

# Cintha Martinez, Ph.D.

Curriculum Vitae

UC Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Latin American and Latino Studies  
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## EDUCATION

2022 Doctor of Philosophy, Ethnic Studies, University of California Riverside  
2019 Master of Arts, Ethnic Studies, University of California Riverside  
2016 Master of Arts, Chicana and Chicano Studies, California State University Northridge  
2013 Bachelor of Arts, Ethnic Studies, University of California San Diego

## AREAS OF STUDY

Immigration and Border Studies, Migrant Detention, Latinx Studies, Critical Carceral Studies, Feminist Theories and Reproductive (In)justice, Abolition, Geographies and Feminist Abolition Theory.

## PUBLICATIONS

Martinez, Cintha. "Sexual Violence and the Prison/ Border Archive: Theorizing a Feminist Abolition Praxis of Migrant Detention." In *Violence, Migration, and Detention during Trump's Reign of Terror and Beyond* edited by Arturo Aldama and Jessica Ordaz. Manuscript accepted for publication with University of Arizona Press.

Martinez, Cintha. "#Abolish ICE in the Era of Mass Hysterectomies." *The Abolition Journal Blog*. Forthcoming, 2022.

Shigematsu, Setsu and Cintha Martinez (co-writers and co-producers). *Abolish ICE: Abolish Adelanto and All Prison/Borders*. Forthcoming, March 2023.

Martinez, Cintha. "Book Review: Jessica Ordaz 'The Shadow of El Centro: A History of Migrant Incarceration and Solidarity.'" *Aztlan: A Journal of Chicano Studies* 47, no. 1 (2022): 271-76.

Martinez, Cintha. "Book Review: Shannon Speed 'Incarcerated Stories: Indigenous Women Migrants and Violence in the Settler-Capitalist State.'" *American Indian Culture and Research Journal* 44, no, 2 (2020): 107-09.

Martinez, Cintha. "The Crossing Plan." In *Basta! 100 Latinas Write on Violence Against Women*, edited by Emma Sepúlveda-Pulvirenti. Reno: University of Nevada, 2017.

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

Martinez, Cintha. *ICE on Fire: Incinerating Prison/Border Violence through Feminist Abolitionist Geographies*.

Shigematsu, Setsu, Cintha Martinez, and Martha Escobar. "Dispossession and Feminists Abolitionist Resistance."

## INVITED TALKS

Nov 2022 **"ICE on Fire: Incinerating Prison/Border Violence through Feminist Abolition Geographies"**  
Research Presentation at UC Santa Cruz, Department of Latin American and Latino Studies.

Aug 2018      **“Children Refugees in the Age of Trump.”**  
Speaker at Global Fund for Children Transnational Convening, Chiapas, MX.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2022    **UC Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Fellowship.**  
UC President’s Postdoctoral Fellowship Program.
- 2022    **Ford Dissertation Fellowship.** *Declined.*  
NACEM Ford Foundation.
- 2021    **Racial Justice Now! Grant**  
University of California Student Association.
- 2021    **UC President Pre-Professoriate Fellowship.**  
UC Office of the President.
- 2021    **Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship.**  
The John Randolph Haynes Foundation.
- 2021    **Doctoral Dissertation Completion Fellowship.** *Declined.*  
Association of American University Women.
- 2021    **Honorable Mention.** Ford Dissertation Fellowship.  
NACEM Ford Foundation.
- 2021    **Humanities Research Grant.**  
Center for Ideas and Society.
- 2020    **Finalist in Davis Scholarship Fellow.**  
Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund
- 2020    **Graduate Research and Mentorship Award.**  
University of California Riverside.
- 2019    **Travel Stipend** to American Studies Association Annual Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii.  
University of California Riverside, Department of Ethnic Studies.
- 2019    **Travel Stipend** to Critical Geography Conference in Eugene, Oregon.  
University of California Riverside, Department of Ethnic Studies.
- 2019    **Graduate Student Grant.**  
Chicano Education and Cultural Fund Inc. Scholarship.
- 2018    **Travel Stipend** to American Studies Association Annual Conference.  
University of California Riverside, Department of Ethnic Studies.
- 2017    **Graduate Student Award.**  
Chicano Latino Alumni Association at UCR.
- 2017    **UC Graduate Assistance Doctoral Fellowship.**  
University of California Riverside.
- 2017    **Travel Stipend** to the Modern Language Association Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA.  
California State University, Northridge.
- 2016    **Eugene V. Cota-Robles Fellowship.**  
University of California Riverside
- 2016    **Travel Stipend** to National Association Chicano and Chicana Studies in San Francisco, California.  
California State University, Northridge.
- 2014    **Karin Duran Memorial Scholarship.**  
California State University, Northridge.
- 2008    **Provost Honors.**  
University of California San Diego

