CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

May 2006 Ph.D. Political Science (Major in Political Theory, minor in Comparative Politics), New School for Social Research. Dissertation, "Discrimination and Exclusion: Towards an Interdisciplinary Approach to Hate Crime Politics."

May 1997 M.A. Gender Studies & Feminist Theory (with a concentration in Philosophy), New School for Social Research. Master's Thesis, "The Pornographic Gaze."

July 1995 Graduate Degree in Criminology and Criminal Law (*Especialista en Instituciones Jurídico-Penales)*, Law School, Universidad Nacional de Colombia. Thesis, "The Social State: Sanctioning Imprisonment."

Oct. 1992 Licentiate in Philosophy, *Magna cum Laude*, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia. Thesis: "A commentary on Kant's Transcendental Aesthetic Doctrine"

RESEARCH AND TEACHING KEYWORDS

Hate Crimes, Prejudice & Violence; Gender and Sexuality; Contemporary Theory; Socio-Legal Studies; Cultural Studies; Criminological Theory; Latin America.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016 –present **Saint Mary's University,**
Halifax, Canada
Associate Professor
Department of Criminology
Graduate Program on Women and Gender Studies

2017 **Universidad de los Andes,** Bogotá-Colombia, July 4-15
Visiting Professor,
Summer Law School,
Course on "Psychoanalysis and the Law"

2012-2013 **Dalhousie University**, Halifax, Canada
Assistant Professor –
Half-time Limited Contract
Department of Sociology & Social Anthropology

2012 (Jan.-Jun.) **Universidad de los Andes,** Bogotá, Colombia
Visiting Professor
Department of Languages, Social and Cultural Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences

2009-2011 **Saint Mary's University**, Halifax, Canada
Assistant Professor -Full Time Limited Contract
Department of Sociology & Criminology

2008-2009 **Dalhousie University**, Halifax, Canada
Instructor, Part-time
"The Sociology of Hate Crimes,"
"Queer Theory" and "Sociology of Law"
Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology

2004--2009 **Universidad de los Andes**, Bogotá, Colombia
2007--2009 Associate Professor - Faculty of Social Sciences
2005--2008 Chair, Department of Languages, Social and Cultural Studies,
2004--2006 Assistant Professor, Law School & Faculty of Social Sciences,
2004--2005 Coordinator of the Legal Theory Track, Law School.

1992-1995 Instructor and Assistant Professor of Law

2007--2008 **Universidad de los Andes-Nankai University**
Confucius Institute,
Acting Director

OTHER JOB EXPERIENCE

2012-2014 General Coordinator for *ALAS Network* (Red Latinoamericana de Académicas/os del Derecho). www.redalas.net

2013-2016 Regional Program Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean at *OutRight International* (formerly known as the *International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission – IGLHRC*). https://www.outrightinternational.org

SCHOLARSHIP

Invited Encyclopedia entry

-- 2019. In collaboration with María Ximena Dávila. "Activism and Human Rights in Latin America" in *Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) History*. Edited by Howard Chiang. Farmington Hills, MI: Charles Scribner's Sons. **2020 Dartmouth Medal** for most outstanding reference work, an annual award presented by the expert reference and collection development librarians of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of American Librarian Association, is the "***Global Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) History***" published by Gale, a Cengage Company.

Book Chapters

2021. "A propósito de las detenciones arbitrarias: prevención, discrecionalidad policial y prejuicio, [On Arbitrary Detentions: Prevention, Police Discretion and Prejudice] en *Publicación Especial. Poder de Policía y Control Judicial. "A propósito del caso Fernández Prieto y Tumbeiro vs. Argentina de la Corte Interamericana de Derechos Humanos"*, Ministerio Público de la Defensa. República Argentina.Pp.177-206. https://www.mpd.gov.ar/pdf/publicaciones/LIBRO%20DE%20FERNANDEZ%20PRIETO%20FIN AL%20Final.pdf

2021. "Masculinidad y violencia" [Masculinity and Violence] in *Sexo, Violencia y Castigo*, [Sex, Violence and Punishment] María Camila Correa e Isabel C. Jaramillo editoras, Buenos Aires: Ediciones Didot, Bogotá: Ediciones Uniandes, Colección Género y Derecho, Red Alas.

2019. "Problemática de la violencia contra personas con orientación sexual o identidad de género no normativas en Latinoamérica" in *Clínica Forense para la práctica basada en enfoques diferenciales de atención*, Nelson Ricardo Téllez editor, Online publication, Coediciones, Centro Editorial de la Facultad de Medicina, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia.

2013. English translation of "Prejudice-based Violence" in *Gender and Sexuality in Latin America: Cases and Decisions*, Cristina Motta & Macarena Sáez, eds., New York: Springer. Pp. 279-323.

2008. "Capítulo 2: Violencia por Prejuicio" [Chapter 2: Prejudice-based Violence] in *La Mirada de los Jueces: Sexualidades diversas en la jurisprudencia latinoamericana*. Tomo 2. [Justice´s Gaze: A Casebook on Diverse Sexualities and Jurisprudence in Latin America. Vol. 2] Cristina Motta & Macarena Sáez, eds., Washington DC: Washington College of Law, American University; New York City: Center for Reproductive Rights; Bogotá: Siglo del Hombre Editores, Red Alas. Pp.89-190.

