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Educational Background:

Ph.D., History, University of Texas at Austin, 1992-2000
Dissertation: "Negotiating Revolution: Rural Workers and Labor Organizing in Southern Chiapas, 1880-1950"
Dissertation director: Dr. Jonathan C. Brown
Major Field: Latin America, Minor Field: History of U.S. Frontiers
M.A., Latin American Studies, Tulane University, 1987-1990
Concentrations: History and Anthropology
A.B., History and Government, cum laude in History, Cornell University, 1983-1987

Professional Employment History:

Associate Professor of History, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2010-present
Assistant Professor of History, University of Texas at San Antonio, 2003-2010
Assistant Professor of History, Transylvania University, 2000-2003
Assistant Instructor, University of Texas at Austin, 1999-2000
Supplemental Instructor/Teaching Assistant, University of Texas at Austin, 1993-1996, 1997-1998

Teaching Awards

ACUE Teaching Fellow, Association of College and University Educators and American Council on Education, Certificate in Effective Instruction, 2021
President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Community Engagement, UTSA, 2020
President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Advancing Globalization, Nominee, UTSA, 2019
President's Distinguished Achievement Award for Teaching Excellence, UTSA, 2012
These awards are to recognize, encourage and reward accomplished faculty whose command of their respective disciplines, teaching methodologies, communication skills and commitment to learning translate into a superior learning experience for students.

Works in Progress:

Migrants or Refugees? Violence and Coerced Migration in Southern Mexico and Guatemala, 1960-1996, Book project on Guatemalan refugees in Chiapas, Mexico. Completing archival research in Chiapas, Mexico and Huehuetenango, Guatemala and preparing manuscript
"When Going Abroad Means Going Home: A Proposed Program Design for Mexican American Students," Journal Article, Revise and Resubmit for Frontiers: The Interdisciplinary Journal of Study Abroad, co-authors: Dr. Nydia Martinez and Dr. Gina Petrie
"Gender, Ethnicity, and Nationality: Perceptions of Criminality on the Guatemalan-Mexican Border in the Early Twentieth Century." Journal Article, in preparation for Ethnohistory.

Books:

Constructing Citizenship: Transnational Workers and Revolution on the Mexico-Guatemala Border, 1880-1950, (Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona Press), May 2012.

La construcción de ciudadanía: los trabajadores transnacionales y la Revolución en la frontera México Guatemala, 1880-1950, (San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México: UNAM/CIMSUR), May 2018.

Journal Articles and Book Chapters:

- “Pedimos Posada: Local Mediators and Guatemalan Refugees in Mexico, 1978-1984,” Historia Critica, Issue 80, April 2021, pp. 153-178. <https://doi.org/10.7440/historcrit80.2021.08>
- “Studying Abroad in Mexico with Mexican Ancestry: Desiring to Be ‘One of Ours.’” Journal of Multilingual and Multicultural Development, Co-authors: Nydia Martinez and Gina Mikel Petrie, published online: 17 January 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01434632.2021.1874001>
- “Archives as Activism at a Hispanic-Serving University: A Conversation with Catherine Nolan-Ferrell and Agnieszka Czeblakow,” Hemisphere, vol. 27, Winter 2018, pp. 44-48.
- “Balancing Classroom Civility and Free Speech: Lessons from a History Classroom,” Academe, 103:6, November-December 2017.
- “Women Immigrants: Labor, Gender Roles, and Domestic Violence,” in A Bilateral Perspective on Mexico-U.S. Migration, ed. by Harriet Romo, Carlos Alberto Garrido de la Calleja and Olivia López, (Xalapa, México: Universidad Veracruzana, IETEC-Arana Editores), Fall, 2012 (received in the U.S., Spring 2013).
- “Coffee Workers, Transnational Communities, and Identity on the Guatemalan/Mexican Border, 1931-1941,” in Workers Across the Americas: The Transnational Turn in Labor History, ed. by Leon Fink, et. al. (Oxford: Oxford University Press), Spring 2011.
- “Agrarian Reform and Revolutionary Justice in the Soconusco, Chiapas: Campesinos and the Mexican State, 1934-1940.” Journal of Latin American Studies, 42:3, August 2010.
- “La historiografía de Chiapas en el siglo XX: Cuestionando la Relación entre la Sociedad Civil y el Estado,” in Presente y Futuro de la Historiografía Regional de México en el Siglo XX, ed. by José Mario Contreras Valdez, Pedro Luna Jiménez and Pablo Serrano Álvarez, (Nayarit, Mexico: Instituto Nacional de Estudios Históricos de las Revoluciones de México-INEHRM y la Universidad Autónoma de Nayarit), 2009.
- “El desarrollo de una región sin una identidad nacional: La zona del Soconusco, Chiapas, 1880-1920” in Chiapas de la Independencia a la Revolución, ed. by Dolores Palomo and Mercedes Olivera Bustamante, (Mexico, D.F.: Publicaciones de la Casa Chata), 2005.
- “El género y la reforma agraria en la revolución mexicana: Notas del Soconusco de los años treinta a cuarenta del siglo veinte,” Acervos, volumen 7, número 27, verano del 2004.
- “Constructing States: Intellectuals, Revolutionaries, Imperialists, and the Popular Classes in Latin American State Formation,” Latin American Research Review, 39:3, 2004.

Media:

- “Past U.S. policies have made life worse for Guatemalans,” Washington Post, 21 June 2021
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/06/21/past-us-policies-have-made-life-worse-guatemalans/>
- Interview with Jessie Degollado, KSAT-TV, 4 June 2021, San Antonio, TX
“[Stemming flow of migrants reason for VP Kamala Harris’ first foreign visit](#)”

Book Reviews:

- Review of The Saints of Progress: A History of Coffee, Migration, and Costa Rican National Identity, by Carmen Kordick, H-LatAm, H-Net Reviews. October 2019.
URL: <http://www.hnet.org/reviews/showrev.php?id=53855>
- Review of Agrarian Crossings: Reformers and the Remaking of the US and Mexican Countryside, by Tore C. Olsson, The American Historical Review, vol. 123, #5, December 2018.
- Review of Distilling the Influence of Alcohol: Aguardiente in Guatemalan History, ed. by David Carey, Jr., The American Historical Review, vol. 118, #4, October 2013.
- Review of Waking the Dictator: Veracruz, the Struggle for Federalism, and the Mexican Revolution, 1870-1927, by Karl B. Koth, Choice, vol. 40, # 11/12, July/August 2003.
- Review of Vagrants and Citizens: Politics and the Masses in Mexico City from Colony to Republic, by Richard A. Warren, Choice, vol 39, #8, April 2001.

Review of Oil, Banks, and Politics: The United States and Post-Revolutionary Mexico, 1917-1924, by Linda Hall, H-LATAM (on-line journal: H-LATAM@H-Net.msu.edu), February 18, 1997.

Scholarly Presentations:

- American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 7-10, 2021. "Roundtable: The Materiality of Migration," Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Latin American Studies Association, 2020 International Conference: América Latina: Vinculando Mundos y Saberes, Tejiendo Esperanzas, May 13-16, 2020. "*Sobrevivimos*: Guatemalan Refugees and the 'Right to have Rights': 1980-1985."
- Southeastern Conference on Latin American Studies, 67th Annual Meeting, March 4-8, 2020. "Community Engaged Learning in Short-Term International Education Programs: Field Notes"
- Guatemalan Scholars Network, Fifth Biannual Conference, July 11-13, 2019. "'No Good Option': Forced Migration and Citizenship in Guatemala's Civil War, 1979-1996"
- Latin American Studies Association, 2018 International Congress: Latin American Studies in a Globalized World May 23 - 26, 2018. "Building Community and Nationality in Exile: Guatemalan Refugees in Chiapas, Mexico, 1982-2000"
- Rocky Mountain Conference of Latin American Studies, 64th Annual Meeting, April 2017. "'Truth' Telling and (Mis)Remembering: Oral Histories of Refugee Trauma"
- USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research, International Conference: *A Conflict? Genocide and Resistance in Guatemala*, September 2016. "The Guatemalan Refugee Crisis in Southern Chiapas, 1980-1984,: Invited Presenter.
- Native American and Indigenous Studies Association: 8th Annual Meeting, May 2016. "Subjects of Gossip and Slander": Female Criminality in Northwestern Guatemala, 1931-1944"
- Grupo Binacional Guatemala-México de Estudios de las Fronteras: Pueblos y Fronteras, May 2015, CIMSUR-UNAM (Centro de Investigaciones Multidisciplinarias sobre Chiapas y la Frontera Sur), San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico. "Refugiados, desplazados, o migrantes: guatemaltecos en la frontera sur de Chiapas durante los años 1976-1996." Invited Presenter
- Rocky Mountain Conference of Latin American Studies: 62nd Annual Meeting, April 2015 Roundtable: Is There a "New" History of Chiapas?
- Latin American Labor History Conference: Aquí y Allá: Migrations in Latin American Labor History, May, 2014, Duke University: "Working for Citizenship: Guatemalan Refugees in Southern Mexico, 1980-1996." Invited presenter.
- UTSA Mexico Center: Las Relaciones México-Estados Unidos, September 2013 "Vecindad": Mexico's Response to the Guatemalan Refugee Crisis, 1979-1996"
- Rocky Mountain Conference of Latin American Studies: 60th Annual Conference, April 2013 "Refugees or Returnees? Guatemalans in Southern Mexico, 1970s-1990s"
- AHA/CLAH: 126th Annual Meeting: Communities and Networks, January 2012. "Gender, Ethnicity, and Nationality: Perceptions of Criminality on the Guatemalan-Mexican Border in the Early Twentieth Century"
- Advanced Oral History Summer Institute, UC Berkeley, August 2011. Best Practices in Oral History, Institute Participant
- Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, 21 July to 28 July 2010 Theme for 2010: *Place, Space, and Memory*: Workshop Participant.
- American Society for Ethnohistory Conference: Annual Meeting, October 2009. "De Facto Mexicans:" Imposing Nationality on the Guatemalan/Mexican Border, 1931-1941"
- Immigration Open Forum: Immigration and Citizenship UTSA Mexico Center, June 2009 Co-Chaired Sessions on "Invisible Immigrants: Guatemalan and Central American Immigrants Journey through Mexico," and "Changing Roles of Immigrant Women."
- New England Council on Latin American Studies: 38th Annual Meeting, October 2008 "Coffee Workers, Transnational Communities and Identity on the Guatemalan/Mexican Border, 1931-1941"

