Enrique Alan Olivares-Pelayo
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EDUCATION

PhD, Geography (Expected May 2027)
School of Geography, Development, and Environment, University of Arizona
Dissertation: *Running Raza: An Ethnography From Inside Arizona's Prisons*
Chair: Dr. Stefano Bloch

MA, English (2022)
Accelerated Master's Program, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona

BA, English; BA, Creative Writing (2021)
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona Honors College
Summa Cum Laude with Honors

AS, Liberal Arts (2019)
Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles — Sole-Authored

Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (Revise and Resubmit). Where's the Raza? Racial priming and the material life of codes. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*.

Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (Revise and Resubmit). Responsibility under confinement: carceral relational ontology, self-reliance, and abolitionist knowledge in Arizona. *Geoforum*.

Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2023). Politics and prison ink in Arizona: A map for navigation in a world of post-structural violence. *Journal of the Southwest*, 65(3), 302–313.

Peer-Reviewed Articles — Co-Authored

Kass, H., Olivares-Pelayo, E. A., & Seal, R. (2026). Abolition means attack! Towards an insurrectionary theory of abolition. *Human Geography*, 19427786261471182.

Bloch, S., Martínez, D. E., Olivares-Pelayo, E., Ovienmhada, U., Fatica, R., & Strong, J. D. (2026). Crimmigration and the carceral fix in Arizona. *Punishment & Society*, 14624745261455337.

Bloch, S., & Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2025). Spatially contingent racialization: A prison site ontology. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 02637758251393418.

Bloch, S., & Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2025). Banging them out: An affective politics of prison sound. *Geoforum*, 164, 104351.

Bloch, S., & Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2024). Prison geographies: Nine disciplinary approaches. *Geography Compass*, 18(3), e12742.

Bloch, S., & Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2024). Captive bodies, prison geographies, and the somatic carceral condition. *Progress in Human Geography*, 48(1), 3–17.

Bloch, S., & Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2024). Carceral racialization, prison segregation, and the Integrated Housing Program in Arizona. *Theoretical Criminology*, 28(2), 212–231.

Bloch, S., & Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2021). Carceral geographies from inside prison gates: The micro politics of everyday racialisation. *Antipode*, 53(5), 1319–1338.

Edited Volume Chapters

Olivares-Pelayo, E. A. (2025). Professionally formerly incarcerated. In *Handbook on Lived Experience in the Justice System* (pp. 449–451). Routledge.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

National and External

2026-27 Harry Frank Guggenheim Emerging Scholar Award ($25,000)

2024 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship — Honorable Mention and Waitlist

Institutional Fellowships and Grants

2025–26 Dr. Maria Teresa Velez Leadership Scholarship, University of Arizona ($25,000)

2023–24 Fronteridades Fellowship, Confluence Center for Creative Inquiry, University of Arizona ($8,000). Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stefano Bloch

2023–24 Hispanic Alumni Graduate Scholarship, University of Arizona ($6,000)

2022–23 University Fellowship, School of Geography, Development, & Environment, University of Arizona ($32,000). Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stefano Bloch

2022–23 University Fellows Professional Development Award, University of Arizona ($500)

Honors and Recognitions

2021 Provost Award, Graduating Class, University of Arizona

2021 Outstanding Transfer Student Award, Honors College, University of Arizona

2021 Summa Cum Laude with Honors; Academic Year Highest Academic Achievement; Dean's List with Distinction

2020–21 Nomination, Undergraduate Centennial Achievement Award, University of Arizona

2020–21 Honors College Grant; Phi Beta Kappa Alumni Scholarship; Maya Dolano-Smith Memorial Scholarship; Emma Lou Fielder Scholarship; Richard Garcia Memorial Scholarship; Richard Kissling Scholarship; Elaine A. Bychinsky Scholarship (combined $9,500)

2020 Dean's List with Distinction; Academic Year Highest Academic Achievement, University of Arizona

2019 Phi Theta Kappa, Pima Community College; Dean's List with Distinction, University of Arizona

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

2026 Crimmigration and the Carceral Fix in Arizona. American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. San Francisco, March 16–20.

2025 Professionally "Formerly-Incarcerated." American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Washington, D.C., November 16–19.

2025 Running Raza: Latinx Identity Construction within the Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation and Reentry. American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. Washington, D.C., November 16–19.

2025 Creating a Convoy: Bringing Directly Impacted and Formerly-Incarcerated People into the World of Abolitionist Praxis in Arizona. American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. Detroit, March 24–28.

2023 Contingent Carceral Identity and the Integrated Housing Program in Arizona. American Association of Geographers Annual Conference. Denver, March 23–27.

2022 Community-Based Reentry After Incarceration. Southern Arizona Opioid Misuse Symposium. Tucson, October 25.

2020 Lived Experience of Mass Incarceration. University of Arizona JEDI Summer Leadership Academy. Virtual.

2020 Segregation and Securitization: Reifying Race on an Arizona Prison Yard. 28th Annual University of Maryland Baltimore County McNair Scholars Conference. Virtual.

2020 Segregation and Securitization: Reifying Race on an Arizona Prison Yard. Undergraduate Research Opportunities Consortium Summer Colloquium, University of Arizona. Virtual.

TEACHING AND PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITY

Instructor of Record

2024–25 Environment and Society in the Southwest Borderlands, University of Arizona

Graduate Teaching

2023–24 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Crime and the City. Faculty Instructor: Dr. Stefano Bloch, University of Arizona

Research Assistantships

2021–22 Graduate Research Assistant. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stefano Bloch, University of Arizona

2020–21 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Ronald E. McNair Achievement Program. Faculty Mentor: Dr. Stefano Bloch, University of Arizona

Community Education

Workshop facilitator on media interviews, storytelling, and narrative framing for directly impacted and formerly incarcerated people, Just Communities Arizona (ongoing).

COMMUNITY-ENGAGED PRACTICE

Program Manager, Just Communities Arizona, Tucson, AZ (2020–Present)

Supervisor: Caroline Isaacs, Executive Director

Coordinate Expungement Advocate efforts to raise awareness of cannabis expungement through informational sessions in Southern Arizona; organize justice reinvestment initiatives through the Arizona Department of Health; cultivate neighborhood safety teams to plan and execute small-scale projects that improve a qualitative sense of community safety; advocate for directly impacted and formerly incarcerated individuals through media campaigns, interviews, legislative meetings, and public speaking; develop the leadership of justice-impacted people through workshops on media interviews, storytelling, and narrative framing; support research on transformative justice, community safety, and abolitionist philosophy.

Consultant, City of South Tucson, AZ

Justice infrastructure and community design consulting, including support for restorative justice training, community safety planning, and incubator-based community programs.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of Geographers

American Society of Criminology

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native); English (fluent)

REFERENCES

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