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**EDUCATION**

Present **Ph.D. Student**

Biological Anthropology

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2020 **B.A. Anthropology**

Minor: Geography

Geotechniques Certificate

California State University, Dominguez Hills

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

2019 **Guatemala Ethnographic Field School**: June 2-July 15

*To Be A Kid in San Jorge, Guatemala*

2019 **Independent Research Project**

Faculty Mentor: Dr. Sarah Lacy

*Arrival and Subsistence in Coastal VS Continental America*

2018 **La Brea Tar Pits**

Paleontological Field school

*A Look at Antique Bison and Ancient Western Horse Dietary Competition and Its Effect on the Paleoecosystem at La Brea Tar Pits*

* Excavation
* Lab work
* Collections
* Presented research at McNair Research Symposium

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

2021 Summer Internship for Indigenous Peoples in Genomics

2020 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2020 Graduate College Fellowship

2019 I-ASPIRE Scholar

2019 Southwestern Anthropological Association, 3rd Place Poster Prize Winner

2019 IDEAS Scholars Workshop AAPA

2018 La Brea Tar Pits Scholarship Award

2018 McNair Scholars Program

**INVITED COLLOQUIA**

2019 *Waste Management at California State University, Dominguez Hills*

Santa Monica College

An anthropological perspective of the waste issues on campus at CSUDH

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

2020-2021 Vice President, Association of Biological Anthropologists, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

2019-2020 President, Anthropology Club, California State University, Dominguez Hills

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

2020 Society for Applied Anthropology, 80th Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico; panel. *To be a kid in San Jorge, Guatemala.*

2019 Southwestern Anthropological Association, 90th Annual Conference, Garden Grove, CA; poster. **S.Z. Vilchis,** Ramirez C, Martinez J, Sanchez S, Diaz G. *Waste Management at California State University, Dominguez Hills.*

2019 American Association of Physical Anthropologists, 88th Annual Meeting, Cleveland, OH; poster. *Humans or Bison?: Extinction of the Western Horse.*

2019 Student Research Day, California State University, Dominguez Hills; poster. *Megafaunal Extinction: Humans or Bison?*

2019 Student Research Day, California State University, Dominguez Hills; poster. *Waste Management at California State Univerisity, Dominguez Hills.*

2018 Southwestern Association of Biological Anthropologists, 6th Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV; poster. *Megafaunal Extinction: Humans or Bison?*

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2019-2020 **Writing Tutor**

Toro Learning & Testing Center, California State University, Dominguez Hills, Carson, CA

I help college students strengthen their writing skills, prepare for writing tests such as the GWAR, and I also guide them to use proper citations in the formats expected of their professors.

2017-2018 **Program Specialist**

Boys and Girls Club, Long Beach, CA

My job was to create lesson plans and activities for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. I monitored and assisted a group of up to 20 students in a variety of settings such as classrooms, playground, and library.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

2019-2020 **VolunQueer**

Queer Cultural Resource Center, CSU Dominguez Hills

I created a safe environment for college queers and allies where I also facilitate discussion about topics that the LGBTQ communities face.

2018 **Member**

East Yard Communities of Environmental Justice

2016 **Member**

Long Beach Breastfeeds Support for Women of Color

2012-2014 **Education Volunteer**

Aquarium of the Pacific

I helped educate children and adults about the different sea and coastal animals at the aquarium. I volunteered hands-on with the animals and regarded their safety along with the costumers. I also explained to our visitors about environmental issues and the different ways to help reduce our impact toward a warming environment.

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

IBM SPSS

R Studio

ArcGIS

QGIS

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2017-present            American Association of Physical Anthropologists

2015-present            American Anthropological Association

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish

Beginning Nahuatl