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Academic Positions

- 2018- American Ethnic Studies, University of Washington, Seattle
Assistant Professor
- 2018 Cross-Cultural Studies, Grossmont College, El Cajon, California
Lecturer

Education

- 2017 University of California, San Diego
Ph.D., United States History
- 2014 University of California, San Diego
M.A., United States History
- 2009 University of California, Berkeley
B.A., Latin American History (*cum laude*); Spanish Literature minor

Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

- 2018-2020 Summer Institute on Tenure and Professional Advancement Fellowship, Duke University
- 2018 Chancellor's Dissertation Award, Division of Arts and Humanities, UC San Diego
- 2018 Graduate Dean's Fellowship Award for Humanistic Studies, UC San Diego
- 2016-2017 Dissertation Fellowship, Ford Foundation
- 2016-2017 Visiting Fellow, Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego
- 2016 Dean's Travel Award, Division of Arts and Humanities, UC San Diego
- 2015-2016 Fulbright-Garcia Robles Research Grant, Institute of International Education
- 2015-2016 Dissertation Research Grant, University of California Institute for Mexico and the United States (UC MEXUS)
- 2015-2016 Multi-Campus Graduate Working Group Grant, University of California Humanities Research Institute (*group convener*)
- 2015 Graduate Student Blog Prize, Immigration and Ethnic History Society
-For the entry "Where are the Families? Reconsidering the Bracero Program in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands," December 1, 2015
- 2014-2015 Jack Henning Graduate Fellowship in Labor Culture and History, Archie Green Fund for Labor Culture and History
- 2014 Dean's Travel Award, Division of Arts and Humanities, UC San Diego
- 2013 Latino Museum Studies Program Fellow, Smithsonian Latino Center/National Museum of American History
- 2013 Graduate Teaching Award, Standing Committee on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Graduation Requirement, UC San Diego
- 2010-2012 San Diego Fellowship, UC San Diego

Conference Presentations

- 06/23/2017 Labor and Working-Class History Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
❖ “‘If there ever was a Racket, this is it:’ Life and Labor in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands After the Bracero Program”
- 05/05/2017 Historical Research Institute, Autonomous University of Baja California, Tijuana
❖ “La migración interna e internacional a la frontera de Mexicali y el Valle Imperial durante el programa bracero”
- 03/02/2017 International Colloquium of History and Gender in Mexico, UC San Diego
❖ “Bracero Family Migration: Life and Labor in the Imperial Valley-Mexicali Borderlands”
- 02/11/2017 “Shifting Borders: Gender, Family, and Community,” Annual University of Texas at El Paso Borderlands History Conference
❖ “‘We Never Separated:’ Bracero Family Migration to the Imperial Valley-Mexicali Borderlands”
- 11/20/2016 American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
❖ “Homes on the Margins: The Social Reproduction of ‘Cheap Labor’ in the Eastern California Borderlands”
- 10/14/2016 Asociación Mexicana de Estudios Internacionales Annual Congress, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico
❖ “Mexican Internal Migration to Baja California During the Bracero Program Era”
- 09/23/2016 Ford Fellows Conference, Washington, D.C.
❖ “Cheap for Whom? Migration, Farm Labor, and Social Reproduction in the Imperial Valley-Mexicali Borderlands, 1942-1969”
- 04/22/2016 University of California “Immigrant Integration” Conference, UC Irvine
❖ “California’s Farm Labor Camp: Migration and Social Reproduction in a U.S-Mexico Borderlands Region, 1942-1969”
- 10/23/2015 “Immigrant America: New Immigration Histories from 1965 to 2015” Conference, Immigration History Research Center, University of Minnesota
❖ “From Braceros to Green Card Commuters: The End of the Bracero Program and the 1965 Immigration Act in the Imperial Valley-Mexicali Borderlands”
- 05/15/2015 Graduate Student Migration Conference, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, UC San Diego
❖ “‘*Por Caridad, No Más Contrataciones:*’ The Bracero Program in the Imperial Valley-Mexicali Borderlands, 1942-1964”
- 04/18/2015 Organization of American Historians Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO
❖ “‘The Mexican Is a Good Spender:’ Labor, Leisure, and Consumption in California’s Imperial Valley, 1942-1964”
- 01/15/2015 “Teaching Diversity: Strategies for Creating Inclusive Classrooms and Communities” Conference, UC San Diego
❖ “Teaching Diversity in UC San Diego Undergraduate Classrooms,” Panelist
- 05/22/2014 Latin American Studies Association International Congress, Chicago, IL
❖ “‘*Que No Vengan Más:*’ Mexican Migration to the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands During the Bracero Program”

