

Anna L Anderson-Lazo, Ph.D.

UC San Diego Chancellor's Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Summary: Over 15 years of experience providing **leadership** and **developing other leaders in collaborations** among organizations, agencies, and government to improve communities through **education, research, and advocacy.**

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Anthropology University of California, Santa Cruz (2003)
M.A., Anthropology University of California, Santa Cruz (1995)
B.A., Honors, Anthropology Stanford University (1993)

LANGUAGES

SPANISH
Bilingual Work &
Research Experience.

FRENCH
Reading & Conversation
Study: Alliance Française, Paris.

DUTCH, GARIFUNA,
NAVAJO
Study, immersion, research

INDIVIDUAL/SPONSORED RESEARCH PROJECTS

(1995 – 2010)

UC CHANCELLOR'S POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW — San, Diego, CA 10/11 to Present

Project: The proposed research seeks to add precision and depth to the current understanding of participatory and community-based models for reducing health disparities in socio-economically disadvantaged, ethnic and minority communities by connecting a comparative, ethnographic study of resident participation in community health initiatives in three San Diego neighborhoods to the social history of community mobilization, (re)development and planning, and economic recovery efforts in these communities over the last two decades. In its first six months, this project has forged a community/university partnership wherein residents, researchers and students contribute to collective ethnography as co-researchers, learning interdisciplinary social science methods and approaches, and creating tools to analyze and communicate food system data through stories and maps.

Graduate Research Fellow– (2002) Position had two valences: **1)** Dissertation completion, and **2)** Research support to Dr. C. Martin-Shaw regarding women's economies and movements in Kenya & Zimbabwe.

Fulbright Fellowship & Extension – Guatemala (1997-1998). "Physiographies of Difference: Mapping Guatemalan Identity from the Margins." As a Fulbright scholar in Guatemala during the Peace Process, I worked with Afro-indigenous women organizers and oral historians, who were elder men. My community-study combined policy analysis, comparative legal studies and political anthropology with an oral-history project to connect these women's stories to the work of human rights and social development non-government organizations (NGOs), as well as that of United Nations project officers. The extension award allowed me to convene a conference and produce as well as present a slide show, engaging national and local experts, leaders, and members of the Livingston community. **Further Research:** Interviews with visiting Garifuna historian Don Pablo Roberto Mejia. Jamaica, NY, July 1999; interviews and presentation to the Central American Garifuna Community Leaders Consortium. Brooklyn, New York; July 1999.

“Cracking Heads: One Man’s Story about Public Discourse and Independent Trucker-Teamster Relations.”
Ethnographic Video & Masters Paper, Spring 1994.

"Gender and Gender Variance in Navajo Community." Tsailé, Az. Stanford Undergraduate Thesis Fieldwork,
Summer 1992.

“Aids Education & Minority Needs.” Volunteered Safer Sex information hours and conducted two-month
cross-cultural study regarding minority needs, especially Native American students. Final project for
American Indians & Education course. Sharon Nelson-Barber, Ph.D. Stanford University. Winter 1990.

PUBLICATIONS

Anderson-Lazo, AL.

2009 *Introduction to Practice What You Teach: Activist Anthropology at the Sites of Cross-Talk and Cross-Fire*. New
Proposals: Journal of Marxism and Interdisciplinary Inquiry. 2(2): 6-11. (Guest Editor.)

Anderson-Lazo, AL.

2009 *A Reflection on Political Research and Social Justice Organizing*. In New Proposals: Journal of Marxism and
Interdisciplinary Inquiry. 2(2): 61-72.

Anderson, AL.

2003 *Of One Accord: Garifuna Collective Action and the Social Transformation of the Guatemalan Peace Process in
Labuga (1996 – 1998)*. Doctoral Thesis. (556 pp.) Department of Anthropology, UC Santa Cruz. Santa
Cruz, CA.

Anderson, AL.

1993 *Gender, Kinship & the Modern Sexual Identity--Navajo Traditions of Gender Variance*. Undergraduate Honors
Thesis, Dept. of Anthropology, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

Anderson, AL.

1993 *Dispelling Stereotypes--Native American Women in American Life & History*. In Curriculum Supplement and
Guidebook for Teachers in California Public Schools (used in Oakland). Edited by Sharon Nelson-
Barber, Ph.D. Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Anderson-Lazo, AL. *You Can Leave Your Hat On: Engaged Ethnography as Apprenticeship in the Age of CBPR, Action
Research & Service-Learning*.

