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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

Awards

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*)

External Grants

2014 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar “Bridging National Borders in North America,” Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, June 1-30
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 Grants

- 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: Migrants and Merchants in Southwestern Mesoamerica, 1500-1630

This book-length project documents and contextualizes indigenous trade and migration along the southern Pacific coast of Mesoamerica in the immediate aftermath of Spanish-Nahua conquest, from Oaxaca to modern-day El Salvador. Following the lead of the migrants and merchants themselves, I am taking a regional view rather than delimiting the study according to ethnolinguistic, colonial, or national boundaries. Most fundamentally the project 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 in Central America Project

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. I am assisted by an advisory board of geographers, archaeologists, historians, anthropologists, and linguists, and a technical team at Marquette University. The project has three components: the public, online archiving of Nahuatl documents created in Central America; the growing of this corpus of documents via academic crowdsourcing; and analysis of the documents using mapping and other software tools.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 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

Refereed Journal Articles

- 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 “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)

Encyclopedia Entries/Essays

- 2010 "Conquest of Guatemala and Yucatan" in *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, ed. Ben Vinson
- 2008 “Ladino,” in *Facts on File*, “Colonial Latin America,” ed. Mark Burkholder

Reviews

- 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)
- 2009 Gonzalo Lamana, *Domination Without Dominance: Inca-Spanish Encounters in Early Colonial Peru*, for *H-Atlantic*, (December)
- 2009 David Carrasco and Scott Sessions, eds., *Cave, City, and Eagle's Nest: An Interpretive Journey Through the Mapa de Cuauhtinchan No. 4*, in *Mesoamérica* 51 (June)
- 2008 David Cahill and Blanca Tovías, eds., *New World, First Nations: Native Peoples of Mesoamerica and the Andes Under Colonial Rule*, in *Journal of Colonialism and Colonial History* 9:3 (Winter)
- 2008 Rebecca P. Brienen and Margaret A. Jackson, eds., *Invasion and Transformation: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on the Conquest of Mexico*, in *Journal of Latin American Studies* 40:4 (November), 795-796
- 2005 Linda Curcio-Nagy, *The Great Festivals of Colonial Mexico City: Performing Power and Identity*, in *Journal of Social History* 39:1 (Fall)
- 2002 Robert Jackson, *Race, Caste, and Status: Indians in Colonial Spanish America*, in *Mesoamérica* 44 (December)

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

- 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, November 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 Landivar, 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, October 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
- 2007 "One Hundred Years of Solitude in Wisconsin," Center for the Humanities, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Oct. 8, 2007
- 2007 "Historiografía de las visiones autóctonas como reto metodológico." Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica (CIRMA), Antigua, Guatemala, June 7
- 2005 Workshop on Constructing Difference in Colonial Latin America, Connecticut College, New London, CT, March 11-12
- 2004 International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, "Indigenous Cultures, 1500-1825," Harvard University, Aug. 2-12 (declined)

Conference Presentations

- 2015 "Rethinking Regions: Trade and Migration Along the Southern Pacific Coast," 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, October 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
- 2009 “Beyond a *lingua franca*: Some Aspects of Colonial Central American Nahuatl.” American Society for Ethnohistory annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, Sept. 30-Oct. 4
- 2009 “Más allá de la *lingua franca*: el uso del náhuatl en Centroamérica colonial,” with Sergio Romero (Vanderbilt University). 53rd Internacional Congreso de Americanistas, Mexico City, Mexico, July 19-24
- 2009 Co-organizer with Karen Graubart (University of Notre Dame), “Law and Religion in the Creation of Colonial Society,” conference at The Kellogg Center, University of Notre Dame, May 1-2
- 2009 “Indigenous Mesoamerican Conquistadors in Central America,” with Jeb Card (Southern Illinois University at Carbondale). Society for American Archaeology annual meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 22-26
- 2008 “Por ser valientes: una probanza indígena de la conquista de Centroamérica, siglo XVI.” Encuentro internacional ‘El mundo de los conquistadores,’ Instituto de Investigaciones Históricas-Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México/Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, June 4-6
- 2007 “Mexicans, Maya, and Conquest in the Longue Durée of Mesoamerican History.” Latin American Studies Association annual meeting, Montreal, Canada, Sept. 5-8
- 2007 Commentator/Chair, “The Church in Latin America.” American Catholic Historical Association Spring meeting, Milwaukee, WI, March 29-31
- 2006 “La utilidad de ser tlaxcalteca—o de no serlo—en la Ciudad Vieja, Guatemala colonial.” VIII Congreso Centroamericano de Historia, Antigua, Guatemala, July 10-14
- 2006 “Whose Conquest? Nahuas, Mixtecs, and Zapotecs in the Conquest of Central America.” Newberry Library Colloquium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, Feb. 8
- 2006 “The Utility of Being Tlaxcalan (or not) in Colonial Guatemala.” American Historical Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 5-8
- 2002 Panel Co-Organizer, “Indios Conquistadores: Negotiating Power and Collective Identity in Colonial Mexico and Guatemala,” and presenter “Marching as a Group Apart: The Mexicano Militias of Colonial Guatemala.” Southern Historical Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, Nov. 6-9

