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EDUCATION

- PhD, Colonial Mexican History**, University of California, Los Angeles 2012
Converting a Sacred City: Franciscan Re-Imagining of Sixteenth-Century San Pedro Cholula
- CPhil, Colonial Latin American History**, University of California, Los Angeles 2007
Exams: *The Indians of Colonial Mexico* and *The Mendicant Church*
- MA, Latin American History**, University of California, Los Angeles 2006
Franciscans, Nahuas, and the Council of Trent: Sacramental Life in 16th-Century New Spain
- MFA, Creative Nonfiction**, The Pennsylvania State University 2004
Separated by Faith: Memoirs of a Traditional Catholic Daughter
- BA, English/Creative Writing**, University of San Francisco, *with honors* 2000
- The Saint Ignatius Institute Great Books Honors Program
 - The Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, Keble College
Oxford University, Oxford, England, *non-degree* 1998-1999

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- Director of Undergraduate Research**, Azusa Pacific University, 2016-present
- Associate Professor of Latin American History**, Azusa Pacific University, 2016-present
- Internationalization Faculty Fellow**, APU Center for Global Learning and Engagement, 2013-14
- Assistant Professor of Latin American History**, Azusa Pacific University, 2012-2016
- Adjunct Graduate Faculty**, M.A. in the Humanities Program, Mount St. Mary's College, 2012
- Visiting Assistant Professor**, History Department, Loyola Marymount University, 2008-09

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Book Project

- Converting a Sacred City: Franciscans, Nahuas, and Spaniards in San Pedro Cholula, 1528-1648*
Under contract with The Academy of American Franciscan History/Stanford University Press

Conference Paper

“Social Justice for a Sacred City: Franciscans and the *Indios de Servicio* of Cholula” for *The “Spanish Struggle for Justices” Re-examined* panel, Sixteenth Century Society Conference, Bruges, Belgium, forthcoming August 2016

Keynote Address

Conference on Faith and History; theme: “Christian Historians and the Challenges of Race, Gender, and Identity,” Regent University, Norfolk, Virginia, forthcoming October 2016

Discussant/Chair

“First Encounters: Western Missionary Experiences with Indigenous Cultures,” Biennial Undergraduate Meeting of the Conference on Faith and History, Regent University, Norfolk, VA 2016, forthcoming October 2016

PUBLICATIONS

Book Reviews

- 2016 Review of Steven E. Turley’s *Franciscan Spirituality and Mission in New Spain, 1524-1599: Conflict Beneath the Sycamore Tree (Luke 19:1-10)*, (Routledge, 2014) in *The English Historical Review*
<http://ehr.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2016/06/01/ehr.cew072.full?keytype=ref&ijkey=IzOMLcjzsTW0Rby>
- 2014 Review of Robert H. Jackson’s *Conflict and Conversion in Sixteenth Century Central Mexico: The Augustinian War on and Beyond the Chichimeca Frontier* (Brill, 2013) in *The English Historical Review*, Volume 130, Issue 542, pp. 181-83
- 2002 “Stirring the Ashes,” review of D.A. Brading’s *Mexican Phoenix, Our Lady of Guadalupe: Image and Tradition Across Five Centuries* (Cambridge, 2001) in *CRISIS Magazine*, July/August 2002, Volume 20, No. 7

Journal Articles

- 2012 “A Satellite Community in a Spanish City: The Barrio of Santiago Cholultecapan in Colonial Puebla de los Ángeles,” *UCLA Historical Journal*, Volume 23, Issue 1, Summer 2012. Available online: <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/19z62904>

Chapter in an Edited Collection

- 2010 “Quetzalcoatl’s Enlightened City: A Close Reading of Bernard Picart’s Engraving of Cholollan/Cholula,” *Bernard Picart and the First Global Vision of Religion*, ed. Lynn Hunt, Margaret Jacob, and Wijnand Mijnhardt (Los Angeles: The Getty Research Institute, 2010)

