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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2015-current Assistant Professor of Advocacy & Social Change
School of Communication, Loyola University Chicago

EDUCATION

University of Southern California

2014 Ph.D. Communication, with a Graduate Certificate in Visual Anthropology and Graduate Diploma in Innovation

Dissertation Title: *The Impact of Engaged Communication Scholarship on the Re-imagination of Space and Place in South L.A.*

Committee: Sandra Ball-Rokeach (chair), Larry Gross, Doe Mayer, François Bar

Thesis Ethnographic Film: *Making Belief Visible: The Cultural and Civic Production of the Santo Niño Ati-Atihan Festival in the Philippines*

Innovation Capstone Project: *Participatory Mapping for Civic Engagement & City Planning*

2011 M.A. Communication

2008 M.A. Global Communication

London School of Economics and Political Science

2007 MSc Global Media and Communications

University of California at Santa Barbara

2000 B.A. Double Major: Black Studies and History

University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg. South Africa.

1999 UC Education Abroad: South African History and Politics

BOOK

Villanueva, G. (Under contract). *Reimagining South Los Angeles: Engaged communication scholarship to promote social justice in the city*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Villanueva, G. (2020). You must learn: Sampling critical hip hop pedagogy in communication education spaces. *Pedagogy, Culture and Society*, 1-19.
Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1080/14681366.2020.1801814>
- Villanueva, G. (2020). Designing a Chinatown anti-displacement map and walking tour through communication asset mapping. *Journal of Urban Design*, 1-24.
Online First: <https://doi.org/10.1080/13574809.2020.1782182>
- Villanueva, G. (2020). Making place for my space/ making space for our displacement? An autoethnography of a reflexive communicative urban planner. In Special Issue, R. Silverman & D. Rowe, eds.: "Blurring The Body and The Page: The Theory, Style, and Practice of Autoethnography". *Cultural Studies ↔ Critical Methodologies*, 20(2), 1–10. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1532708619879197>
- Villanueva, G. (2019). Chitown loves you: Hip hop's alternative spatializing narratives and activism to Trump's hateful campaign rhetoric about Chicago. *Journal of Popular Music Studies*, 31(2), 127–146.
<https://doi.org/10.1525/jpms.2019.312011>
- Villanueva, G.,** Gonzalez, C., Son, M., Moreno, E., Liu, W., and Ball-Rokeach, S.J. (2017). Bringing local voices into community revitalization: Engaged communication research in urban planning. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 45(5), 474–494. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00909882.2017.1382711>
- Villanueva, G. (2017). Engaged media scholarship: Making place with community organizers. *Anthropology Now*, 9(2), 102–114.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/19428200.2017.1337973>
- Villanueva, G. (2016). Filipinos for Garcetti: Ethnic political organizing and Asian American civic engagement in cities. *Asian American Policy Review*, 26, 10–19.
Retrieve from: <https://aapr.hkspublications.org/2016/06/13/filipinosforgarcetti/>
- Villanueva, G.,** Broad, G., Gonzalez, C., Ball-Rokeach, S., & Murphy, S. (2016). Communication asset mapping: An ecological field application toward building healthy communities. *International Journal of Communication*, 10, 2704–2724.
Retrieve from: <https://ijoc.org/index.php/ijoc/article/view/5335>
- Stokes, B., **Villanueva, G.,** Bar, F., and Ball-Rokeach, S.J. (2015). Mobile Design as Neighborhood Acupuncture: Activating the Storytelling Networks of South L.A. *Journal of Urban Technology*, 22(3), 55–77.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10630732.2015.1040292>

- Broad, G., Ball-Rokeach, S.J., Ognyanova, K., Stokes, B., Picasso, T., and Villanueva, G. (2013). Understanding Communication Ecologies to Bridge Communication Research and Community Action. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*, 41(3), 325–345.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00909882.2013.844848>

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Villanueva, G. & A. Wenzel. (2018). The Engaged Communication Scholar: Designing CIT-Informed Engaged Research in Diverse Communities, 167–186. In Y.C. Kim, M. Matsaganis, H. Wilkin, & J.Y. Jung (Eds.), *The Communication Ecology of 21st Century Urban Communities*. New York: Peter Lang.
- Villanueva, G. (2017) Embodying Democratic Spaces: Community Organizer Alternative Narratives that Challenge the Mainstream Negative Stigma of South Los Angeles, 73–98. In J. Banh & M. King (Eds.), *Anthropology of Los Angeles: Place and Agency in an Urban Setting*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

