

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA 2023-present
Assistant Professor of Law
Courses taught: Criminal Law (Fall 2023), Criminal Procedure (Spring 2024), Abolition Lawyering (seminar in Spring 2024)

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA 2020
Juris Doctor

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL 2016
Ph.D in Anthropology

Dissertation: “Excavating Undocumented Lives on the Borderland: Colonial Marketscapes, Private Property, and the Materiality of Raced Citizenship in 17th Century Moquegua, Perú”
Graduate committee: Cynthia Robin Rivera, Patrick Ryan Williams, Timothy Earle, Sofía Chacaltana Cortez

M.A. in Anthropology 2013

Thesis: “Excavating the Archaeological ‘Woman at Home’: A Critical Reappraisal of Feminist and Household Archaeologies”
Graduate committee: Elizabeth Brumfiel, Cynthia Robin Rivera, Timothy Earle, Micaela di Leonardo, Mary Weismantel

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima, Perú 2015
Certificate in Paleography
Focus on 16th and 17th century legal documents

University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England 2010
M.Phil in Archaeology
Thesis: “Passive Priestess to Powerful Politico(a): A Gendered Reassessment of Moche Environmental Mitigation and Political Fragmentation in the Jequetepeque Valley, Perú (A.D. 550-800)”
Graduate advisor: Elizabeth DeMarrais

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 2008
A.B in Art and Archaeology
Certificate in Spanish and Portuguese
Thesis: “Beyond Erotica: The Dualistic Nature of Explicit Moche Ceramics”

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Portland, OR 2022 – 2023
Law Clerk for the Honorable Jennifer Sung

California Appellate Project, Los Angeles, CA 2020 – 2022
Staff Attorney
Research and draft post-conviction relief appeals for the Second District Court of Appeal.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2021 Herrera, Luz and **Pilar Margarita Hernández Escontrías**. “Latinxs Reshaping Law & Policy in the U.S. South.” *University of Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice*.

2018 Herrera, Luz and **Pilar Margarita Hernández Escontrías**. “The Network for Justice: Pursuing a Latinx Civil Rights Agenda.” *Harvard Latinx Law Review*, Vol. 21, pg. 166 – 228; Texas A&M University School of Law, Legal Studies Research Paper No. 18-10.

PILAR MARGARITA HERNÁNDEZ ESCONTRÍAS, PH.D
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- 2016 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**, Rachel F. Moran, and Robert L. Nelson. “The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility.” *Journal of the Professional Lawyer*, Vol. 24(2).
- 2016 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “Crafting Feminine Subjects: A Diachronic Interrogation of Gendered Production in the Andes” in *Gendered Labor in Specialized Economies*, eds. Sophia E. Kelly and Traci Ardren. Boulder: University of Colorado Press. 61 – 90.

Articles in Preparation

- n.d. **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “Setting the Bar: Legal Ethics and the Racialization of Attorney Discipline.”
- n.d. **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “Testimonial Complicity: Anthropology’s Role in the Legal Construction of Race in the 20th Century.”
- n.d. **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “The Failed Promises of the Sixth Amendment for Noncitizen Criminal Defendants.”
- n.d. **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**, Eve Epsey, Margaret Montoya, Rameet H. Singh, and Brenda Pereda. “‘I Thought I was Invincible’: Racialized Sexualities, Gendered Contraceptive Practices, and Adolescent Pregnancy among Latinx New Mexicans.”

Professional Reports

- 2020 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**, et al. “The Case for Diploma Privilege: A Study of the Structural Inequalities of the July 2020 Bar Exam.” Report submitted to the Supreme Court of California and State Bar of California.
- 2016 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “Shifting Latinx Demographics and the Infrastructure of Support for the Latinx Community of California.” Report prepared for the *Network for Justice: Creating Legal and Legislative Support for U.S. Latino Communities* Summit, UCLA.
- 2016 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility.” Quarterly report submitted to the American Bar Foundation. August 2016.
- 2016 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita** and Simone Rivera. “Latinos/as by the Number: Exploring Demographic Trends in Immigration, Educational Attainment, Economic Vitality, and Political Participation in the Midwest, 2006 – 2015.” Paper prepared for the Inaugural Roundtable on the *Future of Latinos* held at Northwestern Pritzker Law School, Chicago, IL.
- 2016 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility.” Quarterly report submitted to the American Bar Foundation. May 2016.
- 2015 **Hernández Escontrías, Pilar Margarita**. “The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility.” Quarterly report submitted to the American Bar Foundation. December 2015.

