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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz Current
Ph.D. Visual Anthropology
Research areas:
Focus on art/image based research
Politics of aesthetics and representation
Multimedia ethnography and media studies
The senses
Artworlds in Latin America

University of Oslo Summer 2007
Contemporary Art and Anthropology: Challenges of
Theory and Practice

University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Awarded May 2007
B.A. Anthropology General GPA: 3.94
Major GPA: 4.00

Academia San José High School Awarded 2003
High School diploma with honors GPA: 3.90

AWARDS AND HONORS

Magna Cum Laude University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras 2007
National Dean's List 2006
COR Fellow, NIMH -Career Opportunities in Research University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
Campus, 2005-2007
Honors Scholarship University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras
Campus 2004-2007
Dean's List University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus
2003-2007
President's Education Awards Program for Outstanding 2003
Academic Achievement
National Merit Hispanic Scholar 2003

WORK EXPERIENCE

Conboca, Art Tracking 2007
Collaborated with the writing and production of texts for
exhibition catalogues and reviews of the exhibits.

Mi Pequeño Día and Estudiantes al Día, Local Newspaper El Nuevo 200-2003
Día
Worked as a Collaborator for the Children's and High School Students sections in the biggest local
newspaper in Puerto Rico. I conducted research, helped in the organization of activities, and wrote
articles for both sections.

RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

Universidad Central del Caribe, Center for Addiction Studies, Research 2006 – present
Assistant

Research Assistant, in and R21 Grant project that examines high risk drug preparation practices among injection drug users in San Juan. My advisors and mentors are Hector Colon Ph.D. and Juan Negron a medical anthropologists Ph.Dc. I have carried ethnographic fieldwork in communities of injection drug users, qualitative data entry and analysis using NVIVO, conducting semi-structured interviews, informal interviews and field observations. Also filming of focal groups archival and editing of audiovisual data.

Universidad Central del Caribe, Center for Addiction Studies, Research Assistant 2006-present

Conducted a personal project titled *Attitudes and beliefs concerning pathogen infection and contamination of objects among injection drug users*. Developed the research proposal, literature revision, ethnographic fieldwork, semi-structured interviews and observations, qualitative data analysis.

University of Puerto Rico, University Center for Psychological Services and Studies, Research Assistant 2005-2006

Assisted Jeannett Rossello Ph.D. in the development of a Manual for the prevention of Depression among preadolescents. Also developed a personal qualitative project concerning puertorrican adolescents perceptions of depression

University of Puerto Rico, Department of Anthropology and Sociology 2005

Conducted an independent study in Medical anthropology under the mentorship of Jessica Mulligan Ph.Dc. The title of the project was *Mental health patients in Puerto Rico: Patients Understanding of Symptoms and Treatments*. Developed an area of research, literature revision, development of a semi-structured guide for ethnographic life history interviews, recruit participants, conduct and transcribe interviews and data analysis.

Escuela de Artes Plásticas, Extension Program 2004-2005

Art teacher for children ages five to eight in the extension program, which offers art courses to the general population in the Art University of Puerto Rico (Escuela de Artes Plásticas).

COLLECTIVE ART EXHIBITIONS

Night of electronic Art (2007, May), *Heterotopia/Heteroutopia*, series of two videos University of Puerto Rico Rio Piedras Campus, Department of Fine Arts, Curated by Carola Cintron and Alejandro Quinteros.

Sin Gasolina (2007, May), digital photography and installation, Area, Caguas Puerto Rico, Curated by Alex Reyes.

Los Bastardos (2007, April), series of four Photographs *Habia una vez...*, Petrus Gallery, Miramar, San Juan Puerto Rico, Curated by Ralph Vázquez.

Angora Collective (2007, March), Site-Specific Installation *On the production of office space*, Caguas, Puerto Rico.

The Laundromat (2006, August), Women's Collective Site-Specific Exhibition, Site-Specific Installation, San Juan Laundromat, curated by Alex Reyes.

55 Carwash, (2006, May), Installation, Curated by Alex Reyes.

INDIVIDUAL ART EXHIBITIONS

Alvarez, P. (2005, September) *Dragon House Photos*, Individual photographic exhibition at the San Juan, "Casa Alcaldía" Gallery, curated by Galería Raíces.

PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

The Invisible Landscape/Drawing Loops, review for the catalog of the exhibition of the artist Javiel Olmeda Raya in Candela Gallery, Puerto Rico, September 2007.

Solito Show, review for the catalog for the exhibition of Roberto Marquez the Candela Gallery, Puerto Rico, June 2007.

Casacandela, essay for the catalog of the Site-Specific Collective Art Exhibit, Hotel Casacandela, San Juan Puerto Rico, March, 2007.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Attitudes and behaviors concerning pathogen infection and contamination of objects among injection drug users, Paper presented at the Annual COR Colloquium, Washington D.C., November, 2006.

Puerto Rican Adolescents Perception of Depression, Poster session presented at the XIV Symposium on Investigation in the Social Sciences, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus., March, 2006.

Mental Health Patients in Puerto Rico: How Much do They Know About their Mental Health and The Treatment They Receive. Poster session presented at the Annual COR Colloquium, Atlanta, Georgia. November 2005.

Mental Health Patients in Puerto Rico: Knowledge about diagnoses, effective treatments and Satisfaction with services. Poster presented at the COR Summer Internship Program, San Juan, PR July, 2005.

Colón, A., Alvarez, P. *Psychology and Public Policy*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Interamerican Congress of Psychology, Buenos Aires, Argentina. July, 2005.