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Education

- 2019 - *present* **Ph.D. in Government and Public Policy**
University of Arizona (UA)
- 2015-2017
incomplete JDP in Interdisciplinary Research on Substance Use
San Diego State University (SDSU) and University of California, San Diego (UCSD)
- 2010-2012 M.S. in Demography
El Colegio de México (COLMEX, by its acronym in Spanish), Mexico
Dissertation: The fight for security in Mexico: police-military joint operations, homicides and organized crime between 2007 and 2010
- 2005-2006 Visiting student, Faculty of Anthropology
The University of Manchester, UK
- 2002-2009 B.A. in Cultural Anthropology
Universidad de las Américas, Puebla (UDLAP, by its acronym in Spanish), Mexico
Dissertation: Tourism and land tenure in the Coast of Oaxaca: the cases of Mazunte and San Agustinillo

Publications**Peer-reviewed Journals**

Morales, M., Rafful, C., Baker, P., Arredondo, J., Kang, S., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jiménez, T., Strathdee, S. A., Beletsky, L. 2020. “Pick up anything that moves”: a qualitative analysis of a police crackdown against people who use drugs in Tijuana, Mexico. *Health and Justice*. 8 (9).

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Beletsky, L., Abramovitz, D., Arredondo, J., Baker, P., Artamonova, I., Marotta, P., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Cepeda, J. A., **Morales, M.**, Clairgue, E., Patterson, T., Strathdee, S. A. 2019. “Addressing Police Occupational Safety During an Opioid Crisis: The Syringe Threat and Injury Correlates (STIC) Score”. *Journal of Occupational Medicine and Environmental Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1097/JOM.0000000000001754>

Morales, M., Rafful, C., Gaines, T., Cepeda, J. A., Abramovitz, D., Artamonova, I., Baker, P., Clairgue, E., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Arredondo, J., Kerr, T., Banuelos, A., Strathdee, S. A., Beletsky, L. 2018. “Factors associated with extrajudicial arrest for syringe possession: results of a department-wide survey of municipal police in Tijuana, Mexico”. *BMC International Health and Human Rights*. Vol. 18, Issue 36. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12914-018-0175-1>.

Borquez A., Beletsky L., Nosyk B., Strathdee S.A., Madrazo A., Abramovitz D., Rafful C., **Morales M.**, Cepeda J., Panagiotoglou D., Krebs E., Vickerman P., Boily M.C., Thomson K., Martin N. K. 2018. “The effect of public health-oriented drug law reform on HIV incidence among people who inject drugs in Tijuana, Mexico: an epidemic modeling analysis”. *The Lancet Public Health*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667\(18\)30097-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2468-2667(18)30097-5)

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Arredondo, J., Lira, S., Strathdee, S. A., Cepeda, J. A., Abramovitz, D., Artamonova, I., Clairgue, E., Bustamante, E., Mittal, M. L., Rocha-Jiménez, T., Banuelos, A., Olivarria, O. H., **Morales, M.**, Rangel, G., Magis-Rodríguez, C., Beletsky, L. 2017. "Measuring Improvement in Knowledge of Drug Policy Reforms following a Police Education Program in Tijuana, Mexico". *Harm Reduction Journal*. Vol. 14, Issue.72. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12954-017-0198-2>

Under Review

Morales, M., Mittal, M. L., Baker, P., Gaines, T., Rocha-Jiménez, T., Strathdee, S. A., Beletsky, L. Police officers' attitudes on spatial stigmatization and regulation of homeless people who use drugs in Tijuana, Mexico. *Journal of Urban Health*. Submitted. 04/2020.

