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EDUCATION

Stanford University PhD in History, June 2019	California State University, Fresno (CSUF) MA in History, August 2011	Santa Clara University (SCU) BA in History, June 2002
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BOOK PROJECT

Mexico's Other Revolution: Rural Technology, Environmental Change, and Transnational Migration

My first book project explores how changes to the built and natural environments transformed rural mobility, space, and society in Mexico. I examine how the growth of rural industrialization/infrastructure and imaginaries of modernity intensified Mexican migrancy while altering landscapes, communities, and belonging. These processes informed racialized, gendered discourses that criminalized and restricted Mexican and Latino/a mobility in the US, ultimately denying both groups substantive citizenship rights while entrenching a culture of migration in Mexico.

PUBLICATIONS

“The Communal Roots of Mexico’s Maquila Industry: Urbanization, Land, and Inequality in Ciudad Juárez, 1960-2000.” *Latin American Research Review*. [<https://doi.org/10.1017/lar.2024.35>]

“Migrant Flows: Hydraulic Infrastructure, Agricultural Industrialization, and Environmental Change in Western Mexico, 1940-64.” *Environmental History* 26, no. 2 (April 2021): 231-254.

“Ejidos, Urbanization, and the Production of Inequality in Formerly Agricultural Lands, Guadalajara, Mexico, 1975-2020.” *Land* 9, no. 12 (December 2020): 526. [co-author]

“The Bracero Program, 1942-1964: The Demise of the Mexican Revolution and Birth of the U.S. Immigration Crisis.” Thesis. CSUF Division of Graduate Studies, 2011.

“The Geography of Extremism: The Role of Physical Place in the Ideologies of US Hate Groups, Separatist and Survivalist Communities, and Paramilitary Movements.” *Historical Perspectives* [SCU] 7, no. 2 (Feb. 2002).

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Dean’s Office Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, SCU	AY 2023 – 2024
Postdoctoral Dean’s Fellow, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford	AY 2020 – 2021
Non-Senate Faculty Professional Development Grant, UC Santa Barbara	AY 2019 – 2020
Weter Dissertation Fellowship, Department of History, Stanford	AY 2018 – 2019
Fulbright U.S. Student Researcher Grant, Mexico (García Robles)	AY 2017 – 2018
Doctoral Program Fellowship, Department of History, Stanford	AY 2013 – 2017
Center for Latin American Studies Working Group Grant, Stanford	AY 2014 – 2015

SELECT ACHIEVEMENTS

Best Graduate Essay, Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies	May 2017
Centennial Teaching Assistant Award, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford	June 2016
University Qualifying Exam—Passed with Distinction, Department of History, Stanford	May 2016
Ernesto Galarza Prize for Excellence in Graduate Student Research, CCSRE, Stanford	May 2015
Outstanding Master’s Thesis Award, College of Social Sciences, CSUF	May 2012
Phi Beta Kappa member, Pi Chapter of California, SCU	June 2002
Redwood Prize for Best Undergraduate Essay, History Department, SCU	May 2001

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Transportation Technologies, Denationalizing Discourses: Roads, Media and Citizenship in Western Mexico"

Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) 2025 Meeting

Mexico City

April 2025

"Revolutionizing Rural Mobility: Technology, Engineers, and Modernity in Mexico, 1925-40"

American Historical Association (AHA) 2024 Meeting

San Francisco, CA

January 2024

"Revolutionizing Mobility: Rural Infrastructure and the Mexican State, 1925-1940,"

SECOLAS 2023 Meeting

Antigua, Guatemala

March 2023

"Ejidos, Sprawl, and the Production of Urban Inequality in Formerly Agricultural Lands"

Latin American Studies Association (LASA) 2021 Congress

Virtual [pandemic]

May 2021

"Constructing Technologies and Imaginaries of Mass Migration: The Case of Western Mexico"

History of Science Society 2018 Meeting

Seattle, WA

November 2018

"Constructing Technologies of Mass Migration: Lessons from Postwar Mexico"

Fulbright U.S. Student Regional Enhancement Seminar

Ottawa, ON, Canada

March 2018

"Migrant Flows: Irrigation and Transformation in Western Mexico, 1946-1964"

Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies 2017 Congress

Guelph, ON, Canada

June 2017

"Migrant Flows: Irrigation and Transformation in Western Mexico, 1946-1964"

Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies 2017 Congress

Salt Lake City, UT

April 2017

"Paving the Way to an Emigrant Republic: Roads, Agriculture and Nation Building in Mexico, 1940-1964"

LASA 2016 Congress

New York, NY

May 2016

"Paving the Way to an Emigrant Republic: Roads, Agriculture and Nation Building in Mexico, 1940-1964"

University of California, Berkeley Latin American History Working Group

Berkeley, CA

February 2016

"Paving the Way to an Emigrant Republic: Roads, Agriculture and Nation Building in Mexico, 1940-1964"

Intersections of Development in Latin America: Infrastructure & Building the Modern State Symposium

Stanford, CA

May 2015

"The Bracero Program, 1942-1964: The Demise of the Mexican Revolution and Birth of the U.S.

Immigration Crisis," CSUF 14th Annual Graduate Student History Symposium

Fresno, CA

May 2012

"The Origin of the Mexican Revolution's Demise: World War II, the Bracero Program, and the Ávila Camacho Presidency," CSUF 13th Annual Graduate Student History Symposium
Fresno, CA **May 2011**

"The Geography of Extremism: The Role of Physical Place in the Ideologies of U.S. Hate Groups, Separatist and Survivalist Communities, and Paramilitary Movements"
Northern CA Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference at Pacific Union College
Angwin, CA **May 2002**

"The Political, Social, and Religious Evolution of Indian Nationalism to 1920"
Lambda Upsilon Chapter's Phi Alpha Theta Conference, SCU
Santa Clara, CA **April 2002**

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

"Marketing and Capitalism in Latin America and Its Impact in Rural and Urban Spaces,"
SECOLAS 2025 Meeting, Mexico City
Panel Chair **2025**

"Reimagining Rural Landscapes, Building Modern(ist) States: Experts, Nature, and Nation in Twentieth-Century Latin America," AHA 2024 Meeting, San Francisco, CA
Panel Organizer **2024**

LASA/Africa 2023: The first LASA Continental Congress in Africa
"África y África Latina: Diálogos y Conexiones," Accra, Ghana
Congress Attendee (in-person) **2023**

"Incorporating Latin America and the Caribbean into the Teaching of Environmental History,"
Red de Estudios de Ciencias y Saberes en Latinoamérica y el Caribe, Portland, OR
Workshop Participant **2023**

"A Genealogy of Afro-Asian Intimacy: From the Antebellum Era to the Present Day," Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Genders and Sexualities, 2023: Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Big Berks! Santa Clara, CA
Panel Moderator **2023**

"Transforming the Land, Building the State," SECOLAS 2023 Meeting, Antigua, Guatemala
Panel Organizer **2023**

"Contesting Transnational Migrant Mobilities: Resettling Deportees, Building Roads, and Constructing Race in Mexico," LASA 2016 Congress, New York City
Panel Organizer **2016**

"Intersections of Development in Latin America: Infrastructure and Building the Modern State,"
Stanford University Center for Latin American Studies, Stanford, CA
Symposium Coordinator **2015**

"San José Youth Empowerment Seminar," Public Allies Silicon Valley, San José, CA
Seminar Co-organizer **2003**

Northern California Regional Phi Alpha Theta Undergraduate History Conference,
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA
Conference Coordinator

2001**TALKS & EXHIBITS**

• Organizer, <i>U.S. Policy Towards Socialist Cuba</i> , talk by alternative journalists, SCU	November 2024
• Curator, <i>Harvesting Mobility</i> , bracero history photo exhibit, SCU Library	March - May 2024
• Organizer, Talk by Mark Arax (journalist & author of California history), SCU	February 2024
• Invited Lecture, Center for Latin American Studies Lecture Series, Stanford	January 2023
• Moderator, Dolores Huerta (UFW co-founder) talk, Stanford Speakers Bureau	November 2021
• Class Lecture, Human Society & Environmental Change (HIST 103D), Stanford	October 2020
• Invited Lecture, El Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico City	April 2018

COURSES TAUGHT

Assistant Professor **2022 – Present**

Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA

- The Caribbean Since 1492 (HIST 163)
- Environmental Histories of Latin America (HIST 78)
- Latin American Mobilities: Colonial (HIST 11A)
- Latin American Mobilities: Modern (HIST 12A)
- Mexican Migration to the United States (HIST 63)
- Mexico Since 1876 (HIST 61/161)
- Latin America Since 1810 (HIST 95)

Lecturer **2012 – 2021**

Stanford University, Stanford, CA

- Caudillos & Dictators from Bolívar to Bolsonaro (HIST 273D)
- Mexico Since 1876 (HIST 74/174)
- Mexican Migration to the United States (HIST 73/173)

UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA

- Twentieth-Century Latin America (HIST 151C)
- Historical Investigations: Methods and Skills (HIST 9)
- Undergraduate Research Seminar in Mexican History (HIST 156R)
- History of Mexico: Pre-Hispanic and Colonial Periods (HIST 156A)
- Introduction to Mexican History (HIST 56)

Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA

- Medieval & Early Modern Civilization (HIST 130)
- History of Mexico (HIST 412)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, Pi Chapter Committee Member **2024 – Present**
SCU College of Arts and Sciences

Fulbright Campus Committee Internal Reviewer **2023 – Present**
SCU Office of Student Fellowships

Fulbright Grant Evaluator

Fulbright-García Robles (Mexico), History & Social Sciences Panels

2018 – Present**Ignatian Faculty Forum**

SCU faculty-led, university-wide leadership program

AY 2024-2025**Insight Grant Evaluator**

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

January 2021**Advisory Committee Member, Chicano Studies Institute**

University of California, Santa Barbara

AY 2019-2020**Social Sciences Representative, School of Humanities and Sciences**

Graduate Student Council, Associated Students of Stanford University

AY 2018-2019**President**

Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, SCU

AY 2001-2002**Mission Santa Clara Historical Tours**

Volunteer Public Tour Guide, SCU

AYs 2000-2002**Committee Member**

History Club Executive Committee, SCU

AYs 2000-2002**Vice-President**

Lambda Upsilon Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, SCU

AY 2000-2001**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (CURRENT & PAST)**

American Historical Association

Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies

Conference on Latin American History

History of Science Society

Latin American Studies Association

Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

OTHER EXPERIENCE**Senior Promotions/Creative Services Producer**

KSEE NBC Television Inc., Fresno, CA

October 2003 – January 2013