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EMPLOYMENT

Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 2013-present

Director, Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh, 2023-present

UCIS Research Professor, 2012-present

Secondary appointment, School of Computing and Information, 2020-present

Associate Professor, 2006-2012

Assistant Professor, 2003-2006

Researcher and tenure-stream professor, Centro de Investigaciones Históricas de América Central and Posgrado en Historia, Universidad de Costa Rica, 2000-2003

EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Ph.D. in History, 2000.

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. B.A. *summa cum laude* in History and Literature, 1990.

PUBLICATIONS

Sole-authored books

Radical Moves: Caribbean Migrants and the Politics of Race in the Jazz Age. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2013. [Given special mention in the 2013-2014 Elsa Goveia Book Prize competition by the Association of Caribbean Historians.]

The Company They Kept: Migrants and the Politics of Gender in Caribbean Costa Rica, 1870-1960. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2002.

Género, poder y migración en el Caribe Costarricense, 1870-1960. San José, Costa Rica: INAMU, 2014. (Translation of *The Company They Kept*.)

Co-edited books

Caribbean Military Encounters: A Multidisciplinary Anthology from the Humanities. Shalini Puri and Lara Putnam, eds. London and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

Honor, Status, and Law in Modern Latin America. Sueann Caulfield, Sarah Chambers, and Lara Putnam, eds. Durham: Duke University Press, 2005.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

“The Transnational and the Text-Searchable: Digitized Sources and the Shadows They Cast.” *American Historical Review* 121, no. 2 (April 2016): 377-402.

“Jazzing Sheiks at the 25 cent Bram: Panama and Harlem as Caribbean Crossroads, circa 1910-1940.” *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*, dossier on New Jazz Studies 25, no. 3 (2016): 1-21. Republished in translation as “Los jeques del jazz en las fiestas por 25 centavos: Panamá y Harlem como cruces de caminos caribeños, circa 1910-1940,” *Mora: Revista del Instituto Interdisciplinario, de Estudios de Género, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad de Buenos Aires* (2022).

“Sentiment and the Restrictionist State: Evidence from the British Caribbean Experience, circa 1925.” *Journal of American Ethnic History* 35, no. 2 (Winter 2016): 5-31. Republished in John Bukowczyk, ed., *Immigrant Identity and the Politics of Citizenship* (University of Illinois Press, 2016).

“Global Child-Saving, Transatlantic Maternalism, and the Pathologization of Caribbean Childhood, 1930s-1940s.” *Atlantic Studies: Global Currents* 11, no. 4 (2014): 491-514. (Special issue on Atlantic Childhoods, guest edited Audra Diptree and David Trotman.)

“The Panama Cannonball’s Transnational Ties: Migrants, Sport, and Belonging in the Interwar Greater Caribbean.” *Journal of Sport History* 31, no. 4 (Fall 2014): 401-424.

“Borderlands and Border-Crossers: Migrants and Boundaries in the Greater Caribbean, 1840-1940.” *Small Axe* 42 (2014): 7-21.

“Citizenship from the Margins: Vernacular Theories of Rights and the State from the Interwar Caribbean.” *Journal of British Studies* 53, no. 1 (2014): 162-191. [Awarded Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize for 2014-2015 by the Association of Caribbean Historians.]

“Provincializing Harlem: The ‘Negro Metropolis’ as Northern Frontier of an Interconnected Greater Caribbean.” *Modernism/modernity* 20, no. 3 (September 2013): 469-484. Special Issue on the Harlem Renaissance, guest edited by Adam McKible and Suzanne Churchill.

“The Ties Allowed to Bind: Kinship Legalities and Migration Restriction in the Interwar Americas,” *International Labor and Working-Class History* 83 (Spring 2013): 191-209.

“Contact Zones: Heterogeneity and Boundaries in Caribbean Central America at the Start of the Twentieth Century,” *Iberoamericana* [Ibero-Amerikanisches Institut, Berlin] 6, no. 23 (setiembre 2006): 113-125.

“To Study the Fragments/Whole: Microhistory and the Atlantic World,” *Journal of Social History* 39, no. 3 (Spring 2006): 615-630.

“Gender and Political Economy: Recent Work in Latin American Labor History,” *Social History* 28, no. 1 (January 2003).

“Parentesco y producción: La organización social de la agricultura de exportación en la provincia de Limón, Costa Rica, 1920-1960,” *Revista de Historia* (San José, Costa Rica) no. 44 (julio-diciembre 2001): 121-158.

