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FACULTY POSITIONS

2013-present Associate Professor, Department of History, Marquette University
2006-2012 Assistant Professor, Department of History, Marquette University
2004-05 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Miami, Department of History

EDUCATION

2004 Ph.D., History, University of Pennsylvania
1993 M.A., Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin
1989 B.A., Plan II/English, University of Texas at Austin

GRANTS AND AWARDS

External

2024 Fellow, Dumbarton Oaks, Washington D.C.
2022 Fulbright U.S. Scholar, Guatemala
2021 Evelyn Dunbar and Ruth Dunbar Davee Long Term Fellow, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL
2020 Elected Corresponding Member, Academia de Geografía y Historia de Guatemala
2018 Amerind Seminar, "Identity, Cultural Persistence and Transformation among Spanish Colonialisms," directed by Christine Beaulé and John Douglass, Dragoon, AZ, Sept. 30-Oct. 5
2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar "Bridging National Borders in North America," Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, June 1-30
2013 Howard F. Cline Memorial Prize for the best book on the history of Indigenous Latin America, Conference on Latin American History (*Memories of Conquest*)
2013 Murdo MacLeod Prize for the best book of Latin American and Caribbean History, Southern Historical Association (*Memories of Conquest*)
2012 American Council of Learned Societies Fellowship
2006 Library Resident Research Fellowship, American Philosophical Society, Phila, PA
2005 Mellon Postdoctoral Research Long-Term Fellow, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL
2005 National Endowment for the Humanities Postdoctoral Fellow, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI (declined)
1997 Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Grant for Study Abroad, U.S. Department of Education
1997 Research Institute for the Study of Man Field Grant, New York, NY.

Internal (selected, since 2010)

- 2019 Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences/Mellon Grant for undergraduate research project "Remembering Madre Rosa: Oral Histories of a Marquette Doctor in Highland Guatemala, 1962-1994," Phase 2
- 2018 Office of Research and Innovation Grant for undergraduate research project "Remembering Madre Rosa: Oral Histories of a Marquette Doctor in Highland Guatemala, 1962-1994," Phase 1
- 2018 Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences/ Mellon Grant for undergraduate research project "Remembering Madre Rosa: Oral Histories of a Marquette Doctor in Highland Guatemala, 1962-1994," Phase 1
- 2017 Summer Faculty Fellowship
- 2017 Regular Research Grant
- 2016 Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences/Mellon Interdisciplinary Grant for "What Was Achieved? Migration, Impunity, and Social Justice After the Peace Accords in El Salvador and Guatemala," <http://whatwasachieved.wordpress.com>
- 2014 Office of International Education Poster Session Research Award, Marquette University
- 2014 Helen Way Klingler Sabbatical Award, Marquette University
- 2012 Regular Research Grant, Marquette University
- 2012 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University
- 2011 Office of International Education Poster Session Research Award, Marquette University

LEADERSHIP

- 2026 Organizing Committee, Mesa Colonial, XVII Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, San Salvador, El Salvador, July 20-24
- 2025 General Editor, "Global Colonialism," University Press of Colorado
- 2020-24 Director, Interdisciplinary Latin American Studies and Latinx Studies, Marquette University
- 2020-present Hispanic Serving Institution Steering Committee, Marquette University
- 2024 Organizing Committee, Mesa Colonial, XVI Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, July 22-26
- 2021-23 Secretary/Chair, Central American Studies Committee, Conference for Latin American History (elected)
- 2019-20 Program Committee for 2021 Conference, American Historical Association
- 2016 Co-author of Executive Board statement on Standing Rock conflict over Dakota Pipeline, American Society for Ethnohistory
- 2015-17 Councilor, American Society for Ethnohistory (elected)
- 2012-2017 Editorial Board and Coeditor of Reviews, *Boletín de la Asociación para el Fomento de Estudios Históricos en Centroamérica (AFEHC)*
- 2010-2012 Secretary/Chair, Central American Studies Committee, Conference on Latin American History (elected)

DIGITAL and PUBLIC-FACING PROJECTS

Fotos de Familia: Recuerdos de Ciudad Vieja y San Miguel Escobar (2023)

Community project and [exhibition on permanent display](#) at the Casa del Turista en Ciudad Vieja, Sacatepéquez, Guatemala, based on interviews and registration of family photographs, heirlooms, and other affective objects of local residents in Ciudad Vieja and neighboring San Miguel Escobar. Co-coordinated with Carlos Cruz-Gómez and José Castellanos. This project initiates a multi-year effort to collaboratively study the historical foundations of the majority Indigenous towns adjacent to Antigua Guatemala, in advance of the 500th anniversary in 2027 of the founding of the Spanish city Santiago de Guatemala en Almolonga.

Director/Creator, NECA: Nahuatl y Nawat en Centro América Digital Archive, w/ web designer Michael Bannister <<http://nahuatl-nawat.org>> (launched 2017)

Dynamic, bilingual English-Spanish digital archive that consolidates and makes accessible historical Nahuatl documents from Central America from a variety of repositories, to promote interdisciplinary research on the historical use and evolution of this important imperial language. The project also facilitates sharing of new citations to grow the corpus of available documents. NECA is part of the Alianza para la Investigación Digital sobre la América Latina Temprana ([ADRELA](#)).

Remembering Madre Rosa: Marquette Maryknolls in Jacaltenango, 1962-1992 (2017-23)

Multi-year research project for undergraduate and graduate student heritage speakers of Spanish. Students conducted archival research at the Maryknoll Convent in Ossining, NY, and oral history interviews on three occasions in Guatemala. Students published [an article for The Marquette Journal](#), created a bilingual exhibition at Marquette also gifted to interviewees and the hospital in Jacaltenango, and hosted a [conversation with Dr. Susan Fitzpatrick Behrens](#). In 2023, the History Department's methodology class created an exhibit in on gender, Marquette's Medical School, and Catholic missionary activism in Guatemala for the MU Nursing School's graduate research symposium.

What Was Achieved? Migration, Impunity, and Social Justice After the Peace Accords in El Salvador and Guatemala. <<https://whatwasachieved.wordpress.com/>> (2016)

A two-day conference in Milwaukee, Oct. 27-28, 2016, comparing the results of peace accords in El Salvador and Guatemala two decades later. Roundtable conversations included student, faculty, local, and international perspectives from people with direct experience in the region. Guest speakers included Victor Montejo, Aura Lolita Chávez Ixcaquic, Marcie Mersky, Joaquín Chávez, and Gene Palumbo.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- *Carrying the Load: Commerce, Migration, and Memory in Pacific Central America, 1570-1630*, in progress
- 2017 *Memorias de conquista: De indios conquistadores a mexicanos en la Guatemala colonial*. Translated by Margarita Cruz. CIRMA/CEUR-Guatemala/ICSH -Puebla/AGHT-Tlaxcala. (2nd ed. 2021)
- 2012 *Memories of Conquest: Becoming Mexicano in Colonial Guatemala*. University of North Carolina Press
- 2007 *Indian Conquistadors: Indigenous Allies in the Conquest of Mesoamerica*, co-editor with Michel Oudijk. University of Oklahoma Press

