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Current affiliation: Central Washington University

- Professor of History
- Latino and Latin American Studies Program Faculty
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➤ EDUCATION

- [University of California, Santa Barbara - Ph.D., 2007](#)
 - Fields: Modern Mexico, Latin America, Borderlands, World History
- University of California, Santa Barbara - MA, 2002
- University of Montana - BA, 1999, Summa Cum Laude

➤ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Professor of History, Central Washington University, 2022 - Present
- Interim Director, El Centro Latinx for Latino/Latin American Studies, 2024
- Associate Professor of History, Central Washington University, 2015-2022
- Assistant Professor of History, Central Washington University, 2011 - 2015
- Assistant Professor of History, Stephen F. Austin State University, 2007-11
- Adjunct Instructor of History, UC, Santa Barbara, 2006-07

➤ SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Publications

- [*Conflict and Correspondence: Belonging and Urban Community in Guadalajara, Mexico, 1939-1947.* University of Nebraska Press, 2025.](#)
- ["Pleito y Piedad: Clerical / Parishioner Conflict in Rural Morelos" in *Imagining Latinidad: Digital Diasporas and Public Engagement Among Latin American Migrants.* David Ramírez Plasencia and David Dalton, Eds. Brill, 2022.](#)
- ["God, Cleanliness, and the City: Local Uses of Hygiene and Anticlerical Language in Religious Conflict - Guadalajara, Mexico, 1939-1942." In *The Latin Americanist*, 64, No. 4: 393-422. 2020.](#)

- [“Dear Mr. Calles: US Protestant Interpretations of the Cristero War, 1926 and 2012.”](#) In *Winter/Spring, 2020, (52:1)* in *Fides Et Historia, 23-38.*
- [*Just South of Zion: The Mormons in Mexico and Its Borderlands*, Co-editor and contributor, University of New Mexico Press. 2015.](#)
- [“On Tour in the US West with the World History Survey,”](#) *Middle-Ground, Journal of World History.* Winter, 2015.
- [“Niños Heroes”](#) in *Iconic Mexico*, ABC Clio, Eric Zolov, ed. (2015).
- [“Disobedience, rebelliousness, ... and discontent” Parishioner / Clerical Disputes in Tepalcingo, Morelos, 1937-1946.](#) *SCOLAS Journal*, Spring, 2014.
- [“Mennonite Colonization in Mexico and the Pendulum of Modernization, 1920-2013”](#) in *Mennonite Quarterly Review*, April, 2014.
- [*Primitive Revolution: Restorationist Religion and the Idea of the Mexican Revolution, 1940-1968.*](#) University of New Mexico Press. 2011.
- [“Rights, Rule, and Religion: Old Colony Mennonites and Mexico’s Transition to the Free Market, 1920-2000”](#) in *Religious Culture in Modern Mexico*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Martin Nesvig, editor. February, 2007. Pages 157-177.

Research Agenda

My research interests center community formation in Mexico after the armed phase of the 1910 Revolution. My current focus considers popular responses to urban growth and participation in city planning, particularly by women property developers and entrepreneurs.

Short Term Research

- *Mass marriage, love, and revolution in Mexico.* This project examines the Revolutionary public health and secular morality practice of mass collective civil marriage and charts its transformation into the present Expected completion for journal publication in 2027.

Mid-Range Research

- *Women and Urban Society in Latin America.* This co-edited project with Dr. Hanni Jalil of CSUCI explores the varied ways women have actively shaped the urban landscape in Latin America.
- *Capital and Urban Women.* An expanded comparative of women as property owners and developers in post-Revolutionary Mexico comparing Guadalajara and Puebla.

Long-term Research.

- *¡Guadalajara, Guadalajara! Making the “Most Mexican City” A Mid-Century Global City.* Explores the strategies to make Guadalajara a cosmopolitan, global destination for tourists and global politics.
- *AltColumbus: Replacing the Americas’ Most Controversial Holiday.* Currently in draft stages. This work explores alternatives to the figure of Christopher Columbus for consideration of “heroes” in the American imaginary.

