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Research Interests

My research is transpired through the humanistic principles of equality and social justice. I specialize in the anthropology of sports, transnational migration, and identity studies. I work with marginalized groups including indigenous populations in Mexico and the US.

Education

- 2012 PhD in Anthropology, magna cum laude. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. Dissertation: Culture, Migration, and Sport: A bi-national investigation of Southern Mexican migrant communities in Oaxaca, Mexico and Los Angeles, California. Advisors: Dr. Jeffrey Cohen (Chair), Dr. Anna Willow, Dr. Morgan Liu, and Dr. Reanne Frank
- 2008 MA in Anthropology. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA. Thesis: Torneo Transnacional: Shooting Hoops in Oaxacalifornia. Advisors: Dr. Ramona Pérez (Chair), Dr. Frederick Conway, and Dr. Jim Gerber
- 2003 BA in Anthropology. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA. Emphasis in Cultural Anthropology
- 2000 AA in Anthropology. American River Community College. Sacramento, CA.

Academic Positions

- 2015-2017 Visiting Assistant Professor in Anthropology. Skidmore College. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 2014-2015 CFD Postdoctoral Fellow in Anthropology. Skidmore College. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 2014 Lecturer in Anthropology. Skidmore College. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 2013 Lecturer in Anthropology and Center for Latin American Studies. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA.

- 2012 Lecturer in Latin American Studies. Penn State University. Abington, PA.
- 2012 Lecturer in Anthropology. Raritan Valley Community College. Bridgewater, NJ.
- 2008-2012 Graduate Student Lecturer in Anthropology. The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.

Publications

Manuscripts

- 2017 Untitled. Forthcoming in the Sports in the American West book series. Texas Tech University Press. Under Contract, Jorge Iber [Jorge.Iber@ttu.edu]
- 2008 Torneo Transnacional: Shooting Hoops in Oaxacalifornia. PAST Foundation Press, Columbus, Ohio. Bernardo Ramirez Rios.

Peer Reviewed Journals

- 2016 Internal Migration in Oaxaca: It's Role and Value to Rural Movers. Authors: Jeffrey H. Cohen and Bernardo Ramirez Rios. International Journal of Sociology, 46:223-235. Aug 2016.
- 2016 Rios, B. R. (2016), Zapotecs on the Move: Cultural, Social, and Political Processes in Transnational Perspectives. Adriana Cruz-Manjarrez. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2013. 268 pp. The Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology, 21: 394-396. July 2016.
- 2010 The Ethnography of Culture, Symbols, and Identity: Sport Jerseys and Team Names in Latino Recreational Sports in the U.S. Keith L. Kleszynski and Bernardo Ramirez Rios. The International Journal of Sport and Society. 1:35-46.
- 2009 The Value, Costs, and Meaning of Transnational Migration in Rural Oaxaca, Mexico. Jeffrey Cohen, Bernardo Rios, and Lise Byars. Journal of Migration Letters. 6:15-25.

In Progress, Submitted, Under Review

- 2016 Proving Membership: Forms of Belonging and Accessing Citizenship in Oaxaca, Mexico and Southern California. Authors: Bernardo Ramirez Rios (Skidmore College) and A. R. Jerry (University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign). (In Progress, Resubmission)
- 2014 Performance Predictions at the 2014 FIFA World Cup – Is Brazil Destined to Win? Bernardo Ramirez Rios and David Nau. (Resubmission, International Journal of Sport and Society)

Public Publication

- 2011 The Socialization of Sports in Latin America: Basketball and Culture in Oaxaca, Mexico and Los Angeles, California. ¿Qué Pasa, OSU?. Spring 2011. Folklore Series. 18-22. Bernardo Ramirez Rios.

Photography and Film Publication

- 2015 La Copa Benito Juárez: Oaxaqueño Basketball in the US and Mexico. (Cultural Media Archive Publishing. San Diego, CA.) (Public-Non Profit)
- 2015 Oaxaca Springs. Film Producer: Bernardo Ramirez Rios. Cultural Media Archive Publishing.

- 2011 Estrellas Oaxaqueñas. Runner Up in Globalization Category. Anthropology of Sport Photography Contest. Royal Institute of Anthropology.
- 2007 Crossing Over: Basketball on the Border of Community. Film Producer: Bernardo Ramirez Rios. Cultural Media Archive Publishing.

