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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018- **Assistant Professor** – University of California, Santa Cruz  
present Latin American and Latino Studies Department  
Chicano Latino Research Center (Affiliate Faculty)
- 2020- **Guest Assistant Professor** – University of Notre Dame  
2021 Kellogg Institute for International Studies
- 2017- **Visiting Assistant Professor** – University of California, Santa Cruz  
2018 Latin American and Latino Studies Department  
Chicano Latino Research Center (Affiliate Faculty)
- 2015- **Visiting Assistant Professor** – University of New Mexico  
2017 Department of History  
Department of Geography & Environmental Studies (Affiliate Faculty)

## EDUCATION

- 2015 **Ph.D., History** – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award in Humanities & Fine Arts
- 2010 **M.A., History** – University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2005 **B.A., History** – Messiah College

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Book**

*Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met: Border Making in Eighteenth-Century South America*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2020.

### **Peer-Reviewed Articles & Book Chapters**

“Still Turning toward a Cartographic History of Latin America,” with Brian Bockelman, *History Compass* (forthcoming, 2020)

“Across Archival Limits: Colonial Records, Changing Ethnonyms, and Geographies of Knowledge,” with Sergio Latini, *Ethnohistory* 66, no. 2 (2019): 249-273

“Borderline Offerings: Tolderías and Mapmakers in the Eighteenth-Century Río de la Plata”  
*Hispanic American Historical Review* 96, no. 3 (2016): 445-480

### **Other Publications**

Review of *Distance and Documents at the Spanish Empire's Periphery*, by Sylvia Sellers-García. *Hispanic American Historical Review* 97, no. 1 (2017): 158-160

“Entre plazas y tolderías: Mapas, nómades y territorialidad en el Río de la Plata, 1700-1805”  
*Memoria, presente y porvenir en América Latina* (working paper, CEISAL, 2013)

### **Blog Post**

“Visual Depictions of Amazonian Boundary Commissions,” *The Oliveira Lima Library Blog* (June 5, 2020), <https://www.lib.cua.edu/wordpress/newsevents/12948/>

“Jeffrey Erbig’s ‘Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met,’” *The Page 99 Test* (May 17, 2020), <https://page99test.blogspot.com/2020/05/jeffrey-alan-erbig-jrs-where-caciques.html>

“Indigenous Rights in ‘A Country Without Indians,’” *UNC Press Blog* (April 10, 2020), <https://uncpressblog.com/2020/04/10/jeffrey-alan-erbig-jr-indigenous-rights-in-a-country-without-indians/>

### **Works in Progress**

“Onde nômades e geógrafos se encontram: charruas, minuanes e a demarcação de limites no Rio da Prata” em *Produzindo Fronteiras: entrecruzando escalas, povos e impérios na América portuguesa (XVII-XIX)*. Iris Kantor e Diogo Ramada Curto, eds. (under review, Hucitec)

“Between Ethnonyms and Toponyms: Cartography and Native Pasts in the Eastern Río de la Plata,” in Prado, Fabrício, Viviana Grieco, and Alex Borucki, eds., *Río de la Plata: From the Seventeenth through the Nineteenth Century*, New York: Palgrave Macmillian (under review)

“Property Mapping in Spanish America,” in *The History of Cartography: Cartography in the Nineteenth Century*, Roger Kain, ed., v. 5. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (in production)

### **GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

2020- **ACLS Fellowship**

2021 American Council of Learned Societies, New York, NY

#### **Sprout Grant**

Santa Cruz Institute for Social Transformation, Santa Cruz, CA

#### **Faculty Research Grant**

Committee on Research, UCSC

#### **Hellman Fellowship (Declined)**

University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

- 2019 **New Faculty Research Grant**  
Committee on Research, UCSC
- 2017 **Maureen Ahern Doctoral Dissertation Award** (Finalist)  
Colonial Section of the Latin American Studies Association
- 2016 **Jeannette D. Black Memorial Fellowship**  
The John Carter Brown Library, Providence, RI
- Dean's Distinguished Dissertation Award in Humanities & Fine Arts**  
The Graduate School of UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2014- **Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellowship**  
2015 American Council of Learned Societies, New York, NY
- Dissertation Completion Fellowship** (Declined)  
The Graduate School of UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2014 **MEMS Dissertation Award**  
Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Off-Campus Dissertation Research Fellowship** (Declined)  
The Graduate School of UNC-Chapel Hill
- MEMS Conference Travel Award**  
Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill
- 2013 **ISA Graduate Student International Conference Travel Award**  
Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill
- MEMS Research Support Award**  
Program in Medieval and Early Modern Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Mellon Dissertation Research Fellowship**  
Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill
- LASA Student Travel Grant**  
Latin American Studies Association
- 2011- **IIE Graduate Fellowship for International Study** (Rescued Fulbright-Hays)  
2012 Institute of International Education, New York, NY
- 2011 **Mellon Dissertation Research Fellowship** (William Wilson Brown, Jr. Fellow)  
Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Presidents' Graduate Student Travel Award**  
American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch

**Mowry Dissertation Fellowship**  
Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill

**Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies Graduate Student Fellowship**  
The Newberry Library, Chicago, IL

2010 **Tinker Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant**  
Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-Chapel Hill

**Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Summer Fellowship**  
Associação Cultural Brasil-Estados Unidos (ACBEU), Salvador da Bahia, Brazil

**Clein Summer Fellowship**  
Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill

2007 **Tinker Pre-Dissertation Field Research Grant**  
Institute of Latin American Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

**Clein Summer Fellowship**  
Department of History, UNC-Chapel Hill

### **INVITED TALKS**

2020 **International Society for the History of the Map – São Paulo, Brazil**  
“American Knowledges Book Chat”

2019 **Universidad de la República, Depto. de Arqueología; Consejo de la Nación Charrúa (CONACHA)/Escuela Intercultural Charrúa Itinerante – Montevideo, Uruguay**  
“Repensando el archivo colonial y las relaciones interétnicas en el este del Río de la Plata”

**The Huntington Library & The University of Southern California – San Marino, CA**  
“Mapping Maps and Centering Indigenous Geographies”

2017 **Latin American and Latino/a Studies, Grand Valley State University – Allendale, MI**  
“Imperial Lines, Indigenous Lands: A Spatial History of South American Borders”

**Department of History, University of California, San Diego – San Diego, CA**  
“Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met: Border Making in Eighteenth-Century South America”

2016 **John Carter Brown Library, Brown University – Providence, RI**  
“Native Americans and Iberian Boundary Demarcations in Colonial South America”

2015 **Universidad de la República, Depto. de Historia Económica – Montevideo, Uruguay**  
“Donde nómades y geógrafos se encontraron: El Río de la Plata durante el siglo XVIII”

**Geography & Environmental Studies Colloquium, UNM – Albuquerque, NM**  
“Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met: Border-making in 18<sup>th</sup>-Century South America”

- 2014 **HGIS Carolina Working Group, UNC-Chapel Hill** – Chapel Hill, NC  
 “Mapping Mobility: Strategies for Using GIS in Ethnographic History”
- 2013 **Universidad de Buenos Aires, Depto de Antropología** – Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 “Grupos étnicos, etnicidades y cacicazgos en el sur de América”
- 2012 **Universidade de Brasília, Laboratório de História Social** – Brasília, Brasil  
 “O que mudou com os mapas: Soberania e nômades no Rio da Prata, 1749-1805”
- Universidade de São Paulo, Departamento de História** – São Paulo, Brasil  
 “De praças a províncias: Territorialidade e relações interculturais no Rio da Prata”
- Universidad de la República, Facultad de Derecho** – Montevideo, Uruguay  
 “Fronteras, mapas e ‘indios infieles’ en el Río de la Plata”

### CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- 2019 **El Programa de Estudios de las Relaciones Interétnicas y los Pueblos Originarios de las Fronteras, Instituto de Desarrollo Económico y Social (Workshop Coordinador)** – Buenos Aires, Argentina  
 “Taller de Etnografía Histórica sobre ‘Grupos étnicos, territorios y cartografía”
- Congresso Internacional Povos Indígenas da América Latina (Symposium Organizer)** – Brasília, Brasil  
 “Mapas históricos e imaginarios etnogeográficos en el Río de la Plata”
- Río de la Plata Annual Seminar** – William & Mary College, Williamsburg, VA  
 “Placing, Misplacing, Displacing: Cartography and Native Pasts in the Banda Oriental”
- American Historical Association** – Chicago, IL  
 “The Ethnogeographical Imaginations of Early Modern Mapmakers”
- 2018 **American Association of Geographers** – New Orleans, LA  
 “The Geographical Gymnastics of Borderland Archives”
- Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (Panel Organizer)** – Nashville, TN  
 “When Ethnonyms Were Toponyms: Cartography and Native Pasts in the Banda Oriental”
- American Historical Association** – Washington, D.C.  
 “Mapping *Tierra Adentro*: GIS and the Histories of Autonomous Native Peoples”
- 2017 **Great Lakes Latin American Research Workshop** – Grand Rapids, MI  
 “Unfixing Names: Ethnonyms and Indigenous Pasts in the Río de la Plata”
- 2016 **American Society for Ethnohistory** – Nashville, TN  
 “Territorial Removal and Indigenous Captivity in the Río de la Plata”