GUEST EDITORIAL INTRODUCTIONS

- Poon, O. and G. Villanueva. (2019) Reenergizing and renewing the call for Asian American and Pacific Islander university community research partnerships. *AAPJ Nexus Journal: Policy, Practice, and Community*, 16(1-2), xix-xxvi.
Retrieve from: <http://www.aapinexus.org/2019/09/23/message-from-the-guest-editors-reenergizing-asian-american-and-pacific-islander-university-community-research-partnerships/>

PUBLISHED FILMS

- Villanueva, G. (2014). *Making Belief Visible: The Cultural and Civic Production of the Santo Niño Ati-Atihan Festival in the Philippines*. Film distributed by Alexander Street Press, Ethnographic Video Online, Vol. 4, Festivals and Archives. Retrieve from:
https://search.alexanderstreet.com/preview/work/bibliographic_entity%7Cvideo_work%7C3923986

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, & RESEARCH LEADERSHIP

2020 Principal Investigator. Special Internal Research Grant Competition. Provost Office and Office of Research Services, Loyola University Chicago. Project: Urban Foodways Culture and Communicative Belonging for Filipino and Mexican Diaspora in Chicago.
Award: \$10,000

2019-21 Community-Engaged Scholar Faculty Fellow. Center for Experiential Learning. Loyola University Chicago.

Award: \$1,000

2018 NEH Summer Scholar. ‘Art & Public Culture in Chicago’ Summer Institute at the Newberry Library. National Endowment of the Humanities.

Award: \$2,700

2018 Faculty Manuscript Publication Assistance Grant. Office for Research Services and School of Communication, Loyola University Chicago. Book project: *Engaged communication scholarship: Reimagining place, community change, and social justice in the city.*

Award: \$1,600

2018 Faculty Summer Research Award. Loyola University Chicago. Project: The Communicative Role of Hip Hop Culture in Advocating for Social Change in Chicago.

Award: \$7,000

2017 Faculty Organizer. Unity in Diversity Fund Award. Students for Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, Loyola University Chicago. Program: AirGo to Loyola: Showcasing Strong Young Arts and Community Organizing Voices from Chicago.

Award: \$2,200

2017 Principal Investigator. The Joan and Bill Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage. Loyola University Chicago. Project: The Communicative Role of Hip Hop Culture in Chicago’s Interfaith Community Struggle for Social Justice.

Award: \$6,000

2016 Principal Investigator. Waterhouse Family Institute for the Study of Communication and Society Grant. Villanova University. Project: Beyond Chiraq: A Communicative Study of Local Hip Hop Culture for Social Change in Chicago.

Award: \$10,000

2016 Principal Investigator. Midwest Asian American Community Research Grant. Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago and Kellogg Foundation. Project: Chinatown Anti-Displacement Community Research Project.

Award: \$2,500

2016 Faculty Summer Research Award. Loyola University Chicago. Project: A Comparative Communication Study of Urban Equity Advocacy by Community-Based Organizations in Chicago and Los Angeles and its Implications for Sustainable Urban Development.

Award: \$7,000

2014 Postdoctoral Scholar appointment. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. Research Center Affiliation: Metamorphosis Project.

2014 Co-Organizer. USC Vision and Voices Humanities Initiative Grant. Project: Voices of South L.A.: Community Voice and Civic Action.
Award: \$10,000

2012 Interdisciplinary Research Group Fellow. USC Center for Religion and Civic Culture. Project: The Cultural and Civic Production of the Santo Niño Ati-Atihan Festival in the Philippines.
Award: \$3,500

2012 Co-Investigator. USC Diploma in Innovation Grant. Project: Participatory Mapping for Civic Engagement & City Planning.
Award: \$5,000

2012 Researcher. University Neighborhood Outreach Grant. Project: Participatory Map of Healthy Food Access Points and Safe Bicycle Routes.
Award: \$25,000

2011 Co-Investigator. California Story Fund Grant. California Council for the Humanities. Project: Making Public Spheres in South Los Angeles: Storytelling Community Organizer Struggles to Create Democratic Spaces in South Los Angeles.
Award: \$10,000

2010 Co-Investigator. Community Challenge Planning Grant, Federal HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities program. Project: Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative (NELA RC).
Award: \$2.25 Million

The NELA RC project was a multi-year and multi-sector community planning, economic development, engagement, and social research project that aimed at engaging local communities towards envisioning the L.A. River and riverfront neighborhoods in Northeast L.A. My project duties included lead grant writing, lead research and engagement design, intern training, and program management.

