

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., 2011 **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Department of Anthropology
Dissertation: *An Inconceivable Indigeneity: The Historical, Cultural, and Interactional Dimensions of Puerto Rican Taíno activism*
- M.A., 2006 **University of Michigan, Ann Arbor**
Department of Anthropology
- B.A., 2002 **Harvard University**
The Committee on Degrees in Social Studies
Magna Cum Laude
Thesis: *Back to the homeland? : a case study of the dilemma of language and identity among Puerto Rican return migrant students.*
- Certificate, 2005 **Linguistic Society of America**
Summer Linguistics Institute

EMPLOYMENT

- The University of South Carolina, 2012-present*
Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
Affiliate Faculty, Linguistics Program
Affiliate Faculty, Latin American Studies Program
- Vassar College, 2011-2012*
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology
- University of Michigan, 2003-2009*
Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Anthropology (Fall 2004-Winter 2006, Spring 2009)

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

Awards:

2010	<i>Marshall Weinberg Graduate Student Award</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	(\$7,000)
2009-2010	<i>Minority Dissertation Award</i> American Anthropological Association	(\$10,000)
2006	<i>Pre-Dissertation Summer Research Award</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	(\$2000)
2005	<i>Rackham Discretionary Funds Award</i> Rackham Graduate School University of Michigan	(\$1500)
2005	<i>Anthropology Discretionary Funds Award</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	(\$2000)

Fellowships:

2010	<i>Rackham One Term Dissertation Fellowship</i> Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan	(\$8,000)
2009	<i>Diversity Dissertation Fellowship, Alternate, Honorable Mention</i> Ford Foundation	
2003-2009	<i>Rackham Merit Fellowship (5 year stipend and tuition)</i> Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan	

Research Grants:

2009	<i>Rackham Research Grant</i> University of Michigan	(\$3,000)
2007-2008	<i>Dissertation Research Grant</i> Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research	(\$22,870)

Teaching Awards:

2009	<i>Innovative Teaching Award</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	(\$100)
2005	<i>Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award</i> Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan	(\$100)

PUBLICATIONS

Major peer-reviewed journal publications:

2012 Feliciano-Santos, Sherina and Barbra A. Meek. "Interactional Surveillance and Self-Censorship in Encounters of Dominion." *Journal of Anthropological Research* 68(3): 373-397.

Peer-reviewed journal publications under review:

Feliciano-Santos, Sherina. "How do you speak Taíno? Indigenous activism and linguistic practices in Puerto Rico" *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*.

Peer-reviewed journal publications under revision:

Feliciano-Santos, Sherina. "Prophetic Repairs: Narrative and social action among Puerto Rican Taíno" in revision for *American Ethnologist*.

Feliciano-Santos, Sherina "Emergent Ethnoracial Configurations among Puerto Rican Taíno Activists"

Book proposal in preparation:

Feliciano-Santos, Sherina. "Contested Caribbean Indigeneities: language and social practice within Taíno activism in Puerto Rico"

Minor publications in preparation:

Feliciano-Santos, Sherina. Book review of "Kristina Wirtz. 2014. *Performing Afro-Cuba: Image, Voice, and Spectacle in the Making of Race and History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press." In Preparation for *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Language ideologies, Language reclamation, Indigenous Activism, Construction and deployment of historical narratives, Alternative histories, Anthropology of religion, Anthropology of race and ethnicity, Migration and belonging, Narrative, Social interaction, Discourse

FIELDWORK

Return Migrants in Puerto Rico

- 1) Puerto Rico, November 2001: Field research among return migrants in a public Puerto Rican high school

Puerto Rican Taíno

- 1) Puerto Rico, May 2005-August 2005: Preliminary research locating fieldsite and collaborators for project of Puerto Rican Taíno activism
- 2) Puerto Rico, August 2006-September 2007 and November 2007-August 2008: Field research and audio and video recording of several Puerto Rican Taíno activist organizations
- 3) New York, July 2007: Field research and interview with Puerto Rican Taíno activist organizations in New York

Puerto Ricans in St. Croix

- 1) St. Croix, July 2014: Pilot research locating collaborators and fieldsite for research about linguistic practices and notions of belonging among Puerto Ricans in St. Croix.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2014 “Learning to Talk Taíno: Debates about Speech Practices Among Indigenous Taíno Activists in Puerto Rico” Paper presented in a panel titled, “Producing Competencies: Affective Identifications In Projects Of Language Maintenance And Revitalization” 113th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. December 5.
- 2014 “Emergent Ethnoracial Configurations among Puerto Rican Taíno Activists.” Paper presented in a panel titled, “Critical Performances of Race and Ethnicity” Caribbean Studies Association 39th Annual Conference, Merida, Yucatán, México. May 27.
- 2014 “Talking Taíno? Indigenous activism and linguistic practices in Puerto Rico” Paper presented in a panel titled, “Language Risk, Language Choice and Language Rights: The Uncertainty of Linguistic Diversity in Contemporary Anthropological Terrains.” Canadian Anthropological Society CASCA 2014 Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. April 30-May 3.
- 2013 “Beyond “Blanco, Negro, Indio”? Creolization and indigeneity among Taíno activists in Puerto Rico” Paper presented in a panel titled, “Black Mirrors: Emergent Ethnoracial Configurations and Afro-Indigenous Futures.” 112th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 22.
- 2013 “Talking Taíno? Indigenous activism and linguistic practices in Puerto Rico” Brown bag presentation organized by the Linguistics Program at the University of South Carolina. November 8.
- 2012 “From there to here: Puerto Rican return migrant students in the classroom” School of Education, University of South Carolina. November 16.
- 2012 “Diversity in Anthropology and Academia” Invited talk at the Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, November 30.

