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EDUCATION

- **PhD Candidate**, Sociology and Historical Studies, New School for Social Research, New York.
Dissertation: *The Social Life of Measures: Metrication in the US and Mexico, 1789-1994*.
Dissertation committee: Eiko Ikegami (director), Carlos Forment, Oz Frankel, Eli Zaretsky.
- **M.A. Political and Social Studies**. Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City. Graduated with honors: 2002. Thesis: *Conocimiento y constitución de la sociedad* [Knowledge and the Constitution of Society.]
- **B.A. Sociology**. Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City. Graduated with honors: 2000.

RELEVANT PUBLICATIONS

Book

- Hector Vera. *A peso el kilo. Historia del sistema métrico decimal en México* [The History of the Decimal Metric System in Mexico]. Mexico: Libros del Escarabajo, 2007.

Edited Books

- David Chalcraft, Fanon Howell, Marisol Lopez, and Hector Vera (eds.). *Max Weber Matters: Interweaving Past and Present*. London: Ashgate, 2008.
- Gustavo Leyva, Hector Vera, and Gina Zabudovsky (eds.). *Norbert Elias: legado y perspectivas* [Norbert Elias: Legacy and Perspectives]. Mexico: Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, 2002.

Articles in Peered-Review Journals

- “Decimal Time: Misadventures of a Revolutionary Idea, 1793-2008.” *KronoScope: Journal for the Study of Time*, 9 (1-2), 2009, pp. 29-48.
- “Cuándo, dónde y cuánto. El tiempo, el espacio y las medidas como problemas sociológicos” [“Time, Space, and Measures as Sociological Problems”]. *Sociológica*, May-Aug 2005, pp. 105-129.
- “Representaciones y clasificaciones colectivas. La teoría sociológica del conocimiento de Durkheim” [“Collective Representations and Collective Classifications: Durkheim’s Sociological Theory of Knowledge”]. *Sociológica*, Sep-Dec 2002, pp. 103-121.

Book Chapters

- “Prologue to the Spanish Edition” to Norbert Elias. *Sobre el tiempo* [Time: An Essay]. Mexico: Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2010, pp. 9-22.

- “Economic Rationalization, Money, and Measures: A Weberian Perspective”. In David Chalcraft et al. (eds.), *Max Weber Matters: Interweaving Past and Present*. London: Ashgate, 2008, pp. 135-147.

Other publications

- “Melvil Dewey, ‘Metric Apostle’ ” *Metric Today: The U.S. Metric Association Newsletter*, July-Aug 2010, pp. 1, 4-6.
- “How Did Mexico’s Metrication Process Evolve?” *Metric Today*, Sep-Oct 2007, pp. 4-7.

RELEVANT PRESENTATIONS

- *Decimal Revolutions: The French and American Revolutions and the Global Spread of Decimalization, 1789-1965*. Paper presented for the American Sociological Association 105th Annual Meeting. Atlanta, August 16, 2010.
- *The “War of the Pants” : Reassessing Oaxaca’s Peasant Uprising of 1896*. Paper presented for the conference Overt and Discreet Violence: Ruptures and Continuities in Latin America. Columbia University. New York, March 6, 2010.
- *“Drunken Redskins” vs. the Metric System: Primitive Revels and the Moral Economy of Measurement. Mexico and Brazil, 1874-1896*. Paper presented for the American Sociological Association 104th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, August 11, 2009.
- *Why Is There No Decimal Metric System in the United States?* Paper presented for the American Sociological Association 103rd Annual Meeting. Boston, August 2, 2008.
- *Time, Money and Measures in the Civilizing Process*. Paper presented for the Norbert Elias in the 21st Century conference. University of Leicester. April 9, 2006.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Dissertation Fellowship. 2010-2011. Centro de Investigaciones y Estudios Superiores en Antropología Social, Mexico.
- Dissertation Fellowship. 2008-2009. New School for Social Research.
- Pass with honors, Ph.D. Qualifying Examination (Field Statements). Department of Sociology, New School for Social Research. December 6, 2007.
- Janey Summer Field Research Grant. 2007. Janey Program in Latin American Studies, New School for Social Research.
- Summer Research Grant. 2006. Department of Sociology, New School for Social Research.
- Pass with honors, Masters Examination. Department of Sociology, New School for Social Research. March 2006.
- PhD Scholarship, National Council of Science and Technology (Mexico). 2004-2008.