- Newberry Conference on Labor History Across the Americas: Workers, the Nation-State, and Beyond, September 2008
 “Coffee Workers, Transnational Communities and Identity on the Guatemalan/Mexican Border, 1931-1941”
- Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, 26 July to 2 August 2006
 “The Law of Progress and Development: Deconstructing Development Discourse”
 Theme for 2006: *Globalization, Transnational History, and Colonialism*. (The Tepoztlán Institute is a joint program of Yale University, Duke University, University of Georgia, University of Arizona, and Lewis and Clark University.)
- Latin American Studies Association XXVI International Conference, March 2006
 “The Transnational Origins of the Coffee Economy, Chiapas, Mexico, 1880-1910”
- Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association Annual Conference, August 2005
 “The Invention of National Identity on the Guatemalan-Mexican Border”
- Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies: 51st Annual Conference, 2004
 “Women and Rural Reform in Chiapas, Mexico 1934-1940”
- Latin American Studies Association XXIV International Conference, 2003
 “Making Revolutionary Leaders: Campesinos, Government Workers, and the Emergence of a Labor Movement on Plantations in Chiapas, 1924-1944”
- Foro Internacional “El Estado de Chiapas, de la Independencia a la Revolución,” 2002
 “El desarrollo de una región sin una identidad nacional, la zona del Soconusco, 1880-1920”
- Conference on Latin American History Annual Meeting, in conjunction with the American Historical Association Meeting, 2002
 “Campesinos of Questionable Nationality: Government Reform Programs and the Creation of a Mexican Peasantry, Chiapas, Mexico, 1934-1944”
- Latin American Studies Association XXIII International Conference, 2001
 “Creating Revolution through Bureaucracy: The Agrarian Reform Department and Campesinos in the Soconusco, Chiapas”

Grants:

- NEH Fellowship, Award for Faculty at Hispanic Serving Institutions. “Migrants or Refugees? Violence and Forced Migration in Southern Mexico and Guatemala, 1950-2000.” Awarded \$60,000 for research and writing, August 2022-July 2023.
- Carlos and Malú Alvarez International Study Fund Program. “History and Service Learning in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Awarded \$4000 to support student travel to Oaxaca, Mexico, 2018.
- Carlos and Malú Alvarez International Study Fund Program. “History and Service Learning in Oaxaca, Mexico.” Primary Author: Gregg Michel, Secondary Author: Catherine Nolan-Ferrell. Awarded \$7500 to support student travel to Oaxaca, Mexico, 2018.
- UTSA Special Collections Faculty Grant. “Using UTSA Special Collections for the Graduate History Research Seminar, HIS 6813, Topic: History of Citizenship and Nationality,” \$1,000; April 2016
- UTSA Grants for Research Advancement and Transformation (GREAT) Program: Co-Investigator with the UTSA Mexico Center’s Transnational Youth Working Group. “The Impact of Migration and Immigration on Mexican and Mexican-American Adolescents: A Transnational Study.” Grant awarded to the TYWG for \$10,000; January 2015
- Mexico Center Educational Research Fellowship, Faculty Sponsor/Mentor for Juana Rubalcava, M.A. Student, “A New Home: Mexican Campesinos and Guatemalan Refugees in Chiapas, Mexico, 1978-1988,” Joint Grant for \$4000; January 2015
- Faculty Development Leave, Spring 2013: Conducted research for book project *Coerced Migration: Workers, Debt Servitude, and Violence in Southern Mexico and Central America, 1950-1996*
- National Parks Service, San Antonio Area Missions: “Conduct Oral History Workshop in Conjunction with History and Genealogy Day,” fall 2012-spring 2013. Workshop will train area high school teachers to teach oral history research methods to their students. Students and

teachers will conduct oral histories at the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park on History and Genealogy Day, April 2013; awarded: \$18,497
American Historical Association, Albert J. Beveridge Grant for Research in the History of the Western Hemisphere, 2004 (used summer 2005)
Kenan Faculty Research Grant, Transylvania University, 2003
Booth Ferris Foundation Faculty Technology Grant, Transylvania University, 2002
Kenan Faculty Research Grant, Transylvania University, 2001
Fulbright IIE-García Robles Research Grant, 1996-1997
Tinker Field Research Grant, 1995
Tulane University Graduate School Research Grant, 1988
Tulane University Graduate School Fellowship, 1987-1989

Professional Organizations:

American Historical Association
Conference on Latin American History
Latin American Studies Association
Guatemalan Studies Network