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Academic Appointments

Boston College, Fall 2022

Assistant Professor of History, Department of History

University of Pittsburgh, 2020-2022

Postdoctoral Fellow in Latinx Studies, University Center for International Studies.

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 2019-2020

Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in Ethnic Studies, Department of Latina/Latino Studies.

Education

Ph.D., History, Michigan State University, August, 2019

“Fan the Flames: The Theories and Activism of Chicana/o Communists Between 1968-1990”
Major field: United States. Minor Fields: African American and Latin American History

B.A., Chicano/Latino Studies and History, University of California Irvine, June, 2013

Manuscripts in Preparation

Homegrown Communists in the Age of Reagan: Multi-Racial Politics and Socialist Revolution.

Book manuscript under contract with the University of Pennsylvania Press for their Politics and Culture in Modern America Series. Workshopped August 10, 2022 with the Council for Race and Ethnic Studies at Northwestern University.

“Multiracial Communists and the National Question in the 1970s.” Article draft workshopped September 17, 2021 for the Socialist Studies Seminar. Carnegie Mellon University.

Peer Reviewed Publications

“Latina/o Communists, Activism, and the FBI during the Chicana/o and New Communist Movements” *Southern California Quarterly*, 104, no. 1 (March, 2022), 83-127.

“The Intersections of the Black and Latina/o/x Radical Traditions” *Latinx Talk* November 16, 2020. <https://latinxtalk.org/2020/11/16/the-intersections-of-the-black-and-latina-o-x-radical-traditions/>

Entry for “Proto-rap,” in *St. James Encyclopedia of Hip Hop Culture* (Detroit: St. James Press, February 2018).

Book Reviews

Review of Felipe Hinojosa, *Apostles of Change: Latino Radical Politics, Church Occupations, and the Fight to Save the Barrio*, *Pacific Historical Review*, vol. 90, no. 4 (November 2021) pp. 551-552.

Review of Jennifer Jones, *The Browning of the New South*, *The Journal of African American History*, vol. 106, no. 3 (June 2021) pp. 565-67.

Review of Kathryn Schumaker, *Troublemakers: Students' Rights and Racial Justice in the Long 1960s*, *Journal of American Ethnic History* vol. 40, no. 3 (April 2021) pp. 141-145.

Review of William D. Lopez, *Separated: Family and Community in the Aftermath of an Immigration Raid*, *Michigan Historical Review* vol. 46, no. 2 (Fall 2020) pp. 199-201

Review of Mario García, *The Chicano Generation: Testimonios of the Movement*. In *Aztlán: A Journal of Chicano Studies*, vol. 43, no. 2, Fall 2018, pp. 392-394.

Review of Gordon K. Mantler, *Power to the Poor: Black-Brown Coalition and the Fight for Economic Justice, 1960-1974*. In *H-Net-Afro-Am*, October, 2016.

Review of Darius V. Echeverria, *Aztlán Arizona: Mexican American Educational Empowerment 1968-1978*. In *Journal for the Study of Radicalism*, vol. 10, no.1, Spring 2016, pg. 170-172.

External Awards

Organization of American Historians Travel Grant Award 2019

The Center for the United States and the Cold War at New York University Tamiment Library Travel Grant 2018-2019

Organization of American Historians Merrill Travel Grant 2018

Labor and Working Class History Association Travel Grant 2018

Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Original Sources awarded by the Council on Library and Information Resources 2017-2018

Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Graduate Student Travel Award 2017

National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies Conference Travel Award 2015

Internal Awards

Fred Williams Teaching U.S. History Graduate Award 2019, Michigan State History Department

Harry Brown Graduate Fellowship in American History 2018, Michigan State History Department

Dissertation Completion Fellowship Summer 2018, Michigan State Graduate School

Council of Graduate Students, Michigan State, Conference Award, Summer 2017

Michigan State Graduate Office Fellowship 2015, 2016

Tinker Field Research Grant for Research in Mexico City presented by MSU Center for Latin American Studies 2014

UC Irvine Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Fellowship, 2011-2012, 2012-2013