Published Op-Eds

- “The Pandemic is Proving the Bar Exam is Unjust and Unnecessary,” SLATE, July 23, 2020.
- “Why this pandemic is a good time to stop forcing prospective lawyers to take bar exams,” Washington Post, July 13, 2020 (co-authored with Alyssa Leader, Emily Croucher, and Donna Saadati-Soto).
- “Does the Bar Exam Measure Competence? The Answer: We Have No Idea,” Jurist News, April 22, 2020 (co-authored with Donna Saadati-Soto and Julian Sarkar).

- “Why Diploma Privilege Should be the California Legal Profession’s Visionary Response to COVID-19,” *The Daily Journal*, April 14, 2020 (co-authored with Donna Saadati-Soto).

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Occidental College, Los Angeles, CA** 2020
Associate Professor, Department of Critical Theory and Social Justice
Planned and co-taught two upper-level courses (“Justice Bootcamp” and “Settler Colonialism.”)
- Law Offices of Andrés Ortiz, Long Beach, CA** 2019
Law Clerk
Researched and drafted state and federal post-conviction relief. Drafted reply brief to the Ninth Circuit. Drafted Motions to Vacate and Motions to Withdraw Plea in California Courts of Appeal. Prepared asylum applications. Interviewed clients and prepared declarations.
- University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA** 2019
Immigrant Rights Clinic, Certified Law Student
Represented clients in immigration and criminal courts. Prepared post-conviction relief materials for clients suffering immigration consequences of criminal convictions and pleas. Interviewed clients and witnesses and prepared declarations.
- Orange County Public Defender, Santa Ana, CA** 2018-2019
Extern
Researched and drafted pre-trial motions, including motions to exclude evidence in felony cases. Prepared transcriptions of video and audio recordings for trial. Accompanied supervising attorney to court.
- University of California, Irvine School of Law, Irvine, CA** 2018-2019
Research Assistant to Senior Associate Dean Jennifer Chacón and Professor Bob Solomon
Researched marijuana laws and their disparate impact on particular communities. Prepared grant applications for Cannabis Equity Initiatives. Created database of all California ballot initiatives from 1982-2016. Organized initiatives by subject and area of focus and assessed for indices of increased anti-immigrant and anti-Latinx sentiment.
- Federal Public Defender’s Office for the District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona** 2018
Capital Habeas Unit, Extern
Conducted fact-gathering and authored memoranda in capital habeas appeals.
- American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL** 2015-2017
Research Social Scientist and Project Manager, “The Future of Latinos in the US: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility”
Developed and implemented a social science research agenda, authored six reports and project publications, utilized ArcGIS to map and analyze the infrastructure of Latinx-serving legal assistance organizations across the United States. Supervised research team of undergraduate students and law students, planned and executed regional conferences, and wrote grant proposals.
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, IL** 2013-2015
Lecturer, Department of Liberal Arts
Planned and taught freshman seminars on topics related to anthropology.
- Truman College, City Colleges of Chicago, Chicago, IL** 2013
Lecturer, Department of Anthropology
Planned and taught one anthropology course.
- Northwestern University, Evanston, IL** 2011 – 2015
Teaching Assistant and Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology
Assisting in the planning, facilitation, and teaching of five courses (“Introduction to International Global Health,” “Anthropology in Historical Perspective,” “Food Security and Sustainability,” “Human Origins – Introduction to Physical Anthropology,” and “Senior Capstone Seminar”).

