

Isabelle Placentia mini-bio

Isabelle Placentia is an applied anthropologist currently working in the geographic  
area of the Inland Empire within the state of California (Riverside and San  
Bernardino counties). Her research interests include the political economy of  
housing at the intersections of race, class and gender, the experience of foreclosure  
at the individual and community levels, and “how” the impacts of being unhoused  
are embodied and reflected in negative health outcomes. She is dedicated to  
Equity Orientated Collaborative Community Based Research (EOCCBR) and for the  
past 6 years has worked with community based organizations in California, Nevada,  
and Arizona which provide housing counseling and other resources to local  
community members. As a student activist, she co-produces presentations with community  
partners that engage policy makers as well as the general public in examining the  
dynamic issues surrounding housing affordability, availability and equity. She is in  
the writing phase of her PhD. dissertation entitled “Living the Statistics: The  
Experience of the 2008 Foreclosure Crisis and the Meaning of Homeownership.”  
This work is the product of intensive ethnographic research that recorded over 100  
foreclosure narratives shared by homeowners that were daily living through the  
process of foreclosure.