

ANGÉLICA DE JESÚS

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PROFILE

Areas of Competence

Cross-disciplinary and Multi-institutional Collaborations for Climate Justice; Latin American and Caribbean Studies; Equity and Inclusion in Climate and Environmental Research; Black/Afrodiasporic, American Indian, and Indigenous Environmental Philosophies and Ethics.

Areas of Specialization

Public Health and Sustainable Development Administration and Policy; Program Management and Evaluation; Policy evaluation and analysis, Multicultural STEAM Education and Science communication; Agroecology and Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) in the Caribbean

EDUCATION

PhD Michigan State University, Doctor of Philosophy

Expected graduation date: May 2025

Program: Sociology Concentration: Environmental Sociology, Political Ecology

MPP University of Michigan, Master of Public Policy

Cert. Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Graduate certificate,

Social & Behavioral Health Disparities

Thesis: “Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino Young Adults' Depressive Symptoms?”

Advisor: Dr. Rosalie R. Corona, PhD

BS Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Psychology

Minor: Biology

BA Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Theater Arts

HONORS AND AWARDS

MSU Cultural Heritage Informatics Graduate Fellowship (CHI) Fall 2023-Spring 2024

The Cultural Heritage Informatics Graduate Fellowship Program “offers MSU graduate students the skills to creatively and thoughtfully apply digital methods and computational approaches to cultural heritage collections, materials, data, questions, and challenges”. (\$5000.00)

More here: <https://chi.anthropology.msu.edu/fellowships/>

Rising Voices Changing Coasts Fellowship (RVCC) SU 2023

Eight-week fellowship program emerging from the National Science Foundation (NSF) funded National Indigenous and Earth Sciences Convergence Hub, “a space for the convergence of disciplines and epistemologies where Indigenous knowledge-holders from diverse coastal regions will work with university-trained social, ecosystem and physical Earth system scientists and students on transformative research to address coastal hazards in the contexts of their communities”. (\$3840.00)

More here: <https://www.apam.columbia.edu/rising-voices-changing-coasts-national-indigenous-and-earth-sciences-convergence-hub>

Academic Achievement Grad. Assistantships (AAGA) FS2019/SS 2020.

Awarded to incoming graduate students, nominated by graduate program faculty, to students whose enrollment will contribute to our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion while enhancing their program's academic excellence and diversity. (\$38,000)

Rackham Merit Fellowship FS 2016-SS 2018

Awarded to incoming students, nominated by faculty in their admitting graduate program, with outstanding academic qualifications, exceptional potential for scholarly success, and promise for contributing to wider academic, professional, or civic communities. (\$44,000+)

Scholar Activist Award, Rackham Graduate School FS 2017

Peer nominated award for someone who demonstrates a commitment to service and community involvement.

Dia De La Mujer- Latina Leadership Award 2016

Awarded in recognition of those dedicated to serving Latinx communities in Lansing, MI at the annual Dia De La Mujer conference.

Society for Prevention Research Poster Award – Honorable Mention, 2014

Poster title “*Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino Young Adults' Depressive Symptoms?*”

NIH Post-Baccalaureate Research Experience (PREP) Fellowship, 2013

Awarded to encourage individuals from underrepresented groups or from a disadvantaged background who hold a recent baccalaureate degree in a biomedically relevant area of study to pursue a research doctorate.

NIH Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) in STEM, 2010

IMSD is a graduate student training program for institutions with research-intensive environments. The goal of the IMSD program is to develop a diverse pool of scientists earning a Ph.D., who have the skills to successfully transition into careers in the biomedical research workforce.

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Rising Voices Conference

August 2021 – August 2022

Role: *Organizational Evaluator*

College of Menominee Nation – Keshena, WI

July 2020 - August 2021

Role: *IPSI Organizing Team Member*, Supervisor: Kyle P. Whyte, Chris Caldwell

- Researched and compiled best digital learning and education strategies for [Indigenous Planning Summer Institute](#).

