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EDUCATION

- 2020 - Present **M.A. & Ph.D.** University of Washington, *Sociology, in progress*
- 2016 – 2019 **B.A.** University of California, Santa Barbara, High Honors
Sociology, Distinction in Major
Thesis: “Trials of Brotherhood: New Pledge Education”
American Indian & Indigenous Studies, Distinction in Major
Thesis: “Unpacking Allyship: Reflections of Native American Education”
Minors: *Religious Studies and History*

RESEARCH

Areas of Specialization

Gender, Sexualities, Masculinities, Cultural Sociology, Inequality, Community & Urban Sociology, Qualitative Methods, Decolonial Methodologies

Fieldwork

- 2019 Participant Observation Whanganui, Aoetero/New Zealand
2019 Qualitative Interviews California
2018 Ethnographic Observations New Mexico

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

Ryan DeCarsky. Reviewing *The Mating Game: How Gender Still Shapes How We Date* by Ellen Lamont, *Men and Masculinities*, August 2020.

Ryan DeCarsky. Reviewing: *Boystown: Sex and Community in Chicago* by Jason Orne, “To Stay Gay, Boystown Becomes Less Queer” Forthcoming in *Contexts*, Spring 2021.

Articles

Ryan DeCarsky. “Trials of Brotherhood: Perceptions of Hazing in Men-Only Social Fraternities” *in progress*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2020 Teaching Assistant SOC 375: Sociology of Law and Society, University of Washington
2019 Course Grader. SOC 155: Sociology of Gender, UC Santa Barbara
2019 Course Grader. RGST 193/ENVS. 189: Religion and Ecology, UC Santa Barbara
2018 Course Grader. RGST 193/ENVS. 189: Religion and Ecology, UC Santa Barbara

INVITED LECTURES

- 2019 PYSCH 125: Psychology of Human Sexuality, Santa Barbara City College, October 2019.
Human Sexualities Panel Participant – Pacific Pride Foundation Event.
- 2019 RGST 114: Rites of Passage, University of California, Santa Barbara, February 2019.
Lecture: “Understanding Cosmologies Other Than Your Own”
- 2019 RGST 193: Religion and Ecology, University of California, Santa Barbara, February 2019.
Lecture: “What Does Religion and Ecology Mean (To You)?”
- 2018 RGST 14: Native American Religious Traditions, University of California, Santa Barbara
Lecture: “Community Learning: A Model For The Future”
- 2018 RGST 190AR: Aztec Religion, University of California, Santa Barbara
Lecture: “Christianity Meets Multiplicity: Teotl or god?”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 Accepted: “Decolonizing Translation: Quetzalcoatl and the Multiplicity of Teotl” in formal paper session - *Confronting Legacies of Colonialism* at Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Online.
- 2021 Accepted: “Justifying Brotherhood: A Case Study of Gendered Discourse” in formal paper session - *Masculinities and Men* at Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Online.
- 2020 “‘Doing Gay’ in the Mainstream: A Qualitative Look at Gay Men Born 1995-2001” in *Ideas for Future Research Roundtable on Content Analysis and identity Work* at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Online.
- 2020 Accepted: “Justifying Brotherhood: A Case Study of Gendered Discourse” in formal paper session - *Gender: Gender and Relationships* at Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Eugene, OR.
- 2019 “The Dakota Access Pipeline: Water. Is Life, Money is Powerful, & Consequences are Real”, Co-presented with Bhavya Ja, in formal paper session- *Scorched Earth: Climate Change, Energy, and the Sociology of Development* at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2019 “Limiting Brotherhood: Gay Men and Fraternity Culture” in Student Forum Roundtables at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- 2019 “Voices of Ancestors: Weaving together Linda Tuhiwai Smith’s Decolonizing Methodologies” with the Mexico-USA Borderlands in *NAISA Roundtable* at Native American and Indigenous Studies Association Annual Meeting, Hamilton, Aotearoa/New Zealand.
- 2019 “Trials of Brotherhood: New Pledge Education” in *Undergraduate Student Roundtable Session* at Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.
- 2019 “The Problematic Nature of ‘god’ in Colonial Narrative” in Panel on Decolonizing the Language of the Academy at American Indian and Indigenous Studies Symposium, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

