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EDUCATION

2026 **P.h.D.,** Mexican-American and Latina/o Studies,
The University of Texas at Austin

Dissertation: "Malcriada Performances: Queering Archives, Polaroids, and Worldmaking in the Rio Grande Valley"
Committee: Dr. Laura G. Gutiérrez, Dr. Karma Chavez, Dr. Monica Muñoz Martinez, Dr. Maria Cotera, and Dr. Deb R. Vargas

2022 **M.A.,** Mexican-American and Latina/o Studies,
The University of Texas at Austin, Supervisor: Laura G. Gutiérrez

Thesis: "Queer Technologies of the Rio Grande Valley"

2015 **B.A.,** Literary Studies
Eugene Lang, The New School for Liberal Arts,
Minors: Philosophy, Culture and Media

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

2026 UC President's Postdoctoral Fellow in Ethnic Studies
University of California, Riverside
Book Project: *Malcriada Archiving: Queer Worldmaking Culture in the Borderlands*

PUBLICATIONS

2027 **Salazar, Alexandra Nichole,** "Memorializing Rocky Gámez: Queer Obituaries and the Praxis of Femme-Butch Memory," *Somos Lesbianas: Critical Reflections on Latina/e Lesbian Legacies and Futures,* Edited by Meagan Soloman, Forthcoming.

2026 **Salazar, Alexandra Nichole**, "Latina/e Lesbian Archival Praxis and Memory Work: A Plática/ Roda de Conversa with Malfora Collective." Co-authored with Melissa Aslo de la Torre, Guadalupe Ortega, Anahí Ponce, Mariana Meriqui Rodrigues, and Meagan Solomon(2026). *Journal of Lesbian Studies*, 1–16. https://doi.org/10.1080/10894160.2026.2682644.

2026 **Salazar, Alexandra Nichole**, Foreword to *I Love Us: Queer Voices from South Texas & The Borderlands*, edited by Anel I. Flores and Cesar L. De Leon. Flowersong Press, Forthcoming. Co-authored with Anahí Ponce and Meagan Solomon.

2026 **Salazar, Alexandra Nichole,** Introduction to *I Love Us: Queer Voices from South Texas & The Borderlands*, edited by Anel I. Flores and Cesar L. De Leon. Flowersong Press, Forthcoming.

2024 **Salazar, Alexandra Nichole**. Review of *¡Cuéntamelo! Oral Histories by LGBT Latino Immigrants* by Julián Delgado Lopera. *US Latina & Latino Oral History Journal*, vol. 8, 2024, p. 114-115. *Project MUSE*, https://muse.jhu.edu/article/941815.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Texas at Austin,
Department of Mexican-American and Latina/o Studies
Assistant Instructor
2024 Introduction to Mexican-American and Latina/o Studies (Spring)
2023 Introduction to Mexican-American and Latina/o Studies (Fall)

Graduate Teaching Assistant
2023 Mellon Mays Program Seminar (Spring)
2022 Mellon Mays Program Seminar (Fall)
2022 History of US-Mexico Borderland (Spring)
2021 Mexican American History in the U.S. Southwest (Fall)

AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

2026 University of California President's Postdoctoral Fellowship
2025 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship
2024 Américo Paredes Summer 2024 Research Award
2024 Dr. Charles Roeckle Award for Graduate Student Teaching Excellence
2023 Américo Paredes Endowed Scholarship
2022 Southwest Folklife Alliance Participatory Action Research Fellowship
2021 Southwest Folklife Alliance Participatory Action Research Fellowship
2021 La Otra Taller Nepantla Artist Residency Fellowship

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2021- Present
Contributor & Researcher | Dr. Monica Muñoz Martinez, UT Austin
Former graduate research assistant, present contributor. Actively archive race based laws for the *Race Laws In the Southwest Project*, with research is based in Texas, Arizona, and California. Previously, trained Crossing Latinidades fellows for the *Race Laws Project*, providing instruction on how to archive race-based laws through the excavation and interpretation of state session laws and court cases. Supported with the *Mapping Violence* project by conducting archival research from 1900-1930: https://mappingviolence.com. Updated and maintained the Uvalde Mental Health Resource Guide as well as participated in archival research and collection related to Uvalde.

