

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

2012: **University of Minnesota, Twin Cities**  
Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology

2004: **University of California, Santa Barbara**  
Master of Arts, Latin American and Iberian Studies

2000: **California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**  
Bachelor of Arts, History

### CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

#### Associate Professor, Sociology

Social Sciences Department, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

#### United Nations University Collaborative Researcher (2013-2018)

UNU-Institute of Environment and Human Security and MunichRE Foundation

#### University of California-California State University (2017-2018)

Knowledge Action Network for Transformative Climate and Sustainability Education and Action

#### Resilient Communities Research Institute (2015-Present)

Research Associate

### BOOKS

**Alaniz, Ryan.** December 2017. *From Strangers to Neighbors: Resettlement and Community Development in Post-Disaster Honduras.* Austin: University of Texas Press.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

Erikson, Christine, Victoria Sword-Daniels, Emma Hudson-Doyle, **Ryan Alaniz**, Caroline Adler, Todd Schenk, and Suzanne Vallance. 2016. "Embodied Uncertainty: Living with Complexity and Natural Hazards." *Journal of Risk Research*. DOI:10.1080/13669877.2016.1200659

**Alaniz, Ryan.** 2015. "Creating Community after Disaster: Norm Formation in Post-Hurricane Mitch Resettlements." In *Disasters' Impact on Livelihood and Cultural Survival: Losses, Opportunities, and Mitigation*, ed. Michèle Companion. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press, Taylor and Francis Group.

Tanner, Thomas, David Lewis, David Wrathall, Saleemul Huq, Chris Lawless, Raphael Nawrotzki, Vivik Prasad, Md. Ashique Rahman, **Ryan Alaniz**, Robin Bronen, Katherine King, Karen McNamara, Md. Nadiruzzaman, Sarah Henly-Shepard, and Frank Thomalla. 2015. "Livelihood resilience: preparing for sustainable transformations in the face of climate change." *Nature Climate Change*. 5:23-26.

Adams, Helen, **Ryan Alaniz**, Robin Bronen, and Karen McNamara. 2015. "Maintaining and building place' through managed and forced community relocations: Lessons for a climate changed world." UNU-EHS Working Paper Series, No. 16. Bonn: United Nations University Institute of Environment and Human Security.

Tellman, Beth, **Ryan Alaniz**, Andrea Rivera, and Diana Contreras. 2015. "Violence as an obstacle to livelihood resilience in the context of climate change." UNU-EHS Working Paper Series, No. 13. Bonn: United Nations University Institute of Environment and Human Security.

Doyle, Emma H, Shabana Kahn, Carolina Adler, **Ryan Alaniz**, Simone Athayde, Kuan-Hui Lin, Todd Schenk, Fabiola Sosa-Rodriguez, Victoria Sword-Daniels. 2014. "Risk Interpretation and Action (RIA): Decision Making Under Conditions of Uncertainty." *Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies*. 18 (1):27-37.

**Alaniz, Ryan** and Peter Daly. 2013. "Volunteering in Honduras: A Practical Guide" in *Building Partnerships in the Americas: A Guide for Global Health Workers* edited by Margo J. Krasnoff. Lebanon, NH: University Press of New England.

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2012. "Unsupervised Recovery: Adaptation Strategies by two NGOs in Post-Mitch Honduras" *SOURCE 'Studies of the University: Research, Counsel, Education' Publication Series of United Nations University –Institute for Environment and Human Security* 16: 110-124.

#### PEER REVIEWED ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2013. "Catholic Relief Services," in *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management* edited by K. Bradley Penuel, Matt Statler, and Ryan Hagen. Sage: Thousand Oaks.

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2013. "Red Cross/Red Crescent," in *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management* edited by K. Bradley Penuel, Matt Statler, and Ryan Hagen. Sage: Thousand Oaks

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2013. "United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR) in *Encyclopedia of Crisis Management* edited by K. Bradley Penuel, Matt Statler, and Ryan Hagen. Sage: Thousand Oaks.

#### PUBLIC POLICY PUBLICATIONS

**Alaniz, Ryan**, Laura Olson, and Gillian Hoortunian. 2016. "*Policy Brief: Drought as Disaster--Drought Response, Risk Reduction, Preparedness, Mitigation, & Climate Change Adaptation.*" National Security Council, **The White House**.