Grants and Fellowships

Grants

- 2016 Anthropology Internship in Mixed-Methods Skills (AIMS). I will annually train one AIMS student intern in basic procedures to quantitative and qualitative research in anthropology. Grant Submitted [Consortium for Higher Academic Achievement (CHAS). Letter of support from Dean of Faculty Beau Breslin.]
- 2015 Faculty Student Summer Research Grant, Storyteller's Institute, John B. Moore Documentary Studies Collaborative (MDOCS), Skidmore College. *La Voz de "Oaxaca Springs": The Daily Lived Experiences of Mexican Migrants in Saratoga Springs, NY.*
- 2015 Faculty Research Development Grant. Faculty Development Committee. Skidmore College. *Visual Representation of Sport in Oaxaca, Mexico.*
- 2010 Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP). College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and the National Science Foundation at The Ohio State University.
- 2009 Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP). College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and the National Science Foundation at The Ohio State University.

Fellowships

- 2014-2015 Consortium for Faculty Diversity Postdoctoral Fellowship. Skidmore College.
- 2008 Battelle Scholar. Department of Anthropology at The Ohio State University and PAST Foundation. Columbus, Ohio.
- 2008 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. Mixtec language program. Oaxaca City, Mexico.
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- 2006 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. Mixtec language program. San Diego, California.
- 2005 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. Mixtec language program. Oaxaca City, Mexico.

Awards

- 2016 Travel to Read/Represent Award. Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Skidmore College.

- 2015 Travel to Read/Represent Award. Dean of the Faculty/Vice President for Academic Affairs. Skidmore College.
- 2013 Dissertation. Culture, Migration, and Sport: A Bi-National Investigation of Southern Mexican Migrant Communities in Oaxaca, Mexico and Los Angeles, California, was selected as one of the 64 Best Cultural Anthropology Dissertations 2012 by Anthropology Works, a blog of the Culture in Global Affairs (CIGA) program, Elliott School of International Affairs at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.
- 2008 Conference sponsorship through the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and the National Science Foundation at The Ohio State University. Great Lakes Alliance for Social and Behavioral Science/Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Research Conference. Chicago, Illinois. February 6-7.
- 2008 Conference sponsorship through the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences and the National Science Foundation at The Ohio State University. Urban Ethnography: Its Traditions and Its Future. Yale University. New Haven, Connecticut. April 24-26.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught

- 2014-2015 Visual Ethnography, Urban Anthropology, Latin American Region Identities, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Skidmore College. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 2013 Sports in Latin America, Research Methods, and Ethnographies of Latin America. Graduate Seminar Series in Latin American Studies. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA.
- 2012 LTNST 100: Latina/o's in America. Ethnic Studies department. Penn State University. Abington, PA.
- 2018-2012 Peoples and Cultures: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. Anthropology department, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. An undergraduate introductory level course in people and culture.
- 2009 World Prehistory: An Introduction to Peoples of the Past and Archaeology. Anthropology department, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. An undergraduate introductory level course in archaeology and world prehistory. Designed class wiki page: <http://osuanthropology201.wikidot.com/>

New Course Development

- 2015 Visual Anthropology. Undergraduate (Anthropology Programing). Skidmore College. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 2014 Urban Anthropology. Undergraduate (Anthropology Programing). Skidmore College. Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 2013 Sports in Latin America. Graduate Seminar Series (Latin American Studies Programing). San Diego State University. San Diego, CA.
- 2012 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. The Academy for Health and Medical Sciences (Early College Programing). "Early College" course where selective four-year, full-time students work toward their high school diploma and their Associate Degree in General Science. Raritan Valley Community College. Bridgewater, NJ.
- 2011 Peoples and Cultures: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (Distance-Learning Programing). Designed online course with "Desire2Learn" software for the Anthropology department, The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH.
- 2008 Peoples and Cultures: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology. The PAST Foundation and Metro High School (STEM Programing), The Ohio State University. Columbus, OH. Designed class wiki page: <http://metrohighschool.wikidot.com/>

Teaching Assistantships

- 2006 Ethnographic Field Methods and Mixtec Language Program. Anthropology and Latin American Studies, San Diego State University,

- Oaxaca City, Mexico. Summer field school that offered methods courses in anthropology and indigenous language training.
- 2004 Teaching Anthropology. Anthropology department, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA. Participated in graduate research class devoted to researching various teaching methods in anthropology.

Research

Current Projects

- 2016 Cultural Media Archive. Co-researcher for collecting unpublished documents (text, visual, audio) from retired faculty of color who participated in multicultural curriculum development programs in the California State University system. Grant Perspective [National Endowment for the Humanities. Common Heritage. Division for Preservation and Access.]
- 2016 Comparative Representations of Sport Culture. Using traditional methods in anthropology this research project uses ethnography to examine the use of sport in Filipino migrant communities and how Filipinos in the Capital District, NY area have used the sport of basketball to meet the challenges and insecurities of daily life. Grant Perspectives [National Science Foundation.] [Adidas Community Health Grant]
- 2016 Global Soccer Research Database. (Faculty and Student Research) Using a mixed methods approach this research team is constructing a database on World soccer teams past performance. This interdisciplinary study (anthropology and economics) will use cultural domain analysis and linear regression analysis to examine team soccer performance during world competitions. [Skidmore College, Ben Caples (19') and Jackson Price (19')].
- 2016 VR (Virtual Reality) and Anthropology. Exploring the visual production of virtual field-sites and photosphere imaging in ethnography. Using personal visual data sets (photography and videography) to aggregate parameters for virtual reality platforms such as Google Cardboard, Galaxy Gear, etc. Grant Perspectives [Google for Education.] [National Geographic] [Higher Education Publishers].
- 2016 The Opportunity Program Alumni Project. Skidmore College. The Opportunity Program (OP) Alumni Project is a multi-year and multi-phased research project to understand the post-graduate experiences of OP alumni. Using surveys and qualitative interviews, the research will identify factors that alumni think promote achievement and success after college. [Manuscript Co-Author]

- 2015 Faculty-Student Research. La Voz de “Oaxaca Springs”: The Daily Lived Experiences of Mexican Migrants in Saratoga Springs, NY.
- 2014-2015 Faculty Research Assistant. The Opportunity Program (OP) Alumni Project. Skidmore College.
- 2013-2015 Mexican American Education Project & Sacramento Chicano Movement Oral History Initiative. Research Consultant and Interviewer. Sacramento, CA.

Past Projects

- 2014 Faculty & Student Summer Research Initiative. Data Collection and Analysis. Visual Representation of Sport in Oaxaca, Mexico and the US. Focus on Visual Ethnography and Visual Literacy.
- 2011 Post-Dissertation research in Los Angeles, CA and Oaxaca, Mexico. Continued fieldwork in the Sierra Norte of Oaxaca and Los Angeles, CA.
- 2010 Dissertation research in Los Angeles, CA and Oaxaca, Mexico. Examined basketball in the Sierra Norte of Oaxaca and Los Angeles, CA.
- 2009 Dissertation research in Los Angeles, CA and Oaxaca, Mexico. Examined traditional cultural practices in the Sierra Norte of Oaxaca and Los Angeles, CA.
- 2009 Graduate Research Assistant. The PAST foundation, Columbus, OH.
- 2009 Graduate Research Assistant. Anthropology department. Research assistant to Dr. Jeffrey Cohen focusing on migration projects.
- 2008 Pre-Dissertation research in Oaxaca City, Mexico. Investigated geographical landscapes in the Mixteca and Isthmus region.
- 2007 Post-thesis research in Oaxaca City, Mexico. Visual Ethnography. Examined basketball, language, and culture in Oaxaca City.
- 2006 Thesis research in Los Angeles, CA and San Diego, CA. Researched the organizations and operations of Oaxacan basketball tournaments.
- 2006 Thesis research in Oaxaca City, Mexico. Preliminary examination of basketball in the Mixteca region and basketball tournaments in Oaxaca City.
- 2005 Thesis research in Oaxaca City, Mexico. Women’s empowerment in Atzompa, Oaxaca City, Mexico. (Ethnographic field methods course)

Scholarly Presentations

Speaker Series (S) Invited Lectures (L)

- 2014 (S) Basketball and Community: Sporting Migrants in Oaxaca, Mexico and Los Angeles, California. Institute for Mesoamerican Studies Speaker Series. University of Albany. September 28.
- 2014 (S) Culture, Identity, and Sports: Indigenous Mexican Migrants Shooting Hoops. Engaged Citizenship Common Experience (ECCE) Speakers Series. University of Illinois at Springfield. September 25.

