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Teaching

Princeton University, Department of History

Assistant Professor

Spring 2010-
present
Fall 2009

Instructor

Dartmouth College, Department of History

Visiting Instructor

Spring 2007

Publications

Book

Forgotten Peace: Reform, Violence, and the Making of Contemporary Colombia. Violence in Latin American History series, University of California Press (2017).

- Spanish translation, Librería Lerner (forthcoming, 2018).
- Reviewed by Choice (Highly Recommended), El Tiempo, NACLA Report on the Americas, ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America.
- Selected as pre-read for The Nation Travels' 2017 Colombia tour.

Articles

“Century of the Exile: Colombia’s Displacement and Land Restitution in Historical Perspective, 1940s–1960s.” Special issue on Land, Memory, and Justice in Colombia. Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies / Revue canadienne des études latino-américaines et caraïbes (published online May 2017; print edition forthcoming).

“Reading the Cuban Revolution from Bogotá, 1957–62,” Cold War History 16, no. 4 (November 2016): 337–358.

- Reviewed by H-Diplo.

Forthcoming

“From ‘Showcase’ to ‘Failure’: Democracy and the Colombian Developmental State in the 1960s,” in State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Rise & Fall of the Developmental State, ed. Miguel A. Centeno and Agustin E. Ferraro. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming, 2018).

In Progress

“The Politics of Colombian Development in Latin America’s Long 1950s.”
State of Impunity: Injustice and Legal Exception in Modern Colombia.

Education

Harvard University

Ph.D., History

2009

Dissertation: “State Formation, Violence, and Cold War in Colombia, 1957-1966”
 Committee: John Womack, Jr. (chair), John H. Coatsworth (Columbia University), Mary Roldán (Hunter College/CUNY)
 Examination Fields: Latin America since 1810, Latin America 1500-1810, International Relations since 1815, Sub-Saharan Africa to 1800

Dartmouth College

A.B., History, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Scholar with High Honors 2003

Teaching Experience

Undergraduate Lecture Courses

History/Latin American Studies 304: Modern Latin America since 1810 (Princeton University)
 History 83: Twentieth Century Latin America (Dartmouth College)
 History 5.6: Pre-Columbian and Colonial Latin America (Dartmouth College)

Undergraduate Seminars

History 400: Revolution and Counter-Revolution in 20th Century Latin America (Princeton University)
 History/Latin American Studies 408: Selected Topics in 20th Century Latin America: The Latin American Cold War (Princeton University)

Graduate Seminars

History 506: Topics in Modern Latin American History since 1810 (Princeton University)

Teaching Assistant

History 383: United States History Since 1920 (Princeton University)
 History 90g: Major Themes in Latin American History (Harvard University)
 Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.
 History 1658: Native America: The West (Harvard University)
 Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.
 Historical Study B-64: The Cuban Revolution, 1956-1971: A Self-Debate (Harvard University)

Grants and Fellowships

Santander Visiting Scholar Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	2016-17
Seed Grant, Center for Digital Humanities, Princeton University	2015
Anonymous Undergraduate Research Fund, University Committee on Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton University	2011-12
Summer Research Grant, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University	2010-12
Coatsworth Fellowship in Latin American History, Harvard University	2007-09
Eisenhower Foundation Travel Grant, Dwight D. Eisenhower Library	2008
Moody Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library Foundation	2008
Mellon Summer Field Research Travel Grant, Harvard University	2005, 2007

Fulbright Cultural Exchange/III Fellowship (Colombia)	2006-07
Summer Research Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	2005
Whipple V.N. Jones Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University	2004-05
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship (for Portuguese language study), Harvard University	2004
Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies	2003-04

Honors and Awards

Hoopes Prize for Excellence in the Work of Undergraduates and the Art of Teaching, Harvard University	2008-09
Richard McCornack Prize for Excellence in History, Dartmouth College Highest academic record in History of any major admitted to graduate school in history.	2003
Jones History Prize, Dartmouth College Best thesis on a subject in United States history.	2003
Peter J. Reichard 1966 Memorial Research Award, Dartmouth College Best thesis in the Department of History's Honors Program.	2003
Salvador Allende Gossens Prize, Dartmouth College Distinguished study of Latin American or inter-American relations.	2003
Charles Downer Hazen Fellowship Award, Dartmouth College Junior with the highest GPA in History.	2002-03
Louis Morton Memorial Prize in Non-Western History, Dartmouth College	2002
Louis Morton Memorial Prize in European History, Dartmouth College	2002

Invited Presentations and Comments

- Discussant, Bankruptcy and Citizenship: Puerto Rico, a 21st Century Colony? colloquium,
Princeton University, 20 October 2017.
- “Los retornos de José Dolores: Estado, campesinado y los orígenes de la Colombia
contemporánea,” presentation at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 15 August
2017.
- “The FARC’s First March and the Making of Contemporary Colombia,” presentation at
Dartmouth College, 20 April 2017.
- “The Many Returns of José Dolores: Displacement and Colombia’s Forgotten Midcentury
Peace,” Colombia, Andes and Southern Cone Progra/Displacements series, David
Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 29 March 2017.
- “Peace, Justice, Reparation: Lessons from the Colombia Peace Process,” panel at Boston
College, 30 January 2017.
- “From ‘Showcase’ to ‘Failure’: Democracy and the Colombian Developmental State in the
1960s,” paper presented at the State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Rise
and Fall of the Developmental State 1930-1990 conference, Princeton University, 20-21
January 2017.
- “Peace in Colombia in Historical Perspective,” presentation at the Tuesday Seminar on
Contemporary Latin American Issues, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American
Studies, Harvard University, 22 November 2016.
- “Proyecto Simpático: Inteligencia del Estado, ciencias sociales e insurgencia en Colombia,”

- presentation at *Secretos de Estado: La inteligencia política, entre la guerra y la paz, 50 años del proyecto Camelot*, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, 19-21 October 2016.
- “Contextualizing the Colombian Peace Process: A Round Table Discussion,” David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, September 28, 2016.
- Keynote address, “From the History of Developmentalism to the History of Inequality: Elites, Democracy, and Cold War in Colombia,” presented at the Cold War Development and Developmentalism in Global Perspective symposium, Arch Dalrymple III Department of History, University of Mississippi, 3-5 March 2016.
- “Displacement, Land, and the Colombian State in Historical Perspective, 1940s-1960s,” paper presented at the Land, Memory and Justice: Challenges for Peace in Colombia workshop, University of Toronto, 2-3 October 2015.
- “Social Science, Politics, and the Making of the Colombian Developmental State in the 1960s,” paper presented at the State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Rise and Fall of the Developmental State 1930-1990 conference, Princeton University, 18-19 September 2015.
- Comment on “Citizenship and Institutions” panel, Questioning Spaces of Citizenship in Latin America and the Caribbean graduate student conference, Columbia University, 11-12 April 2014.
- “The Colombian Left and the Paradoxes of Revolution, 1957-present,” presentation at Rewriting the History of the Latin American Left workshop, Princeton University, 26 October 2012.
- “Reading the Cuban Revolution from Bogotá,” presentation at the Andes Initiative, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 29 February 2012.
- “The Fearful Night Returns: Displacement and Citizenship in Late *Violencia* Colombia,” paper presented at the University of Chicago Latin American History Workshop, 17 November 2011.
- “The State, Rural Communists, and the Fraying of Colombia’s Peace, 1957-1960,” paper presented at the New York City Latin American History Workshop, New York University, 19 November 2010.
- Comment on Matthew Butler, “The ‘Totonac Luther’: Patriarch Pérez and the Failed Christianization of the Mexican Revolution,” Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 15 October 2010.
- “‘Peace without the Enemy’: Political Homogenization and the Consequences of *La Violencia* in Colombia, 1946-1966,” paper presented at the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, 27 January 2010.
- Comment on Petra Goedde, “The World Peace Council and the Global Discourse of Peace,” Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 4 December 2009.
- “La Alianza para el Progreso y las frustraciones con la democracia en Colombia, 1961-1966,” presentation at the Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 4 November 2009.
- “Latin American Thinking about Counter-Insurgency, c.1950-Present,” guest lecture, History 6, Guerrilla Warfare, Counter-Insurgency and Movements of National Liberation in Asia, Africa and Latin America, Dartmouth College, 19 February 2009.
- “Rethinking Challenges to Democracy in (Post-)Civil War Colombia, 1946-66,” presentation at the Tuesday Seminar on Contemporary Latin American Issues, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 17 February 2009.
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Conference and Other Presentations

