



Mexican Migration Field Research Program

Alumni Newsletter, June 2011



Center for Comparative Immigration Studies

University of California, San Diego

Since 2004, the Mexican Migration Field Research Program has trained new generations of students to become highly proficient and experienced field researchers in international migration studies. The students have generated data that can be used to address key immigration-related issues that are of concern in both the United States and Mexico. It has motivated and equipped these students to pursue careers in law, NGOs, government, journalism, and academia that focus on international migration. Read more to find out what alumni of the MMFRP have been up to¹!

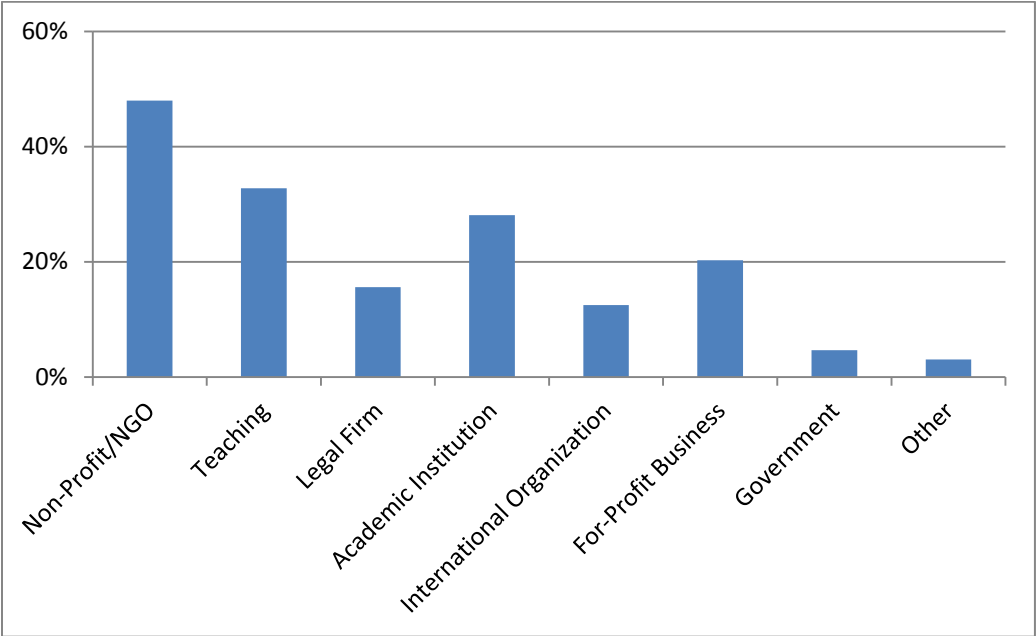
MMFRP Alumni are spread out across the globe. They live in 9 states within the U.S. (including Washington, D.C.) and in 8 countries on four continents.

States	Countries	Continents
California	Argentina	North America
Connecticut	Bolivia	South America
Iowa	Holland	Europe
New York	Japan	Asia
Oregon	Mexico	
Tennessee	Spain	
Washington, D.C.	United States	
Washington	United Kingdom	
Wisconsin		

¹ This survey and newsletter reflect the responses of 64 MMFRP alumni, which represents 36 percent of all participants.

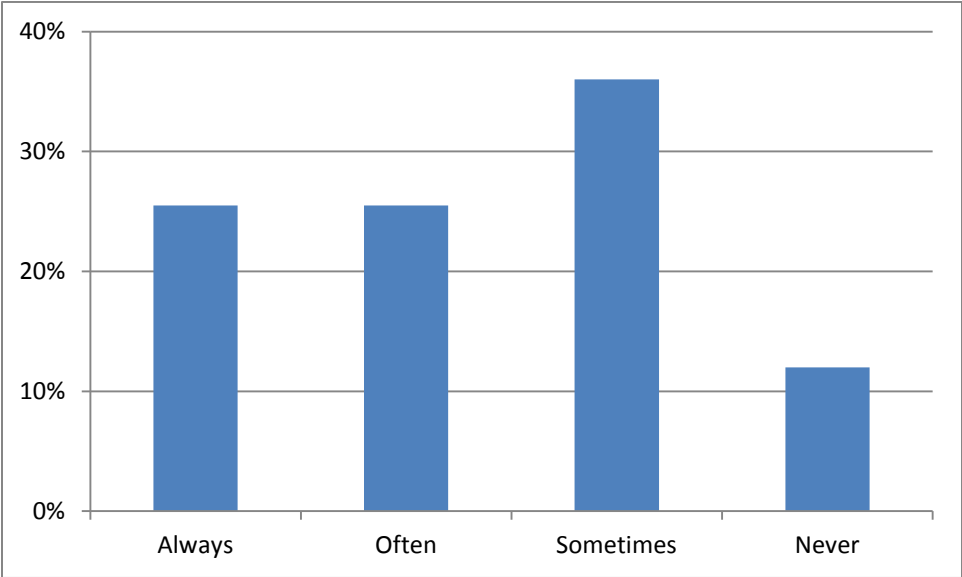
MMFRP alumni work most commonly in non-profit organizations or as teachers, followed by academic institutions (not as teachers or students).

Since participating in the MMFRP, have you worked in ANY of the following sectors?



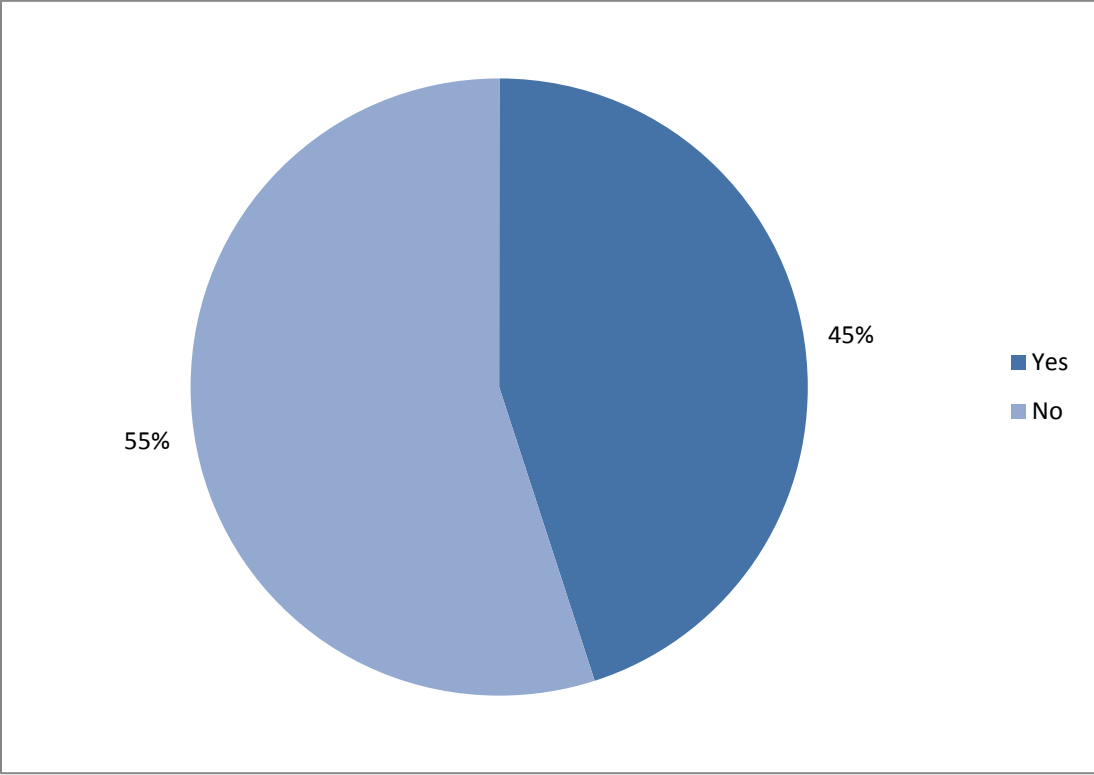
MMFRP alumni continue to address issues related to immigration at work and in their studies, even beyond their UCSD careers. Fifty percent said they always or often address immigration issues at work or school.

Do you address issues related to immigration at your current occupation/studies?



Alumni frequently pursue a Masters, a PhD, or a law degree after their experience with the MMFRP. In fact, almost 50 percent of alumni are currently enrolled in, have completed, or have recently been accepted to one of these programs.

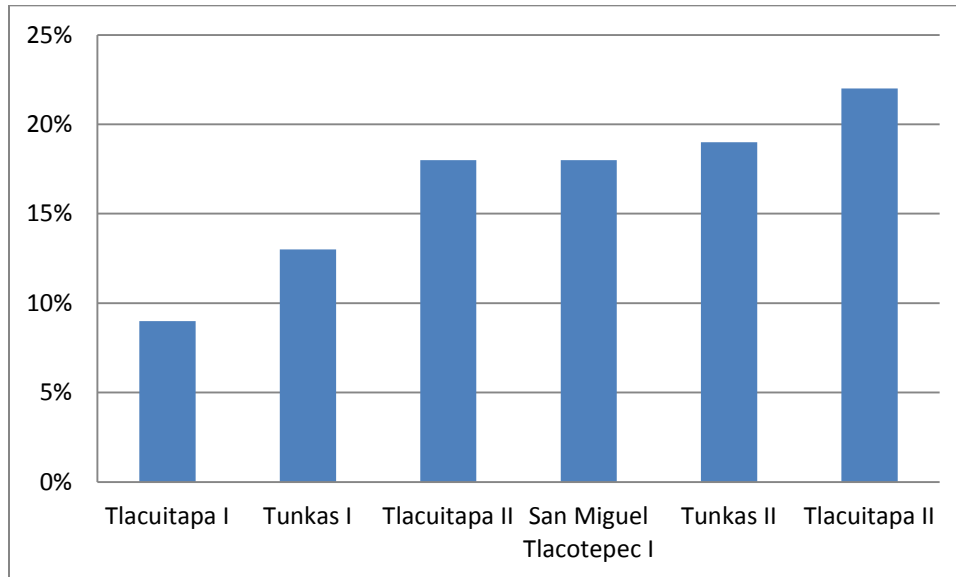
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?



For the Alumni

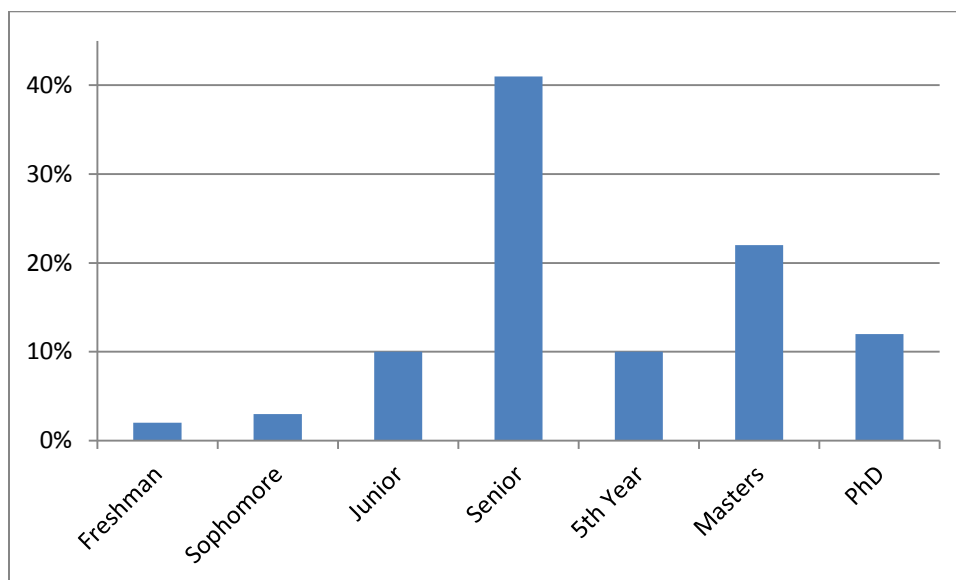
The cohort with the highest rate of response to this survey was the 2009-2010 Tlacuitapa II study. And which team had the lowest rate? The very first MMFRP team – Tlacuitapa I!

