and presenting arts and cultural education programs to advance social and environmental justice
- Facilitating intercultural dialogues; co-founded the Reimagining Masculinities Initiative at UIC, and developed a civic dialogue initiative in partnership with the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience
- Graphic design supervision, social media marketing & management
- Mentoring, academic guidance and personal support
- Financial data tracking, budget planning, and processing expense reports
- Creating and sustaining experiential learning projects and initiatives

Triton College at River Grove, IL..... *Fall 2009 - Present*

Adult Education – Instructor

- Preparing students for the General Educational Development (GED) Test through courses in Reasoning Through Language Arts, Mathematical Reasoning, Science, and Social Studies
- Preparing students for The U.S. and Illinois Constitution Test
- Triton College GED Scholarship Committee

LALS Master's Program at UIC..... *Fall 2012 - Spring 2013*

Teaching Assistant for Elena R. Gutiérrez and Joel Huerta

- LALS 102 – Introduction to Latino Studies
- LALS 109 – Introduction to Latino Cultures

Columbia College Chicago: Humanities, History and Social Sciences..... *Spring 2013*

Substitute Instructor for José E. López

- History of Mexico and Central America
- Hispanics in U.S. History

Rafael Cintrón Ortiz Latino Cultural Center at UIC..... *Summer 2011 - Summer 2013*

Graphic Designer & Graduate Assistant

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Illinois Humanities Council, Chicago, IL..... *Fall 2012 - Spring 2013*

El Proyecto Odisea (Odyssey Project) Community Research Internship

- Participant observations of humanities courses in Pilsen, Chicago for low-income Latinas/os – Lectures on the emergence of poetry in Latin America
- Conducted a mixed-methods pilot study to survey and interview 60 Latina/o participants from the 2003 to 2011 cohorts to evaluate the impact of studying the humanities, completed a mapping project of all participants from 2008 to 2012, and created a summary report
- **LALS MA thesis:** “Empowering Latinos in Chicago through the Humanities: El Proyecto Odisea” – Advisors: Alejandro L. Madrid & Maria de los Angeles (Nena) Torres

COMMUNITY WORK

PASO – West Suburban Action Project, Melrose Park, IL..... *Jan 2016 – Present*

Board Member

- Working with community members to build stronger communities
- Connecting people with immigration legal services and resources
- Raising awareness for immigrants’ rights through workshops, trainings, dialogues, and civic engagement

ACADEMIC PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Maria Mangual Latina Leadership Conference, Pilsen (Chicago, IL)..... *Oct 2014*

A Call to Men: Ending Gender-Based Violence – Panelist

- Discussed the importance of men’s involvement in the movement, and examined traditional gender roles to foster safer communities for all

Humanities Day, University of Chicago..... *Oct 2012*

Empowering the Poor through the Humanities: Reflections on the Worldwide Clemente Course in the Humanities – Panelist

- Shared research that explored how a foundation in the humanities can empower marginalized communities, and increase civic engagement

SPECIAL SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Spanish – Fluency in reading, writing, conversation and interpretation
- Graphic & Web Design – Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign & WordPress
- Microsoft Office, Google Apps for Work & Geographic information system (GIS)
- Environmental and Climate Justice – Urban Agriculture & Wildlife Conservation
- Tennis - NTRP LEVEL: 4.0
- Biking, camping & hiking