Received the 2011 Hubert Herring Award from the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies

Encyclopedia Entry

- 2004 “Mesoamerican Religions: Colonial Cultures,” *The Encyclopedia of Religion, Second Edition*, Macmillan Reference (co-authored with Matthew Restall, PhD)

CONFERENCE PAPERS and PRESENTATIONS

Discussant and/or Chair

- 2015 Discussant and Chair, “My Life is a Primary Source: Writing Memoir in a History Course.” *Common Day of Learning*, Azusa Pacific University, February 24, 2015
- 2014 Chair, “Encountering God’s ‘Others’ with Intention: Cultivating Character and Competence for Beloved Community.” *Faculty Development Day*, APU, May 13, 2014
- 2013 Chair, “An Update on the Economic, Political and Social Landscape of Latin America.” Panelists: David Figueroa Ortega (Consul General of Mexico), Enrique Loedel (Consul General of Uruguay), and Carlos J. Valderrama (Senior Vice President for Global Initiatives at the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce). *Common Day of Learning*, APU, March 6, 2013

Presenter and/or Organizer

- 2015 “Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Franciscan Habits: The Art of Dying in Late Sixteenth-Century Spanish-Indigenous Cholula.” Panel organizer and chair: *At the Hour of Our Death: Re-interpreting Illness in Iberian Empires*, sponsored by the Conference on Latin American History. American Historical Association, New York, January 2015
- 2014 “*Los carniceros de Cholula: Livestock, Trampled Lands, and Indigenous Industry in Colonial Mexico.*” Panel organizer and chair: *The Urban Indigenous Experience in Latin America part 1*. American Society for Ethnohistory, Indianapolis, IN, October 2014
- 2013 “Modern Manifestations of an Early Modern Imperial Project: *La Procesión de los Faroles* in San Pedro Cholula, Puebla, México” for the panel *Postscripted Presences: Native Christians, Historical Narrative, and Ethnographic Quandaries* sponsored by The American Society of Church History. American Historical Association, New Orleans, LA, January 2013
- 2012 “They Designated their Sins with a Stick: Franciscan Accommodation in Confessing the Nahuas in Sixteenth-Century New Spain” for the panel *Local Christianities: Franciscan Conflicts and Accommodations in Asia and Latin America*. American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 2012
- 2011 “‘It was like another Rome, with many temples of the demon:’ Franciscan Evangelization Among the Nahuas in Sixteenth-Century San Pedro Cholula.” *Space and Conversion: Urban Stages, Institutions, and Interiority (16th – 20th centuries)* International Workshop. Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy, December 2011
- 2011 “‘Wrap my body in the habit of the seraphic St. Francis,’ A Nahuatl-Christian Woman’s Understanding of a European Death Rite” for the panel *Negotiating Identities in the Early Modern Christian Americas*. American Academy of Religion, San Francisco, CA, November 2011