2006. "Los Usos Jerárquicos y Excluyentes de la Violencia," [The Hierarchical and

Exclusionary Uses of Violence] in *Más allá del derecho: Justicia y género en América Latina*. [Beyond the law: Justice and Gender in Latin América] Luisa Cabal & Cristina Motta, eds., Bogotá: CESO-Universidad de los Andes, Red Alas and Siglo del Hombre Editores, New York: Center for Reproductive Rights. Pp.19-55.

1998. "El estado del arte del debate feminista en los Estados Unidos" [A study of the feminist debate in the United States] in *Estados Unidos: Potencia y Prepotencia*, Luis Alberto Restrepo editor, Tercer Mundo Editores, IEPRI- Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Departamento Nacional de Planeación, Santafé de Bogota. Pp. 189-291.

1997. "La Mirada Pornográfica" [The Pornographic Gaze] introduction to *Derecho y Pornografía* [Law and Pornography]*:* Colección Nuevo Pensamiento Jurídico, Siglo del Hombre Editores y Universidad de los Andes, Santafé de Bogotá. Pp. 11-43.

1995. "El Feminismo: Ante todo un *Locus* para la Sospecha" [Feminism: a *locus* for suspicion] in *Etica y Conflicto*, Cristina Motta compiladora, Tercer Mundo Eds., Ediciones Uniandes, Santafé de Bogotá.] Pp. 337-352.

Peer-reviewed journals

2024. Kapoor, Ilan, Gavin Fridell, Maureen Sioh, Pieter de Vries, Hasmet Uluorta, Hannah Richter, Christian Caiconte and María Gómez. "Book Forum: Global Libidinal Economy." Distinktion: Journal of Social Theory 25 (1): 108-33.

2009. "Familias diversas: un asunto político" [Diverse Families: A Matter of Politics] in *Revista Latinoamericana de Estudios de Familia*, Inaugural Issue, Vol. 1, enero-diciembre. pp. 83-10

2007. "Homofobia y Psicoanálisis: entre lo secreto y lo público" [Homophobia and Psychoanalysis: Between Secrecy and Publicity] in *Revista de Estudios Sociales* RES [Social Sciences Journal] María Mercedes Gómez, Guest Editor, Bogotá: Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Universidad de los Andes/Fundación Social, Número 28. pp**.** 72-85.

2004. "Crímenes de Odio en los Estados Unidos. La distinción analítica entre discriminación y exclusión" [Hate crimes in the United States: The analytic distinction between discrimination and exclusion]. in *Debate Feminista*, Año 15, Vol. 29, México D. F., México. **pp.** 158-186.

Human Rights Reports
(co-author and/or co-editor)

1. *Mapping Trans Rights in Colombia*. 2016. *Program for equality and social inclusion (PAIIS)* at Universidad de los Andes, Law School, Bogotá, Colombia and *OutRight Action International*. (English and Spanish versions available online at outrightinternational.org).

2. *Mapping Trans Rights in Costa Rica*. 2016. *Mulabi* and *OutRight Action International*. (English and Spanish versions available online at outrightinternational.org)
3. *Mapping Trans Rights in Chile*. 2016. *OutRight Action International* with collaborations from Andrés Rivera Duarte and Fundación *TranSitar*. (English and Spanish versions available online at outrightinternational.org)
4. *The situation of trans and intersex children in Chile*. 2015. Submitted to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child on its pre-sessional working group meeting to consider Chile's joint Fourth and Fifth Periodic Report. *Observatorio de Derechos Humanos y Legislación* –Chile (Andrés Rivera Duarte) and *OutRight Action International*, formerly the *International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission* (IGLHRC). Geneva.
5. Shadow Report on the LGBT Community in Colombia. 2015. Presented to the United Nations Committee Against Torture (CAT) by *Colombia Diversa* and *OutRight Action International*, Geneva.
6. *Violence against Lesbians, Bisexual Women, and Trans People in Colombia*. 2015. Submitted to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women Annual Communications Procedure. *Colombia Diversa* and *International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission* (IGLHRC).

Other **research** on LGBTIQ rights

Caribbean Media Training Manual. 2015. United & Strong and *OutRight Action International* with collaborations from GROUNDATION GRENADA, GUYANA RAINBOW FOUNDATION, J-FLAG, PETAL, AND UNITED BELIZE ADVOCACY MOVEMENT.
Available at: https://www.outrightinternational.org/content/caribbean-media-training-manual

Other Publications

2022. Sistematización de la reunión técnica: *"Hacia una aproximación a la construcción de un modelo de protocolo latinoamericano de investigación y judicialización de muertes violentas de personas LGBTIQ+*". Panel I. Oficina del Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos en Honduras, Red Sin Violencia LGBTI. Tegucigalpa, September 6 & 7.

2020. Book Review of *Elusive Justice: Women, Land Rights and Colombian's Transition to Peace*. By Donny Meertens. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 2019. 224 pages. For the *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Canadian Studies*, University of Alberta, Fall 2020 edition.

2019. Programa sobre Sexualidades y Derecho en America Latina, (Syllabus on Sexualities and the law in Latin America), In collaboration with Esteban Restrepo and Juan Marco Vaggione. *RED ALAS* with support from the Ford Foundation.

