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EDUCATION

- 2019 Ph.D., Joint Doctoral Program in Social Work and Anthropology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Dissertation: *In the Shadow of the Beast: Violence and Dignity along the Central American Migrant Trail.*
- 2015 Master of Social Work
University of Michigan School of Social Work, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2015 Master of Arts, Anthropology
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts, Human Development and Social Relations (Honors)
Earlham College, Richmond, IN
- 2010 Bachelor of Arts, Spanish and Hispanic Studies (Honors)
Earlham College, Richmond, IN

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2019- Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, Department of Anthropology
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

1. **Doering-White, J.**, Pinto, R., Ibarra-Frayre, M. Bramble, R. (in press). "Critical Issues for Language Interpretation in Social Work Education." *Journal of Social Work Education*.
2. **Doering-White, J.** (2018). "Evidencing Violence and Care Along the Central American Migrant Trail Through Mexico" *Social Service Review*. 92(3), 432-469.
3. **Doering-White, J.** (2018). "The Shifting Boundaries of Best Interest: Sheltering Unaccompanied Minors in Transit Through Mexico." *Children and Youth Services Review*, 92, 39-47.
4. Lopez, W.D., Horner, P., Sanders, L., Martinez, R., **Doering-White, J.**, Delva, J. (2018). "Raising children amid the threat of deportation: Perspectives from undocumented Latina mothers" *Journal of Community Practice*. 26(2), 225-235.
5. Grabowska, S., **Doering-White, J.** (2016). "(Re)Collecting the Crossing: Material Memories of the Sonoran Borderlands" in *Excavating Memory: Material Culture Approaches to Sites of Remembering and Forgetting*. Starzmann, M. and Roby, J., Eds. Gainesville, FL: University of Florida Press.

6. **Doering-White, J.**, Horner, P., Sanders, L., Martinez, R., Lopez, W.D., Delva, J. (2014). “Testimonial Engagement: Undocumented Latina mothers navigating a gendered deportation regime” *Journal of International Migration and Integration*. 17(2), 325-240.
7. Horner, P., Sanders, L., Martinez, R., **Doering-White, J.**, Lopez, W., Delva, J. (2014). ““I Put a Mask On” The Human Side of Deportation Effects on Children” *Journal of Social Welfare and Human Rights*. 2(2), 33-47.
8. Delva, J., Horner, P., Sanders, L., Martinez, R., Lopez, W.D., & **Doering-White, J.** (2013). Mental health problems of children of undocumented parents in the United States: A hidden crisis. *Journal of Community Positive Practices XIII*(3), 25-35.

Policy Reports, Blog Posts, Book Reviews

1. **Doering-White, J.**, Ramirez Rivera, K. (2019). “The New Migrant Protection Protocols Do Not Not “Protect,” They Endanger.” *Public Health Post*. [Blog Post] <https://www.publichealthpost.org/research/migrant-protection-protocols-endanger-not-protect/>
2. **Doering-White, J.**, Frank-Vitale, A., De León, J. (2017). “Death and Disappearance along the Central American Migrant Trail” in *Fatal Journeys, Volume 3*. International Organization for Migration. [Policy Report] <https://publications.iom.int/books/fatal-journeys-volume-3-part-2-improving-data-missing-migrants>
3. **Doering-White, J.** (2017). “Migrants Deaths in the Arizona Desert: La vida no vale nada.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* [Book Review]

Multimedia

1. “Border South”, Co-producer on documentary film following the Central American migrant trail through Mexico, with Raul Paz Pastrana (Director) and Jason De León (Producer). www.bordersouthfilm.com
2. De León, J. García, E., **Undocumented Migration Project**, (2016). “A View from the Tracks: U.S. Policy is Effectively Hiding the Suffering of Undocumented Migrants.” *Sapiens*. <https://www.sapiens.org/culture/prevention-through-deterrence/> [Photo Essay]

RESEARCH SUPPORT AND FUNDING

2018	Rackham Program in Public Scholarship, University of Michigan
2017-18	Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan
2016	Summer Funding, School of Social Work, University of Michigan
2016	International Conference Travel Grant, Office of Global Activities, University of Michigan School of Social Work
2016	Dissertation Fieldwork Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation
2015	Fulbright García-Robles Scholarship, United States Department of State
2014	International Institute Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan
2014	Rackham Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan
2014	International Institute Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan
2013	Rackham Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan
2012-16	Rackham Merit Fellow, University of Michigan (tuition and stipend)
2006-10	Presidential Scholar, Earlham College

AWARDS

2017	Henry J. Meyer Award, School of Social Work, University of Michigan
2017	Harold T. and Vivian B. Shapiro Prize, School of Social Work, University of Michigan

2016	Rackham Graduate Student Research Award, University of Michigan
2015	Outstanding GSI Award, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan
2015	Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan
2014	Kellogg Fellowship, University of Michigan School of Social Work
2014	Davis Award, University of Michigan School of Social Work
2014	Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2010	Phi Beta Kappa, Earlham College

