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**Curriculum Vitae, January 2022**

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**Education**

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- 2015 Ph.D., Department of History, New York University  
2003 Master of International Affairs, Columbia University  
2002 Bachelor of Arts, Department of Political Science, Barnard College

**Professional Appointments**

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- 2018– Assistant Professor, Sociology and Latin American Studies, Johns Hopkins University  
2017–18 Fellow, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History, Harvard University  
2017–18 Assistant Research Professor, Sociology, Johns Hopkins University  
2015–17 Assistant Professor, History and International Studies, Rowan University

**Publications**

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***Monograph***

- 2021 *Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy* (Oakland: University of California Press).  
Selected a Best Scholarly Book of 2021 by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

***Articles and Chapters***

- 2022 “‘Our Balkan Peninsula’: The Mexican Question in the League of Nations Debate,” *Diplomatic History* (online ahead of print, December 16, 2021).  
2021 “Establishing the Limits of the Liberal International Order: Latin America and the Demand for Development,” *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* (online ahead of print, June 15, 2021).  
2020 “Responding to a Revolution: The ‘Mexican Question’ in the United States,” in *A Companion to U.S. Foreign Relations, Colonial Era to the Present*, Vol. 1, Christopher Dietrich, ed. (Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell), 325-344.  
2018 “A Mexican International Economic Order? Tracing the Hidden Roots of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States,” *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development* 9 no. 3: 389-421.  
Republished as “A Mexican New International Economic Order?” in *Latin America and the Global Cold War*, Thomas Field, Stella Krepp, and Vanni Pettinà, eds. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020), 301-342.  
2018 “‘Mexico Has the Theories’: Latin America and the Invention of Development in the 1930s,” in *The Development Century: A Global History*, Stephen Macekura and Erez Manela, eds. (New York: Cambridge), 263-282.  
2017 “Voice and Vote for the Weaker Nations: Mexico’s Bretton Woods,” in *Global Perspectives on the Bretton Woods Conference and the Post-War World Order*, G. Scott-Smith and J. Simon Rofe, eds. (New York: Palgrave MacMillan), 149-165.

### ***Volumes and Special Issues Edited***

- 2022 Co-editor, Special Issue of *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*: “The Liberal International Order and the Global South: A View from Latin America,” forthcoming.
- 2009 Co-editor, *Real World Latin America: A Contemporary Economics and Social Policy Reader* (Boston: Dollars & Sense).
- 2005 Co-editor, *The Development Imperative: Toward a People-Centered Approach* (New York: Social Science Research Council).

### ***Book Reviews***

- Forthcoming, Review of Fernando Calderón and Manuel Castells, *The New Latin America* (Cambridge, UK: Polity Press, 2020), *Bulletin of Latin American Research*.
- Forthcoming, Review of Michael L. Rosino, *Debating the Drug War: Race, Politics and the Media* (New York: Routledge, 2021), *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2021 Review of Daniela Spenser, *In Combat: The Life of Lombardo Toledano* (Leiden: Brill, 2020), *The Americas* 78, no. 3: 528–529.
- 2021 Review of Eric Zolov, *The Last Good Neighbor: Mexico in the Global Sixties* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2020), *H-Diplo Roundtable*, March 29, 2021.
- 2020 Review of Lars Schoultz, *In Their Own Best Interest: A History of the U.S. Effort to Improve Latin Americans* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2018), *Latin American Politics and Society* 62, no. 4: 22-25.
- 2020 Review of Jeremy Slack, *Deported to Death: How Drug Violence is Changing Migration on the U.S.–Mexico Border* (Oakland: University of California Press, 2019) *Journal of American Ethnic History* 39, no. 4: 102-104.
- 2020 Review of Daniel Bessner and Fredrik Logevall, “Recentering the United States in the Historiography of American Foreign Relations,” *Texas National Security Review* 3.2, *H-Diplo Roundtable*, May 25, 2020.
- 2020 Review of Sara Lorenzini, *Global Development: A Cold War History* (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2019), *H-Diplo Roundtable*, May 11, 2020.
- 2018 Review of Maria-Aparecida Lopes and María Cecilia Zuleta, eds., *Mercados en común. Estudios sobre conexiones transnacionales, negocios y diplomacia en las Américas* (México, D.F.: El Colegio de México, 2016), *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 43, no. 2: 310-312.
- 2018 Review of Tore Olsson, *Agrarian Crossings: Reformers and the Remaking of the US and Mexican Countryside* (Princeton NJ: Princeton University Press, 2017), *Journal of Peasant Studies* 45, no. 3: 697-682, and *H-Diplo Roundtable*, June 10, 2019.
- 2016 Review of Alan McPherson and Yannick Wehrli, *Beyond Geopolitics: New Histories of Latin America at the League of Nations* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2015), *H-Diplo*, May 2016.

