

CURRICULUM VITAE
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University Education

- 2016 Ph.D., Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, December 5, 2016.
Dissertation Title: "Naming the Dead: Identification and Ambiguity Along the U.S.-
Mexico Border" (Advisor: Tom Sheridan)
- 2009 M.A., Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, May 18, 2009
- 2004 B.A., Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, United States
May 15, 2004, Cum Laude

Fields of Study

Transnational migration, science and technology studies, human rights, forensic anthropology, and biopolitics with a focus on the US-Mexico border region, specifically the Sonoran Desert.

Employment

- 2017 – present Assistant Research Social Scientist, The Southwest Center, University of Arizona
- 2013 – 2019 Executive Director, Colibrí Center for Human Rights, Tucson, Arizona
- 2017 Adjunct Professor, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona

Honors, Fellowships, & Awards

- 2021 Faculty Fellowship, The Confluence Center, University of Arizona Tucson, Arizona
- 2014 The Institute for Policy Studies Letelier-Moffitt Memorial Human Rights Award,
Washington, DC
- 2014 Tucson's 40 Under 40 Award, Arizona Daily Star & Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,
Tucson, Arizona
- 2014 Echoing Green Global Fellowship for Social Entrepreneurship, New York, New York
- 2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Award

Intra- and Extramural Service

University, College, Departmental/School

- 2020 Diversity, Inclusion & Equity Committee, The Southwest Center
2019 Events Committee, The Southwest Center

National/International Outreach

- 2013 – present Founding Member, Forensic Border Coalition, Washington, DC
2013 – 2019 Member of Working Group on Disappeared Migrants and Fatal Journeys, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Geneva, Switzerland
2018 Member of International Committee for the Dignified Treatment of all Missing and Deceased Persons and their Families as a Consequence of Migrant Journeys, Mytilini Declaration, Lesvos, Greece
2017 Member of Working Committee and Research Team for United Nations Special Rapporteur for Extrajudicial Killings and Summary Executions, United Nations (UN), New York, NY
2017 Committee Member, “The Unlawful Death of Refugees and Migrants,” United Nations Headquarters, New York, NY. October 2017

Disciplinary Service

- 2021 Manuscript Review, *Current Anthropology*, *Mosaic*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*
2020 Manuscript Review: *Current Anthropology*, *Journal of Latin American Studies*
2019 Manuscript Review, *Current Anthropology*, *Journal of International Migration and Integration*, *Stanford University Press*

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2021 Skeletal evidence of structural violence among undocumented migrants from Mexico and Central America. *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. August. 1-22. (Jared S. Beatrice, Angela Soler, Robin C. Reineke, Daniel E. Martínez).
2021 Ambiguous Loss and Embodied Grief Related to Mexican Migrant Disappearances. *Medical Anthropology* 0 (0): 1–14. (Rebecca M. Crocker, Robin C. Reineke, and María Elena Ramos Tovar).
2019 Necroviolence and Postmortem Care Along the U.S.-Mexico Border, in *The Border and Its Bodies*, edited by Thomas Sheridan and Randall McGuire, University of Arizona Press. (Robin C. Reineke).

- 2018 Foreword to *Sociopolitics of Migrant Death and Repatriation: Perspectives from Forensic Science*, edited by Krista E. Latham and Alyson O’Daniel. Bioarchaeology and Social Theory Series, Springer International. (Robin C. Reineke).
- 2017 Temporal Patterns of Mexican Migrant Genetic Ancestry: Implications for Identification. *American Anthropologist*, 119: 193–208. (Cris E. Hughes, Bridgett Algee-Hewitt, Robin C. Reineke, Elizabeth Clausing and Bruce E. Anderson).
- 2016 Missing in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands. In *Missing Persons: Multidisciplinary Perspectives on the Disappeared*, edited by Derek Congram. Canadian Scholars’ Press. (Robin C. Reineke and Bruce E. Anderson).
- 2016 Los Desaparecidos de la frontera: The missing of the border. In: R Rubio-Goldsmith, C Fernández, J Finch, and A Masterson-Algar (eds) *Migrant Deaths in the Arizona Desert: La vida no vale nada (Life is Worthless)*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press. (Robin C. Reineke)
- 2014 Structural Violence and Migrant Deaths in Southern Arizona: Data from the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner, 1990-2013.” *Journal of Migration and Human Security*. JMHS Volume 2 Number 4 (2014): 257-286. Daniel E. Martinez and Robin C. Reineke).