Anderson-Lazo, AL. *Vacant Lots in Southeastern San Diego - Reclaiming the Food System through Collaborative Ethnography and
Community History Projects*

Anderson-Lazo, AL. *Strategic Narrativity—Don Beto and the Garifuna Art of Political Story-telling, History and Identity Making*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(1993 – 2001)

FELLOW / CO-INSTRUCTOR / COURSE ASSISTANT — Univ. of California. Santa Cruz, CA

- ~ Political Anthropology (Fellow 2000) ~ Sex, Race and Globalizations (Co-instructor 2001)
- ~ Introduction to Third World Feminisms (Honig 1999) ~ Greater Mexican Folklore (Najera 1999)
- ~ Intro to Visual Culture (Chen 1998) ~ American Gov't & US Political Institutions (Wirls 1996)
- ~ Caribbean Francophone Literature (Placente 1996) ~ Caribbean Societies & Cultures (Barton 1995)

- ~ Intersections: X-Cultural Perspectives on Gender/Sex and Sexuality Studies (Co-instructor 1995)
- ~ Intro to Cultural Anthropology (Caton 1994; Klein 1996) ~ Culture through Film. (Tsing 1994)

VOLUNTEER ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR — Livingston, Guatemala. (1998)

COMMUNITY-BASED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

(2003-2010)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Recruited, trained and supervised staff, community leaders and volunteers in (multicultural/multilingual) teams of 2 to 100 persons in nonprofit and for-profit contexts.
- Coordinated 50+ events, conferences, conventions, and fundraising galas with 90 to 2000 attendees.
- Worked in leadership positions with 25+ community groups to build durable organizations, powerful coalitions, and impactful advocacy efforts related to policy and governance, including planning, funding and implementing programs and campaigns.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Research, Analysis & Publishing
Development & Grant-writing
Management (Non and for profit)

Organizing & Advocacy
Teaching & Curriculum Development
Conferences, Conventions & Events

Programs & Campaigns
Strategic Planning & Budgets
Teambuilding & Training

CONSULTANT — San, Diego, CA

1/03 to 10/11

~ Critical Thinking Resources ~ San Diego Fine Arts Society ~ Full Circle Yoga Institute
~ Women's History Museum and the San Diego Public Library ~ Kids Corp Enterprises/
Tubman Chavez Multicultural Center ~ Global Education through Music ~ Beginnings
~ The Giving Tree ~ Studio 619 ~ Individual authors ~ Stanford Publications Editorial Asst. (1993)

- Writing, research and grants-development.
- Project/program/campaign and organizational development.
- Editorial services for professional writers, web developers, and organizations.
- Event planning and sustainable catering.

EMPOWER SAN DIEGO – San Diego, CA

4/09 to 12/09

Executive Director Led start-up, nonprofit organization to define education and civic engagement focus to complement work of two sister organizations, Progressive San Diego political action committee and 501(c)4. See <http://www.empowersandiego.org>. Selected contributions:

- Worked with trustees to finalize bylaws, conduct strategic planning, refine mission and vision, and create strategic plan, work plan, and budgets.
- Created new programs, campaign, bi-weekly civic participation e-newsletter, and content for promotions.
- Created content for grants, supervised development director, and secured FY2010 funding from local community foundations to fund half-time program coordinator.

SAN DIEGO ORGANIZING PROJECT — San Diego, CA

12/03 to 2/05

Organizer (Bilingual) Coordinated advocacy efforts among five faith-based organizing units to improve neighborhoods & address community concerns throughout San Diego in membership organization of 42,000 families. See <http://www.sdop.net/>

Interim Development Director A social justice organization that promotes and facilitates the development of an active, interrelated, progressive community in San Diego through networking, culture and electronic technology. See <http://www.activistsandiego.org/>

COMMUNITY BASED/COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS (1995–2010)

SAN DIEGO PEOPLE UNITED FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE STATE BUDGET COALITION (2009-10)

WOMEN OF COLOR RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE & UC CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT (1994-2000)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PUBLIC POLICY (2010)

KENTUCKY ORAL HISTORY PROJECT (2000)

CULTIVATING FOOD JUSTICE & HEALTHY FOODSHED POLICY (2008-11)

GUATEMALAN NATIONAL BILINGUAL CURRICULUM PROJECT (1998)

COMMUNITY-BASED FORUMS & PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

(1995-2010)

CULTIVATING FOOD JUSTICE CONFERENCE. SDSU. San Diego, CA. Apr 2010. Organizing committee advisor.

COMMUNITY FORUM: SAN DIEGANS DISCUSS STATE BUDGET WITH SENATOR DENISE DUCHENY. San Diego, CA. Apr 2010. Organizer & emcee.

A COMMUNITY INTRODUCTION TO DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY APPROACHES WITH JIM ROUGH, DEANNA MARTIN AND MANFRED HELLRIGL. Primary director/organizer with Common Cause, PACE, and the Social Justice Center at Lincoln High School. Sept 2009.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU TEACH: ENGAGING GLOBAL SOLUTIONS IN APPLIED CONTEXTS Sessions I & II. Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, FL, Mar 2007.

NEW VOICES: SDOP'S GET-OUT-THE-VOTE CONVENTION

Responsible for event logistics, managing 100+ volunteers, accommodating and transporting 2000 attendees including 30 federal, state and regional officials and dignitaries. San Diego, CA, Nov 2004.

STRATEGIC IDENTITIES: TRANS-LOCAL COLLABORATIONS IN DIFFERENCE

Moderator: Angela Davis. American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, Nov 2000.

ANTHROPOLOGY AND THE GUATEMALAN GARIFUNA COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

Livingston, Guatemala, Jun 1998. Conceived, organized, and coordinated conference with Garifuna leaders, organizers, and researchers, including presentation of research results and slide show.

INTERSECTIONS: THE LOCATION OF ETHNOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION AND/OR

RADICAL SEXUAL POLITICS. American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC. Nov 1995.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

RECENT (2003 -11): San Diego “1in10” Healthy Food Policy Coalition (General Committee Coordinator), California Food Justice Coalition (Steering Committee Member), Obama for President, San Diego Women’s History Museum, SD Foundation for Change; SD Peace & Justice Coalition; Big Kitchen Catering (fundraising events for community organizations); Campaign for Donna Frye.

ACTIVE MEMBER Women of Color Research Cluster U.C. Santa Cruz (1993-2002)

Curriculum Development Committee, 1995-1996. (Results: UC System-wide “E Requirement,” two permanent courses, and two comprehensive readers for further course development.)

Beyond the Frame (Conference 1999, Published Anthology 2004)

Support to **Women of Color Film Festival Committee**.

CHAIR Graduate Student Committee for Junior Faculty Hire in the area of "Race." UC Santa Cruz, Fall 1995.

COOPERATIVE EDITOR *Aurora* magazine, feminist publication at Stanford University, Winter 1989.

WRITING AND MATH VOLUNTEER TUTOR Navajo Community College, Tsaile, AZ., 1992.

CO-EDITOR Aurora Magazine, (Campus feminist publication.) Stanford University, CA, 1989.

RESEARCH AWARDS

UC CHANCELLOR’S POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW (2010-11)

UC PRESIDENT’S – Santa Cruz, CA (1999, 2002) FULBRIGHT FELLOW – Guatemala (1997-98)

STANFORD FUTURE FACULTY (1993-2003)

Foreman Foundation Feminist Action-Research Travel Fellowship (2003), UCSC Chicano/Latino Research Center Mini Grant (1999); UC Presidential Dissertation Fellowship (1999-2000), Fulbright Extension (1998), UC Santa Cruz Mentorship/Fellowship (1995-96), Graduate Research/Conference Travel Grant, UC Santa Cruz (1995), UC Santa Cruz Anthropology Board Fellowship (1994), Research Grant, UC Santa Cruz (1994), Travel Grant, UC Santa Cruz (1994), UC Regents Graduate Fellowship (1994), National Science Foundation Honorable Mentions (1992/93/94), Ford Foundation Minority Fellowship Honorable Mention (1992/93), Elizabeth Maples Warner Undergraduate Fellowship (1992), Stanford Undergraduate Research Opportunity Major Grant (1992), Oregonian Publishing Company Scholarship (1988), Ladies of the Elks (1988)

PUBLIC LECTURES AND ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS (Amended)

1. “The Story of Vacant Lots: Defining Community in Southeastern San Diego.” SESD Farmer’s Market Earth Day Celebration. April 22, 2011. (Also delivered at Ethnic Studies, UC San Diego.)
2. “The One in Ten Coalition Policy Platform for Healthy Food Policy.” Cultivating Food Justice Conference. San Diego, CA. April 9, 2011.
3. Foodways & Foodscapes Project and Co/LAB Video. Cesar Chavez Tribute Event. People’s Produce Project. San Diego, CA. April 2, 2011
4. “MIXED GREENS AND CBPR IN SOUTHEASTERN SAN DIEGO: A Community Food Stories Collaboration between UCSD & the People’s Produce Project.” Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meetings. Seattle, WA. April 1, 2011.
5. “The Story of Vacant Lots: Defining Community in Southeastern San Diego.” San Diego City College. Sustainable Agriculture Department. March 23, 2011.
6. “Foodways & Foodscapes: A CBPR Project in Southeastern San Diego.” Laboratory of Comparative Human Cognition. UC San Diego. March 26, 2011.

