

RICARDO B. CONTRERAS
Curriculum Vitae

CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- 2005 Ph.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Field of Study: Applied Anthropology
Dissertation Title: "Promotoras of the U.S.-Mexico Border: An
Ethnographic Study of Culture Brokerage, Agency, and
Community Development."
Dissertation Chair: Michael V. Angrosino, Ph.D.
- 1997 M.A., University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Field of Study: Applied Anthropology
Thesis Title: "Ethnographic Evaluation of the Palmetto Beach
Community Care Center."
Thesis Chair: Susan D. Greenbaum, Ph.D.
- 1990 Licenciatura (B.A.), Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile
Field of Study: Sociocultural Anthropology

EMPLOYMENT

2012-Present President
Ethnographica Consulting (www.ethnographica-consulting.com). Corvallis,
Oregon.
Consulting, teaching and research services in qualitative research methods,
community engagement and ethnography.

Services 2017

- Member of the Board of Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County,
Corvallis, Oregon.
- Founding member of the Network of Cascadia Applied Anthropology
Professionals.

Consulting 2017

- Management of the training division and the Office for the Americas of ATLAS.ti Scientific Software Development GmbH (Berlin, Germany).
- Broker between the international qualitative research community and the software development team of ATLAS.ti Scientific Software Development GmbH.

Research 2017

- Oral history study of the Latino community of Benton County.
- Co-Principal Investigator of the study ‘Managed Migration and the Value of Labor.’ National Science Foundation. East Carolina University IRB Approval: UMCIRB 11-001436.

Teaching services

- Advising doctoral students using ATLAS.ti in their dissertation projects. Current doctoral student: Aimee Snyder, College of Public Health, University of Arizona. Title: “Stock Inhale Implementation and Impact Evaluation.”
- Since 2012, teaching online and face-to-face workshops on qualitative data analysis with ATLAS.ti. Hundreds of professors and doctoral students trained in the United States and internationally. Workshops taught at the following organizations (selection):
 - Brock University, Canada
 - University of Chicago, Medicine
 - CDC/National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Pittsburgh, PA
 - VA Puget Sound Health Care System, Seattle, WA.
 - Georgia Southern University, College of Education and College of Public Health, GA
 - Children’s National Medical Center, Washington DC
 - City Harvest, New York, NY
 - Group Health Research Institute, Seattle, WA
 - Madigan Army Medical Center, Tacoma, WA
 - North Carolina State University, College of Education. Raleigh, NC
 - University of Florida, College of Education. Gainesville, FL.
 - Lancaster University, UK
 - Cardiff University, UK
 - University of East London, UK
 - Tecnológico de Monterey, Guadalajara, Mexico
 - Department of Anthropology, Universidad de Chile
 - Universidade Federal da Bahia, Brazil

2012 July - Adjunct Research Assistant Professor
Dec. 2016 Department of Anthropology
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC

2009 August- Assistant Professor

2012-August Department of Anthropology
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC

2008-2009 Teaching Assistant Professor
Department of Anthropology
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC

2007-2008 Assistant Professor
Global Issues Program
The University of Tampa
Tampa, FL

2005-2008 Research Associate
Florida Prevention Research Center
College of Public Health
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL

2005-2006 Instructor
Department of Anthropology
University of South Florida
Tampa, FL

INDEPENDENT SCHOLAR ACTIVITIES

2017 - Volunteer with Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County,
Corvallis, OR.

2012-Present President of Ethnographica Consulting. Corvallis, Oregon.

2013-Present Founding member of the Network of Cascadia Applied
Professional Anthropologists. www.cascadiaanthropology.org. This is a local
practicing organization associated with the National Association for the Practice
of Anthropology (NAPA)-American Anthropological Association.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in written and spoken English, Spanish, and Portuguese

HONORS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

Honors

August 2017-Present

Member of the board of Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County, Corvallis, Oregon.

January 2016-Present

Member of the international editorial board of International Journal of Qualitative Methods (IJQM).

