

## Maisa C. Taha

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### **Faculty Positions**

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- 2021- Associate Professor of Anthropology, Montclair State University
- 2015-21 Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Montclair State University
- 2014-15 Post-doctoral Research Associate, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona

### **Education and Training**

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- 2014 Ph.D. Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2002 M.A. Spanish, University of Iowa
- 1997 B.A. Spanish and History, Illinois Wesleyan University

### **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

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- 2023 Digital Ethnic Futures Consortium Capacity-Building Fellowship (Teaching & Learning Munsee Digital Repository Pilot Project: \$5,000)
- 2022-23 Bonner Community-Engaged Learning Initiative (Indigenous Languages & Lifeways course: \$2,000)
- 2022 CHSS Student Research Fellowship Initiative. For two projects in summer 2022: “NJ Languages at Work” and “Youth, Immigration, and Public Opinion in Spain” (\$5,250)
- 2022 Digital Ethnic Futures Consortium Teaching Fellowship (Indigenous Languages & Lifeways course development: \$2500)
- 2021-23 Chair, CHSS Interdisciplinary Groups on Professional Development and Community Engagement in Indigenous Language Revitalization (\$4,000)
- 2019 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Dean’s Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2019 College of Science and Mathematics Student Experiential Learning Fund (SELF) Seed Grant: “Experiential Learning and Skill Development through Ethics in STEM” (\$3,000 with Jessica Miller, Ashwin Vaidya, and Meiyin Wu)
- 2017-19 Fellow, Center for Community Engagement, Community-Engaged Teaching and Learning Fellows Program (\$1,000 annual stipend)
- 2017 College of Humanities & Social Sciences Center for the Digital Humanities Summer Project Grant (\$4,000, with Katherine McCaffrey)
- 2013 National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)
- 2011 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (BCS-1061649) (\$18,119)

## **Journal Publications (\*Invited)**

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- Taha, Maisa C.** In preparation. “‘With Franco, We Had All the Freedom We Could Want’: Capital, Corruption, and Sacrificial Relationality in Southeast Spain.” *Ethos* Special Issue: “What Emerges from the Grind: Autonomy, Relationality, and Visions for Collective Life in Late Capitalist Landscapes.”
- Davidson, Elsa M. and **Maisa C. Taha.** In preparation. “University Students Future-Craft in Crisis Times: Notes on the Making of an Aspirational Space-Time in the U.S. Public University.” *Children’s Geographies* Special Issue: “Children and Young People as Future-Makers: Alterity in Futuring and World-Making Practices.”
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2022. “Introduction to Theme Issue: Dignity, Conviviality, and Moral Contests of Belonging.” *Anthropologica* 64(2). <https://doi.org/10.18357/anthropologica64220222613>
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2022. “Truth, Lies, and Audio Files: A Conflict Across Reputational and Convivial Domains”. *Anthropologica* 64 (2). <https://doi.org/10.18357/anthropologica64220221078>
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2020.\* “Self-Other Encounters and Ordeals of Aspiration among Young Moroccan Immigrants in Spain.” *Hesperis-Tamuda* 55(3), 237-253. <http://www.hesperis-tamuda.com/fr/index.php/archives-2/hesperis-tamuda-vol-55-2020/fascicule-3-2020>
- McCaffrey, Katherine T. and **Maisa C. Taha.** 2019. “Rethinking the Digital Divide: Smartphones as Translanguaging Tools Among Middle Eastern Refugees in New Jersey.” *Annals of Anthropological Practice*. doi: 10.1111/napa.121
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2019.\* “Confusion and Frustration as Catalysts for Change: ‘Rich Points’ in Multicultural Education.” *Ethnography and Education*, 14(3): 279-294. doi: 10.1080/17457823.2019.1578982
- Taha, Maisa C.** and Marge Pellegrino. 2018. “Doorway to a Partnership Assessment in Tucson, Arizona.” *Anthropology Now* 10(3): 21-32. doi: 10.1080/19428200.2018.1602405
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2017. “Shadow Subjects: A Category of Analysis for Empathic Stancetaking.” *Journal of Linguistic Anthropology*, 27(2), 190-209.
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2017.\* “Discourse as virtue ethics: Muslim women in the American Southwest.” *Palgrave Communications* 3. doi: 10.1057/palcomms.2017.26
- Taha, Maisa C.,** Ashley Stinnett, and Elizabeth A. Peacock. 2017.\* “A Sandrizona Retrospective: From the Desert to the Ocean and Back Again.” *Arizona Anthropologist* 28, 1-16.
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2013. “The pitfalls of democracy and debate: Authority and inequality in classrooms in southeast Spain.” *Crossroads of Language, Interaction, and Culture* 9(1), 29-54. <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/6nw9k01p>
- Taha, Maisa C.** 2010. “The *hijab* north of Gibraltar: Moroccan women as objects of civic and social transformation.” *The Journal of North African Studies*, 15(4), 465-80.
- O’Connor, Brendan, **Maisa Taha,** and Megan Sheehan. 2008. “Castro’s shifters: Locating variation in political discourse” (with Brendan O’Connor and Megan Sheehan). *Penn Working Papers in Linguistics* 14(2), 119-29. <http://repository.upenn.edu/pwpl/vol14/iss2/15>

