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EDUCATION

- 1999** **Indiana University.** Ph.D. in History.
Dissertation: "Family Life of Slaves in Puerto Rico:
Demographic Evidence from the Years 1675-1800."
Adviser: Muriel Nazzari.
- 1992** **Indiana University.** M.A. in Latin American History.
- 1990** **Indiana University.** M.A. in Spanish Literature.
- 1987** **Indiana University.** B.A. in Spanish.

EMPLOYMENT

- 2015-present** **Coordinator of the Latin American and Latino/Latina Studies Program,** Area Studies, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan.
- 2014-present** **Professor.** Department of History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan.
- 2007-2014** **Associate Professor.** Department of History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan. Courses: Cuban Revolution, History of Slavery, History of Mexico.
- 2001-2007** **Assistant Professor.** Department of History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan. Courses: World Civilizations since 1500, Early Latin America, Modern Latin America, Writing History, Revolutions in the Americas, From Slavery to Freedom, History of Puerto Rico and Cuba, Latin American Civilization and Culture I and II, and The Making of the Caribbean.
- 2000-2001** **Visiting Assistant Professor.** Department of History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan. Courses: World Civilizations, European Civilization, Early Latin America.

- 2000-2001** **Instructor.** Department of Modern Foreign Languages, Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Courses: Latin American Culture and Civilization.
- 1999** **Adjunct Professor.** Department of History, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan. Courses: Western Civilization (Origins to 1500), Western Civilization (1500 to Present).

PUBLICATIONS (refereed)

Monographs

- 2015** *Slave Families and the Hato Economy in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico.* University Press of Florida. Paperback edition 2017.

Articles

- Forthcoming** “Crossing the Threshold from Adolescence to Adulthood in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico: The Baptismal Sponsorship of Enslaved Infants in Arecibo, 1735-1772.” In the *Hispanic American Historical Review*.
- 2018** “A Professionalizing Priesthood: The Cathedral Chapter of San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1650-1700.” *Catholic Historical Review*. 104:3 (2018): 438-474.
- 2017** “Failure to Show Reverence to the Dead: Death and Dying in Late Eighteenth Century Mayagüez, Puerto Rico.” *The Journal of Caribbean History*. 51:2 (2017): 113-142.
- 2016** “Preparing for the afterlife: Death, dying, and religious practice in eighteenth-century Puerto Rico.” *Colonial Latin American Review*. 25:4 (2016): 512-536.
- 2015** “Baptismal Sponsorship of Slaves in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico.” *Slavery & Abolition*. 36:1 (2015): 84-110.
- 2013** “Slavery and the Service Economy in 1673 San Juan.” *Revista de Ciencias Sociales*. 23:2 (2010): 46-67.
- 2111** “Una aproximación al clero puertorriqueño del siglo XVIII: El clero y el curato de San Felipe Apóstol de Arecibo (1708-1791.” *Caribbean Studies*. 38:1 (2010): 59-104.

- 2010** “Making the Most of Their Time: Seasonality of Slave Marriage in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico.” *Colonial Latin American Review*. 19:2 (2010): 323-349.
- 2009** “A New Look at the African Slave Trade in Puerto Rico Through the Use of Parish Registers: 1660 to 1815.” *Slavery & Abolition*. 30:4 (2009): 491-520.
- 2009** “Parish Registers as a Window to the Past: Reconstructing the Demographic Behavior of the Enslaved Population in Eighteenth-Century Arecibo, Puerto Rico.” *Colonial Latin American Historical Review*. 15:1 (2006): 1-30.
- 2008** “There Is No City Here, but a Desert: The Contours of City Life in 1673 San Juan.” *The Journal of Caribbean History*. 42:2 (2008): 255-289.
- 2007** “Rescued from their Invisibility: The Afro-Puerto Ricans of Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century San Mateo de Cangrejos, Puerto Rico.” *The Americas*. 63:4 (2007): 551-586.
- 2006** “Poder político y vínculos sociales en el Puerto Rico del siglo XVIII: La genealogía de Faustino Martínez de Matos, fundador de Mayagüez.” *La Revista del Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe*. 21:1 (2006): 38-47.
- 2005** “Aprovechándose de las oportunidades: Buscando el momento oportuno para contraer matrimonio entre la población esclava de Puerto Rico a través del siglo XVIII.” *Caribbean Studies*. 33:1 (2005): 177-203.
- 2002** “The Family Tree Is Not Cut: Marriage among Slaves in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico.” *New West Indian Guide*. 76:1&2 (2002): 23-45.
- 1999** “Surviving Slavery: Marriage Strategies among the Eighteenth Century Puerto Rican Slave Population.” In *Crossing Boundaries: Comparative History of Black People in Diaspora*, ed. by Darlene Clark Hine and Jacqueline McLeod, 246-81. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.
- 1999** “Creando su propia comunidad: La selección de padrinos y el compadrazgo entre la población esclava de Puerto Rico durante el siglo XVIII.” *La Revista del Centro de Estudios Avanzados de Puerto Rico y el Caribe*. 19:2 (1994): 2-10.

- 1997** “Marriage Strategies among the Eighteenth Century Puerto Rican Slave Population: Demographic Evidence from the Pre-Plantation Period.” *Caribbean Studies*. 29:2 (1996): 185-212.
- 1996** “Discovering the Invisible Puerto Rican Slave Family: Demographic Evidence from the Eighteenth Century.” *Journal of Family History*. 21:4 (1996): 395-418.
- Reviews**
- Forthcoming** Book Review of *The Spanish Caribbean and the Atlantic World in the Long Sixteenth Century*. By Ida Altman & David Wheat (eds.). In *New West Indian Guide* 94 (2020)
- 2017** Book Review of *Everyday Life in the Early English Caribbean: Irish, Africans, and the Construction of Difference*. By Jenny Shaw. In *Early American Literature*. 52, no. 3 (2017): 825-830.
- 2017** Book Review of *Atlantic Africa and the Spanish Caribbean, 1570-1640*. By David Wheat. In *Hispanic American Historical Review*. 97, no. 3 (2017): 540-542.
- 2016** Book Review of *Purchasing Whiteness: Pardos, Mulattos, and the Quest for Social Mobility in the Spanish Indies*. By Ann Twinam. In *New West Indian Guide*. 90 (2016): 319-320.
- 2016** Book Review of *Puerto Ricans in the Empire: Tobacco Growers and U.S. Colonialism*. By Teresita Levy. In *American Historical Review*. 121 (3): 1003-1004.
- 2015** Book Review of *Vocaciones caribeñas*. By Fernando Picó. In *The New West Indian Guide*. By Fernando Picó. In *New West Indian Guide* 89 (2015): 367-68.
- 2007** Book Review of *Sugar, Slavery, and Freedom in Nineteenth-Century Puerto Rico*. By Luis A. Figueroa. In *The Americas*. 64:1 (July 2007): 127-28
- 2006** Book Review of *Race and Labor in the Hispanic Caribbean: The West Indian Immigrant Worker Experience in Puerto Rico, 1800-1850*. By Jorge Luis Chinaa. In *The Americas*. 63:1 (July 2006): 190-91.

2001 Book Review of *Cadenas de esclavitud y de solidaridad: Esclavos y libertos en San Juan, siglo XIX*. By Raúl Mayo Santana, Mariano Negrón Portillo and Manuel Mayo López. In *New West Indian Guide*. 75-3/4 (2001): 321-23.

1998 Book Review of *The Cuban Slave Market, 1790-1880*. By Laird W. Bergad, Fe Iglesias García and María del Carmen Barcia. In *New West Indian Guide*. 72-1/2 (1998): 140-42.

Other (non-refereed)

2016 “El repartimiento de terrenos en Cayey (1774) y los antecedentes de sus familias pobladoras.” *Hereditas*, 17:2 (2016): 141-149.

2007 “Causa contra Juan Lebrón de Quiñones, Alonso Meléndez y Francisco López vecinos de Puerto Rico sobre haber comerciado en la costa de la dicha Isla con navíos extranjeros.” *Hereditas*. 8:2 (2007): 3-23.

2006 “Reconstructing the Vásquez Family Tree in Cayey, Coamo and Guayama: The Descendants of Juan Vásquez de Rivera.” *Hereditas*. 7:1 (2006): 96-101.

2004 “The Founders of Guaynabo: 1764-1768.” *Hereditas*. 5:2 (2004): 54-61.

2003 “Heads of Household and Residents Seeking to Establish a Town at Guayabo in 1730.” *Revista de Genealogía Puertorriqueña*. 4:1 (2003): 72-7.

2001 “The Genealogy and Family History of the Apontes in Eighteenth-Century Coamo, Puerto Rico.” *Revista de Genealogía Puertorriqueña*. 2:2 (2001): 60-7.

1997 “Padrón del año 1673 de las personas que hay en la ciudad de San Juan de Puerto Rico: Una transcripción con introducción y notas genealógicas.” *Boletín de la Sociedad Puertorriqueña de Genealogía*. 9:3-4 (1997): 1-114.

PRESENTATIONS

2017 November 15-17. “La profesionalización del sacerdocio: El cabildo eclesiástico de San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1650-1700.” Presented at the **El Gran Caribe en el siglo XVII: Economía, política y sociedad Conference**, Academia Dominicana de Historia, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

