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Cirriculum Vitae

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Research Interests

Genetic Anthropology, Spanish Caribbean, Embodiment of Blackness, Intersection between Identity and Genetics, Resistance/Resilience/Flourishment, Bio-Cultural Studies, Health Disparities, Stress, Community-Engaged Work, Racialized Experiences.

Education

- 2022- PhD Anthropology (**Expected 2028**), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2024 M.A. Anthropology, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- 2022 B.S. Anthropology and Human Biology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Minor in African American Studies
Honors Thesis: "The Evolutionary History of Ancient Uruguay."
summa cum laude

Research Experience

- 2022-Pres Vanderbilt University Genetic Anthropology and Biocultural Studies Lab,
Nashville, TN
Graduate Research Assistant
Department of Anthropology, Advisor: Dr. Jada Benn Torres
- 2024 University of Miami, Minority Health and Research Training Program
(MHRT) – Miami/Brazil
Research Intern
School of Nursing, Advisors: Dr. Anderson Reis de Sousa
- 2022 Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History – Washington D.C.
NHRE Intern
Department of Anthropology, Advisors: Dr. Grace Veatch & Dr. Brianna Pobiner
- 2019-22 Emory University Ancient DNA Lab – Atlanta, GA
Undergraduate Research Assistant
Department of Anthropology, Advisor: Dr. John Lindo

Professionalization

- 2025 The State of Women's Research: An Interdisciplinary Panel – Nashville, TN
Panelist, Vanderbilt University
- 2025 Epigenetics in Anthropology Workshop – San Diego, California
Attendee, University of California San Diego
- 2024 Vandy 4 Employers: Anchor Down, Hire Up – Nashville, TN

Panelist, Vanderbilt University Graduate School

- 2022 Applications of Genomics to Anthropological Research Workshop on
Computation Genetics – Virtual
Attendee, Virtual

Publications

- 2026 **De La Rosa, Rosseirys** and Jada Benn Torres. 2026. "Fluid Boundaries of Blackness and the Population Paradigm." **Anthropology News** website, April 3, 2026.
- 2025 Pereira Vieira Barreto NM, Araújo JS, Gomes DT, Andrey Ferreira da Silva, Aurea Christina de Paula Corrêa, Álvaro Francisco Lopes de Sousa, **Rosseirys Noelia De La Rosa**, Johis Ortega, Anderson Reis Sousa. 15 Years of the National Policy for Comprehensive Men's Health Care in Brazil: Perception of Strengths and Opportunities. *American Journal of Men's Health*. 2025;19(6). doi:[10.1177/15579883251368315](https://doi.org/10.1177/15579883251368315)
- 2024 Jeferson Moreira dos Santos, Larissa Chaves Pedreira, Roberta Pereira Góes, Maria Antônia Alves de Souza, Cristina Rosa Soares Lavareda Baixinho, Johis Ortega, **Rosseirys Noelia De La Rosa**, Anderson Reis Sousa, Valdenir Almeida da Silva, Ivana Santos Pinto, Jéssica Lane Pereira Santos, Letícia Chicharo Vivas, Lélia Mendes Sobrinho de Oliveira. "Caregivers' Mastery in Handling Gastrostomy at Home after Educational Intervention: Qualitative Descriptive Study" *Healthcare*. 2024;12(21):2147.
- 2022 John Lindo, **Rosseirys De La Rosa**, Andre Luiz Campelo dos Santos, Mónica Sans, Michael DeGiorgio, Gonzalo Figuerio. "The Genomic Prehistory of the Indigenous People of Uruguay" *PNAS Nexus*, *pgac047*.

Conference Presentations

Posters

- 2026 **Rosseirys N. De La Rosa**, Katie McCormack, La Corporaciones Piñones se Integra (COPI), Cesar Fortes-Lima, Maricruz Rivera Clemente, Gabriel A. Torres Colón, Jada Benn Torres. "¿Y Tu Agüela, Aonde Ejtá? Afro-Puerto Rican Representation in Population Genetics and Community Identity." *American Association of Biological Anthropologists*
Denver, CO, March 2026
- 2026 Taylor S. Harman, Monica H. Keith, **Rosseirys N. De La Rosa**, Milani Naik, Melanie A. Martin. "Pregnancy and embodiment: The impact of social support on maternal and infant health in the US." *American Association of Biological Anthropologists*
Denver, CO, March 2026
- 2025 **R. De La Rosa**. "Intersecting Identities and Health: Exploring Social Determinants of Health and Black Masculinities in Ibero-America." *Human Biology Association*
Baltimore MD, March 2025.