- “Myths of Marquetalia: The State of Colombian Historiography at the FARC’s Fiftieth,” paper presented at the 35th Latin American Studies Association Congress, New York, 28 May 2016.
- “The Many Returns of José Dolores: State and Rural Society in the Making of Colombia’s Creole Peace, 1957-61,” presentation at the Conference on Latin American History Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2-5 January 2014.
- “Reading the Cuban Revolution from Bogotá,” presentation at the Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University, 16 April 2013.
- “Alliances for Progress? The Political Economy of Development in Colombia, 1958-1966,” paper presented at the 125th Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, 8 January 2011.
- “After Marquetalia: Displacement, Counter-Insurgency, and the Birth of the FARC, 1964-1966,” paper presented at the 29th Latin American Studies Association Congress, Toronto, 9 October 2010.
- “Community Development and Colombia’s Cold War, 1960-1966,” Program in Latin American Studies Work-in-Progress Faculty Seminar, Princeton University, 7 October 2009.
- “The National Front and Colombia’s Forgotten Peace, 1957-1959,” paper presented at the XVI Congreso de la Asociación de Colombianistas, University of Virginia, 4-7 August 2009.
- “The Politics of Peacemaking in Late *Violencia* Colombia, 1957-1959,” paper presented at the Harvard-MIT-Yale Civil Conflict Graduate Student Conference, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 15 May 2009.
- “The Limits of Rehabilitation: Clientelist Politics and Democracy under Colombia’s National Front,” paper presented at the Conference on Latin American History (123rd Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association), New York, 2-5 January 2009.
- “State Formation and Popular Politics in Democratic Transitions: The Establishment of the National Front in Colombia, 1957-58,” paper presented at the 2008 New England Council of Latin American Studies Conference, Brown University, 4 October 2008.
- “The Politics of International Community Development in Colombia’s New Cold War, 1957-66,” paper presented at the Transnational/International History Postgraduate Intensive, University of Sydney, Australia, 25 July 2008.
- “Perspectives on Violence, Land, and Politics in Colombia, 1960-61,” paper presented at the Mellon Latin American History Conference, University of Chicago, 3 May 2008.
- “From *la Violencia* to the National Front: Mapping Geographies of Political Change in Colombia, 1946-66,” paper presented at the 55th Annual Conference of the South Eastern Council on Latin American Studies, Tampa, Florida, 17-19 April 2008.
- “State Formation and the Origins of Colombia’s Contemporary Conflict: Tierradentro, 1958-66,” paper presented to the Comisión Fulbright de Colombia, Bogotá, Colombia, 27 February 2007.

Opinion Pieces

- “The Politics of Peace and the Rule of Law in Colombia,” *NACLA Report on the Americas* (forthcoming).
- “Beyond October 2: Possible Futures in Post-Referendum Colombia,” *NACLA*, October 7, 2016. <<https://nacla.org/news/2016/10/07/beyond-october-2-possible-futures-post-referendum-colombia>>.

“Here’s the Century-Long History Behind Colombia’s Peace Agreement with the FARC.” The Monkey Cage [Washington Post political science/politics blog], October 1, 2016. <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/10/01/heres-the-century-long-history-behind-colombias-peace-agreement-with-the-farc/>>.

Interviews

“La paz olvidada.” Interview on La Memoria de la Nación [Bogotá], broadcast 18 August 2017. <http://unradio.unal.edu.co/nc/detalle/article/la-paz-olvidada.html>.

Greg Grandin, “Will Last Year’s Peace Treaty Survive, or Is the Past Prologue in Colombia? An Interview with Historian Robert Karl on the Country’s Violent Demobilization.” The Nation [online], June 22, 2017 <<https://www.thenation.com/article/will-last-years-peace-treaty-survive-or-is-the-past-prologue-in-colombia/>>.

Reviews

H-Diplo roundtable review of Precarious Paths to Freedom: The United States, Venezuela, and the Latin American Cold War, by Aragorn Storm Miller. H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, July 2017 <<http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XVIII-33>>.

Review of Territorial Rule in Colombia and the Transformation of the Llanos Orientales, by Jane Rausch. Journal of Latin American Studies 47, no. 2 (May 2015): 427-429.

Review of Between the Guerrillas and the State: The Cocalero Movement, Citizenship, and Identity in the Colombian Amazon, by María Clemencia Ramírez. Hispanic American Historical Review 93, no. 3 (August 2013): 526-528.

H-Diplo roundtable review of The Truman Administration and Bolivia: Making the World Safe for Liberal Constitutional Oligarchy, by Glenn J. Dorn; and The Bolivian Revolution and the United States, 1952 to the Present, by James F. Siekmeier. H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, May 2013 <<http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XIV-33.pdf>>.

