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## EDUCATION

- 2017                      Ph.D. in Urban Planning » University of Michigan » Taubman College
- 2010                      Master of Architecture II » University of Pennsylvania » PennDesign
- 2009                      Bachelor of Architecture, with High Distinction » Pennsylvania State University »  
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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017 - present        Assistant Professor of Environmental Design  
*University of Colorado Boulder - Boulder, CO*
- 2011 - 2012            Instructor of Architecture  
*Pennsylvania State University - University Park, PA*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 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.

## PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

- Accepted with Revisions - 2018    Rivera, D. Z. The Community Union Model of Organizing in Rio Grande Valley Colonias. Special Issue of *Environment and Planning C*, "Quiet Social Movements & Everyday Life in the Urban Global South: Towards New Geographies of Social Change."
- Under Review        Rivera, D. Z. "Disaster Colonialism: A Commentary on Disasters beyond Singular Events to Structural Violence." *Journal of the American Planning Association*.
- Under Review        Rivera, D. Z. Reclaiming "Self-Help" Within Rio Grande Valley Colonias. *Planning Theory*.

## RESEARCH REPORTS

- Forthcoming - Fall 2019    Rivera, D. Z., Jenkins, B., & Randolph R. *Fighting FEMA: Urban Informality and Disaster Response in Rio Grande Valley Colonias* to the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, Cambridge, MA.
- Accepted                Rivera, D. Z., Schwartz, L., & Ramirez, H. "Space, Place, and Diversity in the Arts." *Shelterforce*.

- 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.

### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Rivera, D. Z. (*Forthcoming, November 5*). University of Colorado Denver.

### PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Rivera, D. Z. (*Forthcoming, October*). 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.

### OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Rivera, D. Z. (*Forthcoming, October*). Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) 58th Annual Conference, "Gentrification, Displacement, and Alternative Futures" [Roundtable Participant]. Greenville, SC.
- 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 - present 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

### COURSES TAUGHT

#### **Program in Environmental Design, University of Colorado - Boulder**

Spring 2020	Scheduled	Lecture: "Planning + Urban Design Theory"
	Scheduled	Junior Travel Studio: "Colonia-Based Green Infrastructure"
Fall 2019	ENVD 4311	Elective: "Housing Policies + Practices: Housing Justice"
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"
	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"
Fall 2017	ENVD 4100	Senior Seminar: "Global Cities Seminar"
	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"

#### **Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Michigan**

Winter 2013      UP 505      Small Lecture: "Fundamentals of Planning Practice"  
(Graduate Student Instructor)

**Department of Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University**

Spring 2012      ARCH 132      Freshmen Studio: "Architecture Studio II"

Fall 2011      ARCH 131s      Freshmen Studio: "Architecture Studio I"

**SERVICE**

**Program in Environmental Design, University of Colorado - Boulder**

2019 - 2020      Executive Committee: Tenured/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)

**Peer Review**

Editorial Board: Radical Housing Journal Collective

Journals: Progress in Planning, Annals of the American Association of Geographers (AAG)

National Science Foundation, Graduate Research Fellowship Reviewer (2018)

**National Organizations**

2019      ACSP POCIG CV Book Committee

**National Conferences**

2016 - 2018      ACSP Conference Panel Organizer

**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

**STUDENT ADVISING**

**Chair - Undergraduate Honors**

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

American Planning Association (APA)

Relational Poverty Network (RPN)

American Association of Geographers (AAG)

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

Center of Puerto Rican Studies

Puerto Rican Studies Association (PRSA)

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

English (Fluent)

Spanish (Intermediate)

Italian (Basic)