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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral DPAA Research Partner Fellow, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 2022 to Present

Visiting Scholar, Department of History, University of California (UC) Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, 2021 to 2022

EDUCATION

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL

2022 - Ph.D. in History, Minor in Public History

Dissertation – [“Reclaiming The Patria: Sinarquismo in the United States, 1936-1966”](#)

2020 – Certificate in Ignatian Pedagogy

UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA

2011 – M.A. in Latin American Studies

Thesis – [“Las Anarquistas: The History of Two Women of the Partido Liberal Mexicano in Early 20th Century Los Angeles”](#)

UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA

2009 – B.A. in History, Highest Honors

2009 – B.A. in Politics, Honors

PUBLICATIONS

Print

Las Anarquistas: La historia de dos mujeres del Partido Liberal Mexicano a principios del siglo XX en Los Ángeles, translated by Mirra Norman, In Progress.

[“Politicized Refuge: Chicago and the Transformation of the Sanctuary Movement,”](#) *Middle West Review*, 9, no. 1 (Fall 2022).

[Review](#) of *Father Luis Olivares: A Biography* by Mario T. García, *The Catholic Historical Review* 108, no. 3 (Summer 2022).

[Review](#) of *Borderlands Curanderos: The Worlds of Santa Teresa Urrea and Don Pedrito Jaramillo* by Jennifer Koshatka Seman, *Western Historical Quarterly* 53, no. 1 (Spring 2022).

[“Link to the Past, Bridges to the Future: The CJHS Digitization Project,”](#) *Chicago Jewish History*, 44:4 (Fall 2020): 1-3.

“Ranchos,” in Alexandra Kindell, ed., [The World of Antebellum America: A Daily Life Encyclopedia, Volume 1](#) (Santa Barbara: ABC-CLIO/Greenwood, 2018).

“Interview with the Artist: Gregory Beals,” *The Lumanary: News, Exhibitions, & Events from The Loyola University Museum of Art* 24:1 (Spring 2018): 8-9.

[“Resilience amidst Upheaval: Raphael and Mathilda’s Letters, 1872-1878,”](#) *Chicago Jewish History*, 41:4 (Fall 2017): 6-9.

“From the D’Arcy to the Rijksmuseum: The Virgin and Child on a Crescent Moon,” *The Lumanary: News, Exhibitions, & Events from The Loyola University Museum of Art* 23:3 (Winter 2017): 12-13.

Digital

[“Dissertation Resources: Research Grants, Completion Fellowships, and Dissertation Prizes,”](#) *Clio and the Contemporary*, November 2, 2022.

[Review](#) of *In Combat: The Life of Lombardo Toledano* by Daniela Spenser, *H-LatAm*, May 2021.

[“The Transnational Sinarquista Movement,”](#) IEHS Online, March 2, 2020.

AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS/GRANTS

Congress Registration Grant, Latin American Studies Association, 2022

Conference Travel Award, Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago, 2021

Arthur J. Schmitt Dissertation Fellowship In Leadership & Service, Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago, 2021

Samuel Flagg Bemis Dissertation Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, 2021

Catarino and Evangelina Hernández Research Fellowship in Latino History, Texas State Historical Association, 2020

Conference Travel Award, Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago, 2020

5th Annual Immigration and Ethnic History Society (IEHS) Graduate Student Blog Competition Winner, "[The transnational Sinarquista movement](#)," 2020

Conference Travel Award, History Graduate Student Association, Loyola University Chicago, 2019

Plan 2020 Student Innovation Fund Grant for the Immigration Advocacy History Project, Loyola University Chicago, 2017

Chancellor's Achievement Award for Diversity and Community, UC Davis, 2015

English Teaching Assistant Recipient, Fulbright U.S. Student Program, Colombia, 2012

Tinker Field Research Grant, Tinker Foundation, 2010

Graduate Student Research Travel Grant, UC San Diego Institute for International, Comparative, and Area Studies (IICAS), 2010

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 2022 to Present

HIST 587: Topics in Public History: Monuments and Memory

Teaching Assistant, Department of History, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2016 to 2019, 2020 to 2021

HIST 101: The Evolution of Western Ideas and Institutions to the Seventeenth Century

HIST 102: The Evolution of Western Ideas and Institutions Since the Seventeenth Century

HIST 103: American Pluralism

HIST 212: United States since 1865

Teacher of Record, Department of History, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019 to 2020

HIST 102: The Evolution of Western Ideas and Institutions Since the Seventeenth Century

Co-Instructor, Department of Education, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2012 to 2016

EDU 160: Peer Education and Training in Social Justice, Counseling and Leadership

Teaching Assistant, Dimensions of Culture (DOC) Writing Program, UC San Diego, La Jolla, CA, 2009 to 2011

DOC 1: Diversity

DOC 2: Justice

DOC 3: Imagination

Writing Assistant, Learning Support Services, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, 2006 to 2009

PUBLIC AND DIGITAL HUMANITIES EXPERIENCE

Instructor, [Monuments and Memory: The Built Environment and Historical Memory in San Diego](#) digital exhibits for the class HIST 587: Topics in Public History: Monuments and Memory, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 2023

Project Assistant, Chicago Jewish Historical Society, Chicago, IL, 2020 to Present

Team Member, [United Fronteras](#), 2020 to 2022

Summer Staff, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2018 to 2019, 2021 to 2022

Researcher, National Society of the Colonial Dames of America – California, San Francisco, CA, 2022

Oral History Interviewer and former Co-Chair, Immigration Advocacy History Project (oral histories, panel, speaker event and exhibit), Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017 to 2021

Researcher, [Mundelein College Building Histories: The Mundelein College Skyscraper/Mundelein Center for Fine and Performing Arts](#), Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, 2021

Collaborative Programs Intern, Chicago Cultural Alliance, Chicago, IL, 2021

Co-Creator, [Voices from Mundelein: Media Portal](#) web project, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, 2018 to 2020

Guest Tweeter, [#TakeOverTuesday](#), Western History Association Graduate Student Caucus (@WHAGrads), 2020

Volunteer, Share Your Stories, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2020

Guest Tweeter, [#TakeOverTuesday](#), Arizona Historical Society (@AZHistSociety), 2020

Author, Reflection: "[Essential Resource to Understand the Mexico-United States Border Region](#)," United Fronteras US-Mexico Exhibit, 2020

Intern, Theodore Roosevelt Center, Dickinson State University, Dickinson, ND, 2019

Author, Blog Post: "[Theodore Roosevelt and Racial Diplomacy: Part 1](#)," Theodore Roosevelt Center, 2019

Author, Blog Post: "[Theodore Roosevelt and Racial Diplomacy: Part 2](#)," Theodore Roosevelt Center, 2019

Creator, [Wystawa cyfrowa Legionu Młodych Polek](#) (Polish version of the Legion of Young Polish Women digital exhibit), Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, 2019

Education and Curatorial Intern, Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA), Chicago, IL, 2017 to 2018

Co-Creator and Researcher, [Peace Studies Origins: From Mundelein College to Loyola University Chicago](#) digital exhibit, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, 2017 to 2018

Planning Committee Member, Open Houses of Worship Weekend, Rogers Park/West Ridge Historical Society, Chicago, IL, 2018

Author, Blog Post: "[Acting Up: Mercedes McCambridge and Sister Mary Leola Oliver](#)," Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, 2018

Volunteer, Loyola University Chicago Public History Lab, *Folded Map* exhibition, Loyola University Museum of Art (LUMA), Chicago, IL, 2018

Researcher, Loyola University Chicago Public History Lab, [10 That Changed America](#), PBS Series, 2018

Researcher, [Cesar Chavez: Loyola and Mundelein](#) web project, Women and Leadership Archives, Loyola University Chicago, 2018

Co-Organizer, "Monuments and Memory" Panel, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017

Independent Contractor, Digitization and Fact-Checking, The History Factory, Chicago, IL, 2017

Architecture and Digitization Intern, Archives and Records Center, Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017

Participant, Chicago Studies and the Archive Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, IL, 2017

Interviewer, Oral Histories, American Society of Environmental Historians (ASEH) Conference, Chicago, IL, 2017

Author, Digital Historical Fiction: "[A Young Fan Imagines a Night Out at Kelly's](#)," Happy Medium Ventures, Chicago, 2017

Interviewer, Oral History, Happy Medium Ventures, Chicago, IL, 2016

Co-Coordinator, "Activist Histories" program, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2014

Intern and Volunteer, Riverside Metropolitan Museum, Riverside, CA, 2006 to 2009

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Dr. Julian Lim, Arizona State University, 2021 to 2022

Research Assistant, Dr. David Tamayo, University of Michigan, 2021 to 2022

Research Assistant, Vivien Chang, University of Virginia, 2022

Research Assistant, Dr. Jerry Gonzalez, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2022

Research Assistant, Dr. Catherine Gudis, UC Riverside, 2022

Research Assistant, Dr. Luis Herrán Ávila, University of New Mexico, 2022

Research Assistant, Diana Méndez Rojas, Instituto Mora, 2022

Research Assistant, Dr. Richard Purcell, Carnegie Mellon University, 2022

Research Assistant, Brian Sears, Baylor University, 2022

Research Assistant, Dr. Catherine J. Denial, Knox College, 2021

Research Assistant, Dr. Caroline Grego, Queens University of Charlotte, 2021

Research Assistant, Dr. Gema Kloppe-Santamaría, Loyola University Chicago, 2021

Research Assistant, Dr. Holly Guise, UC Irvine, 2020

Research Assistant, Mapa Solidaridad, 2020

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Social Media and Fundraising Consultant, *Burnham's Dream: The White City* musical, Lost and Found Productions, Chicago, IL, 2017 to 2018

Office Coordinator, Cross Cultural Center, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2012 to 2016

PRESENTATIONS/PAPERS

Invited Talks

“Politicized Refuge: Chicago and the Transformation of the Sanctuary Movement,” SOC 4200: Social Movements, California State University, San Bernardino, Presented via Zoom, November 2023

“Utilizing Twitter (X), Bluesky Social, and Threads to Broaden Your Network,” Career Pathways, Loyola University Chicago, Presented via Zoom, September 2023

Guest, [An Academic Odyssey podcast](#), September 2023

“The Contested History of Monuments,” Humanities 103: Introduction to Public Humanities, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, April 2023

Mellon Pathways Program Spring Break Workshop, University of Texas at San Antonio Mexico Center, Presented via Zoom, March 2023

“The Unión Nacional Sinarquista, Sleepy Lagoon Incident, and Zoot Suit Riots in WWII-era Los Angeles,” San Diego State University Department of History Spring 2023 “History Talks” series, San Diego, CA, February 2023

“Reclaiming the Patria: Sinarquismo in the United States, 1936-1966,” In *Vino Veritas* Lecture Series, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, February 2023

Conferences and Seminars

“Sanctuary Universities: California Campuses and Student Organizing in the Mid-1980s,” Paper Presentation for the Panel, “Community Organizing across Borders: How Local Advocates and Officials Aided and Policed Latinx Migrants during Twentieth-Century Moments of ‘Crisis,’” Organization of American Historians Conference, Los Angeles, CA, April 2023

Co-Organizer (with Sandra Park) and Panelist, “Hope for a New Society - Sinarquista Colonization in the Borderlands - 1941-1944,” Paper Presentation for the Panel, “Christianity and Wartime Political Movements in the 20th Century Postcolonial World,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2023

Commentator for the Panel, “Unfetter Me from the Chains of Oppression: Slaves, Nationalists, and Migrants in Search of Transnational Liberation, 1793-1980,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, January 2023

“The Unión Nacional Sinarquista: A Threat to World War II Pan-Americanism or Not?,” Paper Presentation for the Panel, “Catholic Identities and Social Mobilizations in (trans)National Context: Mexican and Mexican-American Catholics in the Twentieth Century,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Presented via Zoom, May 2022

“Mexican Conservatives in World War II Chicagoland,” Paper Presentation, Loyola University Chicago Graduate School Interdisciplinary Symposium, Presented via Zoom, March 2022

“Mexican Organization, Not Revolution: Salvador Abascal Infante as Sinarquista President, 1940–41,” Paper Presentation for the Panel, “Las Derechas: New Directions in the Study of Lay and Clerical Conservatism in Postrevolutionary Mexico,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Presented via Zoom, February 2022

Organizer and Chair for the Panel, "Transnational Mexican Catholic Histories of the 20th Century," American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Presented via Zoom, February 2022

Organizer and Panelist, "The Unión Nacional Sinarquista: A Threat to World War II Pan-Americanism or Not?," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "New Perspectives on Pan-Americanism from the 1930s through the 1960s," Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Conference, Presented via Zoom, November 2021

Organizer and Panelist, "The First Sanctuary Campus: UC Riverside and Sanctuary Organizing in the Mid-1980s," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "Sanctuary in Education and Government in the West," Western History Association Conference, Portland, OR, October 2021

"Mexican Fifth Columnists?: The Unión Nacional Sinarquista in the United States, 1941-1943," Paper Workshop for the UC Berkeley Latin American History (BLAH) Workshop, Presented via Zoom, October 2021

"The Establishment of Sinarquistas in the United States, 1940-1941," Last Friday of the Month/Último Viernes del Mes Graduate Historians of 20th Century Mexico Workshop, Presented via Zoom, August 2021

"Contesting the Post-Revolutionary Mexican State: The Rise of the Unión Nacional Sinarquista in the United States, 1936-1940," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "Catholics Contesting the State: The Various Forms of Catholic Opposition to Latin American Government in the 20th Century," Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) Congress, Presented via Zoom, August 2021

Organizer and Panelist, "Hope for a New Society - Sinarquista Colonization in the Borderlands - 1941-1944," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "Catholics Respond to Crisis: Identities, Ideology, and Catholic 'Intrapolitics,'" Latin American Studies Association Congress, Presented via Zoom, May 2021

"The Mexican Right in WWII Chicagoland," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "The Greater, Mexican Midwest," Midwestern History Conference, Presented via Zoom, May 2021

Organizer and Panelist, "Hope for a New Society - Sinarquista Colonization in the Borderlands - 1941-1944," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "Race, Nation and Identity at the Intersection of Mexico-US Societies," Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies, Presented via Zoom, April 2021

Chair and Panelist, "The Spread of Sinarquismo in the United States, 1936-1940," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "Transnational Histories of Mexican Catholic Activism in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries," Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Presented via Zoom, March 2021

"The Spread of Sinarquismo in the United States, 1936-1940," Paper Presentation, North American Religions Workshop, Northwestern University, Presented via Zoom, October 2020

Organizer and Panelist, "Mexican Fifth Columnists in the U.S?: The Unión Nacional Sinarquista in World War II Era Los Angeles," Paper Presentation for the Panel, "Transnational Latin American Politics in the 20th-Century United States West," Western History Association Conference, Presented via Zoom, October 2020

"Reclaiming the Patria: Sinarquismo in the United States, 1937-1946," Condensed Graduate Research Presentation for "Lightning Talks," Western History Association Conference, Presented via Zoom, October 2020

"Crisis and the Growing Importance of Women in the Partido Liberal Mexicano, 1915-1922," Paper Presentation, Newberry Library Borderlands and Latino/a Studies Seminar, Presented via Zoom, September 2020

"Mexican Right-Wing Politics in 1940s Chicagoland," Paper Presentation, Latina/o Studies Association Conference, South Bend, IN, June 2020 [cancelled due to COVID-19]

Co-presenter (with Janette Clay), "Voices from Mundelein: Media Portal," Chicago Colloquium on Digital Humanities and Computer Science, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, November 2019

“Politicized Refuge: The Rise of the Sanctuary Movement in Chicago,” Paper Presentation, Nicholas D. Chabreja Center for Historical Studies Graduate Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April 2019

Co-presenter (with Kristin Jacobsen), “Presentation on Loyola University Immigration Advocacy History Project (IAHP),” Poster Presentation, Nicholas D. Chabreja Center for Historical Studies Graduate Conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, April 2019

“What Everybody Needs to Know About Central America in an Age of Deportation: Views from the United States,” Roundtable Discussion, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, January 2019

“Empowered while Gendered?: The Emergence of Women Leaders in the Exiled Partido Liberal Mexicano,” Paper Presentation, Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Conference, Chicago, IL, November 2017

“Chicago’s St. Augustine College: Education, Language and Race at a Crossroads,” Paper Presentation, Conference on Illinois History, Springfield, IL, October 2017