- 2011 “Indigenous Autonomy in a Spanish City: The Barrio of Santiago Cholultecapan in Colonial Puebla de los Ángeles.” UCLA History+ Graduate Student Conference, October 2011
- 2011 “Recasting a Sacred Landscape: Franciscan-Indigenous Refashioning of Cholollan’s Holy Legacy” for the panel *Sacred Spaces in Colonial Mexico: Legacies, Rivalries, and Adaptations* sponsored by the Conference on Latin American History. American Historical Association, Boston, MA, January 2011
- 2010 “Converting the Sons of Quetzalcoatl: Friars, Nahuas, and Methodologies of Evangelization in San Pedro Cholula, 1529-1640.” Middle Eastern Studies Association, San Diego, CA, November 2010
- 2009 “The Sons of St. Francis, the Sons of Quetzalcoatl, and the Re-Mapping of a Sacred Mesoamerican Landscape.” Panel organizer and chair: *Ethnohistories of Evangelization in the New World: Spanish America, Portuguese America, and Early America*. American Society for Ethnohistory, New Orleans, LA, October 2009.
- 2009 “‘Que mi cuerpo sea sepultado con el hábito de San Francisco.’ Franciscan Spiritual Economy in late Sixteenth-Century Spanish-Indigenous Cholula” for the panel *Nahuas and Christians in Colonial Mexico*. American Historical Association, New York, NY, January 2009
- 2008 “A Satellite Community in Colonial Puebla de Los Ángeles: el Barrio de Santiago Cholultecapan.” Panel organizer and chair: *Colonial Conflict and Collaboration: Native People in the Development of Urban Spaces and City Culture in Sixteenth-Century Mexico*. American Society for Ethnohistory, Eugene, OR, November 2008.
- 2007 “Quetzalcoatl’s Enlightened City: A Close Reading of Bernard Picart’s Engraving of Cholollan/Cholula.” A joint conference at the Clark Library and the Getty Research Institute, Los Angeles, CA, December 2007
- 2007 “From Mesoamerican Holy Site to Franciscan Evangelization Center: Nahuas, Friars, and the Negotiation of Christianity in San Pedro Cholula.” American Catholic Historical Association, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, March 2007
- 2006 “‘We have built for you a sumptuous monastery’: Religion and the Negotiation of Political Identity in Colonial Cholula.” Panel organizer: *Encountering Resistance in Colonial Mexico: Iberian Institutions, Indigenous Communities, and the Negotiation of Authority*. American Society for Ethnohistory, Williamsburg, VA, November 2006.
- 2005 “‘They Form a Path Like Ants’: Institutionalizing Confession among the Nahuas in Sixteenth-Century New Spain.” American Society for Ethnohistory, Santa Fe, NM, November 2005
- 2005 *Confession in the Early Modern Spanish World*. Panel co-organized for the Sixteenth Century Society and Conference Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, October 2005

- 2004 “The Construction of an Attack: The Cholula Massacre from Cortés to the Florentine Codex.” Sixteenth Century Society and Conference, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, October 2004
- 2003 “The Aztec, the Incan, and the North American Indian: Constructions of Race in Joel Barlow’s *The Vision of Columbus*,” The Globalization of the Americas 1492-2002 Conference, Penn State; Keynote speaker: Michael Hardt; February 2003

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, and COURSE RELEASES

- 2016 **The Graves Award in the Humanities** (\$9,500) for “A Quetzal Feather for St. Gregory: Understanding Religious Feather Art in Colonial Mexico via the Bird Specimens in Occidental College’s Moore Lab of Zoology,” American Council of Learned Societies administered by Pomona College, Pomona, CA
- 2016 **Provost’s Scholar-Teacher Award** (3-unit course reduction to support Graves Award research), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, APU, Fall 2016
- 2016 **Provost’s Scholar-Teacher Award** (3-unit course reduction to support faculty research), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, APU, Spring 2016
- 2015 **Faculty Research Grant** (\$5,000 to facilitate scholarly production, hire research assistants, and conduct research in Mexico), Faculty Research Council, APU
- 2015 **Provost’s Scholar-Teacher Award** (6-unit course reduction to support faculty research), College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, APU, Spring 2015
- 2014 **Dean’s Emerging Scholar Award** (3-unit course reduction to support faculty research). College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, APU, Spring 2014
- 2011-2012 **Graduate Division Dissertation Year Fellow**, UCLA (\$17,000)
- 2011 **Hoxie Bonus Fund Grant**, UCLA History Department
- 2010-2011 **Ford Foundation Diversity Dissertation Fellow**, National Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 **Grant recipient**, Program for Cultural Cooperation between Spain’s Ministry of Culture and United States Universities (research sites: Seville and Madrid)
- 2010 **Hoxie Bonus Fund Grant**, UCLA History Department (research site: Spain)
- 2009 **Penn State-Mellon Foundation Dissertation Seminar Fellow** (seminar: European Expansion, Catholic Missions, and the Early Modern World; seminar leader: Dr. Ronnie Po-chia Hsia, Edwin Erle Sparks Professor of History)

