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## EDUCATION

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- 2022 – PhD **University of Washington**  
Department of Geography, Candidate  
Committee: Megan Ybarra, Victoria Lawson, Melanie Malone, Radhika Govindrajan, Sonia De La Cruz
- 2020 – 2022 MA **University of Washington**  
Geography; Graduate Certificate in American Indian and Indigenous Studies  
Thesis: “Landscapes of Un-Caring: Latina Caregivers’ Experiences in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond”  
Committee: Megan Ybarra, Victoria Lawson, Sonia De La Cruz
- 2015 – 2018 BA **Willamette University**  
Environmental Science, Politics Minor; *summa cum laude* with honors  
Thesis: “The Cascadia Fault Earthquake: A GIS Approach to Vulnerability in Salem, OR ”  
Study Abroad: International Honors Program: Climate Change, the Politics of Food, Water and Energy (Bolivia, Vietnam, Morocco)

## RESEARCH

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environmental justice, care work, race, gardens, plant relations

### *Works in Progress*

**Orosco, O** and M Ybarra. (in-press) “The Datification of Environmental Injustice.” *Capitalism Nature Socialism (CNS)*.

**Orosco, O.** (in-press) “A Turn Toward Caring Research: Iterative Consent, Reflexive Multilingual Methods, and Reciprocal Knowledge Production.” *The Professional Geographer*.

### *Public Scholarship (Websites, Zines, Radio, Photojournalism – not peer-reviewed)*

**Orosco, O**, B. Guzman and G. Yoon (2021) *Stories From Aileen’s- A Zine*. 40-page zine created from interviews with women who work along Pac Highway.

**Orosco, O**, Prof Lorenzen, J. and students of SOC 358: Social Change and Resistance (2019)  
“Prioritizing Equity & Inclusion: Updating the City of Salem’s Comprehensive Plan”  
<https://tinyurl.com/2p8xumzx>. Submitted to City of Salem, OR. June 10 2019.

- Orosco, O.** (2018) "The Cascadia Fault Earthquake: A GIS Approach to Vulnerability in Salem, OR." <https://willamette.digication.com/envs-495-social-landscape/current-work>. Published December 2018.
- Orosco, O** and Pockell-Wilson. C. (2018) "Environmental Privilege and Green Marketing." Worldviews Wednesday on KMUZ Willamette Wake Up. <https://kmuz.org/kmuz-programs/willamette-wake-up/>. Aired June 13, 2018.
- Orosco, O.** (2018) "The Local and the Global of Environmental and Climate Justice." Worldviews Wednesday on KMUZ Willamette Wake Up. <https://tinyurl.com/2s3ucjz8>. Aired Jan 24, 2018.
- Mariën, H. and **Orosco, O.** (2017) *I Am, Because We Are*. Poem book published from "Journeys of My Life" workshops with college access program youth.
- Orosco, O.** (2016) "Payments for Ecosystem Services: A Photojournalism Approach." 20 page photobook from grant funded research in Guatemala's Western Highlands.

## AWARDS & HONORS

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| 2023 | Geography Outstanding Departmental Service Award                              |
| 2022 | Edward L. Ullman Masters Award for Excellence in Scholarship                  |
| 2018 | Senior Certificate Award (University wide Service to the Associated Students) |
| 2018 | Academic Excellence in Environmental Science                                  |
| 2018 | Colonel Percy Willis Prize (Associated Student Body Service Award)            |
| 2018 | Hull Initiative Award (Community Service Learning Award)                      |
| 2018 | Phi Beta Kappa Junior Inductee                                                |

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2024 | Department of Geography Howard Martin Research Grant (\$3000)                  |
| 2021 | Harry Bridges Labor Center Grant (\$5000)                                      |
| 2021 | Department of Geography Howard Martin Research Grant (\$1500)                  |
| 2021 | Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (three years tuition and stipend)       |
| 2020 | Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Graduate Excellence Fellowship |
| 2017 | Green Fund Grant (\$3000)                                                      |
| 2016 | College Colloquium Summer Research Grant (\$3500)                              |

## PRESENTATIONS

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### *Invited Presentations*

- 2022 "Landscapes of Un-Caring: Latina Caregivers' Experiences in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond." GEOG 403. University of Washington. April 28.
- Harry Bridges Labor Center Awards. University of Washington Nov 14. 2021.
- 2021 "Tacoma LNG and Pipeline Politics." CHID 250. University of Washington. Nov 15.