Research Projects in Progress

The Forensics of Human Identification at the Border: An Ethnographic Study: This is a book project which examines the practice of forensic science and technology in the Arizona portion of the U.S.-Mexico border, especially that of forensic authorities at the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner. Research explores how forensic practitioners have created procedures and practices in a gray zone between the law and ethics, best practice and budget limitations, and local and federal responsibility.

Forensic Citizenship in the Borderlands: This ethnographic project is focused on understanding civilian forensic expertise and embodied knowledge on both sides of the Arizona-Sonora border. This project is funded by the University of Arizona Libraries Digital Borderlands Program and the Confluence Center for Creative Inquiry. (With Dr. Natalia Mendoza Rockwell).

Reports and Non-Academic Publications

- 2021 Migrant Deaths in Southern Arizona: Recovered Undocumented Border Crosser Remains Investigated by the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner, 1990 - 2020. Tucson, AZ: Binational Migration Institute, University of Arizona. (Daniel E. Martinez, Robin C Reineke, Geoffrey A. Boyce, Samuel N. Chambers, Sarah Launius, Bruce E. Anderson, Gregory L. Hess, et al. 2021).
- 2019 Artifact: Unnamed Fishing Vessel. Borderlore Magazine, Southwest Folklife Alliance, June 2019. (Robin C. Reineke)

- 2017 Identifying dead migrants, examples from the United States–Mexico border. In *Fatal Journeys Volume 3 Part 1: Improving Data on Missing Migrants*. International Organization for Migration (IOM). Geneva, Switzerland. (Robin C. Reineke & Chelsea L. Halstead).
- 2016 Missing Persons and Unidentified Remains at the United States–Mexico Border. In *Fatal Journeys 2: Identification and Tracing of Dead and Missing Migrants*. Edited by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Geneva, Switzerland. (Robin C. Reineke).
- 2014 Migrant deaths in the Americas. In *Fatal Journeys: Tracking Lives Lost During Migration*, edited by the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Geneva, Switzerland. (Robin C. Reineke and Daniel E. Martinez).
- 2013 Lost in the System: Unidentified Bodies on the Border. *North American Congress on Latin America* (NACLA) Report on the Americas, Summer 2013. (Robin C. Reineke)
- 2013 Undocumented Border Crosser Deaths in Southern Arizona. *Border Criminologies*, June 22 2013. (Daniel E. Martinez and Robin Reineke).
- 2013 New Report Shows that Migrant Deaths Remain High in Arizona. *North American Congress on Latin America* (NACLA) Border Wars Blog, June 5, 2013. (Daniel E. Martinez and Robin Reineke).
- 2013 A Continued Humanitarian Crisis at the Border: Undocumented Border Crosser Deaths Recorded by the Pima County Office of the Medical Examiner, 1990 – 2012. Tucson, AZ: Binational Migration Institute, University of Arizona. (Daniel E. Martinez, Robin Reineke, Raquel Rubio-Goldsmith, Bruce E. Anderson, Gregory L. Hess, Bruce O. Parks).

Selected Media and News Appearances

Reuters, June 2019: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-immigration-mexico-idUSKCN1TR23Q>

Democracy Now, August 2019:

https://www.democracynow.org/2019/8/19/humanitarian_aid_is_never_a_crime

CNN, December 2019: CNN, “No Olvidado: These Americans find and bury missing migrants.”

<https://www.cnn.com/interactive/2019/12/us/no-olvidado-missing-migrants-border/>

New York Times, “They Died Near the Border. Art Students Hope to Bring Them Back.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/03/02/arts/design/new-york-academy-of-art-arizona-border.html>,
March 2, 2018.

CNN, United Shades of America with Kamau Bell, <https://www.cnn.com/2018/04/27/opinions/united-shades-america-border-us-mexico-kamau-bell-opinion/index.html>, May 28, 2018.

Washington Post, “Search for missing migrants: Families hope DNA will guide them to lost loved ones.”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/immigration/search-for-the-missing-immigrants-hope->

[dna-will-guide-them-to-lost-loved-ones/2017/12/11/2b278f0a-d933-11e7-b859-fb0995360725_story.html](https://www.dna.com/story/dna-will-guide-them-to-lost-loved-ones/2017/12/11/2b278f0a-d933-11e7-b859-fb0995360725_story.html), December 11, 2017.