Percent of each team which responded to this survey



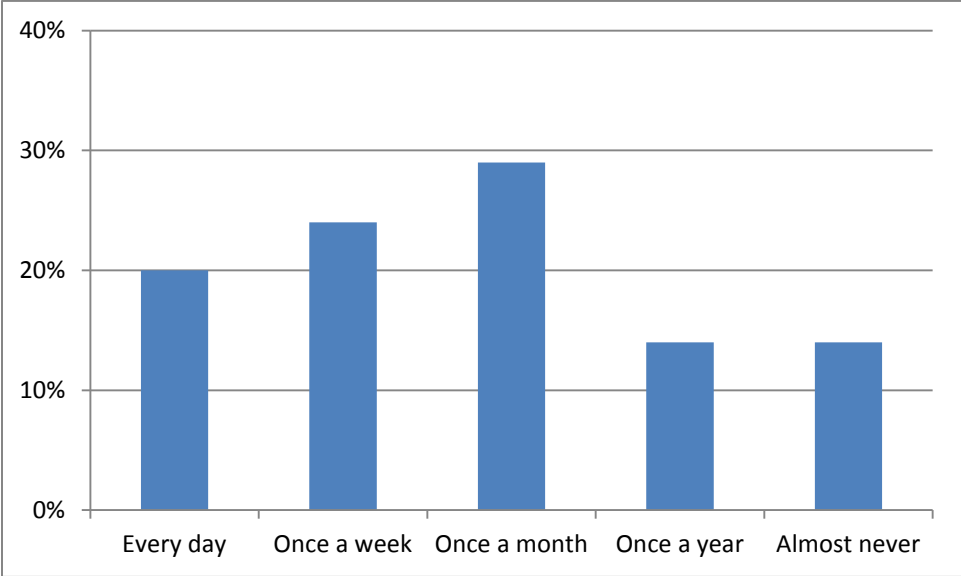
Students from any undergraduate or graduate level can participate in the MMFRP. Undergraduates in their senior year, however, are those who are selected most often to participate.

How far along were you in your studies when you first participated in MMFRP?



MMFRP participants frequently mention that one of the most valuable aspects of the program is the long-term friendships they form. Indeed, 73 percent of MMFRP alumni keep in touch with one another at least once a month.

How often do you keep in touch with other MMFRP alumni?



Congratulations to our MMFRP alumni who have gotten married since participating: Veronica Puentes, Luz Maria Henriquez, Fawad Shaiq, Alpha Martell-Gamez, Rob Oliphant, Ann Endris, and Jessa Valentine.

Another set of congratulations to the alumni who have had (or are expecting) children: Justin Jarvis, Micah Gell-Redman, and Jessa Valentine.

The MMFRP is still going strong. In June, participants from the seventh generation completed their study and write-up of San Miguel Tlacotepec. Their team is pictured below. Starting in September, 2011, MMFRP will begin its eighth study, returning to conduct research in Tunkas.



Individual Alumni Updates in Alphabetical Order

First Name(s)	Daniela
Last Name(s)	Arizaga
Cohort	Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live?	San Diego
Where do you work?	SDSU student
What's your title/position?	
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Master's program
If so, at what institution?	SDSU
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No
Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life	I am currently a student for SDSU's Community Based Block Counseling Program. This is a multicultural program that emphasizes the importance of understanding the histories and experiences of different under-served communities. I have become on of the 'experts' on issues of immigration within my cohort. Even though many of my opinions are shaped by own experiences as an immigrant, much of the statistical and historical knowledge I have on migration comes from my experience with MMFRP. It was an experience that I will never forget, and I still keep in regular contact with some of my peers in the program.

First Name(s)	Jake
Last Name(s)	Blanc
Cohort	Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live?	San Francisco, CA
Where do you work?	
What's your title/position?	

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? Yes, a Doctoral program

If so, at what institution? University of Wisconsin, Madison

Have you gotten married? No

Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Charlene

Last Name(s) Chang

Cohort Tunkas II, 2008-2009

Where do you live? Los Angeles, CA

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? Yes, a Master's program

If so, at what institution? UCLA

Have you gotten married? No

Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Mollie

Last Name(s) Cohen

Cohort	Tunkas II, 2008-2009
Where do you live?	Nashville, TN
Where do you work?	Latin American Public Opinion Project
What's your title/position?	Research Assistant
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution?	Vanderbilt University
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No
	Mollie has just survived her first year of graduate school! She is pursuing her doctorate in Comparative Politics at Vanderbilt University, where she spends a lot of time in the basement hiding from tornadoes, reading, and working with survey data. She's moved away from immigration in her studies (although the topic--like profe's citations--has an odd way of coming up), and is currently doing work on electoral behavior (mostly fraud and vote buying) in South America (not so much in Mexico).
	She will be in Lima, Peru this summer monitoring the second round of their presidential election, and in Ann Arbor, Michigan nerding out with statistics after that. She is extremely grateful for her time participating in the MMFRP--it gave her a taste of what graduate school would be like (and probably is a big part of the reason she got in), she had some amazing experiences (and has some great stories from the field to tell), and she made some good friends along the way.
Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life	Saludos y un abrazo fuerte para todos.

First Name(s)	Nishma
Last Name(s)	Doshi
Cohort	San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008
Where do you live?	NY, NY
Where do you work?	

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a law school

If so, at what institution?

NYU Law

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

I'm a 2L at NYU Law! Come visit me in NYC!

First Name(s)

Ann

Last Name(s)

Endris

Cohort

Tunkas I, 2005-2006

Where do you live?

Aromas, CA

Where do you work?

Cabrilo College

What's your title/position?

Adjunct Faculty

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

Yes

Have you had any kids?

No

First Name(s)

Emily

Last Name(s)	Erickson
Cohort	San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008
Where do you live?	Los Angeles, CA
Where do you work?	Center for the Study of Urban Poverty
What's your title/position?	Research Assistant
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution?	UCLA
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No

First Name(s)	Cristina
Last Name(s)	Fernandez
Cohort	Tunkas II, 2008-2009
Where do you live?	New York City
Where do you work?	Univeversity of California, San Diego
What's your title/position?	Ph.D candidate, Department of Sociology
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution?	University of California, San Diego
Have you gotten	No

married?
Have you had any kids? No
I am engaged on a comparative study of Ecuadorian political engagement practices in New York City and Madrid. I am currently in New York doing research and I will soon be in Madrid to complete my fieldwork.

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life Saludos to everyone!
Cristina

First Name(s) Jason
Last Name(s) Fischbein
Cohort Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010, San Miguel Tlacotepec II, 2010-2011
Where do you live? San Diego, CA
Where do you work? Doreen E. Erenea Law Office
What's your title/position? intern
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? No
If so, at what institution?
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Andrea
Last Name(s) Frenkel
Cohort Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007
Where do you live? Oakland, CA
Where do you work? La Bonne Cuisine Catering and Events
What's your title/position? Sales Assistant

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No
Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life	I am enjoying a transition to the Bay Area and working in catering and event planning. I often think back on this program when speaking with the Spanish speaking cooks and event staff, many of whom have stories similar to the ones that we studied.

First Name(s)	Daisy
Last Name(s)	Garcia
Cohort	Tunkas I, 2005-2006
Where do you live?	Fatick, Senegal
Where do you work?	United States Peace Corps
What's your title/position?	Peace Corps Volunteer
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No
Open Ended	My experience in MMFRP during the academic year of 2005-2006 really

Paragraph About Your Life

planted a seed in my heart for what I wanted my future work to be like. After having graduated from UCSD in 2007, I worked for a finance brokerage firm for three years but I wasn't very fulfilled with the work I was doing then. So, on my free time during two of those three years, I was a tutor in the Reality Changers Program in Solana Beach. I tutored high school students that came from immigrant families and were hoping to be the first in their families to go to college. I guess I've always liked interacting with immigrant families since I come from one and I absolutely enjoyed my work with the students at Reality Changers since I myself was the first in my family to go to college.

My work in the finance industry was unfulfilling to me and left me yearning for work that allowed me to interact with and serve underprivileged people. I wanted my hard work and effort to go into something more meaningful and so I finally got the guts to follow that little nudge in my heart and apply to the Peace Corps. And so here I am now, in Senegal, West Africa as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Everyday I come across families whose relatives are working abroad in an effort to increase their family's quality of living just the way my parents did when they emmigrated to the U.S. from Mexico. I am realizing that no matter the color of our skin or the country we live in, we all want to be able to put food on the table and to send our children to school. I am no different than the people of Senegal or Tunkas, Yucatan and had it not been for the little seed my experience in MMFRP had planted in my heart, I would not have taken the leap of faith to leave my desk job and come to West Africa as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Thank you, soo much, Profe. Cornelius and Brother Fitzgerald. I enjoyed being a 'pollito' in the MMFRP and what I have gained from my experience in that program has been absolutely invaluable. Thank you again!!!

First Name(s)	Micah
Last Name(s)	Gell-Redman
Cohort	Tunkas II, 2008-2009
Where do you live?	San Diego, CA
Where do you work?	UCSD Political Science
What's your title/position?	Grad Student
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently	Yes, a Doctoral program

enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?
If so, at what institution? UCSD
Have you gotten married? I was already married
Have you had any kids? Yes

First Name(s) Shira
Last Name(s) Goldenberg
Cohort Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live? San Diego, CA
Where do you work? UCSD
What's your title/position? Research Coordinator/Student
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution? UCSD/SDSU
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Cristina
Last Name(s) Gonzalez
Cohort Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live? Los Angeles, CA
Where do you work? N/A
What's your title/position? N/A

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

Since MMFRP, I have been working with Union Salvadorena de Estudiantes Universitarios (USEU), which is a transnational organization. We work with students in El Salvador and i have also been able to go to The Procuraduria de Derechos Humanos in El Salvador and learn about the issues that affect the community. I have also been working with the Salvadoran consulate specifically in areas of immigration and Education. I will be applying to both graduate school and law school in a year. I hope to join a program in which i can focus on international law while in law school and to focus on political theory or education in grad school.

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First Name(s)

Eduardo

Last Name(s)

González-Fagoaga

Cohort

San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008

Where do you live?

Tijuana, México

Where do you work?

El Colegio de la Frontera Norte

What's your title/position?

Research, Statistics and Vinculation Coordinator

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a doctorate

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what

institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

First Name(s)

Kathleen

Last Name(s)

Griesbach

Cohort

Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010

Where do you live?

San Diego, CA

Where do you work?

Sixth College at UCSD!

What's your title/position?

