KARLA HERNANDEZ-SWIFT, PhD

EDUCATION

PhD Applied Anthropology, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

Dissertation: Latina Veterans' and Service Members' Experiences in The Military: An Intersectional Analysis of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender

Advisor: Nicole Taylor. Professor of Anthropology, Texas State University

M.A. International Studies, Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas

B.S. Cultural Anthropology, University of Houston Clear Lake, Houston, Texas

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2025-Present **Lecturer,** Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

ANTH 1312 – Cultural Anthropology

ANTH 3336 – Locally Engaged Research

ANTH 5336 – Community Research Project

2015-2025 **Adjunct Instructor,** Lee College**,** Baytown, Texas

HUMA 1301 – Intro to Humanities

HUMA 1305 – Intro to Mexican American Studies

HUMA 1305 – Intro to Mexican American Studies (Puente Program)

2020-2024 **Doctoral Teaching Assistant (Instructor of Record)**, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

ANTH 1312 – Cultural Anthropology (2023,2024)

2020-2024 **Doctoral Instructional Assistant,** Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

ANTH 4361 – Qualitative Research Methods (2024)

ANTH 3201 – Professionalization in Anthropology (2024)

ANTH 3101 – Writing Anthropology (2024)

ANTH 4310 – Theories and Issues in Anthropology (2022)

ANTH 3301 – Advanced Principles in Cultural Anthropology (2021)

ANTH 1312 – Cultural Anthropology (2021,2022)

2021-2024 **Adjunct Instructor,** Alamo College, San Antonio, Texas

HUMA 1305 – Intro to Mexican American Studies

HUMA 2323 – World Cultures

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2022-Present **Research Member**, Texas State University, Department of Anthropology, San Marcos, TX

Migrant Death Practices: Understanding Institutional Decision making in the Treatment of Unidentified Human Remains

2020-2024 **Doctoral Researcher**, Texas State University, Department of Anthropology, San Marcos, TX

2023 **Evaluator**, SRI International, Menlo Park, CA

2021-2023 **Research Assistant**, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, San Antonio, TX

COMPLETED WORK HISTORY

2019 – 2020 Student Development Specialist, University College, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX.

2015-2019 Academic Advisor, Counseling and Advising Office, Lee College, Baytown, TX.

2014 – 2015 Veteran Affairs Advisor, Lone Star College, Kingwood, TX.

2013-2014 Veteran Affairs Advisor/Certifying Official, Dept of Veteran Affairs, Houston Community College, Houston, TX.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Presenter*, Nepantleras: Latina U.S. Military Veterans and Active-Duty Service Members' Experiences in Nepantla,* (Marking and Transforming Identities and Relations) Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 2024.

Co-Presenter*, Navigating Applied Anthropology Careers, Texas Applied Anthropology Summit***,** People of Color Anthropology Network, 2022

WORKSHOPS

Presenter, *Past and Present: Las Adelitas/Soldaderas* Presentation, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, September 2024.

What is Anthropology, Comal ISD: 5th Grade Class. Aril 21, 2025

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2019 Teaching Online Certification Course, Lee College, Baytown, TX

2023 Teaching Online Certification Course, Alamo College, San Antonio, TX

2016-2018 Puente Training, Texas Spring Institute, Lee College, Baytown, TX

2016 Student Success in College Certificate: Cengage Learning Training, Lee College, Baytown, TX

2017 Mental Health First Aid Certificate: National Council for Behavioral Health, Goose Creek ISD, Baytown, TX

MEMBERSHIPS

2021-Present	Society for Applied Anthropology (SfAA)
2021-Present	American Anthropological Association
2021-Present	Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

SERVICE

2021-Present	Co-Creator of POCAA (People of Color Anthropology Network)
2020-Present	Texas Applied Anthropology Summit – Texas State University

2019	Dean of School of Business Affinity Hiring Committee, Texas State University
2019	Jedi Program Equity Certification Co-Creator, Texas State University
2017-2019	Puente Program Mentor, Lee College
2018	Chair-Counseling Hiring Committee, Lee College
2018	Scholarship Committee: Lee College
2017	Advising, Nursing Department Hiring Committee, Lee College

AWARDS/GRANTS

2025 Primary Investigator (co-PI Servando Gutierrez Carillo) Firebird Anthropological Research Grant, ($9,996.00)

2021 Research Conference, Texas State University

First Place: Karla Hernandez-Swift and co-authors for *Modifications of Physical Activity During a Pandemic*

2014 Lone Star College Foundation, Mini Grant, Lone Star College, Kingwood, TX

Student Warriors in Transition

PUBLICATIONS

Hernandez-Swift, K., (2025), Navigating Nepantla: The Latina Experience in Military and Civilian Spaces. Manuscript in preparation. (Forthcoming)

Hernandez-Swift, K., (2025), Latina Identity and Military Enlistment: The Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender. Manuscript in preparation. (Forthcoming)

Penney, Lauren & Noël, Polly & **Hernandez-Swift, Karla** & Leykum, Luci & Trivedi, Ranak & Dang, Stuti & Kalvesmaki, Andrea & Butler, Jorie. (2022). Challenges and Supports for Veteran Caregivers during the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Mixed-Methods Study. Innovation in Aging. 6. 288-288. 10.1093/geroni/igac059.1147.

Gauldin, E. M., **Hernandez-Swift, K.,** Long, R., Messick, J., Proffit, T., Tawwater, D., & Brunson, E. K. (2022). Coping on Campus: A Public History of the COVID Pandemic.

VOLUNTEER

2012 Departamento de Protecsion, Mexican Consulate, Austin, Texas

2011 Veteran Health Administration - Northport, New York (HACU National Internship)

2008-2011 American G.I. Forum - Houston, Texas

MILITARY SERVICE

United States Army

SKILLS

Bilingual in Spanish with the ability to translate

Formal training instructional design and adult education

Proficient use in Microsoft Office, Canvas, ATLAS.ti, Qualtrics, Redcap, and SPSS.

Experience in case management through various underrepresented groups