“Ideología Racial, Práctica Social y Estado Liberal en Costa Rica,” *Revista de Historia* (San José, Costa Rica) no. 39 (enero-junio 1999): 139-186.

Chapters in peer-reviewed books

“Race and Political Rights: Constructions of Citizenship among British Caribbeans inside and outside the British Empire, 1918-1962,” in *Race and Transnationalism in the Americas*, Ben Bryce and David Sheinin, eds. University of Pittsburgh Press, 2021. [Revised version of “Citizenship

from the Margins: Vernacular Theories of Rights and the State from the Interwar Caribbean,” *Journal of British Studies* 53, no. 1 (2014): 162-191.]

“Middle America Reboots Democracy: The Emergence and Rapid Electoral Turn of the New Grassroots.” In *Upending American Politics: Polarizing Parties, Ideological Elites, and Citizen Activists from the Tea Party to the Anti-Trump Resistance*, ed. Theda Skocpol and Caroline Tervo. Oxford University Press, 2020.

With Theda Skocpol and Caroline Tervo, “Citizen Activism and the Democratic Party,” In *Upending American Politics: Polarizing Parties, Ideological Elites, and Citizen Activists from the Tea Party to the Anti-Trump Resistance*, ed. Theda Skocpol and Caroline Tervo. Oxford University Press, 2020.

“Transnational Frames of Afro-Latin Experience: Evolving Spaces and Means of Connection, 1600-2000.” Pp. 537-568 in George Reid Andrews and Alejandro de la Fuente, eds., *Afro-Latin American Studies: An Introduction*. Cambridge University Press, 2018.

With Shalini Puri, “Introduction: Subjects of Militarization.” In *Caribbean Military Encounters*, ed. Shalini Puri and Lara Putnam. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

“Daily Life and Digital Reach: Place-based Research and History’s Transnational Turn.” In *Theorizing Fieldwork in the Humanities*, ed. Debra Castillo and Shalini Puri. Palgrave Macmillan, 2017.

“Circum-Atlantic Print Circuits and Internationalism from the Peripheries in the Interwar Era.” In James Connolly, ed., *Print Culture Histories Beyond the Metropolis*, University of Toronto Press, 2016.

“Migrants, Nations, and Empires in Transition: Native Claims in the Greater Caribbean, 1850s-1930s.” In Nicola Foote and Michael Goebel, eds., *Immigration and National Identities in Latin America, 1850-1950*. University Press of Florida, 2014.

“Foráneos al fin: La saga multigeneracional de los antillanos británicos en América Central, 1870-1940.” In Lowell Gudmundson, and Justin Wolfe, eds., *La negritud en Centroamérica: entre raza y raíces*. San José, Costa Rica: EUNED, 2012. [Translation of “Eventually Alien,” below.]

“Rites of Power and Rumors of Race: The Circulation of Supernatural Knowledge in the Greater Caribbean, 1890-1940.” In Diana Paton and Maarit Forde, eds., *Obeah and Other Powers: The Politics of Caribbean Religion and Healing*. Duke University Press, 2012.

“Undone by Desire: Migration, Sex across Boundaries, and Collective Destinies in the Greater Caribbean, 1840-1940.” In Dirk Hoerder and Donna Gabaccia, eds., *Connecting Seas and Connected Ocean Rims: Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific Oceans and China Seas Migrations from the 1830s to the 1930s*. Brill, “Studies in Global Social History” vol. 8, 2011.

“The Making and Unmaking of the Circum-Caribbean Migratory Sphere: Mobility, Sex across Boundaries, and Collective Destinies, 1840-1940.” Pp. 99-128 in Dirk Hoerder and Nora Faires, eds., *Migrants and Migration in Modern North America: Cross-Border Lives, Labor Markets, and Politics in Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and the United States*. Duke University Press, 2011. [Revised version of “Undone by Desire.”]

“Unspoken Exclusions: Race, Nation, and Empire in the Immigration Restrictions of the 1920s in North America and the Greater Caribbean.” In Leon Fink, ed., *Workers Across the Americas: The Transnational Turn in Labor History*. Oxford University Press, 2011.

“Eventually Alien: The Multigenerational Saga of British West Indians in Central America and Beyond, 1880-1940.” In Lowell Gudmundson and Justin Wolfe, eds., *Blacks and Blackness in Central America: Between Race and Place*. Duke University Press, 2010.

“‘Nothing Matters But Color’: Transnational Circuits, the Interwar Caribbean, and the Black International.” Pp. 107-129 in Michael O. West, William G. Martin, and Fanon Che Wilkins, eds., *From Toussaint to Tupac: The Black International since the Age of Revolution*. University of North Carolina Press, 2009.

“Work, Sex, and Power in a Central American Export Economy at the Turn of the Twentieth Century.” In *Gender, Sexuality, and Power in Latin America*, ed. Katherine Bliss and William French. Rowman & Littlefield, 2006.

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“Sex and Standing in the Streets of Port Limón, Costa Rica, 1890-1910.” In *Honor, Status, and Law in Modern Latin America*, ed. Caulfield, Chambers, and Putnam. Duke University Press, 2005. [Revised version of Chapter 5 from *The Company They Kept*.]

“La población afro costarricense según los datos del Censo de 2000.” In *Costa Rica a la luz del censo del 2000*, ed. Luis Rosero Bixby. San José, C. R.: Centro Centroamericano de Población de la Universidad de Costa Rica, 2004.

Collective works and published conference proceedings

“‘Rewriting the Rape of Rachel’ and How History Changes.” Invited contribution to Methods and Practices forum, *William & Mary Quarterly*, 3rd series, 80, no. 4 (2023): 701-708.

Forward. In special issue on Women and Pan-Africanism, ed. Natanya Duncan, *76 Liberty Hall Journal: The Journal of Liberty Hall: The Legacy of Marcus Garvey* 5 (2021): 1-5.

“Conversation: Revisiting Publics and Counterpublics, with Karin Barber, Lara Putnam, and Michael Warner.” In “Print Worlds and the Making of a Colonial Public Sphere,” special issue convened by Emma Hunter, Leslie James and Stephanie Newell, *Itinerario* 44 (2020): 1-17.

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“¿Qué tan ajenos, y qué tan extranjeros?: Los antillanos británicos en América Central, 1870-1940.” *El Caribe Centroamericano*. Vol. 5 of Colección *Del Olvido a la memoria*, ed. Rina Cáceres. San Jose: Unesco/Universidad de Costa Rica. 2011. [Condensed version of “Foráneos al Fin,” above, directed at secondary school teachers.]

Contributing scholar. *Marcus Garvey and the U.N.I.A. Papers*. Volume XI: The Caribbean Diaspora, 1910–1920, ed. Robert Hill. Duke University Press, 2011.

“Kinship Relations and Social Networks among Jamaican Migrants in Costa Rica, 1870-1940.” 204-227 in *Regional Footprints: The Travels and Travails of Early Caribbean Migrants*, ed. Annette Insanally, Mark Clifford, and Sean Sheriff. Latin American-Caribbean Centre, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica, 2006.

“Transnational Circuits of the Interwar Caribbean.” In *El Caribe Centroamericano*. Publicaciones del Instituto Renvall no. 18. Renvall Institute for Area and Cultural Studies, University of Finland, Helsinki, 2005.

“¿Historia con perspectiva étnica, o historia de las etnias ‘marcadas’?” In *Entre Dos Siglos: La investigación histórica costarricense, 1992-2002*. Museo Histórico Cultural Juan Santamaría, Alajuela, Costa Rica, 2003.

“Migración y género en la organización de la producción: Una comparación de la industria bananera en Costa Rica y Jamaica (1880-1935).” In *Memoria del IV Simposio Panamericano de Historia del Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia*. México D.F., 2001.

Book reviews

“Caribbean Kinship from Within and Without.” Review of *Family Love in the Diaspora*, by Mary Chamberlain. *History Workshop Journal* 66 (2008): 279-288.

Review of *The Virgin, the King, and the Slaves of El Cobre*, by María Elena Díaz. *Labor History* 44, no. 3 (2003): 395-396.

Review of *Mujeres e identidades* by Ruth Cubillo. *Revista Historia de América* (Instituto Panamericano de Geografía e Historia) no. 129 (julio-diciembre 2001).

Review of *An Agrarian Republic* by Aldo Lauria Santiago. *Revista de Historia* (San José, Costa Rica) no. 42 (2001).

Translations

“Nationalism, Races, and Classes in the Revolution of 1895 and the Cuban First Republic.” By Fernando Martínez Heredia. *Cuban Studies/Estudios Cubanos* no. 33 (2003).

“Las orígenes de los esclavos en las Américas. Perspectivas metodológicas.” By Paul Lovejoy. *Revista de Historia* (San José, Costa Rica) no. 39 (1999).

Writing for popular audience

“Why we need to say no to vigilantism after Election Day too.” *Pennsylvania Capital Star*, November 7, 2022. <https://www.penncapital-star.com/commentary/why-we-need-to-say-no-to-vigilantism-after-election-day-too/>

With Micah Sifry. “Fed Up With Democratic Emails? You’re Not the Only One.” *New York Times*, August 1, 2022. <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/01/opinion/democrats-2024-election.html>

Interview by David Singerman. “Public Thinker: Lara Putnam Wants You to Knock on Your Neighbor’s Door.” *Public Seminar*, July 20, 2022. <https://www.publicbooks.org/lara-putnam-wants-you-to-knock-on-your-neighbors-door/>

“Facebook Has a Child Predation Problem.” *WIRED*, March 13, 2022. <https://www.wired.com/story/facebook-has-a-child-predation-problem/>

“Local Canadian convoy support builds on years of disinformation.” *The Hill*, February 24, 2022. <https://thehill.com/opinion/technology/595496-years-of-disinformation-have-led-us-to-local-canadian-style-convoys>

"The Other Infrastructure Program: Progressive Organizing." *The American Prospect*, February 22, 2021. <https://prospect.org/politics/other-infrastructure-program-progressive-organizing/>

"Misremembering a Summer of Protest: Comparing the Capitol riot to the Racial Justice Movement Cements a False History." *Public Source* (online) and *Pittsburgh City Paper* (print and online), February 17, 2021. <https://www.pghcitypaper.com/pittsburgh/misremembering-a-summer-of-protest-comparing-the-capitol-riot-to-the-racial-justice-movement-cements-a-false-history/Content?oid=18937357>

"On Postcards and Superpowers." *The Forge: Organizing Strategy and Practice*, December 8, 2020. <https://forgeorganizing.org/article/postcards-and-superpowers>

With Dana Fischer, "Door-Knocking in a Life-or-Death Campaign," *The American Prospect*, October 1, 2020. <https://prospect.org/politics/door-knocking-in-a-life-or-death-campaign/>

"Rust Belt in Transition: What has happened in Pennsylvania's, and the entire Rust Belt's, 'Middle Suburb' counties, and can it be reversed?" *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*. Summer 2020 print edition (no. 57) <https://democracyjournal.org/magazine/57/rust-belt-in-transition/>

With Jeremy Pressman and Erica Chenoweth. "Black Lives Matter beyond America's big cities: Here's the new geography of youth activism." Monkey Cage Blog, *Washington Post*, July 8, 2020. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/07/08/black-lives-matter-beyond-americas-big-cities/>

With Erica Chenoweth and Jeremy Pressman. "The Floyd protests are the broadest in U.S. history — and are spreading to white, small-town America." Monkey Cage Blog, *Washington Post*, June 6, 2020. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/06/06/floyd-protests-are-broadest-us-history-are-spreading-white-small-town-america/>

With Daniel Schlozman, Tabatha Abu El-Haj, Joseph Anthony, Jacob M. Grumbach, Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, Adam Seth Levine, and Caroline Tervo. "Local Political Parties As Networks: A Guide To Self-Assessment." White paper, Scholars' Strategy Network, May 2020. <https://scholars.org/contribution/local-political-parties-guide>

"Und sie kämpfen weiter: Die Rolle von Frauen in der US-Politik." *Böll Thema: Das Magazin der Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung* 20-3, July 2020. <https://www.boell.de/de/2020/07/26/und-sie-kaempfen-weiter-die-rolle-von-frauen-der-us-politik>

"'Resistance' Women Loved Elizabeth Warren. Here's Why Their Groups Didn't Fight for Her." *The American Prospect*, March 6, 2020. <https://prospect.org/politics/resistance-women-loved-elizabeth-warren-didnt-fight-for-her/> Republished in Public Seminar, March 10, 2020. <https://publicseminar.org/essays/resistance-women-loved-elizabeth-warren-heres-why-their-groups-didnt-fight-for-her/>

"Iowa and Democratic Funders' Delusions," *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, February 6, 2020. <https://democracyjournal.org/arguments/iowa-and-democratic-funders-delusions/>

With Gabriel Perez-Putnam. "Grassroots Blossom Across America, Reshaping Country's Political Geography." *American Communities Project*, September 13, 2019. <https://www.americancommunities.org/grassroots-blossom-across-america-reshaping-countrys-political-geography/>

"In Pennsylvania's Exurbs and Urban Suburbs, Political Organizing Has Been Intense Since 2016. What Could It Mean for 2020?" *American Communities Project*, August 06, 2019.