“Las Anarquistas: The History of Two Women of the Partido Liberal Mexicano in Early 20th Century Los Angeles,” Paper Presentation, UC San Diego Center for Iberian and Latin American Studies (CILAS) Graduate Symposium, La Jolla, CA, June 2011

Research Briefs

Co-author (with Ruth Gomberg-Muñoz, James Manos, Dan Cooper and Soulit Chacko), “[The Illinois TRUST Act: Welcoming Families and Enhancing Security for All](#),” 2017

SERVICE

Professional

Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator, [Historians of Catholic Mexico](#), 2020 to Present

Volunteer, Society for Military History Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, 2023

Co-Chair, Dissertation Writing Group, Department of History, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019 to 2022

Panel Moderator and Volunteer, History Graduate Student Association Conference, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2016 to 2021

President, Vice President, and Department Representative, Loyola University Chicago Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC), Chicago, IL, 2016 to 2019

Volunteer, Midwest Conference on British Studies, Chicago, IL, 2019

Co-Coordinator, Historians for a Just Society, Loyola University Chicago History Graduate Student Association, Chicago, IL 2017 to 2018

Publicity Committee Member, Digital Accessibility Conference, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017 to 2018

Graduate Representative, Department of History Latin American Faculty Search Committee, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017

Volunteer, English as a Second Language Course, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL 2016

Volunteer, Urban History Association Conference, Chicago, IL, 2016

Membership Chair and Member, Staff Assembly, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2012 to 2016

Member, Diversity & Inclusion Working Group, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2015 to 2016

Member, Equity Summit Task Force, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2015 to 2016

Member, Social Justice and SPARC (Student Promoting Advocacy and Redefining Community) Awards Committee, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2014 to 2015

Department Representative, UC San Diego Graduate Student Association, La Jolla, CA, 2009 to 2010

Community

Judge, Chicago Metro History Fair, Chicago, IL, 2017 to 2022

Member, Benefit Committee, Howard Area Community Center, Chicago, IL, 2019 to 2021

Member, Fund Development Committee, Howard Area Community Center, Chicago, IL, 2020 to 2021

Member, Chicago Museum Exhibitors Group (CMEG) Diversity, Equity, Access and Inclusion Committee, Chicago, IL, 2020 to 2021

English as a Second Language Tutor, Vietnamese Association of Illinois, Chicago, IL, 2017

Participant, Global Mentorship Program, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2016 to 2017

Co-Chair and Member, City of Davis Human Relations Commission, Davis, CA, 2012 to 2016

Board Member, Yolo [County] Interfaith Immigration Network (YIIN), Davis, CA, 2012 to 2016

Founding Member, Davis Phoenix Coalition, Davis, CA, 2013 to 2016

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Building Equity Infrastructure Seminar Series, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, 2023

Social Justice Pedagogy Reading Group, Center for Experiential Learning, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019 to 2020

Share the DREAM Undocumented Student Ally Training, Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2016 to 2020

Ignatian Pedagogy Certificate Program, Faculty Center for Ignatian Pedagogy (FCIP), Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019 to 2020

Teaching Effectiveness Seminar (TES), Graduate School, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2019 to 2020

LGBTQIA Safe Space Workshop, Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017 to 2018

Ramblers Analyzing Whiteness (R.A.W.), Student Diversity & Multicultural Affairs, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2017 to 2018

Pedagogy Requirement, Department of History, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2018

Responsible Conduct of Research and Scholarship (RCRS) Training, Office of Research Services, Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL, 2018

LGBTQIA Ally Training, LGBTQIA Resource Center, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2013 to 2015

UndocuAlly Program for Educators, AB540 & Undocumented Student Center, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2014

Trans* Ally Training, LGBTQIA Resource Center, UC Davis, Davis, CA, 2012

ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political History

Religious History

Ideology

Transnational History

Borderlands

United States

Latin America (with an emphasis on Mexico and Central America)

LANGUAGE AND OTHER QUALIFICATIONS

Spanish

Knowledge and utilization of the Digital Humanities (including experience with Omeka, Omeka S, Preservica, and Timeline JS)

Trained in oral history methods

Event/Program planning experience

Administrative expertise

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association

Conference on Latin American History

Historians of Catholic Mexico (Co-Founder)

Immigration and Ethnic History Society

Latin American Studies Association

Organization of American Historians

Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations

Western History Association