

“Princeso” Pepe Santamaría

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Key Strengths

- Demonstrated dedication to arts & cultural community development through years of advocacy, events programming, coalition-building, and organizational partnerships
- Communications strategist with a passion for engaging the public through virtual, hybrid, and in-person storytelling, poetry, performance

Research & Education

University of California, Berkeley

Class of 2020

BA, Interdisciplinary Studies Field: linguistic anthropology and intercultural studies

Field Research, UNAM (National Autonomous University of Mexico)

2018

- Spearhead sociolinguistics field research on indigenous contributions to Mexican Spanish, identity formation, nation-building and racialized language hierarchies at UNAM

Border Health Program: Thammasat University, School of Global Health, Thailand

2019

- Successfully facilitate community-led participation strategies for fostering Participant Learning in Action and promoting participant ownership over knowledge-building within ethnic minority communities along the Thai-Myanmar border

Research Ambassador, Underrepresented Researchers of Color, UC Berkeley

2018-2020

- Develop workshops for research proposals and academic planning, empowering students with the knowledge and frameworks to measure and communicate advancements towards their goals
- Guest lectures and workshops for Decolonizing Research Methodologies Decal course

Professional Experience

Partner Classes Program Coordinator

August 2022 - Present

Gemini Ink, San Antonio

- Collaborate with partnering organizations throughout San Antonio to coordinate calendar of workshops and events, establishing 12 classrooms throughout Bexar County
- Direct the manuscript production and compilation of manuscript content for publishing student authors in poetry anthologies and broadsides
- Write over 20 contracts for teaching artists and coordinate between partnering organizations and instructing artists to finalize workshop schedules
- Drive the collection of time sheets from teaching artists and lead payroll processes,
- Assist the Director of Programs in preparing quarterly board reports
- Assist staff with Gemini Ink programs and special events as needed, including Inkstravaganza, Open House, etc.

Arts & Culture Consultant,

February 2018- Present

Community-Centered Project Development, Community Engagement Specialist

- Cultivate long-standing relationships with community-serving organizations, artist-activists, educators, service providers, and culture bearers, regularly establishing new connections
- Develop curriculum design, delivering workshops for community development such as “Creative Healing for Survivors” with UC Berkeley and poetry workshops for children celebrating OC Day of the Child/Día del Niño Festival sponsored by organizations such as the National Endowment for the Arts, the California Arts Council, and Imagination Celebration
- Design frameworks for mapping assets, needs and opportunities; diagram designs for demonstrating processes and visually presenting data to stakeholders and community members

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- Transformed the California Youth Connection statewide advocacy organization’s bi-annual Youth Leadership Academy with the development of my Dream Mapping frameworks, strategies, and community-engagement principles such that my workshops are now considered an indispensable introduction to the youth advocates’ project development process

Programs Assistant

February 2019- May 2020

Gender Equity Resource Center, UC Berkeley

- Manage overlapping project timelines, delegate tasks, and follow-up with different teams and programs to keep track of various logistical, social media, and outreach goals
- Initiate and design events supporting undergraduate community-building, leadership development, and belonging across our culturally-centered, identity-based programs
- Coordinate with the Wonder Women Team to plan, promote, and host RISE Awards 2019 and 2020; RISE is our annual awards ceremony honoring women who positively impact our communities
- Nurture community relationships by representing GenEq and positively engaging the Multicultural Community Center, African American Student Development, Chicanx-Latinx Student Development, Native American Student Development, and the Queer Alliance & Resource Center in mutually supportive partnerships

Project Specialist

MYSITE, Student Design Team, Mission Viejo, CA

May 2015- March 2016

- Counseled faculty during Business Process Analysis meeting, providing student insight and experience to the process of remodeling intersecting infrastructures of the school’s departments
- Engaged students in outreach activities to collect feedback from our diverse community college student population and record areas of success and potential

Community Leadership & Involvement

- More than three years of experience planning conferences, town halls, and summits with groups such as Youth Empowered to Act (YETA, at The LGBT Center OC), California Youth Connection, Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities, and Latino Health Access.

Santa Ana Coalition for Responsible Development (SACReD)

2013-2015

- Facilitate meetings between community members and city council members, providing interpretation and translation as needed for monolingual English or Spanish speakers for Latinx elders, families, and youth to identify key concerns and develop campaign visions

California Youth Connection

May 2013- January 2017

- Empower foster youth from various backgrounds by training them with strategic story-sharing techniques and helping them feel confident in advocating for policy changes directly to legislative representatives; together, we successfully rallied legislative support to pass SB1099, SB342, AB260 thereby protecting the rights of vulnerable foster youth and their families
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Santa Ana Building Healthy Communities

2013- 2014

- Collaborate with youth impacted by the juvenile justice system to learn and implement Restorative Justice practices; advocating for culturally-based, Healing-Informed practices to replace punitive policies of the school-to-prison pipeline in Santa Ana Unified School District

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- Youth Empowered to Act, the center oc** 2013-2014
- Provide direct youth experience and feedback during countywide social worker trainings on cultural diversity and LGBTQ+ respect, helping social workers adopt inclusive practices

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

- Keynote Speaker and Poet Perform for Puente Program** May 2022
Laney College
- Feature Poet for Speaking Axolotl: Chicanx/Latinx Literary Series** March 2022
Medicina Para Pesadillas/ Medicine for Nightmares bookstore in San Francisco
- Paseo Artístico Poetry Performance in the Mission** March 2022
Acción Latina hosted this month’s art stroll celebrating Women of the Mission
- Poetry Performance for National Green Latinos Winter Summit** January 2022
- Poetry ArtShare performance presented by foolsFURY SF Theatre** October 2021
BUILD FORWARD: Advocacy, Artistry, & Adaptability Digital Convening
- Divine & Deserving: Trans*cestors Creative Writing for Healing** October 2021
Designed and facilitated workshop for the Healing Clinic Collective serving Two Spirit, Trans, and Gender Non-Conforming participants
- Dream Mapping: Community-Centered Project Development and Engagement** October 2021
Ongoing workshop facilitator at California Youth Connection (CYC) Youth Leadership Academy
- Guest Poet Performance for UC Berkeley Lavender Graduation** May 2021
Honoring the LGBTQ+ Class of 2020 and 2021
- Guest Lecturer: Writing for Collective Liberation** April 2021
Ethnic Studies Department, California State University, Fullerton
- Firebaugh Fellow Research Symposium, UC Berkeley** February 2020
- UNAM Guest Lecture for Desarrollo y Gestión Intercultural (in Spanish)** November 2018
- UCEAP Field Research Presentation (in Spanish), Puebla** October 2018
- Southern California Conferences for Undergraduate Research** November 2015

HONORS & AWARDS

- Undergraduate Graduating Speaker**
Lavendar Graduation, UC Berkeley Class of 2019
- UCEAP Promise Award 2018**
Recognizing my field research in Mexico City and coursework at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)
- UC Berkeley Firebaugh Research Fellowship 2019**
Cultivating my sociolinguistics research on Mexican Spanish, identity formation and language hierarchies
- Gilman Service Award Summer 2019**
Supporting my field work with an ethnic minority community via the Border Health program jointly hosted by UC and Thammasat University’s School of Global Studies
- Youth Leadership Award Orange County Equality Coalition, 2014**
In Recognition of Outstanding Leadership within the LGBTQ+ Community