Book chapters and Press (Non peer-reviewed)

Morales. M. 2020. El Pianista (The Pianist). Especial: Diario de la Pandemia. *Revista de la Universidad de México* (Special: Diary of the Pandemic. Journal of the University of Mexico). <https://bit.ly/3c5dULa>

Morales. M. 2019. “¿Quiénes son Guatemala, El Salvador y Honduras y por qué las caravanas migrantes están definiendo la relación bilateral entre Estados Unidos y México?” (Who are Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras and why are migrant caravans defining the bilateral relationship between the United States and Mexico?). *Este País*. <https://bit.ly/3avGFjy>

Morales M. 2013. “Factores que explicaron los niveles de homicidios y fallecimientos por rivalidad delincuencial entre 2007 y 2010 en México” (Factors explaining homicide and death rates by criminal rivalry between 2007 and 2010 in Mexico). *Coyuntura Demográfica*. 3: 17-22.

Salas E., Hartog G., Greathouse L., **Morales M.**, Valckx A. 2005. “Una vez un moreno, una morena, un güero y una güera... O los mitos contados por los niños y las niñas” (Once upon a time a moreno, a morena, a güero and a güera... Or the myths told by boys and girls) pp. 37-52. In “Matices sociales del color de la piel en México. Chiaroscuro sobre una realidad oculta” (Social nuances of skin color in Mexico. Chiaroscuro about a hidden reality). Facultad de Psicología, BUAP, Puebla.

Presentations

- 05/20/2020 **Morales, M.**, Rafful, C., Baker, P., Arredondo, J., Kang, S., Mittal, M.L., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Strathdee, S., Beletsky, L. “Pick up anything that moves: A qualitative analysis of a police crackdown against people who use drugs in Tijuana, Mexico.” Oral presentation. 14th Annual Conference of the ISSDP, Aguascalientes, Mexico. May 20-22, 2020. *Postponed until further notice*.
- 05/19/2017 **Morales, M.**, Mittal, M.L., Rocha-Jimenez, T., Arredondo J., Cepeda J., Strathdee S.A., Beletsky L. “Translating drug policy reform: a qualitative study of police officer knowledge, perceptions, and beliefs following a training on Mexico’s Narcomenudeo law reform.” Oral presentation. 11th Annual Conference of the ISSDP, Aarhus, Denmark. May 17-19, 2017.
- 11/18/2016 Rocha-Jimenez, T., Mittal, M.L., Olivarría, O., Clairgue, E., Bustamante, E., **Morales, M.**, Arredondo, J., Artamonova, I., Magis, C., Strathdee, S., Beletsky, L. “Diferencias de género en conductas policiales: implicaciones para personas que usan drogas en la frontera Estados Unidos-México” (Gender differences in policing behaviors: implications for PWID along the United States-Mexico border). Oral Presentation. 6th Binational Conference on Border Issues. San Diego City College- Universidad Autónoma de Baja

California, Tijuana. November 17-18, 2016.

- 11/04/2016 Bustamante E., Mittal M.L., **Morales M.**, Clairgue E., Patiño E., Rocha T., Strathdee S.A., Beletsky L. “Police education program focused on HIV and harm reduction: design and implementation.” Oral presentation. 11th National Harm Reduction Conference. San Diego, CA., November 3-6, 2016.
- 11/04/2016 Clairgue E., Beletsky L., Bustamante E., Tornez A., Orellana I., Solorzano K., Arredondo J., Mittal M.L., **Morales M.**, Rocha T., Bañuelos A. Strathdee S.A. “Chasing the Cops: strategies for follow-up interviews with active-duty police officers from Proyecto ESCUDO in Tijuana, Mexico.” Oral presentation. 11th National Harm Reduction Conference. San Diego, CA., November 3-6, 2016.
- 10/02/2016 Beletsky L. and **Morales M.** “Harm reduction, policy reform, and policing practice: the case of Narcomenudeo implementation in Tijuana, Mexico.” Oral presentation. The Third International Conference on Law Enforcement and Public Health (LEAHN). Amsterdam, The Netherlands, October 2-5, 2016.
- 05/31/2012 **Morales M.** “Operativos conjuntos y violencia asociada con el crimen organizado en México: un enfoque demográfico a principios del siglo XXI” (Police-military joint operations and violence associated with organized crime in Mexico: a demographic approach to early XXI century). Oral presentation. XI National Demographic Research Meeting, SOMEDE. Aguascalientes, Mexico. May 30–June 1, 2012.

