



Board Appointment Form

City Clerk's Office

Appointing Office	Mayor Oscar Leeser
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	08/13/24
Name of Board	Sun Metro Citizens Advisory Committee
Agenda Posting Language	
Appointment of Silvia Alejandra Torezani to the Sun Metro Citizens Advisory Committee by Mayor Oscar Leeser.	
Appointment Type	Regular
Member Qualifications	
See attached resume.	
Nominee Name	Silvia Alejandra Torezan
Nominee Email Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Residential Address	[REDACTED]
Nominee Primary Phone Number	[REDACTED]
Residing District	District 1
City Employed Relatives	N/A
Board Membership	
Fair Housing Task Force	
Real estate owned in El Paso County	
[REDACTED]	
Previous Appointee	Rosalie O. Yañez
Reason for Vacancy	Resigned
Date of Appointment	08/13/24
Term Begins On	08/13/24
Term Expires On	08/12/28
Term	First Term

CURRICULUM VITAE
Silvia Alejandra Torezani



I. Professional Positions

2019-present Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Sociology and Anthropology / Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

August 2014-2019 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology / Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

January 2014-May 2014 Lecturer, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (CIBS), University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

January 2013-June 2013 College Assistant Professor, Anthropology, New Mexico State University, New Mexico.

January 2012-May 2014 Lecturer, Sociology & Anthropology, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

July 2009-December 2011 Research Training Coordinator, Graduate Research School, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia, Australia.

II. Education

- **Doctor of Philosophy** (Anthropology – subfield of Migration/Ethnic Studies), School of Social and Cultural Studies, University of Western Australia, 2011
- **Licenciatura** (Anthropology), equivalent to **Australian BA Honor's Degree**, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Anthropology, National University of Salta, Salta, Argentina (2000)

III. Teaching

Undergraduate Courses

Current courses

La Frontera | NEW course Fall 2023 | (LABS 3301, Section 2, cross-listed with SPAN 3390); 100% online transborder course, taught in Spanish, binational 4-university collaboration (UTEP and UTSA on the U.S. side of the border, and CETYS and Universidad de Monterrey on the Mexican side of the border). COIL (Collaborative Online International Learning) methodology-based.

The Border (LABS 3301). Research and CEL designated course since fall 2021

The U.S.-Mexico Border Society & Culture (SOCI/ANTH 4308; 100% online; compressed mode 7-week course)

Global Health (SOC/ANTH 4346; 100% online; compressed mode 7-week course). Listed for the College of Liberal Arts Honors Program. Since fall 2021, with CEL designation.

Past Courses

Border Healthcare Access (LABS 4301, in person and online).

The Americas (LABS 3300, in person).

Religion on the Border (LABS 4301, in person).

Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 1302, online)

Medical Anthropology (New Mexico State University, 2013, in person).

Graduate Courses

Current course (only in Spring semesters)

Contemporary Latin America / Contemporary Issues (LABS 5302 / MAIS 5360)

Past courses

Issues in Border Studies / The History of an Idea (LABS 5301 / MAIS 5350). I overhauled this course while teaching it.

Independent Study in LABS (LABS 5308, Summer 2021). See also under Student Mentoring.

Individual Studies (SOC 5390 - Topic: Financial Wellbeing Among the Mexican Migrant Elderly). See also under Graduate Mentoring.

Research in Latin America / Border Studies (LABS 5390)

LABS Special Topics (LABS 5389 - Topic: Latin Americans in the Global North, in person).

Student Mentoring

Graduate Mentoring

Fall 2023-Spring 2024

Thesis Advisor / Committee Chair for LABS Master's student Daniel Avitia.

Current

Study skills support for students with conditional admission into the Master in Latin American and Border Studies Program. Since Fall 2022, I also assist new MA LABS students with their IDP forms.

Past

LABS 5308 (Independent Study in LABS – co-authored book review publication: <http://dx.doi.org/10.4067/s0718-23762022000100339> (Summer 2021)

SOCI 5390 (Individual Studies – Financial Wellbeing Among the Mexican Migrant Elderly) (2016)

Committee Member for Vanessa Johnson’s LABS MA Thesis, “Memory, State Violence and Revolution: Mexico’s Dirty War in Juarez” (December 2015)

Recent Hoodings of LABS MA Graduates

- Avitia-Pacheco, Daniel. May 7th, Spring 2022
- De Anda, Victoria. December 7th, Fall 2022
- Etheridge, Bo. December 8th, Fall 2021
- Morales, Sandra. December 12th, Fall 2020 (via Zoom)
- Hearn, Brittany. May 16th, Spring 2019

Undergraduate Mentoring

Current

RSRC 4033 (over multiple semesters since 2015, including Summer and Fall 2023). See also under Student Mentoring Research Projects.

Independent Studies (ANTH 3379, Spring 2023. 3 students developed paper drafts from a previous research course with me [LABS 3301- Fall 2022], and we are now preparing the results for publication in undergraduate journals)

Past

Independent Studies (ANTH 4479) Spring 2019. See more details under “Past Mentoring Project Outputs.”

Independent Studies (ANTH 3379) Spring 2016. See more details under “Past Mentoring Project Outputs.”

SURPASS (COURI-funded) Summer 2015, See more details under “Past Mentoring Project Outputs.”

Student Mentoring Research Projects

In progress (3 papers on homeownership and belonging in the Border)

Tentative Paper Titles:

- “Homeownership and Border Crossings: The journey of two immigrant families,” with Lizbeth Gallegos-Balderas.
- “Trans/fronterizes and Homeownership: Navigating borders and building community,” with Carmelo Bralich.
- “A Pilgrim’s’ Certainty: Exploring the role of faith in the process of homeownership among Mexicans in the El Paso-Ciudad Juarez border region” with Daniela Ramos.

Past Mentoring Project Outputs

COURI Symposium Poster Presentation - Victoria Meyers. Title: “Alma’s Home: A Story of Immigrants’ Drive” (Comic format). Summer 2022.

COURI Symposium Poster Presentation - Alan Lizarraga Lujan (BA in Studies and Biology and Chicano Studies, current MA in Sociology student at UTEP). Title: “Bars of Hope and Separation: Security and Legacy in Borderland Homeownership.” Spring 2022.

COURI Symposium Poster Presentation - Paola Marquez. Title: “Building the Future: Immigrant Strategies to Homeownership.” Spring 2022

- Poster Presentation - Daniel Avitia (current MA in LABS student). Title: “On the Phenomenology of Fear: A Case of Five Mexican Migrant Elderly in El Paso, Texas,” at the Moral and Political Philosophy at the Border Conference, Spring 2019 (University of Texas at El Paso). This project began to take shape as part of a RSRC 4033 course in the Fall of 2018, and concluded in an Independent Study course - ANTH 4479 with the poster presentation in April 2019.
- 2 Community Information Sessions - Frank Samuel Mata (graduate from the Master in Interdisciplinary Studies, UTEP). Topic: “Developing Financial Wellbeing Information Sessions for low-income Spanish-speaking Senior Mexican Migrants residing in a Housing Authority of El Paso (HACEP) community”. This was the result of the work for an Individual Studies course (SOCI 5390 in Spring 2016). (The sessions run on June 29 and July 5, for a total of 3 hours)
- Paper - Journal Article - Zachary Lattimore (Bachelor in Multidisciplinary Studies, UTEP). Three Moments of Hip Hop: A critical examination on the limits of ideology. (University of Texas at El Paso) May 2016-February 2017. The paper was submitted to the Journal of Hip Hop Studies and accepted with revisions. The student had graduated, moved away and decided not to work on the revisions, without notifying me two years after. [The paper began as part of the LABS 3300 course, continue as an Independent Study (ANTH 3379, Spring 2016) and work continued until the paper’s submission in February 2017.
- COURI Symposium Poster Presentation and Research Report - Sarah Hernandez (BA in Anthropology, UTEP). Sarah was recipient of funding for full-time research on a selection of data from my project about Mexican Migrant Elderly in El Paso and Guadalajara. The title of the project with Sarah was, “Living Strategies among Mexican Migrant Elderly in El Paso, Texas.” Summer 2015.