- 2002 "The Penance of a Saint: Franciscan Piety in Baroque Mesoamerica." American Society for Ethnohistory annual meeting, Quebec City, Canada, Oct. 16-19
- 2002 "Reading the Census: Mexican Neighborhoods and Identities in a Guatemalan Town, c. 1752." Latin American Cultures Program Graduate Symposium Series, University of Pennsylvania, Jan. 22
- 2000 Panel Organizer, "Colonial Migrations: Population Movement and Ethnogenesis in Mesoamerica and Spanish North America," and presenter, "Tlaxcalan Migration and Mystique in Colonial Guatemala and Northern Mexico." Conference on Latin American History-AHA annual meeting, Chicago, IL, Jan. 6-9
- 1999 "The Creation of 'Los Mexicanos' in Colonial Guatemala." American Society for Ethnohistory annual meeting, Mashantucket, CT, Oct. 20-24
- 1998 "Neither and Both: The Mexican "Indian Conquistadores" of Colonial Guatemala." American Anthropological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Dec. 9-12
- 1998 "Language and Identity in Early Colonial Guatemala: The Role of Nahuatl." American Historical Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA, Jan. 8-11
- 1997 "Idioma e identidad durante la época colonial: El caso de los mexicanos-conquistadores en Guatemala." Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamérica, Antigua, Guatemala, Aug. 20
- 1995 NEH/Aston Magna Academy "Cultural Cross-Currents: Spain and Latin America, ca. 1550-1750," Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015 Howard F. Cline Prize Committee, Conference on Latin American History
- 2014 Murdo MacLeod Prize Committee, Southern Historical Association, Latin American Section
- 2012-present Co-Editor of Reviews, *Boletín de la Asociación para el Fomento de Estudios Históricos de 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, Penn State University Press, University of Oklahoma Press
- 2007 Consultant/Contributor, exhibit catalogue *Quauhquechollan: El Lienzo de la Conquista*, Universidad Francisco Marroquin, Guatemala City, Guatemala
- 2006-present Journal mss. reviewer, *Hispanic American Historical Review*; *LABOR: Studies in Working-Class History of the Americas*; *Ethnohistory*; *Latin American Research Review*; *Mesoamérica*; *The Historical Journal*
- 2006-2011 Co-founder with Lisa Voigt, Midwest Working Group on Colonial Latin America (regional faculty from WI, IL, MI)
- 2006 Gallery Guide, "The Aztecs and the Making of Colonial Mexico," Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, Dec. 16

- 2006 Instructor, Teachers as Scholars Education Program, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, May
- 2006 Instructor, Newberry Teacher's Consortium, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, May
- 2000 Graduate Assistant, Ethnohistory Workshop, University of Pennsylvania,
- 1994-1995 Curator, "Religion and Society in Colonial Mexico: Selections from the Sydney S. Keil Collection," Special Collections, Van Pelt Library, University of Pennsylvania, Oct. 11-Jan 9
- 1989 Copy Editor/Translator, *Central America Report/Inforpress Centromericana*, Guatemala City, Guatemala