Michigan State University – Lansing, MI

Various work

Project: Water Justice Project
January 2021 – August 2021
Role: *Research Assistant*; Supervisor: Stephen Gasteyer

Project: Cooling the Hot Spots
May – August 2020
Role: *Research Assistant*; Supervisor: Stephen Gasteyer
Project: Agro-environmental Epistemologies
December 2019- August 2020
Role: *Research Manager*; Team member: Jennifer Lai.

The City of Grand Rapids Planning Department – Grand Rapids, MI

January 2019 – September 2019

Role: *Planning Aide*, Supervisor: Landon Bartley

- Assisted with administration of medical marijuana ordinances and long-range planning projects across departments and units within the City of Grand Rapids
- Managed and implemented Medical Marijuana Operations and Oversight (MMOO) policy education and outreach project reaching over 30,000 Kent County Residents

Michigan State University, University of Michigan – Michigan and Puerto Rico

February 2018

Role: *Research assistant*, Supervisor: Dr. Yomaira Figueroa

- Primary field work for Proyecto Palabras Puerto Rico

The City of Ann Arbor – Ann Arbor, MI

September 2017 – January 2018

Role: *Graduate research consultant*, Supervisors: Matt Naud, Environmental Coordinator for the City of Ann Arbor; Elisabeth Gerber, PhD, FSPP

- Co-developed Water Equity Report to refine the City's Water Equity goals
- Designed and implemented qualitative research component of report

The Detroit Health Department – Detroit, MI

May 2018 – June 2018

Role: *Planning and Policy Intern*, Supervisors: Lauren Fink, MPH; Eric Kessel, PhD

- Facilitated multi-sector collaboration to carry out stakeholder engagement efforts required to develop a city-wide Community Health Assessment strategy, implemented fall of 2017.
- Created community-engaged research guide to successfully build Department wide capacity.
- CBPR (photo-voice) proposal, community engagement coordination, and data collection

Michigan Public Health Institute – Okemos, MI

December 2014 - May 2016

Role: *Business Analyst* and *Research Assistant/Field Interviewer*

- Collected and managed qualitative interview data for longitudinal research in Flint with a

University of Michigan research partner to highlight equity implications in population health and policy in Michigan.

VCU Clark Hill Center on Positive Youth Development – Richmond, VA

August 2013- May 2014

Role: *Graduate Research Assistant*

- Designed, implemented, and edited mixed-method research project outlining familial dynamics as social determinants and predictive factors in Latinx young adult mental health outcomes.
- Facilitated new outreach and recruitment of minoritized Latinx student cohort into health programming
- Completed bilingual (English to Spanish) data collection, transcription, and coding activities to inform future development of Latinx serving mental health clinic.

VCU Dept. of Health Psychology – Richmond, VA

January -April 2012

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Supervisor: Rebecca Hubbard PhD; Paul Perrin, PhD

- Compiled literature review and coded qualitative data for research projects addressing homophobic violence and behavior and with social-impact policy implications
- Resulting paper: Hubbard, R. R., Snipes, D. J., Perrin, P. B., Morgan, M. R., De Jesus, A., & Bhattacharyya, S. “Themes in Heterosexuals’ Responses When Challenging LGBT Prejudice,” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, vol. 10, no. 4, 2013, pp. 269-278.

VCU Dept. of Pharmacology & Toxicology – Richmond, VA

January 2010- August 2012

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Laboratory Tech, Supervisor: Sean Anderson, PhD, Darlene Brunzell, PhD

- Conducted and communicated results of tobacco cessation research on mammalian neurological systems for multiple technical and non-technical audiences to inform improvements in mental health medications.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Michigan State University – East Lansing, MI

Teaching Assistant, MSU Department of Sociology

ISS 210 – Society and the Self

- € Semester(s) taught: Spring 2023
- € Collaborated with instructor to manage student gradebook, triage student communications, and facilitate in-class activities

SOC 100 – Introduction to Sociology

- € Semester(s) taught: Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023
- € Facilitated two, weekly lab sections
- € Created virtual and in-person educational material, assignments, and assessments for 100+ students that met university standards of teaching
- € Developed and implemented semester-long strategies for remote communication and instruction
- € Provided customized instruction during office hours which increased student sense of belonging and confidence with course materials

- € Maintained data sets for each class to ensure accurate final reporting
- € Facilitated completion of student research projects to meet Honors College criteria
- € Collaborated with instructor and other GTA's to ensure cohesion between main lecture and recitations

ISS 318 – Lifespan Development Across Cultures

- € Semester(s) taught: Fall 2021
- € Led a guest lecture on the link between Euro-western notions of modernity and conceptions of human development
- € Provided one-on-one instruction during office hours
- € Collaborated with instructor to manage student gradebook and triage student communications

SOC 281 – Sociological Research Methods

- € Semester(s) taught: Fall 2020
- € Led two lab sections for 100+ students
- € Developed a semester strategy for effective remote communication and instruction
- € Created educational materials, assignments, and assessments to successfully guide student learning and application of ethical

Grand Valley State University – Grand Rapids, MI
Adjunct Professor, GVSU Liberal Studies, Winter 2019

ITC100 – Inter-cultural Communication

- € Developed class activities, writing assignments, and end of course class evaluations.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Publications

De Jesus, A. “Human Rights and Disaster Politics,” *Michigan Journal for Public Affairs*, vol. 15, 2018, pp. 86-88.

Ramos, S.F., **De Jesus, A.** “Xicano Indigeneity & State Violence: A Visual/Textual Dialogue,” *Present Tense: A Journal of Rhetoric in Society*, vol. 5, no. 2, 2015, *online publication*.

Hubbard, R. R., Snipes, D. J., Perrin, P. B., Morgan, M. R., **De Jesus, A.**, & Bhattacharyya, S. “Themes in Heterosexuals’ Responses When Challenging LGBT Prejudice,” *Sexuality Research and Social Policy*, vol. 10, no. 4, 2013, pp. 269-278.

Conference Papers (Peer-Reviewed)

De Jesus, A. Pope, M. and Corona R. “Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino/a Young Adults’ Depressive Symptoms?” *Society for Prevention Research 22nd Annual Meeting*, 2014
(Abstract-Reviewed)

De Jesus, A. “Reforestation and Resistance in Times of (Colonial) Crises: The Case of Puerto Rico,” *Latino/a Studies Association: Latinx Studies Now*, 2018

De Jesus, A., Anderson, S.M. and Brunzell, D.H. "Contribution of β_2 subunit containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors to anxiety-like behaviors in male mice using a novel model of anxiety," American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 2012

De Jesus, A., Anderson S.M. and Brunzell, D.H. "Contribution of β_2 subunit containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors to anxiety-like behaviors in male mice using a novel model of anxiety," Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, 2011

Data Visualizations & Illustrations

Original illustration for Yomaira C. Figueroa's "Your Lips: Mapping Afro-Latina Becomings." *Frontiers: A Journal of Women Studies*, 41, No. 1, May 2020.

Original maps for Yomaira C. Figueroa-Vásquez's book *Decolonizing Diasporas*.
Figueroa-Vásquez, Y. (2020). *Decolonizing diasporas: Radical mappings of Afro-Atlantic literature*. Northwestern University Press.

Public Scholarship and Other Media

Original Artwork, titled "Three Places at Once: Puerto Rico Nacio en Mi/ Puerto Rico Duele en Mi/Puerto Rico Crece en Mi", published in Aponte, EM. (Ed.). (2019). *Boricua En La Luna*.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED ADDRESSES

Panel Presentations

Panelist "Afro-Latinx Studies Now: Histories, Hurricanes, & Futurities (I, II, III) /// The Futures of Afro-Latinx Studies Part 3: Of Hurricanes, Colonial Dystopias & Resistance. Latino/a Studies Association: Latinx Studies Now, Washington, D.C., 2018

Panelist "We Will Persist: Navigating Graduate School". 24th Annual Dia de La Mujer Conference, Lansing, MI, 2017

Panelist "Placing (Place, Placing) Identity panelist on identity construction and performance". Virginia Commonwealth University Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Annual Art Show, Richmond, VA, 2014

Poster Presentations

"Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino/a Young Adults' Depressive Symptoms?" *Society for Prevention Research 22nd Annual Meeting*, 2014

"Do Body Image Problems and Parental Weight Comments Predict Latino/a Young Adults' Depressive Symptoms?" *VCU Institute for Women's Health 10th Women's Health Research Day*, 2014

"Contribution of β_2 subunit containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors to anxiety-like behaviors in male mice using a novel model of anxiety," *Annual Biomedical Research*

Conference for Minority Students, 2011.

