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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. in Urban Planning » University of Michigan » Taubman College
(Specializations in Community Development and Border Studies)
- 2010 Master of Architecture II » University of Pennsylvania » PennDesign
- 2009 Bachelor of Architecture, with High Distinction » Pennsylvania State University » Stuckeman School of Design

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2021 - present Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning
University of California Berkeley - Berkeley, CA

Affiliations: Just Environments Lab (Director); UC-Berkeley Climate Equity and Environmental Justice Cluster
- 2017 - 2021 Assistant Professor of Environmental Design
University of Colorado Boulder - Boulder, CO

Affiliations: Just Environments Lab (Director); Community Engagement Design and Research (CEDaR) Center (Affiliate); Environmental Justice Cluster
- 2011 - 2012 Instructor of Architecture
Pennsylvania State University - University Park, PA

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Rivera, D. Z., Jenkins, B.,* & Randolph, R.* "Procedural Vulnerability and its Effects on Equitable Post-Disaster Recovery in Low-Income Communities." *Journal of the American Planning Association*. *OnlineFirst*.
- 2021 Rivera, D. Z. "Design in Planning: Bridging the Social Sciences and Humanities." *Urban Planning*, 6 (1), 93-104.
- 2020 Rivera, D. Z. "Disaster Colonialism: A Commentary on Disasters beyond Singular Events to Structural Violence." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *OnlineFirst*.
- 2020 Rivera, D. Z. The Community Union Model of Organizing in Rio Grande Valley Colonias. Special Issue of *Environment and Planning C*, *OnlineFirst*.
- 2014 Rivera, D. Z. The Forgotten Americans: A Visual Exploration of Lower Rio Grande Valley Colonias. *Michigan Journal of Sustainability*, 2, 119-130.

- 2013 Haider, J., Aeschbacher, P., Bose, M., & Rivera, D. Active Living in Small Town America: An Approach to Parks and Recreation Planning and Design. *Studies in the History of Gardens & Designed Landscapes: An International Quarterly*, 33(4), 345-359.

PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH REPORTS

* Works co-authored with students

- 2019 Rivera, D. Z., Jenkins, B.,* & Randolph R.* *Fighting FEMA: Urban Informality and Disaster Response in Río Grande Valley Colonias*. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH REPORTS

* Works co-authored with students

- Forthcoming, Sept 2021* Rivera, D. Z., Chrisafis, C.,* & Julien, K.* *Flooding in Río Grande Valley Colonias: An Evaluation of the TWDB Flooding Survey*. Boulder, CO: Just Environments Lab.
- 2020 Chrisafis, C.,* Julien, K.,* Connors, S.,* Soultz, M.,* Girod, N.,* Novotny, A.,* & Rivera, D. Z. *Food Insecurity in the Río Grande Valley*. Boulder, CO: Just Environments Lab. (Completed for the community through my course, PLAN 3100/4100)
- 2020 Chrisafis, C.,* Julien, K.,* Nissen, M.,* Rodriguez, B.,* & Rivera, D. Z. *Flooding in the Forgotten Americas*. Boulder, CO: Just Environments Lab. (Completed for the community through my course, PLAN 3100/4100)
- 2010 Haider, J., Aeschbacher, P., Bose, M., Parr, C., Rivera, D., Shamalla, M., & Tjoa, P. *Planning and Design Strategies for Healthy Living, Parks and Recreation in the Pottstown Area. Preparing for Implementation: Strategies and Guidelines Report Phase II to the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation*, University Park, PA: The Pennsylvania State University.
- 2009 Haider, J., Aeschbacher, P., Bose, M., Parr, C., Rivera, D., Shamalla, M., & Tjoa, P. (2009). *Planning and Design Strategies for Healthy Living, Parks and Recreation in the Pottstown Area. Community Built Environment and Parks Assessment Report: Phase I to the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation*, University Park, PA: The Pennsylvania State University.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- In Print* Rivera, D. Z. "The Stigma of Informality, Disaster, and Environmental Justice in South Texas Colonias." In G. Marinic & P. Meninato (Eds.), *Informal Cities Reader*. Springer.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Lectures and Talks

- 2021 Rivera, D. Z. (April 8). "Environmental Injustices in Rio Grande Valley Colonias." Texas Tech University. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2021 Rivera, D. Z. (February 4). "Disasters and Coloniality in Puerto Rico." ACSP Puerto Rican Planners. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2021 Rivera, D. Z. (January 27). "Fighting 'Disaster Colonialism' in US Postdisaster Reconstruction." University of Southampton. Online due to COVID-19.