SERVICE – Marquette University and Regional

- 2015-17 Core Curriculum Review Committee
- 2015 Presentation, "Imagining Digital Scholarship at Marquette," Raynor Memorial Library, Oct. 1
- 2015 Presentation of Tira de Sta Catarina Ixtepeji, Calenda de Tlacolula (WI) Sept. 5
- 2015 Presentation of Tira de Sta Catarina Ixtepeji, Mexican Fiesta, Aug. 21-23
- 2014 Presentation of Tira de Sta Catarina Ixtepeji, Mexican Fiesta, Sept. 22-24
- 2014 Selection Committee, El Salvador 25th Anniversary of the Jesuit Martyrs
- 2013-present Executive Committee, Dept. of History
- 2013 Online Enrollment Subcommittee, Fall 2013
- 2013 Guatemala Q&A, Engineers Without Borders Marquette chapter, Oct. 29
- 2013 "Applying for Ph.D. Programs" workshop for History Graduate Student Association, Sept. 17
- 2012-13 Graduate Committee, Dept. of History
- 2012 "Fellowships, Grants, and Proposals," workshop for Association of English Graduate Students and History Graduate Student Organization, Oct. 30
- 2012 Moderator, "What's Next for Latin America?" Raynor Libraries, Oct. 5
- 2012 Honors Foundation Courses Committee
- 2012 "The Four Freedoms in Latin America," Dept. of History Brown Bag Talk for "The Freedom Project," Oct. 1
- 2012 "Memories of Conquest," Milwaukee County Historical Society Marquette Symposium, Sept. 12
- 2012 Graduate Workshop on the Art and Craft of History (Work-Life Balance), Sept. 4
- 2012 McNair Scholars Program Adviser, Casey Korducki
- 2012 Organizer, Dept. of History Casper Lecture, Anthony Aveni, "Maya Apocalypse soon?" April 16
- 2011-14 Committee on Academic Technology
- 2011-12 Undergraduate Committee, Dept. of History
- 2011-12 College Application Mentor, Rufus King High School, Milwaukee

- 2011 Engineers Without Borders Marquette Chapter, trip to San Lucas Tolimán Hydroelectricity Project, Guatemala, May
- 2011 Host, Executive Secretary of CONAMIGUA (Guatemala) governmental Council on Migrant Affairs Heyddie Alejandra Gordillo Tovar, March 24
- 2011 Guest speaker, Sigma Lambda Beta Latino Fraternity Workshop, "African Culture in Latin America," February 8
- 2010-11 Graduate Committee, Dept. of History
- 2010 Open House for High Schoolers
- 2010 Center for Teaching and Learning Online Teaching Reception, April 8
- 2009-10 Graduate Committee, Dept. of History
- 2009 McNair Scholars Program Adviser, Francisco Bravo
- 2008 Advisor, History Senior Thesis, Elizabeth Quick (went to University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign)
- 2008 Guest speaker, Global Brigades Meeting, Sept. 27
- 2008 Guest speaker, Latino Solidarity Day Conference, Sept. 27
- 2008 Guest speaker, "The Maya in Guatemala, Past and Present," Engineers Without Borders Student Chapter, Feb. 27
- 2008 Guest speaker, Sigma Lambda Beta Latino Fraternity workshop, "Latino, Hispanic, Chicano: How do I self-identify?," Feb. 20
- 2008 Graduate Workshop on the Art and Craft of History, Feb. 11 (Plagiarism)
- 2007-09 Executive Committee, Dept. of History
- 2007-09 Campus interviews and advising process, IIE Fulbright awards
- 2007 Moderator, "Wifredo Lam in North America" Panel Discussion, Haggerty Museum of Art, Dec. 6
- 2007 Guest Speaker, Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honor Society, Nov. 18
- 2007 Preview Advising, June 18
- 2007 Co-organizer, Marquette International Service Learning Trip to Guatemala, Sept. 2006-May 2007 (cancelled)
- 2006-07 Faculty Participant, Shared Futures: Global Education and Social Responsibility (Global Core Project), April 2006-May 2007
- 2006 "The Maya in Guatemala, Past and Present," Wisconsin Professional Partners Chapter of Engineers Without Borders, Sept. 1

TEACHING AREAS

- Colonial Latin America
- Modern Latin America
- Medieval and Early Modern Spain
- Native Latin America (Andes, Amazonia, Mesoamerica)
- History of Mexico
- History of Central America
- The Atlantic World
- Comparative Race and Ethnicity
- The Guatemalan Civil War

LANGUAGES

Spanish (reading, speaking, writing)

Portuguese (reading)

Nahuatl (reading, in progress)