Selected Workshops

Co-organizer, “Re-conceptualizing sustainable development in post-hurricane Puerto Rico”
Ecological Society of America, New Orleans, LA, 2018

Co-organizer, *Sexuali (Tea)*, 23rd Annual Dia de La Mujer Conference, Lansing, MI 2016

Co-organizer, *keeping careful/being dangerous: transformation justice through strategic self-care*, INCITE! COV 4, Chicago, IL 2014.

Co-organizer, *D.I.Y. Self-Care Tool Kits Workshop*, UR Q- Summit, University of Richmond, Richmond, VA 2013

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Selected Seminars and Workshops

DetroitXPuerto Rico Solidarity Exchange, Allied Media Conference, Detroit, MI, 2017

Abolishing the PIC and Transforming Justice: Miram Kaba, Shira Hassan’s Just Practice
Chicago, IL 2014

Certificates and Technical Training

Certified Public Health Certificate (CPHCE), American Public Health Association., 2015
Description: Unequal Treatment: Disparities in Access, Quality and Care

Skill Path: Fundamentals of Successful Project Management, MSU Eli Broad School of
Management, 2015

Description: Measuring and Improving Processes

Interpreting for Social Justice, Wayside Center for Popular Ed., 2012

Description: 20-hour language interpretation training for interpreters focused on language and social justice.

Michigan Public Health Institute, [Business Analyst], [Center for Social Enterprise],
(December 2014-May 2016)

- ONLC: Advanced Microsoft Excel (v. 2010)
- ONLC: Microsoft Visio
- ONLC: Intermediate Microsoft Excel (v. 2010)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Anti-colonial Climate Justice Working Group University of Michigan – 2023
Indigenous Graduate Student Collective (IGSC) MSU – 2019 to present
Minorities in Agr., Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) – 2020 to present
Caribbean Studies Association (CSA) – 2019 to present
American Sociological Association (ASA) – 2019 to present
Latino/a Studies Association (LSA) – 2018 to present
National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity – 2018 to present
American Public Health Association – 2015 to 2020

PROFESSIONAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Symposium Organizer

- University of Michigan’s Ford School of Public Policy, Out in Public’s Policy Leadership Institute, 2018
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- Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy: Out in Public (OIP), **Executive Board Member** | Ann Arbor, MI | 2016-2018

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT + SERVICE

Indigenous Youth Empowerment Program (IYEP) Cultural Summer Camp – Lansing, MI
Role: Mentor, Instructor, Summer 2022

Michigan Indígena Chicax Community Alliance (MICCA) – Lansing, MI
Role: Executive Board Member, from 2015 to 2018

Indigenous Youth Empowerment Program (IYEP) & Native American Youth Association (NAYA) – Lansing, MI
Role: Mentor, from 2014 to 2016

Southerners on New Ground (SONG) – Lansing, MI
Member Leader from 2012 to 2014

Inter-Health Professionals Association – Richmond, VA
Contributing writer and outreach coordinator, from 2013-2014

Wayside Center for Popular Education – Richmond, VA
Volunteer interpreter, 6 mo.

Virginia Center for Latin American Arts – Richmond, VA

Volunteer, from 2013-2014

The Daily Planet and Medical College of Virginia (MCV) – Richmond, VA
Yoga/Meditation Instructor 2012-2013

LANGUAGES

English: Native Language, Superior Reading and Writing, Advanced Listener of Southern and Spanglish dialects.

Spanish: Native Language, Advanced Reading and Writing, Intermediate Listener of Puerto Rican dialect

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Software and other applications: working knowledge of R, ArcGIS, SPSS, STATA, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Dedoose

OTHER

U.S. Citizen

U.S. Driver's License

Dual citizenship eligible in Mexico and Puerto Rico

Can cook dinner for groups of people