- 2011 “The Interpretation of Ancestral Landscapes to Instantiate Belonging within Puerto Rican Taíno Activism” Paper presented in a panel titled, “Claiming Nature: ‘Race’, Ethnicity and the Politics of Belonging.” 110th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada. November 16
- 2010 “Scales of Surveillance, Articulations of Independence” (with Barbra Meek) Paper presented in a panel titled, “Ordeals Of Language: From Self-Suppression To Expressive Genres.” 109th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. November 18.
- 2009 “Cuidado, nos están velando” (Be careful, they’re watching us): Interactional surveillance and the challenges of Taíno political engagement.” Paper presented in a panel titled, “Countering Surveillance: Interaction, Legitimation, and Resistance” 108th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. December 2.
- 2009 “Historical incongruities and interactional struggles in conceiving of an indigenous presence in Puerto Rico.” Memory + Truth Conference, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. September 25.
- 2009 “Taíno (re-) awakenings: Linguistic practice and indigenous recognition in Puerto Rico.” 11th Annual Michigan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. May 8-9.
- 2009 “*Tainos in Boriken? Socio-historical accounts of the indigenous presence in Puerto Rico.*” Puerto Rican Student Association, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. March 11.
- 2008 “¿Y tú, quien eres? ¿Eres una Taína? (And you, who are you? Are you a Taína?): Navigating fieldwork while considering the positions, margins and identifications of researchers and their "subjects." Paper presented in panel titled, “*Fieldwork and the co-production of interpersonal and theoretical engagements*” 107th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 23.
- 2007 “Blood, mtDNA, and the pressures towards indigenous ethnic identification” Paper presented in a series titled, “Field Women—Perspectives and Challenges of Field Research.” Women and Gender Studies Graduate Association, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ. October 25.
- 2005 “Taíno Revival and Language Practices.” Linguistic Anthropology Laboratory, University of Michigan. November 8.
- 2005 “From “Over there” to “Over here” Accounts of return migration in a Puerto Rican public school.” 7th Annual Michigan Graduate Student Conference in Linguistic Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI. May 7.

Panels Organized and Chaired:

- 2014 Roundtable Co-Organizer (with Carwil R Bjork-James), “CMIA Roundtable: Minority Practitioners Produce Anthropology” for the 113th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. December 5.
- 2014 Panel Chair, “Critical Performances of Race and Ethnicity” for the Caribbean Studies Association 39th Annual Conference, Merida, Yucatán, México. May 27.
- 2013 Panel Co-Chair (with Krystal Smalls), “Black Mirrors: Emergent Ethnoracial Configurations and Afro-Indigenous Futures” for the 112th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 22.
- 2009 Panel Co-Organizer (with Christina P. Davis), “Countering Surveillance: Interaction, Legitimation, and Resistance” for the 108th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. December 2.
- 2008 Panel Organizer, “Fieldwork and the co-production of interpersonal and theoretical engagements” 107th American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. November 23.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Memberships:

American Anthropological Association
Association for Latino and Latina Anthropologists
American Ethnological Society
Canadian Anthropological Society
Caribbean Studies Association
Puerto Rican Studies Association
Society for Linguistic Anthropology
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology

Manuscripts Reviewed for:

Journal for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
CENTRO Journal
American Anthropologist

University Service:

Department of Anthropology:

- Colloquium Committee, Department of Anthropology, 2013-Current, *University of South Carolina*.
- Moving Committee, Department of Anthropology, 2014, *University of South Carolina*.

Undergraduate University Service

- Faculty Advisor, Mujeres in Action, Student Organization, University of South Carolina, 2014-Current. *University of South Carolina.*
- Fulbright Campus Evaluator, Discipline Questioner for Mary Allison Joseph, Fellowships & Scholar Program, Fall 2012, *University of South Carolina.*

University

- Bookstore Committee, University of South Carolina, Fall 2013-Spring 2014, *University of South Carolina.*
- SPARC Review Committee, University of South Carolina, Fall 2014-Fall 2015, *University of South Carolina.*

Other Programs in the University

- Search Committee, Folklife Coordinator, McKissick Museum, Fall 2013, *University of South Carolina.*
- Panelist, 2nd Annual Success Radiates: Successful Women's Forum, Zeta Sigma Chi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. March 25, 2014. *University of South Carolina.*

Greater Community Service:

- Invited community talk “Contested Histories: Historical memories, oral narratives, and the multiple narrations of Puerto Rican pasts” Charleston CARIFEST Symposium, June 12, 2014.

TEACHING

Classes taught:

The University of South Carolina, 2012-Present

ANTH 291.1/LING 205.1 Popular Culture and Communication, Fall 2014, Fall 2013.

(UG)

ANTH 314 Caribbean Cultures, Spring 2014. (UG)

ANTH 340 / RELG 360 Anthropology of Magic and Religion, Spring 2015 (UG)

ANTH 355.1/ LING 340.1 Language, Culture, and Society, Fall 2012, Fall 2013 (UG)

ANTH 371 Ethnography of Communication, University of South Carolina, Spring 2013, Spring 2014, Spring 2015 (UG)

ANTH 556/LING 556 Language and Globalization, Fall 2014, Fall 2012. (UG, G)

ANTH J701 Cultural and Linguistic Anthropology for Teachers, Summer I 2014 (G)

ANTH 747 Language as Social Action, Spring 2013 (G)

Vassar College, 2011-2012

ANTH 150-01 Linguistics and Anthropology, Fall 2011 (UG)

ANTH 240-52 The Hispanic Caribbean, Spring 2012 (UG)
ANTH 250-01 Language and Belief, Fall 2011 (UG)
ANTH 250-51 Mediation and Media, Spring 2012 (UG)
ANTH 351-51 Language, Culture and Society, Spring 2012 (UG)