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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020-present University of Nevada, Reno
Associate Professor of History
- 2017-2020 University of Nevada, Reno
Assistant Professor of History
- 2012-2017 Boston University
Assistant Professor of International Relations and Latin American Studies

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D. History, University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 M.A. History, University of Texas at Austin
- 2004 B.A. History, Arizona State University
- 2004 B.A. Spanish, Arizona State University

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2015 *Mexico's Cold War: Cuba, the United States, and the Legacy of the Mexican Revolution* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2015)
- Winner, 2016 SECOLAS Alfred B. Thomas Book Prize
 - Honorable Mention, 2016 RMCLAS Thomas McGann Book Prize
 - Special Commendation, 2018 RMCLAS Michael C. Meyer Prize for best book on Mexican History in a 5-year period
- *Nuclear Reactions: The Cuban Missile Crisis and Cold War in Latin America* (in progress, under contract with UNC Press)

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2019 "Responsibility of the Great Ones: How the Organization of American States and the United Nations Helped Resolve the Cuban Missile Crisis," *Journal of Latin American Studies* 51:4 (November 2019), 883-904

- 2019 “The Revolution Will Be Teletyped: Cuba’s Prensa Latina News Agency and the Cold War Contest Over Information,” *Journal of Cold War Studies* 21, no. 3 (Summer 2019), 88-113
- Honorable Mention, 2020 SECOLAS Sturgis Leavitt Award for Best Article
- 2017 “Fan Mail to Fidel: The Cuban Revolution and Mexican Solidarity,” *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* 33, no. 1 (February 2017), 6-31
- 2015 “The Latin American Missile Crisis,” *Diplomatic History* 39:2 (April 2015), 195-222
- Winner, 2016 NECLAS Joseph T. Criscenti Best Article Prize
- 2013 “Building ‘Nuestra América:’ National Sovereignty and Regional Integration in the Americas,” *Contexto Internacional*, 35, no. 2 (2013), 537-564
- 2012 “A Foreign Policy for Domestic Consumption: Mexico’s Lukewarm Defense of Castro, 1959-1969,” *The Latin American Research Review* 47, no. 2 (Summer 2012), 100-119
- 2010 “The Martyrdom of Monseñor Angelelli: The Popular Creation of Martyrs in Twentieth-Century Argentina,” *The Journal of Religion & Society*, 12 (2010)

Book Chapters

- 2019 “Testing the Limits of Censorship? *Política* Magazine and Mexico’s ‘Perfect Dictatorship,’ 1960-1967,” in *Journalism, Censorship, and Satire in Mexico*, ed. Benjamin Smith, Paul Gillingham, and Michael Lettieri (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2019), 221-235
- 2013 “Don Lázaro Rises Again: Heated Rhetoric, Cold Warfare, and the 1961 Latin American Peace Conference” in *Beyond the Eagle’s Shadow: New Histories of Latin America’s Cold War*, ed. Virginia Garrard-Burnett, Mark Lawrence, and Julio Moreno (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2013), 129-149

Peer-Reviewed Journal-Length Encyclopedia Articles

- “Latin America in the Atomic Age,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History* (under contract)
- 2016 “U.S.-Mexican Relations from Independence to the Present,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (March 2016)

Reviews

- 2019 Review of Marc Becker, *The FBI in Latin America: The Ecuador Files*, in *Journal of American Studies* 53:2 (May 2019), 336
- 2019 Review of Teishan A. Latner, *Cuban Revolution in America: Havana and the Making of a United States Left, 1968-1992*, H-LatAm, H-net Reviews (April 2019)

- 2019 Review of Lars Schoultz, *In Their Own Best Interest: A History of the U.S. Effort to Improve Latin Americans*, in *The Americas* 76:2 (April 2019), 391-392
- 2016 “International Relations: Mexico and Central America,” in Hispanic Division of Library of Congress, *Handbook of Latin American Studies* vol. 71 (Austin, University of Texas Press), 350-356
- 2016 Review of Patrick Iber, *Neither Peace Nor Freedom: The Cultural Cold War in Latin America*, H-Diplo, H-net Reviews (February 2016)
- 2015 Review of Christopher Darnton, *Rivalry and Alliance Politics in Cold War Latin America*, in *Perspectives on Politics* 13:4 (December 2015), 1208-1209
- 2014 “International Relations: Mexico and Central America,” in Hispanic Division of Library of Congress, *Handbook of Latin American Studies* vol. 69 (Austin, University of Texas Press), 344-351
- 2014 Review of Thomas Tunstall Allcock, “The First Alliance for Progress? Reshaping the Eisenhower Administration’s Policy toward Latin America.” H-Diplo, H-net Reviews (November 2014)
- 2014 Review of Heather A. Vrana, “‘Do Not Tempt Us!’: The Guatemalan University in Protest, Memory, and Political Change, 1944—Present,” *Dissertation Reviews*, May 2014
- 2012 “Review of Castro, Soraya; Pruessen, Ronald W., eds., *Fifty Years of Revolution: Perspectives on Cuba, the United States, and the World*. H-Diplo, H-net Reviews (December 2012)

