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APPOINTMENTS

Assistant Professor of Border Studies, School of Communication, San Diego State University, August 2024—present

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Communication, University of Southern California, May 2024
Dissertation: “Networks of Care and Transient Refuge: Displacement and Digital Re/bordering in the Era of Communication Technologies”
Dissertation Chair: Dr. Hector Amaya

M.A. Communication, University of Southern California, *summa cum laude*, May 2022

M.A. Politics, New York University, *magna cum laude*, May 2018
Master’s Thesis: “Stereotypical Depictions of Latino Criminality: U.S. Latinos in the Media during the MAGA Campaign”
Chair: Dr. Juan Piñón

B.A. Political Science and International Relations, San Francisco State University, Minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies, *magna cum laude*, May 2015
Honors Thesis: “Political Discontent in Democratizing Turkey: An Analysis of Protest Participation”
Chair: Dr. Lucia Volk, SFSU and Dr. Leonardo Arriola, UC Berkeley

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Migration and border studies, digital technologies, algorithmic bordering and border surveillance, migrant precarity, digital (in)equity and the global digital divide, comparative border regimes, community-engaged and multilingual qualitative methods, political communication, Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx media studies, LGBTQ+ migration and digital survival

REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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- **González, E.** (2026). The spatial and economic re/bordering of digital and material space: How ICTs facilitate digital coyotes and transform the trails for refugees in movement. *International Journal of Communication*. (In press)
Impact Factor: 1.7; 5-year Impact Factor: 2.2

- **González, E.** (2026). "Framing child refugee deaths across water borders: media narratives of Alan Kurdi and Valeria Martínez-Ramírez in Turkey and Mexico." *Comparative Migration Studies* 14 (13): 1-14. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40878-026-00527-6>
Impact Factor: 3.3; 5-year Impact Factor: 5.6
- **González, E.**, & *Cancio Vendel, M. (Accepted 2025). "Sanctuary stories: Narratives of displacement and devotion among Latin American refugees in Mexico." *Journal of International Migration and Integration* 27(4):1463–1481.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12134-025-01347-w>
Impact Factor: 2.0; 5-year Impact Factor: 2.3
- Soto-Vásquez, A.D. & **González, E.** (2022). "Not a monolith!" Media narratives of the Latina/o/x Vote after the 2020 US Election. *Howard Journal of Communications* 33(5): 452-470.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10646175.2022.2033650>
Impact Factor: 1.0; 5-year Impact Factor: 1.3; Acceptance Rate: 28%
- Aguilar, S.J., Galperin, H., Baek, C. & **González, E.** (2022). Live instruction predicts engagement in K-12 remote learning. *Educational Researcher* 51(1): 81-84.
<https://doi.org/10.3102/0013189X21105688>
Impact Factor: 5.5; 5-year Impact Factor: 7.9; Acceptance Rate: 10.8%
- **González, E.** (2019). Stereotypical depictions of Latino criminality: U.S. Latinos in the media during the MAGA campaign. *Democratic Communiqué* 28(1): 46-62.
<https://doi.org/10.7275/democratic-communique.1688>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- **González, E** and Leyba, J. "Measuring the Effectiveness of Digital Inclusion Approaches (MEDIA): Pivoting to Online Teaching in the Riverside Unified School District" (2023, March 9): 1-17
- Aguilar, S.J., Galperin, H., Baek, C., & **González, E.** "When school comes home: How low-income families are adapting to distance learning."(2020, October 14): 1-26

PUBLICATIONS IN PROCESS

- *Sandoz, T., **González, E.**, *Gonzales, M.M., Greiner, L.H., Matt, G.E., Record, R.A. Thirdhand smoke, firsthand stigma: Using a reasoned action approach to assess thirdhand smoke-related perceptions among LGBTQ+ Populations. *Journal of Homosexuality*. (under review)
Impact Factor: 2.2; 5-Year Impact Factor: 2.9; Acceptance Rate: 31%

- **González, E.** Navigating connectivity amid displacement: Infrastructural affordances and vulnerabilities of smartphone use among precarious transient migrants. *Mobile Media and Communication* (under review)
Impact Factor: 2.4; 5-Year Impact Factor: 4.4; Acceptance Rate: 12.2%
- **González, E.** Worldmaking under watch: Digital literacy, migrant protection, and the unruly classroom. *Western Journal of Communication* (under review)
Impact Factor: 0.8; 5-Year Impact Factor: 1.1

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

RESEARCH

- San Diego State University—Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Research Collaboration Network, September 2024-present
- COMEXUS Fulbright García-Robles Research Scholar, Centro LATAM Digital, August 2023–June 2024
Constructing and validating survey instruments on refugee cybersecurity policy and concerns, training research team and refugee shelter administration on data privacy workshops targeted to displaced Spanish-speaking communities. Supported survey data collection (N=1,000) through Internet Society funded project.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