## **Reports**

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- Taha, Maisa C.,** Kellan Smith, Zach Mills, and Leylah Hadrovic. 2015. “Process over Product: Findings from a Partnership Assessment with Owl & Panther, Expressive Arts for Refugee Families, 2014-2015.” Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, School of Anthropology, U of Arizona.

### **Conference Proceedings (\*\*Peer Reviewed)**

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Taha, Maisa C. 2012.\*\* “Indignad@s El Ejido: Lessons of locality in the struggle for global solidarity.”  
*Connections: European Studies Annual Review* 8, 50-57.

### **Media, Book Reviews & Encyclopedia Entries (\*\*Peer Reviewed)**

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Taha, Maisa C. 2023.\*\* “Spain” (13,500 words), *Europe: An Encyclopedia of Culture and Society*. ABC-Clio.

Taha, Maisa. 2022. “Indigenous People’s Day: Language is Culture.” *NJ.com*. October 10.  
<https://www.nj.com/opinion/2022/10/indigenous-peoples-day-language-is-culture-opinion.html>

Taha, Maisa. 2020. “A Question, an Answer, and the Language of Care.” *Anthropology News* website, June 12, 2020 DOI: 10.1111/AN.1421

Taha, Maisa C. 2016. *Language and Muslim Immigrant Childhoods: The Politics of Belonging* by Inmaculada M<sup>a</sup> García-Sánchez (2014), *American Anthropologist* 118(3), 665-666.

Taha, Maisa C. 2013. *Arab Women in Arab Media: Old Stereotypes and New Media* by Al- Malki et al. (2012), for *Journal of Middle East Women’s Studies* 9(3), 145-148.

### **Invited Talks**

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- 2022 “The Power of Perspective,” Junior Academy Model United Nations Conference VIII, Bergen County Academies (Hackensack, NJ), May 14
- 2020 “Truth, Lies, and Audio Files: Entitlement and Authority in Addressing Reputational Damage,” Processes of Inclusion and Exclusion in Interaction, Center for Language, Interaction and Culture Conference, UCLA, Feb 21
- 2017 “Sandrizona Ten Years On,” Sandrizona, U Arizona – UCSD linguistic anthropology exchange, The University of Arizona, Feb 18-19
- 2015 ““Send the *moros* back to the pyramids!’: Crisis and *convivencia* in Europe’s Salad Bowl,” From Dispersal to Diaspora: 50,000 Years of Mobility around the Mediterranean. School of Anthropology, The University of Arizona, Feb 27

### **Professional Panels and Symposia Organized (\*panels also chaired)**

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- 2019\* “Uncovering Voices: Redefining Language as Community Resource” (Roundtable), MLA International Symposium, Lisbon, Portugal, Jul 23-25
- 2018 “Dignity and Conviviality: Debating Being and Belonging across Difference,” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA Nov 14-18
- 2018\* “Digital Technology at the Grassroots,” Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA, Mar 19-23
- 2017\* “Process over Product: Reflecting on Long-Term Research Partnerships” (Roundtable), Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Santa Fe, NM, Mar 28-Apr 1
- 2016\* “Art as Healing: Collaborative Work to Assess a Refugee Community Program in Arizona,” Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, Mar 27-Apr 1