- 2021 with Nicolay, A. "Love, Study, Struggle: Conversations About Education, Activism, Liberation." SOC399 Education/Power/Resistance. Willamette University. Sept 16.
- 2019 with Kirkland, M., Prof Lorenzen, J. and Rosas Barajas, M. "Prison Gerrymandering." Oregon State Legislature Ways and Means Committee. April 5.
- 2018 "Latinx Youth Outdoor Experiences." Straub Environmental Center Executive Director and Advisory Board Meeting. Salem, OR. April 19.

### ***Conference Paper & Panel Presentations (\*denotes sessions organized)***

- \*2023 "Iterative Consent as Method: A Turn Toward More Ethical Research." Telling Our Own Stories? Collaboration and Contingency in Knowledge Production 1, 2, 3. Association of American Geographers Conference. March 26.
- 2022 "Landscapes of Un-Caring: Latina Caregivers' Experiences in the COVID-19 Pandemic and Beyond." Interlocking Oppressions and COVID-19 Session. Association of American Geographers Conference. March 4.
- 2018 Panelist and Moderator. "Alumni Voices: International Fellowships and Careers." Fund for Education Abroad Alumni Conference, George Washington University. D.C. Nov 15.

### ***Community Conversations***

- 2022 & 2021 Panelist, "Ford Foundation Fellows Panel." The Graduate School. University of Washington. Seattle, WA. Oct 26.
- 2021 Tech Support and Map Maker. "Taking Our Power Back: Indigenous Sovereignty and Pipeline Politics," Zoom webinar, hosted by Seattle 350. February 18. published at: <https://youtu.be/msXO-ruT4G0>
- 2019 Organizer and Translator. "Place It: Community Visioning Workshop with James Rojas" McKay High School Auditorium, Salem, OR. February 28.
- 2018 with Flint, L. "Oregon Department of Corrections Facilitated Dialogue Program: Opportunities for Victim Awareness and Education." Restorative Justice Summit at Willamette University. Salem. OR. April 27.
- 2018 Organizer and Panelist. "Study Abroad Journey Panel." Willamette Academy College Access Program. Salem, OR. April 12
- 2017 with Lyons, G. "Stability: Refugee and Migrant Housing Efforts in the Salem Community." Immigrant and Refugee Symposium, Willamette University. April 27.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

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### ***Courses***

(Spring 2024) GEOG 327: Critical Remote Sensing,  
Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

(Fall 2023, Winter 2024) GEOG 360: GIS and Mapping,

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

(Spring 2019) SOC 358: Social Change and Resistance

Community Research and Teaching Assistant, Willamette University. Salem, OR.

### ***Workshops and Programs***

- 2022-24 BLOOM BIPOC Youth Garden Fellowship, Wa Na Wari. Seattle, WA. Summer.
- 2018 with Prof. de Onis, C. and Saldaña, M. Willamette Academy Week Long Summer Camp on Identity, Community and Communication. Salem, OR. June 26-July 1.
- 2017 with Mariën, H. Journeys of Our Lives Project, three workshop series on migration and storytelling. Willamette Academy. Salem, OR. April 7, 12, 21.

### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

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- 2019 – 2020 **Bilingual Admin Coordinator**, Tacoma Community House, Tacoma, WA  
*Responsible for all administrative staff management and duties at non-profit focused on immigration, advocacy, employment and education*
- 2019 **Bilingual Student & Tutor Coordinator**, Mid-Valley Literacy Center, Salem, OR  
*Worked alongside the Executive Director and Communications Manager to run daily success of small non-profit*
- 2017 **Environmental Justice Intern**, Coalition of Communities of Color (CCC), Portland, OR  
*Developed and implemented legislative and communication based environmental justice projects for the CCC.*
- 2016 –2018 **Language in Motion Program Director**, Willamette University Community Service-Learning Office, Salem, OR  
*Responsible for a volunteer program facilitating cross-cultural sharing between Willamette students and the Salem-Keizer schools and community.*

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

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Association of American Geographers (AAG)

### **LANGUAGES**

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English (native)

Spanish (heritage language- reading, writing, speaking)

French (low level speaking and reading, 9 months of immersion classes in 2014)

Wolof ( basic, 9 months of resident experience in 2014)