2016. Symposium on "The Global Struggle for LGBTQ Rights: Legal, Political and Social Dimensions" Rutgers University School of Law -Newark, April 10, 2015. "Transcripts of

proceedings", Panel three, in Women's Rights Law Reporter, Volume 37, Spring/Summer 2016,
pp. 293-307.

1999. "Bodies that Mean: On (Mis)recognition of the Female Body" in Paradigms and Contentions, Gomez, Guthmiller and Kalt eds., Junior Fellows Conferences, Vol. VII, IWM-Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna.

1993. "La Autonomía: Una Cuestión de Orientación" in Documentos Ocasionales No 31, Santafé de Bogotá. [Autonomy: A question of orientation]

2009. Translation (with Carlos Morales de Setién Ravina) of *Drogas y Prohibición. Una vieja guerra, un nuevo debate, [Drugs and Prohibition. An Old War, a New Discussion]* Juan Gabriel Tokatlián, editor, Buenos Aires: Libros El Zorzal, 2010. From English into Spanish.

EDITED COLLECTIONS

2007--2012. Co-editor (with Eliane Borges-Berutti and Rafael de la Dehesa) of Monographies *on Sexualities in Latin America and the Caribbean*, International Resource Network (IRN) hosted by the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS) at City University of New York (CUNY).

Dec. 2007. Guest editor, *Revista de Estudios Sociales*, RES 28. http://res.uniandes.edu.co

Dec. 1999. Co-editor (with Ann` Guthmiller and Stefan Kalt) of *Paradigms and Contentions* Vol. VII, Papers from the Junior Visiting Fellows Conference, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna, Austria. http://www.iwm.at/

CONFERENCE PAPERS

a. Refereed

2022 Paper on "Why does dissenting gender matter?" as part of the panel "*On Dissenting Gender*" for Law and Society Association Meeting (LSA), July 16, Lisbon, Portugal (virtual participation).

2019 Paper on "Interpellation and self-identification: the effects of legalizing identities " as part of the panel: *"Naming Unruly Secrets: The Intersection of Legal Categories and Narratives of Self- Self-Presentation"* into the Track: Sexualities and LGBTQ Studies for the Latin-American Studies Association Congress (LASA), May 24 - 27, 2019, Boston, MA.

2018 Paper on "Violence in the Criminal System: When Gender is Troubled" for the conference *Global Transformation towards Gender Equality and Agenda 2030: A Conversation about Innovative Approaches to Break the Cycle of Violence against Women*, Mexico City, September 17- 18, Red Alas, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and

Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, American University Washington College of Law.

2017 Paper title "Rethinking impunity: prejudice as a source for discrimination or exclusion in the criminal justice system" Panel on '*Discrimination and Exclusion in the Criminal Justice System and Life Behind Bars"* at Law and Society Association Meeting (LSA), Mexico City, June 20.

2013 Panel 1: *Legal Struggles* at LASA Gender and Feminist Section Pre-Conference Gender, Sexuality and Struggles for Justice in Latin America: Legal, Political and Social Dimensions. Washington College of Law - American University, Washington D.C. May 29

2010 Paper title: "Notas sobre parentesco en Colombia" at Latin American Studies Association Conference (LASA), Toronto, Oct. 7.

2010 Paper entitled: "Divergent Sexualities: Crimes of Passion, Crimes of Prejudice" at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, May 27-30.

2010 Paper entitled: "The Uses of Violence: A Critical Approach to Hate Crime Laws" at the Canadian Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, June 2-4.

2007 Paper entitled: "Violence and Sexual Prejudice: some Latin American cases" at Congreso Nacional de Antropología, (National Anthropology Congress) Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Oct. 13.

2006 Paper entitled, "Construction of Alterity and Violence based on Sexual Prejudice" at the Congreso Nacional de Sociología (National Sociology Congress), Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Diciembre 7.

2006 Paper Entitled "Rethinking Discrimination" and Chair of Panel "*LGTB Activism and State Policies*" Latin American Studies Association Conference (LASA), San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 16.

2004 Paper entitled, "Hate Crimes and Sexual Orientation: Elements for a Comparison between Colombia and the United States", Latin American Studies Association Conference (LASA), Panel Chair: *Sexual Border Crossings, Identities and Practices*. Las Vegas, October 7-9.

2003 Paper entitled, "Discrimination and Exclusion: Toward an Interdisciplinary Approach to Hate Crimes Law", at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Sixth Annual Conference. Cardozo Law School, New York City, March 7-9.

2003 Paper entitled, "Exclusionary Practices: Hate Crimes Law and the Negotiation of the Lesbian "Other", Pacific Sociological Association, Pasadena, California, April, 3-6.

b. Invited

2023 Guest Speaker "Violencia por prejuicio: genealogía y funciones" for the course "Género, sexualidad y patrones de formación familiar" in the doctoral program on Population Studies at El Colegio de México, 27 de Febrero.

2022 "*Hacia una aproximación a la construcción de un modelo de protocolo latinoamericano de investigación y judicialización de muertes violentas de personas LGBTIQ+*". Panel I. Oficina del Alto Comisionado de las Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos en Honduras, Red Sin Violencia LGBTI. Tegucigalpa, September, 7.

2022 Keynote Speaker, "The challenges of creating a protocol using the notion of violence based on prejudice, the gaze of the perpetrator and the perceived or real identity of the victims." Asamblea de la Red Sin Violencia, Tegucigalpa, September 7.

2022 Conversatorio virtual. "Avances Jurisprudenciales de la Corte IDH sobre violencia por prejuicio hacia personas LGBT". (Follow-up to the InterAmerican Court of Human Rights's decisions on violence based of prejudice against LGBT people) Red de Litigantes LGBT de las Américas y Sin Violencia LGBTI. May 3.

2021 Panel on "Violencias de género, violencias por prejuicio y estrategias de guerra" for La Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz -JEP- (Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace), with the support of Alianza Iniciativa de Mujeres Colombianas por la Paz, UN Women and the Sweden Embassy, Zoom Plattform, March 18. Available in Spanish at: https://youtu.be/hOPwSYd8tB4

2021 Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Graduate Program on the Inter-American System of Human Rights "Héctor Fix Zamudio", 2021 edition. Faculty for module on violence motivated by sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. September 30th.

2020 Instituto de Investigaciones Jurídicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Graduate Program on the Inter-American System of Human Rights "Héctor Fix Zamudio", 2020 edition. Faculty for module on violence motivated by sexual orientation and gender identity and expression. Oct. 29 and Nov. 5.

2020 Guest Speaker (online talk) on "Violence based on Prejudice" for course on "*The Rights of Disadvantaged and Vulnerable Groups*" at the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Washington College of Law, American University. June 8.

2019 "Shared Lies: Exploring the role of the Criminal Justice System in cases of violence

against gender non-conforming individuals in Latin America", *Dalhousie Feminist Seminar Series*. Dalhousie University, Halifax, Oct. 18.

2019 "Azul Rojas Marín V. Perú", Expert Witness for the Interamerican Commission of Human Rights before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, *62th Extraordinary Sessions Period*, Barranquilla, Colombia, August 27. Testimony available in Spanish at: https://vimeo.com/347339620 (starting at 2:54:00).

2018 "A conversation on prejudice and hate", session at the 2018 Nova Scotia Social Studies Teachers Association Meeting. *Calling All Citizens*, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, October 26.

2017 Guest Speaker on "Ernesto Laclau and the importance of empty signifiers for politics", class at the graduate program in Psychosocial Studies, Birkbeck College, University of London, London, March14 th .

2016 Paper: "Combatting Stereotypes and Discrimination on the Grounds of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity" presented at Panel on "*Promising Anti-Discrimination Practices in Context"* A Side Event at the 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women co-organised by the Council of Europe, the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Republic of Malta, UN General Assembly Building, New York City, March 16.

2016 "Ojos que no ven…Reflexiones sobre el prejuicio, la ideología, y la impunidad" [Blind eyes… Reflections on prejudice, ideology and impunity], Coloquio del programa de doctorado en derecho, Law School, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, November 8.

2016 Comentator to the film *Vita Activa, the Spirit of Hannah Arendt*, Department of Political Science, Saint Mary's University, Halifax, November 2.

2015 Paper: "La violencia contra la población LGBTI: crímenes de odio y discriminación", (Violence against LGBTI population: hate crimes and discrimination) at Fiscalía General de la Nación (National General Prosecutor's office.) Bogotá, Colombia, March 26.

2015 Activists Panel at the *Global Struggle for LGBTQ Rights*: Legal, Political and Social Dimension, Rutgers School of Law, New Jersey, April 10.

2014 Panel on Latin America: *Stigmatization, Discrimination and Violence against Lesbians, Bisexual Women and Transgender People*. 58th Commission on the Status of Women, IGLHRC Parallel event, New York City, March 11.

2014 Skype talk "Prejuicio y estigma: una reflexión sobre la discriminación y la violencia contra la población LGBT, at the conference *"Diversidad LGBTI y VIH en Venezuela: camino a la inclusión",* Fundación Stop VIH, Isla Margarita, Venezuela, Oct 20. Available at: **https://youtu.be/PkEEs1ddr9Q**

https://youtu.be/8jQSs9mL21U

2013 Gender, Sexuality and Human Rights in the Caribbean. Strengthening the Regional Human Rights Networks and Strategizing Future Advocacy, Panel on *Gender, Sexuality and Violence,* co- sponsored by IGLHRC, Red Alas, Williams Institute, The Impact Litigation Project WCL and the University of West Indies-Mona-Jamaica, June 7.

2012 "La teoría queer y el derecho" (Queer Theory and the Law) en "*Derecho, género y sexualidades*" Reunión Radar 4 y Red Alas, Mexico City, March 17.

2010 Paper: "Comentarios al caso: 17.07.02 Tribunal Supremo de España" [Case commentary on 17.07. Supreme Court of Spain], Foro "*Perspectiva de género y criterios jurisdiccionales relevantes"* Suprema Corte de México and Women's Link Worldwide, Cuernavaca, Mexico, June 25-26.

2009 Paper: "Violencia por prejuicio: definiciones y comparaciones" in *Seminario internacional sobre experiencias exitosas contra la discriminación*, Defensoría del Pueblo del Valle de Cauca, (Public Defender's Office) Cali, Colombia, Nov. 23-25.

2009 Paper: "Familias diversas: un asunto político" in III *Seminario internacional sobre familia: el reto de la diversidad*, Universidad de Caldas, Manizales, Colombia, abril 27-30.

2008 Paper: "Notes on "Masculinity" and Violence" in III *Coloquio internacional de estudios sobre varones y masculinidades*, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, Colombia, December 3-5.

2008 Paper: "Prejudiced Violence" for the Seminar on "*Sexualidades: salud, derechos y moralidad",* Centro latinoamericano para el estudio de las sexualidades y los derechos humanos
V Anniversary, CLAM, Río de Janeiro, July 22-23.

2008 Paper: "Hate crimes" in LGBT Community Centre de Chapinero, Bogotá, May 19.

2007 Paper: "Globalization, Activisms and Sexualities" en Seminario "*El intercambio en un mundo globalizado"* The Fulbright Foundation –Colombia 50 Aniversario, Colciencias, Bogotá, Nov. 22.

2007 Paper: "Violence and Sexual Prejudice: Problems and Definitions" at *Jornadas Nacionales de Derecho, Género y Diversidad Sexual*, (National Meetings on Law, Gender and Sexual Diversity), Universidad EAFIT, Law School, Medellín, Colombia, August 17 & 18.

2007 Paper: "Psychoanalysis and Homophobia" at Foros CESO, Universidad de los Andes, Facultad de Ciencias Sociales, Bogotá, April 24.

2007 Paper: "Social Dimensions of Prejudice: Thinking on "Diverse" Sexualities," at Dialogando con los libros [In dialogue with books], Angel Nogueira commentator, Librería de la Universidad Nacional, Anthropos and Siglo del Hombre Editores organizers, Bogotá, April 19.

2007 Paper: "Prejudice, Violence and Crime: Problems and Definitions" at *Intenational Seminar on Homophobic Violence*, Universidad de los Andes, Proyecto Colombia Diversa and Red Alas, Bogotá, April 11 & 12.

2006 Paper :"The Construction of the Other and Violence Based on Prejudice" at the Cátedra Low Maus Series of the Universidad Industrial Santander, Bucaramanga, Colombia, September 13.

2005 Paper :"El paralelo entre las leyes contra la discriminación y las leyes contra los crímenes de odio en los Estados Unidos", [The parallel between anti-discrimination law and hate crimes law in the United Status] *at* the *Seminar on Democracy, Politics and Rights*, CIDER, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad Católica, ESAP, and the Universidad de la Sabana. Bogotá, June 14.

2004 Paper: "Expresiones de Odio" [Expressions of hate] at *Latin American Encounter for Gender and Justice*, Law School, Universidad de Buenos Aires, Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género, August 27.

2004 Paper: "Notas sobre los estatutos contra los crímenes de odio en Estados Unidos" [Notes on the statutes against hate crimes in the United Status] at the *Foro del Centro de Estudios Sociales e Internacionales* (CESO), Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, April 20.

2003 Paper: "Hate Crimes and Lesbian Invisibility", at the *Colloquium of the Center for the Study of Law and Culture*, Columbia University Law School, New York City, April 9.

2001 Paper: "On Exclusion and Discrimination" at *Politics and Identification: Transatlantic Explorations Conference*, Graduate Faculty, New School for Social Research, New York City, March 30-31.
1998 Paper: "Bodies that Mean: On (Mis)recognition of the Female Body" at the Junior Visiting Fellows Conference *"Paradigms and Contentions*", Institut fur die Wissenchaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria. December 10-11.

1998 Paper: "Origins and Politics" at *the* International Symposium on Women and Migration, Frauenhetz, Vienna, Austria. October 16-17.

1997 Introduction to Nancy Fraser's *"Justicia Social"*, en *Estudios Ocasionales*, CIJUS, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, November.

Workshops, Roundtables and Training

2023 Panelist in the preparatory legal clinic for the Macrocaso 11 on sexual violence based on gender to be opened by the Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace (JEP in Spanish) Initiative of Alianza Cinco Claves: Corporación Sisma Mujer, Corporación Humanas, Red Nacional de Mujeres, Women's Link Worldwide and Colombia Diversa. Bogotá, September 14-15.

2023 Workshop on violence based on prejudice and legal strategies, Colombia Diversa, Bogotá, March, 15.

2023 Workshop on identities and politics with the Women's Rights and the LGBT's Rights Sections of Human Rights Watch. Washington, DC. February 17-18

2019. Chair for the 2nd workshop on "The nature and intersections between prejudice and gender based violence. The use of the categories in the transitional justice process in Colombia" for the legal team and human rights advocates of NGO Colombia Diversa. Bogotá, Universidad Externado de Colombia, July 8.

2019. Chair of "Bridging the gap between academia and activism: the legal struggle for recognition of gender and sexuality rights in Latin America: the experience of RED ALAS", round-table session at the 2019 Law & Society Annual Association Meeting (LSA), Washington, DC. May 30-June 2.

2018 Chair for the 1st. workshop on "The nature and intersections between prejudice and gender-based violence. The use of the categories in the transitional justice process in Colombia" for the legal team and human rights advocates of NGO Colombia Diversa. Bogotá, Universidad Externado de Colombia, July 24.

2018 La Causa Justa: Towards the Full Decriminalization of Abortion in Colombia, Expert Strategy Workshop, Discussant for Session 2: Critique-use of Criminal Law to Regulate Abortion. Conveners: Joanna Erdman, MacBain Chair in Health Law & Policy, Schulich Law Dalhousie University & Ana Cristina González, La Mesa por la Vida y la Salud de las Mujeres, Bogotá, Colombia. Halifax, Canada, Febrero 20-21.

2018 Sexual Violence Workshop, Chair: Dr. Diane Crocker, Saint Mary's University, February 9.

2017 Chair and Discussant for panel on "Race and Criminalization" at International Meeting on Law and Society Association (LSA), Mexico City, June 22.

2016 Co-chair with Esteban Restrepo of workshop on gender, sexualities and the law for law professors at Universidad Iberoamericana, RED ALAS, Mexico City, May 25.

2015 Media Training on LGBTI negative stereotypes for Caribbean Media at Universidad Autónoma del Caribe and Caribe Afirmativo, Barranquila, Nov. 20.

2015 Dialogue on Religion and the Law, Washington College of Law, American University Washington DC, October 18-19.

2015 Training on prejudice and violence against LBT women at the Caribbean Women and Sexual Diversity Conference, Trinidad & Tobago, Oct. 3-8.

2015 Workshop for Colombian Caribbean prosecutors and judicial police on the access to criminal law and investigation of violence based on sexual prejudice, "Theoretical Context", Caribe Afirmativo, Fiscalía General de la Nación, Colombia Diversa e IGLHRC, Barranquilla, Colombia, July 8, 9.10.

2015 Panel to launch "*Cuando la guerra se va la vida toma su lugar, 2013-2014",* The Human Rights Report on LGBTI violence, Colombia Diversa, Bogotá, June 11.

2015 Panel on The Cost of Exclusion (moderator), 59th Commission on the Status of Women, IGLHRC Parallel event, New York City, March 18th.

2014 "Los Derechos reproductivos después de Artavia Murillo vs. Costa Rica" [Reproductive rights after Artavia Murillo vs. Costa Rica], GIRE, RED ALAS, CIDE, UNAM and IGLHRC, Mexico City, Nov. 2 & 4. Interview available at: **https://youtu.be/p8GF-d-57Sw**

2014 Participant, the International Lesbian and Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersexed Association (ILGA) World Conference, Mexico City, Oct. 27-31.

2014 Skype talk on LBT institutional, social and domestic violence, Caribbean Women and Sexual Diversity Conference, Paramaribo, Suriname, Oct. 7.

2013 Commentator on case study #1: Gender and Sexuality: *Atala Riffo and Daughters v. Chile at* the Conference on the Intersectionality in the Inter-American Human Rights System. An Expert Convening co-hosted by the Center for Reproductive Rights and the Human Rights Institute, Columbia Law School, in collaboration with the Inter-American Working Group of the Bringing Human Rights Home Lawyers' Network, New York City, July 22.

2013 Facilitator on documenting human right violations at the Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Training for LGBTI Youth, GuyBow and IGLHRC, Georgetown, Guyana Nov. 30-Dec. 1.

2013 Facilitator on LBT institutional, social and domestic violence, at Caribbean Women and Sexual Diversity Conference, Willemstad, Curacao, Sept. 23-29.

2013 Participant in the IX International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture

and Society (IASSCS) Conference, Buenos Aires, Argentina, Aug. 28-31.

2012 Doctoral Colloquium, Law School, Commentator for Marcela Abadía's Proposal on "Feminismos, Derecho Penal y Criminología" [Feminisms, Criminal Law and Criminology] Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá-Colombia, May 31.

2012 Panel on "Comparative perspectives in the protection of LGBTI individuals", Workshop on Violence and Discrimination on sexual orientation in the Caribbean: the role of legal education. Cenesex, Universidad de La Habana Law School, Red Alas, La Habana, Cuba, May 11.

2012 Legal Education and Sexual Orientation: Roundtable discussion on the role of legal education in promoting gender and sexuality rights. Workshop on Violence and Discrimination on sexual orientation in the Caribbean: the role of legal education. Cenesex, Unión Nacional de Juristas, Red Alas, La Habana, Cuba, May 12.

2012 Facilitator for Red de Académicas Latinoamericanas (Red Alas) Network Meeting, Ciudad de México, Mexico, March 18 - 19.

2011 Co-chair (with Esther Vicente) of the workshop "Gender and the Law" for the Law School at Universidad Católica de Río de Janeiro (PUC-Río), RED ALAS, June 2-3

2009 Chair of the workshop on violence based on prejudice against LGBTI, for the Federación Nacional de Personerías (FENALPER), Medellín, Colombia, June 12.

2008 Co-chair (with Esteban Restrepo) of the workshop on "Cuerpo, Género y Derecho" [The Body, Gender and the Law], For The Mexican Office of the High Commission of the United Nations for Human Rights, ITAM and Red ALAS. Mexico City, May 29-30.

2007 Co-Facilitator for a workshop on violence based on prejudice addressed to law enforcement officers and prosecutors in Bogotá. Proyecto Colombia Diversa. January-May.