In Australia

- My position as a Graduate Research Coordinator involved mentoring and supporting Graduate students across the various disciplines in honing their research skills. This involved group as well as one-on-one training sessions on topics such as writing a literature review, preparing a research proposal and methodologies, and conducting qualitative data analysis. Qualitative sessions were mostly run by me. But part of my role was also to outsource training, especially in quantitative methods or specialized skills, such as arts-based research, for example. I was a 2010 recipient of the Vice-Chancellor’s Excellency Award for the Improvement of Student Services.)See also under Awards/ Research Funding).

Awards/ Research Funding

- June-July 2021 – COURI funding for converting LABS 3301 into a research course. Covered part of summer salary for T.A. and myself, course book for students enrolled in Fall 2022, and 10 voice recorders for interviews.
- June 2017 – Considering Implications of Healthcare Policy Changes for Mexican Migrant Seniors in El Paso-Texas. August 2017 Summer Research with Graduate Student from the UTEP MAIS Program, Supported by UTEP Graduate School through CIBS. [Journal article draft in preparation for publication]. Covered summer stipend for graduate student.
- September 2014- January 2016, A sociocultural epidemiological profile of the Mexican migrant elderly in Jalisco and Texas, PIMSA Funded Studied. Collaboration with The University of Guadalajara. S. Torezani (UTEP), P.I.; J. Heyman, Co-P.I (UTEP); Co-P.I. J.L. Lopez Lopez (UG). (US\$40,000, US\$22,000 for U.S. and US\$18,000 for Mexico) ORSP ID #: 20140202
- 2010 — Vice-Chancellor’s Excellency Award for the Improvement of Student Services (Edith Cowan University, Western Australia). AU\$5,000 at time of award.
- 2002-2005 — Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) (Commonwealth Government of Australia award for PhD program at the University of Western Australia). Covered graduate studies expenses and tax-free stipend.
- 2003 — Dean’s Postgraduate Award for Excellency in Research, Faculty of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences (University of Western Australia). Covered part of fieldwork costs and international conference travel.
- 2002 — University of Western Australia International Travel Award.
- 2001 — Joyce Riley Bursary for research (Australian Federation of University Women of Western Australia - AFUW WA). Covered part of research costs and inter-state conference travel.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed

Guest Editor, Focus Issue on “Learning Communities across Cultures” for the journal *Intercultural Education*. This focused issue section consists of a brief introduction, three research papers, and one practice paper. I authored the introduction and one research paper. More specifically, my paper deals with the experiences of HDR international students and cross-cultural communication strategies.

Torezani, S (2012). Learning communities across cultures. *Intercultural Education*, 23(1), 39-40.

Jones, N., Torezani, S., & Luca, J (2012). A Peer-to-Peer Support Model for Developing Graduate Students. *Intercultural Education*, 23(1), 12.

Fozdar, F., & Torezani, S. (2008). Discrimination and Well-Being: Perceptions of refugees in Western Australia. *International Migration Review*, 42(1), 30-63.

- Torezani, S., Fozdar, F., & Colic-Peisker, V. (2008). Looking for a 'missing link': Formal employment services and social networks in refugees' job search. *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, 29(2), 135-152.
- Torezani, S. (2005). The "Latin" among Chileans. Naming and embodiments of culture among Chileans in Perth, Western Australia. *JILAS -Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies*, 11(1), 95-101.
- Torezani, S. (2003). *Diablada* and the *Nortino* migrants in Perth. *Australian Folklore*, 18, 139-145.