- 2024 **R. De La Rosa.** "Black Identities, Masculinities and Health Behaviors." *Minority Health and Disparities Program* (NIH T37MD008647 MHRT) Miami FL, October 2024.
- 2022 **R. De La Rosa.** "Cutmark Variation in Experimentally Butchered Deer Bones." *Natural History Research Experience* (NSF REU Site REU Site, EAR-1062692, OCE-1560088). Washington DC, August 2022.
- 2020 **R. De La Rosa.** "Detecting the Genetic Affinity of the Lost Indigenous People of Uruguay and Living Individuals from the Americas." Emory Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Symposium. Atlanta, GA, August 2020.

Panels

- 2026 (Abstract Accepted) Gabriel Alejandro Torres Colón & **Rosseirys N. De La Rosa.** "When the Drum Reclaims Space: Bomba and Biocultural Flourishing in Puerto Rico" *American Association of Anthropology* St. Louis, Missouri, November 2026

Academic Grants/Fellowships ---

- 2026 Vanderbilt University Graduate School Travel Grant (\$1000)
- 2025 Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core (\$5000)
- 2025 Vanderbilt University Professional Development Grant (\$1,000)
- 2025 Vanderbilt University Evolutionary Studies Initiative Pilot Grant (\$4,900)
- 2023 Vanderbilt University Summer Research Award (\$5,000)
- 2023 Vanderbilt University Professional Development Grant (\$1,000)
- 2023-28 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$35,000/year)
- 2022-27 Vanderbilt University Provost Graduate Fellow (\$10,000/year)

Academic Honors and Awards ---

- 2026 Engaged Anthropology Award – Department of Anthropology Vanderbilt University
- 2025 Community Outreach Award – Evolutionary Studies Initiative Vanderbilt University
- 2025 Public Outreach Award – Department of Anthropology Vanderbilt University
- 2024 Increasing Diversity in Evolutionary Anthropological Sciences Scholars (IDEAS)– American Association of Biological Anthropologists
- 2022-27 Russel G. Hamilton Scholar – Vanderbilt University

Certificates ---

- 2024 Certificate in College Teaching, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Teaching Experience ---

- 2026 Teaching Assistant for CAL 2001: Sports Culture and Society

2025	Teaching Assistant for ANTH 2120: Sports Culture and Society
2023	Teaching Assistant for ANTH 1201: Introduction to Archaeology
2022	Teaching Assistant for ANTH 2101: Theories of Culture

Invited/Guest Lectures

2025	“Unlocking the Past: Epigenetics & Ancient Epigenomics” Anthropology Department, Vanderbilt University. April 14, 2025.
2025	“Embodied Spaces: How Environment and Stress Define Health” Anthropology Department, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. March 7, 2025.

University Service/Involvement

2026-Pres	Black Grads Connect (BGC) Events Coordinator
2026-Pres	Human Biology Association (HBA) Student Representative
2025-2026	Vanderbilt FirstView Program Graduate Student Mentor
2024-Pres	Black in Biological Anthropology Collective (BiBA) Operations Co-Coordinator
2023-2025	Organization for Black Graduate and Professional Students (OBGAPS) Social Affairs Chair/Vice President
2023-2025	Ida B. Wells Elementary School Sister 2 Sister Mentoring Mentor
2023-2025	Churchwell Magnum Elementary School STEM Mentor Mentor
2023-2025	Black Vanderbilt University (BVU) Dore to Dore Mentorship Program Mentor
2022-2026	Vanderbilt Anthropology Graduate Student Association (VAGSA) Co-President/Social Media Chair
2022-23	Vanderbilt Students Volunteer for Science (VSVS) Volunteer

Affiliations and Memberships

American Anthropological Association
Human Biology Association
American Association for Biological Anthropology
American Association of Genetic Anthropologists
Association of Black Anthropologists
Hispanic Scholarship Fund
QuestBridge Scholars

Popular Media

- 2025 UMiami School of Nursing and Health “[Intersecting Identities and Health: Rosseirys De La Rosa’s Contribution to Medical Anthropology through the MHRT Program](#)”
- 2022 College Matters. Alma Matters Podcast “[Rosseirys De La Rosa “Ro” of Emory University: Anthropology, UG Research on Indigenous DNA, and Mentor Support](#)”

Technical Skills

Wet Laboratory

- Purification of modern DNA and ancient DNA
- Construction of modern DNA and ancient DNA libraries
- Quantitative PCR
- Bisulfate Conversion
- SEM Proficiency

Computational Skills

- Proficient in Program R, MatLab, Python, Bash/Shell
- Multivariate and Structural Equation Modeling
- Basic Proficiency in Bayesian modeling
- Large dataset management
- Genetic ancestry and admixture analysis

Language

- Native speaker and fluency in Spanish
- Intermediate Proficiency in French
- Intermediate Proficiency in Portuguese