- 2017** April 7-8. "Coming of Age in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico: The Baptismal Sponsorship of Enslaved Infants in Arecibo, 1735-1772." Presented at the **Family in the Pre-Modern World: A Comparative Approach Conference**. Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.
- 2016** April 7-9. "Marriage among Slaves in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico: New Insights from the Hato Economy." Presented at the **Marriage's Global Past Conference**. Cambridge University, Cambridge, England.
- 2015** October 14-17. "Moving from the Sugar Plantation to the Hato Economy: A New Look at Slavery and Slave Life in the Eighteenth-Century Spanish Caribbean." Presented at the **Fourth Conference on Ethnicity, Race, and Indigenous Peoples in Latin America and the Caribbean**. Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond.
- 2014** July 17-19. "A New Look at Economic Activity in the Spanish Caribbean: The Hato Economy in Puerto Rico, 1650-1800." Presented at the **23rd Annual Conference of the World History Association**. Universidad de Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica.
- 2012** October 18-20. "Slavery in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico." Presented at the **34th North American Labor History Conference**. Wayne State University, Detroit.
- 2011** July 25-27. "Los lazos que unen: Padrinazgo entre esclavos en Arecibo, Puerto Rico (1735-1772)." Presented at **The Spanish Caribbean: Toward a Field of its Own**, Academia Dominicana de la Historia, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
- 2011** May 15-20. "A Self-Sustaining Slave Population: Demographic Evidence from Arecibo, Puerto Rico (1708-1791)." Presented at the **43rd Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians**, Universidad de Puerto Rico, San Juan.
- 2009** June 11-14. "Slavery and the Service Economy in 1673 San Juan." Presented at the **Latin American Studies Association XXVIII International Congress**, Pontificia Universidade Católica, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

- 2007** October 9-12. "Innovative Ways of Looking at the Past: The Use of Parish Registers to Reconstruct the Lived Experience of Enslaved Populations in Eighteenth-Century Arecibo, Puerto Rico." Presented at the **Fourth Conference of the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora**, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.
- 2007** February 3. "Reconstructing the Black Experience in Eighteenth-Century Arecibo, Puerto Rico through the Use of Parish Registers." Presented at the **Fourth Annual Black History Conference**, Seattle University, Seattle.
- 2005** October 5-7. "Rescued from their Invisibility: The Afro-Puerto Ricans of Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century San Mateo de Cangrejos, Puerto Rico." Presented at the **Conference of the Association for the Study of Worldwide African Diaspora**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- 2003** December 11-13. "Bringing to Light the Past: The Demographics of Urban Slavery in San Juan, Puerto Rico, 1650-1700." Presented at the **Text and Testimony Collective Conference on City Life in Caribbean History**, The University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados.
- 2003** April 28-May 2. "Aprovechándose de las oportunidades: Buscando el momento oportuno para contraer matrimonio entre la población esclava de Puerto Rico a través del siglo XVIII." Presented at the **35th Annual Conference of Caribbean Historians**, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras.
- 2003** February 7-8. "Committed to a Principle: Eighteenth-Century Afro Puerto Ricans and the Establishment of San Mateo de Cangrejos (Santurce), Puerto Rico." Presented at the **Conference on Black Studies: Methodology, Pedagogy, and Research**, Schomburg Centre for Research in Black Culture, New York.
- 2002** April 8-11. "Rethinking Culture and Identity in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico: Afro-Puerto Ricans in San Mateo de Cangrejos (Santurce)." Presented at the **34th Annual Conference of the Association of Caribbean Historians**, College of the Bahamas, Nassau.

- 2001** September 20-3. "Creating a Community of their Own: Eighteenth-Century Afro-Puerto Ricans in San Mateo de Cangrejos (Santurce), Puerto Rico." Presented at **Diaspora Paradigms: New Scholarship in Comparative Black History**, Michigan State University, East Lansing.
- 2000** September 20-3. "Making the Most of their Time: Marriage Seasonalities among the Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rican Slave Population." Presented at **Crossing Boundaries: The African Diaspora in the New Millennium**, New York University, New York.
- 1999** November 11-13. "The Family Tree Is Not Cut: Marriage among Slaves in Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rico." Presented at the **25th Annual Conference of the Social Science History Association**, Fort Worth.
- 1997** May 15-17. "Godparent Selection Practices among the Eighteenth Century Puerto Rican Slave Population." Presented at the **Third Carleton Conference on the History of the Family**, Carleton University, Ottawa.
- 1995** April 13-15. "Surviving Slavery: Marriage Strategies and Family Formation Patterns among the Eighteenth-Century Puerto Rican Slave Population." Presented at the **Symposium of Comparative History of Black People in Diaspora**, Michigan State University, East Lansing.
- 1994** October 27-30. "Discovering the Invisible Puerto Rican Slave Family: Demographic Evidence from the Eighteenth Century." Presented at the **Conference on "Family and Slavery in the Americas"**. Université de Montréal, Montréal.
- 1994** October 13-16. "Marriage Patterns among the Puerto Rican Slave Population: Demographic Evidence from the Eighteenth Century." Presented at the **20th Annual Conference of the Social Science History Association**, Atlanta.

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- 2013** October 30-November 2. "The Geo-Dynamics of Slaveholding in Nineteenth Century Puerto Rico: Sociocultural Revelations in Municipal and Departmental Census Data, 1838-1872." **Conference of the Association for the Study of Worldwide African Diaspora**, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.