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EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D. in Urban Planning » University of Michigan » Taubman College
(Specializations in Community Development and Border Studies)
- 2010 Master of Architecture II » University of Pennsylvania » PennDesign
- 2009 Bachelor of Architecture, with High Distinction » Pennsylvania State University » Stuckeman
School of Design

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017 - present Assistant Professor of Environmental Design
University of Colorado Boulder - Boulder, CO

Affiliations: Just Environments Lab (Director); Community Engagement Design and
Research (CEDaR) Center (Affiliate); Environmental Justice Cluster
- 2011 - 2012 Instructor of Architecture
Pennsylvania State University - University Park, PA

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Rivera, D. Z. "Disaster Colonialism: A Commentary on Disasters beyond Singular Events to
Structural Violence." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*.
- 2020 Rivera, D. Z. The Community Union Model of Organizing in Rio Grande Valley Colonias.
Special Issue of *Environment and Planning C, OnlineFirst*.
- 2014 Rivera, D. Z. The Forgotten Americans: A Visual Exploration of Lower Rio Grande Valley
Colonias. *Michigan Journal of Sustainability*, 2, 119-130.
- 2013 Haider, J., Aeschbacher, P., Bose, M., & Rivera, D. Active Living in Small Town America: An
Approach to Parks and Recreation Planning and Design. *Studies in the History of Gardens &
Designed Landscapes: An International Quarterly*, 33(4), 345-359.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS - IN REVIEW

* Works co-authored with students

- Accepted for Rivera, D. Z. "Design in Planning: Bridging the Social Sciences and Humanities."
Special Issue - *Urban Planning*.
2021

- Revise + Re-Submit Rivera, D. Z., Jenkins, B.,* & Randolph, R.* "Procedural Vulnerability and its Effects on Equitable Post-Disaster Recovery in Low-Income Communities." *Journal of the American Planning Association*.
- Resubmitting Rivera, D. Z. Reclaiming "Self-Help" Within Rio Grande Valley Colonias. *Housing Policy Debate*.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH REPORTS

* Works co-authored with students

- Forthcoming, Nov 2020 Rivera, D. Z., Chrisafis, C.,* & Julien, K.* *Flooding in Río Grande Valley Colonias: An Evaluation of the TWDB Flooding Survey*. Boulder, CO: Just Environments Lab.
- 2020 Chrisafis, C.,* Julien, K.,* Connors, S.,* Soultz, M.,* Girod, N.,* Novotny, A.,* & Rivera, D. Z. *Food Insecurity in the Río Grande Valley*. Boulder, CO: Just Environments Lab. (Completed for the community through my course, PLAN 3100/4100)
- 2020 Chrisafis, C.,* Julien, K.,* Nissen, M.,* Rodriguez, B.,* & Rivera, D. Z. *Flooding in the Forgotten Americas*. Boulder, CO: Just Environments Lab. (Completed for the community through my course, PLAN 3100/4100)
- 2019 Rivera, D. Z., Jenkins, B.,* & Randolph R.* *Fighting FEMA: Urban Informality and Disaster Response in Río Grande Valley Colonias*. Cambridge, MA: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.
- 2010 Haider, J., Aeschbacher, P., Bose, M., Parr, C., Rivera, D., Shamalla, M., & Tjoa, P. *Planning and Design Strategies for Healthy Living, Parks and Recreation in the Pottstown Area. Preparing for Implementation: Strategies and Guidelines Report Phase II to the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation*, University Park, PA: The Pennsylvania State University.
- 2009 Haider, J., Aeschbacher, P., Bose, M., Parr, C., Rivera, D., Shamalla, M., & Tjoa, P. (2009). *Planning and Design Strategies for Healthy Living, Parks and Recreation in the Pottstown Area. Community Built Environment and Parks Assessment Report: Phase I to the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation*, University Park, PA: The Pennsylvania State University.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- In Proposal Rivera, D. Z. "The Stigma of Informality, Disaster, and Environmental Justice in South Texas Colonias." In G. Marinic & Pablo Meninato, *Informal Cities Reader*.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Lectures and Talks

- Forthcoming, Feb 2021 Rivera, D. Z. Puerto Rican Planning Group. "Disasters and Coloniality in Puerto Rico." Online due to COVID-19.
- 2019 Rivera, D. Z. (November 5). University of Colorado Denver. "Centering the Marginal: Environmental Justice in Latinx Communities." Denver, CO.

