

Mattlyn Cordova

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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA (incoming)

Ph.D. in American Studies

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, June 2019

B.A. in Gender and Sexuality Studies with minors in Latina/o Studies; Film and Media Studies

Honors Thesis: "Walking the Borderlands: A Framework of Trans* Latinx World-Making in Film"

Thesis Advisors: Dr. Myrna García and Dr. Nicholas Davis

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Latinx Studies Thesis Prize, Northwestern University, 2019
- Betty Jo Teeter Dobbs Thesis Prize in Gender and Sexuality Studies, Northwestern University, 2019
- Gender and Sexuality Studies Departmental Honors, Northwestern University, 2019
- Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Northwestern University, 2017-2019, \$15,000
- J. G. Nolan Scholarship for Academic Merit, Northwestern University, 2017- 2018
- Isaac N., Ida N., Walter M., and Marguerite C. Wolfstein Scholarship, Northwestern University, 2016-2017
- Women's Educational Aid Association Scholar, Northwestern University, 2015-2019
- Dean's List, Northwestern University, Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Winter 2019, Spring 2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2018 "Walking the Borderlands: A Framework of Queer Potential." Paper presented at the annual Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Midwest Regional Conference, Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA, October 20, 2018.

"Walking the Borderlands: High Heels, Blue Pills, and Santa Muerte." Paper Presented at the Latina/o Studies Conference, Washington, D.C., July 14, 2018.

"To Be Seen: Trans-Chicanx Visibility in *Whittier Boulevard*." Paper Presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Minneapolis, MN, April 6, 2018.

2017 "See Me: The Negotiation of Family, Identity, and Heteronormativity in *Gun Hill Road*." Paper presented at the annual Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship Midwest Regional Conference, Carleton College, Northfield, MN, October 21, 2017.

"See Me: The Negotiation of Family, Identity, and Heteronormativity in *Gun Hill Road*." Paper Presented at the 32nd annual Summer Research Opportunity Program Research Forum at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, August 10, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, History Department, *Northwestern University* 7/2018 to 6/2019

- Assisted in the creation of the Congressional Hispanic Archive, an oral history archive of Latinx politicians
- Conducted interviews of Latinx politicians, including transcriptions and analyses

Administrative Assistant, Gender and Sexuality Studies, *Northwestern University* 9/2017 to 6/2019

- Planned, publicized, and set up events on behalf of the Program Assistant and Directors of the program

Undergraduate Researcher, Latina/o Studies, *Northwestern University* 2/2017 to 6/2019

- Analyzed films to investigate the tropes that arise in transgender Latinx films
- Presented research findings at regional and national conferences

EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

Writer, Queer Reader, *Northwestern University* 5/2018 to 6/2019

- Wrote about queer and feminist issues in the Queer Reader magazine to help begin conversations around sexuality and feminism on campus

Co-Writer, Project NU at Spectrum Theater, *Northwestern University* 5/2017 to 6/2018

- Conducted oral history interviews with Northwestern Students to gather information for a play about sexuality and healthy relationships on campus
- Co-wrote a full-length play with two other students using interview findings. Performed in May 2018 at Northwestern

Tutor, Family Matters, *Chicago, IL* 1/2017 to 6/2017

- Tutored two young, low-income students in fourth and fifth grade in math and reading skills
- Provided emotional support to both students to help create an environment to empower and encourage them to succeed academically

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Latina/o Studies Association
- National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies