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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

Associate Professor of History, Western New England University	2009-present
Director of International Studies, Western New England University	2013-present
Coordinator of Global Scholars, Western New England University	2014-present
Assistant Professor of History, Western New England University	2005-2009
Visiting Assistant Professor of History, University of Delaware	2003-2005
Assistant Instructor, Department of History, Princeton University	1999-2003

Areas of Research: Modern Latin America, Colombia

Areas of Teaching: Colonial and Modern Latin America, Colombia, Spain, World History since 1500, and themes in Latin American History: Gender, Race, Revolution, Commodities, Dictatorship and Democracy, Popular Culture, Latin American-U.S. Relations, Latino/a History

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in History, Princeton University 2003

Dissertation: "Education for a Moral Republic: Schools, Reform, and Conflict in Colombia, 1780-1845."

Advisor: Jeremy Adelman, Henry Charles Lea Professor of History, Princeton University.

Committee: Kenneth Mills, Professor of History, University of Toronto; Frank Safford, Professor of History, Northwestern University; Hendrik Hartog, Class of 1921 Bicentennial Professor in the History of American Law and Liberty, Princeton University.

M.A. in History, Princeton University 1999

Fields: Modern Latin America, the Caribbean and Brazil; Colonial Spanish and Portuguese America; European Cultural and Intellectual History.

B.A. in History, Phi Beta Kappa, Reed College 1995

Thesis: "Violent Passions and Social Disorder: Concepts of race and honor in late colonial Spanish America."

Academic Exchanges:

Fulbright/Institute of International Education Fellow, Colombia 1995-1996

Graduate study, Universidad de los Andes and Universidad Nacional, Bogotá.

Researcher, Archivo General de la Nación de la República, Bogotá.

Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia 1993

PUBLICATIONS

Manuscript (in progress)

Education for a Moral Republic: Colombian state formation and schooling, 1780-1880.

Articles and Chapters (asterisk indicates refereed work)

- ✦ “‘The good and the useful together’: Colombian Positivism in a Century of Conflict,” in *Latin American Positivism: Theory and Practice*, edited by Gregory Gilson and Irving Levinson; pp. 27-48. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, January 2013.
 - ✦ “Teaching Writing in the Republic of Colombia, 1800-1850.” *Paedagogica Historica: International Journal of the History of Education*, “Education and Latin American Independence: Forging Politics, Inventing Republics, Reshaping Identities,” Volume 46, Issue 4 (August 2010): pp. 449-461.
 - ✦ “The Emergence and Transformation of Positivism in Nineteenth-Century Latin America.” In *A Companion to Latin American Philosophy*, edited by Susana Nuccetelli, Ofelia Schutte, Otávio Bueno; pp. 53-67. Wiley-Blackwell, December 2009.
 - ✦ “Conflictos entre el Estado y las élites locales sobre la educación colombiana durante las décadas de 1820 y 1830.” *Revista de Historia Crítica* [Universidad de los Andes, Colombia], no. 34 (Julio-Diciembre 2007).
 - ✦ “Disciplining Liberty: Early National Colombian School Struggles, 1820-1840.” In *Transformations in Schooling: Historical and Comparative Perspectives*, edited by Kim Tolley; pp. 87-108. Palgrave-MacMillan, April 2007.
 - ✦ “Childhood in Colonial Latin America,” in *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*, edited by J. Michael Francis; pp. 208-211. Santa Barbara and Oxford: ABC-Clio, 2006.
 - ✦ “Vanishing Acts: Films on the Colombian Conflicts,” *Delaware Review of Latin American Studies*, <http://www.udel.edu/LAS/Vol5-2Clark.html>, 5:2 (December 15, 2004).
- “‘The Blight of Bad Examples’: Morals Legislation and Social Conflict in Colombian Schooling, 1800-1830.” Working Paper No. 02-24, International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, August 2002.
- “Letter from Bogotá.” *Princeton Program in Latin American Studies Boletín* (Winter, 1999-2000). www.princeton.edu/~plasweb/publications/Boletin/BoletinFall1999-Winter2000.htm

Book Reviews

- Joshua Rosenthal, *Salt and the Colombian State: Local Society and Regional Monopoly in Boyacá, 1821-1900* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 2012), in *A Contracorriente* (Fall 2012).
- The People behind Colombian Coal: Mining, Multinationals and Human Rights*, Aviva Chomsky, Garry Leech and Steve Striffler (Bogotá: Casa Editorial Pisando Callos, 2007), in *Revista de Estudios Colombianos* no. 40 (2012).
- Madre y Esposa: Silencio y virtud. Ideal de formación de las mujeres en la provincia de Bogotá, 1848-1868*, Magnolia Aristizábal (Bogotá: Universidad Pedagógica Nacional, 2007), in *Paedagogica Historica* 45:3 (June 2009).
- Bodies in Contact: Rethinking Colonial Encounters in World History*, edited by Tony Ballantyne and Antoinette Burton (Duke 2005), in *Ethnohistory* 54:2 (Spring 2007).
- Transnational Intellectual Networks: Forms of Academic Knowledge and the Search for Cultural Identities*, edited by Christopher Charle, Jürgen Schriewer, and Peter Wagner (Campus 2004), in *Comparative Education* 43:2 (May 2007).
- Children of the Father King: Youth, Authority, and Legal Minority in Colonial Lima*, Bianca Premo (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2005), *Itinerario* 30:3 (2006).

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

- “The Attitudes of Priests and Nuns toward Primary Education from Colony to Republic (1808-1828)/Las actitudes de religiosos ante la educación primaria de colonia a república (1808-1828.)” The XIX Congreso de la Asociación de Colombianistas, Universidad de Antioquia and Universidad EAFIT, Medellín, Colombia, Jul. 1-3, 2015.
- “The Traveling Writings of Soledad Acosta and José María Samper.” The XVIII Congreso de la Asociación de Colombianistas (XVIII Congress of the Association of Colombianists), Fitchburg State University, Weston, MA, Jul. 10-13, 2013.
- “The Development of Latin American Positivism, Compared.” The American Philosophical Association Eastern Division Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Dec. 28, 2010.
- “Handwriting Lessons: Teaching Nationalism in Nineteenth-Century Colombia.” The International Society for Cultural History 2010 conference, “Cultural Histories: Close Readings, Critical Syntheses,” Turku, Finland, May 26-30, 2010.
- Invited speaker, “The Emergence and Transformation of Positivism in Nineteenth-Century Latin America,” National Endowment for the Humanities, Festival of International Books and Arts 2010, *Remembering the Revolution: The Impact of the Mexican Revolution*, University of Texas Pan-American, Edinburg, TX, Mar. 26, 2010.
- “Performing Gender and Nation in Colombian public school exams, 1820-1860,” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Jun. 11-14, 2009.
- Invited commentator: Eric Paul, “Urban and Mobile Free People of Color as Abolitionist Agitators in Colonial Cuba, 1825-1842,” 2009 New York State Latin American Studies History Workshop, University at Albany, NY, Apr. 24, 2009.
- “Writing the Nation: Colombian Student Writing Samples, 1820-1850,” Conference on Latin American History, American Historical Association, New York, NY, Jan. 3, 2009.
- “Gender, Race, and Nation in Colombian public school exams, 1820-1860,” American Society for Ethnohistory, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, Nov. 12-16, 2008.
- “Experimental Theatre, *Comparsas*, and Political Protest, Colombia 1965-2005.” New England Council of Latin American Studies, Brown University, Oct. 4, 2008.
- “‘Ignorance is more costly than revolution’: Importing Lancasterianism to Colombia, 1800-1830.” 30th Session of the International Standing Conference for the History of Education, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ, Jul. 23-26, 2008.
- “Women, Urban Crises, and Mayoral Power in Bogotá, Colombia, 1995-2004.” New England Council of Latin American Studies, Mt. Holyoke College, Nov. 10, 2007.
- “Public Piety and Private Reform: Charitable and State Education in Nineteenth-Century Colombia.” Latin American Studies Association, Montreal, Canada, Sep. 6-8, 2007.
- “Conflictos sobre el régimen disciplinario en las primeras escuelas mutuas de Colombia independiente (1800-1830).” XV Congreso de Colombianistas, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia, Jul. 31-Aug. 4, 2007.
- “Participatory Theatre as Protest Movement, Colombia 1950-1970.” Protest Issues and Actions Section, Popular Culture Association, Boston, MA, Apr. 4-7, 2007.
- National Endowment for the Humanities workshop leader: Humanities Perspectives on Latin American Philosophy – “Folk Cosmologies in Pre-Columbian Cultures” and “Latin American Positivism.” University of Texas-Pan American, Edinburg, TX, Jan. 27, 2007.
- “War Takes.” Lecture and film discussion. Athenaeum Series, Western New England College, Nov. 2, 2006.