2019 Rivera, D. Z. (November 5). University of Colorado Denver. "Centering the Marginal: Environmental Justice in Latinx Communities." Denver, CO.

Podcasts and Select Online Interviews

2021 Rivera, D. Z. "Disaster Colonialism." Disasters: Deconstructed [Podcast]. University of Florida.

2020 Rivera, D. Z. (November 20). "Disaster Colonialism." GREa in RE [Podcast]. Natural Hazards Center.

2020 Rivera, D. Z. (October 6). "Disaster Colonialism." Geographies of Risk [Podcast], the Environmental Dynamics Lab, University of Southampton.

2019 "Danielle Rivera: Making the Invisible Visible." CU Engage [Interview].

Invited Class Lectures

2020 Rivera, D. Z. (December 2). MIT Norman B. Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism (LCAU) Colloquium. "Disasters and Decolonization." Online due to COVID-19.

2020 Rivera, D. Z. (September 29). Carleton University. "Environmental Planning Session." Online due to COVID-19.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

2021 Rivera, D. Z. (April 7). American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Disaster Colonialism: Structural Inequalities through Perpetual Disaster in the Face of Climate Change" [Paper Presentation]. Online due to COVID-19.

2021 Rivera, D. Z. (March 18). "LAF Superstudio: Rio Grande Valley Studio." Online due to COVID-19.

2020 Rivera, D. Z. (November 5). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 59th Annual Conference, "Disaster Colonialism: How Coloniality Operates through Disaster in Puerto Rico" [Paper Presentation]. Online due to COVID-19.

2020 (*Canceled due to COVID-19*). Rivera, D. Z. Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference. "Green Infrastructure, Environmental Justice, and Race: Evaluating Proposals for Stormwater Infrastructure in Rio Grande Valley Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. Washington, D. C.

2020 (*Canceled due to COVID-19*). Rivera, D. Z. American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Disaster Colonialism: Structural Inequalities through Perpetual Disaster in the Face of Climate Change" [Paper Presentation]. Denver, CO.

2019 Rivera, D. Z. (October 26). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 58th Annual Conference, "'Deferred Maintenance': South Texas Colonias and the Fight Against FEMA" [Paper Presentation]. Greenville, SC.

2018 Rivera, D. Z. (October 26). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 57th Annual Conference, "Relational Approach to Environmental Injustices in Puerto Rican Recovery" [Paper Presentation]. Buffalo, NY.

2018 Rivera, D. Z. (April 10). American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Chávez, Huerta, and the Fight for Land in U.S./Mexico Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. New Orleans, LA.

- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. (May 27). Housing Across Borders: Mexican and U.S. Housing in Perspective, "Reclaiming 'Self-Help' within Rio Grande Valley Colonia Organizing" [Paper presentation]. San Diego, CA.
- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. (April 5-9). American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Quiet Social Movements & Everyday Life in the Urban Global South: Toward New Geographies of Social Change" [Paper Presentation]. Boston, MA.
- 2016 Rivera, D. Z. (November 2). Spaces of Struggle Conference, "The Nepantleras: Colonia Organizing in a Liminal Space between the Global North and South" [Paper Presentation]. Portland, OR.
- 2016 Rivera, D. Z. (March 18). Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference, "Theorizing Community Organizing in a Diverse Society: Case Study in Rio Grande Valley Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. San Diego, CA.
- 2015 Rivera, D. Z. (October 24). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 55th Annual Conference, "People or Place in Nonprofit Anti-Poverty Programs? Comparative Case Analysis in Rio Grande Valley Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. Houston, Texas.
- 2014 Rivera, D. Z. (April 5). Association of Borderland Studies (ABS) Annual Meeting, "Informal/Formal Divide: Municipal Borders and Annexation Policies in Borderland Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. Albuquerque, NM.
- 2011 Lindberg, D., & Rivera, D. Z. (October 27). Mentoring Conference: Learning Across Disciplines, "PORO[US BORDER]S: Mentoring where Real Problems Meet" [Paper Presentation]. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2011 Lindberg, D., Rivera, D. Z., & Longenbach, A. (May 6). ICARUS II, "Panel Theme 6: Mapping, Analyzing, and Modeling Institutional Actors and Policy Formation Network Dynamics" [Paper Presentation]. Panel Discussant and Presenter, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 6.