May 2016

Participant in the workshop Digital Data Management, American Anthropological Association (AAA). A selected group of academics and practitioners met in Washington DC to develop a training curriculum on digital data management, as part of the AAA project Bringing Digital Data Management Training into Methods Training for Anthropology.

May 2013-Present

Fellow. Society for Applied Anthropology.

2010 – May 2013

Member of the Leadership Team and the Community Engagement, Outreach, & Programs Core of the East Carolina University Center for Health Disparities Research.

2010-2011

Mentor of the East Carolina University Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy.

2010 (October)

Emerging Engaged Scholars Workshop. Scholarship given by the National Collaborative for the Study of University Engagement and the National Outreach Scholarship Conference to participate in a four-day seminar on the scholarship of engagement.

2009-2010

Fellow of the East Carolina University Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy.

Training program on the scholarship of engagement sponsored by the East Carolina University Office of Innovation, Community Development and Engagement.

Grants

2012-Present

Co-Principal Investigator. Two-year research grant for the project “Managed Migration and the Value of Labor”. Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), Cultural Anthropology Program. Principal Investigator: Dr. David Griffith (East Carolina University). Amount of funding: \$187,408.00. IRB Approval: UMCIRB 11-001436.

2010-2011

Principal Investigator. Research grant awarded by the Center for Health Disparities Research (East Carolina University) in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the project “Familia Saludable: Promoting Family and Community Health Through Nutrition and Physical Activity.” IRB Approval: UMCIRB #10-0669.

2009-2011

Principal Investigator. Research grant awarded by the North Carolina Humanities Council to conduct the study “Celebrating Latino Leadership in North Carolina: An Oral History Project.” Co-Principal Investigator: IRB approval: UMCIRB #10-0045.

2009-2011

Co-Principal Investigator. Research grant awarded by the El Colégio de México (Mexican federal research funding program) for the project “Transnational Work, Gendered Labor Policies, and Family Organization: Women Temporary Migrants from Mexico to the United States and Canada.” Principal investigator: David Griffith (ECU). Amount of funding: \$22,700.00. IRB Approval: UMCIRB #09-0518.

2009-2010

Principal Investigator. Grant of \$4,000.00 from the East Carolina University Engagement and Outreach Scholars Academy to conduct the research project “Ethnographic Study of an Engaged Research Initiative: The Nuevo South Action-Research Collaborative”. IRB Approval: UMCIRB #10-0200.

Awards

1992-1995

Fulbright-Hays Fellowship. Award to pursue M.A. degree in Applied Anthropology at the University of South Florida

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Community-based participatory research
- Latinos in the United States
- Research methodology
- Migration

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University

June 2012-June 2017

Co-Principal Investigator

Managed Migration and the Value of Labor

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), Cultural Anthropology Program.

IRB Approval: UMCIRB 11-001436.

Principal Investigator: Dr. David Griffith (East Carolina University).

Co-Principal Investigators: Dr. Ricardo Contreras (ECU), Dr. Kerry Preibisch (University of Guelph), and Dr. Elizabeth Juarez (El Colegio de Michoacán).

Amount of funding: \$187,408.00.

The goal of the study is to examine, through a comparative analysis, how temporary migrants from Guatemala and Mexico, migrating to Canada and the United States, conceive and practice work. Data are collected through ethnographic fieldwork in communities of Mexico and Guatemala.

October 2010-August 2011

Principal Investigator

Familia Saludable: Promoting Family and Community Health through Nutrition and Physical Activity.

IRB Approval: UMCIRB #10-0669

Funding: Center for Health Disparities Research (East Carolina University)

Funding amount: \$5,000.00

Co-principal investigators: Kim Larson, PhD (Nursing); Sloane Burke, PhD (Health Education and Promotion); John Pierpont, PhD (Social Work); Sarah Colby, PhD (Nutrition Sciences); David Griffith, PhD (Anthropology).

September 2010-May 2012

Principal Investigator

Ethnographic Study of an Engaged Research Program: The Nuevo South

Action-Research Collaborative.
IRB Approval: UMCIRB #10-0200.
Funding: ECU Office of Engagement, Innovation and Economic Development.