Other Publications

- 2016 “From One Disaster to Another? Mexico’s Cold War and the War on Drugs,” *North American Congress on Latin America (NACLA) Blog* (March 22, 2016)
- 2015 “The History of U.S.-Cuban Relations,” *Backlist* (December 9, 2015)
- 2015 “Cuba Ascending,” *World Policy Blog* (October 5, 2015)
- 2015 “Mexico: From Cold War to Drug War,” *The Strategy Bridge* (September 30, 2015), reposted in *The National Interest* (October 1, 2015)
- 2015 “Stamps, Rum, and Hand Grenades: Fidel Castro’s Recipe for Revolution,” *Wilson Center Cold War International History Project e-Dossier*, No. 66 (September 29, 2015)
- 2015 “Ending the Quest for Control: The Weight of History on U.S.-Cuban Relations,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (April 20, 2015), Front Page section
- 2012 “Research Note: Transparency and Transition in Mexico,” H-Intel (July 10, 2012)

- 2009 “Economics and Democracy: An Interview with Miguel Alemán Velasco,” *Portal*, Issue 4, 2008-2009, Austin: University of Texas Press

PRIZES

- 2020 Sturgis Leavitt Award for Best Article, Honorable Mention, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies
- 2018 Michael C. Meyer Book Prize, Special Commendation, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies
- 2016 Alfred B. Thomas Book Prize, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies
- 2016 Thomas McGann Book Prize, Honorable Mention, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies
- 2016 Joseph T. Criscenti Article Prize, New England Council of Latin American Studies
- 2010 Edward H. Moseley Paper Prize, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend
- 2016 American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant
- 2015 BU Center for the Humanities Tertulia Award
- 2014 BU Center for the Humanities Publication Production Award
- 2013 Kluge Fellowship, U.S. Library of Congress
- 2011 Philanthropic Educational Organization Scholar Award
- 2009 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2009 University of Texas Mexican Center E.D. Farmer Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2009 University of Texas Department of History Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2008 University of Texas Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2008 University of Texas Mexican Center Summer Research Fellowship
- 2006 Fulbright Teaching Assistantship, Argentina

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “Mexico’s Cold War: Cuba, the United States, and the Legacy of the Mexican Revolution,” book talk, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University (April 25, 2016)
- 2015 “‘We Will Fight for Peace’: Mexico, the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Cold War in Latin America,” book talk, Center for the Study of the United States and the Cold War, NYU (November 12, 2015)
- 2015 “Whose News? Cuba’s Prensa Latina and the Cold War Contest Over Information,” Boston-Area Latin American History Workshop Series, Harvard (September 22, 2015)
- 2015 “Life: Past—How We Write About Those Who Came Before Us,” panel at Scholarfest at the Library of Congress (June 11, 2015)
- 2015 “Looking Back to Move Forward: Political Crisis and Social Mobilization in Mexico,” panel at MIT (February 19, 2015)
- 2014 “Country of Migrants: A History of Immigration to Mexico,” address at Harvard Initiative for Latin American Relations conference (October 11, 2014)
- 2014 “Mexico’s Cold War: Cuba, the United States, and the Struggle Over the Legacy of the Mexican Revolution,” Kluge Center Lecture, Library of Congress (February 20, 2014)
- 2013 Panelist, “Gold Fever” screening at Fordham University (October 17, 2013)

MEDIA AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2019 Interview, “Historias 44: Renata Keller on Mexico’s Cold War and an Inter-American History of the Cuban Missile Crisis,” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies podcast (April 8, 2019)
- 2018 Interview, “Historias 28: Tanya Harmer and Renata Keller on Latin America’s Cold War,” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies podcast (November 5, 2018)
- 2016 Interview, “Mexico’s Cold War: Cuba, the United States, and the Legacy of the Mexican Revolution,” New Books in Latin American Studies podcast (February 7, 2016)
- 2016 Interview, “Cold War Expert Sees Parallels in Mexico’s Drug War Struggles,” InSight Crime (January 29, 2016)
- 2015 Interview, “Historical Context of the Video Game Tropicico 5,” History Respawned, Youtube (July 24, 2015)
- 2014 Interview, “A Historical Perspective on the U.S.-Cuba Relationship,” Insights: Scholarly Work at the John W. Kluge Center (December 19, 2014)