- 2018 “Remembering Teotl: Exploring Quetzalcoatl and Spiritual Duality” in panel – *Transformative Memory: The Interface of Religion and Healing* at American Academy of Religion Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2018 “Developing an American Indian and Indigenous Studies Major” in panel – *American Indian and Indigenous Higher Education* at American Indian and Indigenous Studies Symposium, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA.

ACADEMIC AWARDS, HONORS & GRANTS

- 2019 Best Undergraduate Paper in Sociology Award, University of California, Santa Barbara
Paper: “Gay Men and Fraternity Culture”
- 2019 Undergraduate Excellence Award, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 Distinction in Major, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 Distinction in Major, Individual (AIIS), University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2019 Student Forum Travel Grant, American Sociological Association
- 2019 Pacific Sociological Association Student Travel Grant
- 2018 Robert S. Michaelson Memorial Award in Religious Std. University of California, Santa Barbara
- 2018 Faculty Research Assistant Program Grant
Supporting: *Sacred Objects and Chumash Basketry Project* by Dr. Talamantez
- 2018 UC Santa Barbara Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities
Supporting: *Trials of Brotherhood: New Pledge Education*
- 2018 UC Santa Barbara Faculty Research Assistance Program
Supporting: *Unpacking Allyship: Reflections of Native American Education*

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

- 2020 Freelance Research Consultant at Quandoo, GmbH in Berlin, Germany.
- 2019 Religious Studies Undergraduate Program Coordinator and Advisor, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2019 Writing Tutor, Santa Barbara City College, Santa Barbara, CA
- 2018-19 Sociology Peer Advisor, Sociology Dept. at University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2018-19 Academic Skills Tutor, Intake Assistant, Campus Learning Assistance Services, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.
- 2017-19 Research Assistant, Department of Religious Studies, Dr. Talamantez, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND CONSULTATION

- 2019 Script Consultant for “Sexual Assault of Men Played for Laughs: Part 1 Male Perpetrators” by: Pop Culture Detective, Jonathan McIntosh.

2018-19 Committee Member, American Indian and Indigenous Studies Symposium, UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2019 – Present American Sociological Association
2019 – Present Pacific Sociological Association
2019 Native American and Indigenous Association

LANGUAGES

English – Native | American Sign Language – Advanced | German – Elementary

VOLUNTEER WORK

2019-20 Volunteer for *Pacific Pride Foundation*, Santa Barbara, CA
2017-19 Volunteer for *American Indian and Indigenous Student Association*, UC Santa Barbara
2018 Presenter / Assistant Instructor for *Adelante Skill Nahuatl Workshop*, UC Santa Barbara
2018 Judge for *Mock Trial Association - Mocktopia*, UC Santa Barbara
2018 Deputy Chief of Staff for *Internal Vice President, Associated Students*, UC Santa Barbara
2018 Fellowship Director for *Associated Students*, UC Santa Barbara
2015-18 Volunteer for *Global Glimpse*, Oakland, CA
2016-17 Volunteer for *Collegiate Mock Trial Association*, Santa Barbara, CA

ACADEMIC REFERENCES

Dr. Felicia Lopez, Assistant Professor, Chicana Studies and English, University of California, Merced, Merced, CA. Email: flopez44@ucmerced.edu

Dr. Tristan Bridges, Associate Professor, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA. Email: tbridges@soc.ucsb.edu

Dr. Verta Taylor, Professor and Chair, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA. Email: vtaylor@soc.ucsb.edu

Dr. Denise Bielby, Professor Emerita, Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA. Email: bielbyd@soc.ucsb.edu