## **Selected Conference Presentations**

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- 2023 “Critical University Ethnography: Academia as We Find It.” American Studies Association Conference, Montreal, QBC, Canada, Nov 2-5, 2023
- 2022 “With Franco, We Had All the Freedom We Could Want: Capital, Corruption, and Sacrificial Relationality in Southeast Spain,” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Seattle, WA, Nov 9-13
- 2018 “Relating in an Ecology of Vulnerability: Social Change, School Discipline and Contested Conviviality in Southeast Spain,” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Jose, CA, Nov 14-18
- 2018 “Transnational Digital Lives: How Refugees Use Smartphone Technology across Linguistic and Cultural Boundaries,” Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Philadelphia, PA, Mar 19-23
- 2017 “Convivencia as Political and Affective Labor,” Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists 3<sup>rd</sup> Intl Conference, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Nov 7-10
- 2017 “Managing Hypervisibility: Discourse as Phronetic Practice among Muslim American Women,” DiscourseNet 2<sup>nd</sup> International Congress, University of Warwick, Sept 13-15
- 2016 “Enhancing Partner Needs in Collaborative Work: Turning Participatory Assessment into Partnership Assessment,” Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, BC, Canada, Mar 27-Apr 1
- 2016 “Creating and Contesting Exclusion: Countervailing Uses of Reflexivity and Critique in Civic Education Classes,” DiscourseNet 17, University of Navarra, Pamplona, Spain, Mar 16-18
- 2015 “Defining Citizenship from the Ground Up: Competing Discourses of Equality, Diversity, and Fairness in Southeast Spanish Schools,” Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO, Nov 18-22

## **Previous Teaching Experience**

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- 2014 Graduate Teaching Associate in Anthropology, Center for English as a Second Language Bridge Program, University of Arizona
- 2012 Graduate Teaching Associate, Study of the U.S. Institute on History and Government, University of Arizona
- 2010 Visiting Instructor, Academic Programs Abroad, Louisiana State University in Granada, Spain
- 2006-10 Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona
- 2002 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Spanish, Kirkwood Community College
- 2001-02 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Spanish & Portuguese, U. of Iowa
- 1997-99 Visiting Instructor, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Purdue University

## **Courses Taught (\*new courses developed, §community-engaged courses)**

*Montclair State University:* Cultural Anthropology (ANTH100) | Linguistic Anthropology (ANTH102) | Key Issues in Anthropology (ANTH200) | \*Language and Taboo (ANTH211) | \*§Indigenous Languages & Lifeways (ANTH230) | \*Language, Power, and Expressions of Identity (ANTH311) | \*Analyzing Ethnographic Discourse & Interaction (ANTH430)

*University of Arizona:* Race, Ethnicity, and the American Dream (ANTH 150) | The Nature of Language (ANTH 276) | Gender and Language (ANTH 303)

## **Pedagogical Development and Training**

- 2023 Engaged & Ready Fall 2023 cohort for student-centered, active learning strategies, led by Dr. Christina Katopodis (CUNY, Co-author of *The New College Classroom*)
- 2020 National Network for Educational Renewal Summer Institute, July 27-31
- 2019-20 Instructional Technology & Design Services Summer Institute, Montclair State
- 2019 10<sup>th</sup> Annual University Teaching and Learning Showcase, Montclair State, May 15
- 2018 Digital Storytelling Workshop, The Story Center, DePaul University June 25-27
- 2016 “Responding to Difficult Issues in the Classroom,” Research Academy for University Learning Workshop, Montclair State University, Oct 14
- 2016 “Strategies for Student Engagement,” Research Academy for University Learning Workshop, Montclair State University, Sept 27
- 2016 RAUL Small Group Analysis

## **Professional Service and Leadership**

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### **Community Service and Leadership**

- 2023 Guest Speaker, Bradford Elementary K-2 after school program meet-up at Montclair Campus Community Garden (activity on NJ Indigenous communities and Munsee plant names, Oct. 18)
- 2022- Co-curator (with Nikole Pecore, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Nation), [Huluniixsuwaan Lenape Language Digital Commons Repository](#) for Munsee language multimedia and community-accessible resources
- 2022- Coordinator, Munsee language sign project, Munsee Three Sisters Medicinal Farm (Newton, NJ)
- 2021-23 Licensed Resource Parent, New Jersey Department of Children and Families
- 2020-21 Parent/Staff Equity Perceptions Survey Development and Coordination, Anti-Racism and Racial Equity Committee (AREA-C), Bradford Elementary School (Montclair, NJ)