Teaching Assistant, Culture, Art & Technology Writing Program

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to)

graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Master's program

If so, at what institution?

UCSD

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

Hello! I did MMFRP last year and I'm still at UCSD in the 2nd year of my master's program. MMFRP was very helpful in training me in qualitative interview strategies for my own research project, and I also loved working on the interior enforcement chapter with wonderful teammates, especially Angela. I was very happy when the chapter was completed and published! I am (ojala!) set to finish this June and once I get my paperwork all sorted out I will be headed to Spain for the 2011-2012 academic year where I was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship. I'm looking forward to seeing Spain and other parts of Europe and to seeing how Spain is handling its migration issues (I will be in Madrid). I am interested in following migration issues in Europe, particularly at this rather explosive time. I am also interested in learning more about these issues in a different context because after obsessively following immigration policies discussed and enacted locally in the US in the past few years and seeing new lows (read: SB1070, but much more than that) it will be nice to take a breather. I hope to return in a year or so refreshed and ready to be useful in the fight for better policies and against increasingly repressive laws and practices. My research and nonprofit work related to immigration enforcement/detention here and in NC over the past 1.5 years have inspired me to pursue a career related

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

to immigration and particularly legal/ enforcement issues. I'm hoping to pursue a PhD in a year or two, maybe in American Studies but possibly in Sociology or even Anthropology (maybe it will take more than one year to figure this out). I interact with one MMFRP cohort member daily -- the law school-bound Emily Puhl!

Hope all is well, Gloria! Saludos to Ana as well! MMFRP staff are the best!

First Name(s)	Paola
Last Name(s)	Guzman
Cohort	Tunkas I, 2005-2006
Where do you live?	San Diego, CA
Where do you work?	ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties
What's your title/position?	Executive Assistant
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No

First Name(s)	Lauren
Last Name(s)	Harris
Cohort	Tunkas II, 2008-2009
Where do you live?	Fallbrook, CA
Where do you work?	Community HousingWorks
What's your title/position?	Family Asset Building Data Specialist
Since participating in MMFRP, have you	No

earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

Hello! I'm still working with Community HousingWorks, a non-profit affordable housing/resident services organization. I'm loving working there. I help run a Financial Fitness program, create reports, and occasionally get to make videos for the organization. I'm also getting married this July!

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

First Name(s)

Georgia

Last Name(s)

Hartman

Cohort

Tunkas II, 2008-2009

Where do you live?

Irvine

Where do you work?

UC Irvine

What's your title/position?

Teaching Assistant

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Doctoral program

If so, at what institution?

UC Irvine

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

First Name(s)	Luz Maria
Last Name(s)	Henriquez
Cohort	Tlacuitapa I, 2004-2005
Where do you live?	Bronx, NY
Where do you work?	Hogan Lovells US LLP
What's your title/position?	Associate
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a law degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	Yes
Have you had any kids?	No

First Name(s)	Genevieve
Last Name(s)	Hernadnez
Cohort	Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007
Where do you live?	San Diego
Where do you work?	UCSD Pediatrics - Dysmorphology
What's your title/position?	Research Associate
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Master's program
If so, at what institution?	UCLA

Have you gotten married? No

Have you had any kids? No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life I really feel that the MMRP program really helped me advance in my professional life. The field research experience really set me apart from other candidates when looking for a job. This coming September I'll be going to UCLA for a masters in urban planning.

First Name(s) Jonathan

Last Name(s) Hicken

Cohort Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007, 4. San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008, 5. Tunkas II, 2008-2009, 6. Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010

Where do you live? San Diego, CA

Where do you work? REI

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married? No

Have you had any kids? No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life I finished working at CCIS in October of 2010, worked for the UCSD Division of Global Health for a few months, and now am working at REI to pay the bills while I look for a new job and apply to graduate schools. I recently picked up surfing and try to go as often as possible. Big hugs to everyone!

First Name(s) Emily

Last Name(s) Hildreth

Cohort San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008

Where do you live? Washington DC

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a law degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a law school

If so, at what institution?

The George Washington University Law School

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

I just graduated from law school and I will be working for the federal government in the Small Business Administration starting in August. My position does not relate to immigration, however, I like to volunteer and work with immigrant communities. Most recently I volunteered as a translator for an individual seeking a trafficking visa in the U.S. More broadly, MMFRP was one of the most important formative experiences I had as a person, student, and a professional. It made me realize that public service was my passion in both my professional and personal life.

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

First Name(s)

Richard

Last Name(s)

Hong

Cohort

Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010

Where do you live?

Washington, D.C.

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten

No

married?

Have you had any kids?

No

I am currently interning for Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA-16) in Washington, D.C. Congresswoman Lofgren's position as Ranking Member on the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement ensures that I get to use my MMFRP skills and knowledge in the office everyday!

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

First Name(s)

Justin

Last Name(s)

Jarvis

Cohort

Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007

Where do you live?

Irvine, CA

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Doctoral program

If so, at what institution?

UC Irvine

Have you gotten married?

I was already married

Have you had any kids?

Yes

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

God has blessed Dennise and I with a son, and another baby on the way!! I am in my first year of a doctoral program in economics at UC Irvine.

First Name(s)

Zoila Margarita

Last Name(s)

Jiménez Pacheco

Cohort

Tunkas I, 2005-2006, Tunkas II, 2008-2009

Where do you live?

Mérida, Yucatán, México

Where do you work?

Unidad de Ciencias Sociales del Centro de Investigaciones Regionales "Dr. Hideyo Noguchi" de la Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán

What's your title/position?

Auxiliar de Investigación

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

First Name(s)

Mohan

Last Name(s)

Kanungo

Cohort

Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007, San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008

Where do you live?

Oakland, CA

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a law school

If so, at what institution?