Dec. 2009-Dec. 2011
Principal Investigator
Celebrating Latino Leadership in North Carolina: An Oral History Project.
IRB approval: UMCIRB #10-0045
Funding: North Carolina Humanities Council
Funding amount: \$7,500
Co-Principal Investigator: David Griffith, PhD

February 2009-February 2010
Principal Investigator
Perceptions of diabetes, nutrition, and physical activity among Latino Immigrants
in Pitt County, North Carolina
IRB approval number: UMNCIRB # 09-0119
Co-Principal Investigators: Shahna Arps, Luci Fernandes, and David Griffith

February 2009-February 2010
Principal Investigator
Enhancing Civic Participation among Latino Youth in Eastern North Carolina.
IRB approval number: UMNCIRB # 09-0072.
Funding: ECU Department of Anthropology (\$1,000).
Co-principal investigator: David Griffith.

July 2008- 2011
Co-Principal Investigator
Transnational Work, Gendered Labor Policies, and Family Organization:
Women Temporary Transmigrants from Mexico to the United States and Canada.
(Trabajo Transnacional, Políticas Laborales de Genero y Organización Familiar:
Mujeres Transmigrantes Temporales de Mexico a Estados Unidos y Canadá).
IRB Approval: UMCIRB #09-0518
Funding: El Colegio de México.
Funding amount: \$22,700.
Principal investigator: David Griffith, Ph.D. East Carolina University
Co-Principal Investigators:

- Ofelia Becerril Quintana, Ph.D. El Colegio de Michoacán, Mexico
- Ricardo Contreras, PhD., East Carolina University
- Elieizabeth Juárez Cerdi, Ph.D., El Colegio de Michoacán, Mexico
- Kerry Preibisch, Ph.D., University of Guelph, Canada.

October 2008-October 2009

Co-Principal Investigator

Inventory and Needs Assessment of Latino Immigrants in North Carolina. IRB approval number: UMNCIRB # 08-0657.

Funding: Center on Diversity and Inequality Research, East Carolina University. Funded by the ECU Department of Anthropology. Principal Investigator: David Griffith, PhD.

Florida Prevention Research Center, Department of Community and Family Health, College of Public Health, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

August 2005-July 2008

Research Associate

Partnership for Citrus Worker Health. This project promoted eye safety among Mexican migrant citrus workers in Florida through a community-based prevention strategy. Coordinated ethnographic program evaluation activities. Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Department of Child and Family Studies, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI), University of South Florida. Tampa, FL.

December 2002-Dec. 2003

Researcher.

“The Community Health Workers Certification Study”

The study examined processes leading to the certification of community health workers in Texas and throughout the United States.

Funding: \$30,000 contract with the Texas A&M University School of Rural Public Health.

Principal Investigator: Marlynn May, Ph.D. (Texas A&M University).

December 2000-November 2002

Project Director.

“A Comparative Study of Promotora Programs on the U.S.-Mexico Border”. The study examined the promotora strategy of community health outreach in eight programs in the Texas Lower Rio Grande Valley and in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Funding: Health Resources and Services Administration Office of Rural Health Policy. \$70,000.00.

Principal Investigator: Marlynn May, Ph.D. (Texas A&M University).

July 2000-2001

Principal Investigator

“The CHANGE-Makers Neighborhood Initiative: Towards the Development of a Participatory Evaluation Framework”.

Participatory evaluation of Change-Makers, an initiative training parents to as lay health advisors.

Funding: Children’s Board of Hillsborough County through. \$20,000.

Co-principal investigators: Phillipe Oulette, Ph.D.

MEMBER OF DISSERTATION/THESIS/INTERNSHIP COMMITTEES

2016-Present Mel and Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health, University of Arizona.

Dissertation committee member of Aimee Snyder, MPH, CHES, Doctorate of Public Health Candidate. Dissertation title: A Comparative Multi-Site Case Study of the Implementation and Impact of a Stock Inhaler Protocol in Two School Districts in Tucson, Arizona.