### ***Public Scholarship***

Opinion and analysis pieces in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* “Room for Debate,” *Al Jazeera America*, *The Nation*, *Dollars & Sense*, and *NACLA Report on the Americas*, as well as media appearances on Marketplace PRI, Al Jazeera, Democracy Now, and others.

## Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

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- 2021 William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Economy and Society Grant: The History and Political Economy Project (*co-PI with Quinn Slobodian*)
- 2020 Provost's PhD Professional Development Innovation Initiative Award, Johns Hopkins
- 2019 Faculty Center Award for Excellence in Faculty Advising, Rowan University
- 2018 Dean's Interdisciplinary Project Grant, Latin America in a Globalizing World Initiative, Johns Hopkins (*with Casey Lurtz, Bécquer Seguin, Alessandro Angelini*)
- 2017 Postdoctoral Fellowship, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History, Harvard University
- 2017 Mellon Fellowship in Comparative Revolutions, Brandeis University (*declined*)
- 2016 Frances R. Lax Award for Faculty Development, Rowan University
- 2015 Lewis Hanke Postdoctoral Award, Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
- 2014 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS)
- 2014 Mellon Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship, NYU GSAS (*declined*)
- 2013 Dissertation Research Grant, The History Project, Harvard Center for History and Economics/Institute for New Economic Thinking
- 2012 International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
- 2012 Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant, Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
- 2011 Pre-Dissertation Research Grant, Mellon Foundation
- 2010 Graduate Fellowship, Barnard College Alumnae Association
- 2001 Harry S. Truman Scholarship

## Invited Talks

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- 2021 Presentations of *Revolution in Development*  
Cornell University, Critical Development Studies Seminar, November 19.  
York University, Department of Politics and Centre for Research on Latin America and the Caribbean (CERLAC), November 5.  
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Sociology, September 20.  
Harvard University, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, September 8.  
University of Chicago, Katz Center for Mexican Studies, April 27.  
University of Connecticut, Department of History and Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies, April 16.  
Embassy of Mexico to the Kingdom of Norway, April 16.  
University of Utrecht, Global and Imperial Relations Cluster, April 13.  
Colegio de México, Seminario de Historia Internacional, February 26.  
Dartmouth College, Department of History, February 26.  
Southern Methodist University, Department of History, February 24.
- 2021 Harvard University, Center for International Development, Diversity in Development Series: "Alternative Visions of 'Development,'" November 17.