**Alaniz, Ryan**, Laura Olson, and Gillian Hoortunian. 2016. "'2021 Goal' - 5-year Plan: Taking Steps towards a Drought-Resilient Future." **California State Legislature**.

Ayeb-Karlsson, Sonja, Tanner, Thomas, van der Geest, Kees, Warner, Koko, Adams, Helen, Ahmedi, Istiak, **Alaniz, Ryan**, Andrei, Stephanie, Barthelt, Christian, Bhargava, Malashree, Bronen, Robin, Contreras, Diana, Cradock-Henry, Nick, Fernando, Nishara, Henly-Shepard, Sarah, Huq, Saleemul, Lawless, Christopher, Lewis, David, Loster, Thomas, McNamara, Karen. 2015. "Livelihood resilience in a changing world – 6 global policy recommendations for a more sustainable future." *UNU-EHS*. Bonn: **United Nations University**-Institute for Environment and Human Security.

The United Nations University- Institute for Environment and Human Security Resilience Academy.  
2014. *The Chiemsee Declaration: A white paper on livelihood resilience*. **Secretary General of the United Nations**.

### WORKING PAPERS

Lin, Kuna-Hui, Shabana Khan, **Ryan Alaniz**, David Olanya, and Lilibeth Acosta-Michlik.  
“*Communication influences on decision making in disaster recovery and reconstruction: Implications for Risk Interpretation and Action framework.*”

Fiegel, Gregg, Tom Trice, and **Ryan Alaniz**. “*Introducing Sustainability to First-Year Civil Engineering Students Using Drought as a Case Study.*” *Science, Engineering, and Environment*.

### OTHER PUBLICATIONS

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2012. *From Tragedy to Opportunity: Long-term Development in Post-Disaster Intentional Communities in Honduras*. (Dissertation) Minneapolis: University of Minnesota.

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2011. *How to Be a Conscientious Christian Gringo: 12 Ways to Affect Long-term Change in Yourself and the World*. Scottsdale, AZ: Publishing Intellect.

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2010. “‘Thank God for Mitch:’ Lessons from Post-Mitch Honduras for Post-Earthquake Haiti.” *Essays from the Field*. Washington D.C.: Social Science Research Council.

**Alaniz, Ryan**. 2007-2008. “Discoveries.” *Contexts (American Sociological Association Publication)*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

**Alaniz, Ryan** and Amy Johnson. 2007-2008. “Reflected Appraisals.” *Contexts (American Sociological Association Publication)*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

### FELLOWSHIPS

2014-2015: Cal Poly Center for Community Engagement and Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology

Service Learning Faculty Fellow

2013-2014: International Social Science Council

World Social Science Fellow

2011-2012: Russell J. and Dorothy S. Bilinski Educational Foundation

Dissertation Writing Fellowship

2011-2012: Society for the Study of Social Problems

Graduate Racial/Ethnic Minority Fellowship (Declined)

2011-2012: University of Minnesota

Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship

2011-2012: Ford Foundation

Dissertation Writing Fellowship (Honorable Mention)

2011-2012: College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

Ron Anderson Technology and Social Cohesion Fellowship

2011: University of Minnesota

Graduate Research Partnership Program Fellowship

2010-2011: National Science Foundation; Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado,

Boulder; Public Entity Risk Institute (PERI)

National PERISHIP Award--Dissertation Fellowship in Disasters

2009-10: Department of State

Fulbright Full Grant Research Fellowship, Honduras

2009-10: Social Science Research Council/Andrew Mellon Foundation

International Dissertation Research Fellowship

2009-10: Inter-American Foundation  
International Grassroots Dissertation Research Fellowship (Declined)