Reveal News, “The deadliest route to the American dream,” <https://www.revealnews.org/article/the-deadliest-route-to-the-american-dream>, March 3, 2017.

Los Angeles Times, “In Arizona, Border Patrol doesn’t include dozens of deaths in tally of migrants who perish.” <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-border-patrol-count-20161128-story.html>. December 15, 2016.

NBC News, “Finding Missing Migrants, or Their Remains, is Grim Border Work.” <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/missing-migrants-n405326>, August 18, 2015.

The Independent, “Finding Names for America’s Shame,” <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/finding-the-names-for-america-s-shame-what-happens-to-the-immigrants-crossing-the-us-mexico-border-9629774.html>. July 25, 2014.

BBC News, Missing Migrants: The Documentary. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p01v5sq8>. March 17, 2014.

Documentary Film, “Who is Dayani Cristal?” <http://www.whoisdayanicristal.com/>, Directed by Marc Silver, feature-length documentary film distributed by Kino Lorber, February 2014.

ABC News, Nightline, “Tracing the Human Cost of Immigration,” January 3, 2014.

New York Times, “Bodies on the Border,” Op-Doc by Marc Silver, August 17, 2013. <http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/18/opinion/bodies-on-the-border.html>

Arizona Daily Star, “Discoveries of crossers’ bodies now at lowest level in 10 years,” Perla Treviso, February 21, 2013, http://azstarnet.com/news/local/border/discoveries-of-crossers-bodies-now-at-lowest-level-in-years/article_203b9754-ecde-5bd9-a98c-c63f61b0a8d1.html.

Public Radio International’s The World, “Identifying the Migrants Who Die Crossing the US/Mexico Border, <http://www.theworld.org/2013/01/identifying-migrants-mexico-border>. January 24, 2013.

BBC World Service, Outlook Program, Naming the Dead on the Mexican Border, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p011ylt4>, December 24, 2012.

Los Angeles Times, “Arizona county's grim lost and found,” <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/oct/17/nation/la-na-migrant-possessions-20121017>, October 17, 2012.

National Public Radio’s State of the Reunion, “Tucson: Borderlands,” <http://stateofthereunion.com/home/season-3/tucson-az>, September 17, 2012.

Arizona Daily Star, “Nearly 1,700 bodies, each one a mystery.” http://azstarnet.com/news/local/border/nearly-bodies-each-one-a-mystery/article_d8972316-b63a-5e4a-ad01-8518b0012730.html, August 24, 2010.

Conferences & Scholarly Presentations

- 2020 “Families of the Missing: Forensic Obligations to Families during the Identification Process.” Anthropology Section, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Anaheim, CA, February 2020.
- 2020 “Draft minimum standard dataset for the search of missing migrants,” Conference hosted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Dakar, Senegal (transitioned to virtual due to pandemic).
- 2019 “The Border and its Bodies: Embodied Risk Along the US-Mexico Line,” Roundtable presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC November 2019.
- 2018 “Forensic Science as a Human Right: Using DNA to Identify Missing Migrants,” Anthropology Section, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Seattle, WA, February 2018.
- 2017 “Biocultural approaches to forensic human identification along the U.S.-Mexico border,” Executive Session at the American Anthropological Association, Washington DC, December 2017.
- 2017 “Fatal Journeys: Migrant Deaths Globally,” Organized by the United Nations’ Migration Agency, the International Organization for Migration, El Paso, TX, May 2017.

Awarded Grants & Contracts

- 2021 Digital Borderlands Program, University of Arizona Libraries (\$60,000). Proposal: Forensic Citizenship in the Borderlands.
- 2021 Mellon-Fronteridades Faculty Fellowship, Confluence Center for Creative Inquiry (\$15,000). Proposal: Forensic Citizenship in the Borderlands.
- 2019 Partnering Grant – Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice (\$5850). Proposal: A Borderlands Observatory: Understanding the Effects of Border Enforcement and Policy on Sonoran Desert Communities – in collaboration with Vicki Gaubeca, Southern Border Communities Coalition (with Jeffrey Banister).
- 2018 Research Programs on Migration and Health (PIMSA), Berkeley Public Health (\$25,000). Proposal: Health Impacts on the Families of Disappeared Border Crossers. (with Rebecca M. Crocker and Maria E. Ramos-Tovar).