- 2019 University of California Los Angeles, Department of Sociology, Political Sociology of the Global South Seminar: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy,” November 22.
- 2019 George Washington University, Interdisciplinary Inequality Seminar: “‘The Solidarity We Demand Is a Condition of Survival’: Mexico, the United States, and the Global Economy in the 1970s,” November 1.
- 2019 University of New Mexico, Latin American & Iberian Institute: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy,” October 25.
- 2019 New School for Social Research, Department of Sociology: “Historical Sociology from the South: Perspectives and the New School Legacy,” April 5.
- 2017 Harvard University, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History Seminar, “A Mexican New International Economic Order?,” November 13.
- 2017 Yale University, Council of Iberian and Latin American Studies: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy,” October 31.
- 2017 Temple University, Center for the Study of Force and Diplomacy: “Neoliberalism and the Narco-State: The Political Economy of U.S.-Mexican Relations Today,” September 28.
- 2017 New York University, Tamiment Library Cold War Seminar: “Not Just Rights, but Duties: Mexico and the New International Economic Order,” October 5.
- 2017 Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy,” May 2.
- 2017 New School for Social Research, Janey Program in Latin American Studies: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy,” April 20.
- 2015 University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History: “Mexico: Popular Resistance, the Narco-State, and the U.S.,” June 1.
- 2014 Baruch College, Department of History: “‘A New Legal and Philosophic Conception of Credit’: The International Impact of Mexico’s Vision of Debt, Finance and Development in the 1930s,” February 21.

### Select Conference Presentations

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- 2021 Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia: “Developmentalism as Internationalism: Toward a Global Historical Sociology of the Origins of the Development Project.”
- 2021 Seminario internacional: *Las venas abiertas de América Latina* 50 años después, Universidad de la República, Montevideo, Uruguay: “‘La terapéutica empeora al enfermo’: El FMI y el Banco Mundial en la crítica de Galeano.”
- 2021 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Annual Meeting, online: roundtable presentation for “New Approaches to the History of Decolonization.”
- 2021 The Anticolonial Transnational workshop, Harvard University: “The Struggle for Economic Decolonization: Mexico and Algeria in the New International Economic Order.”
- 2021 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, online: roundtable presentation for “Latin American Engagements with International Orders: Contributions and Contestations.”
- 2020 Social Justice, Remade? The Decline of the European Welfare State in a Global Context, 1973-2009 conference, Department of History, University of Wisconsin, Madison: “The

- United States in Opposition? Mexico, the Third World, and the Reform of the Global Economy in the 1970s.”
- 2020 Society for the Study of Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Meeting, online: “The Development Demand: Mexico’s Interwar Fight for Representation and Redistribution.”
- 2020 International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI: “Mexico, Latin America, and the Governance of the Global Economy: A Historical Perspective on IPE from the South,” (canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2020 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY: Roundtable presentation on “The New Place of Latin America in World History.”
- 2019 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY, PEWS Session on South-South Flows: “A Charter for Economic Decolonization: Mexico, the Third World, and the Contradictions of South-South Development Cooperation.”
- 2019 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA: “‘The Solidarity We Demand is a Condition of Survival’: Mexico, the United States, and the Global Economy in the 1970s.”
- 2019 Centennial Conference: Versailles 1919-2019, American University in Paris: “‘Mexico is our Balkan Peninsula’: The United States Confronts the Mexican Revolution in the League of Nations Debate.”
- 2018 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Section on Sociology of Development Roundtable Session: “*Fue el estado*: Social Movements and Neoliberal Development in Mexico.”
- 2018 Comparative & Historical Sociology Mini-Conference, Philadelphia, PA: “Capitalist Crisis and Global Economic Governance: Reform from the South.”
- 2018 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA: “The History of Development: Perspectives from the South.”
- 2018 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, Barcelona, Spain: “Overcoming the Decolonization Divide: Mexico, Latin America, and the New International Economic Order.”
- 2018 Conferencia internacional: Democracia y autoritarismo en México y el mundo, UNAM, Mexico City: “Retos democráticos en México hacia las elecciones de 2018.”
- 2018 Revising the Geography of Modern World Histories Conference, York University, York, UK: “Overcoming the Decolonization Divide: Mexico, Latin America, and the New International Economic Order.”
- 2018 The United States and Global Capitalism in the Twentieth Century Conference, Fordham University, New York, NY: “‘Give Them a Share’: The Latin American Origins of Development in the United States.”
- 2018 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting/Conference on Latin American History, Washington, DC: “Economic Sovereignty and the Decolonization Divide.”
- 2017 Global Histories of Capital: New Perspectives on the Global South Conference, New York University, New York, NY: “‘Taking Seriously the Needs and Wishes of the Debtor Countries’: Mexican Advocacy for International Development in the 1930s.”
- 2017 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR), Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA: “Economic Sovereignty, the Third World, and U.S. Foreign Relations.”

- 2017 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting/Conference on Latin American History, Denver, CO: “‘Taking Seriously the Needs and Wishes of the Debtor Countries’: Mexican Interwar Advocacy for International Development.”
- 2016 Histories of Capitalism 2.0, Cornell University History of Capitalism Conference, Ithaca, NY: “‘Mexico has the Theories’: Debt, Finance, and Development in the 1930s.”
- 2016 Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA: “A Mexican New International Economic Order?”
- 2016 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY: “Mexico's Influence on New Deal Conceptions of Debt, Credit and Development.”
- 2016 Seminario internacional: América Latina y el internacionalismo Ginebrino de entreguerras, Universidad Michoacana San Nicolas de Allende, Morelia, Mexico: “‘Voz y voto para los países débiles’: México en Bretton Woods.”

### **Session Chair & Comment**

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- 2021 Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia: Comment for panel “Empire, Industry and State Finance in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries.”
- 2021 Quincy Institute for Responsible Statecraft: Comment on *Making the Forever War: Marilyn Young on the Culture and Politics of American Militarism*, Mary Dudziak and Mark Bradley, eds.
- 2021 Critical Conversations in Reproductive Health/Care: Past, Present, and Future conference, Johns Hopkins University: Chair for panel “Global Perspectives on Race, Class, Reproductive Governance, and Obstetric Violence.”
- 2021 Conference on Latin American History Annual Meeting, online: Comment for roundtable “New Directions in Latin American History.”
- 2020 NYU International Law and Human Rights Emerging Scholarship Conference: Paper comment, “Asylum as Reparation for Past Historical Wrongs: United States’ Involvement in Creating Today’s Central American Refugee Crisis.”
- 2019 Global Green New Deal Conference, Johns Hopkins: Comment on Adam Tooze keynote, “Lessons from history? The Green New Deal and the shadow of 20th-century history.”
- 2019 Society of Historians for American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA: Comment for panel “Between Nationalism and Internationalism: Latin America, the United States, and the Third World.”
- 2019 New School for Social Research, Ruptures and Continuities: Historical Change in a Contested World Conference: Comment for panel “Global Capital and Empire.”
- 2018 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA: Presider for Regular Session on Development
- 2018 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting, Washington, DC: Comment for panel “Spain, Latin America, and the Trans-Atlantic Cold War.”
- 2017 Tamiment Library Cold War Seminar, New York, NY: Comment on Eric Zolov, “Flirting with Neutralism: The Spirit of Bandung in Mexican National Politics, 1960-1961.”
- 2017 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting/Conference on Latin American History, Denver, CO: Comment for panel “Transnational Perspectives on the Making of 20th Century Latin American Nationalisms.”

- 2016 Society of Historians for American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA: Chair and comment for panel “Economic History in Alliances and Empires.”

### **Sessions and Conferences Organized**

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- 2019 Latin America in the Liberal International Order: Research Conference co-sponsored by the Latin America in a Globalizing World Initiative, Johns Hopkins University, and the Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (CLALS), American University.
- 2018 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting/Conference on Latin American History, Washington, DC, Roundtable: “Historical Perspectives on Sovereignty in the Americas.”
- 2017 American Historical Association (AHA) Annual Meeting/Conference on Latin American History, Denver, CO, Panel: “Mexico on the World Economic Stage.”
- 2016 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY, Panel: “A conversation with Noam Chomsky on the 30th Anniversary of the Managua Lectures.”
- 2015 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, PR, Roundtable: “Reevaluating Economic ‘Turning Points’ in 20th Century Latin America.”
- 2014 American (Inter)Dependencies: New Perspectives on Capitalism and Empire, 1898-1959, Conference at New York University, funded by a grant from the Humanities Initiative, co-organized with Joshua Frens-String and Augustine Sedgewick
- 2014 Conference on Latin American History Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, Panel: “Post-Depression Histories of Social Welfare in the Americas.”
- 2013 Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA, Panel: “Reciprocal Impact: Inter-American Capitalisms and U.S. Empire in the 20th Century.”

### **Courses Taught**

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Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU

- 2022 Issues in International Development
- 2021 Resistance, Rebellion, and Revolution in Latin America
- 2021 Graduate Seminar, Latin America in a Globalizing World I/II
- 2020 Beyond the Wall: The United States and Mexico
- 2019 Graduate Research Seminar, Sociology Third-Year Trial Research Paper
- 2019 Capitalism, Dependency, and Development in Latin America
- 2018 Graduate Methods Seminar, Comparative and Historical Sociology
- 2018 Political Economy of Drugs and Drug Wars
- 2017 Senior Seminars in International Studies; History
- 2016 Introduction to International Studies
- 2016 History of Modern Latin America
- 2015 World History Since 1500: Trade, Commodities, and the History of Global Capitalism
- 2015 History of Colonial Latin America

## **Departmental, University, and Professional Service**

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### ***Manuscript Reviewer***

Academic journals: *American Historical Review*; *Journal of Global History*; *Political Power and Social Theory*; *Bulletin of Latin American Research*; *Capitalism and History*; *Critical Historical Studies*; *International Politics*; *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development*.

Academic presses: University of Regina Press; SUNY Press; Brill Historical Materialism Series

### ***Editorial Committees***

*Estudios de Historia Moderna y Contemporánea de México*; *NACLA Report on the Americas*; Advisory Board, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*

### ***Graduate Student Advising***

Primary advisor: Lucas Azambuja, Sociology. Committee member/examiner: Tulio Zille, Political Science; Corey Payne, Sociology; Conrad Jacober, Sociology; Luis Rodríguez, Political Science; Sebastián Link, Sociology; Mihau Oltenau, History; José Antonio Galindo, History (El Colegio de México).

### ***Selected Service Appointments***

- 2021 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Program in Latin American Studies, JHU
- 2021 Member, Graduate Student Best Paper Award Committee, Global and Transnational Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2021 Member, Provost's Undergraduate Research Award Committee, JHU
- 2021 Faculty Advisory Board, Arrighi Center for Global Studies, JHU
- 2021 Research advisor, California Pre-Doctoral Program, California State University
- 2020– Member, Dean's Teaching Fellowship Selection Committee, JHU
- 2020 Departmental Diversity Advocate, Department of Sociology, JHU
- 2020 Member, Finance Subcommittee, Homewood Faculty Assembly, JHU
- 2020 Faculty advisor and mentor, National Fellowships Program, JHU
- 2019– Member, Graduate Placement Committee, Department of Sociology, JHU
- 2019 Member, Nomination Committee, Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2019 Chair, Charles A. Hale Fellowship for Mexican History Selection Committee, Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- 2019 Co-chair, Political Institutions and Processes Program Track, Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- 2019 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Krieger School of Arts and Sciences, JHU
- 2018– Co-Director, Latin America in a Globalizing World Initiative, JHU
- 2018 Member and Diversity Advocate, Faculty Search Committee, Department of History, JHU
- 2015 Member, Advisory Board, International Studies Program, Rowan University
- 2015 Co-chair, Area Studies: Critical and Historical Analysis Program Track, Latin American Studies Association (LASA)



## **Other Professional Experience & Affiliations**

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### ***Professional Memberships***

Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

American Historical Association (AHA)

Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)

American Sociological Association (ASA): Development; Global & Transnational; Comparative-Historical; and Political Economy of the World System (PEWS) sections.

### ***Previous Professional Experience***

2005–09 Executive Director, North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA)

2004–05 Program Coordinator, Applied Economics and International Forum for Development, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)