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Curriculum Vitae

College of Arts & Sciences
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Education

2025 Ph.D. University of Colorado Boulder, Learning Sciences & Human Development
Dissertation: *"Latina Testimonios of Failure: Trenzas of failure, learning, and survivance in the Latina experience"*
Chair: Dr. Ben Kirshner

2015 M.S. Colorado State University, Student Affairs in Higher Education

2013 B.A. University of Colorado Denver, Psychology, Minor in Ethnic Studies

Areas of Specialization

Healing Justice	Community-Based Research	Participatory Action Research
Research Practice Partnerships	Higher Education	

Academic & Professional Employment

2025 - Assistant Teaching Professor
Director of Science Bound, Division of Natural Sciences | Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program, University of Colorado Boulder

2025 LINC Co-Director, Miramontes Arts & Sciences Program, University of Colorado Boulder

2025 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Colorado Boulder, Colorado Diversity Initiative (PI: Dr Christina Alston)

2023 - 2025 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Colorado Boulder, Voices of Healing (PI: Dr. Ben Kirshner)

2020 - 2025 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Colorado Boulder, Transformative Student Voice (PIs: Dr. Ben Kirshner, Dr. Carlos Hipolito-Delgado, Dr. Shelley Zion)

2023 Graduate Research Assistant, Círculos de Confianza, Renee Crown Wellness Institute, University of Colorado Boulder

2022 - 2023 Program Co-Manager, Startup Summer Program, Silicon Flatirons, University of Colorado Boulder

2019 - 2023 Graduate Research Assistant, CU Engage, University of Colorado Boulder

2021 - 2022 Practicum Instructor, Multicultural Leadership Scholars, University of Colorado Boulder

2021 - 2022 Instructor, CU Pre-Health Scholars Program, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

2020 - 2021 Summer Bridge Instructor, Pre-Collegiate Development Program, University of Colorado Boulder

2020	Data Analyst, RISE Colorado, National Education Policy Center, University of Colorado Boulder
2018 - 2020	Academic Coach, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder
2015 - 2018	Life After Eagle Rock Instructional Specialist, Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center
2013 - 2015	Assistant Residence Director, Colorado State University

Honors & Awards

2025	Ph.D. Outstanding Community Engagement/Public Scholarship Award
2023 - 2024	Community Based Research Fellowship, University of Colorado Boulder

Current Research

Voices of Healing: Community-engaged research about the intersection of youth activism, social change, and healing. Voices of Healing Team was developed by colleagues as part of work with the Renee Crown Wellness Institute

Publications & Workshops

Hunter, A., Palomar, M., Salazar, B., Trejo, B., & Kirshner, B. (In Press). Healing and youth of color. *Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Social Justice (Volume 6: Language, Literacy, Youth, and Culture)*

Stickney, D., Kirshner, B., Hipolito-Delgado, C.P., & Zion, S. (with Salazar). (2025). The story you want to tell. *Transformative student voice for teachers: A guide to classroom action*. Harvard Education Press.

Salazar, B., Hunter, A. E., Kirshner, B., & Lopez, S. (2025). Healing justice in multicultural counseling. *Journal of Multicultural Counseling and Development*, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jmcd.12311>

Mendoza, E., Padilla-Chavez, A., Salazar, B., Jurow, S. (2024). Integrating learning and hummingbird medicine to heal academic harm. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Studies*, 11(5), 211-229. <https://doi.org/10.29333/ejecs/2305>

Kirshner, B., Salazar, B., Hunter, A., Lopez, S. (2024, June. *Healing Justice in Youth Organizations and Schools: Research Methods and Ethical Provocations*. Workshop at the annual meeting, International Conference on Learning Sciences, Buffalo, NY.

Kirshner, B., Salazar, B., Kornbluh, M. (2023). Problems of legibility and consequentiality for youth participatory action research. In (Eds.), *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences*. Montréal, Québec.

Trejo, B., Kirshner, B., & Salazar, B. (2023). Youth activism. In D. Fisher, A. Garcia, & E. Gargroetzi (Eds.) *Multicultural education*. Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781138609877-REE237-1>

Kirshner, B., Salazar, B., Cortez, A., & Hipolito-Delgado, C. (2021). Students learned so much more during the pandemic than we realized. Just ask them. *Ed Surge*. <https://www.edsurge.com/news/2021-10-11-students-learned-so-much-more-during-the-pandemic-than-we-realize-just-ask-them>

Academic Conference Presentations (Refereed)

Salazar, B. (2025, March). *Our stories of failure and perfection: How do we learn from failure and move forward?*. Presentation at the Latinas in Bloom Conference at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs, Colorado Springs, CO.

