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Curriculum Vitae
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Education

2015 – present	University of Illinois at Chicago	Ph.D. candidate in Anthropology
2013 – 2015	University of Illinois at Chicago	M.A. Anthropology
2009 – 2011	University of Illinois at Chicago	B.A. Anthropology (Minor Biology)
2006 – 2008	Rock Valley College	A.S. in Biology

Baccalaureate Honors Thesis: *Mitochondrial Analysis of the Mijikenda*

Research interests: Genetics, sociocultural identity, race/ ethnicity, Cuban identity, diaspora

Awards

2018	UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Dissertation Research Grant	\$500.00
2018	Graduate Student Council Travel Award	\$275.00
2017	Graduate Student Council Travel Award	\$275.00
2016	UIC Chancellor's Graduate Research Award	\$5000.00
2011	Sigma Xi Award	Funding for lab
2010	UIC Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award	Funding for lab

Conference Participation

2018	Cuban Studies Program Graduate Student Symposium: New Voices in Cuba Studies at Harvard University <i>Transnational Narratives of Race and Ancestry: on the island and the diaspora</i>	Cambridge, MA November 30, 2018
2018	Latin American Studies Association Paper Presentation: <i>Race and ancestry in Cuba and in the diaspora constructing ethnoracial identity in Miami and La Habana</i>	Barcelona, Spain, EU May 24
2018	Second City Anthropology Conference Paper Presentation: <i>Transnational Cubanidades: constructing ethnoracial identity in Miami and La Habana</i>	Chicago, IL March 10
2017	Siglo XXI Conference on the Mapping of Latino Research Role: Researcher	San Antonio, TX May 19
2017	La Academia del Pueblo Latino/a and Latin American Studies Research Conference at Wayne State Paper Presentation:	Detroit, MI

2015	<i>Cuban Identity: on the island and in the diaspora</i> AAPA Graduate Session Poster: <i>Modern DNA Analysis of the Mijikenda</i>	April 29 St. Louis, MS
2011	AAPA Undergraduate Session Poster: <i>Mitochondrial Analysis of the Mijikenda</i>	Minneapolis, MN
2011	UIC Student Research Forum Poster: <i>Mitochondrial Analysis of the Mijikenda</i>	Chicago, IL

Professional Experience

2016	Anthropology 237 The Human Skeleton Position: Instructor In-depth review of the human skeleton and its application in bioarchaeology.	Fall Semester
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Honors

2016	Graduate concentration in Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)
2011	Departmental Honors – Highest Distinction in Anthropology (BA degree)
2009 – 2011	Honors College University of Illinois at Chicago
2008	A.S. Degree Honors and member of Phi Theta Kappa

Teaching and Research Experience

Fall 2018	Anthropology 105 Introduction to Physical Anthropology
Spring 2018	- Research Assistant for Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) headquartered at UIC. Role: Putting together reports on the state of Latino research. - Anthropology 105
Fall 2017	- Research Assistant for IUPLR -Anthropology 105
Summer 2017	Research Assistant (IUPLR)
Spring 2017	Research Assistant (IUPLR)
Spring 2016	Anthropology 105
Fall 2015	Anthropology 105, Anthropology 237 Human Skeleton
Spring 2015	Anthropology 237, Anthropology 437 Bioarchaeology
Fall 2014	Anthropology 105, Anthropology 237
Spring 2014	Geography 100 Introduction to Geography
Fall 2013	Anthropology 237

Laboratory Research

Fall 2013- Spring 2016	UIC's Bioarchaeology/Genetic Lab <u>Graduate Research Assistant under direction of Dr. Sloan Williams</u> Duties: Lab work includes, but not limited to, inventory and extensive analysis of osteological remains from Mtwapa and Manda, Kenya sites, DNA extraction and analysis of ancient DNA and modern DNA of the Mijikenda and Swahili.
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July – August 2015 Field Museum at Chicago, IL
Volunteer Field Museum Osteological Analysis
 Duties: Inventory and analysis of Hopi human remains under the direction of Dr. Ann Grauer of Loyola University. Work included skeletal inventory and analysis of the Hopi remains housed at the Field Museum for the purpose of repatriation.

Fall 2009 – Fall 2011 UIC’s Bioarchaeology/Genetic Lab
Undergraduate research assistant
 Duties: Mitochondrial DNA analysis of the Mijikenda sample and comparison of buccal samples representing the nine Mijikenda tribes in the Bioarchaeology Lab in UIC under Dr. Sloan Williams and Dr. Ken Batai.

Service

2018 Second City Anthropology Conference
 Chicago, IL March 10
 Role: Moderator

2017 Siglo XXI Conference on the Mapping of Latino Research
 San Antonio, TX May 19
 Role: Scribe

2015 Abstract Committee Head – BARFAA conference, October 2015

2014 Sparks Volunteer – once a week with two students from Mollison Elementary School
 Tech Assistant – Second City Anthropology Conference, 2014.

Foreign Languages

Spanish Fluent
 English Native Speaker

Field Work

December 12, 2012 – February 2, 2013
 Excavation on Swahili cemeteries in Lamu Archipelago, Kenya
 Project Directors: Dr. Kusimba and Dr. Williams
 Project Affiliation: University of Illinois at Chicago
 Position: Crew Chief

Goal of this research is to better understand Swahili society through the excavation of several cemeteries at the Manda site, Lamu Archipelago, Kenya. Mortuary, osteological, genetic and isotopic analyses will be combined to gain knowledge of the cultural origins of the Swahili. Excavation was carried out in 8 separate trenches followed by lab cataloging of the artifacts and analysis of the human remains.

June 13 – July 10, 2010

Osteology Workshop in Cluj- Napoca, Romania

Project Director: Sabrina Gloux

Project Affiliation: ArchaeoTek

Position: Crew Member

Gained human osteological knowledge and experience; specifically skeletal inventory, identification, analysis of sex, age, and pathologies.

July 17 – August 5, 2009

Necropolis Excavation – Cape of Cavalleria, Menorca

Project Direct: Dr. Fernando Contreras

Project Affiliation: Ecomuseum of the Cape of Cavalleria and the Sa Nitja Association

Position: Crew Member

Gained bioarchaeological field experience.