- Judith Mariscal, Centro LATAM Digital with Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE), February 2022–December 2022
Providing digital privacy workshop trainings to refugee shelter residents and administrators, led the research design, interview protocol, and survey construction, conducted interviews and surveys in Tijuana, MX
- Hector Amaya, University of Southern California, August 2020–May 2022
Research U.S. policy for the ascription of federal IDs to citizens for his forthcoming book
- François Bar and Hernan Galperin, University of Southern California in partnership with the California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) and Pew Research Center, May 2021–January 2022
Collected and synthesized digital inequity literature, designed survey and interview protocols, and led data collection
- Hernan Galperin, University of Southern California in partnership with Los Angeles Unified School District and Partnership for Los Angeles Schools, June 2020–February 2021
Interviewed Spanish-speaking, low-income LA Unified households, designed large-scale digital equity survey, and proposed budget and policy recommendations for 20-21 academic year

RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

- UPENN Annenberg Center for Collaborative Communication Research Fellow, London School of Economics, London, May 2023
- Oxford Media Law & Policy Summer Institute, University of Oxford, August 2022
- Summer Research Opportunity Program, University of California, Berkeley, June–August 2014
Evaluated protest participation in Turkey using statistical software and published findings in a peer-reviewed undergraduate journal
- MireKoc Migration Research Center, Turkey, October 2013–May 2014
Transcribed interview data between researchers and Syrian refugees, and copyedited manuscripts for publications

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- “Ethnography,” School of Communication, San Diego State University, Summer 2026
- “Globalization, Borders, and Communication,” School of Communication, San Diego State University, Spring 2026
- “Communication and Politics,” School of Communication, San Diego State University, Spring 2025 and 2026
- “Conceptualizing Communication,” School of Communication, San Diego State University, Fall 2024, 2025, and 2026
- “Directed Research” (MA Students), Department of Communication, University of Southern California, January—March 2024
- “Annenberg Collaboratory: Annenberg in Mexico City,” Department of Journalism, University of Southern California, January—March 2024
- “Public Speaking,” Department of Communication, University of Southern California, January–May 2023
- “Popular Culture, Political Media, and Resistance,” Annenberg Youth Academy, University of Southern California, June–July 2022
- “Speaking and Listening,” “Reading and Writing,” “Professional Development,” “Urban Design Level 1 [English],” Department of Foreign Languages Education, Amasya University, August 2015–May 2016

TEACHING ASSISTANT

- “Intercultural Communication,” Department of Communication, University of Southern California, August–December 2022
- “Communication and Technology,” Department of Communication, University of Southern California, January–May 2021
- “Communication and Mass Media,” Department of Communication, University of Southern California, August–December 2020
- “Political Economy,” Department of Politics, New York University, January–May 2017
- “Foreign Policy Analysis Pro-seminar,” Department of International Relations, San Francisco State University, January–May 2015
- “Ethnicity and Nationalism,” Department of Political Science, San Francisco State University, August–December 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

- *Research Participant*, Institute for Advanced Studies’ “Arab Digitalities” Methods Seminar, Northwestern University Qatar, January 2025
- *Fulbright Alumni Ambassador* (2025-2027), The U.S. Fulbright Commission, December 2024
- Top Paper Award, “The Spatial and Economic Re/Bordering of Digital and Material Space: How ICTs and Surveillance Create New Borderings for Refugees in Movement,” National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2024
- *Dissertation Research Mini-Grant* (\$2,500), California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program, October 2023
- *Research Fellow*, Fulbright-García Robles Research Grant (Mexico), August 2023–May 2024
- *Participant*, Critical Refugee Studies Collective 2023 Graduate Writing Retreat, University of California Los Angeles, August 2023
- *Doctoral Fellow*, California State University Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program, June 2023
- 2023 AEJMC Diversity and Inclusion Career Development Fellowship (\$1,600), Washington DC, August 2023
- *Participant*, Annenberg Journal Article Writing Sessions, University of Southern California, January–April 2023
- *Honorable Mention*, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, March 2023
- *Participant*, 2023 Mexico City Spring Break Career Immersion Program, University of Southern California, November 2022
- *Recipient*, Lánzate 2022 Solidarity Fund (\$750), Mijente, October 2022

- *Recipient*, GSG Professional Development Fund (\$500), University of Southern California, September 2022
- *Honorable Mention*, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, March 2022
- *Honorable Mention*, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, March 2021
- *Research Fellow* (\$2,500), Annenberg Summer Research Fellowship, University of Southern California, May 2020
- *Honorable Mention*, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship, March 2020
- *Participant* (\$1,000), 2020 External Fellowships Graduate Bootcamp, University of Southern California, August 2019
- *USC Graduate School Travel Award* (\$1,000), University of Southern California, October 2019
- *Annenberg Graduate Fellowship* (\$34,000), Annenberg School of Communication & Journalism, University of Southern California, August 2019–May 2020
- *Participant* (\$2,000), 2019 External Fellowships Graduate Bootcamp, University of Southern California, August 2019
- *Emerging Scholar Award*, International Communication and Media Studies Conference, University of California, Berkeley, October 2018
- *Critical Language Scholarship* (declined), U.S. Department of State, Baku, Azerbaijan, June–August 2017
- *Pathways to PhD Fellow*, Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, September 2016–May 2018
- *Master's [Full Tuition] Fellowship* (\$86,216), Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University, September 2016–May 2018
- *English Teaching Assistant*, Fulbright U.S. Student Program in Turkey, September 2015–June 2016
- *Critical Language Scholarship*, U.S. Department of State, Bursa, Turkey, June–August 2015
- *Commencement Speaker*, Undergraduate Commencement, San Francisco State University, May 2015
- *Undergraduate Hood Recipient*, College of Liberal and Creative Arts, San Francisco State University, May 2015
- *Honoree*, Department of International Relations, San Francisco State University, April 2015

- *Excellence Award*, Middle East and Islamic Studies, San Francisco State University, November 2014
- *Esrefoglu Turkish American Arts and Culture Scholarship* (\$2,000), San Francisco State University, November 2014
- *Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship* (\$5,000), U.S. Department of State, September 2013–May 2014
- *Turkish Coalition of America Study Abroad Scholarship* (\$2,000), September 2013–May 2014

PRESS COVERAGE

- Salcedo, Julio. (2024, June 6) “Voces Sin Fronteras Season 1, Episode 15,” (Podcast), U.S. Department of State Embassy in Mexico City.
- CNS. (2024, May 10) “USC Annenberg Class of 2024: Eduardo Gonzalez.” *University of Southern California*.
- Scherer Ibarra, María. (2024, May 3) “Eduardo González: ‘Los migrantes necesitan saber cómo bajar una app.’” *El Financiero*.
- CNS. (2020, October 21) “Distance Learning Strains Low-Income Families, USC Study Reveals.” *NBC Los Angeles*.
<https://www.nbclosangeles.com/education/k-12-education/distance-learning-strains-low-income-families-usc-study-reveals/2447513/>
- CNS. (2020, October 21) “USC: El aprendizaje a distancia afecta a las familias de bajos ingresos.” *Telemundo*.
<https://www.telemundo52.com/educacion/acceso-educacion/usc-el-aprendizaje-a-distancia-afecta-a-las-familias-de-bajos-ingresos/2126422/>
- Blume, H., Esquivel, P. (2020, September 21) “Online Learning Hurts Poorest LA Students: No place to study, hunger and inadequate computers hurt Eastside and South L.A. students.” *Los Angeles Times*.
https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-09-21/online-learning-hurts-poorest-la-students?fbclid=IwAR0LN_d87RknA8uWAb2NSitEF8zBBYH6ql2sLi9_Jnge8X9Uwo3TvEh8wQw
- Gonzalez, E., Pham, B., Sengupta, P. (2020, April 02) “Imagining Humanity: The Potential and Limits of Humans of New York.” *Henry Jenkins: Confessions of an Aca-fan*.
<http://henryjenkins.org/blog/2020/3/19/popular-culture-amp-the-civic-imagination-1>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Hallin, D. (Chair), Donea, M., Ekhtiar, D., **González, E.**, Gutierrez, A., Tauffner, B. (2026, June). *BINACOM - Communication Research in the U.S./Mexican Border Region* [Panel]. International Communication Association Annual Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.
- Rivera, J.* (Chair), Harvey, A., **González, E.**, Salgado, J.* (2026, March). *Emergent Conversations in Critical Spatiotemporal Critiques in Latinx Studies* [Panel]. Latinx Studies Association Conference, Austin, Texas, United States.
- Cancio Vendel, M.* (Chair), Cole, A.*, Frizzell, M.*, **González, E.** (2026, February). *Academic Freedom Under Fire: Holding the Line in Higher Education* [Panel]. Western States Communication Association Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, United States.
- “The Spatial and Economic Re/Bordering of Digital and Material Space: How ICTs and Surveillance Create New Borderings for Refugees in Movement,” National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2024
- “The Exploitation of Refugee Childrens’ Deaths: How Partisan Media in Mexico and Turkey Appropriate Necropolitics for Refugee Subjugation, Policy, and International Positionality,” National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2024
- “Communicating Greater Regard for Mentoring and Community-Building in the International and Intercultural Communication Division,” National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2024
- “La Raza Mentorship Panel: Mentorship and Community-Building for Greater Regard,” National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2024
- “Digital vulnerability perceptions among migrants in transit and its influence on decisions during their trajectory,” Cuidados Digitales en Movimiento, Mexico City, July 2024
- “Beyond Looking at the Coyotuber's Tips: Possible Risks of Internet Surfing Practices of In-transit Migrants,” RightsCon Costa Rica, San José, June 2023
- “The Perils of Water Borders: Syrian and Salvadoran Refugees in Turkey and Mexico,” National Communication Association Conference, New Orleans, November 2022
- “Media Coverage and Empathy of Refugee Deaths: A Study on Turkish and Mexican News Media,” Andrea Mitchell Center For the Study of Democracy Conference, Pennsylvania, October 2022
- “Internet Connectivity and Educational Support for low-income, undocumented California families: An Analysis of Los Angeles and Riverside Unified School Districts,” Research Conference on Communications, Information, and Internet Policy, Washington DC, September 2022

- ““Not a Monolith!” Media Narratives of the Latina/o/x Vote After the 2020 U.S. Election,” National Communication Association Conference, Seattle, November 2021
- “Empathy and Death in Transnational Contexts: An Analysis of Media Coverage on Immigrant Deaths,” National Communication Association Conference, Indianapolis, November 2020
- “The La Raza Caucus Responds to the 2020 Election,” National Communication Association Conference, Indianapolis, November 2020
- “The Economic and Academic Experiences of Public School Students during COVID-19,” COVID-19 Work in Progress Conference, The Center for Economic and Social Research, University of Southern California, October 2020
- “Stereotypical Depictions of Latino Criminality: Representation of U.S. Latinos in the Media during the MAGA Campaign,” International Conference on Communication & Media Studies, University of California, Berkeley, October 2018
- “Latino Identity and the 2016 Presidential Election: Donald Trump and U.S. Latinos in the MAGA Campaign,” NEXUS: Master’s Cross-Disciplinary Research Conference, New York University, March 2018
- “Religiosity and Political Participation: An Analysis of Protests in Turkey,” S4 CSU SSRI Social Science Student Symposium, Social Science Research and Instructional Center, California State University, Sacramento, May 2015
- “Contextualizing Conflicts: Anti-AKP Protests in Turkey,” 29th Annual CSU Student Research Competition, California State University, San Bernardino, May 2015
- “Who Protests?: Social Movement in Modern Turkey,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Conference, Chicago, April 2015
- “Political Discontent in Democratizing Turkey: An Analysis of Protest Participation,” Undergraduate Research Symposium, University of California, Berkeley, August 2014

INVITED TALKS

- “The Connected Refugee: Affordances and Vulnerabilities for Refugees in Latin America and the Middle East,” *New York University*, New York, March 19, 2025
- “Navigating Post-College Paths: Preparing for Academia and Securing a Fulbright Scholarship,” *San Francisco State University*, San Francisco, February 20, 2025
- “News Coverage of the U.S. Latinx Vote: An Analysis of the 2016 and 2020 Presidential Elections,” *Texas A&M University*, College Station, October 25, 2021.
- “Conchas & Conversations: What is “belonging” for Latinx and does it affect politics?” *Texas Tech University*, Lubbock, April 28, 2021

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- *Mentor*, Annenberg Undergrad-Graduate Mentoring in Research Fellowship, University of Southern California, October 2022
- *Facilitator*, Digital Empowerment Workshop, Museum of Tolerance, Los Angeles Unified School District, September 2019–present
- *Reviewer*, *Harvard Kennedy School Misinformation Review*, Harvard University, November 2019–present
- *Member*, *La Raza Caucus*, National Communication Association Conference, November 2019–present
- *Promotions Manager*, *Critical Mediations Annual Conference*, University of Southern California, October 2019–May 2021
- *Graduate Mentor*, Hispanic Serving Institute Pathways to Professoriate, California State University Northridge, September 2019–May 2020
- *Publications Intern*, Council on Foreign Relations, January–May 2017
- Copyeditor, *Journal of Political Inquiry*, New York University, October 2016–May 2017
- Copyeditor, *Amasya Education Journal*, Amasya University, September 2015–May 2016
- Managing Editor, *International Relations Journal*, San Francisco State University, September 2014–May 2015
- Spanish Language Teacher, Vista del Mar Orphanage, Costa Rica, June–August 2012

LANGUAGES

Native fluency in Spanish; working proficiency in Turkish, novice proficiency in Arabic