Community Distribution Publication

- López López, J. L., Torres López, T. M., Mercado Ramírez, M. A., Tapia Curiel, A., Sarabia Avalos, M. A., & Torezani, S. A. (2017). Soy migrante / I am a migrant. In *Heriberto Daniel Camacho Fernández*. Heriberto Daniel Camacho Fernández. <https://www.amazon.es/Soy-migrante-Jos%C3%A9-Luis-L%C3%B3pez/dp/8417075208>

Book review

- Etheridge, Henry B. B., & Torezani, Silvia A. (2022). Another Aesthetics is Possible: Arts of Rebellion in the Fourth World War. *Universum (Talca)*, 37(1), 339-344. <https://dx.doi.org/10.4067/s0718-23762022000100339>

Peer-Reviewed Conference Proceedings

- Torezani, S., Tilbury, F., & Colic-Peisker, V. (2006, December 4 - 7). *Seeking Jobs, Finding Networks: Refugees' perceptions of employment services*. Paper presented at the Sociology for a Mobile World, Perth, Western Australia.
- Torezani, S. (2005, November 2002). *Nortinos' National Narratives among Chileans in Perth, Western Australia*. Paper presented at The Many Threads of Latin America: Diversity and Change, Los Angeles, California, USA.
- Torezani, S. (1997, December 1997). *La Institución de la Pobreza y los Tiempos del Colera*. Paper presented at the Poverty and the Poor in Argentinean Society, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Conferences, Seminars, Workshops & Lectures

Conference Sessions

- Silvia Torezani (2014). "Uncertain Destinations: Experiencing Diagnosis of Chronic and Autoimmune Diseases." Session sponsored by SMA. *Destinations*. Albuquerque, March 18-22: 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology. Organizer and Chair: Silvia Torezani; Discussant: Anne Miles, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.
- Silvia Torezani and Mary Alice Scott (2013). Anthropologies and Health Projections: Towards a Biopolitics of the Future. *Future Publics, Current Engagements*. Chicago, November 20-24: 112th Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Roles: panel organizer and presenter.

Scott, Mary Alice and Silvia Torezani (2013). Developing Resources for Student Success Into and Through College. *Natural Resource Distribution and Development in the 21st Century*. Denver, March 19-23: 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Roles: panel organizer and presenter.

Torezani, S. (July 2011). 'Ethnography Across the Disciplines and Markets.' Panel accepted for 'Knowledge and Value in a Globalising World: Disentangling Dichotomies, Querying Unities.' Conference organized by the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), the Australian Anthropological Society (AAS), and the Association of Social Anthropologists of Aotearoa / New Zealand (ASAANZ), Perth, Western Australia. Roles: Panel organizer and discussant.

Conference Papers / Research Reports

Torezani, S. (2021). "Managing Hope, Aging and Spiritual Care: A Perspective from the Border." *Disruption to Transformation: Aging in the "New Normal."* Online, November 10-13. The Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting. Session: "The Diverse Spirit: Spiritual Care Perspectives and the Implications for Older Adults in Various Settings," organized by the Religion, Spirituality and Aging interest group. [Due to COVID, the conferenced was moved online and late abstracts were accepted, but they could not be published in the *Innovations in Aging Journal*, as is the usual case. I joint the panel on this late call].

Torezani, S. (2018). "Human-Animal Interactions among Low-Income Elderly Mexican Migrants." *The Purposes of Longer Lives*. Boston, November 14-18. The Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Session: "Human-Animal Interaction: Impacts and Issues of Pet Ownership for Community Dwelling Adults," organized by the Human-Animal Interaction interest group. Abstract published in *Innovation in Aging*, Volume 2, Issue Suppl_1, November 11, 2018, pp. 380-381. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igy023.1415>

Torezani, S. (2016). "A Sociocultural Epistemological Profile of the Mexican Migrant Elderly in Jalisco and Texas." Research Final Report 2014-2015. Josiah Heyman (U.S. Co-P.I.) and José Luis López López (Mexico Co-P.I.). Berkeley, California, June 14-17.

Torezani, S. (2015). "Suspended Happiness: Elderly Women in the Wake of Border Violence." *The Naked Truth: Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives*. El Paso, April 1-2: 5th Annual Women's History Conference. The University of Texas at El Paso. Session 102 A, "Violence and Women With(in) Borders: Juarez and El Paso.