Salazar, B., Palomar, M., Hipolito-Delgado, C.P. (2024, June). *Latine/x Healing in graduate school*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences, Buffalo, NY.

Salazar, B., Mendoza, E., Padilla-Chavez, A. (2024, April). *Failure & Hummingbird Medicine*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Education Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Kirshner, B., Salazar, B., Kornbluh, M. (2023, June). *Problems of Legibility and Consequentiality for Youth Participatory Action Research*. Presentation at the annual meeting, International Conference on Learning Sciences, Montreal, Canada.

Salazar, B., Walter, D., Cerros-Gaytan, N., DeLeon, J. (2022, October). *Letting Go: The Importance of Allowing Students to Fail Forward*. Presentation and Workshop, All-In: Co-Creating Knowledge for Justice Conference. Santa Cruz, CA.

Salazar, B., Gomez-Lucero, N., Adler-Eldridge, A., Stickney, D., Kirshner B., & Hipolito-Delgado, C. P. (July 27 - 29, 2022). *Engaging Young People as Co-creators in Education, Design, and Research* [Conference session]. Connected Learning Summit 2022. Virtual.

Salazar, B., Hipolito-Delgado, C. (2022, April). *Productive Failure & SPD in Young BIPOC Femmes*, Presentation at the annual meeting, American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Kirshner, B., Hipolito-Delgado, C., Salazar-Núñez, B., Cortez, A. (2021, April). *Student Sociopolitical Learning, Activism, and Voice During Times of Turmoil*, Presentation at the annual meeting, American Educational Research Association, Online

Salazar, B., ... (2021, April). *Critical Digital Pedagogies: Recessing School*, Accepted Poster Presenter, American Education Research Association

Educational Workshops & Trainings (Refereed and Invited)

Salazar, B. (2026, January). *Coping with failure*. Adelante: Latine Faculty & Staff Affinity Group. Presentation - Invited

Salazar, B. (2025, June). *Navigating failure*. Office of Undergraduate Research & Creative Activities, Summer Fellows. Presentation - Invited

Salazar, B. (2024, June). *Who has the social capital to fail?*. TedXBoulder. Presentation - Invited

Salazar, B., & Lopez, S.E. (2023, March). *Culturally Sustaining Practices*, Workshop, Transformative Student Voice Convening - Invited

Salazar, B. (2023, July). Diversity in Entrepreneurship. Lecture, Startup Summer, University of Colorado Boulder. - Invited

Kirshner, B., Salazar, B., Stickney, D., Gomez-Lucero, N., Adler-Eldridge, A. (2022, July). *Engaging Young People as Co-Creators in Education, Design, and Research*. Accepted workshop, Connected Learning Summit - Refereed

Cortez, A., Salazar, B. (2020, August). *Annotating Our Lives and the University*. Part of the *Health, Society and Wellness in COVID-19 Times* lecture series - Invited

Salazar, B. (2020, February). *Productive Failure*. Accepted workshop, Conference for Student Success and Advising, Boulder, CO. - Referee

Salazar, B., Sepulveda, A. (2019, February). *Maximizing Your Resources: Connecting and Collaborating with Academic Coaching*. Accepted workshop, Conference for Student Success and Advising, Boulder, CO. - Refereed

Salazar, B., Blankenheim, A. (2019, February). *Navigating the Development of Learning Strategies through the Stages of Change*. Accepted workshop, Conference for Student Success and Advising, Boulder, CO. - Refereed

Research Grants

2020 Research Assistant (co-authored grant proposal), *Public Impact Project on Affordable & Quality Housing*. CU Engage

Teaching

High School/Summer Bridge Courses

Math4Life, Eagle Rock School & Professional Development Center
Leadership, CU Pre-Health Scholars, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
English, CU Pre-Health Scholars, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
Writing, Pre-Collegiate Development Program, University of Colorado Boulder

Undergraduate Courses

MASP Natural Science Seminar (ARSC 1470)
Multicultural Studies Practicum (EDUC 2910)

Outreach and Service

2022-2023	Student Advisor, CU Engage Advisory Board
2020-2024	Graduate Student Coordinator, Doctoral Pathways Mentorship Program Mentor, Doctoral Pathways Mentorship Program
2020-2024	Student Advisor, Development Advisory Board, School of Education Committee Member, Justice, Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Sub-Committee
2020-2022	School of Education Students of Color Collective
2019-2022	Student Member, Conference on World Affairs Student Chair, Racism in the USA Committee

2019

Mentor, University Hill Mentoring Program