

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

PhD., University of Texas at Austin. Fall 2009. Latin American History, Thesis: "Heavenly Influences: The Cosmic and Social Order of New Spain at the Turn of the Seventeenth Century."

Advisor: Susan Deans-Smith Committee: Jorge Cañizares-Esguerra, Neil Kamil, Ann Twinam, Maria Wade.

M.A., University of Texas at Austin. Spring 2003. Latin American History, Master's Report: "Enrico Martínez: Ambition, Authority, and Astrology in Seventeenth-Century New Spain," Advisor: Susan Deans-Smith. Qualifying Exams: 2004.

B.A., Montana State University, Alpha Lambda Delta, 1996. Major: History with an emphasis in Latin American History, advisors: Robert Rydell and Thomas Klubock. Semester Abroad at the Universiteit van Amsterdam spring of 1994 in the Program in European History and Culture.

Grants and Fellowships

Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellow at the John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, spring of 2011 (4 months). Project Title: "Situating Mexico Between Heaven and Earth: Cosmography and Astrology in New Spain"

Postdoctoral Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Berlin, Calendar year 2010. Project title: "Essential Differences: Body and Place in the Early Modern Atlantic World"

UT History Department Fellowship, awarded to fund dissertation research and writing during the 2006-2007 academic year, and fall of 2008.

Fulbright-Garcia Robles, awarded to fund dissertation research in Mexico from Oct. 2005 to Sept 2006.

Embassy of Spain Program for Cultural Cooperation Grant, Awarded to fund Dissertation Research in Seville, 2005.

Carlos E. Casteñeda Scholarship awarded spring of 2004 for the completion of dissertation research in Spain in the spring of 2005.

Tinker Summer Research Travel Grant, awarded spring of 2004 for the completion of pre-dissertation research in Mexico during the summer of 2004.

Employment

Assistant Instructor at the University of Texas at Austin

Spring 2009

Supplemental Instructor at the University of Texas at Aus

Spring and Fall 2004

Teaching Assistant at the University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2002, Spring 2003,

Fall 2003, Fall 2007, Spring 2008

Manuscript in Preparation

"A Microcosm of Two Worlds: Mexico City's Rise from the Ashes of Tenochtitlan"

Forthcoming Publications

- Review Essay: "The Shape of the World: The Story of Spanish Expansion and the Secret Science of Cosmography," *Studies in History and Philosophy of Science*
- "Digesting a New World: Early Spanish Experiments with the Fig of Hell (Prickly Pear)" *Eine Naturgeschichte für das 21. Jahrhundert. Festgabe für Hans-Jörg Rheinberger* (Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, Jan 2011)

Conference Papers and Panels

- "Artisans, Corsairs, and Heretics: the Dutch and German Community of Mexico City at the end of the Sixteenth Century," presented at: The XXIV Annual ILASSA Student Conference, February 12-14, 2004 at the University of Texas at Austin.
- "Sucking the Blood of the Miserable Indians; Interpreting Indian Mortality in Mexico at the Turn of the Seventeenth Century," presented at: the Mexican History Panel at the CLAH annual conference, January 5-8, 2006 Philadelphia.
- "Vir Sapiens Dominabitur Astris; Astrology and Faith in Colonial Mexico," presented at the Fulbright Midterm Orientation, March 1-2, 2006 Mexico City.
- "Delineating the Space between Heaven and Earth: Celestial Influence and the Fate of Nations," presented at XII Conference of Mexican, United States and Canadian Historians, Vancouver, B.C. October, 2006.
- "Rightful Inheritance: Defining "Nativeness" and Belonging in New Spain, 1590-1620." presented at the American Historical Association, January 2009
- "The Body in New World Contexts: Corporeal Imaginings in New Spain at the Turn of the Seventeenth Century." presented at the Harvard Atlantic World Seminar, August 2009.
- "The Nature of Place and People: Mexico City and her Inhabitants at the Turn of the Seventeenth Century" Presented at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science, July 2010

Service:

Organizing Committee and Panel Chair for the Mephistos Conference 2008 in Austin

Co-Chair, Distinguished Speakers in Latin American History Series, 2002-2003.

Professional

AP World History Reader, Summer 2008, 2010

Languages

Fluent Spanish

Reading proficiency in Portuguese, French, Latin, and German