

# Monica E. Rodriguez

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Anthropology (Medical Anthropology), Wayne State University

M.A. Anthropology, California State University, Los Angeles

B.A. Anthropology (French Minor), California State University, Northridge

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## TEACHING CERTIFICATIONS

2023 IDL 6543 – Certification to develop and teach fully online courses, UCF

2023 ADL 5000 – Certification to teach existing mixed mode course, UCF

2021 Learning Design Institute, Ferris State University

2020 ETOM Online Teaching (Blackboard) Certificate, Educational Technology Organization of Michigan (ETOM)

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## POSITIONS HELD

2023-present **University of Central Florida**, Orlando, Florida  
Lecturer, Department of Anthropology

2022-2023 **Rollins College**, Winter Park, Florida  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology

2016-2022 **Ferris State University**, Big Rapids, Michigan  
Non-tenure-track Faculty I, Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences

2018-2021 **Muskegon Community College**, Muskegon, Michigan  
Adjunct Instructor

2015-2016 **Henry Ford College**, Dearborn, Michigan  
Adjunct Instructor

2015-2016 **Eastern Michigan University**, Ypsilanti, Michigan  
Adjunct Instructor

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

(Face-to-face - FF; Online Synchronous-OS; Online Asynchronous-OA; Mixed Delivery-MD)

### **University of Central Florida, Sole Instructor, 2023-present**

#### **Courses Developed**

ANT 4488 – Anthropology of Disability

#### **Undergraduate Courses**

ANT 2000-OA - General Anthropology

ANT 2410-FF - Cultural Anthropology

ANT 2410-MD - Cultural Anthropology

ANT 4408-MD – Culture, Disease, and Healing

ANT 4462-FF - Medical Anthropology

ANT 4480-MD – Global Health

#### **Graduate Courses**

ANG 5462-FF - Medical Anthropology

ANG 6930-FF – Seminar in Cultural Anthropology

### **Rollins College, Sole Instructor, 2022-2023**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Language, Culture and Society

Medicine and Culture

Diversity in Contemporary Society

Latinos in the U.S

### **Ferris State University, Sole Instructor, 2016-2022**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Introduction to Physical Anthropology

Latinos in the US

### **Muskegon Community College, Sole Instructor, 2018-2022**

Diversity in Contemporary Society

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Introduction to Physical Anthropology and Archaeology

### **Eastern Michigan University, Sole Instructor, 2015 - 2016**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

Around the World in 80 years, course on Aging

### **Henry Ford College, Sole Instructor, 2015 - 2016**

Introduction to Anthropology

### **Wayne State University, Sole Instructor, 2007, 2012**

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

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## SERVICE TO THE UCF ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT

- 2024-2026 Trevor Colbourn Award Committee, Member. Evaluate and decide winner for the award.
- 2024-2026 Anthropology Graduate Committee, Member. Department of Anthropology University of Central Florida. Program review and curricular management of the major, minors, certificates, and new courses.
- 2023-2025 Anthropology Undergraduate Committee, Member. Department of Anthropology University of Central Florida. Program review and curricular management of the major, minors, certificates, and new courses.

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## SERVICE TO STUDENTS

- 2024-Present Co-faculty advisor for student group, International Medical Organization (IMO)
- 2024-2025 Faculty Advisor for Global Health Internship program  
Fall – India; Spring – TBD

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## FELLOWSHIPS and AWARDS

- 2018 Future Faculty Career Exploration Program, Rochester Institute of Technology.
- 2014-2016 The John A. Trundle Fellowship Fund, Gallaudet University Alumni Association, Graduate Fellowship Fund.
- 2007-2010 Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program, California State University
- 2008 Technical Assistance Workshop, National Institutes of Health/National Institutes on Aging.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

- 2021 **Rodriguez, M.E.** and P. Nichols-Whitehead. Practicing anthropology inside the academy: What we learned applying anthropology in collaborating with colleagues, internal, and external organizations. *Practicing Anthropology*, 43(2):22-24.
- 2010 **Rodriguez, M.** *Postconference Reflections by Emerging Scholars*. *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 24(2):270-273.

