

# Viviana Alvarez Rodriguez

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## Education

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### **University of California, Irvine: Ph.D. student in the Department of History**

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### **California State University, San Bernardino: Bachelor of Arts, History, Minor in Political Science**

Spring 2023

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

## Research and Academic Experience

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### **Graduate Student Research Assistant**

Summer 2024

- Assisted Dr. Kevan Aguilar, Assistant Professor of History at UC Irvine with soliciting, scanning, and organizing sources housed at the Archivo General de la Nación in Mexico City.

### **Student Editor, Immigration and Ethnic History Newsletter**

May 2022 - 2023

- Line editing bi-yearly newsletter publication
- Currently working alongside Dr. Ryan Keating in the formulation of the Summer 2024 newsletter

### **Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, California State University, San Bernardino**

June 2021 - May 2023

- Carried out research focused on student-youth protest against the Somoza regime in Nicaragua during the 1960s and 70s under the guidance of faculty mentor Dr. Pedro Santoni in the Department of History which culminated in the publishing of an article.

### **UCI Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship**

Summer 2022

- Worked under the mentorship of Dr. Rachel O'Toole, Associate Professor of History at UC Irvine, to record oral histories of Afro-Mexican student activists in Veracruz and researched the state educational institution's narrations of Afro-descendant history.

## **Research Assistant**

January 2022 - June 2022

- Assisted Dr. Louie Valencia, Professor of History at Texas State University, with archival research for an ongoing book project regarding anti-fascist youth movements in response to the AIDS epidemic in late twentieth-century Spain
- Worked with primary sources in Spanish and organized source material on Microsoft Excel

## **History in the Making, Editor, California State University, San Bernardino**

Spring 2021

- Worked collaboratively with authors and other editors to enhance submission pieces structurally and mechanically.
- Amassed experience working on original historical research pieces as well as various graduate-level literature reviews

## **Languages**

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**English:** Native language speaker, fluent in reading and writing

**Spanish:** Native language speaker, fluent in reading and writing

**Portuguese:** Reader

## **Service**

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### **UCI History Graduate Student Association (HGSA) 2024-2025 Conference Co-Director**

Assisting with the planning and organizing of the 2024-2025 Annual HGSA conference titled “(Re) Visioning Narratives.” As co-director, I oversee the progress of our logistics and abstract committee and acquire funding for the annual conference. As co-director and grant writer for this year’s conference I have secured funding from the UCI Humanities Center through the awarding of their Building Intellectual Community Grant and an event co-sponsorship.

### **Diverse Educational Community and Doctoral Experience (DECADE) Cohort Representative**

September 2023 - Present

Meet with other DECADE representatives to coordinate and plan events that promote inclusivity and community among graduate students, alumni, and faculty in the Department of History at UC Irvine

### **UCI Graduate Division Ambassador**

2024-2025 Academic Year

Assisted prospective graduate students interested in programs at UC Irvine by providing resources and answering questions virtually and at graduate fairs.

Planned workshop series with colleagues for prospective graduate students at UC Irvine

### **Inland Empire People's History Conference**

June 1, 2024

Chair for panels titled "Latinx Representations in Educational Spaces" and "Politics, Race, and Labor in Migration."

### **Fugitive Histories and Migrant Knowledge in Latin America and the Caribbean Workshop**

May 20 and 21, 2024

Writer for conference summary scheduled for publishing in spring of 2025

### **CSU San Bernardino MMUF Guest Speaker**

February 15, 2024

Met with current second-year cohort Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellows at CSU San Bernardino to discuss navigating doctoral acceptance offers and packages

### **American Historical Association 2024 Annual Conference**

January 6, 2024

Chair for a panel titled "Can We Call It White Supremacy? Rethinking Racial Systems in Modern Latin America"

**Consortium of Social Sciences Advocacy**

April 24-25, 2023

Met with CA Senate and House representative's staff at the U.S. capital to advocate for expanding federal funding for social science research

**College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean Advisory Board**

2022-2023 Academic Year

Student representative for the Department of History

**Office of Student Research Planning Your Future Through Research Virtual Fair for Incoming and Transfer Students**

March 16, 2023

Student speaker and panelist

**CSUSB 2022 Afro-Latinx Teaching Symposium**

May 22, 2022

Volunteer

**Awards and Fellowships**

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**University of California, Irvine Humanities Center Building Intellectual Community Grant**

December 2024

**University of California, Irvine Center for Liberation, Anti-Racism, and Belonging (C-LAB) Graduate Fellowship**

September 2024

**University of California Digital Humanities Exchange (DHX) Graduate Fellowship**

September 2024

**University of California Routes of Enslavement Graduate Student Research Grant**

April 2024

**UCI Associated Graduate Students Winter 2024 Conference Stipend**

April 2024

**CSU Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program Fellow**

July 2023

**CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Student**

April 2023

**University of California, Irvine Eugene Cota-Robles Fellowship**

March 2023

**University of California, Irvine Humanities Dean Recruitment Fellowship**

March 2023

**University of California, Irvine Diversity Recruitment Fellowship**

March 2023

**University of California, Irvine Summer Program Participant Fellowship**

March 2023

**University of California, Irvine School of Humanities Fellowship**

March 2023

**California State University San Bernardino Research Delegate**

February 2022 & 2023

**CSUSB College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean's List**

Every Term Fall 2018-Spring 2023

**CSU Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Scholarship Recipient**

May 2022

**Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellowship**

June 2021

## **Memberships**

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American Historical Association

Conference on Latin American History

Rocky Mountains Council for Latin American Studies

## **Presentations**

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### **Race and Gender in Post-Revolutionary Mexican Eugenics Societies**

April 6, 2024

University of California, Irvine- 2024 Historians in the Public(s) HGSA Conference

### **From Classrooms to Photo-Albums: Examining the Scope of Afro-Descendant Student Activism in Veracruz, Mexico**

April 29, 2023

San Diego State University- 2023 CSU Research Competition

### **Becoming Sandinistas: The Scope of Student Activism in the Nicaraguan Revolution**

April 19, 2023

California State University, San Bernardino 2023 Latin American Studies Conference

### **Back to Photo-Albums: Afro-Descendant Student's Employment of Local and Familial Histories as Alternate Historical Narration in Veracruz, Mexico**

February 10, 2023

California State University, San Bernardino-2023 CSUSB Research Competition

### **Institutional Barriers to Afro-Descendant Self-Narration in Veracruz, Mexico**

November 19, 2022

Pepperdine University- Southern California Conference for Undergraduate Research

### **Self-Narration of Afro-Mexican Histories**

October 29, 2022

UC Berkeley- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship  
West Coast Conference

**Getting Involved in Undergraduate Research**

October 20, 2022

California State University, San Bernardino Undergraduate  
Student Panel

**Beyond Yanga: Afro-Descendant Self-Narration in Veracruz Mexico**

August 11, 2022

UC Irvine- Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium

**Afro-Mexican Resistance in Colonial and Contemporary Veracruz**

April 30, 2022

CSU Research Competition

**Collective Memory of the Nicaraguan Revolution in Contemporary Student and Youth  
Protest**

April 15, 2022

California State University, San Bernardino - 2022 Meeting of the  
Minds

**Afro-Mexican Cultural and Historical Preservation in  
Veracruz, Mexico**

February 11, 2022

California State University, San Bernardino - CSUSB Research  
Competition

**A Comparative Analysis of Youth Participation During the Nicaraguan Revolution and  
Contemporary Youth Protest**

November 20, 2022

(Virtual) Southern California Conference for Undergraduate  
Research

**Student and Youth Protest in the Nicaraguan Revolution**

November 5, 2022

(Virtual) Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship West Coast  
Conference

**Publications**

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“Student and Youth Sandinistas in the Nicaraguan Revolution.” *History in the Making* vol. 16  
(2023): 237-266.