SYMPOSIA + ROUNDTABLES

- 2021 Rivera, D. Z. (February 3). Landscape Architecture Foundation, "LAF Superstudio Spring Kick-Off" [Panel Presenter + Participant]. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2020 Contreras, S. & Rivera, D. Z. (November 8). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 57th Annual Conference, "Becoming More Purposeful: How can Community-Engaged Studios Increase their Impacts?" [Roundtable Organizer + Participant]. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2019 Rivera, D. Z. (May 16). Colorado Creative Industries Summit, "Space, Place, and Diversity in the Arts" [Panel Moderator]. Salida, CO.
- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (October 27). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 57th Annual Conference, "Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Planning & Urban Studies Departments" [Roundtable Participant]. Buffalo, NY.
- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (May 4). University of Washington Program in Urban Design and Planning Symposium, "Inclusive Pedagogy" [Panel]. Seattle, WA.

- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (April 13). American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Engaging Southern Theory: Challenging Hierarchies of Knowledge & Place II" [Roundtable Participant]. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. (October 14). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 56th Annual Conference, "Session on Puerto Rico Post-Hurricane Maria" [Roundtable Organizer and Moderator]. Denver, CO.
- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. & Rishi, S. (October 14). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 56th Annual Conference, "Towards a Relational Understanding of Urban Informality and Planning II" [Roundtable Co-Organizer]. Denver, CO.
- 2016 Rivera, D. Z. & Rishi, S. (November 5). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 55th Annual Conference, "Towards a Relational Understanding of Urban Informality and Planning" [Roundtable]. Portland, OR.
- 2014 Rivera, D. Z. (November 1-2). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 54th Annual Conference, "Nonprofit and CDC Organization in Southern Texas Colonias" [Poster]. Philadelphia, PA.

GRANTS

- 2019 - 2020 CU ENVD Seed Grant, Principal Investigator, \$39,000
- 2018 - 2019 CU IMPART Award, Principal Investigator, \$4,000
- 2017 - 2018 CU Innovative Seed Grant, With Dr. Amy Javernick-Will and Dr. Abbie Liel, \$50,000
- 2016 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Principal Investigator, \$10,000
- 2015 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Candidate - Principal Investigator, \$5,000
- 2014 - 2015 Ford School Center for Public Policy in Diverse Societies Research Grant, Principal Investigator, \$10,000
- 2013 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Pre-Candidate - Principal Investigator, \$5,000

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2019 Winner: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Case Study Award
- 2016 Wait-listed: Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2014 Winner: ACSP Conference Jury Award for Best Poster
- 2013 Honorable Mention: Saarinen Swanson Annual Essay Competition, Taubman College, University of Michigan
- 2011 Winner: ACSA Archive Two, I Am a Second Responder (with Darla Lindberg, David Mosemann, Adam Longenbach, and Zach Jones)
- 2009 First-Place: Paul Kossman Thesis Award, Penn State Architecture
- 2009 Winner: Departmental Five-Year Design Merit Award, Penn State Architecture

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

* Courses I developed

Landscape Architecture + Environmental Planning, University of California Berkeley

Fall 2021 LDARCH C242* Elective Workshop: "Participation + Engagement in Planning + Design" (15 students)

Environmental Design, University of Colorado Boulder

Spring 2021 PLAN 2004* Lecture: "Planning Histories + Theories" (25 students)

Fall 2020 ENVD 4311* Elective: "Housing Policies + Practices: Housing Justice" (23 students)

 PLAN 3100* Junior Planning Studio: "Climate Justice in South Texas Colonias" (15 students)

Spring 2020 PLAN 2004* Lecture: "Planning Histories + Theories" (30 students)

 PLAN 4100/3100* Senior/Junior Travel Studio: "South Texas Colonias" (12 students)

Fall 2019 ENVD 4311* Elective: "Housing Policies + Practices: Housing Justice" (25 students)