Journal Articles and Special Issues

- "Epiclassic and Early Postclassic Migrations in Mesoamerica," with Christopher S. Beekman, Sarah Clayton, Karen Dakin, Simon Martin, Michael Mathiowetz, Sofía Pacheco-Forés, Corey Ragsdale, Andrew D. Turner, William R. Fowler, in *Journal of Archaeological Research*, under review
- 2025 "La invasión de 1524, medio milenio después: Una reconsideración de los indígenas conquistadores," in *Kóot: Revista de museología, Museo Universitario de Antropología, Universidad Tecnológica de El Salvador*, 17
- 2023 "Two Bigamists in Tehuantepec: Global(ized) Itineraries in Southern Mesoamerica, c. 1600," *Hispanic American Historical Review* 103:2, pp. 251-282, joint issue with *William and Mary Quarterly*
- 2020 "The Form of the Content: Nahuatl/Nawat in Central America," *Digital Humanities Quarterly* 14:4 (December)
- 2019 "Huipiles y huino: El comercio mercantil en la región de los Izalcos, 1524-1574," *Anales de la Academia de Geografía e Historia de Guatemala* T. 94, 177-204
- 2016 Co-editor with Eric Roulet (Université du Littoral-Côte d'Opale, France), "Escritura indígena y visiones de historia en Centroamérica y México: una vista comparativa," *Boletín AFEHC* No. 71, December
- 2016 "Los acervos digitales y la historiografía centroamericana: Reflexiones y experiencias," with Adriana Álvarez Sánchez and Juan Carlos Sarazúa, *Boletín de la Asociación para el Fomento de los Estudios Históricos en Centroamérica* 68 (May)
- 2013 "Por que el color decide aqui en la mayor parte la nobleza": una carta de Fr. José Antonio Goicoechea, Guatemala, siglo XIX – "Because here, color largely decides nobility": A 19th-Century Letter by Fr. José Antonio Goicoechea, Guatemala," *Mesoamérica* 55, 153-167
- 2012 "Nahuatl and Pipil in Colonial Guatemala: A Central American Counterpoint," with Sergio Romero. *Ethnohistory* 59:4 (Fall), 765-783
- 2006 "Mexicanos and the Meanings of Ladino," *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, 7:1 (Spring)
- 2000 "El Náhuatl y la identidad mexicana en la Guatemala colonial," *Mesoamérica* 40 (December), 41-68

Book Chapters

- "The Highland Maya and the Aztec Empire" in Thomas Garrison, Jeffrey Glover, and Brent Woodfill, eds., *Oxford Handbook of the Maya*, in press
- "El contexto centroamericano de AGI, Justicia 291," in Michel Oudijk, *La conquista indígena de Centroamérica*, México CDMX: UNAM/Instituto de Investigaciones Filológicas, under review
- 2023 Prologue to Diego Vásquez Monterroso, *Herterarquía y Amaq': Organización social entre los k'iche' occidentales (siglos XV-XXI)* (Guatemala: Universidad Rafael Landívar, 2023)
- 2022 "Los conquistadores mexicanos de Centroamérica," in Alejandro Salamanca, coord., *De conquistadores a conquistados. La raíz indígena del virreinato de la Nueva España, una nueva mirada*, coord. Alejandro Salafranca Vásquez. México CDMX, Editorial El Equilibrista, 131-147
- 2022 "The Spanish Conquest?" in Robert Holden, ed., *Oxford Handbook of Central America*, Oxford University Press, 141-166
- 2020 "A Tense Convivencia: Placemaking, Pluralism, and Violence in Early Spanish Central America," with William Fowler, in Christine D. Beaulieu and John G. Douglass, eds., *The Global Spanish Empire: Five Hundred Years of Place Making and Pluralism*, University of Arizona Press, 130-149
- 2017 "De ciudad capital a altepetl colonial: El urbanismo mesoamericano en Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala," in Pedro Antonio Escalante Arce and Gustavo Herodier, eds., *Génesis y desarrollo de la ciudad iberoamericana: Actas del IV Seminario RII-UC*, Editorial Universitaria de la Universidad de San Salvador, 95-108
- 2015 "Por ser valientes: Una probanza indígena de la conquista de Centroamérica, siglo xvi," in *El mundo de los conquistadores*, ed. Martín Ríos Saloma (México: UNAM/Instituto de Estudios Históricos)
- 2015 "Facing East from the South: Indigenous Americans in the Mostly Iberian Atlantic World," in *The Atlantic World, 1400-1850*, eds. D'Maris D. Coffman, Adrian Leonard, and William O'Reilly (New York: Routledge)
- 2009 "A Case of Contested Identity: Domingo Pérez, Indigenous Immigrant in Ciudad Real, Chiapas," in Erin O'Connor and Leo Garofalo, eds., *Gender and Race, Empire and Nation: A Documentary History on the Making of Latin America* (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall)
- 2007 "Whose Conquest? Nahua, Zapoteca, and Mixteca Allies in the Conquest of Central America" and "Conclusion," in Laura E. Matthew and Michel Oudijk, eds., *Indian Conquistadors* (Norman: University of Oklahoma Press)
- 2006 "A Speculative History of Town-Specific Dress," in Traci Ardren, ed., *Flowers for the Earth Lord: Guatemalan Textiles from the Permanent Collection* (Coral Gables, FL: Lowe Art Museum, University of Miami)