Honors and Awards

- 2020 University of Arizona - Graduate & Professional Student Council (GPSC) Travel Grant Award (\$1,000)
- 2017 International Society for the Study of Drug Policy (ISSDP) Travel Fund Award (\$700 USD)
- 2017 SDSU Graduate Student Travel Fund Award (\$1,000 USD)
- 2015-2017 National Council for Science and Technology (CONACYT) – The University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UCMEXUS) Scholarship. Ph.D. Funding (\$18,000 USD)
- 2012 Gustavo Cabrera Award for best Mexican M.S. thesis in demography and populations studies (\$1,000 USD)
- 2010-2012 CONACYT Scholarship. M.S. Funding (\$20,000 USD)
- 2007-2008 CONACYT Scholarship for Basic Science (\$2,000 USD).

Membership in Professional Societies

- 2020-present Peace Science Society (International)
- 2017-present International Society for the Study of Drug Policy
- 2017-present National Hispanic Science Network
- 2012-present Sociedad Mexicana de Demografía (Mexican Demography Society, SOMEDE, by its acronym in Spanish)

Reviewer

- 2020-present International Journal of Health Economics and Policy (HEP)
- 2019-present American Journal of Public Health (AJPH)

Professional Experience

- 2019 **Graduate Teacher Assistant.** School of Government and Public Policy. College of Social and Behavioral Science. University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA. Supervisor: Ph.D. Alexander Braithwaite
- 2017-2019 Research Assistant. Division of Global Public Health. Department of Medicine. UCSD, San Diego, CA, USA. Supervisor: J.D., M.P.H., Leo Beletsky
- Research Project: ESCUDO. Harmonizing Law Enforcement and HIV Prevention through a Police Education Program (Funded by NIDA R01 DA039073)

Responsibilities:

- Conducting literature review
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative analysis
- Writing manuscripts for publication

- 2015-2017 Graduate Research Assistant in ESCUDO Project. Division of Global Public Health. Department of Medicine. UCSD, San Diego, CA, USA. Supervisor: Ph.D. Steffanie Strathdee

Responsibilities:

- Writing a research proposal for the UCSD Human Research Protection Program
- Training of staff for a police educational program on occupational safety, Mexican laws on drugs and harm reduction strategies
- Training of 1,800 Tijuana police officers on occupational safety, Mexican laws on drugs and harm reduction strategies
- Designing qualitative instruments (i.e., semi-structured and in-depth interviews)
- Conducting ethnographic fieldwork (i.e., participant observations and in-depth interviews)

- Conducting qualitative analysis (i.e., Atlas.ti)
- Coordinating meetings between ESCUDO Project Principal Investigators (PI) and Federal, State and Municipal Mexican authorities

2013-2014 Assistant Manager of International Relations. Institutional Development - Internal Affairs of Mexican Federal Police, Mexico City, Mexico. Supervisor: Ph.D. Jorge Uribe

Responsibilities:

- Co-director of the First International Congress of Police Internal Affairs, Baja California Sur, Mexico (<https://bit.ly/311vrPJ>)
- General Coordinator of the Permanent Seminar of Police Internal Affairs, a training program of police internal affairs for municipal, state and federal police directors in Mexico

2012-2013 Analyst. International Consulting, Intelligence and Technology (ICIT), Mexico City, Mexico. Supervisor: Ph.D. Jorge Uribe and Ph.D. Henio Hoyo

Responsibilities:

- Writing weekly notes on national and international security
- Writing monographs on security for 32 Mexican states
- Collecting profiles of Mexican politicians and entrepreneurs (n>100)

2009 Analyst. National Institute of Public Health (INSP, by its acronym in Spanish), Cuernavaca, Mexico. Supervisor: M.A. Pilar Torres

Responsibilities:

- Writing qualitative component of the annual external evaluation of the “*Programa de Atención a Adultos Mayores de 70 años y más en Zonas Rurales*” (Adults -70 years old and over- Care Program in Rural Areas) from the Mexican Ministry of Social Development (SEDESOL, by its acronym in Spanish)

2007-2008 Undergraduate Research Assistant. Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla (BUAP, by its acronym in Spanish), Puebla, Mexico.

Research Project: Third Sector and the Production of Alternatives in the Costa Chica of Oaxaca (Funded by CONACYT 57815)

Responsibilities:

- Conducting literature review
- Designing qualitative instruments (e.g., semi-structured and in-depth interviews).
- Conducting ethnographic fieldwork including participant observations and in-depth interviews (n>100)
- Transcribing and coding in-depth interviews
- Analyzing in-depth interviews

Teaching

Course Instruction

01/15/2020-present University of Arizona, Tucson, School of Government and Public Policy. Professor Alexander R. Braithwaite, POL 202, Introduction to International Relations. Teaching Assistant.

08/26/2019-12/19/2019 University of Arizona, Tucson, School of Government and Public Policy. Professor Alexander R. Braithwaite, POL 202, Introduction to International Relations. Teaching Assistant.

Guest Lecturer

05/21/2019 “Dolor y prescripción de opiáceos” (Pain and opioid prescription). Guest lecturer. Course: MA 11514 Stimulants, Modernity and Power. Instituto de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades “Alfonso Vález Priego” (ICSYH, by its acronym in Spanish), BUAP, Puebla, Mexico. Instructor, Ricardo Macip, Ph.D.

02/26/2019 “Opioid use risk and changing opioid policy in Mexico.” Guest lecturer. Course: SW 701 Policy Seminar on U.S.-Mexico Border Health with Emphasis on Substance Use. School of Social Work, SDSU. San Diego, CA. Instructor, María Luisa Zuñiga, Ph.D.

02/20/2018 “Mexican Drug Trafficking in Michoacán”. Guest lecturer. Course: SW 701 Policy Seminar on U.S.-Mexico Border Health with Emphasis on Substance Use. School of Social Work, SDSU. San Diego, CA. Instructor, María Luisa Zuñiga, Ph.D.

10/17/2016 “HIV in Tijuana: Key populations at risk and structural interventions.” Guest lecturer with Ph.D. Claudia Rafful. Border Health Promotion. School of Social Work, SDSU. San Diego, CA.

03/21/2016 “People who inject drugs and law enforcement officers in Tijuana: El Cuete and ESCUDO projects.” Guest lecturer. Brown Bag Research Talks. School of Social Work, SDSU. San Diego, CA.

Languages Skills

Spanish (native speaker), English (TOEFL 111/120).

Computational proficiency

R, Stata, SAS and Atlas.ti (qualitative software).

Service

2019-present Voluntary participation as a reviewer of travel, research and project grants. The Graduate and Professional Student Council (GPSC). University of Arizona, Tucson.

- 2015-2016 Voluntary participation in Wound Clinic, a project that provides basic health assistance to people who use drugs in Tijuana, Mexico. PI: Dr. Patricia Gonzalez-Zúñiga. Division of Global Public Health, UCSD.
- 2004 Voluntary participation in “*Xivitl Tlapahitia*”, a project that studied traditional medicine in Tlacotepec de Díaz, Puebla, Mexico. PI: Ph.D. Antonella Fagetti, ICSYH, BUAP, Mexico.
- Voluntary participation in “*Migración en Cuahutemoc y Tetelcingo, Morelos*” (Migration in Cuahutemoc and Tetelcingo, Morelos), a project focused on migration. PI: Ph.D. Miguel Moraita, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH, by its acronym in Spanish), Morelos, Mexico.
- 2002 Voluntary participation in “Programa de Apoyo Nutricional” (Nutritional Support Program, Puebla), a non-government organization focused on malnutrition in Cuetzalan, Puebla, Mexico. PI: M.A. Ángeles Borda Torres and Emma Flores Galván.

References

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