- 2009 **Tinker Travel Award**, Latin American Institute, UCLA (research site: Mexico)
- 2008-2009 **Dissertation Fellow**, Academy of American Franciscan History (\$10,000)
- 2007-2008 **Fulbright Scholar** (\$11,000; research site: San Pedro Cholula, Puebla, México;
 supervisor: Francisco Morales, O.F.M., Ph.D.)
- 2007 **Mellon Summer Institute in Spanish Paleography Fellow** (course site: UT-Austin)
- 2006 & 2005 **Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award**, UCLA (research site: Mexico)
- 2005-2006 **Graduate Research Mentorship Award**, UCLA (mentor: Dr. Kevin Terraciano)
- 2004-2009 **Eugene Cota-Robles Fellow**, UCLA (5-year recruitment package)
- 2002 **Ben Euwema Travel Grant**, English Department, Penn State (research site: the
 canonization of Juan Diego at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico
 City, Mexico, July 31, 2002)
- 2001–2004 **Bunton-Waller Fellow**, Penn State (3-year recruitment package)
- 2001 **Welsh Naegle Family Scholarship**, Penn State
- 2000 **Hispanic Scholarship Fund Recipient**, San Francisco, CA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

HISTORY

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA

Associate Professor of Latin American History 2016-present

Assistant Professor of Latin American History 2012-2016

- HIST 120: *World Civilizations to 1648*
- HIST 484: *Historical Themes: Colonial Latin America* (re-designated as HIST 392)
- HIST 484: *Historical Themes: Modern Latin America* (re-designated as HIST 393)
- HIST 484: *Historical Themes: Native Peoples Before and After the Spanish Conquest*
- HIST 484: *Historical Themes: Gods and Demons in Sixteenth-Century Mexico: Franciscan Evangelization of Native Peoples in New Spain*
- POLI 300: *Research and Writing*
- HIST 300: *Introduction to Historical Studies*
- POLI 496: *Senior Seminar in Politics and Religion: Encounters with Christ*

Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA

Summer 2012

M.A. in the Humanities Program

- HUM 266H Religion and History: *Gods and Demons in Sixteenth-Century Mexico: Franciscan Evangelization of Native Peoples in New Spain*

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA 2009
Adjunct Professor, History Department

- History 172: *Modern Latin America*

Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA 2008-2009
Visiting Assistant Professor, History Department

- History 398: *Gods and Demons in Sixteenth-Century Mexico: Franciscan Evangelization of Native Peoples in New Spain*
- History 372: *History of Mexico*
- History 172: *Modern Latin America*

CREATIVE WRITING

Mount St. Mary's College, Los Angeles, CA Spring 2012
M.A. in the Humanities Program

- HUM 233CW Non-Fiction Writing: *The Art of the Memoir*

Center for Talented Youth Summer Program at Johns Hopkins University 2006-2011
Writing Instructor, various sites

- *Crafting the Essay* (renamed *Creative Nonfiction* in 2011)
 - Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles, CA
 - Summers 2007-2011
 - Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, PA
 - Summer 2006

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA Summer 2004
Writing Instructor, Upward Bound Math & Science Center

- *Take Writing Out of Your Life: Learning the Art of Memoir*
- Team Teacher, Summer Experience in Earth and Mineral Science
- Team Leader, Summer Research Experience in X-Ray CT Analysis @ the Center for Quantitative Imaging

The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 2001-2004
Graduate Teaching Fellow, Department of English

- English 215: *Introduction to Creative Nonfiction*
- English 50: *Introduction to Creative Writing*
- English 15: *Rhetoric and Composition*
- Learning Edge Academic Program Instructor, English 15

Brookline Village Retirement Community, State College, PA 2001
Volunteer Writing Instructor to seniors ages 75-95

- *The Art of the Memoir*

HONORS and AWARDS

- 2016 Photographed while teaching *HIST 120: World Civilizations to 1648*, University Relations, APU
- 2015 Alternate, Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, National Research Council of the National Academies, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Awarded two Research Assistants. Department of History and Political Science
- 2014 Nominated by the Dean for the first round of Meet the Faculty videos for APU's website: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SyJpXI89K0&feature=youtu.be>
- 2014 One of two faculty nominated by the Vice Provost for Graduate Programs and Research for the NEH Summer Stipend, APU (not awarded)
- 2014 Nominated by the Dean for the Early Career Faculty Writers' Retreat. Serra Retreat House, Malibu, CA, June 2014
- 2014+ *Phi Alpha Theta*, National History Honor Society, APU chapter (Lifetime Member)
- 2013-14 Selected in university-wide search as Internationalization Faculty Fellow, one of the founding four-member team recruited to promote global engagement and intentional internationalization. Center for Global Learning Engagement, APU
- 2013 Emerging Scholar participant in the APU Faculty Writers' Retreat. Serra Retreat House, Malibu, CA, July 2013
- 2013 Awarded a Research Assistant. Department of History and Political Science
- 2013 Accepted to present at an international conference commemorating the 450-year anniversary of the closing of the Council of Trent, Leuven, Belgium, December 2013 (unable to attend due to family emergency)
- 2012 Finalist for the UCLA History Department's First Annual Best Dissertation Prize
- 2011 Panelist in an international workshop on sacred spaces in the Early Modern Period at the Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa, Italy, December 2011
- 2011 Hubert Herring Award from the Pacific Coast Council on Latin American Studies for my article: "Quetzalcoatl's Enlightened City: A Close Reading of Bernard Picart's Engraving of Cholollan/Cholula"
- 1999+ *Alpha Sigma Nu*, National Jesuit Higher Education Honor Society, University of San Francisco (Lifetime Member)

Invited Lectures

- 2017 “The Reformation before Luther: Queen Isabela, Cardinal Cisneros, and the Spanish Reforms of 1517.” St. Andrew Greek-Russian Catholic Church, El Segundo, CA, forthcoming October 2017
- 2013 “I was Named for Santa Verónica: How an English-Speaking Chicana became a Latin American Historian.” The Juan Bruce-Novoa Series on The Chicano/Latino Experience sponsored by Sigma Delta Pi (Spanish Honor Society), the Southern California American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, the APU College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and the APU Department of Modern Languages
- 2013 “Take Writing Out of Your Life: My Latino Story, Your Latino Story.” A lecture for Latino high school students. Our Neighborhood Homework House, Azusa, CA
- 2013 “My Path to Success Via Higher Education: The Challenges and Benefits of being Latina.” A self-esteem event for Latina middle school students. Our Neighborhood Homework House, Azusa, CA
- 2010 “‘Que me entierren con el hábito del bienaventurado San Francisco’ [Bury me in the habit of the blessed San Francisco]: A Nahua Woman Negotiates a Medieval Spanish Death Ritual,” San Gabriel Mission History Forum, San Gabriel Mission, San Gabriel, CA
- 2009 “‘Que mi cuerpo sea sepultado con el hábito de San Francisco’ [Bury my body in the habit of San Francisco]: Franciscan Spiritual Economy in late Sixteenth-Century Spanish-Indigenous Cholula,” the Academy of American Franciscan History at the Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA

UNIVERSITY MEDIA RECOGNITION

- 2016 “Recent Grants Advance Research and Scholarship.” *APU Life Magazine*, Azusa Pacific University, Summer 2016
- 2013 “Lecture Explores Chicano/Latino Experience,” by Bethany Wagner. *APU Life Magazine*. Azusa Pacific University, Summer 2013, Vol. 26, No. 2
- 2012 “Meet Dr. Verónica A. Gutiérrez, Professor of Latin American History,” by Kimberly Ross, Office of University Relations. Front page of APU website: September 20, 2012

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014+ Faculty Advisor, Alpha-Omicron-Tau chapter of *Phi Alpha Theta* (National History Honor Society). Department of History and Political Science, APU

- 2014+ Planning committee for proposed Latin American Studies or Chicano/Latino Studies minor. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, APU
- 2014 Founder, Alpha-Omicron-Tau chapter of *Phi Alpha Theta*. Department of History and Political Science, APU
- 2014 Designed new upper-division Latin American History course, *Native Peoples Before and After the Spanish Conquest*, and accompanying course reader, Office of Curricular Support, APU
- 2014 Represented APU at the inaugural *Feria Universitaria/College Resource Fair* hosted by the Consulate General of Mexico, downtown Los Angeles
- 2014 Consultant on *Ecuador 250* course re-design for APU's Semester in Ecuador program
- 2013-14 U. S. History faculty search. Department of History and Political Science, APU
- 2013 Designed two new lower-division Latin American History courses, *Colonial Latin America* and *Modern Latin America*. Office of Curricular Support, APU
- 2014 Designed *HIST 300: Introduction to Historical Studies*, a new writing intensive for history majors. Office of Curricular Support, APU
- 2013+ Faculty of Color Mentor for First-Generation College Students of Color, APU
- 2013+ Faculty Mentor to undergraduate majors in the English Department, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2012+ Academic Adviser, Department of History and Political Science, APU
- 2012+ Affiliated Faculty Member, Latin American Student Association (LASA), APU
- 2012+ Affiliated Faculty Member, One Body, One Love: The Catholic Club at APU
- 2008-2009 Latino Faculty Association, Loyola Marymount University (LMU)
- 2005-2006 Latin American Field Representative, History Graduate Student Association, UCLA
- 2003 Mentor, Annual Hispanic Awareness/High School Recruitment Day, Penn State
- 2002 English Department Representative, Graduate Student Minority Recruitment Weekend, Penn State

PROFESSIONAL ENRICHMENT

- 2014 Teaching Writing Workshop, General Education Council, APU

- 2014 Faculty Seminar in the Liberal Arts: Miguel de Cervantes' *Don Quixote*. Co-sponsored by the Honors College and the College for Liberal Arts, APU
- 2013 Faculty Faith Integration Summer Series, May 2013
- 2013 Invitation-only Expert Faculty Media Training with Richard Brundage, former CNN reporter and radio correspondent, Office of University Relations, APU
- 2012-2013 New Faculty Orientation Seminar Series, APU
- 2011 American Society for Ethnohistory Planning Committee, Pasadena, CA, October 2011
- 2010 & 2011 Attendee, Ford Fellows Conference, Irvine, CA
- 2008-2009 Junior Faculty Seminar Series, LMU
- 2008-2009 Faculty Affiliate, Phi Alpha Theta (National History Honor Society), LMU
Received award for Best Female, Non-Student Costume (aristocratic widow displaced by the Mexican Revolution) at the Spring Phi Alpha Theta 1950s-themed Fundraiser. LMU, 2009

LANGUAGES and PALEOGRAPHY

Spanish: advanced reading, speaking, writing, and paleographic ability

Nahuatl (Aztec): intermediate reading ability; beginning paleography

Latin: intermediate reading ability; basic paleography

NAHUATL LANGUAGE TRAINING

- 2007-2008 Classical Nahuatl I and II (*Instructor*: Licenciado Tomás Aquino Amaya; *site*: Academia de Lenguas Clásicas fray Alonso de la Veracruz; *location*: Puebla de Los Ángeles, Puebla, México)
- 2004-2007 Introductory and Intermediate Classical Nahuatl (Dr. Kevin Terraciano, UCLA)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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| American Historical Association | Conference on Latin American History |
| American Society for Ethnohistory | Academy of American Franciscan History |
| American Catholic Historical Association | Conference on Faith and History |
| UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies | Sixteenth Century Society and Conference |