<https://www.americancommunities.org/in-pennsylvanias-exurbs-and-urban-suburbs-political-organizing-has-been-intense-since-2016-what-could-it-mean-for-2020/>

With Gabriel Perez Putnam. “How Today’s Anti-Trump Protests Will Shape the 2020 Election.” *Washington Monthly*, July 12, 2019. <https://washingtonmonthly.com/2019/07/12/how-todays-anti-trump-protests-will-shape-the-2020-election/>

With Hahrie Han. “The best way for Democrats to win in 2020? By ignoring the candidates for now.” *Washington Post*, Outlook section, April 29, 2019 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/04/29/best-way-democrats-win-by-ignoring-candidates-now/>

“The progressive base is more pragmatic than you might think.” Vox.com March 25, 2019. <https://www.vox.com/first-person/2019/3/25/18275868/2020-presidential-election-midterms-democrats-candidate-progressive-base>

With Gabriel Perez Putnam. "[What Dollar Stores Tell Us About Electoral Politics.](https://washingtonmonthly.com/2019/03/09/what-dollar-stores-tell-us-about-electoral-politics/)" *Washington Monthly*, March 9, 2019. <https://washingtonmonthly.com/2019/03/09/what-dollar-stores-tell-us-about-electoral-politics/>

With Kenneth Andrews, Hahrie Han, Alexander Hertl-Fernandez, Theda Skocpol, Daniel Schlozman, and Vanessa Williamson. “How to Revitalize America's Local Political Parties.” Research brief, Scholars’ Strategy Network, January 2019. <https://scholars.org/contribution/how-revitalize-americas-local-political-parties>

With Theda Skocpol. "[Accentuate the Activists.](https://newrepublic.com/article/150462/women-rebuilding-democratic-party-ground)" *The New Republic*, September 2018 print issue. <https://newrepublic.com/article/150462/women-rebuilding-democratic-party-ground>

“There Is No Civil War.” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, May 2018. <https://democracyjournal.org/arguments/there-is-no-civil-war/>

“Digital Fixes Won’t Solve the Democrats’ Problems.” *American Prospect*, April 2018. <http://prospect.org/article/digital-fixes-wont-solve-democrats-problems>

“Who Really Won PA 18?” *Democracy: A Journal of Ideas*, March 2018. <https://democracyjournal.org/arguments/who-really-won-pa-18/> [Referenced and quoted in *Washington Post*, *American Prospect*.]

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With Robert Putnam. “The Real Scandal the DNC Should Avoid.” *Washington Post*, November 12, 2017. <http://wapo.st/2zyIDQc>

“The Opportunity Cost of Remaining a Book Discipline.” *Perspectives on History: The Newsmagazine of the American Historical Association*, April 2015. <https://www.historians.org/publications-and-directories/perspectives-on-history/april-2015/the-opportunity-costs-of-remaining-a-book-discipline>

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“Family and the Cost of Borders.” UNC Press Blog, January 30, 2013. <http://uncpressblog.com/2013/01/30/lara-putnam-families-and-the-cost-of-borders/>

“Children of Immigrants, the American Way: Mitt, Gwen, and Barack.” UNC Press Blog, August 30, 2012. <http://uncpressblog.com/2012/08/30/lara-putnam-children-of-immigrants-the-american-way-mitt-gwen-and-barack/>

With Robert Putnam. “The Growing Class Gap.” *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, April 20, 2008. <http://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/2008/04/20/Sunday-Forum-The-growing-class-gap/stories/200804200150>

Media and public service

Member, advisory board, New Pennsylvania Project Education Foundation
<https://www.newpaproject.org>

Interviewed, Democracy Works Podcast, August 2022
<https://www.democracyworkspodcast.com/putnam-sifry/>

Interviewed, Out D’Coup Podcast, Raging Chicken Press, November 2021
<https://rcrepress.podbean.com/e/out-d-coup-live-lara-putnam-prof-of-history-at-u-of-pittsburgh-on-rust-belt-in-transition-and-organizing-for-democracy/>

