

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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### **Education**

Ph.D. University of New Mexico, 2003  
M.A. University of South Carolina, 1995  
B.A. Montclair State University, 1988

### **Teaching Experience**

2021-present, Professor, University of West Georgia, Department of Art, History, and Philosophy  
2012-2021, 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

### **Languages and Special Skills**

Spanish (fluent)  
Portuguese (reading)  
Spanish paleography (16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Journal Articles and Book Chapters**

“Pueblo and Genízaro Agency in the Preservation of Indigenous Land, 1815-1825,” chapter in Joaquín Rivaya-Martínez, ed., *Indigenous Borderlands of the Americas*, University of Oklahoma Press, 2023.

“Don Simón Luna: An Afro-Argentine Leader among the Santiagueño Quichua,” *Zanj: The Journal of Critical Global South Studies* Vol. 3, Issue 2, 24 January 2023. Online at <https://www.scienceopen.com/hosted-document?doi=10.13169/zanjglobsoutstud.3.2.0010>

“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*, Texas A&M University Press, 2015.

Introduction to *Transnational Indians of the North American West*, co-authored with Andrae Marak, Texas A&M University Press, 2015.

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

#### Book Reviews, Encyclopedia Articles, and Bibliographies

- “Bolivia.” In Kimberly J. Morse, ed. *The Americas: An Encyclopedia of Culture and Society*, Vol. 1. Santa Barbara and Denver: ABC-Clio, 2022.
- Review of *Blood of the Earth: Resource Nationalism, Revolution, and Empire in Bolivia* by Kevin A. Young. *Hispanic American Historical Review* Vol. 99, No. 1, February 2019.
- Review of *Transatlantic Obligations: Creating the Bonds of Family in Conquest-era Peru and Spain* by Jane E. Mangan. *Sixteenth Century Journal* Vol. 49, No. 4, Winter 2018.
- Review of *Landscape and Politics in the Ancient Andes: Biographies of Place at Khonkho Wankane* by Scott C. Smith. H-Environment, H-Net Reviews, December 2017.
- Review of *Indigenous Cultural Centers and Museums: An Illustrated International Survey* by Anoma Pieris. *The Public Historian*, Vol. 39, No. 3, August 2017.
- Review of *The Chaco War, 1932-1935*, by Bridget M. Chesterton, ed. *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan.-June 2017.
- Review of *Imperialism and the Origins of Mexican Culture*, by Colin M. MacLachlan. *Canadian Journal of History*, Vol. 51, No. 3, Winter 2016.
- Review of *The Guaraní and their Missions*, by Julia J.S. Sarreal. *The Catholic Historical Review*, Vol. 102, No. 1, Winter 2016.
- “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 Politics 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**

- “An Encounter of Souls: The Ontological Frontier in the Jesuit Missions of Mojos,” American Historical Association in San Francisco, California, January 5, 2024.
- “Seventeenth-Century Mojo Relations of Friendship: Sharing, Trade, and Identity Formation,” American Society for Ethnohistory in Tallahassee, Florida, November 4, 2023. Co-organizer of panel Friendship in Indigenous Histories Across the Americas with James Andrew Whitaker.
- “La economía gomera en la Amazonía en la segunda mitad del siglo XIX y las respuestas de los indígenas mojeños a aquella economía, con un enfoque en los líderes indígenas,” XIII Reunión del Comité de Historia, Regiones y Fronteras del Grupo Montevideo de Universidades (AUGM) in Sucre, Bolivia, August 3, 2023.
- “African and Native American Historical Diasporas and Interactions,” with Seneca Vaught and Sky Moss, Dividing Lines Symposium, Kennesaw State University, February 9, 2019.
- “Indigenous People and the New Mexican Land Rush of 1815-25,” invited presentation for Indigenous Borderlands of the Americas: An International Symposium sponsored by the Center for the Study of the Southwest, Texas State University, April 6, 2018.
- “Team Teaching Pre-Modern World History through Film,” with Nadejda Williams and Ihor Pidhainy, Innovations in Pedagogy Conference, UWG, May 16, 2017.
- “Indigenous Elites in the Bolivian Rubber Boom, 1875-1910,” invited talk for the Department of History at the University of South Carolina, April 17, 2017.
- “Amazonian Indians and Bolivian National Politics: Two Cases from the Ex-Missions of Beni, c. 1890-1910,” South Eastern Council of Latin American Studies in Chapel Hill, NC, March 25, 2017.
- “The Andean Amazon of Bolivia,” American Historical Association in Denver, Colorado, January 6, 2017.
- “The Value of Studying 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Latin America,” invited keynote address presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Americas in Milledgeville, Georgia, February 5, 2016.
- “Indigenous Agency in the Amazon,” invited book talk presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Conference on the Americas in Milledgeville, Georgia, February 4, 2016.
- “Mojos and Chiquitos: Comparing Two Ex-Mission Provinces in the Ages of Liberalism and Rubber,” American Society for Ethnohistory in Las Vegas, Nevada, Nov. 7, 2015.
- “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, 29<sup>th</sup> 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**

- “U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle,” for Floyd Hoskins Great Decisions series, sponsored by the Carrollton-Carroll County League of Women Voters and Carrollton Rotary, March 5, 2020.
- “Sister of Mexico, Orphan of the Pacific: The Philippines and Western Imperialism,” for the Asian Studies Program and Department of History, University of West Georgia, January 22, 2020.
- 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.
- “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 Historical Association, 2002, 2017, 2024  
American Society for Ethnohistory, 2015, 2023  
Erminie Wheeler-Voegelin Prize Committee, American Society for Ethnohistory, 2016  
Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association, 2014  
Latin American Studies Association, 2013  
Southwest Council of Latin American Studies, 2012  
Georgia Association of Historians, 2012  
Active foreign member in the preparation of the “Chape Ichapekene Piasta 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 of Latin American Studies, 2005  
Bolivian Studies Association, 2004  
Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies, 1998, 2015  
South Eastern Council of Latin American Studies, 1995, 2017

Phi Alpha Theta, 1986-1988 (chapter president at Montclair State University, 1987-1988)

### **Reviewer**

External tenure reviewer for the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga History Department (2023)

Manuscript reviewer for *Ethnohistory* (2023)

Manuscript reviewer for *The Journal of the Georgia Association of Historians* (2022)

Manuscript reviewer for the University of Toronto Press (2021)

Manuscript reviewer for University of North Georgia Press (2016 and 2017)

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 8<sup>th</sup> edition of Oxford University Press' *Colonial Latin America*, by Mark Burkholder and Lyman Johnson (2011)

Reviewer for 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Oxford University Press' *Colonial Latin America*, by Mark Burkholder and Lyman Johnson (2008)

### **University Service**

#### University Level

Faculty Senator (2012-2014, 2020-2021, 2022-2023)

Senate Undergraduate Programs Committee (2022-2023)

CHIP Subcommittee of Senate Undergraduate Programs Committee (2020-2021)

CHIP Subcommittee representative on General Education Redesign Committee (2021)

CHIP Subcommittee representative at Undergraduate Programs Committee (April 7, 2021)

Senate University Relations Committee (2012-2014)

Center for Diversity and Inclusion Conversation Series Committee (2012-2019)

Latin American Studies Minor Coordinator, (2012)

General University Matters Committee (2009-2011)

#### College Level

CACSI Graduate Studies Committee (2022-present, chair)

Representative to the COAH Executive Committee (2018-2020)

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/Program Level

Graduate Coordinator for History Program (2022-present)

Graduate Studies Committee for History Program (2022-present, chair)

Program director for Spring 2020 Study Away in New Mexico

Public Programming Committee (2015-2018, 2019-2020)

Budget and Awards Committee (2014-2015)

Public History Committee (2012-2013)

Promotion and Tenure Committee (2012-2015, Chair 2014-2015)

Elections Coordinator (2012)

Budget Oversight Committee (2011-2013, 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, 2017-2018)  
Ad Hoc Committee on International Programs (2009-), later History Where It Happened  
Awards and Colloquium Committee (2008-2010, Chair 2009-2010)  
Graduate Studies Committee (2008-2011, 2020-2021)  
Colloquium Committee (2007-2008)  
Scheduling Committee (2007-2008)  
Search committee for an Asian historian (2014-2015, Chair)  
Search committee for an Ancient historian (2009-2010)  
Search committee for a Public historian (2008-2009)  
Thesis committees: Michael Epanchin (2011-2013, director), Jeff Copelan (2020-2021, director),  
Patrick Laird (2020-2021), Rachael Scott (2020-2021), Isiah Aranda (2019-2020), Lacey  
Lawrence (2017-2018), Richard Foster (2017-), Melanie Sigman (2017-2018), Noelle  
Hagen-Touart (2017), Kamil McElwee (2015), Tonya McNealey (2015-2016), Nancy  
Garner (2012-2014), Alan McClarnand (2012-2013), Marcus Toft (2012-2013), Nicholas  
Oster (2012-2013), 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, 2015)  
Winter Preview Day (2008)

#### Participation in Educational Activities

Presentation in IB Spanish class of Josefina Gembe, Carrollton High School, September 10, 2021  
Invigilator for IB Spanish exam for Noah Brewer, Carrollton High School, May 13, 2021  
“Inka: El Retorno del Imperio,” translation of “La leyenda del imperio Inka” by Julio Humala Lema  
as modified by John Zorrilla, libretto for Apu Inka’s theatrical production at the Aurora  
Theatre in Lawrenceville, Georgia, June 21, 2019.  
Guest presentation in Historiography class (Fall 2017)  
Guest presentation in Methodology class (Fall 2017)  
“The Legend of the Inka Empire,” translation of “La leyenda del imperio Inka” by Julio Humala  
Lema, libretto for Apu Inka’s theatrical production at the Aurora Theatre in Lawrenceville,  
Georgia, June 11, 2016.  
Greetings from UWG faculty & staff, UWG 6<sup>th</sup> 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)