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Education

Yale University

Expected August 2030

Doctor of Philosophy in American Studies and WGSS

Brown University

May 2023

Bachelor of Arts in Ethnic Studies and Education

Magna Cum Laude (summa equivalent), *Phi Beta Kappa*

Publications

De La Fuente, Alexa. "La Familia on Set: Tackling the Outside Through the Inside of *One Day at a Time* (2017)." *The Journal of Undergraduate Research in the Humanities*, vol. 1, no. 1, 2024, pp. 62-78.

De La Fuente, Alexa. "Latinas are (Bad)dies: Disruptive Gestures in *Euphoria*." *The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal*, 2022, pp. 17-22.

De La Fuente, Alexa. "Si Dios Lo Manda." *SOMOS Literary Magazine*, vol. 13, no. 2, 2023, pp. 28-29.

Research Experience

Esperanza United

May 2024 - August 2024

Research Fellow

- Engaged in trainings addressing gender-based violence in Latinx communities through research and policy.
- Wrote a literature review over cyberfeminism in Latin America with a specific focus on #NiUnaMenos.
- Created a blog post on Latin American digital creations to encourage Latinx transborder communications.

Eleison Foundation

Summer 2023, January 2024 - July 2024

Research Assistant

- Composed a 7 page, single-spaced literature review for survivor-led participatory arts-based research.
- Evaluates the Healing and Resilience after Trauma (HaRT) Cebu program as a quantitative research project.
- Works closely with team members in the non-profit to build academic and research skills for publication.

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

2021 - 2023

Undergraduate Fellow

- Investigated epistemologies of gender-based violence concerning Latina televisual representations.
- Addressed ontological questions using women of color feminism, queer of color critique, and media studies.
- Upheld promise of diversifying academia by building relationships with prospective and incoming fellows.

SPRINT Faculty Collaboration Fellowship

2020 - 2021

Research and Teaching Assistant

- Created a module on asymmetrical power differences evident within the U.S.-Mexico border.
- Presented research and led discussions three times for the first-year seminar "La Frontera/The Border."
- Formulated creative group research projects for students to highlight various U.S.-Mexico border cultures.

Advanced Special Immigration Survivors Technical Assistance

Winter 2021

Seasonal Researcher

- Evaluated 94 non-precedent decisions made regarding Violence Against Women Act petitions.
- Summarized patterns in non-precedent decisions focusing on criminal history, admissibility, and discretion.

Educational Advocacy Experience

My College Journey Academy

2021 - July 2024

Student Mentor and Lead Advisor for Student Recruitment

- Mentors high-school students from historically underrepresented backgrounds on their college applications.
- Oversees the application process to ensure the equity and inclusivity of the program.
- Implemented new media initiatives that tripled application submissions and student participation.

Sexual Assault Prevention Education

2020 - 2023

Facilitator and Community Engagement Coordinator

- Coordinated and facilitated community conversations over roots of harm and accountability strategies.
- Mediated the anxiety and concerns of facilitators that came from working on sexual violence prevention.
- Launched various initiatives to spread survivor support resources like the first "Consent Week" on campus.

Community Engagement Experience

Student Clinic for Immigration Justice

2020 - 2023

Immigration Advocate

- Trained through a 13-week, 45-hour program to provide free legal representation to asylum seekers.
- Alleviated the workload of immigration lawyers by interviewing clients and writing affidavits for the I-589.
- Organized inter- and intra-group community engagement events to advocate for immigration justice.

Sarah Doyle Center for Women and Gender

2022 - 2023

Women's History Month Coordinator

- Coordinated five events, including an artist talk and keynote address, for the Women's History Month series.
- Advanced feminist values, theories, and actions with the month's theme "World-building/Building Worlds."
- Fostered intimate spaces for undergraduate and graduate students through daily upkeep and center tours.

First-Gens at Brown

2020 - 2022

Community Outreach Chair

- Arranged monthly events for first-generation students to build relationships and gain academic resources.
- Coordinated equity-based campaigns, such as ending legacy admissions, within the campus and beyond.

Brown Campus Life Advisory Board

2020 - 2021

Student Representative

- Advocated for student campus groups as they related to the establishment of new initiatives and programs.
- Conducted research for additional committees connected to violence and harm on campus.

Professional Affiliations

Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers

Alumni

- Selected for outstanding scholarship and commitment to educational equity.
- Participated in virtual programming over 10 months designed to prepare students for graduate study.
- Engaged in professional skill development via workshops, webinars, and counseling.

Creative Ventures

Freelance Writer

2022 - Present

Cultural Critic for Latina Media Co.

- Writes articles on television and movies with a strong emphasis on women of color experiences.
- Centers questions surrounding feminist praxis and Latinidad in an accessible and inviting manner.
- Article Highlight- "Yellowjackets: The Unknown Through Lottie and The Use of Static" ([Link](#))

El Caldo Podcast

2020 - 2021

Creator and Host

- Founded and developed a podcast illuminating theoretical frameworks within the quotidian.
- Recorded and edited five full episodes with guests and research-based interludes focused on the topic.

- Episode Highlight- “On Being Feminist: What does it mean to be an intersectional feminist?” ([Link](#))

Presentations

#Cyberfeminism: Latina Activism at the Fingertips?

Esperanza United Research and Policy Latin@ Leadership Fellowship Convening

La Familia on Set: Tackling the Outside Through the Inside of *One Day at a Time* (2017)

SSRC Mellon Mays 2023 Summer Conference

The Messy In-Between: A Look Into *Euphoria*

Theories in Action 2023 Conference

The Messy In-Between: Representations of Latina Survivors of Gender-Based Violence in Television Shows (2013-2022)

Brown Mellon Mays 2023 Senior Presentations

The Messy In-Between: Comadrazgo, Matrilineal Familia, and Baddieness

Mellon Mays 2023 Northeast Regional Conference

The Representation of an In-Between Violence: Bodily Construction, Contradiction, and Community in Latina-Led Television

Mellon Mays 2022 Northeast Regional Conference

A Chicana Feminist Perspective on Sexual Violence in Media: The In-Between Space of Representation in *Devious Maids*

MMUF Summer Research Training at UChicago 2021 Symposium

Awards and Honors

- Attained multiple awards during the May 2023 graduation season including the Distinguished Thesis Award from the Ethnic Studies department, the Alfred H. Joslin Award from the Brown Campus Life Division, and the Brown Health and Wellness Senior Award.
- Celebrated in May 2023 as a Phi Beta Kappa member and as the Latinx Leadership Honoree for the Brown University Latino Alumni Council.
- Awarded the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship in May 2021 to conduct research over gender-based violence.
- Obtained the SPRINT Faculty Collaboration Fellowship in June 2020 to initiate new research and curriculum development for *La Frontera* first-year seminar.
- Selected as a Questbridge College Match Scholar in December 2018 for high-achievement and school impact.

Languages

Fluent English, Fluent Spanish, Intermediate Nahuatl