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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D. Justice Studies  
Dissertation Title: *Border Crossings: Human Smuggling Operations in the U.S. Southwest*  
Arizona State University, May 2011
- M.A. Humanities  
Arizona State University, May 2005
- B.A. Socio-Cultural Anthropology  
Arizona State University, December 2002

## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 2015 Assistant Professor, National Security Studies Institute, University of Texas El Paso
- 2014-2015 Clinical Professor, Sociology Department, Catholic University, Washington D.C.
- 2013-2014 Research Fellow, Border Crossings Observatory. Criminology Department.  
Monash University, Melbourne, Australia
- 2012-2013 Visiting Lecturer, Transnational Feminisms and Migration, Wellesley College, MA
- 2011-2012 Fulbright Fellow, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- 2010-2011 Post-doctoral Researcher/Program Manager, Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and  
Responses to Terrorism (START). University of Maryland, College Park, MD
- 2009-2013 Faculty Associate: Justice Studies. Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2012-2015 Migration Specialist, International Committee of the Red Cross, Washington, DC.
- 2007 Intern Researcher, US State Department Bureau of International Narcotics and Law  
Enforcement, Washington DC
- 2000-2007 Presentence Investigations and Pretrial Services Officer, Maricopa County Superior  
Court, Phoenix, AZ
- Since 2002 Consultant on National Security, Border Control and Surveillance issues for US government  
agencies (DHS -ICE; DHS- DNDO; DHS- CBP; DEA; DoD; DoS). Past Top Secret, Secret  
and Title IX (Linguist) clearances.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Sanchez, Gabriella (2015). *Border Crossings and Human Smuggling*. Routledge Series on Borders and Crime. Routledge. London, UK. **(Nominated for Best Book of the Year, International Association for the Study of Organized Crime)**

Sanchez, Gabriella (2015). "Crimes of Mobility: Human Smuggler Facilitators in the US Southwest." p 275-286. Sharon Pickering and Julie Ham, eds. *Routledge Handbook on Crime and International Migration*. Routledge. London, UK.

Provine, Mary and Gabriella Sanchez (2012). "Suspecting Immigrants: Exploring Links between Racialized Anxieties and Expanded Police Powers in Arizona." Leanne Weber, Ben Bowling, eds. *Stop and Search: Police Power in Global Contexts*. London, UK: Routledge.

Romero, Mary and Gabriella Sanchez (2012). "Critical Issues Faced by Latino Defendants." In Martin Urbina, ed. *Hispanics in the U.S. Criminal Justice System: The New American Demography*. Springfield, IL: Charles C. Thomas.

Sanchez, Gabriella (2011) "Implications of the Enforcement of Anti-Human Trafficking Law: The SB1372 Experience in Maricopa County, Arizona." *Conference Proceedings, Policing in South Africa 2010 and Beyond*. Institute for Security Studies: Johannesburg, South Africa.

Provine, Mary and Gabriella Sanchez (2011). "Suspecting Immigrants: Exploring Links between Racialized Anxieties and Expanded Police Powers in Arizona." *Policing and Society*. Vol. 21, 4, 468-479.

Sanchez, Gabriella and Mary Romero (2010). "Critical Race Theory in the US Sociology of Immigration." *Sociology Compass*. Vol. 4, September: 779-788.

Sanchez, Gabriella. (2009) "Agency and Migration in Human Smuggling." *Johns Hopkins Journal of Human Rights and Civil Society*. Vol. 2, 125-130.

#### Forthcoming:

Sanchez, Gabriella (2016). "Beyond the Matrix of Oppression: human smuggling as human security from below." Paik, L. and Parmar, A. eds. Special Issue on Intersectionality and Criminology. *Theoretical Criminology*.

Sanchez, Gabriella. (2016) "Smuggling as a Spectacle: Irregular Migration and Coyotes in Contemporary US Latino Popular Culture." Aldama, F. Ed. *The Routledge Handbook of Latino Pop Culture*. New York, Routledge.

Sanchez, Gabriella. (2017) "Risk management in human smuggling: the families speak." Gerard, A. and Vecchio, F., eds. *Tracing Responsibility: the entrapment of asylum seekers in precarious livelihoods*. Palgrave MacMillan.

Sanchez, Gabriella. (2016) "Human Smuggling from Central America" Lackzo, F., ed. *Data and Research on Human Smuggling: A Global Report*. International Organization for Migration. Geneva, Switzerland.

#### In Progress

Sanchez, Gabriella (2016). "Women as Human Smugglers in the US Southwest."

Sanchez, Gabriella. "Minors as facilitators of human smuggling and drug trafficking on the US Mexico Border."

Sanchez, Gabriella. "Collaboration, collision or mere encounters? Drug and Human Smuggling on the US/MX Border."

Sanchez, Gabriella. "Human security from below: the role of families in the negotiation of human smuggling services."

Sanchez, Gabriella. "Human Smuggling as a form of security from below: comparative study of smuggling in Australia, Kurdistan and the US/Mexico Border."

Technical Reports

Sanchez, Gabriella (2015). Forensic Processes Applicable to the Human Remains of Border Crossers. *International Committee of the Red Cross*, Washington, D.C.

Sanchez, Gabriella. (2012) Migrant Vulnerabilities along the US Mexico Border. *International Committee of the Red Cross*. Washington, D.C.

Sanchez, Gabriella (2011). *Social Organization of Human Smuggling Networks in the Southwest*. START, University of Maryland. College Park, MD.

Sanchez, Gabriella, Gary Ackerman, Peter Reuter and Phil Williams. (2011) *Annotated Bibliography of Transnational Criminal Organizations, Terrorists and Radiological/ Nuclear Material in Central America and the Caribbean*. START, University of Maryland. College Park, MD.

Lee, Erik, Jonathan Alanis, Felicia Cantrell, Zoe Sarabo and Gabriella Sanchez (2011). *Bi-national, Multi-state Survey of Human Trafficking Legislation and Collaboration*. North American Center for Trans-border Studies, Arizona State University.

**TEACHING**

*University of Texas at El Paso*  
*Fall 2015*

Transnational Organized Crime (Graduate Seminar)  
Strategy and Intelligence in the Americas (Graduate Seminar)

*Catholic University*  
*Summer 2015*

SOC101 Introduction to Sociology  
SOC345 Sociology of Sports

*Spring 2015*

SOC101 Introduction to Sociology  
SOC252 Transnational Crime  
SOC452 Senior Seminar: Urban Ethnography through Digital Storytelling  
SOC501 Independent Graduate Seminars: Human Trafficking

*Fall 2014*

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology  
SOC 202/ 505 Research Methods  
SOC 208/ 508 Sociology of Delinquency

*Wellesley College*

WGST 205 Gender, Globalization and Migration, Spring 2013  
WGST 106 Introduction to Women and Gender Studies, Spring 2013  
WGST 314 Global Feminisms Seminar: Conceptualizing Human Trafficking(s), Fall 2012  
WGST 205 Love and Intimacy, Fall 2012

*Arizona State University*

JUS 335 Organized Crime, Summer 2013  
JUS 350 Immigration and Justice, Spring 2012  
JUS 352 Global Politics of Human Rights, Fall 2011  
JUS 222 Drugs and Justice, Summer 2011, Winter 2010, Winter 2009, Fall 2007

JUS 294 Drug and Human Trafficking, Summer 2010  
JUS 494 Sex, Drugs and Death, Spring 2010  
JUS 591/ASB 591 Ethnographic Methods (I, II) Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 (Teaching Assistant)  
JUS 330 Research Methods in Justice Studies – Fall 2007 (Teaching Assistant)

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS**

2015 Travel Grant, Family and Migration Law Workshop. VU University, Amsterdam.  
2013-2014 Monash University. Border Crossing Observatory Fellowship. AUD\$97,000  
2013 Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Development of Relationships during Infancy: Minority Families in Israel (co-writer, grant application) €205,925  
2012 Wellesley College, Faculty Research Grant, Mexico's Folk Saints and Drug Trafficking \$780  
2012 U.S. Israel Education Foundation Research Grant \$500  
2011 U.S. State Department Fulbright Grant to Israel \$14,900  
2011 Conference of Border Governors' Grant for the study of Human Trafficking Legislation along the U.S. Mexico Border \$1,000  
2011 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Arizona State University \$9,500  
2010 Community Leaders Scholarship, Arizona State Savings and Credit Union \$4,000  
2010 Summer Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Arizona State University Graduate College \$5,000  
2009 School of Justice and Social Inquiry Travel Grant \$2,500  
2009 U.S. Department of Homeland Security (START UMD) Pre-doctoral Fellowship \$5,000  
2008 George Washington's University – SICAR Fellow, National Security Archives \$600  
2008-2010 Arizona State University- Graduate and Professional Student's Association Travel Grant  
2008 U.S. State Department Critical Language Scholarship (CLS)  
2008 U.S. State Department Boren Fellowship National Security Education Program (NSEP) \$15,900  
2004 U.S. Department of Education Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship (FLAS) \$4,400  
2003 NSF Minority Scholarship to Costa Rica

### **PRESENTATIONS**

November 18-21, 2015. "Comparative Approaches to Human Smuggling Operations: the case of the Middle East, the Pacific and the US/Mexico Border." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.  
July 23, 2015. "Reframing Human Smuggling: The Facilitation of Extralegal Migration as *security from below*." Race, Democracy, Crime and Justice Network, National Science Foundation. Ohio State University, Columbus.  
July 9, 2015. "Root causes and cultural sensitivity on human trafficking research." Conference, *An American Catholic Response to Modern Day Slavery*. Catholic University. Washington DC.  
March 28, 2015. "Securing a "good" smuggler: negotiating smuggling services on the US Mexico Border." *Migration as a Family Matter Workshop*. Netherlands University, Amsterdam.  
February 21, 2015. "Collaboration, collision or simple encounters? Drug and Human smuggling on the US Mexico Border." *International Studies Association* Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana.  
January 29, 2015. "Giving hope to the nameless: Forensic services for undocumented migrants and their families along the US Mexico Border." Catholic University of America, Washington DC.  
November 27, 2014. "Human Smuggling's Myths." Citizens Summit on Refugee Protections. Citizens for Change Coalition, Sydney, Australia.  
May 18, 2014. "Women's experiences as Human Smugglers." Migration Routes Workshop. Watson Center for International Studies, Brown University. Providence, US.  
February 24, 2014. "Michoacán's displaced women: the impact of local anti-drug trafficking enforcement in Central Mexico. *Refugee International*, Washington DC.

- October 31, 2013. Discussant. "Beyond Territoriality: Rethinking Human Mobility, Border Security and Geopolitical Space from the Indonesian Border of Bintan." (Anne McNevin presents). Monash University, Caulfield Campus.
- October 30, 2013. "Smuggling Operations, Border Surveillance and Law Enforcement Responses." Management of Serious Crime Program (MOSC 55). Australian Federal Police College, Canberra, Australia.
- September 20, 2013. "The Greedy, the Lewd, the Deceitful: Representing the Human Smuggler." Researchers for Asylum Seekers Conference on the Representations of Refugees and Asylum Seekers. The University of Melbourne. Melbourne, Australia.
- September 17, 2013. "Contextualizing Violence in Human Smuggling: Notes from the Field." Monash Border and Asylum Network Seminar Series. Melbourne, Australia.
- September 10, 2013. Post-graduate workshop. "Preparation and Expectations of Fieldwork." School of Criminology. Monash University. Melbourne, Australia.
- September 2, 2013. "Gendering Border Crossings: Women as Providers of Protection in Human Smuggling." Brokering Human Security: Access at Times of Heightened Migration Control. City of Paris/University of the Netherlands/CERI, Paris, France.
- July 11, 2013. "Women's Experiences as Human Smugglers in the U.S. Southwest." Crime, Justice and Social Democracy Conference. Queensland University of Technology. Brisbane, Australia.
- April 29, 2013. "Tracing the Transformation of Human Smuggling Networks: Smuggler – initiated violence in Arizona." Transnational Studies Initiative. Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- April 5, 2013. "Violence as an element of irregular border crossings: Human Smuggling Operations in the US Southwest." Conable Conference, Rochester Institute of Technology. Rochester, NY.
- March 21, 2013. "Violence and Risk in Undocumented Immigration Processes." Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. Boston, MA.
- March 19, 2013. Invited Talk. "Migrant kidnapping networks in Arizona." Terrorism, Transnational and Corruption Center, George Mason University. Arlington, VA.
- December 2012. Invited Talk. "Undocumented immigration in U.S. National Security Discourses." Department of Socio-Cultural Anthropology. State University of Sinaloa. Culiacan, Mexico.
- November 16, 2012. "Women's involvement in Human Smuggling in the Southwest." American Society of Criminology Meetings. Chicago, IL.
- April 26, 2013. "The role of gender in the U.S. human smuggling market." Bilkent Migration Workshop, Bilkent University. Ankara, Turkey.
- April 11, 2012. "Latina immigrants' involvement in human smuggling." Gender, Borders, Migration and Criminology Workshop. Border Crossing Observatory. Monash University Center. Prato, Italy.
- March 21, 2012. "Human Smuggling in the Southwest: Comparative Approaches." School of Law. Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv, Israel.
- March 13, 2012. "Latina Undocumented Migration to Israel." Fulbright Enrichment Seminar, Moroccan-American Commission for Educational and Cultural Exchange. Rabat, Morocco.
- October 7, 2011. Convener. "The Social Organization of Human Smuggling." Human Smuggling and Organized Crime in Mexico: Three Case Studies. Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.
- September 23, 2011. "Border Crossings: Smuggling Operations in the Southwest." Newberry Library, Borderlands and Latino Studies Seminar. Chicago, IL.
- July 8, 2011. "Everyday life implications of the enforcement of anti-human smuggling laws in Arizona." Monash University's Stop and Search in Global Contexts Workshop. King's College. London, England.
- December 2, 2010. "Implications of the Implementation of anti-human trafficking statutes: Maricopa County and SB1372." International Conference: Towards a Coherent Strategy for Crime Reduction in South Africa Beyond 2010. Institute for Security Studies. Johannesburg, South Africa.
- October 8, 2010. "Embodied Immigrant Worker Experiences and Ruling Relations in Policing Citizenship." LatCrit XV Conference, Denver CO. (With Mary Romero).

- September 27, 2010. "The Social Organization of Human Smuggling." Annual Symposium, Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START) University of Maryland. Washington, D.C.
- May 26, 2010. "Transnational Experiences of immigrant women involved in drug trafficking operations in Maricopa County." Law and Society Meetings, Chicago, IL.
- April 8, 2010. "Rush Hour *Bajador*: Migration-related kidnappings in the Southwest." National Association of Chicano and Chicana Studies Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA.
- March 3, 2010. Invited talk. "Women in Human Smuggling Operations." Seminar on U.S./Mexico Border Relations, Trinity University. San Antonio, Texas.
- June 3, 2009. "Immigrant Women Participation in Drug Smuggling Operations." International Criminology Roundtable. Monash University Center. Prato, Italy.
- April 15, 2009. "Queens, Nuns and Snipers: Drug smugglers in the Borderlands Imaginarium." Bold Caballeros, Noble Bandidas International Conference, Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ.
- November 10, 2008. "Immigrant Participation in Human Smuggling: A Perspective on Agency." Protection Project Symposium. Johns Hopkins University. Washington, DC.
- October 17, 2008. "Women's involvement in Drug Smuggling in Arizona." American Studies Association Annual Meeting. Albuquerque, NM.
- April 8, 2008. "Drug trafficking trends in Arizona." Labor Movements and Movements of Labor Conference. Arizona State University. Tempe, AZ.

## **FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

2015-2016. Legal consequences upon Mexican minors from their participation in the facilitation of drug and human smuggling services.

2015 The impact of drug trafficking and environmentally- related conflict in the emergence of displaced populations in and through Mexico. US/Mexico Border, and Michoacan, Mexico.

2014 *Women's Smuggling and Border Crossing Experiences*. Salt Lake City, Utah. Monash University.

2014 *Human smuggling and migration into Kurdistan*. Sulymaniyah, Iraq. Self-funded.

2013-2014 With Sharon Pickering – Australia Science Council Professorial Fellow on Borders. *Women, Borders and Immigration Controls*. Comparative work in Melbourne, Australia and the U.S.-Mexico Border. Monash University, Melbourne.

2013 *Folk religion in a Drug Trafficking Hub: a visit to Jesus Malverde's Chapel*. Sinaloa, Mexico. Funded by Wellesley College.

2011-2012 Fulbright Fellow. *Migrant Journeys: Undocumented Migration to Israel and Border Security Practices*. Hebrew University. Funded by the US State Department. Jerusalem, Israel.

2011 *Nuclear Security Practices and Organized Crime in Mexico*. Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism START- University of Maryland. Funded by the US Department of Homeland Security. Mexico City, Mexico.

2009-2011 *Human Smuggling Operations in the Southwest*. Ethnographic field research in Maricopa County, Arizona. Ethnographic fieldwork, qualitative interviews and archival research on local human smuggling markets.

2009 *The Dynamics of Drug and Human Smuggling Operations along North Africa's Coasts*. Morocco, North Africa. Ethnographic fieldwork on smuggling routes used by migrants and smuggling groups. Funded by the US State Department –Boren National Security Fellowship.

2009 With Sheldon Zhang. *Sex Trafficking in a Border Community*. Michoacán, Tlaxcala and Mexico City, Mexico. Ethnographic work, participant observation in local sex work markets in Central Mexico. Funded by the US Department of Justice.

2008 *European Border Security and Undocumented Immigration practices among Tunisian migrants*. Tunisia, North Africa. Funded by the US State Department.

2004 *Europe-bound Undocumented Migration from Ecuador's Rural and Indigenous Communities*. Venecia Derecha, Ecuador. Funded by the US National Science Foundation.

## **PROFESSIONAL, ACADEMIC SERVICE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2015 Oxford University Press –Latino Studies Editorial Board Member

2015 University of Nebraska : Global Latin/o Americas Series –Member, Editorial Advisory Board

2014-2015 Guest Editor. *Anthropology News*. American Association of Anthropology.

2013 Chair. Panel on Transnational Crime, Mobility and Sovereignty. American Anthropological Association Meeting. Chicago, IL.

2013 Chair, Discussion Roundtable on Immigration. Eastern Sociological Society Meetings. Boston, MA.

2013 Presenter, Immigration Roundtable. Wellesley College

2011 Convener. Human Smuggling and Organized Crime in Mexico: Three Case Studies. Woodrow Wilson Center, Washington, DC.

2009 NSF Workshop on Immigration. Organizational Committee, Justice Studies, Arizona State University.

2008 Faculty Search Committee (Student Representative) Justice Studies, Arizona State University.

2008 Labor Movements and Movements of Labor Conference. Organizational Committee, Arizona State University.

2008 Interpreter, Human Rights Watch Report. Women on Immigration Detention. Florence, Arizona.

2008- 2011 Grant Reviewer, Graduate and Professional Studies Association, Arizona State University.

2003- 2011 Spanish translator and interpreter, Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project. Florence, Arizona.

Reviewer for: *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *Revista Académica Norteamérica*; *Rutgers Law Review Journal*; *University of Liverpool Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *US National Science Foundation*; *Polity Press*.

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in Spanish

Limited proficiency Arabic, French

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Border Crossing Observatory at Monash University.

National Science Foundation -Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network.

American Society of Criminology

American Anthropological Association

Society for Applied Anthropology