

## JOSEPH A. TORRES-GONZÁLEZ

| Anthropology | Social Sciences | Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latino/a Studies |

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### EDUCATION

- 2017-present PhD, Graduate Center – City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY  
Major: Cultural Anthropology
- 2019 Master of Arts, University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY)  
Major: Anthropology  
Comprehensive Exam: Cultural Anthropology (High Pass)
- 2017 Graduate Certificate, University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY),  
Major: Latin American, Caribbean, and US Latino Studies.
- 2014 Bachelor of Arts, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus, San Juan, PR.  
*Magna Cum Laude* Major: Social Sciences & Anthropology  
Honor Studies Program Member, Deans Honor List

### ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2016 Summer Training in Field Research Methods (Tallahassee Ethnographic Fieldschool)  
National Science Foundation – University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Topics: Ethnohistory, Anthropology & History, Economic Anthropology, consumption, Popular Culture in Latin America, Latino/a Studies, Cultural Studies.  
Geographic: Puerto Rico; Latin America & the Caribbean, U.S. Latinas/os.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present *Adjunct Lecturer, Brooklyn College, CUNY*  
Department of Anthropology and Archaeology (2019-present)  
Courses taught: Anthropology of Food (Spring 2019)
- Department of Puerto Rican and Latino/a Studies (2018-2019)  
Courses taught: Introduction to Puerto Rican and Latino/a Studies (Spring 2018), Latin America (Fall 2018), Latino/a Diasporas in the US (Spring 2019)
- 2014 Teaching Assistant, University of Puerto Rico  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology; Course: Demography (Spring 2015).

### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 Conference Presentation Support, Division for Student Affairs, Graduate Center, CUNY, \$300
- 2019 Conference Presentation Support, Anthropology Program, Graduate Center, CUNY, \$500
- 2019 Summer Research Travel Fellowship, Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (CLACLS), Graduate Center, CUNY \$500
- 2019 Northeastern Anthropological Association Student Travel Grant, \$400
- 2019 Stipend, PublicsLab –Mellon Public Humanities Seminar “Reimagining the Humanities for the Public Good,” Office of the Provost, Graduate Center, CUNY \$4,000
- 2018 Summer Research Fellowship, Graduate Center, CUNY, \$2,000

- 2018 Conference Presentation Support, Division for Student Affairs, Graduate Center, CUNY, \$300
- 2017 Provost Enhancement Fellowship, Office of the Provost, Graduate Center, CUNY
- 2017 Five Year Graduate Center Fellowship, CUNY
- 2017 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowship (2016-2017 cycle).
- 2016 Finalist, Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- 2016 Graduate Tuition Scholarship, Office of Graduate Studies, University at Albany.
- 2016 Graduate Student Association (GSA) Professional Development Grant, University at Albany, \$215
- 2015 Graduate Student Association (GSA) Professional Development Grant, University at Albany, \$415
- 2014 Honor Tuition Scholarship, Office of the Registrar, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus

#### FIELD RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Student Fellow, Health Equity Alliance of Tallahassee (HEAT) Ethnographic Field School University of Florida, Gainesville (Fieldschool financed by the National Science Foundation) – 5 weeks
- 2015 Survey Assistant, Center for Landscape Conservation –2 months San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2014 Research Assistant, “Ethnographic Overview and Assessment of the San Juan National Historic Site”, Florida International University (Project Financed by the National Park Service) –9 months

#### PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

- 2019 **Torres-González, J.A.** “Anthropology, colonial social science, and the study of commodities: *The People of Puerto Rico* and contemporary approaches to coffee culture.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA). *Panel: Politics, Extractivism, and Culture.* May 2019- Boston, M.A. Oral Presentation.
- 2019 **Torres-González, J.A.** “Corporate citizenship, Starbucks, and spectacle in Post-Hurricane María Puerto Rico.” 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Anthropological Association. (NEAA) March 2019- Providence, RI. Oral Presentation.
- 2017 Szurek, S., Glavlee, C., Schensul, J. J., Little, T.V., **Torres-González, J.A.**, Whitehead, T.L., Boston, P.Q., Mitchell, M.M. “Reflecting on Five Years of the NSF-Sponsored HEAT Ethnographic Field School: A Roundtable with Community Partners, Faculty, and Alumni.” American Anthropological Association 116<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. November 2017- Washington, D.C. Oral Presentation.
- 2016 **Torres-González, J.A.** “Coffee, Culture and Heritage: Brief Observations at the Puerto Rico Chocolate and Coffee Expo.” New England Council of Latin American Studies (NECLAS) 2016 Annual Meeting. *Panel 2.6: Round Table: Heritage Politics and Latin American Perspectives.* October 2016- Hartford, Connecticut. Oral Presentation.
- 2016 Sanabria-León, W., **Torres-González, J.A.** “Desterritorialización de Identidades a partir del comercio del café en Puerto Rico en el Siglo XIX: El caso de los Pietri-Mariani.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) *Panel: Anthropological Practices in Puerto Rico: A Retrospective View.* May 2016- New York, New York. Oral Presentation.

- 2016 De Jesús-Monge, V. M., & **Torres-González, J. A.** “Estado de pobreza de Guánica: El municipio más pobre de Puerto Rico.” XXXVI Foro Anual de Investigación y Educación, Sesión Especial Premio Justicia en Salud. March 2016- University of Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Oral Presentation.
- 2015 Sanabria-León, W., **Torres-González, J.A.**, Buitrago-Ortiz, C. “Etnohistoria y Ubicaciones Múltiples: migración corsa y el caso del comercio de café en Puerto Rico a finales del siglo XIX.” IV Congreso Latinoamericano de Antropología; *Simposio. 79- Hacer Antropología en y sobre el Caribe.* October 2015- Mexico City, Mexico. Oral Presentation.
- 2015 **Torres-González, J.A.** “¡Libertad para Oscar! Espacios de cultura y poder desde las Murallas del Viejo San Juan.” International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), *Panel: Puerto Rico: Culture, Power & Colonialidad* May 2015- San Juan, Puerto Rico. Oral Presentation.
- 2014 **Torres-González, J.A.** “Estudio Histórico, Cultural y Económico de la Lotería de Puerto Rico” XX Congreso Subgraduado de Investigación Subgraduada en las Ciencias Sociales. University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus April 2014- Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. Poster Presentation.
- 2014 **Torres-González, J.A.** “Los Edificios de la Lotería de Puerto Rico (1814-1960)” Conferencias de la Semana de la Historia- Asociación Estudiantil de Historia University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus March 2014- San Juan, Puerto Rico. Oral Presentation.

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & WORKSHOPS**

- 2019 “GC Digital Research Institute” – GC Digital Fellows, Digital Scholarship Lab Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY
- 2018 “Archival Research Workshop: The Basics” – GC Library Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY
- 2017 “Human Subjects Research Protection Workshop” – GC HRPP Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY.
- 2016 Human Subject Research Online Training (Certificate #18467791) Valid until 2021 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

#### **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP**

##### **SERVICE AT THE CUNY GRADUATE CENTER**

- 2019-2021 *Student Representative*  
Graduate Council – Committee on Student Services
- 2019-2020 *Student Program Representative*  
Doctoral Student Council – Anthropology Program
- 2019-2020 *Student Member*  
Elections Committee – Anthropology Program

##### **SERVICE AT THE AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION**

- 2019-present *Editorial Assistant Intern, American Ethnologist*  
Journal of the American Ethnological Society (AES)

2016- 2019 *Peer-Reviewer, Student Anthropologist*  
Journal of the National Association of Student Anthropologists

**SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY (GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION)**

2016-2017 *Grants Committee Member*  
*Wages and Benefits Committee Member*

2016-2017 *Student Representative-* Department of Anthropology

**SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO**

2014 *Radio Presenter, Diálogo Antropológico* (Public Radio Program)  
University of Puerto Rico at Cayey

2012-2013 *Student Peer Counselor*, Office of the Dean of Student Affairs

2011-2014 *Assistant Editor* (2013-2014)  
*Interim Editor-in-Chief* (2011-2013)  
*Contornos*, Honor Studies Program Student Journal (peer-reviewed)

2011-2014 *Student Representative*, School of Social Sciences Student Council

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE APPOINTMENTS**

2019 (Summer) *Non-Teaching Adjunct*. Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Academic Assessment for Introductory level courses (Sociology and Anthropology)  
Baruch College, City University of New York, New York, NY

2019 (Spring) *Collaborator/Teaching Assistant* (Ad-Honorem)  
Department of Latin American and Latino Studies  
Course: Food, Health and Migration (Laboratory for Social Analysis) – Prof. A. Gálvez  
Lehman College, City University of New York, New York, NY

2018-2019 *Grader*. Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Course: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology – Prof. K. Guest  
Baruch College, City University of New York, New York, NY

2017-present *Magnet Mentor Fellow*. Office for Educational Opportunity and Diversity  
Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY

2017-2018 *Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant*. Anthropology PhD Program  
Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), New York, NY

2017 (Spring) *Library Assistant*. University Library  
University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, NY

2016-2017 *Graduate Assistant*. Office of Graduate Studies  
University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, NY

2015-2016 *Payroll Assistant*. Office of Human Resources Management.  
University at Albany, State University of New York (SUNY), Albany, NY

2015-2016 *Library Assistant*. Conrado F. Asenjo Library  
University of Puerto Rico, Medical Sciences Campus, San Juan, PR

**TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- ❖ Qualitative Research Techniques- Interview Design, Focus Groups, Oral History, Qualitative Package MaxQDA
- ❖ Quantitative and Statistical Techniques- Approaches / Statistical Packages (IBM SPSS & PSPP)
- ❖ Ethnographic Field methods, Interview Summary and Transcription;
- ❖ Archival Research and Document Management – Microfilm reader
- ❖ Microsoft Office Package (Word, Excel, Power Point, Outlook)

**LANGUAGES**

Spanish: Native Speaker  
 English: Fluent/Professional Proficiency  
 Portuguese: Intermediate-Fluent

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS*****Anthropology***

2013-Present American Anthropological Association (AAA)  
 2018- Present Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)  
 2018-Present North Eastern Anthropological Association (NEAA)

***Latin American, Caribbean, and US Latino/a Studies***

2015-Present New England Council for Latin American Studies (NECLAS)  
 2013-Present Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

***Honor Societies***

2013-Present Golden Key International Honour Society  
 2012-Present National Society for Collegiate Scholars