

## Natasha A. Fernández-Preston<sup>1</sup> - Curriculum Vita

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### Education

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M.A. in Anthropology, Emphasis in Archaeology **2017-2018**

University of California, Berkeley

B.A. in Anthropology, Emphasis in Archaeology (*Summa Cum Laude*) **2012-2017**

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

### Academic and Research Interests

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Contemporary Archaeology; Political Economy; Global Food Systems; Corporations; Neoliberal Governance Practices; Human-plant relations; Agroecology; Food Sovereignty; with a geographical interest in the Caribbean.

### Fellowships and Grants

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UC Berkeley Department of Anthropology: Lowie Olson Research Grant **2020**

*Society of Ethnobiology* Urban Ethnobiology Fellowship **2020**

*SSRC-Mellon Mays Research Grants*: Predoctoral Research Development **2019**

*SSRC-Mellon Mays Research Grants*: Graduate Studies Enhancement **2018**

UC Berkeley Department of Anthropology: Lowie Olson Research Grant **2018**

*National Science Foundation*-Graduate Research Fellowship **Since 2017**

UC Berkeley Chancellor's Fellowship **Since 2017**

*Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship* **2015-2017**

### Publications

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#### Academic Journal Articles:

*In progress* “Colonial Foodways Beyond the Fort: Phytolith Evidence from the *Castillo San Felipe del Morro* in Puerto Rico”

2017 “Flour as Power? An examination of the representation of flour-based provisions in militia documents of the Spanish Caribbean colonies, 1599-1904.” *The Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Journal*: 61-67.

2016 “El pan en los primeros asentamientos coloniales de San Juan y San Germán de 1512-1513 Y 1516-1517.” *Revista [IN]Genios* 3 (1): 1–14.

2015 “‘Si me la dejo montar, me jode toa’ la noche’: The Incidence of ‘el Relajo’ and the Usage of Expletives among Puerto Rican University Students.” *Revista [IN]Genios* 2 (1): 1–12.

#### Academic Blog Posts:

2018 (Guzmán, Amanda, and Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez) *In the Wake of Hurricane Maria, Memes Carry More Than a Little Truth*. SAPIENS, May 16, 2018.

### Presentations in Professional Conferences and Student Colloquiums

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2019 (Guzzardo, Mariana T., Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez, and Miguel Almodóvar) “Lunch n’ Learn: Challenging Local Corruption and Colonial Repression, A Boricua Awakening.” In *Latinx Heritage Month at California State University, East Bay*. Hayward, CA.

2018 (Hamilton, Jarre and Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez) “Archaeology and its Role in Re-Writing Narratives of Race and Colonialism.” In *Race & Pedagogy National Conference: Radically Re-Imagining the Project of Justice: Narratives of Rupture, Resilience, and Liberation*. Tacoma, WA.

2017 “Prácticas alimentarias en la guarnición militar de San Juan a través del análisis paleobotánico de fitolitos.” In *VI Congreso de Antropología, Sociología e Historia at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras*. San Juan, PR.

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<sup>1</sup> Last name changed from Fernández-Pérez to Fernández-Preston in 2020.