Invited class Lectures

- Forthcoming, Dec 2020 Rivera, D. Z. MIT Norman B. Leventhal Center for Advanced Urbanism (LCAU) Colloquium. "Disasters and Decolonization." Online due to COVID-19.

2020 Rivera, D. Z. (September 29). Carleton University. "Environmental Planning Session." Online due to COVID-19.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- Forthcoming, October 2020* Rivera, D. Z. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 59th Annual Conference, "Disaster Colonialism: How Coloniality Operates through Disaster in Puerto Rico" [Paper Presentation]. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2020 (*Canceled due to COVID-19*). Rivera, D. Z. Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference. "Green Infrastructure, Environmental Justice, and Race: Evaluating Proposals for Stormwater Infrastructure in Rio Grande Valley Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. Washington, D. C.
- 2020 (*Canceled due to COVID-19*). Rivera, D. Z. American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Disaster Colonialism: Structural Inequalities through Perpetual Disaster in the Face of Climate Change" [Paper Presentation]. Denver, CO.
- 2019 Rivera, D. Z. (October 26). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 58th Annual Conference, "'Deferred Maintenance': South Texas Colonias and the Fight Against FEMA" [Paper Presentation]. Greenville, SC.
- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (October 26). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 57th Annual Conference, "Relational Approach to Environmental Injustices in Puerto Rican Recovery" [Paper Presentation]. Buffalo, NY.
- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (April 10). American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Chávez, Huerta, and the Fight for Land in U.S./Mexico Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. (May 27). Housing Across Borders: Mexican and U.S. Housing in Perspective, "Reclaiming 'Self-Help' within Rio Grande Valley Colonia Organizing" [Paper presentation]. San Diego, CA.
- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. (April 5-9). American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Quiet Social Movements & Everyday Life in the Urban Global South: Toward New Geographies of Social Change" [Paper Presentation]. Boston, MA.
- 2016 Rivera, D. Z. (November 2). Spaces of Struggle Conference, "The Nepantleras: Colonia Organizing in a Liminal Space between the Global North and South" [Paper Presentation]. Portland, OR.
- 2016 Rivera, D. Z. (March 18). Urban Affairs Association (UAA) Conference, "Theorizing Community Organizing in a Diverse Society: Case Study in Rio Grande Valley Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. San Diego, CA.
- 2015 Rivera, D. Z. (October 24). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 55th Annual Conference, "People or Place in Nonprofit Anti-Poverty Programs? Comparative Case Analysis in Rio Grande Valley Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. Houston, Texas.
- 2014 Rivera, D. Z. (April 5). Association of Borderland Studies (ABS) Annual Meeting, "Informal/Formal Divide: Municipal Borders and Annexation Policies in Borderland Colonias" [Paper Presentation]. Albuquerque, NM.

- 2011 Lindberg, D., & Rivera, D. Z. (October 27). Mentoring Conference: Learning Across Disciplines, "PORO[US BORDER]S: Mentoring where Real Problems Meet" [Paper Presentation]. University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
- 2011 Lindberg, D., Rivera, D. Z., & Longenbach, A. (May 6). ICARUS II, "Panel Theme 6: Mapping, Analyzing, and Modeling Institutional Actors and Policy Formation Network Dynamics" [Paper Presentation]. Panel Discussant and Presenter, School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, May 6.