## RECENT GRANTS

- 2017: Cal Poly College of Liberal Arts, Diversity Module (\$3,000)  
*Project: "Nosce te ipsum: Recognizing privilege in yourself and the world"*
- 2016-2020: National Science Foundation solicitation number: 14-601 (\$1.5 million-Unfunded)  
*Project: CNH-L: Coupled interaction between changing climate and anthropogenic factors in the Western USA: Implications for agricultural sustainability*  
Ashok Mishra (PI), Ryan Alaniz (Co-PI)
- 2015: United Nations University/Cal Poly "Disaster by Drought" Summit (\$21,000)  
*Project: "Disaster by Drought" Summit*
- 2015: Center for Sustainability in Engineering (\$5,000)  
*Project: "Disaster by Drought" Summit*
- 2015: American Society for Civil Engineers (with Gregg Fiegel) (\$2,000)  
*Project: "Disaster by Drought" Summit*
- 2015: Resilient Communities Research Institute (\$500)  
*Project: "Disaster by Drought" Summit*
- 2015: Cal Poly College of Liberal Arts, Summer Stipend Writing Grant (\$7,000)  
*Project: "A Community of Strangers" Book Editing and Publishing*
- 2014: International Social Science Council and START Research grant (\$15,000)  
PI: Kuna-Hui Lin, Lilibeth Acosta-Michlik, Ryan Alaniz, Shabana Khan, and David Olanya  
*Project: Communication influences on decision making in disaster recovery and reconstruction: Implications for Risk Interpretation and Action framework*
- 2014: Cal Poly Baker Endowment (\$3,500)  
PI: Ryan Alaniz (Ellie Gertler and Georgia O'Farrell, SLO Sheriff's Department, and Restorative Partners)  
*Project: The Garden Project-Gardening as a Rehabilitative Tool for Inmates*
- 2014: Cal Poly CONNECT Grant (\$4,800)  
Project Director: Ryan Alaniz  
With Engineers without Borders, Cal Poly  
*Project: Construction of a Public Elementary School and Capacity-Building in Camilo Ortega, Nicaragua*

## TRAVEL GRANTS

### 2016-2017

- Munich RE Foundation  
(in support of the resilience academy in Washington DC hosted by the United Nations University)
- International Social Science Council, UNESCO, Akershus University College of Applied Sciences, Oslo, Norway  
(~\$3,000 in support of a conference presentation)

### 2015-2016

- Purdue University  
(~\$2,000 in support of a lecture given at the university)

### 2014-2015

- Munich RE Foundation  
(in support of the resilience academy in Munich, Germany hosted by the United Nations University)

## **2013-2014**

International Social Science Council, START, Council of Excellence, Taipei  
(in support of the World Social Science Fellow Conference)

Cornell University and Ithaca College  
(in support of presentations given at each university)

University of Wisconsin  
(in support of a presentation)

Munich RE Foundation  
(in support of the resilience academy in Dhaka, Bangladesh, hosted by the United Nations

University and Bangladesh University)

## **2012-2013**

Munich RE Foundation  
(in support of the United Nations University Summer Academy)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS--ACADEMIC AND SERVICE**

2017: **Early Promotion to Associate Professor**

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2016: **Invited Participant: White House Water Summit**

The White House

2015: **Invited Lead Author-Policy Brief on California Drought**

National Security Council, The White House

2015: **Invited Lead Author IPBES/UNESCO Report (DECLINED)**

Human impact of Ecosystem Changes in Latin America

2013: **Top 20 Under 40-San Luis Obispo County**

[San Luis Obispo's Tribune Newspaper](#)

2012-2013: **Cal Poly President's Community Service Award**

Founding board member of Restorative Partners

2010-2011: **Engaged Scholarship Award**

University of Minnesota Sociological Research Institute

2010-2011: **Public Sociology Award (as a member of the Contexts editorial board)**

University of Minnesota Sociological Research Institute

## **HONORS AND AWARDS--TEACHING**

### **2016-2017**

**Cal Poly CLA Diversity Award**

Nominee

**Terrance Harris Excellence in Mentorship**

Distinguished Honoree

### **2015-2016**

**Outstanding Faculty Award**

Cal Poly Honors Program

**Outstanding Mentor**

Cal Poly Engineers Without Borders, Nicaragua

### **2014-2015**

**Early Career Award in Teaching (Commendation)**

College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly

[Honored Grateful Grads](#)

Student Philanthropy Council, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

**Honored Faculty at Lavender Commencement**

PRIDE Center, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

## **Mustang Mentor**

Cal Poly Basketball Team

## **2013-2014**

### **Honored Faculty at Lavender Commencement**

PRIDE Center, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

## **2012-2013**

### **Distinguished Educator Award**

California Faculty Association

### **Most Supportive Professor (Nominee)**

Society for Women Engineers, Cal Poly

## **TEACHING**

### **2012-2018: Assistant Professor, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**

Honors 200-1 (Honors for Social Change-1 unit)

Honors 200-2 (Addressing Social Issues)

Honors 200-4 (Holistic Development)

Honors 270 (Honors for Social Change-2 unit)