Golden Gate University

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

The MMFRP was the highlight of my academic career. I still use that experience in job interviews. It sets me apart from other candidates, and offers up many stories to tell.

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

In fact, I was asked during my interview for my judicial externship by a Latina Judge, what was the most surprising thing I learned. As the

coauthor of the chapter on gender and migration, I shared our team's surprise that migrants demonstrated a higher incidence of patriarchal beliefs.

We attributed this to the concept of "museumization" - migrant communities tendency to hold onto beliefs from the time and place of origin, even when that community may have undergone change. Judge Zepeda often heads the family law department so my research was definitely relevant!

This summer I will rotate between the family, civil and criminal law departments of the Santa Clara Superior Court. I will also work with Justice Mihara from the 6th Appellate District of the California Court of Appeals. For my work this year and to sponsor my summer externship, I have been awarded a fellowship by the South Asian Bar Association of Northern California.

MMFRP solidified my expertise in immigration related issues and has catapulted my career forward. I am extremely grateful for the relationships I have built, Professor Fitzgerald and Process Cornelius, and the graduate students who guided us.

If CCIS ever needs financial support, I am more than willing to write personal letters to donors!

First Name(s)	David
Last Name(s)	Keyes
Cohort	San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008, Tunkas II, 2008-2009, Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010, San Miguel Tlacotepec II, 2010-2011
Where do you live?	San Diego
Where do you work?	CCIS
What's your title/position?	GSR and Field Research Coordinator
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution?	UCSD

Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Jacqueline
Last Name(s) Lisle
Cohort Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live? San Diego, CA
Where do you work? International Rescue Committee
What's your title/position? Transportation Department Assistant
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? No
If so, at what institution?
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Alejandro
Last Name(s) Macias
Cohort Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007
Where do you live? Ciudad Guzman, Mexico
Where do you work? Universidad de Guadalajara
What's your title/position? Researcher
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No
Are you currently No

enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

I was already married

Have you had any kids?

No

Yo trabajo como investigador en temas de agricultura en Mexico. Dado que esto esta muy relacionado con la emigración de agricultores, la experiencia de mi participación en el MMFRP ha sido muy positiva. Indudablemente me gustaría seguir en contacto con UCSD.

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First Name(s)

Alpha

Last Name(s)

Martell-Gamez

Cohort

Tunkas I, 2005-2006, Tunkas II, 2008-2009

Where do you live?

London, UK

Where do you work?

Migrant's Rights Network, MRN

What's your title/position?

Researcher

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Doctoral program

If so, at what institution?

Universidad Complutense de Madrid

Have you gotten married?

Yes

Have you had any kids?

No

First Name(s)

Maximino

Last Name(s)

Matus

Cohort

Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007, 4. San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008, 5. Tunkas II, 2008-2009

Where do you live? Wageningen, Holland

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Doctoral program

If so, at what institution?

Wageningen University, Holand

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

Hello everybody!

I am living in Holland. I am finishing my PhD in sociology. Now days I am writing and writing my thesis all day long. Soon I will come back to Mexico and trying to find a job there. Hopefully in a University where I can teach and make research. I hope you all are doing well. Best wishes. Saludos, Max

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First Name(s) Tanya

Last Name(s) Menendez

Cohort San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008

Where do you live? Brooklyn, New York

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

After graduation, I interned at Migration Policy Institute and accepted a full-time offer at Goldman Sachs as an analyst. After working at Goldman for a year, I decided to take some time off and apply for graduate school. MMFRP has been an invaluable experience that taught me many lifelong

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lessons and introduced me to many lifelong friends. Thank you Wayne, David and the rest of the MMFRP staff!

First Name(s)	Mónica
Last Name(s)	Miguel Buatista
Cohort	San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008
Where do you live?	Oaxaca, México
Where do you work?	Universidad Autónoma Benito Juárez de Oaxaca
What's your title/position?	Directora de Formación Integral del Estudiante
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution?	Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México-Universidad Autónoma de Coahuila
Have you gotten married?	
Have you had any kids?	No

First Name(s)	Yedid
Last Name(s)	Minjares
Cohort	Tunkas II, 2008-2009
Where do you live?	Yokohama, Japan
Where do you work?	Amity Co
What's your title/position?	English Teacher
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been	No

accepted to)
graduate school or
law school?
If so, at what
institution?

Have you gotten
married?

No

Have you had any
kids?

No

About to complete my time teaching English in Japan this coming October and hoping to enroll in graduate school (Fall 2012).

**Open Ended
Paragraph About
Your Life**

As always, I am extremely grateful I was given the opportunity to be a part of such an enriching program.
Saludos a todos!

First Name(s)

Vanessa

Last Name(s)

Molina

Cohort

Tunkas I, 2005-2006

Where do you live?

Washington, DC

**Where do you
work?**

Department of Justice

What's your title/position?

**Since participating
in MMFRP, have you
earned a Masters,
Doctorate, or Law
degree?**

Yes, a law degree

**Are you currently
enrolled (or have
you recently been
accepted to)
graduate school or
law school?**

Yes, a law school

**If so, at what
institution?**

American University

**Have you gotten
married?**

**Have you had any
kids?**

First Name(s)

Israel

Last Name(s)

Montiel

Cohort

Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010

Where do you live?

Guadalajara, Mexico

**Where do you
work?**

Universidad de Guadalajara

What's your title/position? Researcher
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution? Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Leah
Last Name(s) Muse-Orlinoff
Cohort Tunkas I, 2005-2006, Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007, San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008, Tunkas II, 2008-2009, Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live? San Francisco, CA
Where do you work?
What's your title/position?
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?
If so, at what institution?
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Rob
Last Name(s) Oliphant
Cohort Tlacuitapa I, 2004-2005
Where do you live? Oceanside, CA
Where do you work? Capistrano Unified School District
What's your title/position? Spanish Teacher

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? No
If so, at what institution?
Have you gotten married? Yes
Have you had any kids? No
Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life Life is sweet.

