

MAYRA PUENTE

Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

2017 B.A., University of California, Los Angeles
Major: Political Science (Race, Ethnicity, and Politics concentration)
Minors: Education Studies and Chicana/o Studies

AWARDS AND HONORS

2016 UCLA Outstanding Poster Award
2016 Vice Provost Award UCLA Undergraduate Research Week
2015 Vice Provost Award UCLA Undergraduate Research Week
2015 Golden Key International Honour Society (Declined)
2014-2016 UCLA Dean's Honors List
2013-2017 UCLA College Honors
2013-217 UCLA Latin Honors: Cum Laude

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2016-2017 Rothman Family Scholarship
2015-2017 MacDowell Scholarship Fund
2015-2016 S. K. Lau and D. W. Lau Endowed Undergraduate Research Scholarship
2014-2017 UCLA University Grant
2014-2016 Lew and Edie Wasserman Grant
2014-2015 William Ortega Scholarship
2014-2015 J. W. & Nellie MacDowell Scholarship
2013-2017 Dell Scholars Program
2013-2017 UCLA Blue and Gold Scholarship
2013-2017 Charles E. Saak Educational Scholarship
2013-2015 UCLA Latino Alumni Scholarship
2013-2015 Proteus Inc. Scholarship
2013-2014 UCLA Scholarship Recognition Award
2013-2014 Ruiz 4 Kids Scholarship
2013-2014 Porterville Women's Club Scholarship
2013 Gates Millennium Scholarship Finalist

RESEARCH INTERESTS

College access and choice, college proximity, geographic isolation, spatial research tools in education, higher education, educational equity, educational aspirations, rural Latina/o students

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2017 Ronald E. McNair Research Scholars Program, UCLA
Advisor: Daniel Solorzano, Ph.D.
Thesis: The Geography of College Choice: Mapping the Educational Aspirations of Mexican Women from California's Central Valley
- 2016-2017 Undergraduate Research Scholars Program, UCLA
Advisor: Daniel Solorzano, Ph.D.
- 2015-2016 Undergraduate Research Fellows Program, UCLA
Advisor: Daniel Solorzano, Ph.D.
- 2015-2017 Student Research Program, UCLA
Advisor: Daniel Solorzano, Ph.D.
- 2015-2016 Program Evaluator
The Central Valley Project at UCLA
- 2014-2015 Research Rookies Program, UCLA
Advisor: Daniel Solorzano, Ph.D.
- 2014 The Undocumented Student Movement Project, UCLA
Advisor: Mauricio Magana, Ph.D.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Academic Presentations

Puente, M. (2016). "Locating College Choice: Understanding the Available Postsecondary Pathways of Rural Latinas." Oral Presentation delivered at the 24th Annual California McNair Scholars Symposium. 4 August. University of California, Berkeley.

Puente, M. (2016). "Geographic Context Matters: Navigating the College Choice Process as Rural Latinas." Oral presentation delivered at the UCLA McNair Research Symposium. 29 July. University of California, Los Angeles.

Puente, M. (2016). "The Geography of College Choice: Mapping the Educational Aspirations of Mexican Women from California's Central Valley." Poster presentation delivered at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies Research and Inquiry Conference. 24 May. University of California, Los Angeles.

Puente, M. (2016). “¿Esta Lejos? Understanding the College Choice Process for Mexican Families of the California Central Valley.” Poster presentation delivered at the UCLA Undergraduate Research Week. 24 May. University of California, Los Angeles.

Puente, M. (2015). “From the CV to the UC: The Influence of Parental Involvement in Education on Mexicanas’ Academic Self-Perception.” Poster presentation delivered at the UCLA Undergraduate Research Week. 24 May. University of California, Los Angeles.

Invited Talks

Puente, M. (2016). “Examining the Educational Opportunities of Central Valley High School Students.” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA UC Davis Field Trip. 5 March. University of California, Davis in Davis, California.

Puente, M. (2016). “Extracurricular Activities and Community Uplift.” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA Family Event. 3 April. Granite Hills High School in Porterville, California.

Puente, M. (2016). “Extracurricular Activities and Community Uplift.” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA Family Event. 2 April. Madera South High School in Madera, California.

Puente, M. (2015). “Expanding the Educational Opportunities of Central Valley Youth” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA Family Event. 10 October. Granite Hills High School in Porterville, California.

Puente, M. (2015). “Expanding the Educational Opportunities of Central Valley Youth” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA Family Event. 10 October. Madera South High School in Madera, California.

Puente, M. (2015). “Motivate, Mentor, and Empower: The Role of an Academic Outreach Program.” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA Outreach Event. 2 October. Granite Hills High School in Porterville, California.

Puente, M. (2015). “Motivate, Mentor, and Empower: The Role of an Academic Outreach Program.” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA Outreach Event. 2 October. Madera South High School in Madera, California.

Campus Talks

Puente, M. (2016). “Central Valley Students Along the Educational Pipeline.” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA. 22 February. University of California, Los Angeles.

Puente, M. (2016). “Central Valley Students Along the Educational Pipeline.” Presentation delivered at The Central Valley Project at UCLA. 20 February. University of California, Los Angeles.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2017 Project Director
The Central Valley Project at UCLA, Los Angeles, California.
- 2015-2016 Central Valley Community Coordinator
The Central Valley Project at UCLA, Los Angeles, California.
- 2015-2016 Activity Coordinator
The Central Valley Project at UCLA, Los Angeles, California.
- 2015 Elementary Education Intern
Amigos de UCLA, Los Angeles, California.
- 2014-2015 Student Activist Project Intern
UCLA Undergraduate Students Association, Los Angeles, California.

Conferences Organized

- 2016 Porterville's End of the Year Banquet
- 2016 Madera's End of the Year Banquet
- 2015 Porterville Community Walk
- 2015 Madera Community Walk
- 2014-2017 The Central Valley Project's Outreach Event
- 2014-2017 The Central Valley Project's Family Event
- 2014-2017 The UCLA People of Color Tour
- 2014-2017 The Central Valley Project's Annual Shadow Day
- 2014-2015 The UCLA People of Color Tour Campaign

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2017 College Access Mentor
The Central Valley Project at UCLA. Porterville, California.
- 2013-2015 Mathematics and English Language Arts Middle School Tutor
Amigos de UCLA. Los Angeles, California.
- 2013-2015 Mathematics and English Language Arts Elementary School Tutor
Amigos de UCLA. Los Angeles, California.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATES

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI Program)

General Campus Institutional Review Board (IRB) Certification: Human Research

Social and Behavioral Research Certification: Human Research

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association

UCLA Alumni Scholars Club

RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Writing research proposals, writing funding proposals, conducting interviews, transcribing interviews, community outreach

LANGUAGES

Spanish (Native)

REFERENCES

Available upon request