2010-2011 Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University
Thesis committee member of the MA student Melanie Hamilton. Research on community development and fisheries in North Carolina.

2009-2010 Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University
Thesis committee member of the MA student Jessica Anderson. Research on youth violence in the school system.

2009-2010 Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University
Chair of Internship Committee of the MA student Leila McInnis. Internship in agency providing support services to refugees in Nashville, Tennessee.

2006 Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida
Member of thesis committee of the M.A. student Poonam R. Vallippan. Thesis title: “Documenting a Best Practices Model for a Community-Based Torture Treatment and Refugee Services Center.” Chair: Dr. Elizabeth Bird.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012-Present Teaches courses on qualitative data analysis and software. Online (synchronous and asynchronous) and face-to-face.

2009-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University

- Spring 2012

- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200-001
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200-601
- Applying Anthropology to Contemporary Cultural Issues-ANTH 3150
- Fall 2011:
 - Introduction to Anthropology-ANTH 1000
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200-601 (online)
 - Member of the thesis committee of the M.A. student Melanie Hamilton
- Spring 2011: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200-001 and 601 (online)
- Fall 2010:
 - Applying Anthropology to Contemporary Cultural Issues-ANTH 3150
 - Independent Reading and Research-ANTH 007
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200-601 (online)
- Summer 2010:
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200-601 (online)
 - Internship in Applied Anthropology-ANTH 4990
 - Independent Studies (Independent Readings in Applied Anthropology)-ANTH 6503
- Spring 2010:
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200 (2)
 - Independent Studies (Independent Readings in Applied Anthropology)-ANTH 6503
- Fall 2009:
 - Introduction to Anthropology-ANTH 1000
 - Applying Anthropology to Contemporary Cultural Issues-ANTH 3150
 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200

2008-2009 Teaching Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, East Carolina University

- Summer 2009: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200 (sections 001-002) (online)
- Spring 2009: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200 (sections 001-002)
- Fall 2008: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology-ANTH 2200 (sections 298 and 299)

2007-2008 Assistant Professor, Baccalaureate Experience Program. The University of Tampa.

- Spring 2008: Intercultural Encounters and Globalization in Latin America-GIS 101, sections A1, C2, and E2.
- Fall 2007: Global Issues in Contemporary Perspectives-GIS 101 and 102.

2005-2006 Instructor, Graduate Program in Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida

- Summer 2006: Computer Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis-ANG 5937-003.
- Fall 2005: Program Evaluation-ANG 5937-901.

2004-2005 Instructor, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile

- B.A. Thesis Seminar (undergraduate Psychology majors).
- Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (undergraduate Political Science and Humanities majors).
- Qualitative Methods I and II (undergraduate Political Science majors).
- Family and Community Nursing (service learning course taught in collaboration with other instructors. Undergraduate nursing majors).

2004-2005 Instructor, M.A. in Anthropology and Development, Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile

- Methods of Social Intervention (qualitative research methods).
- Cultural Program Evaluation.

PUBLICATIONS

Dissertation and Thesis

Contreras, R.B. (2005). Promotoras of the U.S.-Mexico Border: An Ethnographic Study of Culture Brokerage, Agency, and Community Development. Doctoral Dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL.

Contreras, R.B. (1997). The Palmetto Beach Community Care Center: An Ethnographic Evaluation. Master's Thesis, Department of Anthropology, University of South Florida, Tampa.

Book Chapters

Griffith, David & Contreras, R. B. 2014. Family and Managed Migration Between Sinaloa, Mexico, and North Carolina. In *Mismanaging Migration*:

Captive Workers in North American Labor Markets. Santa Fe, NM: School for Advanced Research Press.

Rocha Peralta, Juvencio, Griffith, D. & Contreras, R.B. 2014. A History of Activism: The Organizational Work of Juvencio Rocha Peralta. In *Mismanaging Migration: Captive Workers in North American Labor Markets*. Santa Fe, NM: School for Advanced Research Press. [To be published in spring-summer 2013].

Gutierrez-Mayka, M. & Contreras, R.B. (1998). A Culturally Receptive Approach to Community Participation in System Reform. In *Promoting Cultural Competence in Children's Mental Health Services*, edited by M. Hernandez and M. Isaacs. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brooks Publishing Co.

Journal Articles

Under Review by Journal Editors

Griffith, D., Preibisch, K, and Contreras, R.B. Managed Migration and the Value of Labor. *American Anthropologist*. Submitted on January 1st 2017.

Published

Monaghan, P. F., Bryant, C. A., McDermott, R.J., Frost, L., Luque, J., and Contreras, R.B. (2012). Adoption of Safety Eyewear Among Citrus Harvesters in Rural Florida. *Journal of Immigrant and Migrant Health* 14(3): 460-466.

Contreras, R. B., Larson, K., Rocha Peralta, J., Griffith, D., & Pierpont, J. (2011). Capacity Building in the Latino Community: Lessons from the Promotora Project in Eastern North Carolina. *Practicing Anthropologist* 34(4).

Contreras, R.B. & Griffith, D. (2011). Managing Migration, Managing Motherhood: The Moral Economy of Gendered Migration. *International Migration* 50(4).

Contreras, R.B. & Griffith, D. (2011). Building a Latino Engaged Action-Research Collaborative: A Challenging University-Community Encounter. *Annals of Anthropological Practice*. Volume 35, Issue 2, Pp. 96-111.

Monaghan, P., Bryant, C.A., Baldwin, J.A., Zhu, Yiliang, Ibrahimou, B., Lind, J. D., Contreras, R. B., Tovar, A., Moreno, T. & McDermott, R.J. (2008). Using Community-Based Prevention Marketing to Improve Farm Worker Safety. *Social Marketing Quarterly* 14(4): 71-87

Luque, J.S., Monaghan, P.F., Contreras, R.B., August, E., Baldwin, J., Bryant, C.A., and McDermott, Robert J. (2007). Implementation Evaluation of a Culturally Competent Eye Injury Prevention Program for Citrus Workers in a

Florida Migrant Community. Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education, and Action Education and Training 1 (4):359-369.

May, M.L. and Contreras, R.B. (2007). Promotor(a)s, the Organizations in Which They Work, and an Emerging Paradox: How Organizational Structure and Scope Impact Promotor(a)s' Work. Health Policy 82:153-166.

Research Reports

Contreras, R.B., Larson, K., Rocha Peralta, J., Piperpont, J. & Griffith, D. (2011). Familia Saludable: Promoting Family and Community Health through Nutrition and Physical Activity. Report submitted to the ECU Center for Health Disparities Research.

Contreras, R.B. & Rocha Peralta, J. (2011). Report on the Community Health Advisor Project. Report submitted to the Pitt Memorial Hospital Foundation-Community Projects. Submitted in partnership with the Association of Mexicans from North Carolina (AMEXCAN).

Contreras, R.B. & Rocha Peralta, J. (2010). Developing a Lay Health Advisor Program for Diabetes Prevention. Report to the Pitt Memorial Hospital-Community Projects. Submitted in partnership with the Association of Mexicans from North Carolina (AMEXCAN).

Contreras, R.B. & Rocha Peralta, J. (2010). Enhancing Civic Participation Among Latino Youth in Eastern North Carolina. Report submitted to the North Carolina Civic Education Consortium. Submitted in partnership with the Association of Mexicans from North Carolina (AMEXCAN).

May, M.L., Kash, B., & Contreras, R.B. (2005). Certification of Community Health Workers: A National Survey and a Texas Case Study. College Station, TX: Southwest Rural Health Research Center, Texas A&M University.

May, M.L., Contreras, R.B., Callejas, L., and Ledezma, E. (2004). Mujer y Corazón: Promotoras of the U.S.-Mexico Border. College Station, TX: Southwest Rural Health Research Center, Texas A&M University.