UC Irvine Librarians Research Fellowship, 2011-2012

Teaching Awards

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent, LLS 238 (Hist 292), Spring 2020

Somers Integrated Arts and Humanities Excellence in Teaching Award 2016

Somers Integrated Arts and Humanities Excellence in Teaching Award Fall 2013 (Finalist)

Community Fellowships

The Labor/Community Strategy Center Movement Fellow, Summer 2019

Teaching Experience

Instructor. Boston College

Social Justice and the Third World Left: Study and Writing of History, History 3489: Fall 2022

Latino History, Spring 2023

Instructor. University of Pittsburgh:

Latino History, History 1691: Fall 2021, Spring 2021

U.S. Popular Culture, History 1685: Spring 2022, Spring 2021

Instructor. University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign:

Latina/o Social Movements, Latina/Latino Studies 238 (History 292): Spring 2020

Instructor, Michigan State University:

20th Century United States Social Movement: Historical Methods & Skills, History 201: Fall 2018

Co-Instructor, Michigan State University, Online:

Hip Hop Culture and Society, Integrated Social Science 335

U.S. History to 1876, History 202

College Sports History, History 329 (2 semesters)

Invited Presentations

“Homegrown Latina/o Communists from the 1960s-1980s” Center for Latin American Studies Speaker Series. University of Pittsburgh. April 28, 2022.

Hispanic Heritage Month Webinar, Western Carolina University, October 6, 2021.

“Plant Closings, Reaganomics, and Job Security in the 1980s” Lunch-Pail Lecture Series. Pitt Faculty Union. University of Pittsburgh. November 3, 2020.

“Blackness and Anti-Blackness in the Americas” Phi Sigma Rho Engineering Sorority. University of Pittsburgh. October 20, 2020.

Webinar Participant for “Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad: Migration, Policing and Political Movements.” University of Pittsburgh’s Transnational Dialogues Project of the Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies Initiative. October 2, 2020.

“Chicana/o Communists and the Fight for Chicano Studies and MEChA” Presented for the Postdoctoral Colloquium Series, Department of Latina/Latino Studies, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, Urbana, IL. September 25, 2019.

Panel Discussant for the AFL-CIO Labor Day screening of *Salt of the Earth*. Champaign, IL. September 1, 2019

“Chicana/o Communists from 1974-1990: The Genesis of the August 29th Movement and the League of Revolutionary Struggle” Presented at the Department of Chicano and Latino Studies California State University, Long Beach, CA. December 6, 2017.

Public Engagement

“Have Communities of Color Worked Together to Advance Social Change?” Podcast interview with Ramona Houston on *The Empowerment Zone*. May 31, 2021

<https://ramonahouston.com/podcast/have-communities-of-color-worked-together-to-advance-social-change/>

“Solidarities, Activism, and Ethnic Studies” Podcast interview with Michele Reid-Vasquez on *Dialogues in Afrolatinidad*. May 24, 2021 [https://michelereidvasquez.com/podcast-dialogues-in-afrolatinidad/podcast-episode-2/](https://michelereidvasquez.com/podcast/dialogues-in-afrolatinidad/podcast-episode-2/)

“The Origins of Policing and Civil Rights Movements in the Americas” Documentary episode 3 of *Transnational Dialogues in Afrolatinidad: The Black Diaspora in Latin America*. Documentary is currently being edited, date forthcoming.

