Curriculum Vitae

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Education

2022 **Ph.D.**, Applied Anthropology, University of South Florida, Concentration: Medical Anthropology
Dissertation Title: *"Mental Health and the Effects of Stress and Violence on Migrant Farmworker Communities During the COVID-19 Pandemic"*
Committee: Heide Castañeda (chair), Daniel Lende, Dillon Mahoney, Beatriz Padilla, Joanna Mishtal, Nolan Kline

2017 **M.A**., Anthropology, University of Central Florida
Thesis title: *Life After the Boat: Understanding the Needs of Refugees in Sicily*
Committee: Joanna Mishtal (chair), Shana Harris (co-chair), Vance Geiger, Ty Matejowsky

2015 **Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management**, University of Central Florida

2010 **B.A.,** University of Alabama, Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies

Research Interests

Medical anthropology, public health, mental health, social determinants of health, health disparities, health and illness, oncology

Teaching Experience and Employment

2026-current **Mixed-Methods Research Consultant, Manzano Research Consulting**
Conduct mixed-methods research and analysis for both small and large scale research projects.

2024-2026 **University of Central Florida, Department of Population Health Sciences, Postdoctoral Research Scholar**
Worked as research assistant on a large-scale NIH funded research project focused on the health and well-being of communities in North Texas. Conducted a study as Principal Investigator on the mental health of immigrants living in Central Florida.

2022- 2023 **University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology, Visiting Lecturer**
Summer 2023, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)
Spring 2023, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410), Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 2000), Peoples of the World (ANT 3212)
Fall 2022, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410); Sex, Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302); Peoples of the World (ANT 3212) Medical Anthropology (ANG 5462/ ANT 4462)

2020- 2021 **University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology, Adjunct Teaching Instructor**
Fall 2021, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410) (150 students)
Spring 2021, Ethnographic Methods (ANT 4802)
Fall 2020, Global Health (ANT 4480); Applied Anthropology (ANT 3701)

2019- 2021 **University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Teaching Associate, Instructor.**
Fall 2021, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)
Spring 2021, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410) (online)
Fall 2020, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)
Spring 2020, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)
Fall 2019, Health, Illness, and Culture (ANT 4462)
Spring 2019, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)

2017-2019 **University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Spring 2020, The Brain and Culture
Fall 2019 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)
Spring 2018, Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 2000); Cultural Anthropology (ANT 2410)
Fall 2018, Introduction to Anthropology (ANT 2000); Borders and Migration (ANT 4930)

2014-2017 **University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology, Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Spring 2017, Sex Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302); Peoples of the World (ANT 3212)
Fall 2016, Mesoamerican Archaeology (ANT 3163) Gordon Rule writing intensive course
Spring 2016, Magic, Ritual, and Belief (ANT 3241)
Spring 2015, Sex, Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302)
Fall 2015, Sex, Gender, and Culture (ANT 3302)

2010-2012 **Apopka Middle School, Florida, Academic Tutor**
Academic tutor in English, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies

Professional Development

2025 National Institutes of Health, Good Clinical Practice Training.

2024 Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)—research ethics training: Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Human Subject Research Curriculum.

2024 Grant Writing Seminar for the National Institutes of Health.

2017- 2022 Association for the Anthropology of Policy, Student Mentoring Program.

2016 Anthropology Writing Workshop, Department of Anthropology, UCF – a semester-long, 8 workshop series advancing scholarly writing

Honors and Awards

2018 Outstanding Master's Thesis Award, College of Sciences Winner, University of Central Florida. (Amount: $250)
2016 American Anthropological Association, Photography Contest Winner for Annual Calendar
2012 Orange County Public Schools, Florida Guidance Support Person of the Year Nominee
2011 Orange County Migrant Youth Association, Florida, Humanitarian Award Winner
2010 Bernie Sloan Spirit of New College Award, University of Alabama
2009 New College Outstanding Work in the Social Sciences, University of Alabama
2002, 2003 University of Alabama Dean's List

Grants and Research Funding

2025 University of Central Florida Internal Funds, Kline Startup (Amount: 500)

2021-2022 Dissertation Completion Fellowship. University of South Florida, Department of Anthropology. (Amount: 8,900)

2019 International Travel Grant, USF Office of Graduate Studies—travel award to present at the American Anthropological Association (Amount: 1,500)

2018 USF Presentation Fellowship—travel award to present at the Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting (Amount: $500)

2016 UCF Presentation Fellowship – travel award to present at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Amount: $500)

2015 UCF Presentation Fellowship – travel award to present at American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting (Amount: $500)

2012 Tampa Bay Buccaneers Buc-pacs for Back-to-School Grant – New backpacks and school supplies for 25 middle school students

2010 Arcadia University Study Abroad Scholarship – Cross-university study abroad award (Amount $500)

Books

Under Review "When you Come Here, You Die Already:" Looking Back at Resettlement and Humanitarian Aid in Sicily during the "European Refugee Crisis"

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

In preparation **Manzano, Russell Rice,** Nolan Kline. "State Sanctioned Violence: How Newly Enacted Immigration Policies Contribute to States of Exception in the United States"

In preparation **Manzano, Russell Rice**, Nolan Kline. "Fear and Deportation: Immigration Policy Changes as a Social Determinant of Health among Im/migrants in Central Florida."

In Press **Manzano, Russell Rice**, Nolan Kline**.** "Structure and Function of Migrant Advocacy Nongovernmental Organizations in Central Florida during the COVID-19 Pandemic."

2026 **Manzano, R. R.,** Ali, S., Griner, S. B., Neelamegam, M., & Kline, N. "Factors influencing COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy in socially vulnerable Latinx communities in North Texas." *Human Vaccines & Immunotherapeutics.*

2026 Kline, Nolan, Whitney D. Margaritis, **Russell Rice Manzano**, Shabrina Dew, Sualba Alejandro, and Linda Fulmer. "Structural Interventions and Policing in the United States: Identifying Research and Practice Opportunities." *BMC Public Health.*

2025 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Exploitation and Violence in the Experiences of Refugees Traveling from Sub-Saharan Africa to Italy." *Journal of Asian and African Studies.*

2024 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Precarious Status: Illegality and Mental Health among Immigrant Farmworkers during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *International Journal of Migration, Health and Social Care.*

2018 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "'When I was in the Boat, I thought I was Already Dead': Human Trafficking and Exploitation of In-Transit Migrants in Libya." *Committee on Refugees and Immigrants.* American Anthropological Association.

2018 **Manzano, Russell Rice**, Joanna Mishtal, and Shana Harris. 2018. "The Effect of Second Reception Center Practices on Refugee Experiences in Sicily" *Human Organization* 77(2).

Other Publications

2018 **Manzano, Russell Rice**. "Journeys of Unaccompanied Minor Boys from sub-Saharan Africa to Italy." *Anthropology News*

Research Experience

Principal Investigator

2025-2026 **Apopka, Florida.** Preliminary mixed-methods research with rural agricultural workers' mental health.

2020-2021 **Apopka, Florida.** "Mental Health and the Effects of Stress and Violence on Immigrant Farmworker Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Ethnographic doctoral research conducted with immigrant populations and NGOs in Apopka.

2018 **Siracusa, Italy.** Pilot Study: "Understanding the Experiences of Refugees and Migrants in Sicily." Preliminary ethnographic doctoral research conducted at 1 center for unaccompanied minor asylum seekers

2015-2016 **Siracusa, Italy.** "Life After the Boat: Understanding the Needs of Asylum Seekers in Sicily." Ethnographic research conducted over three months at 6 second reception centers for asylum seekers (3 centers for unaccompanied minors, 1 for adult men, 1 for women and children, and 1 center for men, women, and children).

2013-2015 **Orlando, Florida**. Qualitative and quantitative research conducted over 9 months at Lutheran Services Florida with newly arrived refugee families from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Focus on strategic planning and the organizational structure of the refugee resettlement program.

Research Assistant

2017 **Tampa, Florida.** "Legal Status and the Social and Emotional Well-Being of Undocumented Young Adults." Qualitative and quantitative research funded by the National Science Foundation.

Conferences and Research Presentations

Papers at National and International Professional Conferences

2026 **Manzano, Russell Rice,** Whitney Margaritis, Linda Fulmer, and Nolan Kline. "Local Populations' Perceptions on Law Enforcement Practices: A Case Study in North Texas." Law and Society Annual Conference. San Francisco, CA.

2025 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Fear and Deportation: How New Immigration Policies affect Marginalized Immigrant Populations." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA.

2025 Kline, N., Davis, J., Fulmer, L., Goodman, D., Johnson, T., Margaritis, W., **Manzano, R**., & Maynard Yates, G. "Advancing population health through community collaboration: Insights from a structural intervention study in Fort Worth, Texas, USA". University of Malta Global Health Summit, Msida, Malta.

2024 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Praxis and Barefoot Anthropology: An Examination of Ethnographic Research on Refugees and Asylum-seekers in Italy." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Tampa, FL.
Tampa, FL.

2024 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Structure and Function of Migrant Advocacy Nongovernmental Organizations in Central Florida during the COVID-19 Pandemic." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting. Santa Fe, NM.

2022 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Mental Health and the Effects of Stress on Immigrant Communities during the COVID-19 Pandemic." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA. **Chair**

2021 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Uncovering the Truths in Libya: Refugee Journeys from sub-Saharan Africa to Italy" Round Table Presentation. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD.

2019 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** 'It's Like Human Parking': Precarity and Marginalization in Migrant Camps in Sicily, Italy." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. Vancouver, Canada.