### **Service to the Profession**

- 2022 Academic Program Review, Anthropology, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
- 2019-22 Guest editor, *Anthropologica* special theme on “Dignity, Conviviality, and Moral Contests of Belonging”
- 2017-18 Advisory Board Member, Anthropology Section, New York Academy of Sciences
- 2017-18 Alumna Member, Academic Program Review, School of Anthropology, University of Arizona

### **Professional Memberships**

American Anthropological Association, American Studies Association, Digital Ethnic Futures Consortium (DEFCon), Society for Applied Anthropology, AIBR (Network of Iberoamerican Anthropologists), Society for Linguistic Anthropology

### **Editorial Boards**

- 2017-21 *Palgrave Communications*

### **Ad Hoc Reviewing**

*Arizona Anthropologist*, Brill Publishers, *Current Anthropology*, *Journal of Intercultural Studies*, *The Journal of the Western Society for French History*, *Linguistics & Education*, *Palgrave Communications*, Supplemental pedagogical materials for *Cultural Anthropology: Toolkit for a Global Age* and *Essentials of Cultural Anthropology* by Ken J. Guest, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., W. W. Norton, *Wellbeing, Space, and Society*

### **University Service and Leadership**

- 2022- Co-director, Native American and Indigenous Studies Program and Summer Field School
- 2021- Co-founder, Career Futures for Anthropology Majors workshops (with Elsa Davidson)
- 2021-22 Appointee, University Senate seat for College of Humanities & Social Sciences
- 2020 “Civic Prompts in the Major Institute,” American Association of Colleges & Universities, Mar 6 (Washington, DC)
- 2019-21 Working group on digital accessibility (with IT)
- 2019 *Last Whispers* Faculty-Student Panel on small and threatened languages, Kasser Theater
- 2019 Organizer, “Telling Your Story: Secrets to Job Search Success” Workshops (Dr. Anna Marie Trester, Facilitator), April 18-25
- 2017-19 Moderator, Student Research Symposium, Montclair State University
- 2017-19 Accepted Student Days, Montclair State University
- 2017 Presenter, “Plagiarism,” CHSS Panel, Mar 1

- 2017- Faculty Advisor, Lambda Alpha National Honor Society, Beta Chapter of NJ
- 2016- Red Hawk for a Day Program, Montclair State University Admissions Office
- 2016 Moderator, “Get off the Veranda! Ethnography across the Social Sciences” multidisciplinary panel discussion, Anthropology Seminar Series, Dec 6
- 2016 Participant, “Human Rights 2.0: The Role of Youth Activism during Political Change,” Dept. of Justice Studies Roundtable, Nov 15
- 2016 MSU CHSS Open House and Presentation, Nov 13
- 2015 Presenter: “Crafting Tolerant Citizens: Schools, Immigration and the Struggle for Shared Values in Southeast Spain,” Dept of Anth Seminar Series, Feb 24
- 2015 Presenter: “Linguistic Anthropology,” Dept of Anth Fall Welcome Event
- 2015 Safe Space Training, LGBTQ Center, MSU, Sept 17

**Committees**

- 2024- Linguistics Department Personnel Advisory Committee (DPAC), guest reviewer
- 2023- CHSS Building Sustainable Communities Program Research & Planning
- 2023- Anthropology Department Personnel Advisory Committee (DPAC)
- 2023- Religion Department Personnel Advisory Committee (DPAC), guest reviewer
- 2023 Anthropology Master Academic Program Planning (MAPP)
- 2022- Co-organizer, Anthropology Annual Student Showcase
- 2021-22 CHSS Strategic Review Committee
- 2020-22 Co-chair, CHSS Working Group on Equity & Inclusion
- 2020 CHSS Student Success Committee
- 2018-21 Bednarek Scholarship Award Committee, MSU Dept of Anthropology
- 2017-19 Student Research Symposium Committee, CHSS
- 2016-18 Seminars, Events, and Receptions Committee, MSU Dept of Anthropology
- 2016-18 Budget and Equipment Committee, MSU Dept of Anthropology
- 2015-18 Communications Committee, MSU Dept of Anthropology
- 2015- Bigel Committee, MSU Dept of Anthropology