- 2014 (S) A Chicano Perspective of Success in Higher Education. Black and Latino Male Conference for the Consortium on High Achievement and Success (CHAS). Haverford College. September 14-15.
- 2011 (L) Understanding Race and Ethnicity. Presentation for The Learning Community (TLC) and First-Year Learning Experience. Loyola Marymount University. Los Angeles, California. August 16, 2011.
- 2010 (L) Visual Perceptions of Basketball in Southern Mexico. Presentation for graduate seminar (ART 875) titled "Emergent Methods in Social Research." The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. January 21.
- 2009 (S) Anthropology and Representation: A Visual Quest. Presentation for the Qualitative Inquiry Working Group. Institute for Collaborative Research and Public Humanities. The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. June 5.
- 2009 (L) Visual Ethnography and Methods in Representation. Presentation for graduate seminar (ART 795T) titled "Experimental Writing in Qualitative Research." The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. April 23.
- 2009 (S) Crossing Over: Basketball on the Border of Community. Center for Social Science Research and the Mason Project on Immigration. George Mason University. March 31-April 1.
- 2008 (S) Basketball, Indigeneity, and the Contestation of Modernity: Mexican Migrants in Southern California. Paper and film presented at The Ohio State University for the working group on transnationalism sponsored by the Institute for Population Research and the National Science Foundation. Columbus, Ohio. October 20.
- 2008 (L) Basketball, Community, and Culture: Research Methodologies in Visual Anthropology. Presentation for graduate seminar (ART 875) titled "Social & Cultural Research Methods for Art Education." The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. May 20.
- 2008 (L) Crossing Over: Basketball on the Border of Community. Film presented for graduate seminar (ART 795) on "Experimental Writing in Qualitative Research." The Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio. March 11.

Association Meetings

- 2016 Transnational Oaxaca Collaborations: Language, Culture and Community. Panel session at the Northeastern Anthropology Association Annual Meetings. Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York. April 21-22.
- 2016 Sports and Anthropology: Basketball and Youth Identity in Los Angeles, California and Oaxaca, Mexico. Poster in the Series titled Negotiating Identity and Belonging. American Anthropology Annual Meetings. Denver, Colorado. November 18-22.

- 2015 Proving membership: Forms of Belonging and Accessing Citizenship in Oaxaca, Mexico and Southern California (Mostrando Membrecia: Modos de Pertencimiento y Acceder a Ciudadania en Oaxaca, Mexico y el Sur de California). Society of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology Association Spring Conference. Instituto Cultural De Oaxaca (sede), Biblioteca Henestrosa, Centro Academico San Pablo. Oaxaca, Mexico. Authors: Bernardo Ramirez Rios and Anthony R. Jerry.
- 2014 Performance Predictions at the 2014 FIFA World Cup – Is Brazil Destined to Win? Paper presented at the International Conference on Sport and Society. Universidade Saldado de Oliveira, Niteroi, Brazil. July 16-17. Authors: Bernardo Ramirez Rios and David Nau
- 2014 The Anthropology of Sport: Doing Fieldwork on a Bad Ankle. Paper presented at the Northeastern Anthropology Association Annual Meetings. SUNY Potsdam, Potsdam, New York. April 11-12. Author: Bernardo Ramirez Rios
- 2013 Basketball and Los Lakers: Latino Youth Culture and Sports Participation in Los Angeles, California. Paper presented at the International Conference on Sport and Society. University Center, Chicago. June 13-15. Author: Bernardo Ramirez Rios
- 2011 Oaxacalifornia Hoops: Basketball and Community in Los Angeles, CA and Oaxaca, Mexico. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada. November 16-20. Author: Bernardo Ramirez Rios
- 2010 Does Michael “Air” Jordan Speak Spanish? Copa Benito Juárez in Oaxaca, Mexico. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings, New Orleans. November 17-21. Author: Bernardo Ramirez Rios
- 2010 Mediated Lives: Oaxaca, Mexico and the Daily Lived Experience in Southern California. Co-Authors: Bernardo Ramirez Ríos and Octavio Rodríguez Martínez. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Merida, Mexico. March 24-27.
- 2010 Sports and the U.S. Migrant Experience. Co-Authors: Bernardo Ramirez Ríos and Keith L. Kleszynski. Paper presented at the International Conference on Sport and Society. University of British Columbia. Vancouver, Canada. March 8-10.
- 2009 A Different Game: Basketball and Community Development in Oaxacalifornia. Poster presented at the Society for Economic Anthropology Annual Meetings. University of California Los Angeles. April 2-4.
- 2009 Political Piety: Cultural Directors and Generational Actors in Southern Mexican Migrant/Immigrant Communities. Co-Authors: Bernardo