2024 (Summer)
Graduate Research Assistant | Dr. Karma Chávez, UT Austin
Assistant producer of the Feminist Keywords Podcast; managed social media; produced show notes.

2024 (Spring)
Graduate Research Assistant | Dr. Jackie Cuevas, UT Austin
Assisted with archival research and collection, an oral history interview, and transcribing for Dr. Cuevas's upcoming book project.

2023 (Summer)
Graduate Research Assistant | Dr. Deb Vargas, Yale University
Assisted with archival research and documentation, oral history interviews, and data collection for Dr. Vargas's upcoming book.

PUBLIC HUMANITIES

***Creator, Host, and Producer,* Jotxs y Recuerdos Podcast** (Summer 2016-Present)
Jotxs y Recuerdos is a podcast and archive dedicated to preserving queer histories from the Rio Grande Valley (RGV) and other borderlands. Over the past ten years I have conducted oral history interviews, hosted several live podcasts, and curated a collection of queer borderland archival materials, including photographs, zines, and flyers. The podcast is available on all streaming platforms and on my website: https://jotxsyrecuerdos.com. JYR serves as an visual and sonic archive of queer borderland narratives/ life.

***Researcher and Podcast Co-Host,* Malflora Collective** (Summer 2024- Present)
Malflora Collective is Mellon Foundation-supported project and collective dedicated to uplifting and preserving Latina/e lesbian literature, arts, and culture. We publish an annual magazine featuring cultural criticism, creative writing, and visual art by Latina/e lesbians and a podcast featuring pláticas with Latina/e lesbian writers, artists, activists, and cultural workers. Using archival and oral history methods, Malflora Collective asserts the significance of Latina/e lesbians as stewards of culture and social change.

***Member,* Sandovalian Semillero Collective** (2023-Present)
The Sandovalian Semillero Collective takes its name from U.S. decolonial feminist philosopher Chela Sandoval. In 2024, we launched a podcast series that highlights the significance of Sandoval's book, *Methodology of the Oppressed*—a manifesto and practical guide for social liberation. Each episode engages in close readings of the text, unpacking its arguments, challenges, and relevance to guide listeners through Sandoval's visionary framework.

COMPETITIVELY ACCEPTED CONFERENCE SESSIONS

2026 **Presenter,** "Si no se ve, Se Desentierra: Memory the Archive, and the Prospect of Decoloniality," Latina/o Studies Association, March 27.

2025 **Presenter,** "Latina Lesbian Archival and Literary Practices of Resistance," Lesbian Lives, October 25.

2025 **Roundtable Panelist,** "Latina/e Lesbian Archival Praxis and Memory

Work: A Plática/Roda de Conversa with Malflora Collective," Lesbian Lives, October 26.

2024 **Roundtable Moderator**, "We Need Chicana Feminism Now?" Latina/o Studies Association, April 20.

2024 **Roundtable Panelist**, "The Pleasures and Intimacies of Jotería Spacemaking Within and Beyond the University," Association for Jotería Arts, Activism, and Scholarship National Conference, February 16.

2023 **Roundtable Panelist**, "Community Knowledges and Solidarity Work as Public Scholarship and Collective Healing," American Studies Association, (unable to attend), November 3.

2022 **Roundtable Panelist**, "Folklife for Liberation: A Research Method," Allied Media Conference, (virtual), July 1.

2022 **Presenter**, "Visual Analysis of Queer Valley Gestures Through Performance, Podcasting, and Photography," The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, (virtual), April 21.

2019 **Presenter**, "Digitizing the Borderlands: Archive, Memory, and Queer Time of a Coatlicue State," Gloria Anzaldúa: Translating B/borders, Paris Diderot University, May 17.

INVITED LECTURES

2026 **Guest Lecturer,** "Queer Latinx Migration," Latinx Immigration, Dr. Maritza Geronimo, UCLA, September 2.