Torezani, S. (2014). "Contesting Expertise through Experiential Diagnosis: Lupus, Family Knowledge, and Biomedical Uncertainties." *Destinations*. Albuquerque, March 18-22. Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting. Session sponsored by SMA: "Uncertain Destinations: Experiencing Diagnosis of Chronic and Autoimmune Diseases." Organizer and Chair: Silvia Torezani; Discussant: Anne Miles.

Ortega N. and S. Torezani. (2014). "Lupus Diagnosis Limbo: A Cross-Cultural Look at the Experiences of Women with an Auto-Immune Disease." *Destinations*. Albuquerque, March 18-22. Society for Applied Anthropology Meeting. Session sponsored by SMA: "Uncertain Destinations: Experiencing Diagnosis of Chronic and Autoimmune Diseases." Organizer and Chair: Silvia Torezani; Discussant: Anne Miles.

- Torezani, S. (2013). "Cholera and the Future Tense: Projecting Death, Enduring Life." *Future Publics, Current Engagements*. Chicago, November 20-24: The 112th AAA Annual Meeting. Session: "Anthropologies and Health Projections: Towards a Biopolitics of the Future..." Organizers and Chairs, Silvia Torezani and Mary Alice Scott.
- Torezani, S. (2013). Hosting without housing: Intercultural communication and international students in Western Australia. *Natural Resource Distribution and Development in the 21st Century*. Denver, March 19-23: Society for Applied Anthropology.
- Torezani, S. (2010) '*Ethnography across disciplinary borders: An exploration into new relationships between technique, resources, emotions and the production of knowledge*'. Paper presented at the Conference of Ethnography Across the Disciplines, Hamilton, New Zealand.
- Torezani, S. (2010) '*Research as cultural practice among international students in Perth*'. Paper presented at the Quality for Postgraduate Research Conference, Adelaide, South Australia.
- N. Jones, S. Torezani, M. Hawkins, K. Tan, and H. Williams. (2010) '*SOAR-ing through candidature – a peer-to-peer support service*'. Paper presented at the Quality for Postgraduate Research Conference, Adelaide, South Australia.
- H. Williams, K. Tan, M. Hawkins, S. Torezani, N. Jones, E. Chessel-Keevers, and Luca, J. (2010) '*Creating and inclusive research culture on campus.*' Poster presented at the Quality for Postgraduate Research Conference, Adelaide, South Australia.
- Torezani, S. (2004). '*Comunidad*' and '*Diablada*': *Reconsidering the dilemmas of community formation among Chileans in the Perth multicultural context*. Paper presented at the TRACS Postgraduate Day (under the mentorship of Michael Herzfeld, Harvard University)
- Torezani, S. (2003). *Latin Americans in Perth: A journey from 'migrant' to 'ethnic'*. Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences.
- Torezani, S. (2003). *Being Chilean Long-Distance*. Paper presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences.
- Torezani, S. (2003). *Distance and National Ties among the Nortinos in Perth*. Paper presented at the Postgraduate Seminar Day, The Europeans Symposia

Other Professional Service & Contributions

UTEP/Scholarly

- Support for LABS MA students, such as completion of IDP forms for new graduate students in the program, as well as, at times, being their first stop when they have questions about the programs or a class but do not want to approach Dr. Heyman (program's director) yet. At times, the service is by simply lending an ear when they are feeling overwhelmed with the work required and need to decompress. (Current)
- Judge for COURI Symposium, Spring 2023. El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center, UTEP, (Saturday, April 22nd).

- Facilitator, writing sessions for/with LABS MA students between considering or working on a thesis. Friday, August 6th and 20th, and September 3rd, 2021. Seminar Room, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, UTEP. Former Student Daniel Miranda presented a draft of his thesis Introduction. Total number of attendees for all three sessions: 15.

Reviewer for Scholarly Journals

- Journal of Intercultural Studies (Australia) 2012-present. The last paper I reviewed was in July 2022.
Manuscript number: CJIS-2022-0073. Title: “Social Inclusion and Wellbeing across the Pacific Divide: Latin American Experiences of Integration and Interculturalism in Canada and Australia.” Recommendation: Accept subject to minor changes. (2022)
- Journal of International Migration and Integration.
Manuscript number: JIMI-D-19-00174. Title: “How Humanitarian Migrants Experience the Australian Workplace: A comparative mixed methods study.” Recommendation: Accept subject to minor changes. (2019)

Other Scholarly

Attended Faculty Senate Meeting on behalf of Dr Heyman. November 12, 2019, Blumberg Auditorium, 3 pm

Torezani, S (2011), Examiners’ Reports Review for Doctor of Philosophy Thesis Dissertation title: “*Silence, voice and getting at the heart of what matters most: An Ethnographic Account of Nursing Academia.*” Consultancy services for the Faculty of Computing, Health and Sciences, Edith Cowan University, to mediate between disparate examiners’ reports.

Torezani, S. (2010). Ethnography across disciplinary borders. A strategic response to increasing demand and decreasing resources. *Anthropology News*, 51(6), 5-8. doi: 10.1111/j.1556-3502.2010.51605

Community Engaged Scholarship

Through collaboration with the Center for Community Engagement, students in the above-mentioned classes have been able to work with relevant organizations of their choice. In 2022 and 2023, while teaching LABS 3301 (The Border) as a research course, I collaborated with GECU, who visited with the class and provided information and materials on credit building and homeownership, which was directly relevant to our research topic. The CEL component of this course required students to write articles on their learning from doing online research on the topic, which then became a newsletter. We shared the newsletter with community collaborators such as GECU, family, friends, and colleagues and made it available via the Center for Inter-American and Border Studies website: <https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/cibs/outreach/documents-for-community.html>. We produced three issues of the newsletter.

The CEL component of LABS 3301 in Spring 2023, which did not include research, consisted in creating a story map where students contest negative stereotypes about our border regions, especially in political and media rhetoric. <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7a1d5bc7d7ec41c28e1e67ef335b3074>

Community

2017. 3 Financial Well-being information sessions for low-income Mexican migrant elders. (See above section, “Past Mentoring Research Outputs”) (This is the result of work completed as an Individual Studies (SOC 5390). Senior Living Communities, HACEP (now HOME). (June 29, July 5 and 12, 2017) (4.5 hours total).

Outsise Service

September 2023 – April 2024 Fair Housing Task Force, District 8 Member (alternate)
May 2024 – April 2027 Fair Housing Task Force, District 8 member (alternate)

Professional Skills & Development

Languages

Spanish (native); English (proficient); Portuguese (intermediate); German (intermediate)

Software

- MAXQDA (qualitative research analysis software- organizing and coding qualitative data, running queries and visualization)
- NVIVO 12 (qualitative research analysis software – organizing and coding data, running queries)

Professional Development

- Pople, L., Gurung, R., Scott, I. K., Vespia, K., & Yokom, A. (2023). Pushing the Boundaries of Critical Thinking: What’s next in the era of Generative AI. In *Webinar (10 am - 1:15 pm)*. APA Publishing, Learning Design.
- Community Engaged Scholarship Friday Write-In Sessions (monthly, July through November 2023)
- Disseminating and Publishing Community-Engaged Scholarship (April 21, 2023, 9 am – 12 pm). Center for Community Engagement, UTEP. Undergraduate Learning Center Room 346.
- 14-Day Writing Challenge (Completed, March 2023). Event run by The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD). Online.
- Blackboard Ultra Training (August 8-10, 2022, 8:30 am-12:30 pm). Online.
- Teaching Online Academy (TOA) completed in (Summer 2020, UTEP). Online.
- Blackboard Institute Online (Completed Summer 2020, UTEP)

Professional Memberships

- The American Anthropological Association (member since 2010)
- The Royal Anthropology Institute (fellow since 2011)
- The Gerontological Society of America (regular member since 2018)