Contreras, R.B., & Oullette, P. (2002). The Change-Makers Neighborhood Initiative: Towards the Development of a Participatory Evaluation Framework. Tampa, FL: The Children's Board of Hillsborough County.

Joseph, R., Gutierrez-Mayka, M., Hernandez, M., Contreras, R.B., Friedman, R.M., Sengova, J. & Uzzel, D.J. (2001). Evaluation Findings and Lessons Learned from the Annie E. Casey Foundation Mental Health Initiative for Urban Children: Summary of Findings and Lessons Learned. Tampa, FL: Department of

Child and Family Studies, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute,
University of South Florida.

Joseph, R., Gutierrez-Mayka, M., Hernandez, M., Contreras, R.B., Friedman,
R.M., Sengova, J. & Uzzel, D.J. (2000). Service Development in the Annie E.
Casey Foundation Mental Health Initiative for Urban Children: Final Report.
Tampa, FL: Department of Child and Family Studies, Louis de la Parte Florida
Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida.

SYMPOSIA, CONFERENCES AND GUEST LECTURES

Symposia

Contreras, R.B. & Griffith, D. (2010, August). Managing Migration, Managing
Motherhood: The Moral Economy of Gendered Migration. Managing Migration
Seminar. School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe.

Griffith, D. & Contreras, R.B. (2010, August). Hyperproletarianization, Family, and
Managed Migration of Seafood Workers Between Sinaloa and North Carolina.
Managing Migration Seminar. School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe.

Conferences

Contreras, R. B. and Griffith, D. (2017, March). "Towards a Typology of Values
Assigned to Labor: Findings from an Ethnographic Study in Rural Communities
of Guatemala". Santa Fe: Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied
Anthropology.

Contreras, R. B. (2014, May). Data Transformation as a Framework for
Qualitative Data Analysis. Computer-Assisted Qualitative Data Analysis
Networking Project. University of Surrey, UK

Contreras, R. B. (2014, March). Forms of Labor in a Kaqchikel Community:
Exploring The Point of View of Participants Through Photovoice . Annual
Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Contreras, R. B. (2013, November). Multiple Livelihoods in a Kaqchiquel
Village: Labor practices in a community inserted in the international labor
market. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago,
Illinois.

Contreras, R. B. & Griffith, D. (2013, March). "I Left to Build Myself a House":
The Local Legitimacy of the International Labor Migration of Women". Annual
Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Denver, Colorado.

Griffith, D. & Contreras, R. B. (2012, November). The Local Social Legitimization of International Female Temporary Migration: The Crab Pickers from Sinaloa in North Carolina and Virginia. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. San Francisco, California.

Contreras, R.B. & Griffith, D. (2012, September). La legitimación Social del Trabajo Migrante Temporal Femenino: Las Jaiberas de Sinaloa en Carolina del Norte y Virginia, Estados Unidos. II Congreso Social de Antropología Social y Etnología. Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico.

Griffith, D. & Contreras, R.B. (2012, September). La Familia del Siglo XXI: Trabajadoras Huéspedes, Género, y la Economía Política de la Separación. II Congreso Social de Antropología Social y Etnología. Morelia, Michoacán, Mexico.

Contreras, R.B. & Griffith, D. (2012, March). Latino Leadership in the Nuevo South: Building New Destination Communities. Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Baltimore MD.

Contreras, R.B., Larson, K., Cartagena, W., Griffith, D., Burke, S., Kumerlee-Pinillos, K., & Pierpont, J. (2011, December). Familia Saludable: Enhancing Family and Community Health through Nutrition and Physical Activity Poster presented at the Annual Research Day of the East Carolina University Center for Health Disparities Research. Greenville, NC.

Contreras, R. B. & Griffith, D. (2011, November). Latinos at a New Destination: Models of Community Leadership in the Nuevo South. Poster presented at the 110th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Montreal, QC.

Lind, J.D. & Contreras, R.B. (2011, October). Occupational Risk in the Orange Grove: Migrant Workers' Model of Risk and Injury Prevention. Poster presented at the American Public Health Association 139th Annual Meeting and Exposition. Washington, DC.