Humanities 310 (Culture of Spain)-Cal Poly Study Abroad in Spain

Humanities 310 (Culture of Latin America) Cal Poly Study Abroad in Peru

Sociology 110 (Comparative Societies)-Quarter 11 weeks; Summer Session 5 weeks; Quarter+ 3 weeks

Sociology 111 (Social Problems)

Sociology 200 (Professional Development for Sociologists, Anthropologists, and Geographers)

Sociology 218 (International Political Economy)

Sociology 327 (Social Change)

Sociology 309 (The World Systems and Its Problems)

Sociology 316 (U.S. Ethnic Relations)

Sociology 400-1 (Independent Study 1-4 units)

Sociology 440-1 (Internships)

Sociology 444 (Incarceration and Society) **\*\*Taught with CP students and county jail inmates\*\***

Sociology 461,462 (Senior Projects I, II)

Social Sciences 461, 462 (Senior Projects I, II)

University 391 (Applied Technology for the Developing World)

*Average student evaluation for teaching 3.75/4.0*

### **Courses Developed**

Sociology 200 (Professional Development for Sociologists, Anthropologists, and Geographers)

Sociology 327 (Social Change)

Sociology 444 (Incarceration and Society)

### **2011-2012: Lecturer, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo**

Sociology 110 (Comparative Societies)

Sociology 111 (Social Problems)

Sociology 218 (International Political Economy)

*Average student evaluation for teaching 3.6/4.0*

### **2009-2010: University of Minnesota**

Sociology 3801 (Sociological Research Methods)

Sociology 3251 (Sociological Perspectives on Race, Class, and Gender—Int'l Focus)

Sociology 1001 (Introduction to Sociology)

Sociology 3801 (Race, Class, and Gender)

*Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award, 2009*

## **2002-2004: University of California, Santa Barbara**

Spanish 2 (Intermediate Spanish)

Spanish 1 (Elementary Spanish)

Black Studies 1 (History of African-Americans to 1950)

Black Studies 38B (Early 19th century literature to Harlem Renaissance)

Black Studies 38A (Harlem Renaissance literature to Present)

Latin American Studies 100 (Introduction to Latin American Studies)

## **Student Advising**

2011- present: Mentor, Engineers Without Borders, Nicaragua

2011- present: Advisor, Organizations/Criminal Justice Concentration, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo

2016-present: Advisor, Handicap International Club, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo

2012-2014: Advisor, Social Sciences Club, Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo

## **CONFERENCES DIRECTED**

October 2015: (Director) “Disaster by Drought Summit: Livelihood Resilience under Conditions of Climate Uncertainty.” **United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human (UNU-EHS) Security and Cal Poly.** (<http://disasterbydrought2015.calpoly.edu/>)

May 2010: (Director) “Post-desastre Desarrollo a Largo Plazo de Honduras a El Salvador.” Conferencia Tragedia y Oportunidad. **Institute for Community Recovery and Development.** Divina Providencia, Honduras.

## **INVITED LECTURES/PARTICIPATION**

February 2018: “From Strangers to Neighbors” Conversations with Cal Poly Authors. Kennedy Library, San Luis Obispo.

January 2018: “Want to Change the World?: Start Here” Cal Poly Inclusion Starts with Me Teach-In. San Luis Obispo.

June 2017 (Online): “[Nosce Te Ipsum: Bridging Our Values and Actions in Addressing Climate Change](#)” University of California, California State University-Knowledge Action Network.

February 2017 (Lecture): “Recognizing inequality in yourself and the world.” **Unite Cal Poly.** San Luis Obispo.

October 2016 (Panel Member): “From Strangers to Neighbors: Resettlement and Development in Honduras.” *On the Move – Global migrations, challenges and responses.* **International Social Science Council.** Oslo, Norway.

April 2016 (Participant): “Big Water Projects, Innovation, and the New Reality.” **CSU Chancellor’s Office Water Resources and Policy Initiatives.** Long Beach, CA.

April 2016 (Lecture): “Education Behind Bars: The Co-Production of Knowledge by Inmates and University Students.” **Student Community Services.** Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

March 2016 (Participant): “Water Summit” **The White House,** Washington D.C.

March 2016 (Lecture): “Education Behind Bars: The Co-Production of Knowledge by Inmates and University Students.” **Purdue University**, Lafayette, Indiana.

