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Education

University of California, Irvine | **Ph.D.**, Urban & Environmental Planning & Policy |
expected June 2024

Dissertation: “*Seeds of Resistance: To Cultivate the Land is to Cultivate Liberation*”

Committee: Profs. Martha S. Feldman, Walter J. Nicholls, and Maria G. Rendon.

University of California, Irvine | **M.A.**, Urban & Regional Planning | 2015-2017

California State University, San Marcos | **B.A.**, *cum laude*, Liberal Studies | 2011-2013

Palomar Community College | **A.A.**, Social & Behavioral Sciences | 2008-2011

Escondido Charter High School | **H.S diploma** | 1999-2002

Research and Teaching Interests

Urban Planning and Politics

Social Movements

Organizations

Food Systems

Urban Sustainability

Community-led development

Race, Class, and Power

Community-based research methods

Research Papers

In preparation

Preciado E. “The Battle for Santa Ana: Increasing land access for underserved communities of color”

Conference papers

“The Little Farm: Cultivating resistance in Santa Ana” - conference paper for the Race, Ethnicity Place Conference, Washington D.C., October 2023 (upcoming)

“Urban farms as spaces of politicization” - conference paper for the American Association of Geographers conference, Denver, Colorado March 2023

“Combating spatial inequality with urban farming in Santa Ana” - conference paper for the Associated Collegiate Schools of Planning conference, Virtual Event, October 2021

Honors and Awards

UC Irvine - Graduate Division Completion Fellowship Fall 2023 \$7500

UC Irvine - Urban Planning and Public Policy Department Quarterly Fellowship, Winter 2023 \$7950

California State University PRE-Professor Program (PREPP) Fellowship 2021-2022

UC Irvine - Graduate Division's Public Impact Fellowship 2021 \$1000

California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program recipient 2020-2021

UC Irvine – Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning & Lincoln Institute of Land Policy case study award Winter 2020

UC Irvine - Newkirk Center for Science & Society Community Based Research Fellowship Fall 2019 \$8750

UC Irvine – School of Social Ecology Dean's Award for Community Engagement Spring 2019 \$1500

UC Irvine – Community Resilience Fellowship Summer 2018 \$4800 & Summer 2020 \$6000

UC Irvine - Ford Predoctoral fellowship honorable mention Spring 2018

UC Irvine - Graduate Division Diversity Recruitment Fellowship Fall 2017 \$5000

UC Irvine - Graduate Division Eugene Cota-Robles fellowship Fall 2017 \$62000

UC Irvine - School of Social Ecology Impact Award Spring 2017 \$150

UC Irvine - Orange County American Planning Association Bob Goldin Memorial Outstanding Student Scholarship Spring 2017 \$1000

UC Irvine - California Planning Foundation, Orange Section Scholarship Fall 2016 \$1000

UC Irvine – Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities fellowship Summer 2016 \$3000

UC Irvine - Diversity in Planning fellowship Spring 2016 \$2000

University of California Office of the President - Global Food Initiative Fellowship Fall 2015, 2016, 2017 \$12,000 total

UC Irvine - Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, Tuition Fee Fellowship Fall 2015 \$7500

California State University, San Marcos - Liberal Studies Department award class of 2014

Teaching Experience

Geography 402/502: “Qualitative Methods in Geography”: California State University Long Beach

Department of Geography, Instructor of Record

Fall 2023

Social Ecology 10: “Research Design”: UCI Department of Social Ecology,

Guest Lecture 07/25/22 (Instructor: Dr. Zayda Sorrell Medina)

Summer 2022

Geography 469/569: “Cities and Social Justice”: California State University Long Beach Department of

Geography, Guest Lecture 04/20/22 (Instructor: Dr. Gary Hytrek)

Spring 2022, Fall 2023

Teaching Assistant for UPPP 5: “Introduction to Planning and Policy”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy (Instructor: Dr. Karna Wong)