- “Educational Evangelism and Disciplinary Regimes: Monitorialism in Colombia.” Joint meeting of the History of Education Society and Canadian History of Education Association, University of Ottawa, Canada, Oct. 26-29, 2006.
- Invited seminar commentator: “New Elites, Old Regimes: Trajectories of Imperial Change 1700-1850,” Yale University, New Haven, CT, Apr. 28-29, 2006.
- “An Interrupted Republic: Girls’ Education in Colombia, 1820-1840.” Groupe d’étude sur l’histoire des Amériques, Université de Montréal, Montréal, Canada, Apr. 21, 2006.
- “*Resguardos*, *Cabildos*, *Sociedades*, and State Education in Colombia, 1820-1840.” Latin American Studies Association, San Juan, Puerto Rico, Mar. 15-19, 2006.
- “Repugnant taxes and *Resguardo* lands: Indigenous communities and state education in Colombia, 1820-1840.” Conference on Latin American History, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, Jan. 6, 2006.
- “Serving God and the *Patria*: Girls’ Education in Early Republican Colombia, 1820-1840.” History of Education Society, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 20-23, 2005.
- “Latin American Philosophy: The Appropriation of European Thought in Latin America.” Presenter, National Endowment for the Humanities Institute, State University of New York University at Buffalo, Jun. 2005.
- Invited lecture, “Zapotec Women and the Invention of Tradition.” Women’s History Month Film Series, University of Delaware, Newark, DE, Mar. 22, 2005.
- “Disciplining Liberty: Conflict over racial and national identity in Colombian public schools (1820-1840).” History of Education Society, Kansas City, MO, Nov. 6, 2004.
- “The labors learning requires’: Creating racial and national identity in Colombian schools (1820-1840).” Canadian History of Education Association, Calgary, Oct. 23, 2004.
- “Race Relations and Nationhood in the Early Republican Classroom: Caribbean Colombia, 1820-1840.” Atlantic World Conference, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, Sep. 18, 2004.
- “Public Schooling and Perceptions of Race in Colombia, 1800-1830.” Middle Atlantic Graduate Conference on Latin America, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, Oct. 18-19, 2002.
- “The Blight of Bad Examples’: Morals Legislation and Social Conflict in Colombian Schooling, 1800-1830,” International Seminar on the History of the Atlantic World, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, Aug. 5-15, 2002.
- “Public Instruction and Language of Political Inclusion in Nineteenth-Century Colombia.” Latin American History Workshop, Princeton University, Mar. 2000.
- “Education for a Moral Republic: Simón Rodríguez and the Design of Citizenship in Gran Colombia.” ILASSA Conference, University of Texas at Austin, Feb. 2000.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Faculty Development Grant for travel to Colombia, Western New England	2015, summer
Marion and Jasper Whiting Fellowship for international travel	2012-2013
Learning Beyond the Classroom Faculty Fellow, Western New England	2008-2009
Faculty Research Grant, travel to Colombia, Western New England	2007
Faculty Development Grant, course development, Western New England	2006
Harold W. Dodds Honorific Fellowship, Princeton University	2001-2002
Department of History dissertation grants, Princeton University	2000 and 2002
Rollins Prize in History, Department of History, Princeton University	1999-2000
Council on Regional Studies research grants, Princeton University	1999 and 2000
Spencer Foundation travel grant, administered by Princeton University	1999
Program in Latin American Studies research grants, Princeton University	1998-2001
Davis Merit Prize in History, Department of History, Princeton University	1997-1999