February 2016 (Participant): “Reimagining Engineering Education.” **National Science Foundation sponsored pilot study**. Montecito, California

February 2016 (Lecture): “Tourism as Transformational Pedagogy.” **Global Tourism and Environmental Conservation**. University of California, Santa Barbara.

January 2016: (Facilitator) “Sharing of Drought Research.” Drought Summit. **California State University, Fresno**.

November 2015: (Participant-DECLINED) WATER ACT! Symposium: Reaching Consensus Through Awareness. **U.S. Embassy in France, France Fulbright Association**. Paris, France.

November 2015: (Presenter) “Next Steps after the Master’s or Doctoral Degree Webinar” **The William Averette Anderson Fund for Hazard and Disaster Mitigation Education and Research**. University of Colorado, Boulder.

April 2014: (Presenter-DECLINED) “Variabilidad de las lluvias, seguridad alimentaria y migración humana en Guatemala y en Centroamérica.” **Ministerio de Ambiente y Recursos Naturales de Guatemala and UNU-EHS**. Guatemala City, Guatemala.

December 2013: (Fellow) “Risk Interpretation and Action.” **International Social Science Council (UNESCO), START, and Council of Excellence, Taiwan**. Wellington and Christchurch, New Zealand.

November 2013: (Presenter) “*Building* Community Among Strangers: Challenges of Post-Disaster Resettlement in Honduras.” **Latin American Studies and History Programs. Ithaca College**. Ithaca, New York.

November 2013: (Presenter) “*Building* Community Among Strangers: Challenges of Post-Disaster Resettlement in Honduras.” **Latin American Studies Program Seminar Series. Cornell University**. Ithaca, New York.

May 2013: (Presenter) “*Estamos en el Paraíso* (We are in Paradise!): The Role of Emergent Norms in Post-Disaster Resettlements.” **Disaster Relief and Humanitarian Aid Conference. University of Wisconsin**, Madison.

October 2012: (Keynote Speaker) “The Future is Ours.” **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicana-Latino Convocation**. Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.

October 2010: (Participant) Disaster Recovery Theory Development Workshop Participant. Hosted by the **Public Entity Risk Institute & National Science Foundation**. Chapel Hill, NC.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PARTICIPATION

August 2017 (Participant): Inside-Out Training Program for teaching in the jail/prison context. **Temple University and Graterford Prison**, Philadelphia, PA

April 2017 (Presenter) “From Strangers to Neighbors: The Social Construction of Culture in Post-Disaster Resettlements.” **Society for Applied Anthropology**. Santa Fe, New Mexico.



March 2016: (Organizer/Presenter) “Social Implications of Water Scarcity” **Society for Applied Anthropology**. Vancouver, Canada.

August 2014: (Presenter) “Nosce Te Ipsum: Resilience and Reflexivity.” Livelihood Resilience Conference, hosted by the **UNU-EHS and International Centre for Climate Change and Development**. Munich, Germany.

October 2012: (Participant) 2012 Keystone Conference. “From Social Vulnerability to Building Resilience in the Context of Climate Adaptation.” Sponsored by--**United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security** and Munich RE Foundation. Bonn, Germany.

September 2013: (Presenter) “Resilience Academy.” Hosted by the **United Nations University, International Centre for Climate Change and Development, Bangladesh Centre for Advanced Studies, and International Institute for Environment and Development**. Dhaka, Bangladesh.

March 2013: (Presenter) “How does a Resettlement Become a Community?: Theorizing Post-Disaster Social Development” **Society for Applied Anthropology**. Denver, Colorado.

July 2012: (Presenter) “Unsupervised Recovery: Adaptation Strategies by Two NGOs in Post-Mitch Honduras” **37th Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop**, Broomfield, CO.

July 2011: (Participant) 2011 Summer Academy: Climate Change and Fragile States: Rethinking Adaptation. Sponsored by--**United Nations University-Institute for Environment and Human Security** and Munich RE. Schloss Hohenkammer, Germany.

June 2011: (Presenter) “The Increasing Importance of Disaster Recovery Research” Public Entity Risk Institute- Theory of Disaster Recovery Panelist. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Emergency Management Higher Education Conference, **FEMA & the U.S. Department of Homeland Security**, Emmitsburg, MD.

October 2010: (Presenter) “Sustainable Post-Disaster Development: Theory-Building and Practical Applications.” **Social Science Research Council IDRF Conference**, Denver, CO.