7. "Foodways & Foodscapes: A CBPR Project in Southeastern San Diego." Urban Studies Mapping Group with M. Bussel. February 2011.
8. "Options for Preserving Jobs and Funding for Health and Human Services and Education in California." *The Fifth Annual Defending Democracy Forum: Are Corporations Increasing Their Control Over Our Lives?* San Diego, CA. July 1, 2010.
9. "Organizing for Food Policy Change in San Diego." *Cultivating Food Justice Conference. San Diego State Univ.*, April 24, 2010.
10. "New Eyes: Reexamining Political Research among Guatemalan Garifuna Activists through Social Justice Organizing in San Diego." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Tampa, Fl. March 31, 2007.
11. "Careers in Social Justice: A Workshop for Anthropology Undergraduate and Graduate Students Considering Community Organizing, Activism, and NGO Work." USC, Columbia, Anthropology Department. March 23, 2007.
12. "Does Black Women's Poetry Rhyme with Democracy? (The Ongoing Legacy of Black Women Activist - Writers.)" San Diego Women's History Museum and Educational Center, November 2003.
13. "All of Our Rights: Garifuna Women Organizers & Democracy Building in Guatemala," Sustainable Feminisms Conference. Macalester College, October 3, 2003.
14. "Strategic Narrativity and Community Organizing: Gendered Valences of Garifuna Participation and Representation in the Guatemalan Peace Process." UC Santa Cruz Anthropology Department Colloquium, Spring 2002.
15. "The Case for Peaceful Protest: An Historical View on Black Women's Contributions to Non-Violent Social Transformation." Community presentation. Santa Cruz, CA. September 2001.
16. "Strategic Identities: Trans-Local Collaborations in Difference." Presenter, American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2000.
17. "Strategic Narrativity: The Politics of Garifuna Origins and Identity." Colloquium, Chicano-Latino Research Center (CLRC), UC Santa Cruz, April 2000. CLRC Working Papers Series, UC Santa Cruz, Fall 2000.
18. "Who's Zooming Who(m)? Resituating Photo-filmic Representations and the Decolonization of Critical Viewing." Beyond the Frame, a UC Santa Cruz Women of Color in Collaboration and Conflict Conference.
19. "Who's Zooming Whom?" The lecture was videotaped to be used throughout the University of South Carolina system in courses ranging from anthropology to visual arts to Black studies. Columbia, South Carolina, July 1999. CDROM at USC libraries.
20. Presentation of dissertation results to the Central American Garifuna Leader Consortium and meetings with leaders from Livingston, in New York City. July 1999.
21. "Anthropology and the Guatemalan Garifuna: A Community Presentation of Fieldwork Results and All Ages Slide Show." Livingston, Guatemala, May 1998.
22. "Livingston's Cultural Diversity as Resource in Sustainable Development." *Eco-Tourism and Sustainable Development: Tri-National Cooperation in the Bay of Honduras*. Invited to speak as "cultural expert" among government ministers, but given very little actual time. Tucan Dugu, Livingston, Guatemala, 1997.
23. "The Adventure and Advantages of Learning a Foreign Language." Livingston Public Schools English Contest, Guatemala, October 1997.
24. "La participación de la comunidad Garifuna en el Proceso de la Paz: Un estudio etnográfico." U.S. Ambassador's Mansion, Guatemala City, 1997.
25. "Intersexions: The Location of Ethnographic Representation and/or Radical Sexual Politics," American Anthropological Association meetings, Washington, DC, November 1995.
26. "Intersections of Class, Gender and Sexuality As Seen through the Color-Caste Restrictions on Marriage and Race Mixture." Invited lecture in Caribbean Societies and Cultures, UC Santa Cruz, June 1995.
28. "Contesting Perspectives." Panel moderator at *Performing Cultural Studies/Scening Cultural Practices: The 9th Annual Graduate Student Cultural Studies Conference*, UC Santa Cruz, April 1995.
29. "Afebrile Action: How to Ask Do or Die Political Questions in the Academy." Society for Applied Anthropology Meetings, Albuquerque, NM, March 1995. Requested by Prof. Patricia Delaney to use in anthropology course, Guilford College, North Carolina.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Society for Applied Anthropology, 1994 – Present
 Association of American Anthropology, 1994 - 2000