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EDUCATION

Ph.D. History, Yale University

M.A. History, Yale University

B.A. History, University of Chicago

PUBLICATIONS

Books

"*Restoring All through Christ*": *Counterrevolution and the Women of Mexican Catholic Action, 1917-1946*; under contract with University of Nebraska Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

"Unspoken Whiteness: #Whitexicans and Religious Conservatism in Mexico." *Journal of Hispanic and Lusophone Whiteness Studies* (2020) Vol. 1:4, pp. 48-69.

"Guerra Fría, Guerra Cristera, Guerreras Católicas: El conservadurismo y feminismo católico de la Juventud Católica Femenina Mexicana (JFCM), 1926-1939." *Nuevo Mundo, Mundos Nuevos* (2017) [Online].

Forthcoming Articles

"Mexican Catholic Women and their Gendered Racial Politics: The Juventud Católica Femenina Mexicana (JCFM)" in *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*; accepted, publication forthcoming.

"Mexico's 'Real' Good Neighbors: U.S. Catholics and American Empire during the Interwar Red Scare" in *Diplomatic History*; undergoing second round of peer review.

"Envisioning Reconquest: Catholic Women's Magazines during the Cárdenas Era" in *Journal of Latin American Cultural Studies*; in progress.

Book Chapters

"Red Scare Hispanism and the Texas Knights of Columbus' Historical Association" in *Catholic Texas: Carlos E. Castañeda and the Texas Historical Commission* (Texas A&M Press); in progress.

Published Essays

"Adopting the American Racial Lens: A History of Mexican Migration to Chicago from the Town of Arandas, Jalisco," *Chicago Journal of History* (2013), pp. 35-51.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

From external institutions:

2023: Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere; American Historical Association

2022: Dorothy Mohler Research Grant; The Catholic University of America

2021-22: Hank Fellowship in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition; Loyola University Chicago, Joan and Bill Hank Center for the Catholic Intellectual Heritage

From Baylor:

2023: Summer Research Award; College of Arts and Sciences

2023: Teaching Innovation Award; College of Arts and Sciences

From Yale:

2022: Theron Rockwell Field Prize for best dissertation in the humanities, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2020-21: Marion C. Sheridan Fellowship; Graduate School Alumni Fund

2017-18: David Coles Fellowship; Graduate School Alumni Fund

2017: MacMillan Center International Dissertation Research Fellowship; Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

2016: Research and Travel Award in International History and Security; International Security Studies (ISS) and Smith Richardson Foundation

2016: John F. Enders Research Fellowship; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2016: Gayer G. Dominick Fellowship; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2015: MacMillan Center International Pre-Dissertation Research Grant; Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies

2015: Tinker Summer Field Research Grant; Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies (CLAIS)

2015: Howard Futey Brinton Fellowship; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

2014: Angelo Bartlett Giamatti Fellowship in the Humanities; Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

From the University of Chicago:

2012: Anna M. and George N. Barnard Memorial Prize in History; Department of History

2012: Philip E. Montag Memorial Research Fellowship in History; Department of History

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

- Jan. 2024: "Gendered Racial Politics and Mexican Catholic Action." *American Historical Association: 137th Annual Meeting* (San Francisco, CA).
- Nov. 2023: "Gendered White Supremacy in Modern Mexico." *American Academy of Religion* (San Antonio, TX).
- Sep. 2023: "Red Scare Hispanism and the Texas Knights of Columbus Historical Commission." *Carlos E. Castaneda's "Catholic" Texas?" Symposium* (University of Texas, Austin; Austin, TX).
- Sep. 2023: "¿Nacionalismos transnacionales? El hispanismo católico conservador en México y los Estados Unidos durante el periodo de entreguerras." *VI Coloquio Nacional e Internacional de Estudios sobre las Derechas* (Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City, Mexico).
- Jan. 2023: "Becoming Saintly: Practical Piety and Mexico's National Catholic Women's Union, c. 1938." *American Historical Association: 136th Annual Meeting* (Philadelphia, PA).
- Dec. 2022: "Un acuerdo mudo: las mujeres de Acción Católica y la Campaña Nacional de Alfabetización," *Acuerdos y tensiones: Iglesia católica, laicos y Estado mexicano, 1917-1992* (Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico).
- Nov. 2022: "Un corporativismo sin masas: las mujeres de Acción Católica frente a la movilización indígena durante los años 20, 30, y 40," *XVI Reunión Internacional de Historiadores de México* (Austin, TX).
- Oct. 2022: "Toward Spiritual Motherhood and Racial Affirmation: Whiteness and Mexico's Upper-Class Católicas, 1937-38" *Newberry Seminar for Religion and Culture in the Americas* (virtual).
- Feb. 2022: "The Children of Spain and their Spiritual Communities: The Rise of U.S., Mexican, and Spanish Catholic Networks during the First Cold War, 1917-1939." *American Historical Association: 135th Annual Meeting* (virtual).
- Sep. 2021: "La ideología antiprotestante: una llave para entender el contorno y los límites de la tendencia fascista de la Juventud Católica Femenina Mexicana." *Coloquio Repensar el Fascismo en México en el Contexto Americano y Transatlántico*. Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia (INAH): Dirección de Estudios Históricos. Mexico City, Mexico (virtual).