2025 **Guest Lecturer,** "How Queerness and Race intersect in the Borderland Archives," Latina Feminist Archives, Dr. Deb Vargas, Yale University, October 13.

2024 **Guest Lecturer,** "Jotería Archives and Memory," Introduction to Chicana Studies, Professor Natalia M Toscano, University of New Mexico, Summer of 2024.

2024 **Guest Lecturer,** "Queer South Texas History," Southern Queer Histories, Dr. Lauren Gutterman, The University of Texas at Austin, February 9.

2023 **Guest Lecturer,** "Jotxs y Recuerdos: Podcasting as a form of Digital Borderlands," Intro to Mexican-American and Latina/o Studies, Professor Anahí Ponce, The University of Texas at Austin, October 27.

2023 **Guest Lecturer,** "Jotxs y Recuerdos: Podcasting as a Form of Queer Racial Kinships," Latina/x/e Feminism, Dr. Deb Vargas, Yale University, October 11.

2023 **Guest Lecturer,** "Queer Borderland Histories" History of Mexican-Americans in the United States, Professor: Dr. Monica Muñoz Martinez, The University of Texas at Austin, April 5.

2023 **Guest Lecturer,** "Jotxs y Recuerdos: Podcasting as a Form of Public History and Community Archives," Archive and Activism: Digital Recovery, Texas Memory, Professor Stephanie Childress,The University of Texas at Austin, February 14.

2022 **Guest Lecturer,** "Tracing Queer Chicana Histories in Fiction," Introduction to LGBTQ+ Studies, Professor Jackie Cuevas, The University of Texas at Austin, October 27.

2022 **Guest Lecturer,** "Jotxs y Recuerdos: Podcasting and Remembering as a form of Digital Activism," Archive and Activism: Digital Recovery, Texas Memory, Professor Stephanie Childress,The University of Texas at Austin, September 26.

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 **Guest Speaker,** "Jotxs y Recuerdos Live Podcast," NMSU Latin American Programs Crossover with LGBTQ+ Programs for Latinx Heritage Month and October, New Mexico State University, October 8.

2023 **Moderator,** "Queering the Border Book Talk With Author Emma Pérez," UT MALS Book Presentation Colloquium, The University of Texas at Austin, September 22.

2023 **Panelist,** "Exploring Intersectionality with Black Networking Alliance & Latino Connection," Panel for Dell Technologies, October 17.

2023 **Presenter,** "Race Laws in Texas: Digital Research for Recovery and Analysis" by Dr. Mónica Muñoz, Martínez, (UT History) and the Racial Violence Lab (with Stephanie Childress, Justine Frerichs, David Perez, Sarah Porter, Nati Roman). American Studies Workshop, UT Austin, November 10.

2023 **Plenary Speaker,** "Nuestras Voces: Continuing the Revolutionary Act of Chicana/x Thought," The National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, April 1.

2022 **Presenter,** "Pauli Murray's Race Laws & Texas Civil Statutes," Presentation to Crossing Latinidades PI'S: Julian Lim and Ana Rosas, October 12.

2022 **Presenter,** "Research Methods for Sourcing Texas State Session Laws 1835-1950," Presentation to the University of Chicago Crossing Latinidades Research Fellows (Online), October 17.

2022 **Presenter,** "Mapping Violence: Digital Mapping Research Process," Research methods presentation and training to the University of Chicago Crossing Latinidades Research Fellows (Online), November 12 .

2022 **Presenter,** "Creative Approaches to Queer and Feminist Archives," The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center, May 14.

2022 **Presenter,** "Queering the Rio Grande Valley Archive," Museum of South Texas History, Sunday Speaker Series, El Retorno al Valle – A Pre-Symposium Talk on Gloria Anzaldúa, March 27.

2022 **Presenter,** "Gloria Anzaldúa's Impact & Perspectives Into the Future," El Retorno Al Valle: Symposium on Gloria E. Anzaldúa & Literary Landmark Unveiling, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, March 28.

