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Academic Appointments

Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, Washington University in St. Louis
Jan 2025-present Postdoctoral Fellow

Center for Feminist Futures, UC Santa Barbara
2023-2024 Graduate Student Staff

Department of Feminist Studies, UC Santa Barbara
2019-2024 Graduate Teaching Associate

Education

2019-2024 **University of California, Santa Barbara, CA**
Ph.D. in Feminist Studies, December 2024
Dissertation: *Gentrification and its Discontents: Encampment Sweeps, Gang Injunctions, and Communal Disruptions to Mass Surveillance in Los Angeles*
Committee: Mireille Miller-Young (Chair), Miroslava Chavez-Garcia (committee member), and Jennifer Tyburczy (committee member)

2016-2019 **University of California, Santa Barbara, CA**
M.A. in Feminist Studies, June 2019
Thesis: *Getting Up: Gentrification, Gang Injunctions, and Graffiti in Echo Park, Los Angeles*

2012-2016 **University of California, Los Angeles, CA**
B.A. in Chicana/o Studies; B.A. in African American Studies, June 2016
Honors Thesis: *Tagging as Resistance: Latina/o Youth Counter-space and the Creation of Knowledge*

Research

Feminist anti-carceral studies, Women of Color Feminisms, Latinx Cultural Studies, Policing and Surveillance, Gentrification, Latinx Geographies, Sex Work Studies, Harm reduction

Publications

In Progress

Soriano, Kimberly M. "Indigenous Aesthetic Refusals in Geographies of Suciedad". submitted to Special Issue of American Quarterly on Indigenous Borderlands, edited by Felicity Amaya Schaeffer, Amrah Salomón, and Susy Zepeda. Forthcoming Fall 2026

Soriano, Kimberly M. "Gendered Colonial Logics of Urban Renewal: Sports Development, Race, and the Displacement of Public Sexual Labor in Los Angeles" submitted to Special Issue of *Punishment & Society: The International Journal of Penology* on "Neoliberal Care as Punishment: Interrogations of the Carceral Care and the 'Benevolent'". Edited by Kayla Martensen, Isabella Restrepo, and Kimberly Soriano

Soriano, Kimberly M. "Layered Surveillance and Displacement along the Figueroa Corridor". accepted to Special Collections on Media and Trafficking, edited by Menaka Ragupuran. Forthcoming 2026

Soriano, Kimberly M. Snakeoil Soma, Elizabeth Jen, and Crane Antonia. "Behind the Red Light: Contextualizing Cinematic Explorations of Sex Workers in Los Angeles" in *Beyond the Interface: Critical Perspectives on Sex Work and Sextech An edited Book*. Edited by Kathleen Cherrington, Evania Pietrangelo-Porco, Sam Saunders, Thérèse Bernier & Amanda De Lisio. Forthcoming 2026

Soriano, Kimberly M. "Living a Sucia Life" accepted in *Queer Hopes and Futures: An Edited Book* Edited by Aytak Dibavar, Akanksha Mehta, Ahmad Qais Munhazim. Forthcoming 2025

Published

Fuentes, Kimberly, Levitt Lauren, Soriano, Kimberly, Rowland Allison, and Wit, Natasha. "SESTA/FOSTA as de Facto LGBTQ+ Hate Policy: Combatting Carceral Investments and Uplifting Community-Based Solutions," *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*. January 2025

Soriano, Kimberly M. "Book Review: Marquis Bey 'Cistem Failure: Essays on Blackness and Cisgender.'" *Transgender Studies Quarterly*. Fall 2023

Awards and Fellowships

Research Awards

2024	AAG Latinx Geographies Graduate Student Paper Award
2024	Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research Fellowship
2023	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, Association of American University Women (AAUW)
2022	Feminist Studies Milestone Fellowship, UCSB
2020	Graduate Opportunity Central Fellowship, UCSB
2020	Feminist Studies Milestone Fellowship, UCSB
2019	Feminist Studies Milestone Fellowship, UCSB
2016	UC Regents' Fellowship, UCSB

Teaching Awards

2023	Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award, UCSB
2022	Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award, UCSB