- 2014 Interview, "End of U.S. Isolation Toward Cuba 'Really Promising,' Says Expert," Radio France Internationale (December 17, 2014)
- 2014 Interview, "Drug Cartel Chaos in Mexico," NECN television show Broadside: The News with Jim Braude (November 17, 2014)
- 2013 Interview, "With Hugo Chávez Dead, What Now? CAS prof ponders Venezuela's future," BU Today (March 11, 2013)

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Symposia Organized

- 2015 Symposium on U.S.-Cuban Relations, Boston University, November 2015

Panels Organized

- 2020 "Latin American Cold War Anti-Communisms," Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies Conference
- 2019 "The Cuban Missile Crisis from Within and Without," Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference
- 2017 "The Pen and the 'Scalar' Cold War: Solicitation and Petitionary Correspondence Across and Beyond the Nation in Latin America, 1943-1983," American Historical Association Meeting
- 2016 "Latin America in the Cold War: Methods and Interpretations," Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference
- 2015 "Interpersonal and International Relations: Inter-American Connections During the Cold War," Latin American Studies Association Conference
- 2015 "'You Say You Want a Revolution': Student Struggles to Change Their Societies During Latin America's Cold War," Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference
- 2014 "México en la Guerra Fría, la Guerra Fría en México," XIV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México, University of Chicago
- 2014 "The Latin American Cold War: Inter-American or Anti-American?" Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference
- 2013 "Student Activism, Political Alliances, and Visions of a New Social Order in Mexico and Central America," Latin American Studies Association Conference
- 2012 "Revolutionary Reverberations: Latin American Politics in the Wake of the Cuban Revolution," American Historical Association Meeting

Papers Presented

- 2019 “‘Atomic Terrorism’: The Cuban Missile Crisis in the Colombian Press,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference
- 2019 “Decentering the History of the Cuban Missile Crisis,” The Cuban Revolution at 60 Conference, New York University
- 2018 “Rethinking the Cuban Missile Crisis: The Overlooked Role of the Organization of American States and the United Nations,” Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies Conference
- 2017 “Brothers in Arms: The Cuban Revolution and Mexican Solidarity,” American Historical Association Meeting
- 2016 “*Política* Magazine and Mexico’s ‘Perfect Dictatorship’ in the 1960s,” Latin American Studies Association Conference
- 2015 “Latin America and the Cuban Missile Crisis,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference
- 2015 “Diplomacy’s Backstage: Espionage and International Relations Among Mexico, Cuba, and the United States,” Latin American Studies Association Conference
- 2015 “The Role of Third-Party Countries in U.S.-Cuban Relations,” paper presentation on roundtable “A Discussion on the Proposed Changes in U.S.-Cuba Relations,” Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies Conference
- 2015 “Fan Mail to Fidel: Messages of Friendship and Fraternity from Mexican Students to Cuba,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference
- 2014 “Qué tan excepcional fue la Guerra Fría Mexicana?” XIV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México, University of Chicago
- 2014 “Weighing Alliances: U.S. Perceptions of Mexico’s Cold War,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference
- 2014 “Testing the Limits of Censorship: *Política* Magazine and Mexico’s ‘Perfect Dictatorship,’ 1960-1967,” Libertad Bajo Palabra: Censorship, Satire, and the Press in Mexico conference at UC San Diego Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies
- 2014 “Friend and Foe: Fidel Castro’s ‘Exceptional’ Relations with Mexico,” American Historical Association Meeting
- 2013 Panelist, “From Dissertation to Book,” Library of Congress Kluge Center Professionalization Seminar

- 2013 “An ‘Exceptional’ Relationship: Mexico and Fidel Castro’s Export of Revolution,” New England Council of Latin American Studies Conference
- 2013 “Kennedy, Johnson, and the Cold War Calculus of Mexico’s Relations with Cuba,” Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Conference
- 2013 “The Ghost of Guevara and the Tlatelolco Massacre: Cuba and the 1968 Mexican Student Movement,” Latin American Studies Association Conference
- 2013 “Cuba and the 1968 Mexican Student Movement,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference
- 2012 “Building a Revolutionary Community: The 1961 Latin American Peace Conference and the 1966 Tricontinental Conference in Comparative Perspective,” American Historical Association Meeting
- 2010 “Capitalizing on Castro: Mexico’s Foreign Relations with Cuba and the United States, 1959-1969,” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies Conference
- 2009 “Capitalizing on Castro: Mexico’s Foreign Relations with Cuba and the United States, 1959-1969,” Latin America in the Cold War Conference, University of Texas
- 2009 “Capitalizing on Castro: Mexico’s Foreign Relations with Cuba and the United States, 1959-1969,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference
- 2009 “Capitalizing on Castro: Mexico’s Foreign Relations with Cuba and the United States, 1959-1969,” Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Student Association Conference
- 2008 “The Martyrdom of Monseñor Angelelli,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference

Discussant

- 2015 “Missing Exiles, Counter-Revolutionaries, Social Scientists, and Some Nukes: New Perspectives on Latin American International Relations,” Latin American Studies Association Conference

Panels Chaired

- 2018 “Latin America’s Cold War,” Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies Conference
- 2015 “Mexican Politics,” New England Council of Latin American Studies Conference

TEACHING

University of Nevada, Reno

Global Cold War (Spring 2020)

Cuban Revolution (Spring 2019)

Drugs and Security in the Americas (Spring 2018, Spring 2020)

Introduction to Latin American History and Culture II (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

History of Cuba (Spring 2018)

Historical Research and Writing (Fall 2018, Fall 2020)

Historiography (Fall 2020)

Boston University

Introduction to Latin American Politics and International Relations (Fall 2012, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

U.S.-Latin American Relations (Spring 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015)

Drugs and Security in the Americas (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

Latin America Today: Lessons from Latin America (Spring 2015)

First Year Seminar: Latin American Culture in Boston (Fall 2014, Spring 2016)

The Cold War in Latin America (Spring 2013, Spring 2016)

University of Texas at Austin

Latin American Civilization: National Period (Summer 2011)

SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Critical Latin America* book series, Brill

Interviewer, SECOLAS “Historias” podcast series

Manuscript Reviewer for Cambridge University Press, Routledge, Rowman & Littlefield, and Hackett Publishing

Article Reviewer for *Diplomatic History*, *Journal of Women’s History*, *The Global South*, *Nuevo Mundo/Mundos Nuevos*, *The International History Review*, *Cold War History*, *Bulletin for Latin American Research*, *The Pacific Historical Review*, *Eras*, *Oxford Research Encyclopedia*, and *Polymath*

Proposal Reviewer for Social Science Research Council International Dissertation
Research Fellowship (2018)

RMCLAS Committee for a Safe Meeting Environment (2018-2019)

NECLAS Article Prize Committee (2017)

LASA Premio Iberoamericano Book Prize Committee (2015)

NECLAS Executive Committee (2015—2017)

Flinn Foundation Alumni Advisory Council (2014-2017)

NECLAS Book Prize Committee (2013)

University of Nevada

History Department Undergraduate Recruitment Committee (2019)

History Department Outreach Committee Chair (2017-present)

NARAL Student Club Faculty Advisor (2018-present)

History Department Targeted Master Planning Committee (2019)

History Department European History Search Committee (2018-2019)

Early Career Academic Faculty Committee (2018-2021)

History Department Undergraduate Committee (2017-2018)

GRI Faculty Search Committee (2018)

Boston University

Tertulia Coordinator, BU College of Arts and Sciences (2015—2016)

Latin American Studies Program Executive Committee (2014—2016)

Faculty Advisor, BU Latin American Students Association (2015—2016)

Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee (2014—2016)

Faculty Search Committee, Assistant Professor of International Relations (2014)

Faculty Search Committee, Professor of the Practice of U.S. Diplomacy or National
Security Policy (2012)

ADVISING

University of Nevada

Doctoral

Monica Kuchler, History (committee member, ongoing)

Masters

Ana Mejia Cortes, World Literature and Languages (committee member, 2019)

Star Flagel, History (committee member, 2020)

Undergraduate

Blair Rogers, History, co-winner of best thesis prize (thesis advisor, 2019)

Alexander Sanchez, History (thesis advisor, 2019)

Boston University

Doctoral

Adrea Hernández, American Studies (third reader, 2018)

Christopher K. Seely, History (fifth reader, 2012)

Masters

Gabriella Gomes, Pardee School (committee member, 2016)

Mariana Echaniz, Pardee School (committee member, 2016)

Joshua Bruno, Latin American Studies (committee member, 2016)

Alyssa Bacon, Pardee School (committee member, 2015)

Kenneth Rayner, Pardee School (committee member, 2015)

Nicholas Nepveu, Pardee School (committee member, 2015)

Karla Sofía León Espinoza, Latin American Studies (committee member, 2015)

Sergio Reyes, Political Science (committee member, 2014)

Yejin Kim, International Relations (committee member, 2013)

Dana Bruhns, Latin American Studies (committee member, 2013)

Undergraduate Honors

Stephen Trudel, History (advisor, 2016)

Colleen Keating, Pardee School (committee member, 2016)

Graciela Mariño, Pardee School (committee member, 2015)

Britta Dosch, Pardee School (committee member, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Conference on Latin American History

Latin American Studies Association

Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies