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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

FACULTY POSITIONS

2013-present Associate Professor, Marquette University, Department of History
2005-2012 Assistant Professor, Marquette University, Department of History
2004-05 Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Miami, Department of History
2002-04 Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania, Department of History

GRANTS AND AWARDS

External

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, Philadelphia, 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/Regional

- 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, 1962-1992"
- 2017 Summer Faculty Fellowship
- 2017 Regular Research Grant
- 2017 Helen Way Klingler College of Arts and Sciences Mentor of the Year
- 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>
- 2016 Speaker and Conference Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee/U.S. Department of Education Title VI Grant
- 2015 Regional Faculty Travel Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2014 Office of International Education Poster Session Research Award, Marquette University
- 2014 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
- 2011 Regional Faculty Travel Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2010 Regular Research Grant, Marquette University
- 2010 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University
- 2008 Regional Faculty Travel Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- 2008 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University
- 2007 Summer Faculty Fellowship, Marquette University

CURRENT RESEARCH

Circulations: Death and Opportunity on Mesoamerica's Costa del Sur, 1500-1630

This book-length project examines migration, networks, and trade along Mesoamerica's southern Pacific coast in the immediate aftermath of Spanish-Nahua conquest, from Oaxaca to modern-day El Salvador. Following the lead of migrants, merchants, and conquistadors at the time, I take a regional view rather than delimiting the study according to ethnolinguistic, colonial, or national boundaries. Most fundamentally, the study asks whether the circulation of Indigenous people and goods in this place and time represents a response to the traumatic changes of the sixteenth century or a continuity of preconquest patterns.

Director, Nahuatl/Nawat in Central America Digital Project, <http://nahuatl-nawat.org>

An interdisciplinary digital humanities project that consolidates historical Nahuatl documents from Central America and raises new questions about the use and evolution of the language in the region during the Spanish colonial period. The project has four components: the public, online archiving of Nahuatl documents created in Central America; the growing of this corpus of documents via academic sharing; collaborative and public transcription and translation; and analysis of the documents' information using mapping and other software tools.

Sister Cities: The Ciudad Viejas of Guatemala and El Salvador

Collaboration with William Fowler (Vanderbilt University) comparing the archaeological and historical records of Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala, and Ciudad Vieja, El Salvador, the two earliest Spanish settlements in Central America.

Remembering Madre Rosa: Oral Histories of the Marquette Maryknolls in Highland Guatemala, 1962-1992.

A multi-year, multi-team undergraduate research project exploring the history and legacy of the Maryknoll Sisters who helped found, run, and maintain a regional hospital in Jacaltenango, Guatemala, through the worst years of the Guatemalan civil war. Phase 1, with undergraduates Francisco Hernández, Janet Peña, Ricardo Fernández, Luis Jiménez, and Isabel Piedra, includes work in the Maryknoll Archives in Ossining, NY, and the collection of oral histories of nurses in Jacaltenango who trained with the Maryknolls.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2017 *Memorias de conquista: De indios conquistadores a mexicanos en la Guatemala colonial.* Translated by Margarita Cruz. CIRMA/CEUR-Guatemala/ICSH-Puebla/AGHT-Tlaxcala.
- 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

- 2018 "Two Bigamists in Tehuantepec: Globalization and Spatial Stories-So-Far, c. 1600," under review
- 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

- 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), online publication
- 2000 “El Náhuatl y la identidad mexicana en la Guatemala colonial,” *Mesoamérica* 40 (December), 41-68

Book Chapters

- 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)

- 2018 Barbara Mundy, *The Death of Aztec Tenochtitlan, the Life of Mexico City*, for *The Americas*, 74:4, 549-51
- 2018 “The Mature Phase: Four Generations of Scholarship on Colonial Mesoamerica and New Spain,” for *Latin American Research Review* 53(1), pp. 152–158. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.25222/larr.254>
- 2017 Martha Few, *For All of Humanity: Mesoamerican and Colonial Medicine in Enlightenment Guatemala*, for *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History*, [Volume 18, Number 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)

- 2017 “Indigenous Conquistadors: Rethinking the Spanish Conquest.” History Department/Phi Alpha Theta/Arts & Ideas, Lewis University, Romeoville, IL, Sept. 20
- 2017 “Indigenous Conquistadors: Rethinking the Spanish Conquest.” Governors State University/Intellectual Life Committee, University Park, IL, Sept. 19
- 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 bigamo 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)

- 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-May 1
- 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
- 2012 “Nahuatl and Pipil in Central America,” for “Indigenous Literacy in Mesoamerica and the Colonial World,” workshop funded by Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, John Carter Brown Library, Brown University and Illinois State University, June 15-17
- 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 19-20

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (since 2010 and ongoing)

- 2017-22 Board of Editors, *Hispanic American Historical Review* (HAHR)
- 2017 Chair, Erminie Wheeler-Voeglin Book Award, American Society for Ethnohistory
- 2015-17 Councilor, American Society for Ethnohistory
- 2015-17 Reviewer, American Council for Learned Societies
- 2015 Chair, Howard F. Cline Prize Committee, Conference on Latin American History
- 2014 Murdo MacLeod Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, Latin American Section
- 2012-present Editorial Board and Co-Editor of Reviews, *Boletín de la Asociación para el Fomento de Estudios Históricos en Centroamérica* (AFEHC)

- 2012-present Editorial board, "Latin American Originals," Penn State University Press
- 2010-2012 Secretary/Chair, Central American Studies Committee, Conference on
Latin American History
- 2008-present Mss. reviewer, Bedford/St. Martin's/MacMillan
University of Oklahoma
Oxford University Press
Penn State University Press
Stanford University Press
- 2006-present Journal 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