First Name(s) Elizabeth
Last Name(s) Oristian
Cohort Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007
Where do you live? Portland, OR
Where do you work? The Golden Oven
What's your title/position? Pastry Chef/Baker
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? No
If so, at what institution?
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s)	Patricia
Last Name(s)	Pasillas
Cohort	Tunkas I, 2005-2006
Where do you live?	Los Angeles, CA
Where do you work?	Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health
What's your title/position?	Psychiatric Social Worker
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No

First Name(s)	Paola
Last Name(s)	Perez
Cohort	Tunkas II, 2008-2009
Where do you live?	Riverside CA
Where do you work?	
What's your title/position?	
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	

Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No
Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life I'm currently filling up my applications to medical school and I know that MMFRP will help me stand out from the other students.

First Name(s) Miguel
Last Name(s) Pinedo
Cohort San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008
Where do you live? Berkeley, CA
Where do you work? Health Initiative of the Americas
What's your title/position?
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? Yes, a Doctoral program
If so, at what institution? UC Berkeley, UC San Diego/SDSU Joint Doctoral Program in Global Health
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Veronica
Last Name(s) Puentes
Cohort Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007, 6. Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live? San Diego, Ca
Where do you work? UCSD
What's your title/position? Spanish TA
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, No

Doctorate, or Law degree?

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Master's program

If so, at what institution?

UCSD

Have you gotten married?

Yes

Have you had any kids?

No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

Still working on my master's at UCSD in Latin American Studies- Immigration. Hope to finish up next year and then start looking for a job. Immigration is still my passion so I hope to find a related job. My husband Alex and I hope to stay in the San Diego area after I finish school. :)

First Name(s)

Emily

Last Name(s)

Puhl

Cohort

Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010

Where do you live?

San Diego, CA

Where do you work?

UCSD, Sixth College

What's your title/position?

Writing Program Teaching Assistant

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a law school

If so, at what institution?

UC Berkeley

Have you gotten married?

I was already married

Have you had any kids?

No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

I can't believe it's been almost a year since we finished writing about Tlacuitapa. I'm finishing my master's at CILAS in June and then getting ready to go to law school in August. Hopefully, though, I'll have a very relaxing break between the two of these. Although I don't much miss all

of the hard work in MMFRP, I do miss seeing all of our Tlacuitapa group. I hope all of you are doing well and I'm happy to hear that the program will continue next year!

First Name(s)	Andrea
Last Name(s)	Rodriguez
Cohort	Tunkas I, 2005-2006, San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008
Where do you live?	San Diego, CA
Where do you work?	ACLU
What's your title/position?	Development Associate
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No
Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life	Participating in the MMFRP was truly one of the most defining experiences of my life. I have the deepest gratitude for Prof. Cornelius and David for their tremendous leadership and mentorship. Thank you to the MMFRP for two incredible years, and for introducing me to the people that are now my best friends!

First Name(s)	Soledad
Last Name(s)	Rodriguez
Cohort	Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007
Where do you live?	Seville, Spain
Where do you work?	English Language Institute
What's your title/position?	English Teacher
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters,	No

Doctorate, or Law degree?

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No
Hey everyone!

As some of you may know, I've been living in Seville, Spain for the past 2 and a half years. I've been teaching English since I got here, mainly to children and more recently, adults.

Since leaving UCSD I've travelled to Argentina, Bolivia, Peru, Germany, France, England and throughout Spain, especially Andalucía.

I've learned a lot about English grammar, British slang, and of course, the idiosyncrasies of a Sevillano lifestyle. Some things to highlight:

1. If you ever come across jamón serrano, eat it.
2. My ears can now withstand double the decibel level I was used to hearing while walking on the street in the U.S.
3. Flamenco dresses look great, but they're anything but comfortable.
4. Sunny weather is essential to life.
5. Electronic music is actually pretty cool.
6. Being forced to take a nap or relax because most shops close between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. is not that bad of a deal.
7. Mexican food is another necessity of life, which is greatly lacking here.
8. Andalucía is beautiful.

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

My job allows me to travel during the summer. I've worked in Almería on the Mediterranean and London. I'll be in Catalunya in July in the Pyrenees Mountains teaching at an English immersion summer camp. COME VISIT!

First Name(s)

Raul

Last Name(s)

Saldana

Cohort

Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010

Where do you live?

Hesperia, CA

Where do you work?

N/A

What's your

N/A

title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a law school

If so, at what institution?

Western State University College of Law

Have you gotten married?

I was already married

Have you had any kids?

First Name(s)

Fawad

Last Name(s)

Shaia

Cohort

Tlacuitapa I, 2004-2005

Where do you live?

Los Angeles, CA

Where do you work?

Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Organization (IREO) and Celerity Educational Group (CEG)

What's your title/position?

Deputy Chair, Education Commision (IREO) and Director of International Programs (CEG)

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

Yes

Have you had any kids?

No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

After getting my MA and an additional year in grad school contemplating a PhD I left school and spent a year in Malaysia with the UN Development Program working on development issues pertaining to indigenous populations. I am currently living in LA working with two different

organizations on international development and renewable energy issues. While I am not directly involved in immigration issues any longer they do come up quite often in my work. In addition the MMFRP experience has been invaluable to me since graduation - in getting into graduate school (thanks for the awesome letter Profe!), obtaining my various jobs, and generally giving me insight into migration issues as I live in a region of LA with significant immigrant populations.