SELECTED CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS (*invited)

- 2021* Panelist, “Activist and Community Lawyering.” Panel organized by the Social Justice Clinic and the Anti-Racism Center at Loyola Law School.
- 2020* Panelist, “BIPOC Lawyers: The Path from Undergrad to Practice.” Panel organized by TUPOCC at Occidental College.
- 2019* Panel organizer, “Encuentros: Translating Scholarship in Pursuit of Community.” Panel organized for the LatCrit Biennial Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2019* “The Effects of Law and Policy on Latinxs in the U.S. South.” Paper presented at the American Bar Foundation’s Southeastern Roundtable for “The Future of Latinos in the United States: Law, Opportunity, and Mobility,” Duke Law School.
- 2019 Panel Co-organizer, 2019. LatCrit Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. Session Title: “*Encuentros: Translating Scholarship in Pursuit of Community.*”
- 2018 “Setting the Bar: Legal Ethics and the Racialization of Attorney Discipline.” Paper presented at 2nd Annual LatCrit Margaret E. Montoya Scholarship Retreat, De Leon Springs, FL.
- 2016* Shifting Latinx Demographics and the Infrastructure of Support for the Latinx Community of California.” Report prepared for the *Network for Justice: Creating Legal and Legislative Support for U.S. Latino Communities* Summit, UCLA.
- 2016* “Latinos/as by the Numbers: Exploring Demographic Trends in Immigration, Educational Attainment, Economic Vitality, and Political Participation in the Midwest, 2006-2015.” Report prepared for the Inaugural Roundtable on the *Future of Latinos*, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL.
- 2016* “Ley Virreinal, Propiedad Privada y la Construcción de Familia en los Restos Arqueológicos de Moquegua Colonial.” Paper presented at the 2016 Congreso Nacional de Arqueología, Lima, Perú.
- 2016* “Excavando Vidas Indocumentadas en la Frontera: Mercados Coloniales, Propiedad, y la Materialidad de Ciudadanía y Raza en la Arqueología Doméstica de Moquegua, Perú.” Paper presented at 2016 Reunión de Teoría Arqueológica de América del Sur, La Paz, Bolivia.
- 2014* “Contested Space, Contested Bodies: An Archaeological Assessment of Indigeneity and the Conflicts of Spanish Colonial Governance in Perú.” Paper delivered at 2014 Society for American Archaeology Conference, Austin, TX.
- 2013 Panel Co-organizer, 2013 American Anthropological Association Meetings, Chicago, IL. Session Title: “Latin América Sin Fronteras: Reconceptualizing Geopolitical Boundedness and Anthropological Knowledge Production.”
- 2013 “Toward an Archaeology of Race-Making in the Colonial Andes.” Paper delivered at 2013 American Anthropological Association meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2012 “Identities, Imaginaries, and the Re-Writing of History: The Indigenous Political Deployment of Gendered Archaeological Material in present-day Peru.” Paper presented at Thinking Gender Conference, UCLA.
- 2011* “Invented Tradition and the Pursuit of Archaeological Integrity: Studying Textile Producers in the Ancient and Present-Day Andes.” Paper presented to The Chicago Archaeological Society.
- 2011 “Textile Production and the Crafting of Feminine Subjectivities: A Diachronic Interrogation of Gendered Craft Production in the Prehispanic Andes.” Paper presented at American Anthropological Association Meetings in Montreal, Québec, Canada.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Steering Committee, UCI Law Inaugural Alumni Race Equity Fellowship
- UC Irvine School of Law, Alumni Governing Council
- Advisory Council Member, “The Future of Latinos in the United States,” a project of The American Bar Foundation
- Advisory Council Member, “The Network for Justice: Creating Legal and Legislative Support for U.S. Latino Communities,” a project of The American Bar Foundation
- Legal Observer Trainer, National Lawyers Guild, Los Angeles
- Faculty Advisor, TUPOCC at Occidental
- Board Member, Association of Latino Princeton Alumni
- Board Member (in solidarity), Concerned Black Alumni of Princeton

LANGUAGE TRAINING

Spanish	fluent (written and spoken)
Italian	limited proficiency
German	limited proficiency

BAR ADMISSIONS

State of California
U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit