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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Barbara

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Sociology

Santa Barbara, CA

Expected June 2031

- Research Interests: Culture, Education, Racialization, Carceral State, Ethnography
- Current Coursework: Race, Crime and Punishment (SOC 272); Field Research Methods (SOC 211A); Theory (SOC 207A)

University of California, Los Angeles

B.A., Sociology; B.A., Chicana & Central American Studies, GPA 3.725

Los Angeles, CA

June 2026

- Honors Thesis: “*The World is a Ghetto: Cultivating Community through Dialogic Sociopolitical Education*”

PUBLICATIONS

Policy Reports

- Bonilla, Mariah, Rodrigo Dominguez-Villegas, Javier Murillo, and Yailine Velazquez-Delgado. “Election 2026: Key Facts About Latino Voters.” UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute, September 17, 2026.
<https://latino.ucla.edu/research/election-2026-key-facts-about-latino-voters/>

Research

- “The World is a Ghetto: Cultivating Community through Cultural and Political Education.” *Chicana & Central American Studies Departmental Honors Thesis*.

PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES AND PANELS

- “*Liberating Aztlán: A Critical Reinterpretation of Chicana Nationalism*.” Undergraduate Research Symposium. UCLA. Summer Fellows Program. August 2024. *Presenter*.
- “*The World is a Ghetto: Cultivating Community through Cultural and Political Education*.” UCLA Undergraduate Research Week. May 2025. *Presenter*.
- “*The World is a Ghetto: Cultivating Community through Cultural and Political Education*.” Chicago Research Symposium. Mellon-Mays Summer Research Training Program (SRTP) at The University of Chicago. August 2025. *Presenter*.
- “*The World is a Ghetto: Cultivating Community through Cultural and Political Education*.” Mellon-Mays (MMUF) Western Regional Conference at Stanford University. November 2025. *Presenter*.
- “*The World is a Ghetto: Cultivating Community through Cultural and Political Education*.” Chicago Research Symposium. Mellon-Mays Undergraduate Research Symposium at UCLA. June 2026. *Presenter*.

SKILLS

- Qualitative research: Interviews, focus groups, surveys, participant observation.
- Human Subjects Research, CITI Program Certificate (Expires August 2028); Experience with trauma-informed care, transitional age youth (TAY)

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UCLA Latino Policy & Politics Institute

Project Policy Analyst, Part-Time

Los Angeles, CA

2025-2026

The University of Chicago MMUF Summer Research Training Program

Research Fellow

Chicago, IL

Summer 2025

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship

Undergraduate Research Fellow; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Robin D. G. Kelley

Los Angeles, CA

2024-2026

Los Angeles Room & Board

Court to College Program Academic Peer Mentor, Part-Time

Los Angeles, CA

2024-2026

Summer Fellows Program <i>Summer Research Fellow; Faculty Mentor: Dr. Genevieve Carpio</i>	Los Angeles, CA Summer 2024
Daily Bruin <i>Opinion Columnist, Part-Time</i>	Los Angeles, CA 2023-2025
Gente Newsmagazine <i>Writer and Content Editor, Part-Time</i>	Los Angeles, CA 2023-2024
Higher Education For All <i>Mentor, Part-Time</i>	Los Angeles, CA 2023-2024
The County of San Diego, Department of Parks & Recreation <i>General Support Aide, Part-Time</i>	San Diego, CA 2020-2023

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship; Undergraduate Research Center, \$17,000	2024-2025
Mellon-Mays Summer Research Training Program at The University of Chicago	2025
Summer Fellows Program; UCLA Ralph J. Bunche Center, \$3,000	2024
Research Revealed; Undergraduate Research Center, \$300	2024
Hispanic Scholarship Fund	2023
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce Rising Star	2022
Simon Scholar; Simon Scholars Foundation, \$16,000	2020

REFERENCES

Victor Rios, Ph.D.

Professor of Sociology, MacArthur Chair

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Gaye Theresa Johnson, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Black Studies;

Director, Blum Center on Poverty, Inequality, and Democracy

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Brian Cabral, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Youth and Community Studies

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