2009-2011 Resident Researcher Lead. Hollywood Community Studio (HCS), a project of the Community Redevelopment Agency, Los Angeles. HCS was a multi-year social research project assessing community attitudes towards neighborhood change in Hollywood, Los Angeles, CA. My duties included lead research and engagement design, intern training, and grant writing.

The funding that supported the HCS work included:

2008 Ford Foundation Human Development Overlay District grant.

Award: \$125,000

2008 Community Redevelopment Agency local match/ in-kind.

Award: \$400,000

2010 Local Initiative Support Corporation grant.

Award: \$100,000

2010 L.A. City Council District 13 AB1290 funds.

Award: \$125,000

2009 NSF Summer Research Fellow. National Science Foundation Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences.

Award: \$2,000

2008-2013 Annenberg Graduate Fellow. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

2007-2008 Global Communication Research Fellow. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism.

1997-98 Research Assistant. Dr. Douglass Daniels, UCSB Black Studies Department. Project: 1920's Black Los Angelenos.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Villanueva, G. Sampling Critical Hip Hop Pedagogy. (2020). International Communication Association—Virtual Conference. Gold Coast, Australia.

Villanueva, G. Designing a Chinatown Anti-Displacement Map. (2020). International Communication Association—Virtual Conference. Gold Coast, Australia.

Villanueva, G. Beyond Chiraq: Hip Hop Culture for Social Change Through Engaged Communication Scholarship that Integrates Research, Pedagogy, and Performance. (2019). Association for Jesuit Colleges and Universities—Communication. Loyola Marymount University | Los Angeles, CA.

Villanueva, G. Discussion panel presenter. Blurring The Body and The Page: The Theory, Style, and Practice of Autoethnography (2018). National Communication Association. Salt Lake City, UT.

Villanueva, G. Chicago loves you: Chitown hip hop music's alternative spatializing narratives to Trump's hateful campaign rhetoric about Chicago (2018). International Communication Association. Prague, Czech Republic.

Villanueva, G. Utilizing Communication Asset Mapping to Design a Chinatown Anti-Displacement Map & Walking Tour (2018). International Communication Association Pre-conference: Design as Object, Design as Method. Prague, Czech Republic.

Villanueva, G. Embodying Democratic Spaces: Community Organizer Alternative Narratives That Challenge the Mainstream Negative Stigma of South Los Angeles (2016). American Anthropological Association. Minneapolis, MN.

- Villanueva, G. Filipino Political Organizing in Los Angeles and Implications for Asian American Civic Engagement in Cities (2016). National Communication Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- Villanueva, G. Storytelling the Santo Niño Ati-Atihan Festival in the Philippines: A Communication Infrastructure Approach and Implications on Sustainable Tourism (2016). International Communication Association. Fukuoka, Japan.
- Villanueva, G.,** Gonzalez, C., Moreno, E., Son M., Liu, W., and Ball-Rokeach, S.J. What of the Riverfront Neighborhoods? The Application of Engaged Communication Scholarship to L.A. River Revitalization. (2014). Urban Communication Foundation Pre-Conference. National Communication Association. Chicago, IL.
- Villanueva, G.,** Becker, A., Holsheimer, A., and M. Watson. Re-Imagining Hollywood. (2012). American Planning Association Conference. Los Angeles, CA.
- Stokes, B., **Villanueva, G.** Kherra, O., and Bar, F. Mobile Quests that Remix Public Events for Social Change? (2012). Digital Media Learning Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- Villanueva, G.,** Stokes, B, Bar, F, and Kherra, O. ParTour: Leveraging the Dual Mobilities of Cellphones and Bicycles for Urban Change. (2012) Local and Mobile Conference. Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Villanueva, G. Communicating the Space of Community Redevelopment in Hollywood: Harnessing Community-Based Research, New Information Technology, and Digital Media to Uncover the Neighborhood of Hollywood. USC Annenberg Fellows Symposium. (2011). Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G.,** Holsheimer, A., and Cowley, J. Engaging the Space of Community Redevelopment in Los Angeles: Harnessing Community-Based Research, Organizational Capacity-Building, New Information Technology, and Digital Storytelling Tools to Enhance Civic Engagement. Spaces and Flows: An International Conference on Urban and Extraurban Studies. (2010). Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G.,** and Broad, G. Redirecting the Negative Communicative Urban Tradition of the South Figueroa Corridor: Visualizing Communication Asset Mapping and Neighborhood Storytelling. Urban Communication Foundation Pre-Conference, National Communication Association. (2010). San Francisco, CA.
- Villanueva, G. Communicating Urban Spaces On and Off Screen: The Mediation of Los Angeles in the Films Crash and Quinceañera'. International Communication Association. (2010). Singapore.