2007 Chair of the International Seminar on Homophobic Violence and the Workshop on public policies and homophobia. Universidad de los Andes, Red de Académicas Latinoamericanas (ALAS) and Proyecto Colombia Diversa. Bogotá, April 9-11.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2021 Panel on "Violencias de género, violencias por prejuicio y estrategias de guerra" for La Jurisdicción Especial para la Paz -JEP- (Colombian Special Jurisdiction for Peace), with the support of *Alianza Iniciativa de Mujeres Colombianas por la Paz*, *UN Women* and the *Sweden Embassy*, Zoom Plattform, March 18. Available in Spanish at: https://youtu.be/hOPwSYd8tB4

2019 Expert Witness testimony, Inter-American Court of Human Rights, 62th Extraordinary Sessions Period, Barranquilla, Colombia, August 27. Available at: https://vimeo.com/347339620 (starting at 2:54:00).

2016 An approach to prejudice, Virtual Classroom, Red Alas (Alas Network) , available at:
https://vimeo.com/169849151
https://vimeo.com/169858719

2015 Blog on Same-sex adoption in Colombia at: **https://www.outrightinternational.org/content/se-abre-el-camino-para-la-adopcion-en- colombia**

2015 Blog on Jamaican Pride at:
http://iglhrc.org/content/jamaica-week-courage-and-solidarity

2015 contribution to CNN at:
http://iglhrc.org/content/cnn-how-do-gay-rights-look-your-country

2015 Interview El Sofá, Canal Capital, Bogotá –Colombia on July 13 at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWyrzP-DQEI&feature=youtu.be&a

2015 Interview, HuffPost Live: http://huff.lv/1BgoVEW aired on February 26, 2015

2015 HuffPost Blogs:
On the Civil Union Pact in Chile:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/maria-mercedes-gomez/chile-steps-forward-on-lgbti- rights_b_6709834.html

2014-2015 IGLHRC Blogs:

http://iglhrc.org/content/ruling-limits-rights-adoption-same-sex-couples-colombia

http://iglhrc.org/content/ni%C3%B1ez-y-adolescencia-lgbti-un-reto-para-la-justicia-en-colombia

2013 Conceptos básicos sobre prejuicio, a virtual talk, USAID & Caribe Afirmativo available at:
https://youtu.be/kyOLQ-2hMyc

2007 Interview on-line: CLAM: "Violencia por prejuicio" (en portugués y español) Published on 11/12/2007.

http://www.clam.org.br/publique/cgi/cgilua.exe/sys/start.htm?infoid=3569&tpl=printerview&sid=43

2007 Prejudice, Violence and Democracy (in English and Spanish). Comments on democracy now for artist Carlos Motta: The Good Life/ La Buena Vida.
www.la-buena-vida.info/pdf/**gomez**-en.pdf

RECENT COLLABORATIONS

2021 REDRESS, Ending Torture, Seeking Justice for Survivors (with Chris Esdaile and Alejandra Vicente) for implementation of IAHRC 's decision on *Azul Marín and other v. Perú* and planning for a protocol to prevent violence based on prejudice in Africa. Jan. 20.

2020 KALEIDOS, Centro de Etnografía Interdisciplinaria, Universidad de Cuenca yFacultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales FLACSO, Ecuador. Interview for Ethnodata platform on hate crimes and violence based on prejudice. Oct. 2.

2020 Consultant with Proyecto Colombia Diversa, *Amicus Curiae* before the Inter- American Court of Human Rights on *Vicky Hernández and Family v. Honduras.*

ACADEMIC EDITORIAL DUTIES

Fall 2020 Editorial Board for *ATLANTIS JOURNAL. Critical Studies in Gender, Culture and Social Justice.* https://journals.msvu.ca/index.php/atlantis

2007-2009 Editorial Board for Revista de Derecho Público (Public Law Journal) at Universidad de los Andes, Law School. http://derechopublico.uniandes.edu.co

2008-- Advisory Board for Sexuality, Health and Society Latin American Journal, a project of the Latin American Center on Sexuality and Human Rights (CLAM-IMS/UERJ).
http://www.e-publicacoes.uerj.br/index.php/SexualidadSaludySociedad/index

2009- 2014 Advisory Board for Encounters: An International Journal for the Study of Culture and Society. http://encounters.zu.ac.ae/

2007--2009 Editorial Board for Sortuz: Oñati Journal of Emergent Sociolegal Studies. http://opo.iisj.net/index.php/sortuz/issue/view/38

2009-- Advisory Board for Revista Latinoamericana de Estudios de Familia. www.ucaldas.edu.co

Peer reviewer for:

--2021	Anuário Antropológico
--2020	Latin American Law Review
--2018	Journal of Lesbian Studies
--2018	Gender and Religion
--2015	Journal of Homosexuality
--2012	Revista CS en Ciencias Sociales
--2011	Canadian Journal of Law and Society (CJLS)
--2010	Sexuality, Health and Society Latin American Journal (CLAM-IMS/UERJ).
--2010	IRN Essay Competition on Latin American and Caribbean Sexualities
--2009	Sortuz: Oñati Journal of Emergent Socio-legal Studies
--2009	Revista Colombiana de Antropología RCA-ICAHN
--2008	Latin American Research Review (LARR-LASA)
--2008	Revista de Estudios Sociales (RES)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT: seminars and workshops

2024 Workshop on NPL and LLMs in Social Sciences, Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects, Saint Mary's University. August, 28.