- Ramirez Ríos and A. Russell Jerry. Paper presented at the Great Lakes Alliance for Social and Behavioral Science/Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Research Conference. Chicago, Illinois. February 6-7.
- 2008 Beyond Transnationalism: Estimating the Costs of Migration in Rural Oaxaca. Author: Dr. Jeffrey H. Cohen, PhD. Co-Authors: Bernardo Ramirez Ríos, M.A. and Lise Byars, J.D. Paper presented at the American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. San Francisco, California. November 19-23.
- 2008 a) Re-Thinking and Developing Political Agency: Indigenous and Migrants as Political Actors. Panel Chair/Discussant at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Memphis, Tennessee. March 25-29.
- b) Transplanting the Local: Community Action through Sport. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Memphis, Tennessee. March 25-29.
- c) Crossing Over: Basketball on the Border of Community. Film presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Memphis, Tennessee. March 25-29.
- 2007 a) Migración II. Panel Chair/Discussant at Séptimo Simposio Internacional Bienal de Estudios Oaxaqueños. Oaxaca, Mexico. August 2-4.
- b) Crossing Over: Basketball on the Border of Community. Film presented at Séptimo Simposio Internacional Bienal de Estudios Oaxaqueños. Oaxaca, Mexico. August 2-4.
- 2006 Torneo Transnacional: Shooting Hoops in Oaxacalifornia. Poster presented at San Diego State University Open House for Graduate Research. San Diego, California. April 8.
- 2006 Playing on the Road: Athletic Participation and Community Development Among Mexican Migrants in the United States. Paper presented at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings, Vancouver, Canada. March 28-April 2.

Diversity and Campus Service

- 2016 Anthropology Internship in Mixed-Methods Skills (AIMS). I will annually train one AIMS student intern in basic procedures to quantitative and qualitative research in anthropology. Grant Submitted [Consortium for Higher Academic Achievement (CHAS). Letter of support from Dean of Faculty Beau Breslin.]
- 2015 Consortium for Faculty Diversity of Liberal Arts Colleges Annual Conference. Swarthmore College.
- 2015 NY6 Faculty of Color Conference. Pulaski, NY.
- 2015 Women of Color Conference for the Consortium on High Achievement and Success (CHAS). Skidmore College.
- 2014 The Latino/a Experience in Higher Education: A Latino Male Faculty Perspective. Director of Faculty and Staff Development Workshop. University of Illinois at Springfield.
- 2014 Organization of Latin American Students Guest. University of Illinois at Springfield.
- 2014 Minority Student Identity at Predominantly White Liberal Arts Colleges. Director of Workshop for Black and Latino Male Conference for the Consortium on High Achievement and Success (CHAS). Haverford College. September 14-15.
- 2014 Consortium for Faculty Diversity of Liberal Arts Colleges Annual Conference. Macalester College.
- 2014 Faculty representative for prospective students from underrepresented backgrounds. Participation in workshops, campus visits, and classroom visits. Skidmore College.
- 2014 Mentor for minority male student workshop on academic success. Skidmore College.
- 2011 Vice President of the Cultural Media Archive (CMA). Non-Profit 501c3. The CMA is an organization that promotes cultural and educational awareness by collecting and distributing media content in a manner distinguishable from traditional commercial distribution. San Diego, CA.
- 2010 Department of Anthropology graduate student diversity representative. Participated in department policies involving equality and representation. The Ohio State University.
- 2010 President of Street Scholarship. Strength, Unity, and Respect (SUR). Organization provides student support for male Latino students and coordinates speaking series on Latino/a's in academia. Ohio State University.
- 2009 Vice President. Latino/a Graduate Student Association. Organization provides graduate student support and works with university on Latino/a affairs. The Ohio State University.

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Professional Associations

American Anthropological Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology
Society for Economic Anthropology
International Sports and Society Association

Languages

Spanish- Intermediate Proficiency (Reading, Writing, and Speaking)
Mixteco Tu'un Savi (Costa)- Advanced Level (Writing and Speaking)

References

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