- 08/09/2013 Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
 ❖ “‘Good Employers’ and Cheap Labor: The Bracero Program in the Imperial-Mexicali Border Region”
- 10/18/2011 Graduate Student Research Conference, UC San Diego
 ❖ “Urbanization in Baja California, Civic Cooperation and State Expansion, 1937-1964”

Workshops and Seminars

- 02/15/2017 Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego
 ❖ “From the Bracero Program to the Border Industrialization Program: How More Than Two Decades of ‘Managed’ Migration Shaped the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands”
- 05/28/2016 2016 Western History Dissertation Workshop, Southern Methodist University, Taos, NM
 ❖ Chapter shared: “‘*Que No Vengan Más*: How Imperial Valley Agribusiness Consolidated its Reserve Army of Labor in Mexicali”

Invited Lectures and Presentations

- 04/13/2017 “Urban Policy and Politics in Mexico” Course, School of Global Policy and Strategy, UC San Diego
 ❖ “Internal Migration and Urbanization in Mexicali, Baja California, 1942-1969”
- 11/16/2016 Brown Bag Lunch Series, Raza Resource Centro, UC San Diego
 ❖ “Labor, Citizenship, and Economic Membership in the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands”
- 04/04/2016 “U.S. History, 1877-Present” Course, History Department, California State University, San Marcos
 ❖ “The Bracero Program: Opportunity and Exploitation”
- 04/29/2014 “Comparative History of the Americas II” Course, History Department, Southwestern Community College, Chula Vista, CA
 ❖ “Land of Sun and Hunger: Labor and Migration in the Imperial-Mexicali Border Region”

Publications

- Book Review: “Borderlands of Slavery: The Struggle Over Captivity and Peonage in the American Southwest.” *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*, Volume 55, Issue 7 (2018).
- Book Review: “Border Lives: Fronterizos, Transnational Migrants, and Commuters in Tijuana.” *CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries*, Volume 54, Issue 3 (2016).
- Miroslava Chavez-Garcia, et al. “Future Academics of Color in Dialogue: A Candid Q&A on Adjusting to the Cultural, Social, and Professional Rigor of Academia.” In *Beginning a Career in Academia: A Guide for Graduate Students of Color*, edited Dwayne A. Mack, Elwood D. Watson, and Michelle M. Camacho. New York: Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, 2014.
- Book Review: “Steel Barrio: The Great Mexican Migration to South Chicago, 1915-1940.” *Planning Perspectives*, Volume 29, Issue 3 (2014): 412-413.

Teaching Experience

(Student evaluations available upon request)

Instructor of Record

"Chicano/a Perspectives I," Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA

"Chicano/a Perspectives II," Grossmont College, El Cajon, CA

"The History of Mexican America," UC San Diego

Teaching Assistant

"History of Race and Ethnicity in the United States A" (African American history), UC San Diego

"History of Race and Ethnicity in the United States B," (Asian American history), UC San Diego

"History of Race and Ethnicity in the United States C" (Mexican American history), UC San Diego

"Film and History in Latin America," UC San Diego

"East Asia: The Great Tradition," UC San Diego

"Diversity," Dimensions of Culture Writing Program, UC San Diego

"Justice," Dimensions of Culture Writing Program, UC San Diego

"Imagination," Dimensions of Culture Writing Program, UC San Diego

Service

2016 Local conference planning committee, International Colloquium of History of Women and Gender in Mexico, UC San Diego

2014-2015 English language instructor, Student Worker Collective, UC San Diego
(The Student Worker Collective won a 2015 UC San Diego Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action and Diversity Award, which honors individuals and departments that show outstanding support for UCSD's Principles of Community)

2012-2014 Graduate Diversity Officer, History Department, UC San Diego

Affiliations

Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
Latin American Studies Association

Labor and Working-Class History Association
Organization of American Historians

Foreign Language

Spanish (fluent in speaking, reading, and writing)