- Latin American Studies Association** – New York, NY  
 “Those Who Drew No Maps: Indigenous Territorialities and the Making of the Río de la Plata”
- Brazilian Studies Association** – Providence, RI  
 “What’s in a Name?: Imperial Geographies and Ethnonyms in Brazil’s Extreme South”
- Río de la Plata Annual Seminar** – William & Mary College, Williamsburg, VA  
 “Collecting Fragments: Archived Knowledge, Interimperial Disputes, and Native Pasts”
- American Historical Association** – Atlanta, GA  
 “Beyond the Archival Gaze: Geographical Imaginations and Ethnohistory in the Río de la Plata”
- 2015 **Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies** – Tucson, AZ  
 “The Anatomy of a Borderland Archive: Geographies of Ethnographic Knowledge in the Río de la Plata”
- American Historical Association (Panel Organizer)** – New York, NY  
 “Beyond Dominance and Resistance: Charrúas, Minuanes, and the Making of a Borderline between Brazil and La Plata, 1750-1805”
- 2014 **Conference on Latin American History (Panel Organizer)** – Washington, D.C.  
 “Jostling Sovereignties: Wandering Peoples and Mapmakers in the Río de la Plata”
- American Historical Association (Panel Chair)** – Washington, D.C.  
 “Reforming Cartographies in Enlightenment Latin America”
- 2013 **CEISAL Congreso Internacional** – Porto, Portugal  
 “Mapas, nómades y memoria histórica en el Río de la Plata, 1749-1805”
- Latin American Studies Association (Panel Organizer)** – Washington, D.C.  
 “Limiting the Unfaithful Lands: Nomads and Mapmakers in the Río de la Plata”
- Río de la Plata Annual Seminar** – William & Mary College, Williamsburg, VA  
 “Where Mapmakers and Nomads Meet: Rethinking Borderlands from the Río de la Plata”
- 2011 **American Historical Association, Pacific Coast Branch** – Seattle, WA  
 “Cartography's Natural Limits: Mapping in the Borderlands of the Río de la Plata”
- UNC-Duke CLACS Consortium Conference** – Chapel Hill, NC  
 “Spatializing the State: Félix de Azara in the Río de la Plata, 1777-1809”
- 2010 **Seeing the Nation: Cartography & Politics in Latin America** – Bogotá, Colombia  
 “Creando fronteras: Félix de Azara en el Virreinato del Río de la Plata, 1777-1809”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Instructor, University of California, Santa Cruz**

LALS169: South America: History, Society, and Culture (2018-2020)

LALS170: Indigenous Struggles in the Americas (2018-2020)

LALS194E: Unfree Migrations (2020)

- Digital Instruction Project (DSC/CITL)

LALS201: Research in Praxis (2020)

LALS244: Digital Mapping and Human Geographies (2018-2019)

### **Instructor, University of New Mexico**

Modern Latin America (2015-2017)

Mapping Latin America (2016)

The Slave Trade in Africa and the Americas (2016)

History of Southern South America (2015)

### **Guest Lectures & Faculty Panels**

LALS1: Introduction to Latin American and Latino Studies (2018, x2)

LALS201: Research in Praxis – Epistemology, Ontology, and Ethics (2018)

LALS292: Graduate Colloquium (2019)

### **Graduate Student Advising**

Dissertation Committee (2018-present; 1 student)

Qualifying Exam Committee (2018; 1 student)

### **Other Universities**

Interviewed for “Decolonizing Latin America” syllabus redesign project (Skidmore College)

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE & SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES**

### **University of California, Santa Cruz**

2019- **Geographic Information System (GIS) Workshops (x2)**

2020 Indian Ocean Research Cluster (UCHRI and THI-funded initiative)

2019 **Geographic Information System (GIS) Workshop**

Human Rights Investigations Lab, Research Center for the Americas

2018- **Graduate Studies Committee**

present Latin American and Latino Studies Department

2018- **Founder/Organizer, Latin American History Writing Group**

present Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts Divisions; UCSC

### **University of New Mexico**

2015- **Founder/Organizer, Spatial Humanities Working Group** ([spatialhumanities.unm.edu/](http://spatialhumanities.unm.edu/))

2017 College of Arts and Sciences

2017 **Design Reviewer, Radical Cartography**  
School of Architecture and Planning

## **SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

### **External Reviewer**

Lee and Mary Clare McHugh Sanders Endowed Professorship (History Department, DePaul University)

### **Manuscript Reviewer**

Colonial Latin American Review  
Hispanic American Historical Review  
Historical Geography  
Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History  
Revista Runa  
Settler Colonialism

### **Faculty Facilitator**

Preparing for the Academic Job Market (American Council of Learned Societies)

## **LANGUAGES**

English – Native Speaker  
Spanish – Near-Native Proficiency  
Portuguese – Advanced Proficiency

## **GIS SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE**

ArcGIS (Desktop, Online, StoryMaps)  
CARTO  
GoogleMaps  
Mapbox Studio  
QGIS  
StoryMap JS

## **MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS**

American Historical Association  
American Society for Ethnohistory  
Association of Friends and Fellows of the John Carter Brown Library  
Brazilian Studies Association  
Conference on Latin American History  
Latin American and Caribbean Section, Southern Historical Association  
Latin American Studies Association  
Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies  
Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies