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Education

2015-present	Ph.D. Candidate in Anthropology	University of Illinois at Chicago
2013-2015	M.A. Anthropology <i>Graduate concentration in Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS)</i>	University of Illinois at Chicago
2009-2011	B.A. Anthropology (Minor Biology) <i>Honors Thesis: Mitochondrial Analysis of the Mijikenda</i>	University of Illinois at Chicago
2006-2008	A.S. in Biology	Rock Valley College

Research interests: Processes of racialization, Cuba, Latinx, Genetic Ancestry Research

Awards

2021-2022	Inter-University Program for Latino Research/UIC Mellon Fellowship Program (\$25000.00)
2020-2021	UIC Ethel Bohlen Scholarship by Student Affairs (\$1500.00)
2018	UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Dissertation Research Grant (\$500.00).
2016	UIC Chancellor's Graduate Research Award (\$5000.00).
2011	Sigma Xi Award, Funding for lab to cover analysis of modern human DNA.
2010	UIC Chancellor's Undergraduate Research Award, Funding for lab.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2020	Elizabeth Obregón. "Así son los cubanos: narratives of race and ancestry" <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> . 44:11, 2135-2153, DOI: 10.1080/01419870.2020.1823447
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Web-based Publications

2018	Maria de los Angeles Torres with Cynthia Brito, Olga Herrera and Elizabeth Obregón (eds.) <i>Mapping New Directions in Latino Research</i> . Inter-University Program for Latino Research.
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In-Preparation

n.d.	Elizabeth Obregón. (De)Legitimizing Racialized Cuban Bodies Across the Florida Straits (Revise and Resubmit – <i>Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology</i>)
n.d.	Elizabeth Obregón.

Travel Awards

- 2018 Graduate Student Council Travel Award (\$275.00)
2017 Graduate Student Council Travel Award (\$275.00)

Conference Participation

- 2021 *Transnational and Cross-generational Cuban Genealogies: discourses on race and ancestry through biological narratives*. Paper presented virtually at the 90th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. April 22nd.
- 2018 *Transnational Narratives of Race and Ancestry: on the island and the diaspora*. Paper presented at the Cuban Studies Program Graduate Student Symposium: New Voices in Cuba Studies. Nov. 30th at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2018 *Race and ancestry in Cuba and in the diaspora constructing ethnoracial identity in Miami and La Habana*. Paper presented at the 36th International Congress of the Latin America Studies Association. May 24th in Barcelona, Spain, EU.
- 2018 *Transnational Cubanidades: constructing ethnoracial identity in Miami and La Habana*. Paper presented at the biannual Second City Anthropology Conference on March 10th at the University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 Panel member. Siglo XXI Conference on the Mapping of Latino Research, May 19th in San Antonio, TX.
- 2017 *Cuban Identity: on the island and in the diaspora*. Paper presented at the La Academia del Pueblo Latino/a and Latin American Studies Research Conference on April 29th at Wayne State, Detroit, MI.
- 2015 *Modern DNA Analysis of the Mijikenda*. Poster presented at the 84th annual American Association of Physical Anthropologists Graduate Session March 25-28th held in St. Louis, MS.
- 2011 *Mitochondrial Analysis of the Mijikenda*. Poster presented at the AAPA Undergraduate Session held in Minneapolis, MN.
- 2011 *Mitochondrial Analysis of the Mijikenda*. Poster presented at the UIC Student Research Forum at University of Illinois at Chicago.

Teaching Experience

2019-21	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 105 (Introduction to Biological Anthropology)
Sum 2019	Instructor of Record: Anthropology 105
2018-19	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 105
2017-18	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 105
Fall 2016	Instructor of Record: Anthropology 237 (Human Skeleton)
2015-16	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 105 & Anth 237
2014-15	Teaching Assistant: Anthropology 237 & Anth 437 (Bioarchaeology)
2013-14	Teaching Assistant: Geography 100 & Anth 237

Research Experience

2019-21	Research Assistant, Latin American and Latino Studies (LALS) under direction of Dr. Torres: research on Cubans in Angola.
Sum 2019	Research Assistant, LALS: Angola research.
2017-2018	Research Assistant, Inter-University Program for Latino Research (IUPLR) headquartered at UIC: Gathering research and writing reports on the state of Latino research.
Sum 2017	Research Assistant, IUPLR: State of Latino research.
Spring 2017	Research Assistant, IUPLR: State of Latino research.

Laboratory Research

8/2013-5/2016	UIC's Bioarchaeology/Genetic Lab Graduate Research Assistant under direction of Dr. Sloan Williams 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.
7-8/2015	Field Museum 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.
8/2009-8/2011	UIC's Bioarchaeology/Genetic Lab Undergraduate research assistant under direction of Dr. Sloan Williams and Dr. Ken Batai. 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

2021	Mentorship with two Latina, Anthropology major, undergraduate students with work study. Leading Independent Study (ANTH 490) with weekly discussions and hands-on ethnographic transcription experience.
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- 2018-2019 Mentorship with two Latina, Anthropology major, undergraduate students with work study.
- 2018 Moderator for Second City Anthropology Conference held at University of Illinois at Chicago on March 10th.
- 2017 Scribe during Siglo XXI Conference on the Mapping of Latino Research held in San Antonio, TX on May 19th.
- 2015 Abstract Committee Head for 22nd annual Midwest Bioarchaeology and Forensic Anthropology Association (BARFAA) conference held at University of Illinois at Chicago, October 23 – 25th.
- 2014 Sparks Volunteer – once a week with two students from Mollison Elementary School.
- 2014 Tech Assistant – Second City Anthropology Conference, 2014.

Foreign Languages

Spanish Fluent
 English Native Speaker

Letters of Recommendation Upon Request

Sloan R. Williams, Ph.D. (Anthropology Department, University of Illinois at Chicago)

María de los Ángeles Torres, Ph.D. (Latin American and Latino Studies Department, University of Illinois at Chicago)