2021 **Presenter,**"Digital Archiving: Queer Remembering and Place Making in the Rio Grande Valley," Ciclos: Rebirth, Migration, and Placemaking, The University of Texas at Austin, (virtual), March 12.

2020 **Presenter,** "Graduate School and Podcasting," Paso a Paso Speaker Series, The University of Texas at Austin, (virtual), October 14.

2020 **Moderator,** "#BLM: Fighting Anti-Blackness in the Rio Grande Valley," Cafecito y Charla, Center for Mexican American Studies, The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, (virtual), June 29.

2015 **Moderator,** "Roundtable on Race and Contemporary Philosophy," Hannah Arendt-Reiner Schürmann Symposium in Political Philosophy, The New School, February 6.

COMMUNITY TALKS

2024 **Guest Speaker,** "Raíces de Recuerdos, A Queer Remembering of Dia De Las Muertos," Voces Unidas Event, October 26.

2024 **Guest Speaker,** "Stories About the Land & People," Sembramos y Florecemos Storytelling Incubator in collaboration with Voces Unidas, July 13th.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2023 Voces Oral History Research Institute, University of Texas at Austin, June 5-9.
2021 Participatory Action Research Training, Southwest Folklife Alliance, September 4 - November 4.

MEDIA COVERAGE

2025 "South Texas, Queer Bars," A24, Alejandro G. 2025. *Texas!* New York: A24.

2023 "Chronicling Resilience in the Rio Grande Valley," Mind of Texas: National Public Radio (NPR, KUT 90.5). Hosted by Ike Evans. Featuring Dr. Monica Muńoz Martinez, Alexandra Salazar, and Stephanie Childress, https://www.npr.org/podcasts/1186980088/mind-of-texas, December 6.

2023 "Jotxs y Recuerdos: Archiving Queer Stories from the RGV," Trucha RGV, https://truchargv.com/jotxs-y-y-recuerdos-queer-history-alexandra-sanchez/, August 15.

2022 "Humans of Latino Studies: Alexandra Salazar: Meet the MALS PhD student with the viral TikTok!," Latino Studies College of Liberal Arts Press, https://liberalarts.utexas.edu/latinostudies/news/humans-of-latino-studies-alexandra-salazar, March 8.

2022 "These 5 Podcasts Embrace the Past, Future and Present of LGBTQIA2S+ This Pride Month," People Español, https://peopleenespanol.com/chica/pride-month-podcasts-lgbtq/, June 30.

2019 "40 Latinx Podcasts You Need To Be Listening To Right Now," HipLatina, https://hiplatina.com/latinx-podcasts-listen/, April 3.

2018 "12 Latinx Podcasts that Cater to Nuestras Voces," Fierce by Mitú, https://fierce.wearemitu.com/fierce/12-latinx-podcasts-that-cater-to-nuestras-voces/, July 2.

2017 "12 Femme-Driven Latinx Podcasts To Help You Cope With 2017," Remezcla, https://remezcla.com/lists/culture/12-female-driven-latinx-podcasts-to-help-you-cope-with-2017/ October 18.

2017 "17 Queer and Feminist Latinx Podcasts To Get Into," Autostraddle, https://www.autostraddle.com/17-queer-and-feminist-latinx-podcasts-to-get-into-391593/, August 28th.

2017 "Jotxs y Recuerdos: Podcast Archives Queer History in the Rio Grande Valley," Spectrum South, https://www.spectrumsouth.com/jotxs-y-recuerdos-podcast-archives-queer-history-in-the-rio-grande-valley/, June 14.

SERVICE

2024 **Graduate Student Liaison,** Department of Mexican American and Latina/o Studies Curriculum Committee

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Queer and Trans Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Chicanx/Latinx Studies, Performance Studies, Digital/Public Humanities, Cultural Studies, Ethnic Studies, Border/Borderland Studies, Caribbean Studies and decolonial thought.

MEMBERSHIPS

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies; Latin American Studies Association; Latina/o Studies Association; Association for Jotería Arts, Activism, and Scholarship National Conference; American Studies

LANGUAGES

Fluent: Spanish and English