Interviewed, The Weeds Podcast with Matthew Yglesias, March 2021
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/all-organizing-is-local/id1042433083?i=1000510816982>

Interviewed, Moms Rising/Democracy Rising Podcast, November 2020
<https://www.momsrising.org/blog/democracy-rising>

Interviewed, The Great Battlefield Podcast, June 2019
<https://podcasts.apple.com/si/podcast/historians-perspective-on-grassroots-organizing-professor/id1243705071?i=1000441822491>

Interviewed, Democracy Works Podcast, August 2018
<https://www.democracyworkspodcast.com/category/lara-putnam/>

Interviewed, AHR Interview Podcast, “A Look Back at Lara Putnam’s Article “The Transnational and the Text-Searchable,” October 2018 <https://ahrinterview.libsyn.com/a-look-back-at-lara-putnams-article-the-transnational-and-the-text-searchable>

Further media quotes and appearances: WESA, WKOK, KDKA, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *New Republic*, *Atlantic*, *New Yorker*, *Mother Jones*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, and more.

HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Awarded Andrés Ramos Mattei-Neville Hall Article Prize for 2014-2015 by Association of Caribbean Historians for “Citizenship from the Margins: Vernacular Theories of Rights and the State from the Interwar Caribbean,” *Journal of British Studies* 53, no. 1 (2014): 162-191.

Invited visiting professor, Posgrado en Historia, Centro de Investigaciones Históricas de América Central, Universidad de Costa Rica, June 2016.

32nd Annual Elsa Goveia Memorial Lecturer, University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica, March 2016.

Radical Moves awarded special mention for 2013-2014 Elsa Goveia Book Prize, Association of Caribbean Historians.

Cecil and Ida Green Honors Chair, AddRan College of Liberal Arts, Texas Christian University, April 2015.

“Author meets critics” session organized by Race and Ethnicity Network of Social Science History Association for *Radical Moves*, Social Science History Association 39th Annual Conference, Toronto, Nov. 6-9, 2014.

Visiting Scholar, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Maryland-College Park, February-March, 2013.

School of Arts & Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, Type I Third Term Research Stipend. Summer 2008.

ACLS/SSRC/NEH International and Area Studies Fellowship. In support of project, “Divergent Destinies: State Racism, Civil Society, and Policies toward British Caribbean Youth at Home and Abroad, 1900-1970.” January-December 2006.

Central Research Development Fund, University of Pittsburgh. Two-year research grant in support of project “The Problem of Youth at the End of Empire: Migrants’ Children In and Around the Caribbean, 1903-1962.” August 2004-July 2006.

Central America Fellowship. David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, Fall 2001.

Premio Nacional de Historia Aquileo J. Echeverría, awarded to *Revista de Historia* no. 39 (Número Especial: Conmemoración al 175 aniversario de la abolición de la esclavitud en Centroamérica), 2000.

TEACHING

Graduate students supervised

Department of History, University of Pittsburgh, current

- Krysta Beam. “‘Needy in Body, Soul, and Spirit’: Missionary Women, Working Children, and Transnational Child-Saving in the 20th Century.” Supervised M.A. 2019. Ph.D. expected 2024.
- Chelsey Smith. “Popular Education in the Era of Post-Emancipation: Race, Labor, and Reform in Nineteenth Century Jamaica, 1834-1870s.” Supervised M.A. 2019. Ph.D. expected 2024.
- Manuel Robles. “Black Inclusion: Afro-Mexicans and the International Struggle for Recognition, 1974-2019.” Co-advising Ph.D., expected 2024.
- Eloy Romero Blanco. “Latin American New Orleans and US Expansionism in the Antebellum Era (1803-1861).” Co-advising Ph.D., expected 2025.

Department of History, University of Pittsburgh, completed

- Matthew Plishka. “Cycles of Crisis and Adaptation: A Multispecies Political Ecology of Late-Colonial Jamaica, 1870-1960.” Co-advised Ph.D. 2022.
- Aura Jirau Arroyo. “Our University: Political Change and Student Protest in the Universidad de Puerto Rico, 1952-1981.” Co-advised M.A. 2016. Supervised Ph.D. 2021.
- José Andrés Fernández Montes de Oca. “Jamaica in the Age of Development: Petitions, Small Farming, and Agricultural Planning, 1895-1972.” Supervised M.A. 2016; Ph.D. 2020.
- Johnathan White. “It was All a Dream... Pittsburgh’s Black Musicians Local 471: Collective Memories, Alternative Truths.” Co-advised Ph.D. 2020.
- Bethany Wade. “Enlightened Burial: Death and Science in the Spanish Caribbean, 1800-1870.” Co-advised Ph.D. 2020.
- Warner Sabio. “A People Make Sail: Garinagu Migration to the U.S. in the Early 20th Century.” Supervised M.A. 2019.
- Nicole Bourbonnais. “Out of the Boudoir and into the Banana Walk: Birth Control Campaigns and Reproductive Politics in the West Indies, 1930-1970.” Canadian Social Science and Humanities Council Research Fellowship, 2009-2013. Supervised M.A. 2009; Ph.D. 2013. Dissertation won 2013 Women’s Studies Dissertation Prize, University of Pittsburgh, and 2013 Eduardo Lozano Memorial Dissertation Prize for the best doctoral dissertation in Latin American Studies at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Julien Comte. “Syphilis and Sex: Transatlantic Medicine and Public Health in Argentina and the United States, 1880-1940.” Supervised Ph.D. 2013.
- Alejandra Boza Villarreal. “Negotiating Indigenous Autonomy: Politics, Land, and Religion in Tierradentro (Colombia), 1905-1950.” Vicentian Studies Institute Research Grant, 2010-2011. Supervised Ph.D. 2013.
- Kavin Paulraj. “Jamaica Brasileira: The Politics of Reggae in São Luís, Brazil.” Fulbright-IEE Fellowship, 2010. Supervised Ph.D. 2013.
- Elizabeth Molnar. “Land Rights and the Precarity of Law in Caribbean Central America, 1935-2010.” Canadian Social Science and Humanities Council Research Fellowship, 2011-2015. Supervised M.A. 2011.
- Stuart Easterling. “French Overseas Scholarship, the Professionalization of Historical Research, and the Problem of the *Romanesque* in Nineteenth-century French Accounts of the Wider World.” Supervised M.A. 2006.
- Ruth Cuevas. “The Legacy of No Nos Tientes: How Guatemalan Students Saw the World Around Them, 1945-1954.” Supervised M.A. 2006.

Posgrado en Historia, Universidad de Costa Rica

- Alejandra Boza. “Indígenas, afroantillanos, estado, misioneros y compañías en el sur de Costa Rica, 1840-1940 (Turrialba, Chirripó, Valle de la Estrella, Talamanca, Orosi y Pacífico Sur).” M.A. 2004. Revised and published as *La frontera indígena de la Gran Talamanca, 1840-1930* (Editoriales Universitarias Públicas Costarricenses, 2014); won Costa Rica’s national Premio Áncora en Historia, 2015.
- Hector Concoha. “Reforma Liberal y Tenencia de Tierras en San Juan Sacatepequez, Guatemala.” M.A. 2003.

Other thesis committee service (University of Pittsburgh unless specified)

In progress

- Courtney Besaw, Anthropology (doctoral committee)
- Luana Moreira Reis, Hispanic Languages & Literatures (doctoral committee)
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- Kiana Knight, History (MA 2022)
- Sebastian Cuéllar Sarmiento, Sociology (Ph.D. 2021)
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- Joan Flores Villalobos, New York University Department of History (Ph.D. 2018)
- Ben Barson, Music (M.A. 2017)
- Kelly Urban, History (M.A. 2012; Ph.D. 2017)
- Araceli Mendiluce, History (M.A. 2016)
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- Jesse Horst, History (M.A. 2012; Ph.D. 2016)
- John Galante, History (M.A. 2012; Ph.D. 2016)
- Sebastián Fajardo, Anthropology (Ph.D. 2016)
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- Gerardo Aguilar Molinari, Hispanic Languages and Literatures (Ph.D. 2015)
- Daniel Núñez, Sociology (Ph.D. 2015)
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- Alessandra Chiriboga, Hispanic Languages and Literatures (Ph.D. 2014)
- Suset Laboy-Perez, History (Ph.D. 2014)
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Graduate courses taught at Pitt

Transnational Labor in the Americas (HIST 2530: Fall 2014, Fall 2020)

Rethinking the Twentieth-Century Black Atlantic: Circuits, Spheres, Social Movements (HIST 2724: Fall 2012, Spring 2019, Fall 2022)

Power and Inequality: Core Seminar (HIST 2732: Fall 2013, Fall 2016)

Cultural Studies Common Seminar (CLST 2050: Spring 2015)

Gender, Ethnicity, Race, and Religion Core Seminar (HIST 2712: co-taught with Bruce Venarde Fall 2004, Fall 2006; taught as sole instructor, Spring 2010)

The Caribbean (HIST 2508: Spring 2009)

Spiritual Crossings in the Atlantic World (HIST 2726: co-taught with Rebecca Shumway, Fall 2007)

Undergraduate courses

Women in Latin American History (HIST 1560: Spring 2004, Summer 2004, Spring 2005, Fall 2011, Fall 2015, Fall 2017, Fall 2019, Spring 2022, Fall 2023)

Modern Latin American History (HIST 0501: Fall 2003, Spring 2004, Fall 2004, Spring 2007, Spring 2008, Spring 2009, Spring 2011, Spring 2022)

Capstone Seminar [required research seminar for history majors] (HIST 1000: Fall 2013)

The Politics of Historical Memory: Legacies of State Terror in Latin America (HIST 1511: Spring 2012)

Colonial Latin American History (HIST 0500: Fall 2007, Fall 2008)

Introductory Seminar [required writing seminar for history majors] (HIST 1001: Spring 2005)

DIGITAL HUMANITIES PROJECT PARTICIPATION

Co-lead, Southwest PA Civic Resilience Initiative, Pitt Disinformation Lab, University of Pittsburgh Institute for Cyber Law, Policy, and Security.

- Co-PI, “Building Community Resilience Against Disinformation in Western Pennsylvania,” Hillman Foundation, \$110,000, 2022-24.
- Co-PI, “Understanding Civic Resilience in Homewood and Surrounding Neighborhoods,” Year of Data and Society, \$8,000, 2022.

- Co-PI, “Understanding Data, Digital Culture, and Disinformation: Community Outreach to Bolster Media Literacy and Democratic Resilience in the Monongahela River Valley,” Year of Data and Society, \$8,000, 2022.

Co-principal investigator, “Information Ecosystems: Creating Data (and Absence) From the Quantitative to the Digital Age.” Recipient, Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar, \$225,000, 2019-21.

Co-principal investigator, with Rosta Farzan and Mehr Latif, “Framework for Qualitative Research into Social Media and Misinformation.” Recipient, Pitt Cyber Accelerator Grant, 2021-22.

Co-principal investigator, with Rongqian Ma and Lingfei Wu, “Measuring Worldviews: A Map of Stubborn Social Skills.” Recipient, Pitt Cyber Accelerator Grant, 2020-21.

Advisory board member, “Beyond Citation: Encouraging Critical Thinking about Academic Databases,” CUNY Graduate Center New Media Lab. Recipient, NEH Digital Humanities Start-up Grant, 2016.

Participant, “Transforming the Afro-Caribbean World,” Center for the History of the New America and the Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities. Recipient, NEH Digital Humanities Start-up Grant, March 2014.

LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Appointed external member, Consejo Académico del Espacio de Estudios Avanzados de la Universidad de Costa Rica (UCREA), 2022-2023.

Past president, Conference on Latin American History, 2019-2021 (President, 2017-2018; President-elect, 2015-2016).

Consulting editor for digital initiatives, *American Historical Review*, 2019-2022. Member, Board of Editors, 2016-2019.

Contributing editor, *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History in the Americas*, 2004-2006, 2015-present. Member, Board of Editors, 2006-2009.

Member, Program Committee, American Historical Association 2013 Annual Meeting.

Co-Senior Editor, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, July 2007 to June 2012.

Chair, Caribbean Studies Committee, Conference on Latin American History, 2009.

INVITED LECTURES AND KEYNOTES

Universidad de San Martín, Buenos Aires; Pontificia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro; York; Cornell; l’Institut l’Institut français des relations internationales (Ifri), Paris; Asociación Colombiana de Estudios del Caribe; Penn State Greater Allegheny; Temple University; University of York, UK; Frei Universität, Berlin; EHESS, Paris; Yale; Brown; Oxford; Smith College; University of Texas at Austin; New York University; University of North Texas; Duke; Michigan State University; Penn State University; Tulane; University of Michigan; U.S. Naval Academy; National Museum of American History; Society for Caribbean Studies Northern Network, Manchester, U.K.; Cornell; UCLA; University of Chicago; University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg; University of Toronto; University of California, Irvine.

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