Research Experience

2023	Researcher, "HIV and Harm Reduction." Director. Ayako Miyashita Ochoa. UCLA Hub for Health Intervention, Policy, and Practice (HHIPP)
2022- Present	Researcher, " <i>Our Data Bodies at Work</i> ". Our Data Bodies Project. London School of Economics and Political Science. Los Angeles, Principal Investigator: Dr. Seeta Peña Gangadharan
2020	Graduate Student Researcher, Netflix's History of Swear Words Episodes 3, 4, & 5. for Dr. Mireille Miller-Young
2019-2020	Graduate Student Researcher, "Queer Dilemmas of Desire," Principal Investigator: Dr. Leila Rupp

Teaching

Postdoctoral Instructor, Washington University in St. Louis

Introduction to Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies	Fall 2025
Sexuality and the State	Spring 2025

Instructor of Record, University of California, Santa Barbara

Sexual Cultures: Sacia Sexualities	Upper Division, Spring 2023
Introduction to Gender Power	Summer 2023, 2022, 2021, & 2020 Winter 2020
Introduction to LGBTQ Studies	Summer 2019
Women's Film Narratives	Upper Division, Winter 2019

Teaching Assistant

"Introduction to Gender Power" Winter 2023, Fall 2021, Winter 2019, Fall 2017
"Women of Color" Fall 2022 and Fall 2018
"Sex, Love, and Romance" Spring 2022 and Spring 2018
"Women, Representation, and Cultural Production" Fall 2019
"Introduction to LGBTQ Studies" Winter 2018

Presentations

Invited Presentations

Mar 2025 Gang Injunctions the Code for Data-Driven Policing in Latinx Urbanisms. Dr. Magally Miranda. Pomona College

Mar 2025 Research Ethics and Critical University Studies at the Southern California Library with NOLYMPICS LA Oral History Project. Public Humanities Lab Graduate Seminar. Dr. Deshonay Dozier. Claremont Graduate University

Dec 2024 Sex Workers Rights as Human Rights: a Conversation on International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers. Global Voices Feminist Theory and Gender Section. International Studies Association.

Nov 2024 Living in a Police State: Policing Public Systems. Reclaiming Our Communities. Community Power Collective. Los Angeles, CA.

Sept 2024 Gentrification and Organizing in Los Angeles. US Latinx Urbanisms Seminar. Dr. Oscar Guitierrez. Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA

Conference Presentations

April 2025 “SESTA/FOSTA as de Facto Hate Policy: Combatting Carceral Investments and Uplifting Community-Based Solutions” Gender and Social Justice: Global Intersectional Perspectives Conference, organized by the Critical Criminology and Social Justice Research Group & Hate Crime Research Group at Nottingham Trent University

April 2025 “From Labor to Leisure: Mobility, Space, and Subject Formation in Latinx Digital Media Practice” Society for Cinema and Media Studies. Chicago, Illinois.

Nov 2024 Organizer “Un/mapping geographies of suciedad: leaning into fugitivity and illegibility” Latinx Feminist Practices of Digital Memory Work as Care. National Women’s Studies Association. Detroit, Michigan.

Nov 2024 “Sweeping Suciedad: Feminist, Indigenous Queer and Trans Responses to Policing Space, Sexualities and unhousedness in Latinx MacArthur Park” Carceral Care. American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA

Oct 2024 “Subverting technologies of Layered Surveillance on Figueroa” in Whoring the Gaze. Beyond the Interface: Critical Perspectives of Sex Work and Sex Tech. Virtual

June 2024 Organizer “Oaxacan Refusal in a Gentrifying City.” Intimate Resistance and Collective Care in and across Transnational Spaces. Mujeres Activas en Letras y Cambio Social Summer Institute. Oaxaca, Mexico

June 2024 “Our Data Bodies at Amazon: Challenging Worker Surveillance and Physical and Mental Harms of Productivity Tracking” Labor Research Action Network Annual

Conference. Portland, Oregon

Nov 2023 Organizer “Sites of Suciedad and Harm Reduction in MacArthur Park, LA”. Queer Hate in a Time of Love: Counter-Mapping Negative Affect. American Studies Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada

Oct 2023 Organizer, “Landscapes of Suciedad: Building the Deviant Subject in MacArthur Park, Los Angeles” in *Gendered Carcerality across the Californian Landscape: Abolishing State “Care” as Punishment*. National Women Studies Association, Baltimore, Maryland

June 2022 “Candyman’s Haunting: The Violence of Gentrification, Criminalization and Policing” in Feminist Media Cultures at Console-ing Passions: *Feminist Media Cultures*. University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida. (Virtual)

Oct 2021 “Criminalized Brown Aesthetics: Policing Femininity and Masculinity in Echo Park” at American Studies Association Conference (Virtual)

Nov 2019 ‘We Don’t Want to be the Next Echo Park’: The Politics of Gentrification, Gang Injunctions, and Graffiti in Echo Park, Los Angeles,” American Studies Association Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2019 “The Writing on the Wall: Latinx L.A. Youth and Graffiti as Spatial Resistance,” *To Freedom! Imagining Black Feminist Futures*, UC Santa Barbara

Feb 2019 “The Politics of Gentrification, Gang Injunctions and Graffiti,” *Thinking Gender*, UCLA

Nov 2018 “Getting Up: The Politics of Gentrification, Gang Injunctions and Graffiti,” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia

Feb 2018 “Escaping the Buff: Tagging as Liminal World Making,” *Queer Hemispheres: América Cuir Colloquium*, UC Santa Barbara

Nov 2017 “Negotiating Space in the Times of Gentrification and Gang Injunctions” National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland

Conference Organizing and Grant Development

2023-2024 Co-organizer, Sex Worker Abortion Navigational Services, Essential Access Health CA Abortion Support Grant

2020-2021 Co-organizer, Racial Justice Initiative Grant Committee, Dept. of Feminist Studies and Division of Social Sciences, UC Santa Barbara

2019 Co-Organizer, *To Freedom! Imagining Black Feminist Futures Conference*

2018 Co-Organizer, *Queer Hemisphere: América Cuir Colloquium*

2017 Co-Organizer, *#SurvivedAndPunished* Teach-In with Women of Color Circle at Multicultural Center, UCSB

Service to the Profession

Graduate Professional Activities

2023-2024 Graduate Advisory Committee Member, The Feminist Futures Center UCSB
2020-2021 Curriculum Development, Feminist Studies UCSB

Public Writing Publications and Reports,

2025 [Linda Becerra Moran needed housing and support. When she called the police, they shot her.](#) Los Angeles Public Press. April 2025

2023 Gangadharan, Seeta Peña, Chenay Arberry, Blu Lewis, Kimberly M Reynolds, Mariella Saba, and Kimberly Soriano. 2023. “Tracked & Targeted: Navigating Worker Surveillance at Amazon.” Los Angeles, CA: Our Data Bodies.

2023 Third Wave Fund, *Sex Worker Giving Circle* Annual Report

2017 “A Portrait of Echo Park from an Angry Brown Girl” published in *Hood Digest*

2013 “From Echo Parque to Hipsterlandia” published in *La Gente Newsmagazine*

Non-Academic Presentations and Screenings

2024 Organizer. Community Convening on Worker and Racialized Surveillance. Our Data Bodies

2024 Presentor. Sex Worker Abortion Navigational Services. SWOPLA. Los Angeles Central Providers Collaborative Meeting.

2024 Organizer. Criminalization and Surveillance of Sex Work on Figueroa Corridor. SWOPLA at Southern California Library for Social Studies and Research

2023 Interviewee. *Oral History of SWOPLA* at MOCA Geffen Contemporary for Kink Out: Ephemera

2023 Invited. Our Data Bodies and LA CAN *Fieldtrip on 41.18* for PROSPECTIVES: A Design Lab of the Digital Innovation Initiative at The Music Center

2023 Invited. Love as Praxis Palestinian Feminist Collective’s Virtual Gallery

2021-2023 Organizer. Monthly Gender and Sexuality Webinar, *Stop LAPD Spying Coalition*

2020 Alternatives for Increase in Policing with *Community Alternatives To 911* for Echo Park Neighborhood Council

2016 Invited. “Alejandra’s Quesadilla Cart” film screening at *SELA Latinx Film Fest*

2014 Invited. “Hunting for Hipsters” film screening at UCLA’s Undergraduate Research Week

Professional Memberships/Affiliations

Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity at Washington University in St. Louis

National Women’s Studies Association

American Studies Association

Society for Cinema and Media Studies

American Society for Criminology

Law and Society Association

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