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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023-2024 Presidential Visiting Fellow, Yale University

2022-Present Assistant Professor, Purdue University  
Department of Anthropology

2018-2022 Assistant Professor, Wellesley College  
Women's and Gender Studies Department

2016-2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Rice University  
Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

### EDUCATION

2016 PhD, Anthropology, University of California, Irvine

2011 MA, Anthropology, University of California, Irvine

2009 BA, Anthropology, University of Florida, Gainesville  
Emphasis: Health Sciences/Pre-Med  
Minor: Chemistry

### FELLOWSHIP AWARDS AND GRANTS

2023 Eileen Basker Memorial Book Prize of the Society for Medical Anthropology

2023 Finalist for the Ludwik Fleck Book Prize of the Society for Social Studies of Science

2023-24 RITM Faculty Fellow, Yale University

2022-23 ERSS Grant, Purdue University

2021-22 AAUW American Postdoctoral Fellowship

2020 New England Humanities Consortium Grant

2020 Knapp/Newhouse Summer Fellow, Wellesley College

2019 Faculty Research Award, Wellesley College

2019 ER&D, Wellesley College

2019 Mauer Public Speaking Fellow, Wellesley College

2018 Women of Color Leadership Project, National Women's Studies Association

2017 Wenner-Gren Foundation – Conference/Workshop Grant

2016	Dynamic Mentor Award, University of California, Irvine
2016	Brocher Foundation, Switzerland, Residential Fellow
2016	UCI Graduate Student Fellowship Award, Spring Quarter
2015	Eugene Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship Grant
2015	UCI Anthropology Department Fellowship Award, Fall Quarter
2014	FAPESP's São Paulo School of Advanced Sciences on Biotechnology, Biosocialities and the Governance of Life Sciences, Research Fellow
2014	Wenner-Gren Foundation – Dissertation Improvement Grant
2013	Diversity Educational Community and Doctoral Experience program, travel grant
2011-14	National Science Foundation-Graduate Research Fellowship Program (NSF-GRFP)
2011	UCI Graduate Student Summer Funding
2010	UCI Department of Anthropology Summer Research Grant
2009	Eugene Cota-Robles Diversity Fellowship Grant
2008-09	Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program Fellow

## PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP

2022-	Editorial Board Member, <i>Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience</i>
2020-	Editorial Board Member, <i>Feminist Anthropology Journal</i>
2019-20	Treasurer, Executive Board member, National Women's Studies Association

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book

2023	Eileen Basker Memorial Book Prize of the Society for Medical Anthropology.
2023	Finalist for the Ludwik Fleck Prize of the Society for Social Studies of Science.
2022-2023	Reviewed in <i>Medical Anthropology Quarterly</i> , <i>Catalyst</i> , and <i>American Ethnologist</i>
2022	<i>Weighing the Future: Race, Science, and Pregnancy Trials in the Postgenomic Era</i> . University of California Press.

### Original Edited Collections:

2017-2019	<i>Co-Editor, Medical Anthropology</i> , special double issue on “Race and Racism in Reproduction Across Medicine, Science, and Technology.” Vol 38 (7) and Vol 38 (8)
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### Peer Reviewed Articles

2023	Warin Megan, and <b>Natali Valdez</b> , “#My(white)BodyMyChoice.” <i>Thesis Eleven</i> , 177(1), 71-75.
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2023 "Studying Up from the Margins in a white-supremacist-cis-hetero-patriarchal-capitalist culture" *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 37(3):190-203.

2022 **Valdez, Natali**, Megan Carney, Emily Yates-Doerr, Abril Saldana-Tejeda, Jessica Hardon, Hanna Garth, Alyshia Galvez, and Maggie Dickinson. "Duoethnography as Transformative Praxis: Conversations about Nourishment and Coercion in the COVID-era Academy." *Feminist Anthropology*, 3(1):92-105.

2022 "The Politics of Postgenomic Reproduction: Exploring Pregnant Narratives from Within a Clinical Trial" *Science, Technology, and Human Values*, 47(6): 1205-1230.

2020 "Reproducing Whiteness: Race, Food, and Epigenetics." *American Anthropologist*, 122(3): 668–69.

2019 **Valdez, Natali** and Daisy Deomampo, "Centering Race and Racism in Reproduction" *Medical Anthropology*, 38(7): 551-559.

2019 "Improvising Race: Clinical Trials and Racial Classifications" *Medical Anthropology*, 38(8):635-650.

2018 "The Redistribution of Reproductive Responsibility: On the Epigenetics of "Environment" in Prenatal Interventions." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly*, 32(3): 425-442.

2014 Simmons, Courtney, Chris Anderson, **Natali Valdez**, Francisco Mardones, Ellen A Nohr, Lucilla Poston, Katherina Quack Loetscher, and Barbara Abrams. No global consensus: A cross-sectional survey of maternal weight policies. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*, 14(1): 167-168.

Forthcoming:

Perez-Brumer, Amaya, **Natali Valdez**, and Ayden Scheim. "The Anti-Gender Threat: An Ethical, Democratic, and Scientific Imperative for NIH Research/ers" *Social Science and Medicine*.

**Valdez, Natali** and Marine Lappé. "Intersectional approaches to gender and race in Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (DOHaD)" in the edited volume on DOHaD. Cambridge University Press.

Hardin, Jessica, Abril Saldaña-Tejeda, Alyshia Gálvez, Emily Yates-Doerr, Hanna Garth, Maggie Dickinson, Megan Carney, **Natali Valdez**. "Duo-ethnography Methods: A Feminist Take on Collaborative Research" *Field Methods*.

Essays and Commentaries

2020 Burnett, Diana, Megan A. Carney, Lauren Carruth, Sarah Chard, Maggie Dickinson, Alyshia Gálvez, Hanna Garth, **Natali Valdez**, et al. "Anthropologists Respond to The Lancet EAT Commission." *Bionatura*. 5(1): 1023–24.  
<https://doi.org/10.21931/RB/2020.05.01.2>.

2019 "Epigenetics and Methodological Limits." Theorizing the Contemporary, *Fieldsights*, April 25. <https://culanth.org/fieldsights/epigenetics-and-methodological-limits>.

2017 "Pregnancy." Lydia Zacher-Dixon, **Natali Valdez**, and Michael Montoya. *Oxford Bibliographies in Latino Studies*.

2016      Nutritional Epigenetics and Prenatal Diets: “But I’ve been eating like this for years.” Council on Reproduction and *Anthropology News*.

2015      Food, Fat, Fetus, and the Future: Histories of Weight Gain During Pregnancy in the US and UK. Society for Medical Anthropology, *Anthropology News*.

### Book Reviews

2021      “A Book Review of Adverse Events by Jill Fisher.” *Journal of Cultural Economy*.

2018      “The Reproductive and Carceral Politics of Ambiguity: A review of Jailcare by Carolyn Sufrin.” *Somatosphere*.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Selected Invited Talks

2023      *Weighing the Future*, Departments of Science and Technology Studies and Anthropology, Cornell University, Oct.

2023      Keynote, “Sociopolitical Implications of Scientific Innovations” Fram Lecture, Rochester Institute of Technology, Oct.

2023      *Weighing the Future*, Department of Anthropology, CUNY Graduate Center, Feb.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, University of California, Berkeley, Center for Social Medicine, Oct.

2022      “Writing Epigenetics and Future Health Through Black Feminist Theory” University of California, Los Angeles, Center for the Study of Racism, Social Justice, and Health, Oct.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, Department of Anthropology, Duke University, Oct.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, University of Arizona, Department of Anthropology, Sept.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, Universidad de los Andes, School of Medicine, Bogotá, Colombia, July.

2022      “Humanizing Birth: Critical Midwifery Studies Summer School” London, England, July.

2022      *Gray/Wawro Lectures in Gender, Health, and Well-Being*, Center for the study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Rice University, May.

2022      *Politics of Postgenomic Reproduction*, Department of African American Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, May.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, King’s College London, April.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, April.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna, April.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, Department of Sociology, Australian National University, March.

2022      *Weighing the Future*, Center for Precision Medicine and Genomics, Columbia University, March.

2022      *Author Meets Critic: Panel on the Maternal Imprint*, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University, March.

2021      “Remodeling the Human: Reproductive Models and Feminist Technoscience” Science and Society Network, Deakin University, Australia, Nov.

2021 “Co-opting AI: Reproduction” Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University. Nov.

2021 “Systemic Racism in Medicine Workshop,” Dept of Anthropology, Boston University, Nov.

2021 Keynote, “Nourishing Transformation with Emily Yates-Doerr” Food Matters Conference, Carleton University and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Sept.

2021 “Empirical Applications of Gender Analysis in Medicine, Science, and Technology.” COLEV research group, Universidad de los Andes, in Bogota, Colombia. Aug.

2021 “BIPOC Women in Clinical Studies: A Feminist Perspective” NIH and Delta Research and Educational Foundation Research Matters for All of Us. April.

2020 *Weighing the Future*, Social Science Environmental Health Research Institute. Northeastern University, Nov.

2020 “What counts as ‘the environment’ in epigenetics?” Technologies of Resistance: Towards Feminist Futures Symposium. Dept of Science and Technology Studies, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, July.

2019 “Biological Bits, Matter and Time: The Clinical Translation of Epigenetics in Prenatal Trials,” Dept of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel-Hill, March.

2017 “Environmental Animations in Reproduction,” Dept of Anthropology, New York University, Jan.

2016 “Nature, Nurture, and Nutrition: Conceiving the Environment through Epigenetics and Prenatal Interventions,” MCTS University of Munich, April.

### Selected Conferences and Workshops

2022 “Weighing the Future: Reading Natali Valdez on Race, Pregnancy Trials, and Postgenomic Science” Book Panel American Anthropology Association conference, featured by the Association for Feminist Anthropology, Seattle, WA. Nov.

2022 “Guynecology: Thinking with Rene Almeling” American Sociology Association, August.

2021 “The Afterbirth of Epigenetic Foreclosure” Black Feminist Health Science Studies conference, University of California-Los Angeles, May

2021 “[The Future] is composed of Nows” Relations of Care Across and After Worlds Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, June.

2020 Nutrire CO-Laboration workshop, New College, New York, NY, July.

2020 “Concealing/Revealing Exposures from Within,” Society for Medical Anthropology, Havana Cuba, March.

2020 “Pregnant bio potentials,” workshop on Reproductive Technologies and Reproductive Justice, Harvey Mudd, Pomona, CA., Feb.

2019 “Improvising Race” Race and Biomedicine Beyond the Lab. King’s College London, UK., Sept.

2019 “After/post/neo colonial hauntings” Critical University Studies and the Futures of Academic Feminism, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA., May.

2019 "Epigenetics and Prenatal Trials" Franco-American Assisted Repro-tech Workshop, Paris, FR., June.

2019 "De-centering Pregnant Bodies in Chronic Illness discourse." Chronic Disaster: Reimagining diet-related disease as structural violence, Workshop, Providence RI., April.

2019 "Environments Speak Back: Pregnant Narratives in Prenatal Interventions." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA., March.

2019 "Facts and Fictions about Race and the Biomedicalized Body." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Discussant, Boston, MA., March.

2018 "Filthy" Human/Nonhuman relations in the Human Microbiome Project." National Women's Studies Association Conference, Atlanta, GA., Nov.

2018 "The (Re)production of Obesity: How Epigenetics Changed the Etiology of Obesity During Pregnancy." American Anthropology Associations Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA., Nov.

2018 "Reproductive Potentials." Remaking Reproduction Conference, University of Cambridge, UK., June 27-29.

2018 "Biological Bits, Matter, and Time." Cold Storage: Time Temperature and Transit Workshop, Five College Women's Studies Research Center, Amherst, MA., May.

2018 "Conceivable Comparisons: Epigenetics and Prenatal Trials," Interpreting Assisted Reproductive Technologies in France and the USA, New York University, New York NY., April.

2018 "Race and Reproduction at the Intersections of Medicine, Science, and Technology," Wenner-Gren Workshop, (co-organizer and presenter) Fordham University, New York, NY., Feb.

2016 "Situated Meanings of 'Good' Care and Science Worth Doing," 4S/EASST, Spain, September.

2016 "Race and Reproduction," American Anthropology Association Meeting, Awarded Executive Panel, Nov.

2016 "Weighing the Future: Epigenetic Paradigms in Clinical trial interventions during pregnancy," American Anthropology Association Meeting, Awarded selected Honor from the American Association of Feminist Anthropology, Nov.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022- Research Collaborator on TRACE, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

2021-22 Gender and Technology Expert and Research Collaborator on COLEV, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

2022 Visiting Scholar, Dept of Political Science, University of Vienna

2020 A Journal of a Plague Year: COVID-19 Digital Archive Course Modules, Co-PI, with Victoria Cain, Northeastern University Humanities Center

2018-20 Human Microbiome Project, ELSI grant project, United States  
Ethnographer and co-author with research group based at the University of Houston, Texas

2014 "StandUP trial" Department of Women's Health, United Kingdom  
Ethnographer on a multi-sited randomized clinical trial

2013 "SmartStart trial" Department of Kinesiology, United States

	Ethnographer, nutritional counselor, and volunteer staff member on multi-sited randomized clinical trial
2012	Co-Principal Investigator, with Lillian Sie, "A Nuanced Examination of Acculturation and Obesity among Mexican and Mexican-American Women: Using National Health and Nutrition Survey Data from 2005- 2008." School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley
2007-09	University of Florida, Department of Health Psychology Staff member, community liaison of the Family Health and Self-Empowerment Project
2006-07	University of Florida, Department of Anthropology Co-ethnographer and research assistant on the international project titled, "The effects of a Western-Biomedical Clinic on the practices of traditional healers in an indigenous area in Mexico"
2005-06	Florida Atlantic University, Department of Microbiology Research assistant at a microbiology laboratory specializing in plasmid cloning and anti-aging proteomics

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020-21	<i>Panelist</i> , NSF Science and Technology Review Panel
2019-21	<i>Participant</i> , Women of Color in the Academy Conference. Northeastern, March.
2020	<i>Participant</i> , Faculty of Color Working Group Symposium. Wheaton College, May.
2018-20	<i>Participant</i> , New England Consortium of Latina/o Studies Conference, Oct.
2014-19	<i>Contributing Impact Editor for Anthropology in Action.</i>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Assistant Visiting Professor, Departments of Anthropology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Yale University

2024	Bodies, Trauma, and Healing
2023	Feminist Science and Technology Studies

### Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Purdue University

2022-	Technology and Culture
	Gender Across Cultures

### Assistant Professor, Women's and Gender Studies, Wellesley College

2018-22	Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies
	The Body: across medicine, science and public health
	Race, Gender, and Science: Feminist Science Studies
	Feminist Ethnography

Instructor, Rice University

2016-18 Seminar and Practicum, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality  
Gender and Science, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Instructor, University of California, Irvine

2015 Woman and the Body, Department of Anthropology

Instructor, California State University, Long Beach

2015 Gender, Race, Sexuality, and the Body, Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine

2010-11 Introduction to Chicano Studies, Department of Chicano and Latino Studies  
Global Cultures, Department of Anthropology  
Medical Anthropology, Department of Anthropology

Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville

2008 Analytical Chemistry Lab, Department of Chemistry

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2022-2023 Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, (AGSO) faculty advisor  
2022-2023 Undergraduate Committee, Purdue University  
2019-21 Committee on International Study Abroad Program, Wellesley College  
Domna Stanton Lecture Committee, Wellesley College  
Cultural Events Committee, Wellesley College  
2018-20 *Major Adviser*, Anto Chavez Alfonso, Asya Kibko, Rachel Korkodilos, Ella Matticks, Ji Sun Jeon, Meg Bolan, Oliva Gorman, Natalia Reynoso, Evelyn Ruiz, Zaria Bunn, Claire Devine  
*Minor Adviser*, Krista Dong, Mar Barrera, Omwega Marglucy  
*Thesis Committee Member*, Sophia Adelson, Ana Zeghibe  
*Mentor*, Mellon Mayes Program, Wellesley College  
2016-18 *Organizer*, 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium: Exploring the Making/Unmaking of Borders. Rice University, April 21.  
2018 *Co-PI* with David Cirillo, “Gender Identity and Detainment: Transgender-Specific Issues in Texan Immigration Detention,” Rice University.  
2018 *Co-PI* with Brooke English, “Determining Access to Anti-Discrimination Policies in Community Colleges” Rice University  
2018 *Co-PI* with Katie Lobodzinski, “Imagining LGBTQ Cultural Competence In Psychiatry.” Rice University  
2018 *Co-PI* with Elana Margosis, “Evaluating Assessment Methods of a Middle School Health Curriculum used by Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast” Rice University  
2018 *Co-PI* with Katie Webber, “LGBT Inclusion and Identity in Jewish Community” Rice University

2017 *Organizer*, Feminist Theory Faculty Group, Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, Rice University

2017 *Organizer*, 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium: Environment, Space, Bodies. Rice University, April 21

2017 *Co-PI* with Meredith Glaubach, “Last Organic Outpost: Opportunities and Challenges Experienced by African Immigrant Women in Urban Farms,” Rice University

2017 *Co-PI* with Camila Kennedy, “Understanding Information Barriers to Legal Resources Among Immigrant Women in Houston,” Rice University.

2017 *Co-PI* with Olivia Lee, “Barriers to Healthcare in the Texas Transgender Community,” Rice University.

2017 *Co-PI* with Kevin Armstrong, “Performance, Art, and Community Healing,” Rice University.

2017 *Co-PI* with Zara Khan, “Young Women’s Perspectives on Sex and Social Welfare,” Rice University.

2012-16 *Mentor*, Diversity Educational Community and Doctoral Experience program (DECADE)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Anthropological Association  
Society for Medical Anthropology  
Association for Feminist Anthropology  
National Women’s Studies Association  
Society for Social Studies of Science

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND OUTREACH**

2016-2018 Organizer for Faculty of Color Advancement Program, Houston, Texas

2013- 2016 Community Mentoring for Women from Underrepresented Backgrounds, Los Angeles, California

## **LANGUAGES**

Fluent in spoken Spanish, proficient in written Spanish