First Name(s)	Travis
Last Name(s)	Silva
Cohort	Tunkas I, 2005-2006, 5. Tunkas II, 2008-2009, 6. Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live?	New Haven, CT
Where do you work?	
What's your title/position?	
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a law school
If so, at what institution?	Yale
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No

First Name(s)	Tricia
Last Name(s)	Sweeney
Cohort	Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007
Where do you live?	Cochabamba, Bolivia
Where do you work?	Foundation for Sustainable Development
What's your title/position?	International Program Coordinator
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law	No

degree?

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

I'm currently living in Cochabamba, Bolivia working as a program coordinator for the Foundation for Sustainable Development. I'll be here until March, 2012 - if anyone finds themselves in Bolivia, you have a place to stay! Hope everyone is doing well!

First Name(s)

Aradhana

Last Name(s)

Tiwari

Cohort

Tunkas II, 2008-2009

Where do you live?

Los Angeles, CA

Where do you work?

Interval House Domestic Violence Shelters

What's your title/position?

Programs Assistant

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a law school

If so, at what institution?

Northeastern University

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

First Name(s)

Anjanette

Last Name(s)	Urdanivia
Cohort	Tlacuitapa I, 2004-2005
Where do you live?	San Diego
Where do you work?	A Plus Charter Consulting
What's your title/position?	CEO/President
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No
Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life	I started my consulting business providing consulting services to predominately Title 1/urban K-12 Charter Schools (who are non-profit organizations) and tremendously enjoy the work I do in data analysis, strategic planning and accreditation for public schools in under-served communities.

First Name(s)	Anjanette
Last Name(s)	Urdanivia
Cohort	Tlacuitapa I, 2004-2005
Where do you live?	San Diego
Where do you work?	A Plus Charter Consulting
What's your title/position?	CEO/President
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or	No

law school?
If so, at what institution?
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No
I started my consulting business providing consulting services to predominately Title 1/urban K-12 Charter Schools (who are non-profit organizations) and tremendously enjoy the work I do in data analysis, strategic planning and accreditation for public schools in under-served communities.

First Name(s) Erica
Last Name(s) Valencia
Cohort Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007, 6. Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010
Where do you live? Los Angeles
Where do you work? USC
What's your title/position? Research Assistant
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? Yes, a Master's program
If so, at what institution? USC
Have you gotten married? No
Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s) Jessa
Last Name(s) Valentine
Cohort Tlacuitapa I, 2004-2005
Where do you live? Madison, WI
Where do you work?

What's your title/position? Student

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? Yes, a Doctoral program

If so, at what institution? University of Wisconsin, Madison

Have you gotten married? Yes

Have you had any kids? Yes

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life Our second daughter, Clara, was born last year. We're done!

First Name(s) Laura

Last Name(s) Vazquez

Cohort Tlacuitapa II, 2006-2007

Where do you live? Washington, DC

Where do you work? National Council of La Raza

What's your title/position? Immigration Legislative Analyst

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree? Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school? No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married? No

Have you had any kids? No

First Name(s)	Christina
Last Name(s)	Velasquez
Cohort	San Miguel Tlacotepec I, 2007-2008
Where do you live?	Des Moines, IA
Where do you work?	Des Moines Area Community College
What's your title/position?	Spanish Instructor
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	Yes, a master's degree
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	No
If so, at what institution?	
Have you gotten married?	No
Have you had any kids?	No

First Name(s)	May
Last Name(s)	Wejebe
Cohort	Tunkas II, 2008-2009
Where do you live?	Argentina
Where do you work?	
What's your title/position?	
Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?	No
Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?	Yes, a Master's program
If so, at what institution?	FLACSO- Argentina
Have you gotten	No

married?

Have you had any kids?

No

First Name(s)

Caitlin

Last Name(s)

White

Cohort

Tlacuitapa I, 2004-2005

Where do you live?

Bloomington, IN

Where do you work?

What's your title/position?

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

Yes, a master's degree

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Master's program

If so, at what institution?

Indiana University

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

I will graduate from a dual-degree masters program May 2011, with an MPA and MS in Environmental Science. I plan to take a break from school for two years and then apply to PhD programs, most likely in landscape ecology but ideally with a subcomponent that includes environmental justice and transboundary resource management. For the immediate future, post-graduation I will be working for the National Park Service on a traveling forest inventory crew. Our survey sites are scattered along the east coast, between Maine and Virginia, and I am looking forward to getting to know that part of the country before I migrate back west.

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First Name(s)

Jenny

Last Name(s)

Wittlinger

Cohort

Tunkas I, 2005-2006

Where do you live?

Seattle, WA

Where do you work?

Wendu Ink

What's your title/position?

Proprietor

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

No

If so, at what institution?

Have you gotten married?

No

Have you had any kids?

No

Despite my amazing experience with MMFRP my path in life has shifted away from immigration related work. I am the owner, illustrator and letterpress printer behind a tiny design studio in Seattle, WA called Wendu Ink. After graduation I was introduced to design community and fell in love with everything about it. That said, I often reflect on my time with MMRFP and am so thankful to have been a part of Tunkas I. Warm wishes!

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First Name(s)

Guillermo

Last Name(s)

Yrizar Barbosa

Cohort

Tlacuitapa III, 2009-2010

Where do you live?

Ciudad de México, México

Where do you work?

Secretaría de Gobernación (Ministry of Interior)

What's your title/position?

Asesor (Advisor)

Since participating in MMFRP, have you earned a Masters, Doctorate, or Law degree?

No

Are you currently enrolled (or have you recently been accepted to) graduate school or law school?

Yes, a Doctoral program

If so, at what institution?

CUNY (New York, USA)

Have you gotten married?

Yes

Have you had any kids?

No

Open Ended Paragraph About Your Life

Thanks to the MMFRP I can say in my current work that I have some experience talking with migrants and their families; this is very useful when I analyze or criticize programs or government actions towards this population, (especially if their degree of vulnerability is high).