Reviews (since 2010)

- 2026 Martha Atzin Bahena Pérez, *Una sociedad de frontera: Lazos interpersonales y configuración de la vecindad en Ciudad Real de Chiapa (1524-1630)*, for *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 106:2, 322-323

- 2025 Galen Brokaw and Pablo García Loaeza, eds., *The Nahua: Language and Culture from the Sixteenth Century to the Present*, for *American Historical Review* 130:3, 1273-1275
- 2023 William Fowler, *A Historical Archaeology of Early Spanish Colonial Urbanism in Central America*, for *Hispanic American Historical Review* 103:3, 555-557.
- 2021 Sylvia Sellers-García, *The Woman on the Windowsill: A Tale of Mystery in Several Parts*, for *Hispanic American Historical Review* 101:1, 170
- 2020 Nancy van Deusen, *Global Indios: The Indigenous Struggle for Justice in Sixteenth Century Spain*, for *The Americas* 77:4, 638-639
- 2020 Ashley Kistler, ed. *Faces of Resistance: Maya Heroes, Power, and Identity*, for *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute* 26:3, 698-700
- 2019 Wendy Kramer, *El español que exploró California: Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo (c.1497–1543): De Palma del Río a Guatemala and Libro segundo del cabildo de la çibdad de Santiago de la provincia de Guatemala*, for *Hispanic American Historical Review* 99:4, 732-733
- 2019 Mallory E. Matsumoto. *Land, Politics, and Memory in Five Nija'ib' K'iche' Títulos*, for *Colonial Latin America Review*, 28:2, 1488-1489
- 2019 Brianna Leavitt-Alcántara, *Alone at the Altar: Single Women and Devotion in Guatemala, 1670–1870*, for *American Historical Review*, 124:4, 297
- 2018 Barbara Mundy, *The Death of Aztec Tenochtitlan, the Life of Mexico City*, for *The Americas*, 74:4, 549-551
- 2018 “The Mature Phase: Four Generations of Scholarship on Colonial Mesoamerica and New Spain,” for *Latin American Research Review* 53(1), 152–158
- 2017 Martha Few, *For All of Humanity: Mesoamerican and Colonial Medicine in Enlightenment Guatemala*, for *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, Volume 18, No. 1 (Spring 2017)
- 2017 Angélica Jimena Afanador-Pujol, *The Relación de Michoacán (1539-1541) and the Politics of Representation in Colonial Mexico*, for *Journal of Anthropological Research*, Volume 73, Number 1 (Spring), 118-119
- 2014 W. George Lovell and Christopher Lutz with Wendy Kramer and William Swezey, *Strange Lands and Different Peoples: Spaniards and Indians in Colonial Guatemala*, for *Mesoamérica* 56 (Jan-Dec), 199-201
- 2014 Robert Patch, *Indians and the Political Economy of Colonial Central America, 1670–1810*, for *Hispanic American Historical Review* 94:4 (Nov), 691-693
- 2013 Wayne E. Lee, ed., *Empires and Indigenes: Intercultural Alliance, Imperial Expansion, and Warfare in the Early Modern World*, for *Journal of Early Modern History* 16:1-3 (Spring)
- 2013 Florencia Mallon, ed., *Decolonizing Native Histories: Collaboration, Knowledge, and Language in the Americas*, for *Hispanic American Historical Review* 93:2 (Spring)
- 2012 Ida Altman, *The War for Mexico’s West: Indians and Spaniards in New Galicia, 1524-1550*, for *The Catholic Historical Review* 98:4 (October)
- 2011 Matthew O'Hara and Andrew Fisher, *Imperial Subjects: Race and Identity in Colonial Latin America* and Matthew O'Hara, *A Flock Divided: Race, Religion, and Politics in Mexico, 1749-1857*, for *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 12:2 (Fall)

- 2010 *Catálogo de los Fondos Americanos del Archivo de Protocolos de Sevilla*, for *Boletín de la AFEHC* (Spring)

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations (since 2010)

- 2026 Holt Lecture on Middle American Ethnohistory, "Commerce Amid Catastrophe: Consumer Goods and Mesoamerican Lives, c. 1600," Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, April 17
- 2025 Plenary Session, Southwest Seminar Consortium on Colonial Latin America, John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI, Nov. 13-14
- 2025 Taller Estudiantil de Posgrado "Andamios," Colegio de México, April 4
- 2024 "Thinking Through 500 Years: A Reconsideration of the "Indigenous Conquistadors," GuateSeminar/Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latinx Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nov. 7
- 2024 Invited Panelist, "De la llegada de los españoles a la época colonial," Primer Encuentro del Niwan Nha, Yalambojoch, Guatemala, July 14-16
- 2024 "Del Lienzo de Quauhquechollan a la fundación en el Valle de Panchoy," Serie Conversatorio En el Marco de 500 años de la Fundación de Santiago de Guatemala, Porta Hotel, July 18
- 2024 "¿Cómo interpretar los 500 años desde la historia mesoamericana? Reflexiones sobre los "indígenas conquistadores," Escuela de Historia, Universidad de El Salvador and Universidad Centroamericana El Salvador, San Salvador/virtual, June 28
- 2024 "Cómo interpretar la invasión de 1524, medio milenio después," Symposium "Encuentro de dos Mundos 1524-2024: a 500 años de la primera incursión española a Cuscatlán," Academia Salvadoreña de la Historia, Concejo Nacional de Museos ICOM El Salvador, Museo de Antropología de la Universidad Tecnológica de El Salvador, Museo MARTE and Department of Anthropology of Yale University, San Salvador, June 15
- 2024 "Porque el futuro puede ser bello: The New Guatemalan Spring?" Latin American, Caribbean, and U.S. Latinx Studies (LACUSL), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Feb. 29
- 2023 "La vestimenta indígena: Motor de la economía colonial," Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica, Antigua Guatemala, Oct. 18
- 2023 "La conquista ... ¿fue española? Conquistadores indígenas en Centroamérica," Escuela de Historia, Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica, Sept. 21
- 2023 Taller, "El Lienzo de Quauhquechollan," Casa Popenoe, Antigua Guatemala, Sept. 7
- 2023 "La migración en medio del desastre: un caso de Ciudad Vieja, Sacatepéquez, siglo XVI," Casa Herrera/University of Texas, Antigua, Guatemala, June 28
- 2023 "Hacer la vida después del desastre: ¿Es posible la microhistoria mesoamericana?" Programa Letras en el Aire con Cristóbal Pacheco, Guatemala City, May 20, <https://www.facebook.com/UrbanaRadioGT/videos/916632936355371/>
- 2022 "Taller metodológico: Buscar Mesoamérica en los archivos," Escuela de Historia, Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala, Sept. 30

- 2022 “How to Study the Conquest in the 21st Century?” with Camilla Townsend. Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, Oct. 12
- 2022 “Two Bigamists in Tehuantepec,” Newberry Library, Chicago, April 27
- 2021 “#500 Años: Los indios conquistadores,” Centro Cultural de España en México, Aug. 19, <https://youtu.be/IQETeAQLqEk>
- 2021 “El surgimiento de la Nueva España en el arte de la Monarquía Católica (siglos XVI-XVII),” Aug. 19, <https://youtu.be/TjcB--TS1C0>
- 2021 ArsForum with director Edgar Ramírez Soto, “Memorias de conquista,” [part 1](#) (July 29) and [part 2](#). Museo Regional de Cholula.
- 2021 “Erasing History,” Plenary Session, American Historical Association annual meeting, Jan. 14. < <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLUe3F0cU-0>>
- 2020 “Huipiles y huino: Transformaciones comerciales en el siglo xvi,” Academia de Geografía y Historia de Guatemala, Guatemala City, July 22 (cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2018 “El náhuatl en Centro América y el sitio de internet NECA,” La Sociedad Mexicana de Historiografía Lingüística A.C. (SOMEHIL), Dirección de Lingüística, Museo Nacional de Antropología, Mexico City, Oct. 15
- 2018 Book presentation, *Memorias de conquista*, Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla, Puebla, Mexico, June 7
- 2018 Book presentation, *Memorias de conquista*, Secretaría de Educación Pública del Estado, Gobierno de Tlaxcala, Tlaxcala, Mexico, June 6
- 2017 Book presentation for *Memorias de conquista: De conquistadores indígenas a mexicanos en la Guatemala colonial*, Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica (CIRMA), Antigua Guatemala, Aug. 25
- 2017 “De ciudad capital a altepetl colonial: El urbanismo mesoamericano en Ciudad Vieja, Sacatepéquez.” Centro de Estudios Urbanos y Regionales, Universidad de San Carlos, Guatemala, Aug. 25
- 2017 “Oaxaca en Suchitepéquez o, ¿de qué región hablamos?” Instituto de Investigación y Proyección sobre Dinámicas Globales y Territoriales, Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala, Aug. 24
- 2017 “The Nahuatl/Nawat in Central America Project” and “Crowdsourcing or Collaboration? Using Digital Tools to Promote Interdisciplinary Work.” LLILAS Digital Scholarship in the Americas Series, University of Texas at Austin, March 28
- 2016 “The Tira de Santa Catarina Ixtepeji: A Milwaukee Link to Oaxaca’s Ancient Past,” 34th International Symposium, International Map Collectors Society, Newberry Library/American Geographical Society Library, Oct. 26
- 2016 “En las telerañas de la ley: un bígamo chontal entre tres lenguas,” Segundo Coloquio de Estudios Modernos, Colegio de Historia, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 28-29
- 2015 “De ciudad capital a altepetl colonial: El urbanismo mesoamericano en Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala.” IV Seminario Internacional de la Red Iberoamericana de Investigación del Urbanismo Colonial, RII_UC, San Salvador, El Salvador, Nov. 24-28
- 2015 “A Tale of Two Bigamists: Atlantic and Other Worlds.” Keynote Address, Symposium on Latin America in the Early Colonial Period, Center for Renaissance Studies, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, April 11

- 2014 "Conquest and Commerce: Maya Migrations in the Sixteenth Century." Tulane University Maya Symposium and Workshop, Middle American Research Institute, March 20-23
- 2013 "La sociedad colonial: escalas de abordaje." Universidad Rafael Landívar, Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 18
- 2013 "Memories of Conquest: Becoming Mexicano in Colonial Guatemala," University of Cambridge, March 11
- 2012 "The Rediscovery of the Códice de Santa Catarina Ixtepeji," with Aims McGuinness. American Geographical Society Library, Milwaukee, WI, Oct. 24
- 2012 "Memories of Conquest: Becoming Mexicano in Colonial Guatemala." University of Arizona, Oct. 17
- 2012 "Memories of Conquest: Becoming Mexicano in Colonial Guatemala." University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 13

Conference Presentations (since 2010)

- 2026 "Dressing in Tumultuous Times: Clothes as Mesoamerican Merchandise c. 1600," Society for American Archaeology, San Francisco, CA, April 29-May 3
- 2025 "Survivance in Small Things: Interregional Trade on the Camino Real de Abajo, c. 1570," American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 19-24
- 2025 "Maya Governance Stands Up for Democracy," American Historical Association, New York, NY, Jan. 3-6.
- 2025 Organizer and Chair with David Carey (Loyola University Maryland), Multi-Session Workshop "Democracy in Central America: Historical Perspectives on Present Governance," American Historical Association, New York, NY, Jan. 3-6.
- 2024 "Materialidad, economía, y supervivencia mesoamericana a finales del siglo XVI," XVI Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, Tegucigalpa, Honduras, July 22-26
- 2024 Panelist, "Reconsiderations of Epiclassic and Postclassic Migrations in Mesoamerica," Society for American Archaeology, New Orleans, LA, April 17-21
- 2023 "What Makes a Total War? The Spanish Conquest in History, Memory, and Politics," American Historical Association, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 5-8
- 2021 "Cacahuatl y vino: la pareja perfecta," XV Congreso Centroamericano de Historia (virtual), April 19-23
- 2019 Commentary, "Disentanglement: Reimagining Early Colonial Trajectories in the Americas," Society for American Archaeology, Albuquerque, NM, April 10-14
- 2018 "Oaxaca en Centroamérica: Comercio y migración indígena en la costa sur de Mesoamérica, siglos XVI-XVII," XV Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México, Guadalajara, Mexico, Oct. 17-20
- 2018 "Yet Another Tale of Two Cities: Archaeology and History in the Ciudad Viejas of Guatemala and El Salvador," with William Fowler, Society for American Archaeology, Washington, D.C., April 11-14
- 2018 "Nahuatl/Nawat in Central America: A Transcription and Translation Project Using Omeka's Internationalization and Scripto." Digital Projects Lightning Round Session, American Historical Association, Washington, D.C., Jan. 4-8

- 2017 “El Náhuatl/Náhuat en Centroamérica: Una colaboración interdisciplinaria sobre documentos coloniales.” IV Congreso Internacional de la Asociación Centroamericana de Lingüística, San Salvador, El Salvador, Aug. 28-30
- 2017 “‘Lengua mexicana’ y la historia maya: Unas consideraciones.” XII Congreso de Estudios Mayas, Guatemala City, Guatemala, July 5-8
- 2017 “Bringing the Regional Back In: Trade and Mobility Along Mesoamerica’s Costa del Sur.” Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru, April 29
- 2016 “Chontal Merchants in (Un)expected Places,” American Society for Ethnohistory, Nashville, TN, Nov. 9-13
- 2016 “Mesoamerican Merchants and the Limits of Mapping,” Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies annual meeting, Cartagena, Colombia, March 11-14
- 2015 “The Nahuatl in Central America Project,” Central American Studies Committee Panel, Conference on Latin American History-AHA annual meeting, New York, NY, Jan. 2-5
- 2015 Chair and Panel Organizer, “Whither Ethnohistory?” American Historical Association annual meeting, New York, NY, Jan. 2-5
- 2014 Discussant, “Future Directions in Ethnohistory: A Roundtable,” American Society for Ethnohistory annual meeting, Indianapolis, IN, Oct. 8-11
- 2014 “El pipil en la Guatemala colonial: unas propuestas,” with Sergio Romero, XII Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, San Salvador, El Salvador, July 14-18
- 2014 Chair and Discussant, “Health, Healing, and Authority in Colonial Latin America,” Latin American Studies Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL, May 23
- 2013 “New Insights from Colonial History,” Guatemala Scholars Network Meeting, Antigua, Guatemala, July 10-13
- 2011 Commentator, “Urban Indians in Spain’s American Empire,” American Society for Ethnohistory annual meeting, Pasadena, CA, Oct. 19-22
- 2010 “A Speculative History of Town-Specific Dress,” American Anthropological Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov. 17-21
- 2010 “What Is the New Conquest History?” Roundtable participant, Ethnohistory annual meeting, Ottawa, Canada, Oct. 13-17
- 2010 “A Tale of Two Ciudad Viejas: History and Archaeology in Conquest-Era Central America,” Midwest Mesoamericanist Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, March 19

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (since 2010)