- 2017 “Dieta en la guarnición de San Juan durante la época colonial española: Análisis de un estudio de caso en el castillo San Felipe del Morro.” In *4to Congreso de Historia de la Ciudad de San Juan*. San Juan, PR.
- 2017 (Fernández-Pérez, Natasha A., and Isabel C. Rivera-Collazo). “Beyond Subsistence: Food Consumption in the Military Garrison of San Juan de Puerto Rico from the 18th to 19th Centuries.” In *82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Vancouver, BC.
- 2016 “Quotidian Life and Food Consumption in a Spanish Military Garrison since the Age of Enlightenment: Archaeological Excavation and Preliminary Results.” In *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship: Southeastern Regional Conference*. Atlanta, GA.
- 2016 “Las plantas utilizadas en el Caribe Indígena: una base de datos de plantas económicas.” In *V Congreso de Antropología, Sociología e Historia at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras*. San Juan, PR.
- 2016 “El pan en los primeros asentamientos coloniales de San Juan y San Germán de 1512-1513 Y 1516-1517.” In *V Congreso de Antropología, Sociología e Historia at the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras*. San Juan, PR.
- 2016 (Fernández-Pérez, Natasha A., and Isabel C. Rivera-Collazo). “Plants Used in the Indigenous Caribbean: A Database of Plants in Reference to the Archeological Literature.” In *81st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology*. Orlando, FL.
- 2015 “Beyond Subsistence: Foods as Markers of Identity in the Multiethnic Colonial Context of Puerto Rico, Sixteenth through Nineteenth Centuries: A Pilot Study.” In *Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship: Southeastern Regional Conference*. Houston, TX.
- 2015 “‘Si me la dejo montar, me jode toa’ la noche’: The Incidence of ‘el Relajo’ and the Usage of Expletives among Puerto Rican University Students.” In *iNAS-TESIC: Tercer Encuentro de Investigación y Creación*. Carolina, PR.

## Reports

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- 2019 (Berghausen, Chloe, Elizabeth Dresser-Kluchman, Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez, Amr Shahat, Venicia Slotten, and Alec Apodaca) “Field Starch Extraction from Ground Stone: Experiment and Protocol Recommendations.” *McCown Archaeobotany Laboratory Report #88*. Berkeley: University of California, Berkeley.
- 2018 (Fernández-Pérez, Natasha A., and Christine A. Hastorf) “Compilation of Phytolith and Starch Images of Taxa Relevant to the Contemporary Caribbean.” *McCown Archaeobotany Laboratory Report #86*. Berkeley: University of California, Berkeley.
- 2017 “Archaeological Report: El Morro Kitchen Archaeological Project 2016 (ELMO 2016).” San Juan: National Park Service.

## Field experience

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### Ethnographic:

#### Foodways and Farming in Puerto Rico

Protocol number: CPHS # 2019-04-12069

Principal Investigator: Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez

(Supervised by: Dr. Christine Hastorf and Dr. Laurie Wilkie)

Duties included: Participant observation in farms and farmer’s markets, and interviewing of farmers, food and agriculture related organizations, and food companies

**June to  
August 2019**

#### Fondas in Área Metro, Puerto Rico

Protocol number: CPHS # 2018-07-11233

Principal Investigator: Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez

(Supervised by: Dr. Laurie Wilkie)

Duties included: Public observation, recording and photographing of the aesthetics of place-making in fondas

**May to July  
2018**

Foodscape Oral History Project in Cangrejos, Puerto Rico **May to July 2018**  
 Protocol number: CPHS # 2018-02-10773  
 Principal Investigator: Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez  
 (Supervised by: Dr. Laurie Wilkie)  
 Duties included: Interviewing, recording and transcribing interviews with participants that have some relationship (of residence or work) to what used to be Cangrejos in Puerto Rico.

El uso de expletivos entre jóvenes **October 2014 to May 2015**  
 Protocol number: CIPSHI # 1415-050  
 Principal Investigator: Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez  
 (Supervised by: Dr. Evelyn Dean-Olmstead)  
 Duties included: Participant observation, recording and transcribing conversations with young adults, focusing on the incidence of expletives in conversations.

**Archaeological:**

El Morro Kitchen Archaeological Project **June 2016**  
 Permit number #: SAJU-2016-SCI-0001  
 Location: San Juan, Puerto Rico  
 Directed by: Natasha A. Fernández-Pérez  
 (Supervised by: Dr. Isabel Rivera-Collazo and Félix López)  
 Duties included: Project Director-Overseeing all areas of excavation, sampling, cataloguing and public outreach, and organizing all records and materials.

Field School Tierras Nuevas Archaeological Project **June 2015**  
 Location: Manatí, Puerto Rico  
 Directed by: Dr. Isabel Rivera-Collazo  
 Duties included: Archaeological surveying with GPS, excavation, screen sieving, archaeological photography and field drawing, and sampling for geoarchaeology and paleoethnobotany

Field School RSF Archaeological Trust **June 2014**  
 Location: Philippopolis (Plovdiv), Bulgaria  
 Directed by: Krassimira Luka  
 Duties included: Learning about general history of the region, ceramic typology by historical eras, ceramic cross-section drawing, archaeological field drawing, and basic excavation methods

**Teaching Experience**

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MMUF Graduate Student Mentor **2018-2020**

**Non-Academic Experience**

Registered Student Organizations:

UC Berkeley *Boricuas in Berkeley* **Since 2017**

- Signatory
- Founding Member

UC Berkeley *Anthropology Graduate Student Organization* **2017-2018**

- Signatory

UPR-Río Piedras *Asociación Universitaria de Antropología* **2014-2017**

- Archaeology spokesperson (2017-2016)
- Member (2017-2014)

**Conferences**

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117th Annual Meeting of the *American Anthropological Association* **2018**  
 (San Jose, CA)

Race & Pedagogy National Conference: Radically Re-Imagining the Project of Justice: Narratives of Rupture, Resilience, and Liberation (Tacoma, WA)	2018
Puerto Rico, Puerto Ricans Diaspora Summit III: Rebuild Puerto Rico (The City University of New York, New York, NY)	2018
Emerging Ecologies: Archaeologies of Slavery, Landscape, & Environmental Change (UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA)	2018
VI Congreso de Antropología, Sociología e Historia (UPR-Río Piedras, San Juan, PR)	2017
4to Congreso de Historia de La Ciudad de San Juan (San Juan National Historic Site, San Juan, PR)	2017
82nd Annual Meeting of the <i>Society for American Archaeology</i> (Vancouver, BC)	2017
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship: Southeastern Regional Conference (Spelman College, Atlanta, GA)	2016
V Congreso de Antropología, Sociología e Historia (UPR-Río Piedras, San Juan, PR)	2016
81st Annual Meeting of the <i>Society for American Archaeology</i> (Orlando, FL)	2016
Simposio de Repensando la Violencia desde los Estudios de Áreas y su Integración al Currículo en el Siglo XXI (UPR-Río Piedras, San Juan, PR)	2016
Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship: Southeastern Regional Conference (Rice University, Houston, TX)	2015
iINAS-TESIC: 3er Encuentro Subgraduado de Investigación y Creación (Carolina, PR)	2015

### **Awards**

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1 <sup>st</sup> Place in the Thirteenth Annual Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl 82nd Annual Meeting of the <i>Society for American Archaeology</i>	2017
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in the Twelfth Annual Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl 81st Annual Meeting of the <i>Society for American Archaeology</i>	2016

### **Skills**

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- Participant Observation and Interviews
  - Archival research
  - Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
  - Analysis of historical archaeological artifacts
  - Botanical plant collecting
  - Archaeological excavation
  - Archaeological drawing
  - Phytolith extraction and analysis
  - Global Positioning System (GPS)
  - Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS)

### **Membership of Professional Organizations**

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Society for Economic Botany	Since 2020
Society of Ethnobiology	Since 2019
Association of Caribbean Historians	Since 2019
Center for Puerto Rican Studies	Since 2019
Association for the Study of Food and Society	Since 2018

American Anthropological Association **Since 2018**  
• Society for Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology  
• Society for the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition

International Phytolith Society **Since 2018**  
Asociación de Historia del Viejo San Juan **Since 2017**  
Society for Historical Archaeology **Since 2017**  
Society for American Archaeology **Since 2015**  
Archaeological Institute of America **2017-2018**  
World Archaeological Congress **2016-2017**

**Languages**

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- Spanish - native speaker
- English - fluent

**References**

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