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She began her academic career as a research assistant at the Institute for the prevention of violence and promotion of peace (CISALVA) in Universidad del Valle (Colombia) where she gained experience on social research and interdisciplinary approaches to public health problems. After completing her Doctoral studies and serving as lecturer and researcher in several local Universities in Colombia, she joined the Department of Social Sciences at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana - Cali in 2009, where she taught in undergraduate (psychology, communication and media studies, law) and graduate programmes (health psychology, family studies, public policy, public health), and tutored over 20 dissertation projects. Her teaching areas included sociology and social theory, qualitative research, sexuality, and sexual and reproductive health.

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