

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Areas of Specialization

Frontiers and Borderlands of 19th and 20th Century Latin America, Indigenous Ethnohistory,
Bolivia, Amazonia, New Mexico

Education

- Ph.D. University of New Mexico, 2003
Major fields: Colonial and Modern Latin America. Minor field: Early Modern Europe. Dissertation: "The Ventriloquist Messiah and his Followers: Mojo Indian Responses to the Rubber Boom in Eastern Bolivia, 1860-1930"
- M.A. University of South Carolina, 1995
Major field: Latin America. Minor field: Modern Europe. Thesis: "Anglo-American Perceptions of a Cofradía: The Penitentes of New Mexico, 1880-1940"
- B.A. Montclair State University, 1988

Teaching Experience

2012-present, Associate Professor, University of West Georgia, Department of History
2006-2012, Assistant Professor, University of West Georgia, Department of History
2004-2006, Visiting Assistant Professor, Roanoke College, Department of History
2004, Adjunct Instructor, University of New Mexico-Valencia
1999 and 2002, Teaching Associate, University of New Mexico
1994 and 1995, Teaching Assistant, University of South Carolina

Languages and Special Skills

Spanish (fluent)
Portuguese (reading)
Spanish paleography (16th through 19th century scripts)

Publications

Books

Indigenous Agency in the Amazon: The Mojos in Liberal and Rubber-Boom Bolivia, 1842-1932, University of Arizona Press, 2013. Winner of the 2014 Erminie Wheeler-Voegelin Book Award from the American Society for Ethnohistory for best book-length contribution to ethnohistory.

When the Pueblos were not Indians (manuscript in preparation)

Journal Articles and Book Chapters

"In Search of Juan Antonio Ignacio Baca, a Pueblo Participant in the Shifting Politics of Nineteenth-Century New Mexico," chapter in *Transnational Indians of the North American West*, forthcoming from Texas A&M Press.

Introduction to *Transnational Indians of the North American West*, co-authored with Andrae

Marak, forthcoming from Texas A&M Press.

“The Seven Trees and Ramapough Ethnicity,” *Voices: The Journal of New York Folklore*, Spring/Summer 2014.

“Border Life as Seen through Rural Schools in Southern Arizona,” *The Middle Ground Journal: World History and Global Studies*, No. 8, Spring 2014. Online at <http://www2.css.edu/app/depts/his/historyjournal/index.cfm?name=Border-Life-as-Seen-Through-Rural-Schools-in-Southern-Arizona&cat=6&art=250>

“De Mojos a Beni: los indígenas y la reforma gubernativa en la Amazonía boliviana, 1842-1860.” *Anuario de Estudios Bolivianos, Archivísticos y Bibliográficos*, No. 17, Archivo y Biblioteca Nacionales de Bolivia, 2011.

“The Caribbean as Crossroads of World History,” *World History Bulletin*, Vol. XXII, No. 2, Fall 2006. Online at http://www.thewha.org/bulletins/fall_2006.pdf

“Anglo Perceptions of a Cofradía: The Penitentes of New Mexico, 1880-1940.” *SECOLAS Annals*, Vol. 27, March 1996.

Book Reviews, Bibliographies, and Encyclopedia Articles

“Rural History of Modern South America,” in preparation for Oxford Bibliographies.

Review of *The Guaraní and their Missions*, by Julia J.S. Sarreal. *The Catholic Historical Review*, in preparation.

“A Basic Bibliography of Bolivian Indigenismo,” for *Red Interindi: Una red de investigadores acerca del indigenismo interamericano / Interindi Network: A Researchers Network on Inter-American Indigenismo*, <http://www.interindi.net/>, 2013.

Review of *Outlawed: Between Security and Rights in a Bolivian City*, by Daniel M. Goldstein. *The Latin Americanist*, Vol. 57, No. 4, December 2013.

Review of *La reducción imposible. Las expediciones del padre Negrete a los pacaguaras (1795-1800)*, by Diego Villar, Lorena Córdoba, and Isabelle Combès. *Anthropos*, Vol. 107, No. 1, February 2012.

Review of *An Arab’s Journey to Colonial Spanish America*, by Caesar E. Farah. *Sixteenth Century Journal*, Vol. 36, No. 4, Winter 2005.

“Guayocho, Andrés.” In Josep M. Barnadas, ed. *Diccionario histórico de Bolivia*. Sucre, Bolivia: Grupo de Estudios Históricos, 2002.

Review of *Anasazi America*, by David E. Stuart. *New Mexico Historical Review*, Vol. 77, No. 4, Fall 2002.

Review of *Great Towns and Regional Polities in the Prehistoric American Southwest and Southeast*, edited by Jill E. Neitzel. *New Mexico Historical Review*, Vol. 76, No. 2, April 2001.

Review of *The Chaco Meridian*, by Stephen H. Lekson. *New Mexico Historical Review*, Vol. 75, No. 2, April 2000.

Conference and Research Presentations

“Reconciling Oral and Documentary History: The Case of Juan Antonio Ignacio Baca of Cochiti Pueblo,” Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies in Tucson, Arizona, April 10, 2015.

“Indigenous Language and Material Culture in the Bolivian Amazon: Change and Continuity among the Mojos, 1842-1932,” invited talk for the Humanities Working Group Change and Continuity in the Andes and the Amazon at the Ohio State University, March 31, 2015.

- “Indigenous Amazonian History in the Context of Liberalism and the Rubber Boom, 1842-1926,” invited talk for the Ohio State University-Newark Cultural Arts Committee, March 30, 2015.
- “Found in Translation: Unlocking the Past through Language and Inscription,” with Elaine Mackinnon, Nadejda Williams, and Charles Lipp, 29th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference in the Humanities, UWG, October 31, 2014.
- “Indigenous Agency in the Amazon,” book talk presented at UWG, January 21, 2014.
- “Hispano Voices in New Mexican Territorial Politics: The Example of the Bosque Redondo Controversy,” Southwest Council of Latin American Studies in Miami, Florida, March 10, 2012.
- “Mexican American Political Voices from the 1860s: The Debate on Navajo Removal,” colloquium talk presented at UWG, November 2, 2011.
- “In Search of Juan Antonio Ignacio Baca: A Native American ‘Troublemaker’ in Early Nineteenth-Century New Mexico,” brown bag talk presented at UWG, September 9, 2011.
- “When the Pueblos were not Indians,” Latin American and Iberian Institute of the University of New Mexico, June 23, 2010.
- “Citizen-Caciques of the Bolivian Amazon: Mojo Leadership and the Discourse of Liberalism, 1842-1926,” American Historical Association in Washington, D.C., January 5, 2008.
- “The Caribbean as Crossroads of World History,” Southeast World History Association in Boone, North Carolina, October 20, 2006.
- “Incorporating Latin America into World History,” Southeast World History Association in Lexington, Virginia, October 14, 2005.
- “Mojos y Chiquitos: Economía e ideología en los siglos XVII-XIX,” with María José Diez and Manuel Plaza, Archivo y Biblioteca Nacionales de Bolivia, Sucre, June 10, 2005.
- “From Mobility to Immobility: Indigenous Participation in the Bolivian Rubber Boom, 1860-1920,” Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies in Richmond, Virginia, April 8, 2005.
- “The Ventriloquist Messiah of Bolivia: A Study of the Revolt of Andrés Guayocho, 1887,” Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies in Missoula, Montana, April 24, 1998.
- “The Penitentes: Anglo-American Perceptions of a Hispanic Lay Brotherhood in New Mexico, 1880-1940,” University of South Carolina, March 16, 1995.
- “Anglo-American Perceptions of a Cofradía: The Penitentes of New Mexico,” South Eastern Council of Latin American Studies in Chapel Hill, NC, March 11, 1995.

Public Service Presentations

- Participant in Diversity Roundtable “Internationalizing the Curriculum and Study Abroad,” for the Center for Diversity and Inclusion at the University of West Georgia, February 11, 2015.
- “The Diversity of the Latino Experience in the United States,” for the Center for Diversity and Inclusion’s Multicultural Conversation Series at the University of West Georgia, October 8, 2014.
- Participant in University of West Georgia Department of History Fall Roundtable, “Latino Immigration into the South: What’s Distinctive?,” October 15, 2013.
- Interviewed and quoted in Colton Campbell, “Expert: ‘Don’t worry’ about doomsday theory,” *Times-Georgian*, December 21, 2012, 1, 6.
- Interviewed for Community Voice program “Behind the Alleged Mayan Prophecy,” hosted by

Colin Worthington on WLBB, 1330 AM, Carrollton, Georgia, December 19, 2012.

Podcast online at:

http://www.gradickcommunications.com/play_window.php?audioType=Episode&audioId=6166748

- “Bolivia under Evo Morales: Indigenismo or Chavismo?” for the Office of Institutional Diversity at the University of West Georgia, November 10, 2010.
- “Out of Many, Many: The Origins and Diversity of Latin American Culture,” for Luso-Hispanic Day at the University of West Georgia, October 4, 2010.
- “Latin America: A Shift to the Left?” for Floyd Hoskins Great Decisions series, sponsored by the Carrollton-Carroll County League of Women Voters and Carrollton Rotary, February 2008.
- “Mexico: Neighbor in Turmoil” for Floyd Hoskins Great Decisions series, sponsored by the Carrollton-Carroll County League of Women Voters and Carrollton Rotary, February 2007.
- “Democracy in South America,” with Howard Warshawsky, Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, November 29, 2005.
- “An Orientation to the Archivo General de Indias Collection,” UNM Center for Southwest Research, April 16, 2003.
- “Using the Archivo General de Indias Collection to Study Colonial Mexican and New Mexican History,” UNM Center for Southwest Research, April 5, 2002.

Honors

Erminie Wheeler-Voegelin Book Award, 2014

Richard E. Greenleaf Visiting Library Scholar Award, 2009

University of West Georgia Faculty Research Grants, 2008 and 2009

Starter Grant, Roanoke College, 2005

Fray Angélico Chávez Fellowship, University of New Mexico, 2001-2003

Latin American and Iberian Institute Dissertation Fellowship, University of New Mexico, 1999-2001

Research travel grants at University of South Carolina and University of New Mexico, 1995, 1998, and 1999

Inventarios de Campina Grande Project, University of South Carolina, 1993-1994

State of New Jersey Distressed Cities Program Internship, 1988

McLean Scholarship, Montclair State University, 1987

Jaffe Award, Montclair State University, 1986 and 1988

Membership and Offices in Professional Societies

American Society for Ethnohistory, 2015

Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association, 2014

Latin American Studies Association, 2013

Southwest Council on Latin American Studies, 2012

Georgia Association of Historians, 2012

Active foreign member in the preparation of the “Chape Ichapekene Piesta de San Ignacio de Mojos” file for the Bolivian Ministry of Cultures and UNESCO, 2010 (discontinued following death of the Minister of Cultures)

Affiliated Academic Colleague of the Latin American and Iberian Institute, UNM, 2009

Southeast World History Association, 2005

Middle Atlantic Council on Latin American Studies, 2005

Bolivian Studies Association, 2004
American Historical Association, 2002
South Eastern Council on Latin American Studies, 1995
Phi Alpha Theta, 1986-1988 (chapter president at Montclair State University, 1987-1988)

Reviewer

Manuscript reviewer for Bloomsbury Press (2014)
Manuscript reviewer for *The Middle Ground Journal: World History and Global Studies* (2014)
Manuscript reviewer for University of New Mexico Press (2011 and 2013)
Reviewer for 8th edition of Oxford University Press' *Colonial Latin America*, by Mark Burkholder and Lyman Johnson (2011)
Reviewer for 7th edition of Oxford University Press' *Colonial Latin America*, by Mark Burkholder and Lyman Johnson (2008)

University Service

University Level

Latin American Studies Minor Coordinator, (2012-)
Faculty Senator (2012-14)
Senate University Relations Committee (2012-14)
Center for Diversity and Inclusion Conversation Series Committee (2012-)
General University Matters Committee (2009-2011)

College Level

Judge for COAH Research Day (2013, 2014, and 2015)
Representative to the COAH Faculty Advisory Committee (2011 and 2015)
Secretary to the COAH Executive Committee (2015)
Representative to the COAS Faculty Advisory Committee (2010)

Department Level

Public Programming Committee (2015-18)
Budget and Awards Committee (2014-15)
Public History Committee (2012-13)
Promotion and Tenure Committee (2012-15, Chair 2014-15)
Elections Coordinator (2012)
Budget Oversight Committee (2011-13, Chair)
Graduate Second-Language Coordinator (2011-)
Library Coordinator (2011-)
1111 Survey Assessment Committee (2011-)
1112 Survey Assessment Committee (2011-2012)
Department meeting minutes-taker (2009-2011)
Ad Hoc Committee on International Programs (2009-)
Awards and Colloquium Committee (2008-2010, Chair 2009-2010)
Graduate Studies Committee (2008-2011)
Colloquium Committee (2007-2008)
Scheduling Committee (2007-2008)
Search committee for an Asian historian (2014-15, Chair)

Search committee for an Ancient historian (2009-2010)

Search committee for a Public historian (2008-2009)

Thesis committees: Michael Epanchin (2011-13, director), Tonya McNealey (2015), Nancy Garner (2012-14), Alan McClarnand (2012-13), Marcus Toft (2012-13), Nicholas Oster (2012-13), Ángeles Ramírez (2009), Sandra Pollard (2007)

Counseling Experience

Advisor (2011 to present)

Summer advisor (2007 to present)

Mardi Gras of Majors (2012)

Fall Preview Day (2011)

Winter Preview Day (2008)

Participation in Educational Activities

Greetings from UWG faculty & staff, UWG 6th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Program, January 13, 2015.

Participant in Latino Immigration Roundtable held at the Neva Lomason Library, Carrollton GA, March 28, 2014.

Participant in panel on immigration for Latino Cultural Society at UWG, March 6, 2012.

Chair and discussant of panel “New Directions of Research in Greek and Roman Military History” at Georgia Association of Historians meeting in Macon, Georgia, February 25, 2012.

Commentator for UWG Second Annual Graduate History Symposium, February 1, 2012.

Commentator for UWG First Annual Graduate History Symposium, February 2, 2011.

Chair of panel “International Contact and Conflict” at Southeast World History Association meeting in Savannah, Georgia (2007)

Coordinator of Latin American Film Series (2008)

Co-coordinator of Latin American Film Series (2006-2008)

Guest lecture to History of American Immigration class (Fall 2012)

Guest lecture to Introduction to Global Studies class (Fall 2008)

Guest lecture to Global Studies Capstone Seminar class (Spring 2007)