March 2010: (Presenter) “A Tale of Two Cities: An Analysis of Long-term Post-disaster Community Development.” **Fulbright Conference**, Central American Section. El Valle, Panama.

#### **CURRENT ACADEMIC WORK AND SERVICE (Selected)**

2017-Present: **International Network on Displacement and Resettlement**  
Standards Committee

2017-Present: **Cal Poly Academic Senate**  
Member

2016-Present: **Reviewer**  
Journal of Risk Research

2016-Present: **Member**  
Cal Poly CLA Faculty Diversity Committee

2014-Present: **Reviewer**  
Human Organizations

2012-Present: **Advisor-Engineers without Borders, Nicaragua**  
Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2013-present: **Honors Professor**

Taught four courses for the Cal Poly Honors Program

2013-present: **Social Sciences Website Committee**

2013-present: **Faculty Search Committees (Nine)**

Search committee for five sociology and one geography faculty

Social Sciences department, Cal Poly

2011-Present: **Affiliated Faculty, Women's and Gender Studies**

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2011-Present: **Fulbright Alumni Ambassador**

United States Department of State

2010-Present: **Reviewer**

Environmental Justice Journal

### **PREVIOUS ACADEMIC WORK AND SERVICE (Selected)**

2016: **Reviewer**

United Nations Environment Programme

Climate Change Loss and Damage: The Role of Ecosystem Services

2015-2016: **CSU Chancellor's Water Resource and Policy Initiative (2016-Present)**

Research Collaborator

2015: **Director**

Disaster by Drought Summit

Livelihood Resilience under Conditions of Climate Uncertainty

2016: **Reviewer**

Cal Poly Center for Sustainability in Engineering

2014: **Honors Search Committee**

Search Committee member and EEF for Honors ASC II

2014: **Expert Witness**

Asylum Case, Honduras

2014: **Selection Committee Member**

Fulbright Selection Committee

2014-Present: **Reviewer**

Human Organizations

2013-2016: **Global Studies Minor**

Working with other faculty to introduce Global Studies as a new minor, College of Liberal Arts,

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2014: **Honors Search Committee**

Search Committee member and EEF for Honors ASC II

2013-present: **Global Studies Minor**

Working with other faculty to introduce Global Studies as a new minor, College of Liberal Arts,

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2013, 2014: **Sociology 200**

Voluntarily taught a one unit professional development course for the Social Sciences

Department, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

2013: **Social Sciences Assessment Committee**

2011-2012: **Teacher-Scholar Development Series Participant**

Center for Teaching and Learning, Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

### **PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY/COMMUNITY SERVICE**

February 2017: [Diversity Module Creator](#)

Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo

August 2017: [Inside Out](#) Training: Social Change through Transformative Education. Temple University/Graterford Prison, Philadelphia.

April 2016 (Lecture): “From Farm Laborer to the White House.” **Arroyo Grande High School**, Arroyo Grande, California.

2013-Present: **Ambassador, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Orphanages International**

Nine orphanages working with 3,600 children throughout Latin America. As a leadership ambassador, I work on fundraising and publicity campaigns.

2004-Present: **Executive Director, The Fútbol Project**

Founder and executive director of non-profit (501c3) organization that obtains donations of sports equipment for orphanages and underprivileged children in Latin America and Africa.

(<http://ww.thefutbolproject.org>)

2011-2015: **Restorative Partners**

**2013 Winner of Cal Poly’s President Community Service Award**

Founding advisory board member of the non-profit organization that works with San Luis Obispo county jail, the juvenile hall, crime victims, and the broader community to rehabilitate inmates.

(<http://www.restorativepartners.org>)

## **INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH, PRESENTATIONS, AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

### **2016**

October (Oslo, Norway):

International Social Science Council Conference

On the Move – Global migrations, challenges and responses.

Participant and Presenter

### **2015**

June-July (Valladolid, Spain):

Cal Poly Study Abroad Program

### **2014**

August (Munich, Germany):

United Nations University Resilience Academy

Participant and Presenter

June-July (Peru):

Cal Poly Study Abroad Program

Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities

Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member (pro bono)

### **2013**

December (Wellington, New Zealand):

International Social Science Council Seminar

Participant and Presenter

September (Dhaka, Bangladesh):

United Nations University Conference

Participant and Presenter

August-September (Nicaragua):

Advisor to Engineers Without Borders Nicaragua Cal Poly team

Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

June-July (Peru):

Cal Poly Study Abroad Program

Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities

Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

March (Nicaragua):

Advisor to Engineers Without Borders Nicaragua Cal Poly team

Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities

Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

**2012**

August-September 2012 (Honduras and Nicaragua):

Research on post-disaster community development.

Advisor to Engineers Without Borders Nicaragua Cal Poly team

Delivered Soccer Equipment for The Fútbol Project to underprivileged communities

Taught CPR and First Aid courses to community member and NGO staff (pro bono)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

*United Nations University-Institute of Environment and Human Security*

*Fulbright Alumni Association*

*CSU Chancellor's Water Resource and Policy Initiative*

*Resilient Communities Research Institute*

*American Sociological Association*

*Society for Applied Anthropology*

*Latin American Studies Association*

*Chicana/Latino Faculty and Staff Association, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo*

## **MEDIA ENGAGEMENT**

September 2017: **University of Texas Press**

[Hurricane Harvey and Irma—Build Back Better—Elsewhere?](#)

June 2017: **Mustang News**

The Wheelchair Foundation: New chapter, same goals

<http://mustangnews.net/wheelchair-foundation-new-chapter-goal/>

June 2017: **Mustang News**

Restorative Partners: Helping inmates one class at a time

<http://mustangnews.net/helping-inmates-one-class-time/>

April 2016: **KCBX Radio**, Issues and Ideas Program

The California drought and the White House Water Summit

<http://kcbx.org/post/california-drought-and-white-house-water-summit>

March 2016: **KSBY News**

Professor to attend White House Water Summit

<http://mms.tveyes.com/Transcript.asp?StationID=1335&DateTime=3%2F22%2F2016+11%3A16%3A17+PM&Term=Cal+Poly&PlayClip=TRUE>

October 2015: **KCBX News**

United Nations conference this week at Cal Poly to study devastating drought effects

<http://kcbx.org/post/united-nations-conference-week-cal-poly-study-devistating-drought-effects>

October 2015: **Cal Poly Magazine**

Running Dry

<http://magazine.calpoly.edu/fall-2015/running-dry/>

October 2015: **Mustang News**

Cal Poly prepares for United Nations University

(<http://mustangnews.net/cal-poly-prepares-united-nations-university/>)

March 2015: **Mustang News**

Interview concerning “Week in the Life” Pedagogy

(<http://mustangnews.net/a-week-in-a-life-from-being-mute-to-living-in-a-wheelchair-students-learn-to-exist-in-anothers-shoes/>)

February 2015: **Mustang News**

Interview about “Incarceration and Society” class held at the county Jail

(<http://mustangnews.net/sociology-class-partners-with-county-jail/>)

December 2014: **KEYT Television**

Interview about the Ferguson Protests

(<http://www.keyt.com/news/ferguson-solidarity-march-in-downtown-slo/30091596>)

November 2014: **Conversations with Cal Poly Authors**

Interview with Kathleen Cairns about her book “Hard Time at Tehachapi”

(<https://soundcloud.com/kennedy-library/hard-time-at-tehachapi>)

July 2014: **KCBX Central Coast Voices**

Interview concerning the “Cost of Living in SLO County”

(<http://kcbx.org/post/cost-living-slo-county>)

May 2014: **College of Liberal Arts, Cal Poly**

Interview describing my collaborations with the United Nations University.

([http://cla.calpoly.edu/cla\\_the-link\\_q1-2014\\_ryan-alaniz.html](http://cla.calpoly.edu/cla_the-link_q1-2014_ryan-alaniz.html))

May 2012: **Mustang Daily**

Interview describing my “Learn by Doing Sociology” extra credit assignments.

(<http://mustangdaily.net/earning-extra-credit-the-hard-way/>)

April 2012: **KCOY News**

Interview highlighting my “Learn by Picking Strawberries” experiential field trip.

(<http://www.kcoy.com/story/18151824/students-pick-strawberries-for-a-day>)

January 2012: **New Times**

Interview concerning the changing definition of marriage in the United States.

([http://issuu.com/ntmg/docs/brides\\_2012\\_issuu/38](http://issuu.com/ntmg/docs/brides_2012_issuu/38))

## **STATISTICAL AND QUALITATIVE SOFTWARE PROFICIENCIES**

SPSS, STATA, EXCEL, ATLAS TI

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish: Fluent; English: Native