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences/Workshops Organized

1. **Doering-White, J.**, Pinto, R., Bramble, R. *Language Interpretation in Social Work Practice*, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Orlando, FL, forthcoming November 2018
2. **Doering-White, J.**, Pinto, R. Bramble, R. Ibarra, M. *Language Interpretation in Social Work Practice*, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Office of Diversity Equity and Inclusion, October 2017
3. **Doering-White, J.**, Root, L. Frank-Vitale, A. *The Crisis in Context: Central American Migration and Social Justice*, University of Michigan School of Social Work, Office of Global Activities, October 2016

Conference Presentations

1. **Doering-White, J.** *Photoethnography in 2018*, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San José, CA, forthcoming
2. **Doering-White, J.**, Frank-Vitale, A. (2018). *Cycling Through Undocumented Migration*, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San José, CA, (panel co-organizer with Amelia Frank-Vitale, University of Michiga) forthcoming
3. **Doering-White, J.** *Polaroid Photography and Ethnographic Practice*, Displacements Conference, Society for Cultural Anthropology, virtual node, April 2018
4. **Doering-White, J.** *Ethnographic Approaches to Causal Explanation in Social Work*, Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, Washington DC, January 2018
5. **Doering-White, J.** *Matters of Contention: Materialities of Ethical Claim-Making*, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC (Panel Co-organizer with John Mathias, Florida State University), November 2017
6. **Doering-White, J.** "Gendered Assemblages of Solidarity and Security along the Central American Migrant Trail" Law and Society Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017
7. **Doering-White, J.** *Infrastructures of Violence and Care: Undocumented Central American Migration and Mexico's "Humanitarian Visa,"* Latin American Studies Association Annual Conference, Lima, Peru, May 2017
8. **Doering-White, J.** "Mexico's "Humanitarian Visa" and Undocumented Central American Families" Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2017
9. **Doering-White, J.** "Stuck in Transit: Humanitarian Infrastructures and Unaccompanied Minors Migrating through Mexico" Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2017
10. **Doering-White, J.** *Material Boundaries of Citizenship: Central American Clandestine Migration through Mexico*, Society for Historical Archaeology, Seattle, WA, January 2015
11. **Doering-White, J.** "Clandestine" Migration and the Materiality of Train Hopping through Mexico, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, November 2014

12. **Doering-White, J.** *Violence and Care in Transit: Sheltering Migrants on the U.S.-Mexico Border*, Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, NM, March 2014
13. **Doering-White, J.** *Care Along the Tracks: Clandestine Migration, Humanitarian Care, and Railroad Infrastructure in Mexico*, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 2013
14. **Doering-White, J.** *Mixteco Migration and Transborder Subjectivities in the Rural Midwest*, Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, July 2009 (Outstanding Oral Presentation Award)

Invited Talks

1. **Doering-White, J.,** Pinto, R. (2019). *Language Interpretation in Micro and Macro Social Work Practice*. Wayne County Mental Health Authority Children’s Linguistic and Cultural Competency Summit, June 2019.
2. **Doering-White, J.** *In the Shadow of the Beast: Violence and Dignity along the Central American Migrant Trail*, Justice For Our Neighbors Spring Speaker Series, Kalamazoo, MI, May 2019
3. **Doering-White, J.** *Central American Migration, Migrant Shelters, and Asylum*. Interviewed for “Social Work and Politics Podcast,” June 2018.
4. **Doering-White, J.** *The Shifting Boundaries of Best Interest: Sheltering Unaccompanied Minors in Transit Through Mexico*, Henry Meyer Award Presentation, University of Michigan School of Social Work, University of Michigan, May 2018
5. **Doering-White, J.,** *Humanitarian Aid Along the Central American Migrant Trail*, Guest Lecture to doctoral seminar on social change theories, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, March 2018
6. **Doering-White, J.,** *Autonomy of Migration and Humanitarian Aid Along the Central American Migrant Trail*, Guest lecture to graduate seminar on poverty and inequality in social work research, School of Social Work, University of Michigan, March 2018
7. **Doering-White, J.** *Polaroid Photography and Ethnographic Practice*, Sensory Ethnography Workshop, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, March 2018
8. **Doering-White, J.** *Humanitarian Aid Along the Central American Migrant Trail*, Guest Lecture to undergraduate seminar on immigration and Health, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, March 2018
9. **Doering-White, J.,** *Humanitarian Aid Along the Central American Migrant Trail*, Guest Lecture to Undergraduate Seminar on Migrant Farmworkers, Residential College, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, November 2017
10. **Doering-White, J.,** *Evidencing Violence and Care for Central Americans Migrating Undocumented Through Mexico*, Scholars in Anthropology and Social Work, October 2017
11. **Doering-White, J.,** “*Border South: Violence and Care along the Central American Migrant Trail*”, Theme Series Lecture at Delta College, Bay City, MI, December 2016
12. **Doering-White, J.,** “*Border South: Violence and Care along the Central American Migrant Trail*”, Guest Lecture, Grandview College, Des Moines, IA, July 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Su 2019 | <i>Field School Director</i>
Entrepreneurship Program Evaluation Field School, Detroit MI
Institute for Field Research |
| Fall 2017 | <i>Instructor</i>
SW611 Social Change Theories, University of Michigan School of Social Work |

- Sp/Su 2015 *Instructor*
Undocumented Migration Project Ethnographic Field School
Institute for Field Research, with Jason De León
- Winter 2015 *Teaching Assistant*
ANTH101, Introduction to Anthropology, University of Michigan Department of
Anthropology, with Jason De León
- 2014 *Teaching Assistant*
ANTH101, Introduction to Anthropology, University of Michigan Department of
Anthropology, with Thomas Chivens

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018- *Cultivating Entrepreneurship in Southwest Detroit* (Ethnographic Evaluation)
Ongoing ethnographic evaluation of a Spanish-language entrepreneurship
training workshops series. Includes participant observation during training
sessions, in-depth interviews with participants and program staff, and a
participatory digital story-telling workshop with graduate trainees.
- 2014-17 *In the Shadow of the Beast: Infrastructures of Central American Migration through
Mexico* (Ethnographic Fieldwork, 20 months)
Conducted ethnographic fieldwork in and around migrant shelters throughout
Mexico that assist undocumented Central Americans in transit. Fieldwork
included 150 “journey narrative” interviews, 50 interviews with shelter workers,
and 2000 hours of participant observation as a shelter volunteer.
- 2015 *Undocumented Migration Project: Central American Transit Migration through Mexico*
(Ethnographic Field School, 6 weeks)
Institute for Field Research – Advisor: Jason De León
Co-taught qualitative and community-based research methodologies to 15
undergraduate students from the United States and Mexico.
- 2013 *Impact of Immigration Enforcement on Children and Families in SE Michigan*
University of Michigan – Advisor: Jorge Delva
Analyzed interview and focus group transcripts with parents and children
impacted by immigration enforcement to understand the impact of immigration
enforcement and deportation on families.
- 2013 *Nonresidential Fathers in Four American Cities*
University of Michigan – Advisor: Laura Lein
Summarized, analyzed, and prepared brief summaries of transcripts from
qualitative interviews with low-income, non-custodial fathers in four America
cities.
- 2013 *(Re)Collecting the Crossing: Material Memories of the Sonoran Borderlands*
University of Michigan – Advisor: Jason De León

Conducted, coded, and analyzed interviews with recently deported migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border and undocumented immigrants living in Detroit, MI, to compare understandings of the border crossing.

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

- 2018 *Evaluation Consultant*
ProsperUS Detroit
Detroit, MI
Assisted with grant writing and evaluation design for an entrepreneurship training program the links aspiring low-income minority and immigrant entrepreneurs with formal financing.
- 2017 *Evaluation Consultant*
A Brighter Way
Ann Arbor, MI
Conducted evaluative interviews with mentors and mentees for a peer-mentorship program that assists individuals recently released from prison. Assisted with grant-writing and program conceptualization.
- 2014-17 *Shelter Worker*
Apizaco, Tlaxcala, Mexico
Provided humanitarian assistance to undocumented Central Americans in transit through Mexico. Responsibilities included assisting with daily operations (cooking, cleaning, intake), meeting with officials, fundraising, and program evaluation.
- 2012-13 *Community Organizing Intern*
Chadsey-Condon Community Organization, Detroit, MI
Designed and implemented community programming in Southwest Detroit as part of the Skillman Foundation’s Good Neighborhoods Initiatives. Responsibilities included grant-writing, family event planning, and program evaluation.
- 2010-12 *Intercultural Outreach Coordinator*
1st Street Armoury Community Action Agency, Monmouth, IL
Coordinated programming for immigrant community members at a small community center in rural Illinois. Provided interpretation services, counseling, grant-writing, and organized family events.
- 2010-12 *Volunteer English Language Instructor*
Regional Office of Education, Monmouth, IL
Designed and conducted three six-week “Spanish for Beginners” classes for English-speaking community members.
- 2006-08 *Volunteer English Language Instructor*
AMIGOS Community Organization, Richmond, IN
Served as a weekly volunteer language tutor for Spanish-speaking community members.

SERVICE AND CO-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

- 2015-18 *Co-Producer, Field Consultant, and Sound Expert*
“Border South”, Documentary Film, with Raul Paz Pastrana, Director
Provided field and editorial consultation to film-maker Raul Paz Pastrana during the filming of “Border South,” a documentary about the shifting landscape of immigration enforcement between Central America, Mexico, and the United States.
www.bordersouthfilm.com
- 2013-14 *Student Representative*
Doctoral Committee
University of Michigan School of Social Work
Elected to represent doctoral student organization on faculty committee dedicated to doctoral student success.
- 2013-14 *Co-Coordinator*
Interdisciplinary Group on Poverty and Inequality
University of Michigan Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop
Coordinated writing and reading workshops with an interdisciplinary group of doctoral students interested in social welfare policy.

AD-HOC JOURNAL REVIEWER

Children and Youth Services Review
Journal of International Migration and Integration
Medical Anthropology Quarterly
Journal of Immigrant and Refugee Studies
Public Anthropologist

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Social Work Research
Council on Social Work Education
American Anthropological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Law and Society Association

LANGUAGES

English (Native)
Spanish (Professional Fluency)