

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

RISE Fellowship: Summer Research Grant 2015

Barbara S. Mosbacher Fellow at the John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, March 1st, 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. Part of the Cultural History of Heredity- 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 Professor at the University of South Carolina at Aiken Fall 2011 to Present

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

Manuscripts in Preparation

Book: "Sucking the Blood of the Miserable Indians: The Spiritual Ecology of Indian Mortality in New Spain 1520-1620"

Paper: "On the Shoulders of Giants: the NAACP and African American Veterans in the CSRA"

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* (2011)
- "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)
- Book Review: *Science and Empire in the Atlantic World* edited by James Delbourgo and Nicholas Dew (Routledge Press, 2007) in *Eighteenth-century Studies*, 45.2 (2012): 323-325.
- Book Review: *Medicine and Politics in Colonial Peru: Population Growth and the Bourbon Reforms*, Adam Warren (University of Pittsburg Press, 2010) in *Social History* Volume 37, Issue 2, 2012.
- "Recipes for Curing Syphilis from Colonial Mexico" *The Recipes Project: Food, Magic, Art, Science and Medicine*, 21/07/2016 Stable URL: <http://recipes.hypotheses.org/8132>
- Book Review: Nancy van Deusen *Global Indios: The indigenous struggle for justice in the Sixteenth Century Spain*, Duke University Press, 2015. Slated for publication in the third issue of 2017 (vol-28, No. 3) *The Journal of World History*
- Book Review: *The Chicken and the Quetzal: Incommensurate Ontologies and Portable Values in Guatemala's Cloud Forest*. By Paul Kockelman. Durham: Duke University Press, 2016. *The Latin Americanist*, August 28, 2018. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/tla.12197>
- Book Review: *Marriage Vows and Racial Choices* by Jessica Vasquez-Tokos, New York: Russel Sage Foundation, 201. *International Social Science Review*: Vol. 94: Iss. 2, August 2018. <https://digitalcommons.northgeorgia.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1297&context=issr>
- Book Review of *To Feast on us as their Prey: Cannibalism and the Early Modern Atlantic*, Ed. Rachel Hermann, *Register of Kentucky Historical Society*. (2020)

Most Recent Conference Papers and Panels

- "What is Spiritual Ecology? Dietary Restrictions and Ecology: Ashoka and the Mexica" at RMCLAS (Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies) (Conference Cancelled due to Covid)
- "Seeds of Contagion: The Indians Die for Nothing" at Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS) Santa Fe, NM April 3-April 6, 2019
- "The Spiritual Ecology of Indian Mortality in New Spain 1520-1620" AHA annual Meeting Denver Co, January 2017.
- "Inclined Toward the Sun: the terror of New Spain" RMCLAS Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, NM 2015.

- “Saving Appearances: Heredity and the Microcosm of New Spain at the Turn of the Seventeenth Century,” at the History of Science and Society Annual Conference, Boston MS Nov. 23, 2013.
- “The Melancholy of Servitude: New Spain’s Melancholic Blacks and Phlegmatic Indians” at Body Knowledge: Medicine and Humanities in Conversation at Wits School of Public Health, Johannesburg South Africa, Sept. 2-4, 2013
- “Bodies in *Sitio*: Place and Health in Mexico City at the Turn of the Seventeenth Century” at the JCB Fellows Lunch Chat, Jun 1, 2011
- “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
- “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.
- “Rightful Inheritance: Defining “Nativeness” and Belonging in New Spain, 1590-1620.” presented at the American Historical Association, January 2009

Courses Taught

HIST A361 Early Latin America: From European Discovery to Independence

HIST A362 Modern Latin America: From Independence to the Present

HIST A365 First People of the Americas

HIST A423 History of Mexico

HIST A374 History Science

HIST A474 Issues in Environmental History

HIST A300 Historian’s Craft

HIST A499 Senior Capstone