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Personal Information

Date of birth: 11/29/1982
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Education

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin Fall 2010-present
Department of Sociology
Doctoral Student
Concentration: Development and Urbanization
Regional Concentration: South Asia and Latin America

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin Fall 2008-2010
LBJ School of Public Affairs
Master of Global Policy Studies Candidate
Concentration: Development
Regional Concentration: South Asia and Latin America

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, Austin Fall 2006-Summer 2008
Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies,
Master of Arts, Latin American Studies
Thesis title: "Succession and Property Rights in Mexico: Current Inheritance Practices in Former Irregular Settlements of Mexico City:"
Concentration: Social Policy in Latin America; Philanthropy and Civil Society in the Developing World.

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, Stanislaus Fall 2001-Spring 2006
Bachelor of Arts, Spanish; Minor in History and Latin American Studies
Concentration: Colonial and Contemporary Latin American History and Literature; Spanish Linguistics

UNIVERSIDAD IBEROAMERICANA, Puebla, Mexico Spring 2006
University Studies Abroad Consortium
Concentration: International Political Economy

UNIVERSIDAD COMPLUTENSE DE MADRID, Spain Fall 2003
International Education Program
Concentration: Latin American Short-Story and Novel; Mexican Short-Story

Positions Held

- Graduate Research Assistant** Fall 2011-present
LBJ School of Public Affairs and William Wayne Justice Center
The University of Texas at Austin
'Contract for Deed' Study in Texas *Colonias*
- Teaching Assistant** Fall 2011-present
Department of Sociology
The University of Texas at Austin
Qualitative Methods
- Trainee** Fall 2009 - present
The Population Research Center
The University of Texas at Austin
- Graduate Research Assistant** Summer 2007-Spring 2009
Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies
The University of Texas at Austin
"The Rehabilitation of Consolidated Irregular Settlements in Latin American Cities: Towards a "Third Generation" of Public Policy Analysis and Development."
- Student Consultant** Summer 2009
Student Consulting International Organization (SCIO)
The University of Texas, Austin
Sustainable Development Eco-tourism Project in Uttarankhand, India
- Testing Coordinator and Research Assistant** Winter 2004
First 5 California Children and Families Commission
Department of Psychology, California State University at Stanislaus
- Precinct Organizer** Summer 2002-2003
United Farm Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Central Valley of California

Internships

- Intern at P16 Initiatives and Outreach Programs** Summer 2008
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
African American Male Initiatives and Programs; HB 400 schools
- Intern at the Office of the President of Mexico** 2007-2008
Area of Political Analysis
Development; Human Rights and Civil Society

Fellowships

- Mellon Fellowship in Latin American Sociology** 2010-2011
 Granted by the University of Texas at Austin
 Department of Sociology
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship** 2009-2010
 Granted by the University of Texas at Austin
 South Asia Institute
 National Resource Center for South Asia
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship** Summer 2009
 Granted by the University of Texas at Austin
 South Asia Institute
 National Resource Center for South Asia
 Lucknow, India
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship** 2008-2009
 Granted by the South Asian Institute at the University of Texas at Austin
 National Resource Center for South Asia
- E.D. Farmer Fellowship** 2007-2008
 Granted by the Mexican Center of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- E.D. Farmer Fellowship** 2006-2007
 Granted by the Mexican Center of the Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- RGK Center of Philanthropy and Community Service Fellowship** Summer 2007
 Developing Civil Society via Case Studies (DCSCS) Summer Program
 Granted by the RGK Center of the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, University of Texas at Austin
- Mujeres Latinas de Stanislaus Scholarship** 2004-2005
 Granted by the National Council of La Raza

Awards / Honors

- The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi** 2007
 Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
- Second Prize** April 2007
 Best seminar paper in Latin American history
 Department of History, Raymond Estep Prize
 "Cuba's Revolutionary Tradition at the University of Havana"

Conference Presentations

- La herencia de la vivienda familiar en situaciones de pobreza y privación en colonias populares consolidadas. El caso de México**
 Seminario Internacional Pobreza y desarrollo urbano en América Latina

Ciudad de Guatemala, Guatemala

August 22-23, 2011

**Inheritance and Succession in Latin America's Former Irregular Settlements:
the Case of México City**

The struggle to belong. Dealing with diversity in 21st century urban settings.

"Housing and Belonging in Latin American Cities"

Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research – Urban Studies

University of Amsterdam – The Netherlands

July 7-9, 2011

**Inheritance and Succession among Second and Third Generation Squatter
Household in Latin America: A Mexican Case Study**

Policies for Housing Rehab in Consolidated Irregular Settlements: The

Latin American Housing Network (LAHN) Studies

Latin American Studies Association (LASA),

Toronto, Canada

Oct. 6-9, 2010

Inheritance and Succession in Latin America's Former Irregular Settlements

"Transformaciones en el habitat informal en ciudades de América Latina"

Instituto de Investigaciones Gino Germani

Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina

Nov. 2009

Inheritance and Succession in Mexico's Former Irregular Settlements

Low Income Housing and Urban Renovation in the First Suburbs: Latin America and the
USA Compared

A Policy Conference at the LBJ School of Public Affairs,

University of Texas at Austin

April 2009

Published Papers & Papers in Progress

Grajeda, Erika and Peter M. Ward. Inheritance and Succession among Low-Income Squatter
Households in Latin America: A Mexican Case Study. Under review *Latin American Research
Review*.

Ward, Peter M., Edith Jiménez Huerta, Erika Grajeda, and Claudia Ubaldo Velázquez. 2011.
Self-help housing policies for second generation inheritance and succession of "The House
that Mum & Dad Built" *Habitat International* 35, 467-485.

Professional memberships and other affiliations

Population Research Center

The University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2009

Languages

English and Spanish (fluent written and spoken), Urdu (intermediate written and spoken)