SYMPOSIA + ROUNDTABLES

- Forthcoming, October 2020* Contreras, S. & Rivera, D. Z. Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 57th Annual Conference, "Becoming More Purposeful: How can Community-Engaged Studios Increase their Impacts?" [Roundtable Organizer + Participant]. Online due to COVID-19.
- 2019 Rivera, D. Z. (May 16). Colorado Creative Industries Summit, "Space, Place, and Diversity in the Arts" [Panel Moderator]. Salida, CO.
- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (October 27). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 57th Annual Conference, "Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion in Planning & Urban Studies Departments" [Roundtable Participant]. Buffalo, NY.
- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (May 4). University of Washington Program in Urban Design and Planning Symposium, "Inclusive Pedagogy" [Panel]. Seattle, WA.
- 2018 Rivera, D. Z. (April 13). American Association of Geographers (AAG), "Engaging Southern Theory: Challenging Hierarchies of Knowledge & Place II" [Roundtable Participant]. New Orleans, LA.
- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. (October 14). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 56th Annual Conference, "Session on Puerto Rico Post-Hurricane Maria" [Roundtable Organizer and Moderator]. Denver, CO.
- 2017 Rivera, D. Z. & Rishi, S. (October 14). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 56th Annual Conference, "Towards a Relational Understanding of Urban Informality and Planning II" [Roundtable Co-Organizer]. Denver, CO.
- 2016 Rivera, D. Z. & Rishi, S. (November 5). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 55th Annual Conference, "Towards a Relational Understanding of Urban Informality and Planning" [Roundtable]. Portland, OR.
- 2014 Rivera, D. Z. (November 1-2). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 54th Annual Conference, "Nonprofit and CDC Organization in Southern Texas Colonias" [Poster]. Philadelphia, PA.

GRANTS

- 2019 - 2020 CU ENVD Seed Grant, Principal Investigator, \$39,000
- 2018 - 2019 CU IMPART Award, Principal Investigator, \$4,000
- 2017 - 2018 CU Innovative Seed Grant, With Dr. Amy Javernick-Will and Dr. Abbie Liel, \$50,000
- 2016 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, Principal Investigator, \$10,000

2015	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Candidate - Principal Investigator, \$5,000
2014 - 2015	Ford School Center for Public Policy in Diverse Societies Research Grant, Principal Investigator, \$10,000
2013	Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, Pre-Candidate - Principal Investigator, \$5,000

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

2019	Winner: Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Case Study Award
2016	Wait-listed: Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
2014	Winner: ACSP Conference Jury Award for Best Poster
2013	Honorable Mention: Saarinen Swanson Annual Essay Competition, Taubman College, University of Michigan
2011	Winner: ACSA Archive Two, I Am a Second Responder (with Darla Lindberg, David Mosemann, Adam Longenbach, and Zach Jones)
2009	First-Place: Paul Kossman Thesis Award, Penn State Architecture
2009	Winner: Departmental Five-Year Design Merit Award, Penn State Architecture

TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

* Courses I developed

Program in Environmental Design, University of Colorado - Boulder

Fall 2020	ENVD 4311*	Elective: "Housing Policies + Practices: Housing Justice" (23 students)
	PLAN 3100*	Junior Planning Studio: "Climate Justice in South Texas Colonias" (15 students)
Spring 2020	PLAN 2004*	Lecture: "Planning Histories + Theories" (30 students)
	PLAN 4100/3100*	Senior/Junior Travel Studio: "South Texas Colonias" (12 students)
Fall 2019	ENVD 4311*	Elective: "Housing Policies + Practices: Housing Justice" (25 students)
Spring 2019	ENVD 2130*	Sophomore Studio: "Urban Planning/Landscape Architecture" (Co-Coordinator of all ten sections)
Fall 2018	ENVD 4100*	Senior Seminar: "Global Cities Seminar" (25 students)
	ENVD 3100*	Junior Studio: "Urban Planning + Design" (Coordinator of all eight sections)
Spring 2018	ENVD 3134*	Large Sophomore Lecture: "History and Theory of Environmental Design: Precincts" (225 students)
Fall 2017	ENVD 4100*	Senior Seminar: "Global Cities Seminar" (28 students)

	ENVD 3100*	Junior Studio: "Urban Planning + Design" (Co-Coordinator of all eight sections)
Spring 2017	ENVD 3134	Large Sophomore Lecture: "History and Theory of Environmental Design: Precincts" (215 students)

Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan

Winter 2013	UP 505	Small Lecture: "Fundamentals of Planning Practice" (Graduate Student Instructor)
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Department of Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University

Spring 2012	ARCH 132	Freshmen Studio: "Architecture Studio II" (15 students)
Fall 2011	ARCH 131s	Freshmen Studio: "Architecture Studio I" (15 students)

STUDENT ADVISING

Committee Member - Doctoral Dissertations

2019 - present	Alex Standen (Environmental History)
2019 - 2020	Jennifer Shelby (Environmental Studies)

Chair - Undergraduate Honors

2020 - 2021	Planning and Urban Design - Sebastian Bielski
2019 - 2020	Planning and Urban Design - Constantine (Dean) Chrisafis Architecture and Urban Design - Drake Williams
2018 - 2019	Planning and Urban Design - Erick Gudvangen Sherwood

Student Grants + Awards

2019 - 2020	UROP Funding (\$3,000 total) - Constantine (Dean) Chrisafis
2018 - 2019	UROP Funding (\$4,500 total) - Erick Gudvangen Sherwood and Rebecca Randolph ENVD Writing Award - Bradleigh Jenkins ENVD Research Award - Erick Gudvangen Sherwood

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP)
 Radical Housing Collective (RHC)
 American Planning Association (APA)
 Relational Poverty Network (RPN)
 American Association of Geographers (AAG)
 Urban Affairs Association (UAA)
 Center of Puerto Rican Studies (Centro)

Puerto Rican Studies Association (PRSA)

SERVICE

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO BOULDER

- 2020-2021 Executive Committee: Tenure-Track Representative
Honors Council
- 2019 - 2020 Executive Committee: Tenure-Track Representative
Curriculum Restructuring Committee: Planning + Urban Design Major - Coordinator
Diversity Committee
- 2018 - 2019 Curriculum Restructuring Committee: Planning + Urban Design Major - Coordinator
Graduate Committee: Research Masters Development
Honors Council (Fall 2018)
- 2017 - 2018 Diversity Committee (Chair)
Honors Council (Spring 2017)
Scholarship Committee
- 2016 - 2017 Scholarship Committee
Instructor Search Committee (Spring 2017)

RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

- 2019 - present Radical Housing Collective
- 2018 National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Reviewer

PEER REVIEW FOR ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Planning Theory (2); Urban Planning (1); Centro Journal (1); Progress in Planning (1); Annals of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) (1); Society (1)

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 2019 - present ACSP POCIG - CV Book Committee
Social Justice Syllabi
- 2017 Spaces of Struggle - Denver (On-Site Coordinator)

NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2016 - 2018, ACSP Conference Panel Organizer
2020

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2018 - present The Rural Project, a student-led design-build group, Faculty Co-Advisor
- 2018 - 2019 CU-Boulder Outreach & Engagement, "Diversity, Art, and Place" Series

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES

English (Fluent)

Spanish (Advanced)

Italian (Basic)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2012 - 2015 | Graduate Student Research Assistant
<i>University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, MI</i> |
| 2010 - 2012 | Graduate Researcher
<i>Pennsylvania State University - Architecture - State College, PA</i> |
| 2009 - 2010 | DigiFab Lab Machine Operator
<i>University of Pennsylvania - PennDesign - Philadelphia, PA</i> |
| 2004 - 2009 | Architectural Intern
<i>Studio Morpheus - State College, PA</i> |