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 *Roundtable*. “Global Cartographies of Dispossession: Borders, Citizenship, and Crisis Catalyst for Solidarity.”  
**American Studies Association Conference. New Orleans, LA.**
- 2022 *Panelist*. “Decolonizing Humanism Initiative”  
**University of California Riverside, Center for Ideas and Society**
- 2022 *Panelist*. “(Un)disciplining Study: Convivial Research Methods, Counter-Expressions, Otherwise”  
**University of California Riverside, Center for Ideas and Society**
- 2021 *Panel Moderator*. “How We Heal: Confronting Racism in Medicine.”  
**University of California Riverside, School of Medicine.**
- 2021 *Roundtable*. “Toward Chicana/x Abolitionist Feminisms.”  
**National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies. Virtual.**
- 2020 *Sponsored Session*. “Surveillance and Enforcement”  
**American Studies Association Conference. Virtual.**
- 2020 *Panel Moderator*. “How We Heal: Applying Structural Competency to Care for Immigrant Communities Conference.” **UCR School of Medicine.**
- 2020 *Paper*. “Abolition Geographies: Freedom in Migrant Women’s Body and Affect.”  
**American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.**
- 2019 *Paper*. “Geographies of Necropower: Gendered Death at the U.S.-Mexico Border”  
**American Studies Association Conference. Honolulu, HI.**
- 2019 *Paper*. “The Border is a Man: Race, Sex, and Gender at la Frontera.”  
**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Critical Geography Studies Mini-Conference. Eugene, OR.**
- 2019 *Paper*. “Migrant Women’s Abolitionist Possibilities in Body and Touch.”  
**American Studies Association Conference. Atlanta, GA.**
- 2017 *Paper*. “Gendered, Death, and Violence in Political Discourses at the United States–Mexico Border and the Israel-Palestine Border(s)”  
**Modern Languages Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA.**
- 2016 *Paper*. “Borders as Gendered Space: Comparative Analysis of the U.S- Mexico border and Israel-Palestine border(s)”  
**Latina/o Studies Association Conference. Pasadena, CA.**
- 2016 *Paper*. “Gendered Violence at International Borders: U.S. – Mexico Border and Beyond”  
**The Binational Border Conference. San Diego, CA.**

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Associate In.* UCR Department of Ethnic Studies, Riverside

ETST 005: Introduction to Chicana/o History Summer 2020

ETST 007: Native American Studies in Comparative Perspectives Summer 2018

*Teaching Assistant.* UCR Department of Gender and Sexuality Studies, Riverside.

GSST 10S: Women and Culture FA 2019; WI 2021

GSST 11s: Media and Women Spring 2020

*Teaching Assistant.* UCR Department of Ethnic Studies, Riverside.

ETST 001: Intro to Race and Ethnicity FA 2018; WI 2019; WI 2020; FA 2020

ETST 002: Intro to Chicano Studies FA 2017; SP 2019

ETST 004: Intro to Native Studies Summer 2019

ETST 005: Intro to Asian American Studies Summer 2019

*Guest Lecturer.*

“Critical Migration Studies: Abolition Feminism of Borders and Migrant Detention.”	Nov 2022
University of California, Los Angeles, Women of Color Feminism.	
“Gendered and Sexual Violence in Migrant Detention”	May 2021
East Los Angeles City College, Introduction to Sociology.	
“ICE out of CA: Surveillance, Sanctuary State, and Immigrant Coalitions of Power”	March 2020
Pomona College Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, Chicano Studies.	
“Gender and Sexuality at the U.S.-Mexico Border”	July 2019
UCR Department of Ethnic Studies, Introduction to Chicano Studies.	
“Race, Gender, Citizenship, and Politics”	Dec 2018
UCR Department of Ethnic Studies, Policing and the Hegemony of Law.	

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP**

2022	<b>Participant</b> — Visualizing Abolition Dissertation Workshop
2021- Present	<b>Graduate Mentor</b> — UCR Chicano Student Program
2021- Present	<b>Co-Coordinator</b> — Adelanto Network Post-Release Program
2018- Present	<b>Deportation Defense Volunteer</b> — Immigrant Youth Coalition
2021	<b>Conference Program Committee</b> — Critical Anti-Violence Research and Action at UCR
2021	<b>Power Map Focus Group Lead</b> — Shut Down Adelanto Coalition
2020- 2021	<b>Program Coordinator</b> — Adelanto Visitation Network Pen-Pal Program
2020	<b>Researcher and Script Writer</b> — Sterilization Experiences of Women of Color Panel
2020	<b>Conference Committee Graduate Assistant</b> — American Studies Association
2019	<b>Co- Founder</b> — Latina/Chicana Graduate Student Collective at UCR
2019	<b>Co- Founder</b> — Critical Anti-Violence Research and Action at UCR
2016- 2018	<b>Regional Volunteer</b> — ICE out of CA Coalition
2015- 2018	<b>Youth Mentor</b> — San Gabriel Valley Immigrant Youth Coalition
2015- 2017	<b>Co-Chair</b> — Ethnic Studies Now! Azusa Coalition

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Studies Association  
Latinx Studies Association  
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies  
National Women’s Studies Association  
Detention Watch Network

**REFERENCES**

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