2023 Online workshop on the basics of Chat GPT (Pablander Industries Pty Ltd) June 3.

2023 the SMU Community Forum: AI and ChatGPT in the Classroom, June 22.

2017 the Nova Scotia Criminal Justice Association Learning Event - Criminal Justice in Nova Scotia: Beyond "One Size Fits All" Saint Mary's University, Halifax, June 9.

2007 Dis/organized pleasures. Changing bodies, rights and cultures. VI Conference. International Association for the Study of Sexuality, Culture and Society. Lima, Peru. June 27-2.

2007 Sexuality and Health (Barbara Klugman's Portafolio) Ford Foundation Grantees General Meeting, Lima, Peru. June 26.

2007 Participant in Encuentro Nacional e Internacional de Políticas Públicas para la población LGBT [National and International Meeting on Public Policy for the LGBT Population], Bogotá, August 21, 22, 23.

2004 First meeting of the Red de Académicas Latinoamericanas (RED ALAS), Universidad de Palermo and the Center for Reproductive Rights (NYC), Buenos Aires, August 25-27.

2004 Second International Symposium on Criminal Conduct, Bogotá-Colombia. Asociación Colombiana para el Avance de las Ciencias del Comportamiento- ABA Colombia. August, 30-31.

2003 Participant in the Working Regional Meeting of the Latin American Resource Network, organized by The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at the Graduate Center of CUNY, Universidad del Claustro de Sor Juana, Departamento de Filosofía de la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana -Iztapalapa (UAM-I) and the Programa Universitario de Estudios de Género de la Universidad Autónoma de México (UNAM). Mexico City, August 4-5.

2003 Participant in the Law & Humanities Junior Scholar Interdisciplinary Workshop, Columbia University Law School, New York City, June 1st & 2nd.

2003 Participant in the Seminar on Race, Citizenship and the State, Organized by Professors Katherine Franke, David Theo Goldberg and Kendall Thomas, Columbia University Law School, New York City. January-May.

2002 Participant in the Working Meeting on the International Resource Network, The Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies (CLAGS), The Graduate Center, City University of New York. November 15&16.

1999 ELLA Program. Student's coordinator and participant at seminars on Conflict Resolution and Negotiation, Communication and Persuasion, Leadership, and the Promotion of Democratic Change. Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, *Harvard University*. June 28 - August 6.

1998 Participant in the Seminar on "Gender and Social Policy in East-Central Europe: Winners and Losers". Institut fur die Wissenchaften vom Menschen, Vienna, Austria. November 13.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- May 2024-present. Saint Mary's University Faculty Union Executive -Secretary.
- May 2018-2019. Saint Mary's University Faculty Union Executive- Member at large.
- 2004 –present. Founder Member of Red de Académicas Latinoamericanas (RED ALAS)— An NGO dedicated to reforming legal curricula from gender and sexuality perspectives in Latin America.www.redalas.net
- 2016-2023. International Advisor, Astraea Foundation, New York City.
- 2007-2011 Board of Directors, Proyecto Colombia Diversa, an NGO that promotes human rights for the LGBT community in Colombia.
- 2003-2012 Advisory Board for the International Resource Network (Latin America), hosted by the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies at CUNY (CLAGS).
- 2001-2002 Student Advisor, Department of Political Science, Graduate Faculty of the *New School for Social Research.*
- 1999 Resident Advisor, The ELLA Program (Emerging Women Leaders in Latin America), Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, *Harvard University*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, June-August.
- 2016- 2022 Member of the Law and Society Association

- 2018- 2020 Member Latin American Studies Association

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Foreign Affairs and Development Canada (DFATD)

- 2019-2020 Faculty Mobility Program. CAN$ 4150

Red Alas (Alas Network) with funds from the Ford Foundation

- 2016-2018 In collaboration with E. Restrepo (Uniandes -Colombia) and JM Vaggione (Universidad de Córdoba-Argentina) design of a virtual course on Sexualities and the Law. (US $18000)

Saint Mary's University

- 2020 Summer SMUWorks; CAN $
- 6300 2019 Internal Faculty Grant: CAN $3000
- 2018 & 2019 Summer SMUWorks: CAN $
- 9000 2018 SMU International Travel Grant:
- CAN $1000 2018 Internal Faculty Grant : CAN $3000
- 2017 New Faculty Grant: CAN$ 5000

Government of Bogotá, City Chapter on LGBT Issues

- 2008 (August) Nominated as Academic of the Year for work against homophobia

Government of Canada

- 2005 (November-December), Faculty Research Grant

Columbia University Law School

- 2002-2003 Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Law and Culture

Government of Colombia

- 1997-2001 Colciencias Scholarship

Institut fur die Wissenchaften von Menschen,

- Vienna, Austria 1998 (July-December), Junior Visiting Fellowship

Fulbright Scholarship

- 1995-1997

New School for Social Research- Internal Scholarships

- 2005-2006 Tuition Scholarship
- Fall 2003 Dean's Fellow, Eugene Lang College
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Spring-2002 Fellowship, Eugene Lang College

2002-2003 Tuition Scholarship

- 2001-2002 G F Halle Prize Scholarship and Weistheimer
- Fellowship 1995-2001 Tuition Scholarship
- 1995-2000 Janey Program for Latin American Studies Fellowship