### Encyclopedia Entry

- 2016 Fox Tree, E. and **Rodriguez, M.E.** Sign Language: Central America *In The SAGE Deaf Studies Encyclopedia*. (Pp. 3:792-796). Boudreault, Patrick, Genie Gertz, and Geoffrey J. Golson, eds. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications, Inc.

### **Book Review**

2008 **Rodriguez, M.** Review of Global Pharmaceuticals: Ethics, Markets, Practices by Adriana Petryna, Andrew Lakoff, and Arthur Kleinman, eds. Anthropology & Aging.

### **Web-based Publication**

2010 **Rodriguez, M.** *DREAM-ing for Equality*. Success Stories section of *ProyectoVision* Online Newsletter.  
<http://www.proyectovision.net/english/success/index.html> .

### **Panels Organized**

2022 **Rodriguez, M.** Teaching Anthropology in an Unsettling World. Panel at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

2022 **Rodriguez, M.** Anthropological Collaborations: Transforming Anthropology through Community Engagement. Panel at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.

### **Paper Presentations/Published Abstracts**

2024 Bordin, Ann, **M. Rodriguez.**, Jordan Wright, Steven Rousso-Schindler, Carter Mudgett , Jason Miller, Heide Castaneda, Tailyn Osorio Ethics. Risk in Anthropological Praxis: Navigating Socio-Political Landscapes, Roundtable at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.

2022 **Rodriguez, M.** Changing Anthropological Landscapes: Collaborating with a Deaf Organization to Teach about American Sign Language and Culture. Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA.

2022 **Rodriguez, M.** and P. Nichols-Whitehead. Deaf, Hearing and Hard of Hearing Collaborations: Introducing American Sign Language Classes at a University. Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT. (virtual)

2019 **Rodriguez, M.** From Disabled to Deaf: The Dissolution of a Deaf Classroom in a School for Disabled Children in Guatemala. Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

2018 **Rodriguez, M.** WoC'ing in the Academy: Women and Non-binary Anthropologists of Color at Primarily White Institutions. Roundtable Presentation at the *American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting*, San Jose, CA.

- 2017 **Rodriguez, M.** *Negotiating Language Identity: The Linguistic Ownership of Voiced Spanish and Lensegua (Guatemalan Sign Language) among Deaf Children in Guatemala.* Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- 2017 **Rodriguez, M.** *Performing Language Identity: Deaf Children Negotiating Voice and Sign Language in Guatemala.* Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Santa Fé, New Mexico.
- 2012 **Rodriguez, M.** *Crossing Anthropological and Disabilities Studies Borders in a School for Disabled Children in Guatemala.* Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2011 **Rodriguez, M.** *The Relationship Between Culture and Assistive Technologies for Hearing.* Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2011 **Rodriguez, M.** *Lessons Learned for PhD Programs.* Presentation at the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies. Pasadena, CA.
- 2010 **Rodriguez, M.** *The Diversity of Deafness in Guatemala.* Presentation at the Wayne State University Anthropology Research Day.
- 2009 **Rodriguez, M.** *What's that Behind Your Ear? The Interpretation of Assistive Devices around the Ear.* Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fé, NM.
- 2009 Luborsky, M., A. Sankar and **M. Rodriguez.** (2009). *Troubled Border Crossings between Disciplinary Communities of Practice: Mapping Peer Review of Multidisciplinary Grants and Manuscripts.* Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology. Santa Fe, NM.
- 2008 **Rodriguez, M.,** *Considering a Native Graduate Student's Experience on Research Projects.* Presentation at the Society for Applied Anthropology Conference: The Public Sphere and Engaged Scholarship: Opportunities and Challenges for Applied Anthropology. Memphis, TN.

2006 **Rodriguez, M.**, *Mexican Women's Use of Screening Services in Los Angeles County*. Presentation at the 77th Annual Conference of the Southwestern Anthropological Association, annual meeting. Pasadena, CA.

2005 **Rodriguez, M.**, *Disparities in Cervical Cancer Screening for Women of Mexican Origin*. Presentation at the 2005 Gender, Sexuality, and Power: 1st Annual Student Research Conference. Los Angeles, CA.

#### **Poster Presentations/Published Abstracts**

2011 **Rodriguez, M.** *The Cultural Construction of Deafness in Guatemala*. Poster Presentation at the Wayne State University Graduate School Exhibition. Detroit, MI.

2010 Perkinson, M., J. Yatzak, D. Kasnitz, N. Furgang, and **M. Rodriguez**. *The NAPA-OT Field School in Antigua, Guatemala: Circulating Theory and Practice across Disciplinary Boundaries of Anthropology, Occupational Science/Therapy, and Disability Studies*. Poster Presentation at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

2009 Perkinson, M., G. Frank, D. Kasnitz and **M. Rodriguez**. *Developing the Occupational Therapy–Anthropology connection in a developing country: The Guatemala Field School*. Poster Presentation at the Society for Medical Anthropology. Medical Anthropology at the intersections: Celebrating 50 Years of Interdisciplinarity. New Haven, CT.

2009 **Rodriguez, M.** *The Cultural Construction of Deafness in Guatemala*. Poster Presentation at the Center for Chicano-Boricua Studies Poster Session. Detroit, MI.

2009 **Rodriguez, M.** and V. Pardo. *Peer Mentors in the Center for Chicano-Boricua Studies Scholars Program*. Poster Presentation at the Student Academic Success Summit at Wayne State University. Detroit, MI.

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#### **Invited/Guest Speaker**

2021 **Rodriguez, M.E.** *Comunicando como Hipoacustica*. Presentation on advocacy and self-advocacy for Spanish speaking parents of disabled children for the Michigan Disability Rights Coalition. April 17, 2021

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## **THESES, DISSERTATION, and other STUDENT PROJECTS DIRECTED**

### **COMPLETED**

#### **Doctoral Dissertation, Committee Member**

Brown, Loyce, "The Psychic Disequilibrium of a Select Group of Marginalized Students at Community Colleges: Non-traditional, Financially Insecure, and First-Generation Students." Ed.D. dissertation (Ferris State University, 2022).

### **IN PROGRESS**

#### **PhD Dissertations, Committee Member**

Marguelitis, Whitney  
Rahman, MD Abdur  
Shephard, Abigail

#### **MA Thesis, Committee Member**

Lopez, Sophia  
It, Khup

#### **Honor's Undergraduate Thesis (HUT), Faculty Sponsor**

Tikalal, Nishtha

#### **Global Health Intern, Faculty Mentor**

Bass, Sterlin – India

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY (recent)**

Support Group Co-coordinator, Hearing Loss Association of America, Orlando, Florida, 2024-present

Board Member, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2022

Collaboration to introduce American Sign Language Classes, Ferris State University, 2017-2022

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## **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE**

2008-9 **Medical Anthropology Quarterly/Wayne State University**, Editorial Assistant/Graduate Research Assistant, Detroit, MI. Managed manuscript submission and served intermediary between the editors, manuscript authors, and reviewers.

2006 **California State University, Los Angeles** and the **RAND Corporation**,  
Internship, Santa Monica, California. Advisor: David Kennedy

2002-6 **RAND Corporation**, Interviewer, Santa Monica, California  
Qualitative Interviewer, 2005-2006  
Bilingual Interviewer, 2002-2004

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### **LANGUAGES**

English – Native speaker, Fluent reading and writing.

Spanish - Native speaker, intermediate reading and writing.

French - Intermediate speaker, intermediate reading and writing

Guatemalan Sign Language (LENSEGUA) – Research Language

American Sign Language (ASL) – Beginner

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### **SIGN LANGUAGE CERTIFICATIONS**

2014 Lensegua Certificate from ASORGUA in Guatemalan Sign Language

2008 Completed American Sign Language-I from Gallaudet University.