- Villanueva, G.** and Broad, G. Spatial Analysis of the South Figueroa Corridor. USC Annenberg Fellows Symposium. (2010). Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. Addressing the People vs. Place Urban Planning Debate: The Human Development-Overlay District Project and the Case of Hollywood. Urban Affairs Association. (2010). Waikiki: Hawaii.
- Villanueva, G. Public Responses to the 1992 Los Angeles Riots and the Transformation of the Urban Public Sphere for the 21st Century. National Communication Association. (2009). Chicago, Illinois.
- Villanueva, G. Communicating the Philippines into the United States Master Script. International Communication Association. (2009). Chicago, Illinois.
- Villanueva, G. Toward a 3-Dimensional Understanding of Stereographic Photography and the Contact with the Philippines. International 'Language, Communication, and Culture Conference (2006). Lusofona University. Lisbon, Portugal.

POLICY PUBLICATIONS

- Villanueva, G.** and Liu, D. (2017) Chinatown Anti-Displacement Community Research Project Report. Chicago, IL. Sponsored by Asian Americans Advancing Justice | Chicago and Kellogg Foundation.
- Villanueva, G.** Ball-Rokeach, S.J., Gonzalez, C., Moreno, E., Son, M., and Liu, W. Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative Lessons Learned and Community Engagement Toolkit. (2014). L.A. City Economic and Workforce Development Department. Sponsored by HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities.
- Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative (2014). Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront District Vision Plan. Sponsored by HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities.
- Hollywood Community Studio (2012). Telling the Hollywood Neighborhood Story: Research and Engagement Report 2009-2011. Sponsored by the Community Redevelopment Agency of Los Angeles.

INVITED TALKS, LECTURES, AND PANELS

- Villanueva, G. (2019). Designing a Chinatown Anti-Displacement Map and Walking Tour Through Communication Asset Mapping. Presentation given at the Loyola U. School of Communication Faculty Talks.

- Villanueva, G. (2018). Invited presentation on grant writing strategies to the Humanities Grant Learning Community, sponsored by the Office of Research Services at Loyola University Chicago.
- Villanueva, G. (2017). Invited talk titled “Learn Communication Asset Mapping” for Science Communications for Youth Programs Series organized by Shine On Chicago, Mumkin Studio, and Contexture Media Network, with support from the Hive Chicago Fund at Chicago Community Trust. Chicago, IL.
- Villanueva, G. (2017). Invited panelist for “Powerful Partnerships: How Researchers and Community-Based Organizations Build Power Together” panel discussion. APIAVote Michigan Leadership Conference. Detroit, MI.
- Villanueva, G. (2016). Invited panelist for “Civic Trust and Engagement” Panel Discussion. Alliance for Innovation. Chicago, IL.
- Villanueva, G. (2016). Engaged Communication Research for Advocacy and Social Change: Reimagining Urban Space in L.A.'s Diverse Communities. Invited seminar lecture at the Center for Urban Research and Learning. Chicago, IL.
- Villanueva, G. (2016). Invited panelist for “Truth, Lies, and Elections 2016” Panel Discussion. American Press Institute. Chicago, IL.
- Villanueva, G. (2015). Invited panelist for “What Mainstream America Still Doesn't Get About Black Twitter” Panel Discussion. Social Media Week Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Villanueva, G. (2015). Critical Race Conversations. Invited panelist for the Students of Color and Allies Forum at USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and USC School of Social Work, Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2015). Trajectories for Engaged Communication Research in Los Angeles lecture to ‘Research, Practice, and Social Change’ graduate course. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2014). Filipinos for Garcetti: A Political Communication Retrospective of the L.A. Mayor 2013 election. Invited talk to the Annenberg Research Seminar, University of Southern California. Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2014). Visiting Artist Talk for Institute for Media Literacy Digital Studies Symposium. USC School of Cinematic Arts. Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2014). Communication Asset Mapping. Invited lecture to ‘Engaging Urban Communities in the Digital Age’ undergraduate course. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, Los Angeles, CA.

- Villanueva, G. (2014). Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative lecture to ‘Research, Practice, and Social Change’ graduate course. USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2013). Public Media Revolution: Meet the KCETLink Pioneers Who Are Going From Hyper-local to Transnational with Departures, Artbound, City Walk and Stand Up Planet. Invited panelist, Digital Hollywood Content Summit. Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2013). Metamorphosis Project and its role in the Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative. Invited talk, Professor Jan Lin’s Urban Sociology class at Occidental College. Los Angeles, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2013). Communication Community-Based Research and Design. Invited talk, Sean Donahue’s Media, Design, Practices + Field class at Art Center College of Design. Pasadena, CA.
- Ball-Rokeach, S.J, Ognyanova, K., and **Villanueva, G.** (2010). Metamorphosis: Research in Action. Invited talk, Art Center College of Design, Pasadena, CA.
- Villanueva, G. (2009-2011). Asian-American Media Representations and Los Angeles. Invited talk, Vincent Brook’s The Rhetoric of Los Angeles course at the USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism, Los Angeles.
- Broad, G., **Villanueva, G.**, and Gonzalez, C. (2009) Academics as Advocates. Panelist, Local Media for Social Change: A Southern California Regional Summit. Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor—Loyola University Chicago 2015—present

Communication 100—School of Communication Seminar
Communication 175—Introduction to Communication
Communication 200—Communication and New Media
Communication 220—Introduction to Rhetoric
Communication 309—Designing Media for Social Change
Communication 371—Hip Hop Culture, Communication, and Social Change

Teaching Assistant—University of Southern California 2009-2012

Communication 200—Communication as a Social Science
Communication 206—Communication as Culture
Communication 360—The Rhetoric of Los Angeles

Instructor—University of Southern California

Summer 2012

Knight Foundation Mobile Incubator for Community News

Reader/Grader—University of Southern California

Fall 2008

Journalism 190—Introduction to Journalism

ACADEMIC JOURNAL SERVICE

Guest Editorship

Poon, O. and Villanueva, G. (Eds.) (2019). Special Issue on “Bridging the Divide: Strengthening Community Engagement and Partnership”. *Asian American and Pacific Islander Nexus Journal: Policy, Practice, and Community*.16(1-2).
Retrieve from: <http://www.aapinexus.org/2019/09/23/volume-16/>

Manuscript Reviewer

Journal of Communication
Communication Monographs
Environmental Communication
International Journal of Communication
Urban Research and Practice

FACULTY UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Faculty Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Liaison. Program administered out of the Assistant Provost for Academic Diversity Office, Loyola University Chicago. August 2020–August 2022.

Faculty Mentor. Brothers of Excellence student program within the Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs office at Loyola University Chicago. 2017-2018, 2019-present.

Faculty Panelist. New Faculty Orientation. Provost’s Office, Loyola University Chicago. August 14, 2020.

Faculty Presenter. “Supporting and Engaging Online Students: Recommendations and Lessons Learned from Faculty”. Focus on Teaching and Learning Conference. Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy at Loyola University Chicago. August, 13 2020.

Committee Member. Vice Provost for Research Leadership Search Committee. Provost’s Office, Loyola University Chicago. Fall 2019-Spring 2020.

Faculty Participant. Mission Priorities and Strategies Advisory Council Meeting. Mission Formation Office. Loyola University Chicago. August 15, 2019.

Faculty Participant. External review focus group on faculty research support. Office of Institutional Effectiveness, Loyola University Chicago. June 27, 2019.

Committee Member. School of Communication Dean Search Committee. Loyola University Chicago. Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Committee Member. Communication: Advocacy & Social Change—Digital Communication Faculty Search Committee. Loyola University Chicago. Fall 2018-Spring 2019.

Committee Member. Strategy and Innovation Committee. Provost's Office, Loyola University Chicago. Spring 2018.

Faculty Participant. Seminar discussion with Michael J. Garanzini, SJ, Secretary for Higher Education, paper on "Becoming Communities of Discernment and Instruments of Reconciliation. The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage at Loyola University Chicago. April 14, 2017.

Faculty Panelist. New Faculty Orientation. Provost's Office, Loyola University Chicago. August 15, 2017.

Committee Member. Communication: Digital Advertising Faculty Search Committee. Loyola University Chicago, Fall 2016-Spring 2017.

Panelist. UNITY Regional Media Summit: Rethinking Journalism in the Midwest. Loyola University Chicago, October 21, 2016.

Faculty Participant. All Things Ignatian Faculty Seminar: Catholic Intellectual Life and the Common Good. The Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage at Loyola University Chicago, Fall 2016.

Advisory Board. Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University Chicago 2015-present.

Committee Member. Digital Ethics Symposium Committee. School of Communication, Loyola University Chicago 2016-2018.

Committee Member. Organizational Communication Professional Studies Major Committee. School of Communication, Loyola University Chicago. 2016.

Committee Member. Strategic Plan Committee. School of Communication, Loyola University Chicago 2015-2016.

Ad-hoc Committee Member. Student Awards Committee. School of Communication, Loyola University Chicago. 2016.

STUDENT ADVISING AND SUPERVISION

Loyola University Chicago

Graduate Students

- PhD Dissertation Committee Member—Corbretti Williams, PhD School of Education, Loyola University Chicago. Dissertation: Understanding the Agency of Women of Color Student Activists in U.S. Higher Education. Spring 2020 completion date.
- PhD Dissertation Committee Member—Lester Manzano, PhD School of Education, Loyola University Chicago. Dissertation: Activism and Identity: How Asian American College Students Define Contemporary Activism for Social Justice. Spring 2018 completion date.
- MA Thesis Advisor—Michael Martinez, SJ. MA candidate in Digital Media Storytelling. Spring 2018.
- Independent Studies Supervisor—Michael Martinez, SJ. MA candidate in Digital Media Storytelling and Social Philosophy. Project: Design Evaluation for Social Change: The Connected Chicago Campaign. Spring 2017.

Undergraduate Students

- Undergraduate Research Fellowship Mentor—Sylvester Alonz. BA candidate in Religious Studies and Communication. Fellowship awarded by the Hank Center for Catholic Heritage. Project: The Contemplative Role of Hip-Hop Explicitly and Implicitly.
- Independent Practicum Course Supervisor—Emily Mortensen. BA candidate in Advocacy and Social Change. Project: Multimedia storytelling project on Chinatown in Chicago and in collaboration with the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community. Spring 2017.

University of California at Santa Barbara

- Resident Assistant—Supervising a hall of 100 students at a UCSB residence hall. Duties included residence hall management, student activity programming, and student counseling.
- Orientation Advisor—Academic policy and campus life advising for incoming UCSB students and parents.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & ENGAGEMENT APPOINTMENTS

Los Angeles City East Area Planning Commissioner (Citizen commission appointment by L.A. Mayor)	2014-2015
Project Manager—Northeast Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative	2012-2014

Resident Researcher—Hollywood Community Studio
(Community Redevelopment Agency/ LA) 2009-2012

Political Consultant—Liberty Hill Foundation Green L.A. Cumulative 2008
Impacts Working Group

Senior Field Representative and Research Coordinator—California
State Assemblymember Jackie Goldberg 2005-2006

Community Organizer and Field Deputy—Los Angeles City
Councilmember Eric Garcetti 2001-2003

Community Development Intern—Community Awareness Project 1999
Pietermaritzburg, South Africa

MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

“Engaged Scholarship Methods for Positive Social Change” in
Conversations On Jesuit Higher Education Aug.12, 2017

Columnist, *Engaging Spaces*, KCET Departures Public Media 2012-2014

KCET article titles (most recent at top):

- *Frogtown Transportation Leaps Forward Down the L.A. River*
- *Not Your Typical House Tour: Affordable Housing Prototypes in South L.A.*
- *Free Lo(t)s Angeles!*
- *Grand Park’s Inaugural New Year’s Eve Creates a Central Celebration for L.A.*
- *L.A. Eco Village: 20 Years as a Model of Sustainable Living*
- *Lighting Christmas Parols in Historic Filipinotown with Prayers for Victims of Typhoon Haiyan*
- *LINES + LANES: Activating Public Space at CicLAvia’s Grand Park Hub*
- *The SaySay Project: Engaging the Filipino Community through Oral History*
- *Ghost Pop: Haunting Boyle Heights with Sounds of an Asian Diaspora*
- *‘Overdrive’ Engages a Public Understanding of L.A.’s Architectural Spaces*
- *Metro’s Summer Public Art Tour Connects Rail, Artists, and Communities*
- *Singing Space in the Second Street Tunnel*
- *How CicLAvia Engaged Angelenos in the Space and Place of L.A.*
- *Creating Transnational Spaces in Thai Town*
- *Mapping, Farming, and Biking Toward a Healthy South L.A.*
- *Creating Public Spaces with Locally Crafted Beer*
- *Maps and Guides that Frame L.A.’s Alternative Spaces*
- *How Post-Katrina New Orleans Inspired Civic Engagement*
- *Political Posada! Advocating for a More Equitable Boyle Heights*

IN THE MEDIA

- Interview guest discussing “Hip Hop Culture and Social Change” on *The Roundtable Perspective* television program. To be broadcasted at a future 2020 date. Mar. 3, 2020
- Quoted in “Here’s how HiFi, or Historic Filipinotown, got its name” in the *Los Angeles Times*. Retrieve from [Link](#). Jan. 6, 2020
- “Loyola Professor George Villanueva Fosters Creativity to Spawn Social Change” radio and web feature as part of *Vocalo Radio 91.1* What Chicago Sounds Like: Educators and Mentors Series. Retrieve from [Link](#). Aug.26, 2019
- Interview guest discussing “Urban Social Change” on *The Roundtable Perspective* television program. Retrieve from [Link](#). Dec.10, 2018
- Engaged communication scholarship project featured in “Chinatown Residents Are Advocating to Preserve Affordability, Create Safer Streets” in *StreetsBlog Chicago*. Retrieve from [Link](#). May 2, 2017
- Quoted in “Gentrification or Not, Chicago’s Chinatown Wants to Stay on the Map” in *Next City*. Retrieve from [Link](#). May 1, 2017
- “Faculty Focus on Social Justice” profile in *Loyola Magazine* Retrieve from [Link](#). Spring 2016
- “Meet George Villanueva” Doctoral Student Alumni in *USC Annenberg News*. Retrieve from [Link](#). Sep.12, 2016
- “Fil-Am appointee to LA planning commission confirmed” feature in *Global Nation Inquirer*. Retrieve from [Link](#). May 8, 2014
- “PhD Candidate George Villanueva talks to KCET about the USC Metamorphosis Project” feature in *USC Annenberg News*. Retrieve from [Link](#). Aug.28, 2013

ART EXHIBIT CURATORSHIP

- *South L.A. Democratic Spaces*. (2012). Multi-media public exhibition of South L.A. community organizer democracy and community building. Los Angeles.

- *Filipino-American Experiences and Expressions*. (2003). Multi-media art exhibition of Los Angeles based Filipino-American and Philippine based artists. Los Angeles.
- *City Portraits: New and Recent Drawings by Joe Linton*. (2005). India ink on paper drawings of urban Los Angeles social-scenes and landscapes by local Los Angeles artist. Los Angeles.
- *The Art of Belief*, January. (2006) Display of visionary/ outsider artwork coming from self-taught artists that create work embedded with their own personal visions of art. Los Angeles.
- *Art Behind Bars* (2006). Display of drawings from inmates of the Pelican Bay Secure Housing Unit. Los Angeles.

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

- Transformative Education Award. Loyola University Chicago. Department of Student Diversity and Multicultural Affairs. 2018.
- Graduate Scholar Award. Spaces and Flows: An International Conference on Urban and Extraurban Studies. 2010.
- NSF EDGE Travel Grant. March. 2010.
- Festival of Pilipino Arts and Culture Community Service Award. 2006.
- Paul Robeson Award for Academic Excellence and Community Service. UCSB Black Studies Department. 2000.
- Dean's Honor Roll; Winter 97, Fall 97, Spring 98, and Fall 98, UCSB.
- Member, Asian Sisters (and brothers) for Ideas in Action Now, UCSB.
- Digital Photography and Filmmaking.