Contreras, R. B. & Griffith, D. (2011, March). Bridging the Gap between Academics and Practitioners in a University-Community Partnership: The Case of the Nuevo South Action Research Collaborative. In Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, Washington.

Griffith, D. & Contreras, R. B. (2011, March). Family and Managed Migration between Sinaloa, Mexico and North Carolina. In Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, Washington.

- Rocha Peralta, J., Griffith, D., & Contreras, R. B. (2011, March). A History of Activism: The Organizational Work of Juvencio Rocha Peralta. In Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Seattle, Washington.
- Contreras, R.B. (2010, October). Partnership-Building for Social Change: The Nuevo South Action Research Collaborative. In Public Anthropology Conference. American University, Washington, D.C.
- Contreras, R.B. (2010, October). The Nuevo South Action Research Collaborative: A Model of Community Engagement in Eastern North Carolina. Poster. In National Outreach Scholarship Conference. Raleigh, NC.
- Rocha Peralta, J., Contreras, R.B., Larson, K., Pierpont, J., Colby, S., & Griffith, D. (2010, October). Implementation and Evaluation of a Model for Training Health Promoters. In National Outreach Scholarship Conference. Raleigh, NC.
- Contreras, R.B. & Griffith, D. (2010, March). The Nuevo South Community Research Initiative: Towards a Model of Engaged Research. In Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Merida, Mexico.
- Griffith, D. & Contreras, R.B. (2010, March). Family and Network Changes Among Farmworkers. In Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Merida, Mexico.
- Contreras, R.B. & Griffith, D. (2010, March). Mexican Tiendas in the Nuevo South: Building Relationships of Trust with the Local Latino Community. In Annual Conference of the Southern Anthropological Society. Wilmington, NC.
- Arps, S., Contreras, R.B. & Fernandes, L. (2010, March). Understanding diabetes risk among Latinos in eastern North Carolina: perceptions regarding nutrition and physical activity. In Annual Conference of the Southern Anthropological Society. Wilmington, NC.
- Fernandes, L., Arps, S. & Contreras, R.B. (2010, March). Creative Community Building while implementing Diabetes awareness programs with Latino populations in Greenville, North Carolina. In Annual Conference of the Southern Anthropological Society. Wilmington, NC.
- Contreras, R.B. & Lind, J.D.. (2008, May). Analyzing Ethnographic Data with the Assistance of ATLAS.ti: Strategies to Keep Analysis Grounded. In Third Iberoamerican Congress on Qualitative Health Research. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- Lind, J.D., and Contreras, R.B. (2008, May). Ramazos, Espray y Escalera: Orange Pickers' Conceptions and Practices of Risk and Injury Prevention. In

Third Iberoamerican Congress on Qualitative Health Research. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Contreras, R.B. and Lind, J.D. (2008, March). Indigenous Concepts and Practices of Risk and Injury Prevention Among Citrus Pickers in South Florida. In 43rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society. Staunton, VA. [Session Chair.]

Lind, J.D., and Contreras, R.B (2008, March). Keeping Analysis Grounded: Using ATLAS.ti to Analyze Ethnographic Data. In 43rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Society. Staunton, VA. [Session Chair.]

Contreras, R.B. and Lind, J.D. (2007, October). ¡Cuidemos la Niña del Ojo!: A Framework for Culturally-Appropriate Eye Injury Prevention with Migrant Citrus Pickers. In 20th Annual East Coast Migrant Stream Forum. Lake Buena Vista, Florida.

Contreras, R.B. (2007, March). Promotoras from the U.S.-Mexico Border: A Culture Brokerage Model of Community Health Outreach. In Annual Conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Tampa, FL [Session Chair].

Luque, J.S, Monaghan, P.F. & Contreras, R.B. (2006, March). Partnership for Citrus Worker Health Camp Health Aide Project. In Annual Conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. [Poster Presentation].

Contreras, R.B. (2003, April). Culture Brokerage, Agency and Social Capital: The Promotoras from the U.S.-Mexico Border. In Annual Colloquium of the Department of Anthropology. University of South Florida. Tampa, Florida.