Editorial

- 2021-present Editorial Board, “Global Colonialisms,” University Press of Colorado
- 2021-present Advisory Editorial Board, “Texts from the Early Americas,” Dumbarton Oaks Research Library and Collection
- 2017-23 Board of Editors, *Hispanic American Historical Review* (HAHR)
- 2012-present Editorial board, “Latin American Originals,” Penn State University Press
- 2008-present Mss. reviewer, Bedford/St. Martin’s/MacMillan, Oxford University Press, Penn State University Press, Stanford University Press, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, University Press of Colorado, University of Oklahoma

2006-present Mss. reviewer, *The Americas*, *Ethnohistory*, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, *Histórica (Lima, Peru)*, *The Historical Journal*, *LABOR: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Mesoamérica*, *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*, *Revista de Historia (Universidad Nacional de Costa Rica)*, *William and Mary Quarterly*

Grants and Programs

2024 Reviewer, Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
2022 Reviewer, Centro de Investigación en Identidad y Cultura Latinoamericanas (CIICLA), Universidad de Costa Rica
2021 Reviewer, Endangered Archives Programme, British Library
2020 Reviewer, American Academy in Berlin Fellowship Program
2020 Reviewer, NEH CARES (Covid-19 emergency funds), Digital Humanities: Community Organizations, National Endowment for the Humanities
2019 Reviewer, Digital Humanities Grants, National Endowment for the Humanities
2016 External Reviewer, Native American Studies Program, Colgate University
2015-17 Reviewer, American Council for Learned Societies (ACLS)

Advisory and Prize Committees

2021 Advisory Board, NEH Digital Advancement Project “Enabling and Reusing Multilingual Citizen Contributions in the Archival Record”, PI’s Alyssa Guzmán and Albert Palacios, University of Texas-Austin
2019-20 Humanities Advisor, Latino Arts, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
2019 Chair, *Hispanic American Historical Review* Book Review Prize Committee
2017 Chair, Erminie Wheeler-Voeglin Book Award, American Society for Ethnohistory
2015 Chair, Howard F. Cline Prize Committee, Conference on Latin American History
2014 Murdo MacLeod Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, Latin American Section

Community

2022-26 Board of Directors, Latino Arts, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
2021-24 Proyecto Bembé, Milwaukee, WI, student, campus liaison and grants advisor
2018-20 Jail Ministry Volunteer, Interfaith Community for Detained Immigrants, Chicago

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (selected, since 2015)

2023-present Sabbatical Review Committee
2021-present Dreamers' Support Committee
2019-21 Director of Undergraduate Studies, Dept. of History
2018-19 Executive Committee, Dept. of History
2017 Chair, U.S. Latino History Opportunity Hire Search Committee, Dept. of History

2016-18 Interdisciplinary Latin American and Latinx Studies Advisory Board
2015, 2018 Executive Committee, Dept. of History
2015 Colonial/Native American Search Committee, Dept. of History
2014-18 Core Curriculum Review Committee, Marquette University

TEACHING and MENTORSHIP

2017 Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences Mentor of the Year

Courses:

History of Latin America
History of Mexico
Doing History (methodology for undergraduates)
Three Faiths in Medieval Spain
Race and Ethnicity in the Americas
Engaging the World: Mexicans, Mesoamericans, Americans
Christianity, Colonialism, and Native America
The Guatemalan Genocide
Food in History
Atlantic Worlds (graduate)
Themes in Latin American History (graduate)

Graduate Students:

External Ph.D. Committees

2021-present Diego Vásquez Monterroso, Historical Geography, University of Edinburgh
2018-present Margarita Cossich Viemann, Estudios Mesoamericanos, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

Marquette Ph.D. Committees (Teaching field, since 2017)

Melanie Lorenz (2026)
Adam Peterson (2024)
Brooke Tranten (2022)
Patrick Bethel (2022)
Abigail Bernhardt (2021)
Brian Hoefel (2019)
Benjamin Nestor (2018)

Marquette M.A. Committees (Global, since 2017)

Eddie Godina (2021)
Eric Griffin (2017)