Conference Presentations

- Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2024. “Love and Marriage, and Marriage, and Marriage: *Bodas colectivas* and the state of Love in Mexico.”
- Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies, Antigua, Guatemala, 2023. “El otro lado del triunfo: correspondencia y peticion como contra-narrativo de la vida urbana en la época de oro mexicano.”
- Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, Las Cruces, New Mexico, 2022. “Teaching with Primary Documents in Courses on Latin America: Portable Primary Document Packs.”
- American Historical Association / Council of Latin American History: “Collective Marriage and Quiet Secularization of Marriage and Mothers.”
- Southern Historical Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2021. Panel commentary for “This Home Was Catholic: Protestantism, Community Violence, and State Formation in Modern Mexico,” Matthew Butler, Chair.
- Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies, Austin, Texas, March, 2020. “Viudas y Varios Vecinos: The Moral City and Urban Growth in Guadalajara, Mexico, 1939 - 1947.”
- Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies, Oaxaca, Mexico, March, 2019, “Building Women: Female Developers and Entrepreneurs in Guadalajara, Mexico, 1939-1947.”
- Teaching Equity is Central: Advancing Equity Through Social Justice, Ellensburg, WA, October, 2018 “Teaching Day of the Dead.”
- Society for the History of Women in the Americas (SHAW Society), London, UK, July 2018, “*Propietarias Tapatias*: Women as Property Owners and Entrepreneurs in Guadalajara, Mexico, 1939 - 1947.”
- American Society of Church History, Washington, D.C., January 2018, Paper presentation, “Religion, Health and National Identity in Post-Revolutionary Guadalajara, Mexico.”

- Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies, Salt Lake City, UT, April, 2017, Paper presentation, “Violent Desire and Mr. Calles: Conservative Protestantism and the Mexican Presidency, 1926 / 2012.”
- Latin American Studies Association, New York City, May, 2016, Paper presentation “Dear Mr. Calles: U.S. Protestant Views of the Cristero War, 1926-29.” Session Chair and Organizer for “Imperial Gods: Latin American Spirituality and Religious Practice in North Atlantic Eyes.”
- Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM, April, 2016, Paper presentation ““Porque si no hay iglesia ni padres quien podrá engañar y robar al pueblo...”: Continuities in Clerical/Parishioner Conflict in Rural Morelos, 1681-2015.”
- Latin American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, May 2014, Paper presentation “Hygiene and Morality in “Church/State Relations” in Guadalajara, 1937-1971”
- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM, April 2013, Paper presentation, “For God's Sake, Keep it Clean: Hygiene and Religious Disputes in Guadalajara, 1937-1957.”
- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Park City, UT, April, 2012, Roundtable with paper presentations organizer and presenter. Presentation: “Comparative History and Mormons in Latin America: Prospects and Obstacles” session organizer and chair for the panel “Mormons in Latin America: Obstacles and Prospects for New Research.”
- American Historical Association, Boston, MA, January 6-10, 2011, Paper presentation: “The Power-Knowledge of Zion: Mexican Intentional Religious Community, 1920- 1964” on the panel “Integrating Religion into World History: Conversion, Power-Knowledge, and the State.”
- Latin American Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, October 6-10, 2010, Paper presentation, “The City and God: The Iglesia Luz del Mundo and Urban Space in Guadalajara, 1929-1964”
- SFA Latin American Studies International Conference, Nacogdoches, TX, October 1-2, 2010, Paper presentation, “Western Civilization and Latin America.”
- SFA Latin American Studies International Conference, Nacogdoches, TX April 2-4, 2009, Paper presentation, “Godless Zapatistas: Religion and the Revolutionary Peasantry of Morelos.”
- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, NM, March 4-7, 2009, Panel Chair / Moderator: “Twentieth-Century Religion: Mormons, Mennonites, Syncretism and Tradition.”

- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Flagstaff, AZ, April 9 - 12, 2008, Paper presentation, “La Iglesia La Luz Del Mundo: Creating a World Religion In A Guadalajara barrio popular, 1926-1964.”
- World History Association, Milwaukee, WI, June 28 - July 1, 2007, Paper presentation: “God’s Mexico: Community and Religious Nationalism in Mexico, 1901-1961”
- Latin America Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 14-16, 2006, Paper presentation, “Religion, Rights and Local Justice in Mexican Intentional Communities, 1920-1964.” (Published on CD).
- Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Tucson, AZ, March 30-April 2, 2005, Paper presentation: “The Kingdom of the Fullness of God: Mexican Community and Religious Nationalism, 1920-1961.”

Book Reviews

- *New Mexico Historical Review*, Review of Matthew Butler, *Mexico’s Spiritual Reconquest*, forthcoming.
- *A Contracorriente*, Review of Jurgen Buchenau, *The Sonoran Dynasty*, Vol. 21 No. 3, 2024.
- *Hispanic American Historical Review*, Review of Jaime M. Pensado, *Love and Despair: How Catholic Activism Shaped Politics and the Counterculture in Modern Mexico*, Volume 104, no. 1, February 2024.
- *The Latin Americanist*, Review of Stephen Andes, *The Mysterious Sophia*, Volume 64, Number 2, June 2020.
- *Catholic Historical Review*, Review of Silvia Arrom, *Volunteering for a Cause: Gender, Faith, and Charity in Mexico from the Reform to the Revolution*. Volume 104, Number 3, Summer 2018.
- *Pacific Historical Review*, Review of Daniel Ramírez, *Migrating Faith: Pentecostalism in the United States and Mexico in the Twentieth Century*. Volume 86, Number 2, May, 2017.
- *Bulletin of Latin American Research*, Review of Alex Nava, *Wonder and Exile in the New World*. Volume 35, Issue 1, January 2016.
- *History: Review of New Books*, Review of *Mexico’s Once and Future Revolution* by Gilbert Joseph and Jurgen Buchenau, Volume 43, 2015 - Issue 2.
- *Canadian Journal of Caribbean and Latin American Studies*, Review of *Religion and State Formation in Post-revolutionary Mexico* by Ben Fallaw, May 2013, Vol. 38 Issue 1.

- *Bulletin of Latin American Research*. Review of Philip Russell, *The History of Mexico from Preconquest to the Present*, 2013, Vol. 32 Number 2.
- H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences On Line. Review of John J. Dwyer, *The Agrarian Dispute: The Expropriation of American-Owned Rural Land in Postrevolutionary Mexico*. March, 2013.
- *The East Texas Historical Journal* (Vol. 49, Issue 2, 138). Review of Zuzana M. Pick, *Constructing the Image of the Mexican Revolution: Cinema and the Archive*. (Fall 2011)
- *The Americas*, Review of Martina Will de Chaparro, *Death and Dying in New Mexico*, 65:3, January 2009, 451-452.
- *The East Texas Historical Journal* (Vol. 47, Issue 1, 68). Review of Raul Ramos, *Beyond the Alamo: Forging Mexican Ethnicity in San Antonio, 1821-1861*. (Winter 2009)
- *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, Summer, 2003, Vol. 34, Issue 1; p 125-126. Review of John Mason Hart, *Empire and Revolution, The Americans in Mexico Since the Civil War*.

Invited Presentations

- *An Introduction to Luz del Mundo*. Presentation to the University and Rhode Island program for Women and Gender Studies. Invited by Dr. Kathleen McIntyre. Spring, 2023.
- *The Basics of Mexican History*. Presentation to Santa Monica City College Heritage Spanish Course. Invited by Dr. Alejandro Lee. Winter, 2021.

Social Media Scholarship

- H-LatAm Blog Research Corner on the Archivo Histórico Municipal de Guadalajara. [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).
- [Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History, "Digital Resources: Using Facebook to Foster International Conversations about Mexican History."](#) William Beezley, Editor. 2017.

➤ COURSES TAUGHT

- **Introductory level:** World History to 1500; World History 1500 to 1815; World History 1815 to Present; Introduction to Latin American Studies; History First Year Seminar (Games and History)
- **Upper-division undergraduate level:** Modern Mexico; Tropics and the Modern World; Narcotics in World History; Mexica, Inca, Maya; Colonial Latin America; Modern Latin America; Religion in Latin America; Latin American Revolutions; Mexican Cultural Studies; Latin American Urban

Society; Latin America Through Film, Art, and Music; Introduction to History Writing; History Senior Capstone

- **Graduate level:** Pedagogy of World History; Global Borderlands; North American Borderlands; Indigenous Latin America; Latin American in World History; Introduction to Historiography

➤ **SERVICE**

I have served at all levels of professional and university faculty administration and shared governance in numerous positions. An expanded CV of all service roles is available upon request.