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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021- **Associate Professor; University of California, Santa Cruz**
present Latin American and Latino Studies Department
Dolores Huerta Research Center for the Americas (Affiliate Faculty)
History Department (Affiliate Faculty)
- 2018- **Assistant Professor; University of California, Santa Cruz**
2021 Latin American and Latino Studies Department
Research Center for the Americas (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

Books

Entre caciques y cartógrafos: La construcción de un límite interimperial en la Sudamérica del siglo XVIII.
Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires: Prometeo Libros, 2022.

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

- 2021 Alfred B. Thomas Book Award (honorable mention), Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

Peer-Reviewed Articles

“Afterlives in Captivity: Indigeneity and Penal Deportation in Southeastern South America,” *Atlantic Studies*, 21, no. 3 (2023): 394-418.

- 2024 Sturgis Leavitt Award, Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies

“Despoliticización a través de la naturalización: Félix de Azara y pueblos indígenas en el Río de la Plata y Paraguay,” *Boletín Americanista*, no. 84 (2022): 105-126

“Still Turning toward a Cartographic History of Latin America,” with Brian Bockelman, *History Compass*, 18, e12617 (2020): 1-15

“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

Book Chapters

“Entre assentamentos e toldarias: a demarcação de limites no Rio da Prata” em *Produzindo Fronteiras: entrecruzando escalas, povos e impérios na América portuguesa (1640-1828)*, editado por Iris Kantor, 99-128. Belo Horizonte: Editora Autêntica (forthcoming, 2024)

“Between Ethnonyms and Toponyms: Cartography and Native Pasts in the Eastern Río de la Plata,” in Prado, Fabrício, Viviana Grieco, and Alex Borucki, eds., *The Río de la Plata from Colony to Nations*, New York: Palgrave Macmillan (2021): 9-30

Book Reviews

Reseña de *Hiding in Plain Sight: Black Women, The Law, and the Making of a White Argentine Republic*, by Erika Denise Edwards. *Perspectivas Afro* 1, no. 2 (2022): 189-192

Review of *The Oxford Handbook of Borderlands in the Iberian World*, edited by Danna A. Levin Rojo and Cynthia Radding. *Hispanic American Historical Review* 101, no. 2 (2021): 299-300

Review of *Mapping Indigenous Land: Native Land Grants in Colonial New Spain*, by Ana Pulido Rull. *The Americas* 78, no. 2 (2021): 332-334

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

Blog Posts

“La labor y la soberanía indígena vistas a través de la demarcación de límites entre España y Portugal en la segunda mitad del siglo XVIII,” Revista digital Hilario. no. 27 (Junio 2023), https://www.hilariobooks.com/blog-article.php?slug_es=la-labor-y-la-soberania-indigena-

[vistas-a-traves-de-la-demarcacion-de-limites-entre-espana-y-portugal-en-la-segunda-mitad-del-siglo-xviii](#)

“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/>

Other Publications

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

Works in Progress

“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 (projected 2027)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023- **Large Grant Program**

2025 Committee on Research, UCSC

2024 **Building Belonging Award**

Institute for Social Transformation, UCSC

2020- **ACLS Fellowship**

2021 American Council of Learned Societies, New York, NY

Sprout Grant

Institute for Social Transformation, UCSC

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

2024 **Universidad Nacional de San Martín** – San Martín, Argentina

Presentation of *Entre Caciques y Cartógrafos*

2023 **Grupo de Historia Popular, Instituto Ravignani** – Buenos Aires, Argentina

Presentation of *Entre Caciques y Cartógrafos*

Universidad Pedagógica Nacional – Buenos Aires, Argentina

Presentation of *Entre Caciques y Cartógrafos*

2022 **Escuela de Historia, Universidad Diego Portales** – Santiago, Chile

“Afterlives in Captivity: Indigeneity and Penal Deportation in Southeastern South America”

2022 **IX Simposio Iberoamericano de Historia de la Cartografía** – Lima, Perú

“La historia de la cartografía a la luz del giro digital”

2021 **Red Internacional GEOPAM** – Brasília, Brasil

“Entre caciques y cartógrafos: La construcción de un límite interimperial en la Sudamérica del siglo XVIII”

Institut für Geschichtswissenschaft, Universität Bremen – Bremen, Germany

Presentation of *Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met*

Department of History, University of Notre Dame – Notre Dame, IN

Presentation of *Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met*

Latin American History Seminar & Workshop, Harvard University – Cambridge, MA

Presentation of *Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met*

Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies & American Geographical Society

Library; University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee – Milwaukee, WI

Presentation of *Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met*

- 2020 **Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame** – Notre Dame, IN
 “Convict Transportation and Indigenous Exile in Southern South America”
- La Sociedad Científica del Paraguay** – Asunción, Paraguay
 “El legado de un etnógrafo imperial: Félix de Azara y la etnohistoria de la Banda Oriental”
- New Book’s Network (Podcast)**
 Interview about *Where Caciques and Mapmakers Met*
- 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 18th-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, SEMINARS, & PANELS

- 2024 **American Historical Association** – San Francisco, CA
“Between Banishment and Cloister: Captivity and Penal Deportation in the Río de la Plata”
- Conference on Latin American History (Discussant)** – San Francisco, CA
“Histories from Latin American Frontier Zones and Borderlands”
- 2023 **Congreso Internacional de Etnohistoria de las Tierras Bajas** – Buenos Aires, Argentina
“Conectando fuentes sobre el cautiverio indígena en las tierras bajas: un proyecto en desarrollo” (with Carina Lucaioli)
- Río de la Plata Annual Seminar** – William & Mary College, Williamsburg, VA
“Convicts and Captives in Cloister: Buenos Aires’s *Casa de Recogidas*, 1773-1805”
- American Historical Association (Discussant)** – Philadelphia, PA
“Getting Argentina out of the Atlantic: Rethinking the Spaces of Historical Narrative Construction in the Southern Cone”
- 2022 **American Historical Association** – New Orleans, LA
“Penal Deportation and Indigenous Exile in Lowland South America”
- 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”
- Congreso 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

LALS100A/L: Research in LALS

LALS169: South America: History, Society, and Culture

LALS170: Indigenous Struggles in the Americas

LALS194E/L: Unfree Migrations

- Digital Instruction Project (DSC/CITL, 2020)

LALS201: Research in Practice

LALS244: Digital Mapping and Human Geographies

- Digital Instruction Project (DSC/CITL, 2022)

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 (Total over Time)

Dissertation Advisor (2 students)

Dissertation Committee (2 students)

Qualifying Exam Chair (1 student)

Qualifying Exam Committee (3 students)

First-Year Advisor (2 students)

Other Universities

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

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of California, Santa Cruz

2024- **Job Market Workshop Coordinator**

2026 UCSC Social Sciences Division

2023- **Chair, Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC)**

2024 UCSC Faculty Senate

- 2021- **Faculty Advisory Committee**
2023 UCSC Bay Tree Campus Store
- 2021- **Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (COLASC)**
2023 UCSC Faculty Senate
- 2021- **Job Placement Coordinator**
2023 Latin American and Latino Studies Department
- 2022 **Golden Apple Teaching Award Committee**
UCSC Division of Social Sciences
- 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/)
2017 College of Arts and Sciences
- 2017 **Design Reviewer, Radical Cartography**
School of Architecture and Planning

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

- 2023- **Editorial Board, *Ethnohistory***
2024 American Society for Ethnohistory
- 2023 **Ermine Wheeler-Voegelin Book Award Committee**
American Society for Ethnohistory
- 2023 **Steering Committee**
Congreso Internacional de Etnohistoria de las Tierras Bajas
- 2022- **Editorial Board, Contemporary Issues and Methods in Indigenous Studies Series**
2025 University of Alabama Press

External Reviewer

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

Manuscript Reviewer

Articles

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

Books

University of North Carolina Press
Routledge (Early Modern Iberian History in Global Contexts: Connexions)

Book Proposals

Palgrave Macmillan

Faculty Facilitator/Panelist

Summer Introduction to Undergraduate Research Program (UCSC/CSU-Monterey Bay)
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
Leaflet
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