Papers Presented

- “Fighting for Our Livelihoods: The League of Revolutionary Struggle, Reaganomics, and Job Security” paper workshopped at the Labor History Seminar at the Newberry Library. Chicago, IL. December, 4, 2020
- “Chicana/o Communists and Jesse Jackson’s Presidential Campaigns and the Rainbow Coalition, 1983-1988” solicited by the Committee on the Status of African American, Latino/a, Asian American, and Native American Historians, online at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. April 2-5, 2020
- “Communists of Color and Jesse Jackson’s Presidential Campaigns, 1983-1988” at the African American Intellectual History Society Conference. Austin, TX. March 6-7, 2020
- “Smash the Bakke Decision! Down with Imperialism! End National Oppression: Communists and the Fight for Affirmative Action and Ethnic Studies, 1976-1990” paper workshopped at the Borderlands and Latino/a Studies Seminar at the Newberry Library. Chicago, IL. November 15, 2019
- “The League of Revolutionary Struggle’s Long History of Asian American Activism” solicited by the Japanese Association for American Studies presented at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. April 4-6, 2019.
- “The Theory and Praxis of Chicana/o Communists, 1974-1990” at the Western History Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. October 20, 2018
- “Chicana/o Communists and the Federal Bureau of Investigation During the Cold War” at the Pacific Coast Branch Conference of the American Historical Association. Santa Clara, CA. August 3, 2018.
- “Organizing Multiracial Workplaces: The Activism of the League of Revolutionary Struggle 1974-1991” at the Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting. Sacramento, CA. April 13, 2018
- “Organizing Multiracial Workplaces: The Activism of the League of Revolutionary Struggle 1974-1991” at the Pacific Coast Branch Conference of the American Historical Association. Northridge, CA. August 4, 2017.
- “The ‘Woman’ and ‘Immigrant’ Questions: The August 29th Movement’s Utilization of Chicano Marxism for Labor Organizing During the 1970s” at The Labor and Working Class History Association Conference. Seattle, WA. June 23, 2017.
- Panelist on “The Latino Question” Roundtable at the National Association for Chicana/Chicano Studies Conference. Irvine, CA. March 24, 2017

“The League of Revolutionary Struggle: Multiracial Communism and Coalition Building 1974-1991” at Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference. Richmond, VA. October 8, 2016

“The August 29th Movement, Chicano Marxism, and Addressing the Woman and Immigrant Workers Questions During the 1970s” at the North American Labor History Conference at Wayne State University. Detroit, MI. October 21, 2016.

Panelist on “Latino Labor in Neoliberal Capitalism” Roundtable at the National Association for Chicana/Chicano Studies Conference. Denver, CO. April 9, 2016.

“Fanning the Flames: An Analysis of the August 29th Movement’s Union Activities” at the Third-Bi Annual Sal Castro Memorial Conference on the Emerging Historiography of the Chicano Movement. Santa Barbara, CA. February 26, 2016.

“Crossing Racial Lines Through Print Media: The Black Panther Party and the August 29th Movement” at Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference. Atlanta, GA. September 26, 2015.

“Union Work or Political Debates? The August 29th Movement’s Praxis for Revolutionary Change” at National Association for Chicana/Chicano Studies. San Francisco, CA. April 16, 2015.

“Black, Brown, and Broke: An Analysis of Leftist 1960’s Southern California Activism” Presented at Association for the Study of African American Life and History Conference. Memphis, TN. September 25, 2014.

“Student Activism Across Racial Lines” at National Association for Chicana/Chicano Studies. Salt Lake City, UT. April 10, 2014.

Service to the Profession

Project Member for the two week institute “Transnational Dialogues in Afro-Latin American and Afro-Latinx Studies” June 2022. Funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities

Programming Committee for Latinx Connect Conference October 16-18, 2021. University of Pittsburgh Latinx Hispanic Heritage Month Planning Committee.

Panel Submission Evaluator for National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies National Conference held in Minneapolis, MN (2018)

Midwest FOCO Representative in National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies (2014-2016)

Panel Submission Evaluator for National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies National Conference held in San Francisco, CA (2015)

Conference Organizer for the Midwest FOCO Chicano Studies Conference held at the University of Missouri Kansas City (September 2014)

Memberships

African American Intellectual History Society (2020-Present)
Western History Association (2018-Present)
Organization of American Historians, Member (2015-Present)
American Historical Association, Member (2015-Present)
Labor and Working Class History Association (2015-Present)
National Association for Chicana and Chicano Studies, Member (2014-Present)
Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Member (2014-Present)

Languages

Spanish- Fluent Reading, Writing, Listening, and Speaking

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