H-Diplo roundtable review of Colombia and the United States: The Making of an Inter-American Alliance, 1939-1960, by Bradley Lynn Coleman. H-Net: Humanities and Social Sciences Online, March 2010 <<http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XI-17.pdf>>.

Published Translations

Enrique Tandeter. “The Mining Industry.” Trans. by John Couriel and Robert Karl. In The Colonial Era and the Short Nineteenth Century, Vol. I of The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America, edited by Victor Bulmer-Thomas, et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

Graduate Advising

Dissertation Committee First Reader (all at Princeton University)

Iwa Nawrocki, “Liberating Utopia: The Brazilian Catholic Left, Democracy, and the Socialist World, 1978-1991” (in progress).

Teresa Davis, “*America para la humanidad: Liberalism, Internationalism and Sovereignty in Argentina and Chile (1910-1933)*” (in progress).

Diana Andrade, “‘We Left Legality to Enter the Rule of Law:’ The Struggle for Congress and the Constitution in Colombia, 1945-1962 (in progress).

- Paula Vedoveli, “Private Capital, Public Debt: A Global History of Brazil and Argentina’s Integration into International Financial Markets, 1852–1902” (in progress).
- Jessica Mack, “The Emerging City: Mexico’s Foundations at *Ciudad Universitaria*, 1929-1982” (in progress).
- Andrea Oñate, “Insurgent Diplomacy: The Internationalized Revolution of El Salvador, 1970-1992” (2016).
- Melissa Teixeira, “South Atlantic Corporatism: Development, Law and Citizenship in Brazil and Portugal, 1922-1945” (2016).
- Margarita Fajardo, “The Latin American Experience with Development: Social Sciences, Economic Policies, and the Making of a Global Order, 1944-1971” (2015).

Outside Dissertation Committee Member

- Allen Kim, “History, Authoritarianism, Democracy, and Human Rights: Political Ideas and Association in Duvalier Haiti” (Princeton University, in progress).
- Oliver Murphey, “A Bond that Will Permanently Endure: The Eisenhower Administration, the Bolivian Revolution and Latin American Leftist Nationalism” (Columbia University, 2016).

Professional Service

Princeton University

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| Executive Committee, Center for Digital Humanities | 2015 |
| South Asia Search Committee, Dept. of History | 2014 |
| Executive Committee, Program in Latin American Studies | 2012-present |
| Graduate Admissions/Program Committee, Dept. of History | 2012-13,
2010-11 |
| Finance Committee, Dept. of History | 2012-13 |
| Advisor, Graduate Student Work-in-Progress Colloquium, Program in Latin American Studies | 2012-13 |
| Asia/Latin America/Africa Thesis Prize Committee, Dept. of History | 2010-11,
2015-16 |
| Co-organizer, Introduction to the Historical Uses of GIS (for graduate students) | 2009-10 |
| Kenneth Maxwell Senior Thesis Prize Committee, Program in Latin American Studies | 2010 |
| Specialist Reader, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts | 2010 |

Other

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| Member, Comité Científico (Advisory Committee), <u>Anuario Colombiano de Historia Social y de la Cultura</u> | 2017- |
| President, Gran Colombia Section, Conference on Latin American History | 2014-15 |
| Secretary, Gran Colombia Section, Conference on Latin American History | 2013-14 |
| Reviewer, Social Science Research Council, Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship | |
| External Assessor, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada | |
| Grant Evaluator, Universidad Nacional de Colombia | |
| Book Proposal Reviewer, Oxford University Press | |

Manuscript Reviewer, Anuario Colombiano de Historia Social y de la Cultura, Revista Colombiana de Sociología, Mundo Agrario [Argentina]

Related Professional Experience

Expert Witness

Provided reports on Colombia country conditions for U.S. political asylum cases.

Affiliations

Santander Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	2016-17
Faculty Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	2011-12
Faculty Associate, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University	2011-present
Faculty Associate, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University	2009-present
Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University	2008-09
Graduate Student Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University	2005-06, 2007-08
International Student/Visiting Researcher, Department of History, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá	2006-07

Professional Affiliations

American Historical Association	Asociación de Colombianistas
Conference on Latin American History	Latin American Studies Association
Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies	

Skills

Languages: Spanish (fluent), Portuguese (reading, basic writing)

GIS Software: ArcGIS, MapBox, Esri Storymaps