Spring 2022

Urban Planning & Public Policy 40: “Urban Sociology”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, Guest Lecture 10/13/21 and 10/15/22 (Instructor: Dr. Maria Rendon)

Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant for UPPP 4: “Introduction to Urban Studies”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy (Instructor: Dr. Hun Kim)

Spring 2020

Teaching Assistant for UPPP 8: “Environmental Analysis and Design”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy (Instructors: Dr. Junqueira 2020; Dr. Ulibarri 2021, 2022; Dr. Gibson 2023)

Winter 2020; Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Winter 2023

Teaching Assistant for UPPP 204: “Plan Development and Communication”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy (Instructor: Dr. Virginia Parks)

Fall 2019

FRESH Basic Needs Seminar: “Food Sovereignty”: UCI FRESH Basic Needs Hub,

Guest Lecture 01/30/19

Winter 2019

Urban Planning & Public Policy 100: “Environmental Justice”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, Guest Lecture 11/05/18 (Instructor: Dr. Doug Houston)

Fall 2018

Teaching Assistant for UPPP 202: “History of Urban Planning”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy (Instructor: Dr. Scott Bollens)

Fall 2018; Fall 2019

Planning, Policy, & Design 131: “Cities and Food”: UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy, Guest Lecture 09/28/18. (Instructor: Dr. Ashley Hooper)

Summer 2018

Upward Bound youth summer program: “Food Justice”: CSU Fullerton,

Guest Lecture 07/20/16

Invited Talks and other Presentations

Emanuel Preciado, “Research Justice Workshop series: Producing and Communicating Knowledge in Community-based Research” (panelists for the Newkirk Center for Science & Society at UC Irvine, Irvine, California May 2023)

Emanuel Preciado, “Food for Thought: A conversation and community collaboration around equitable food systems in OC” (panelists for the UCI Blum Centers Hunger and Homelessness Week at the Cross-Cultural Center, Irvine, California November 2019)

Emanuel Preciado, “Community Healing Through Gardening” (invited speaker for UC Irvine’s Cross-Cultural Center, Irvine, California February 2019)

Emanuel Preciado, “Connecting for Earth and Art Through Performance” (invited speaker for Orange County Environmental Justice concert, Santa Ana, California January 2019).

Emanuel Preciado, “Race, Sex and Media” (invited speaker for UCI Department of Sociology, Irvine, California December 2018).

Emanuel Preciado, “Wombs, Wounds, Wastelands, & Water” (speaker for UC Irvine’s Words of Wild Survival conference, Irvine, California September 2018).

Emanuel Preciado, “Food Justice: An Intersectional Discussion on Community Resilience, Mobilization, and Empowerment” (panelist for UC Irvine’s Food for Thought symposium, Irvine, California April 2018).

Emanuel Preciado, “Seeds of Resistance: Urban Gardens as Political Spaces” (speaker for UC Irvine’s Competitive Edge Summer Symposium, Irvine, California 2017).

Emanuel Preciado, “The UCI Garden Project” (speaker for CSU Fullerton’s California Higher Education Sustainability Conference, Fullerton, California June 2016).

Emanuel Preciado, “Food Justice through Community Engagement in Orange County” (panelist for UC Irvine’s Food Equity Symposium: Establishing Equity in Our Food System, Irvine, California March 2016).

Emanuel Preciado, “Taking Action: Tools and Techniques Used to Build Community with the Urban Gardens at UCI” (speaker for UC Irvine’s California Higher Education Food Summit, Irvine, California January 2016).

Emanuel Preciado, “Resisting Force and Discourse” (invited poet for CSU San Marcos’ Foucault Madness Conference, San Marcos, California September 2014)

Social Justice Research and Advocacy

Newkirk Center for Science & Society,

Senior fellow of community-based research. Irvine, California

In this role, I supervised other graduate students working with the Madison Park Neighborhood Association in Santa Ana, California to develop their organization’s membership manual to recruit more residents into leadership positions. We drew on qualitative data (interviews and participant observations) in this setting and discussed the ethics of university-community partnerships in research at length.

Fall 2019 to Fall 2020

UCI Community Resilience Projects, “Cultural Strategies for Environmental Justice concert”,

Organizer, Irvine, California

Winter 2019

UCI FRESH Basic Needs Hub, “Community Vision and Action Planning workshop”,

Organizer, Irvine, California
Winter 2019

CRECE Urban Farms Cooperative, “School Garden Project” for Whitaker Elementary School

Project manager, Buena Park, California

Contracted to be the project manager for an elementary school garden project in a working-class Latinx neighborhood in Buena Park, CA. Employed a community-driven approach to construct the garden in collaboration with school administrators, teachers, students, and parents. The project was funded through the BayWa r.e. corporation and United Way.

June 2019

UCI Global Food Initiative,

My policy recommendations were accepted for UCI food policy environmental health and safety guidelines, creating a garden-to-student pantry pipeline. I partnered with Environmental Health and Safety and Risk Management on campus to revise campus policy restricting food donations and distribution of food harvested from on-campus gardens to allow for greater fresh food access to the student body.

Co-author and policy analyst,

Irvine, California

Spring 2018

UCI Labor Center & UCI Law Community Scholars, “Immigrants Workers’ Resource Center,” Master of Urban and Regional Planning (MURP) Student project, Irvine, California

Conducted mixed methods research (observations and surveys) as a MURP student in the Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy at the University of California, Irvine in collaboration with the UCI School of Law students to determine the best location for new immigrant workers’ resource center in Orange County, California.

Spring 2016

UCI Garden Project, “Community Vision and Action Planning workshop”, Organizer, Irvine, California

Organized a visioning and action planning workshop working with stakeholders across campus such as grounds crew and landscapers, environmental planners, housing directors, and school administrators. Leading up to the workshop, I conducted interviews with stakeholders on campus to determine the best use of campus gardens at UC Irvine. The outcome: Produced a strategic road map and unified vision for current and future student gardens.

Spring 2016

Border Angels non-profit organization, Volunteer, San Diego, California

July 2014 to January 2015

Assisted with water drop-offs deep into the desert east of San Diego for migrants crossing the border. I also helped to collect and distribute aid for migrant families in need.

Work Experience

California State University, Long Beach: Instructor of Record

August 2023 to Now

Long Beach, California

Duties: Teaching Geography 402/502 Qualitative Research Methods to students in the Masters of Geography program and upper division credit for senior undergraduate students. The course introduces students to qualitative research methods employed by social scientists, particularly geographers. This course includes lectures, seminars, and fieldwork components.

UCI Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy: Graduate Teaching Assistant

September 2018 to June 2023

Irvine, California

Duties: Assist with graduate and undergraduate courses up to and including Grading, testing, presenting lectures, and holding office hours. On several occasions, I led discussion sections of 35-50 students.

CRECE Urban Farms: Program coordinator and farmer

July 2017 to August 2023

Santa Ana, California

Duties: Urban farming, research, writing, art, and advocacy: Here, I have gained first-hand experience in grant writing, fundraising strategies, programming, worker cooperative development, BIPOC farmer and food sovereignty advocacy, and movement building.

UCI Engage: Graduate Student Researcher

Winter 2019 to Spring 2019

Irvine, California

Supervisor: Dr. Doug Houston

Duties: Assist with the relaunch of the UCI Engage initiative campus-wide by researching models of successful campus-community partnerships and community-engaged research practices. I also conducted private interviews and held community forums to inform the strategic road map for the proposed UCI Engage Center.

Professional Memberships

2022-Present	American Association of Geographers, AAG
2021-Present	Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, ACSP
2020-Present	Urban Affairs Association, UAA
2015-2019	American Planning Association, APA

Languages

Fluent in English and Spanish (oral and writing proficiency: native speaker)