2018 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Things Fall Apart: The Deterioration of the Libyan Government and its Effects on Human Trafficking of Migrants in Transit." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Jose, CA.

2018 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "'Parli Italiano?': The Socioeconomic Impact of Language on Refugees Living in Sicily." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2017 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Politicizing Refugees: The Impact of Global Political Events on Refugees Living in Sicily." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

2017 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "'Italy Only Rescued You': Refugees' Perspectives about Assistance from Nongovernmental Organizations in Sicily." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM

2016 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Changing Policies and Practices: How Non-Governmental Organizations in Sicily Affect the Experiences of Unaccompanied Minors in Sicily." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN

2015 **Manzano, Russell Rice.** "Resettlement and Marginalization: Understanding the Experiences and Needs of Refugees in Sicily." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO

Conference Panels Organized

2025 "Ghosts of Past Policies: Understanding the Rapid Changes in Policy for Marginalized Populations." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Panel sponsored by the Association for the Anthropology of Policy.

2017 "The Effects of Recent Changes in National and International Governments and Policies on Refugee Experiences in Host Countries." American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. Panel sponsored by the Association for the Anthropology of Policy. Co-organized with Kelly Yotebieng, **Invited Session**

2016 "What's in a name? Evidence, Responses, and Policy in Global Refugee 'Crises.'" American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN. Panel sponsored by the Association for the Anthropology of Policy. Co-organized with Adam Kersch

Invited Presentations

2020 "Sexual Brain Plasticity" ANT 4930: Brain and Culture. University of South Florida

2020 "Health and Illness" ANT 4401 Exploring Cross-Cultural Perspectives. University of South Florida

2019 "Migration in Italy: Race and Gender" ANT 4401. Exploring Cross-Cultural Perspectives.

2018 "Migration from Africa to Italy: An Applied Perspective." ANT 4701: Applied Anthropology. University of South Florida. Department of Anthropology.

2018 "Refugees and Migrants from Africa and their Experiences in-transit and after Arriving in Italy." ANT 4930: Borders and Migration. University of South Florida. Department of Anthropology.

2018 "Rescuers or Traffickers?: In-transit Migration and Human Trafficking in Libya. Human Trafficking Panel. Free Network. University of South Florida

2017 "NGOs and the Effects of Policies and Practices in Siracusa, Italy." ANT 2410: Cultural Anthropology: Global Perspectives, Local Contexts. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology

2016 "The Effects of Immigration Policies and Local Practices in the Lives of Migrants in Siracusa, Italy." Brown Bag Research Presentation. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology

2016 "Migration and Non-Governmental Organizations in Siracusa, Italy." ANT 3701: Engagement & Social Change: Public Anthropology. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology

2015 "Understanding the Experiences and Needs of Refugees in Sicily." Brown Bag Research Presentation. University of Central Florida, Department of Anthropology

Other Presentations

2018 Graduate Research Colloquium. University of South Florida.

Professional Service

2022-2023 **Anthropology Undergraduate Program Committee, member.** Department of Anthropology, University of Central Florida. Program review and management of the major, minors, certificates, and new undergraduate courses.

Community Engagement

2020-2022 **Volunteer, Farmworkers Association of Florida,** participated in various activities at the center including food donation, fundraising, and leadership meetings

2020-2022 **Volunteer, Hope Community Center,** participated in citizenship and family learning programs

2015-2017 **Member, UCF Graduate Anthropology Association.** Participated in and organized outreach programs.

2016 **Outreach Coordinator, Graduate Anthropology Association**. Developed a volunteer program with Lutheran Services Florida for anthropology graduate students to visit refugee families in Orlando, and created a donation drive program. Planned anthropology outreach event for Lockhart Middles School.

2013-2015 **Lutheran Services Florida.** Visited refugee families from the Democratic Republic of Congo to assist with cultural adjustment; Grant writer.

2010, 2015 **Stella Maris Centre for Refugees, Italy.** Led English class for refugees and assisted with computer skills.

2015 **Lockhart Middle School, Orlando, FL.** Taught basic concepts of cultural anthropology to 6th grade students.

2010-2014 **Hope Community Center Volunteer, Apopka, FL.** Mentored at-risk youth, citizenship class teacher.

2010-2012 **Notre Dame AmeriCorps Volunteer. Apopka Middle School; Hope Community Center, Apopka, FL.** Created and organized the Advancement Lab tutoring center for grades 6-8. Created an after school and summer youth group program for at-risk middle school students. Assisted with English classes at the Hope Community Center, gleaning volunteer at local farms.

Foreign Language Skills

Spanish: Reading and conversational
Italian: Reading and conversational

Professional Membership

American Anthropological Association
Society for Medical Anthropology
Association for the Anthropology of Policy

References

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