Board Appointment Form
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9:27 am, Apr 15, 2024

Appointing Office	Representative Chris Canales, District 8
Agenda Placement	Consent
Date of Council Meeting	04/23/24
Name of Board	Fair Housing Task Force

Agenda Posting Language

Reappointment of Silvia Torezani to the Fair Housing Task Force by Representative Chris Canales, District 8.

Appointment Type	Alternate

Member Qualifications

Silvia Torezani holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Anthropology with a subfield in Migration/Ethnic Studies from the University of Western Australia. With over a decade of experience in academic positions, including as an Assistant Professor at the University of Texas at El Paso, Dr. Torezani has a deep understanding of border and community-related research. Her work showcases her dedication to addressing housing disparities and ensuring fair housing practices.

Nominee Name	Silvia Torezani
Nominee Email Address	███████@███.█
Nominee Residential Address	████████████████████████
Nominee Primary Phone Number	+█ (███)██-█
Residing District	District 1
City Employed Relatives	N/A

Board Membership

Yes, currently a member of the Fair Housing Task Force as an alternate appointee.

Real estate owned in El Paso County

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Previous Appointee	Silvia Torezani
Reason for Vacancy	Term Expired
Date of Appointment	04/23/24
Term Begins On	05/01/24
Term Expires On	04/30/27
Term	First Term

Silvia A. Torezani

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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

08/2019 – Present   Assistant Professor of Instruction, Department of Sociology and Anthropology / Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

08/2014 – 08/2019 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology / Center for Inter-American and Border Studies, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

01/2014 – 05/2014 Lecturer, Center for Inter-American and Border Studies (CIBS), University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

01/2013 – 06/2013 College Assistant Professor, Anthropology, New Mexico State University, New Mexico.

01/2012 – 05/2014 Lecturer, Sociology & Anthropology, University of Texas at El Paso, Texas

07/2009 – 12/2011 Research Training Coordinator, Graduate Research School, Edith Cowan University, Western Australia, Australia.

EDUCATION

2011   Doctor of Philosophy (Anthropology – subfield of Migration/Ethnic Studies), School of Social and Cultural Studies, University of Western Australia.

2000   *Licenciatura* (Anthropology), equivalent to Australian BA Honor's Degree, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, School of Anthropology, National University of Salta, Salta, Argentina.

AWARDS & RESEARCH FUNDING

06-07/2021   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.

09/2014 – 01/2016 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 the time of award.

2002 – 2005   Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) (Commonwealth Government of Australia award for Ph.D. program at the University of Western Australia). Covered graduate studies expenses and a 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.

TEACHING
Undergraduate Courses Designed/Overhauled* and Taught (or coming up)

<u>In Spanish, Transborder (Fall 2023)</u>

*LABS 3301/ SPAN 3390	La Frontera/Special Topics in Spanish. Mode of Instruction: Collaborative Online International Learning (COIL)

<u>In English, CEL or Service Learning and Research</u>

*LABS 3301	The Border, CEL and Research since Fall 2021-present, except in summer. Mode of Instruction: In Person.
*SOCI/ANTH 4346	Global Health. Mode of Instruction: Online 8 weeks, CEL since Fall 2021-present). Part of regular UTEP Connect course offerings.
*LABS 4301	Border Healthcare Access, CEL in Fall 2021, and Service Learning in Fall 2019. Mode of Instruction: In Person.
*LABS 3301	The Americas, Service Learning (in collaboration with CCE). Spring 2020. Mode of Instruction: In Person.
*LABS 4301/ RS 3355/SOCI 3341/ANTH 4370	Border Religions, Community Service. Spring 2019. Moder of Instruction: In Person.

<u>In English, Other Courses</u>

SOCI/ANTH 4308	U.S.-Mexico Border Society and Culture. Mode of Instruction: Online 7 weeks
LABS 4308	Independent Study. Spring 2023
ANTH 3379	Independent Study. Spring 2019
ANTH 1302	Intro-Cultural Anthropology. Moder of Instruction: Online 16 weeks. Spring 2015.
HON 5395	Honors Senior Thesis. Spring 2015.
RSRC 4033	Undergraduate Research.

Graduate Courses Designed/Overhauled* and Taught (or coming up)

<u>In English, Service Learning</u>

*LABS 5302	Contemporary Latin America. Service Learning (in collaboration with CCE) Mode of Instruction: In Person. Spring 2023.
*LABS 5301/ MAIS 5350	Issues in Border Studies/The History of an Idea. Service Learning. Mode of Instruction: In Person. Fall 2016.

<u>In English, Other Courses</u>

LABS 5398	Thesis 1. Fall 2023.
LABS 5308	Independent Study. Summer 2021.
SOCI 5390	Individual Studies. Spring 2017.
*LABS 5390	Research in LA/Border Studies. Mode of Instruction: In Person. Fall 2015.

STUDENT MENTORING

Graduate Mentoring

Fall 2023	Thesis Advisor / Committee Chair for LABS Master's student, Daniel Avitia Pacheco
Fall 2019-present	Study skills support for students with conditional admission into the Master in Latin American and Border Studies Program
Fall 2022-present	Assist new MA LABS students with their Individual Development Plans.
Summer 2021	LABS 5308 (Independent Study in LABS – co-authored book review publication: http://dx.doi.org/10.4067/s0718-23762022000100339
Spring 2017	SOCI 5390 (Individual Studies – Financial Wellbeing Among the Mexican Migrant Elderly)
2015	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
- 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 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

Student Mentoring 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.

3 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, continued 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 a recipient of funding for full-time research on a selection of data from my project about the Mexican Migrant seniors 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.

<u>In Australia</u>

My position as a Graduate Research Coordinator involved mentoring and supporting Graduate students across 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, 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. I was a 2010 recipient of the Vice-Chancellor's Excellency Award for the Improvement of Student Services. (See also under Awards/ Research Funding).

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 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, H. B. B., & Torezani, S. (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

Torezani, S. (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.

Torezani, S. and Scott, M. (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.

Torezani, S. and Scott, M. (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 conference 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 joined 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…" Organizer and Co-Chairs

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.

Jones, N., 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

Spring 2023,   Judge for COURI Symposium, El Paso Natural Gas Conference Center, UTEP. April 22nd, 9 am – 12 pm.

Fall 2021   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

2022   Journal of Intercultural Studies (Australia). 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.

2019   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.

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 and Leadership (CEL) Course Outputs

Spring 2023 LABS 3301, "Border Danger: Our counter-story." Digital story map: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/7a1d5bc7d7ec41c28e1e67ef335b3074

Fall 2022 LABS 3301, "Homeownership Times: A border perspective" (Issue 3). Newsletter: https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/cibs/_Files/docs/docs-for-community/Homeownership-Times-NEWSLETTER---November-2022--Issue-3.pdf

Spring 2022 LABS 3301, "Homeownership Times: A border perspective" (Issue 2). Newsletter: https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/cibs/_Files/docs/docs-for-community/Homeownership-Times-NEWSLETTER---May-2022--Issue-2.pdf

Fall 2021 LABS 3301, "Homeownership Times: A border perspective" (Issue 1). Newsletter: https://www.utep.edu/liberalarts/cibs/_Files/docs/docs-for-community/Homeownership-Times-NEWSLETTER---Feb-2022--Issue-1.pdf

Community Information Sessions

06-07/2017 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 (SOCI 5390). Senior Living Communities, HACEP (now HOME). (June 29, July 5 and 12, 2017) (4.5 hours total).

I am in the process of being approved as an alternate for the District 8 Fair Housing Task Force.

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)
- Photoshop (creating and editing graphics)

Professional Development

07/2023	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.
07-11/2023	Community Engaged Scholarship Friday Write-In Sessions (monthly sessions, 9 am – 12 pm)
04/21/2023	Disseminating and Publishing Community-Engaged Scholarship (9 am – 12 pm). Center for Community Engagement, UTEP. Undergraduate Learning Center Room 346.
03/2023	14-Day Writing Challenge (Completed, March 2023). Event run by The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD). Online.
04/21-23/2021	Sol Conference. Humanizing Online Education: During COVID-19 and Beyond. Center for Faculty Leadership and Development, UTEP. Online.
05/2020	Transforming Teaching and Learning with Blackboard Learn Institute. Center for Faculty Leadership and Development, UTEP. Online. (30 hours).
2015	Certificate in Animals and Human Health (CE), Graduate School of Social Work, University of Denver, Colorado.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The American Anthropological Association (member since 2010)

The Royal Anthropology Institute (fellow since 2011)

The Gerontological Society of America (member since 2018)