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Ph.D. Student in Education, admitted Autumn 2024

### Bio

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#### HONORS AND AWARDS

- EDGE: Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Fellowship, Stanford University (2024)
- RISE: Representation, Inclusion, Support and Empowerment Fellowship, NAFSA: Association of International Educators (2023)
- Sociology Field Group Honors Senior Thesis, Pitzer College (2016)
- Undergraduate Research Fellowship, American Education Research Association (2016)
- Jill Ford Harmon Endowed Scholarship, Pitzer College (2014)
- Arnaldo Rodriguez Scholarship, Pitzer College (2012)
- Evan Foster Scholarship, Pitzer College (2012)

#### EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- M.A., Claremont Graduate University , Higher Education & Student Affairs (2018)
- B.A., Pitzer College , Sociology (2016)

### Publications

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#### PUBLICATIONS

- **Critical Survey Research** *HANDBOOK OF CRITICAL EDUCATION RESEARCH*  
Perez, W., Espinoza, R., Melendrez, M., Young, M. G., Diem, S.  
2024: 612-629
- **Learning How to Drive: Rites of Passage in Being and Becoming (A Collaborative Autoethnography <i>Not Just About Driving</i>)** *CULTURAL STUDIES-CRITICAL METHODOLOGIES*  
Alexander, B., Carroll, J., Perez, W., Melendrez, M., Flaherty, J., Espinoza, R., DeSilva, C., Axtell, J.  
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- **Undocumented American Students: How Fear of Deportation and Societal Marginalization Complicate Their Identity Pathways** *Adolescents at School: Perspectives on Youth, Identity, and Education*  
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