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

Manuscript reviewer, Lexington Books of Rowman & Littlefield, 2014.
Reviewer, *Revista de Historia Crítica*, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 2009-2011.
Consultant on the history of cacao for What If! The Innovation Company, January 2011.
Session organizer, “Gender and Nation in Colombia and Ecuador (1800-2000),” Latin American Studies Association 28th International Congress, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, June 11-14, 2009.
Reader, Advanced Placement Exams, World History, Colorado State University, June 2007.
Session organizer: “International Perspectives on the Monitorial Method,” History of Education Society and Canadian History of Education Association joint meeting, University of Ottawa, Canada, October 26-29, 2006.
Session organizer, “States and Subalterns in Latin America During the Revolution,” American Historical Association 120th Annual Meeting, joint session with the Conference on Latin American History, Philadelphia, PA, January 6, 2006.
Researcher, world history curriculum development, Princeton University, 2003.
Course web developer, Colonial and Modern Latin America, Princeton University, 2000.
Oral historian, Apoyo/Princeton Immigrant Rights League, Princeton, NJ, 1998-1999.
Program assistant, Central America Project for Economic Development, Harvard Institute for International Development, Harvard University, 1997.
Assistant researcher, Peace River Films, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1996.

SERVICE TO UNIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY

Coordinator of Global Scholars, College of Arts and Sciences, Western New England, 2014-present
Director of International Studies, Western New England, 2013-present
Member, International Programs Coordinating Council, 2007-present
Faculty Search Committee for Spanish Language and Literature, Department of Humanities, 2012
Co-Chair, International Programs Coordinating Council, 2010-2012
University Honors Committee, 2012
Diversity Design Subcommittee on Diversity Education, 2009-2012
Presenter, “Share the Learning Faculty Development Seminar,” Western New England, 2011
Organizer, “Traces of the Trade,” screening and forum with filmmaker Katrina Browne, 2010
Member, International Programs Coordinating Council, 2009-present
Faculty Senate Student Affairs Sub-committee on Student Activities, 2009-2010
Facilitator, National Conference on Community and Justice, 2009 and 2010
Co-organizer, Conversations on Race, Western New England College, 2007-2010
Diversity Task Force, Western New England College, 2006-present
Safe Space Ally of LGBTQ, Western New England College, 2006-present
President’s Task Force on Internationalization, Western New England College, 2007-2008
International film series coordinator, Western New England College, 2006-2007
Ally of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered Office, University of Delaware, 2004-2005
Faculty advisor, Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, University of Delaware, 2005
Social chair, Department of History, University of Delaware, 2003-2005
Graduate representative, Princeton Program in Latin American Studies, 1998-2000
Vice-President and Secretary, Princeton Graduate History Association, 1997-2000
Coordinator, Latin American Film Series, Princeton University, 1997-2000
ESL history tutor for Spanish speakers, Princeton High School, Princeton, NJ, 1998

COURSES OFFERED

Colombia: History and Culture [Honors Program] (Fall 2014)
Latin American Relations with the U.S. and the World (Spring 2007, Fall 2010, Spring 2015)
Modern Latin American History (Spring 2006; Spring 2009; Spring 2015; and independent study)
Colonial Latin American History (Fall 2005; Fall 2009; Fall 2011; Fall 2015)
World History since 1500 (two sections per semester Fall 2005-present)
Cultures of Spain [Honors Program] (Fall 2013)
Women in Latin America (Fall 2006; Fall 2009, Fall 2013)
Latin American Popular Culture (Spring 2008, Fall 2012)
Latin American Revolutions (Fall 2007; Fall 2011; Fall 2015)
Latin American Social Movements (Spring 2007, independent study; Fall 2007)
Latino/a America (Spring 2008; Spring 2009)

Research Seminars:

Revolutions in Modern Latin American History (Spring 2010, Spring 2013)
Commodity Chains in Latin American History (Spring 2011)
Dictatorship and Democracy (Fall 2008)
Race and Nation in Modern Latin America (Fall 2006, Fall 2015)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association
Latin American Studies Association
Conference on Latin American History
New England Council of Latin American Studies
American Philosophical Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish, fluent; Portuguese, proficient

REFERENCES

Jeremy Adelman, Henry Charles Lea Professor of History, Princeton University (609-258-7550; Adelman@princeton.edu).
Susana Nuccetelli, Professor of Philosophy, St. Cloud State University (320-308-5372; snuccetelli@stcloudstate.edu).
Theodore South, Professor of History, Western New England University (413-782-1593, ted.south@wne.edu).
Kenneth Mills, Professor of History, University of Toronto (416-978-3363; ken.mills@utoronto.ca).

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