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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 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

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

Publications

Manuscript

In progress, *Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy* (under contract, University of California Press).

Journal Articles

- 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* 9:3 (accepted November 2016).

Chapters

- 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).
- 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)
- Forthcoming, “Responding to a Revolution: The ‘Mexican Question’ in the United States,” *A Companion to U.S. Foreign Policy, Colonial Era to the Present*, Chris Dietrich, ed. (Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell).

Review Essays

- 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*.
- 2018 Review of Tore Olsson, *Agrarian Crossings: Reformers and the Remaking of the US and Mexican Countryside* (Princeton, Princeton University Press, 2017), *Journal of Peasant Studies* 45:3, and H-Diplo Roundtable.
- 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.

Articles

Popular publications include opinion and analysis pieces in the *Washington Post*, *New York Times* “Room for Debate,” *Al Jazeera*, *The Nation*, and *NACLA Report on the Americas*, among others.

Volumes Edited

- 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).

Select Fellowships and Awards

- 2018 Dean’s Interdisciplinary Project Grant, Latin America in a Globalizing World Initiative, Johns Hopkins University (*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

- 2017 Yale University, Council of Iberian and Latin American Studies: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy.”
- 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.”
- 2017 Tamiment Library, Cold War Seminar: “Not Just Rights, but Duties: Mexico and the New International Economic Order.”
- 2017 Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy.”
- 2017 The New School for Social Research, Janey Program in Latin American Studies: “Revolution in Development: Mexico and the Governance of the Global Economy.”
- 2015 University of California, Los Angeles, Center for Social Theory and Comparative History: “Mexico: Popular Resistance, the Narco-State, and the U.S.”
- 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.”

Select Conference Presentations

- 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 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 Harvard University, Weatherhead Initiative on Global History Seminar, “A Mexican New International Economic Order?”

- 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.”
- 2015 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico: Roundtable: “Reevaluating Economic ‘Turning Points’ in 20th Century Latin America.”
- 2014 The UN and the Post-War Global Order: Bretton Woods in Perspective, Roosevelt Study Center Conference, Middelburg, Netherlands: “Mexico at Bretton Woods: Postwar Planning and the Influence of the United States’ Southern Neighbor.”
- 2014 Tepoztlán Institute for Transnational History of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Mexico: “Post-War Planning from the South: Mexico Comes to Bretton Woods.”
- 2014 Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, Lexington, KY: “A New Legal and Philosophic Conception of Credit’: Economic Development from the Inter-American Bank to Bretton Woods.”
- 2014 American (Inter)Dependencies, New Perspectives on Capitalism and Empire, 1898-1959, Conference at New York University: “Debt, Trade and Reciprocity: Competing Visions for the Hemispheric Economy at the 1933 Montevideo Conference.”
- 2014 Works in Progress in Latin American Society and History (WiPLASH), New York: “A New Legal and Philosophic Conception of Credit’: Mexico, the Inter-American Bank, and the Origins of Multilateral Development.”
- 2014 American History Association (AHA) Annual Meeting/Conference on Latin American History, Washington, DC: “A New Legal and Philosophic Conception of Credit’: Mexico’s Vision of Debt, Finance and Development in the 1930s.”
- 2013 Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA: “Sovereignty, Property Rights, and (Inter)Nationalism: Mexico Crashes Versailles.”
- 2012 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA: “Mexico comes to Bretton Woods: Multilateral Liberalism, Development, and Empire.”

Session Chair & Comment

- 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 the 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.”
- 2014 Tepoztlán Institute for Transnational History of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Mexico: Comment for panel, “The Logics of Otherness: *Mestizaje*, Consumption and Gender.”

Events & Sessions Organized

- 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.”
- 2012 Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Panel: “Inter-American System to World System: Some Economic Aspects of New Deal Diplomacy Reconsidered,” co-organized with Joshua Frens-String.
- 2012 Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) Annual Meeting, Hartford, CT, Panel: “The Mexican Revolution, the United States, and the World: South-North Political and Intellectual Transfers, 1925-1945.”

Teaching

- Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Graduate School of Arts and Science, NYU
- 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
- 2013 Resistance, Rebellion and Revolution in Latin America
- 2012 Teaching Assistant: Cultures and Contexts: Brazil
- 2012 Graduate Assistant: Presidential Scholars Sophomore Research Seminar in Buenos Aires

Departmental, University, and Professional Service

- 2016– Manuscript reviewer: *Capitalism and History*; *Critical Historical Studies*; *International Politics*; *Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development*; University of Regina Press; Brill Historical Materialism Series.
- 2015 Member, Advisory Board, International Studies Program, Rowan University
- 2015 Program Track Co-chair, Latin American Studies Association, Area Studies: Critical and Historical Analysis Track
- 2015– Host, New Books in Latin American Studies Podcast, New Books Network
- 2009– Member, Editorial Board, *NACLA Report on the Americas*
- 2009 Member, Latin American Studies Association Media Awards Committee

Other Professional Experience & Affiliations

Executive Director, North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA)
2005–2009, New York, NY

Program Coordinator, Program in Applied Economics, Social Science Research Council (SSRC)
2004–2005, New York, NY

Member:

American Sociological Association, Sections: Comparative & Historical, Development, Global & Transnational, Political Economy of the World System

Latin American Studies Association

American Historical Association

Conference on Latin American History

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Foreign Languages

Spanish (fluent, reading, writing, speaking)

Portuguese (proficient reading, writing, speaking)