- August 2021: “Consolidating Like the State: Catholic Statism, Apocalyptic Institutionalism, and the Mexican Catholic Action Movement, 1930-1939.” *Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS) Congress 2021*. Cyberspace (virtual).
- May 2021: “La Acción Católica en crisis: anticomunismo, blanquitud y la tendencia autoritaria.” *XXXIX International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. Vancouver, Canada (virtual).
- April 2021: “Mexican Catholic Hispanism as a Reflection of U.S.-Mexican Relations during the 1920s and 1930s.” *Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS) Annual Meeting*. Cyberspace (virtual).
- March 2021: “*Guerra Fría, Guerreras Católicas*: White Nationalism, Anti-Feminism, and Catholic Restoration in Mexico’s Early Cold War, 1930-1939.” *68th Annual Meeting of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS)*. Las Cruces, NM (virtual).
- Feb. 2021: “Blanquitud ‘no dicha’: #Whitexicans y el conservadurismo religioso en México.” *Encuentro sobre la blanquitud en los Estudios Hispánicos*. Sociedad de Estudios Hispánicos sobre Blanquitud y Afrodescendencia (virtual).
- May 2018: “Recognition and Surveillance, Artists and Intellectuals: The Origins of Spain and Mexico’s Cold War, 1920-1933.” *XXXVI International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. Barcelona, Spain.
- May 2017: “Feminismo católico, feminismo alterno: Paradojas y desigualdades en las ideas feministas de la Juventud Católica Femenina Mexicana, 1931-1939.” *Primer Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Chilena de Ciencias de las Religiones (SCbCR)*. Concepción, Chile.
- April 2017: “El feminismo católico de la JCFM: Paradojas y desigualdades, 1926-1939.” *XXXV International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. Lima, Peru.
- April 2017: “¿Un feminismo católico? La Juventud Católica Femenina Mexicana, 1926-1939.” *Mujeres, expresión y vida pública: narrativas y acciones en la historia latinoamericana de los siglos XIX y XX*. Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia.
- July 2016: “Damas Católicas y Chicas Aspirantes: La Unión Femenina Católica Mexicana y la derecha política en el México posrevolucionario, 1919-1945.” *Segundo Coloquio: Pensar las derechas en América Latina en el siglo XX*. Universidad Nacional de General Sarmiento, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- June 2016: “Forming Feminist Cold Warriors: Mexico’s Catholic Women’s Groups, the Battle for Youth, and Mexico’s Long Cold War.” *Gender, Activism, Religion: Society for the History of Women in the Americas Annual Conference*. Royal Holloway, London, U.K.

May 2015: “*Tepoztlán: Tierra de Promisión: Reproductions of Indigeneity and Mexican Historical Identity in Transnational Tourism Literature, 1926-33.*” *XXXIII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Guest Lectures

Nov. 2020: “¿Modernidad alterna, contrarrevolución o experiencia religiosa? La Acción Católica Mexicana después de la Revolución Mexicana.” *XXXIII Simposio de Historia: Historia de las Religiones y de la Religiosidad en el Noroeste de México*. Sociedad Sonorense de la Historia. Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico (virtual).

April 2016: “U.S. Immigration Policy, 1924-1965: Codifying Race and American Economic Interest from the Interwar Period through the Cold War Era.” Undergraduate lecture course, “Origins of U.S. Global Power.” Yale University. New Haven, CT.

Workshop Papers

June 2021: “Una blanquitud ‘no dicha’: #Whitexicans y el conservadurismo religioso en México.” *Seminario Institucional: Sociedades Reservadas y Grupos Secretos Católicos en los Siglos XX y XXI*. Universidad Autónoma de México: Instituto de Investigaciones Sociales. Mexico City, Mexico (virtual).

March 2021: “Negating the Individual: The Uplift of ‘Spiritual Community’ above Democracy and National Society.” *Utopia, Spiritual Community and Mexico’s Right-Wing Catholics*. Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS) Graduate Workshop, Northwestern University. Chicago, IL.

March 2021: “Authoritarianism, Apocalyptic Institutionalism, and Struggles over Presence: Mexican Catholic Action and the PNR, 1928-1933.” *Latin American Studies Working Group*. Yale University. New Haven, CT.

May 2016: “The Evolution of Mexico’s Catholic Right, 1919-1945.” *Latin-American History, 2025: A Changing Field in a Changing Profession*. Yale University. New Haven, CT.

April 2016: “Mexico’s Secret Cold War: Transnational Opposition to a Postrevolutionary Regime, 1919-1945.” *Graduate Student Conference on Latin American and Caribbean Studies*. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

May 2012: “Adopting the American Racial Lens.” *Chicago Careers in Higher Education (CCIHE) Research Symposium*. University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Panels, Workshops, and Conferences Organized

Sep. 2022-May 2023: HISTCATMEX archivist presentation series (virtual).

June 2022- May 2023: HISTCATMEX book talk series (virtual).

Sep. 2021-May 2023: *Seminario HISTCATMEX* workshop series (virtual).

June-August 2021: Yale Latin American and Caribbean History Dissertation Working Group.

May 2021: “Catholics Respond to Crisis: Identities, Ideologies, and intra-Catholic Politics.” XXXIX *International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. Vancouver, Canada (virtual).

May 2018: “Religions and Revolutions in Latin American History.” XXXVI *International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. Barcelona, Spain.

May 2017: “Religión y cuestiones de género en América Latina: el activismo de mujeres católicas en el siglo XX.” *Primer Congreso Internacional de la Sociedad Chilena de Ciencias de las Religiones*. Universidad de Concepción; Concepción, Chile.

April 2017: “Faith, Feminism, and the Public Sphere: Catholic Women’s Activism in the 20th Century.” XXXV *International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. Lima, Peru.

May 2016: *Latin-American History, 2025: A Changing Field in a Changing Profession*. Yale University, New Haven, CT.

May 2015: “Crafting Mexican Identity and the Mexican Past: La Mexicanidad y sus mitos, exclusiones, y dimensiones transnacionales.” XXXIII *International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)*. San Juan, Puerto Rico.

TEACHING

Baylor University:

2024 HIS 5350: Topics in Latin American History

2023 HIS 4340-02: “The Mexican Revolution and Its Legacies.”

2022 HIS 3353: “Pre-Columbian and Colonial Latin America.”

----- HIS 1300: “The U.S. in Global Perspective: Fascism and the Global Americas, 1919-1945,” taught every year.

Yale University:

2022 HIST 332: “Violence, Resistance, and Hegemony in Modern Mexico: The Legacies of the Mexican Revolution, 1910-1920.” Instructor of Record.

- 2021 AFAM 118: “Is that Racist? Theory and Methods for Diagnosing and Demonstrating Racism.” Teaching fellow under Dr. Phillip Goff.
2016 HIST 361: “History of Brazil.” Teaching fellow under Dr. Stuart B. Schwartz.
2016 HIST 122: “The Origins of U.S. Global Power.” Teaching fellow under Dr. Jenifer L. Van Vleck.

School of the Art Institute of Chicago:

- 2021 SOCSCI 3520 004 HS: “U.S. Immigration Since 1890.” Lecturer.
2021 SOCSCI 3520 007 HS: “Empire, Culture, and U.S. Identity.” Lecturer.
2020 SOCSCI 3520 002 HS: “Modern Latin America: Race, Nationalism, and Identity.” Lecturer.

University at Albany (SUNY):

- 2021 AHIS 144: “Latin America since the Aztecs.” Lecturer.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Historians of Catholic Mexico (HISTCATMEX), co-founder.
American Historical Association (AHA)
Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
American Catholic History Association (ACHA)
Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS)

REFERENCES

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