Contreras, R.B. (2003, August). Mujer y Corazón: Cultural Mediation and Community Development. In Annual Conference of the Research and Training Center on Family Support and Children's Mental Health. Portland State University. Portland, Oregon. [Session Chair].

Contreras, R.B. 2002, December. Border Research. In Second Meeting on Community and Environment. Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas. Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, México.

Contreras, R.B., May, M.L. & Ledezma, E.. (2001, October) Promotora Organizations Study: An Overview of an Indigenous Health Promotion and Community Capacity Building System. In 129th Conference of the American Public Health Association. Atlanta, Georgia.

May, M.L. and Contreras, R.B. (2001, June). Promotoras of the U.S.-Mexico Border: An Indigenous Health Promotion System. In Annual Conference of the National Rural Health Association. Dallas, Texas.

Contreras, R.B. (2000, March). Applied Research at the Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute. In Annual Conference of the Society for Applied Anthropology. San Francisco, California. [Session Chair].

Guest Lectures

2014 (April) Cardiff University, UK. Title of lecture: "Qualitative Data Analysis with ATLAS.ti."

2014 (April) Lancaster University, UK. Title of lecture: "Qualitative Data Analysis with ATLAS.ti."

2014 (January) Department of Anthropology, Portland State University. Title of lecture: "The Analysis of Photovoice Data with the Assistance of ATLAS.ti: Towards a Methodological Model in Ethnographic Research". Lecture series Notes from the Field.

2011 (March) Yakima Valley Museum, Yakima, Washington and Wenatchee Valley College, Wenatchee, Washington. Participation in Immigration Forums with presentation titled "Immigrants Managing Communities: Oral Histories of Latino Immigrants in North Carolina". Community activity organized by the Society for Applied Anthropology.

2009 (February) Brody School of Medicine. BSOM Rotaract. East Carolina University. Title of lecture: "Latinos in Eastern North Carolina: Opportunities for University-Community Collaboration in Research, Teaching, and Services."

2009 (February) Department of Communications, East Carolina University. Guest lecture in class COMM 4080 taught by Dr. Rebecca Dumlao. Title of lecture: "Towards a Model of Collaborative Research with the Latino Community of Eastern North Carolina."

2009 (February) College of Social Work, East Carolina University. Guest lecture in first year MSW class taught by Dr. John Pierpont. Title of lecture: "Asset Mapping: An Instrument for Strength-Based Research and Practice."

2008 (2008) College of Social Work, East Carolina University. Guest lecture in class "Advanced Clinical Community Practice" taught by Dr. John Pierpont. Title of lecture: Participatory-Action Research: Theory, Method, and Practice.

- 2006 (March) Mexican National Conference of Sociology Students,
Universidad Autónoma de Tamaulipas, Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, México
- “The Anthropology of Globalization and Economic Restructuring: The Study of Identity of Mexican Agricultural Workers in the United States.”
 - “Globalization, Work, and Immigration: The Partnership for Citrus Workers Health.”
 - “Applied Anthropology and Latino Immigration in the United States.”

- 2005 (June) Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO),
Santiago, Chile
- “Applied Anthropology in the United States: Models of Theory and Practice”
 - “Strategies for Writing a M.A. Thesis”

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

2017-Present Board member of Casa Latinos Unidos de Benton County,
Corvallis, Oregon.

2010-2012 Member of the Leadership Team and the Community Engagement,
Outreach, and Program Core of the East Carolina University Center for Health
Disparities Research.

2009-2012 Founder and coordinator of The Nuevo South Action-Research
Collaborative. This is an action-research coalition involving East Carolina
University faculty and students, as well as service providers and grassroots
organizations of the Latino community of eastern North Carolina. Website:
www.ecu.edu/anth/nuevosouth.

2008-2012 Member of the East Carolina University Latino Coalition.

2008-2012 Member-at-Large of AMEXCAN-Association of Mexicans from
North Carolina

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Anthropological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Society for Applied Anthropology