Spring 2019 ENVD 2130* Sophomore Studio: "Urban Planning/Landscape Architecture" (Co-Coordinator of all ten sections)

Fall 2018 ENVD 4100* Senior Seminar: "Global Cities Seminar" (25 students)

 ENVD 3100* Junior Studio: "Urban Planning + Design" (Coordinator of all eight sections)

Spring 2018 ENVD 3134* Large Sophomore Lecture: "History and Theory of Environmental Design: Precincts" (225 students)

Fall 2017 ENVD 4100* Senior Seminar: "Global Cities Seminar" (28 students)

 ENVD 3100* Junior Studio: "Urban Planning + Design" (Co-Coordinator of all eight sections)

Spring 2017 ENVD 3134 Large Sophomore Lecture: "History and Theory of Environmental Design: Precincts" (215 students)

Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan

Winter 2013 UP 505 Small Lecture: "Fundamentals of Planning Practice" (Graduate Student Instructor)

Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University

Spring 2012 ARCH 132 Freshmen Studio: "Architecture Studio II" (15 students)

Fall 2011 ARCH 131s Freshmen Studio: "Architecture Studio I" (15 students)

STUDENT ADVISING

Committee Member - Doctoral Dissertations

2019 - present Alex Standen (Environmental History)

2019 - 2020 Jennifer Shelby (Environmental Studies)

Chair - Undergraduate Honors

2020 - 2021 Planning and Urban Design - Sebastian Bielski

2019 - 2020 Planning and Urban Design - Constantine (Dean) Chrisafis

Architecture and Urban Design - Drake Williams

2018 - 2019 Planning and Urban Design - Erick Gudvangen Sherwood

Student Grants + Awards

2019 - 2020 UROP Funding (\$3,000 total) - Constantine (Dean) Chrisafis

2018 - 2019 UROP Funding (\$4,500 total) - Erick Gudvangen Sherwood and Rebecca Randolph

ENVD Writing Award - Bradleigh Jenkins

ENVD Research Award - Erick Gudvangen Sherwood

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)

American Planning Association (APA)

Relational Poverty Network (RPN)

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

Center of Puerto Rican Studies (Centro)

Puerto Rican Studies Association (PRSA)

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY

2021-2022 PhD Committee

Award + Competitions - MIG Inclusive Planning and Design Award

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

2020-2021 Executive Committee: Tenure-Track Representative

Graduate Program Taskforce

2019 - 2020 Executive Committee: Tenure-Track Representative

Curriculum Restructuring Committee: Sustainable Planning + Urban Design Major/Minor - Coordinator

- Diversity Committee
- 2018 - 2019 Curriculum Restructuring Committee: Sustainable Planning + Urban Design Major/Minor - Coordinator
- Graduate Committee: Research Masters Development
- Honors Council (Fall 2018)
- 2017 - 2018 Diversity Committee (Chair)
- Honors Council (Spring 2017)
- Scholarship Committee
- 2016 - 2017 Scholarship Committee
- Instructor Search Committee (Spring 2017)

RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

- 2018 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Reviewer

PEER REVIEW FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Planning Theory (2); Urban Planning (1); Centro Journal (1); Progress in Planning (1); Annals of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) (1); Radical Housing Journal (1); Society (1); Journal of Planning Literature (1)

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2019 - present ACSP POCIG - CV Book Committee
POCIG By-Laws Taskforce (Spring 2021)
- 2017 Spaces of Struggle - Denver (On-Site Coordinator)

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2016 - 2018, ACSP Conference Panel Organizer
2020 - 2021

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2018 - 2020 The Rural Project, a student-led design-build group, Faculty Co-Advisor
- 2018 - 2019 CU-Boulder Outreach & Engagement, "Diversity, Art, and Place" Series

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

English (Fluent)

Spanish (Advanced)

Italian (Basic)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012 - 2015 Graduate Student Research Assistant
University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI

- 2010 - 2012 Graduate Researcher
Pennsylvania State University - Architecture - State College, PA
- 2009 - 2010 DigiFab Lab Machine Operator
University of Pennsylvania - PennDesign - Philadelphia, PA
- 2004 - 2009 Architectural Intern
Studio Morpheus - State College, PA