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EDUCATION

2011: Ph.D., Latin American History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
 Dissertation: "Sacred Cause, Divine Republic: A History of Nationhood, Religion, and War in Nineteenth-Century Paraguay, 1850-70."
 2004: M.A., Latin American History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
 2000: B.A., History with Honors, Valparaiso University.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Parishioners of Sovereignty: A History of Nationhood and War in Nineteenth-Century Paraguay (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2025).

Articles and Chapters:

- "How Pedro Quiñonez Lost His Soul: Suicide, Routine Violence, and State Formation in Nineteenth-century Paraguay," *Journal of Social History*, vol. 54 (1), Fall 2020, pp. 237-59, <https://doi-org.ezproxy.gvsu.edu/10.1093/jsh/shz044>.
- "Magistrados de lo sagrado y de la República: la formación del Estado e Iglesia en el Paraguay poscolonial, 1840-1864," *Páginas. Revista digital de la Escuela de Historia de la Facultad de Humanidades y Artes*, vol. 11, no. 25 (May-August 2019), <http://revistapaginas.unr.edu.ar/index.php/RevPaginas/article/view/354/469>
- "A Drunk Priest, a Dodgy Caudillo, and the Tortured Reproduction of Postcolonial Sovereignty in López-era Paraguay," in *Big Water: Environment, Belonging, and Development in the Borderlands of Brazil, Argentina, and Paraguay* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2018), 131-57.
- "Popular Religion, Death, and Nation in Paraguay," *The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Latin American History*, (August 2016).
 DOI:10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.013.90.
<http://latinamericanhistory.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780199366439.001.0001/acrefore-9780199366439-e-90>
- "Liberal Youth, Modern Exuberance, and Calamity: Aspirations for Modern Nationhood in Paraguay, 1858-1870," *A Contracorriente*, vol. 12, n. 2 (Winter 2015), 140-77.
- "*Toikove Ñane Retã!*: Republican Nationalism at the Battlefield Crossings of Print and Speech in Wartime Paraguay, 1867-1868," in *Building Nineteenth-Century Latin America: Re-rooted Cultures, Identities, and Nations*, ed. William G. Acree Jr. and Juan Carlos González Espitia (Nashville: Vanderbilt University Press, 2009), 79-97.

ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- “Movilidad, pasaportes y control social en el Estado lopista,” in *Un estado para armar: Aproximaciones a la construcción estatal en el Paraguay decimonónico*, ed. Ignacio Telesca (Asunción: SB Editorial, 2024): 117-33.
- “Paraguay: Población y Sociedad, 1808-1880,” forthcoming in the volumes on Paraguayan history to be published by *Fundación Mapfre*.
- “El suicidio y el estado bajo los López,” *Actas de la III Jornadas Internacionales sobre la Historia del Paraguay*, (Asunción: 2014), 107-115.
- “Saving Republics: General Martin Thomas McMahon, the Paraguayan War, and the Fate of the Americas,” *Irish Migration Studies in Latin America*, 7:3 (March 2010).
- “Cantando la república: la movilización escrita del habla popular en las trincheras del Paraguay, 1867-1868,” *Paginas de guarda*, Buenos Aires, n. 4 (November 2007), 115-34.

- Book review of *The Road to Armageddon: Paraguay Versus the Triple Alliance*. By Thomas Whigham. Calgary: University of Calgary Press, 2017, *Ethnohistory*, forthcoming.
- Book review of *La ley del Mbaraté: Masculinidad y discurso político durante la dictadura stronista*. By Jazmín Duarte Sckell. Asunción: Editorial Tiempo de Historia, 2024, *Middle Atlantic Review of Latin American Studies*, (June 2026), 213-15.
- Book review of *Entre expectativas y recelos: Las relaciones del Paraguay y Bolivia después de la Guerra del Chaco (1938–1989)*. By Ricardo Scavone Yegros. Asunción: Editorial Tiempo de Historia, 2019, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, (February 2024), 178-80.
- Book review of *The Desertmakers: Travel, War, and the State in Latin America*. By Javier Uriarte. Routledge, 2020, *Hispanic Review* (Spring 2022), 319-22.
- Book review of *Before the Flood: The Itaipu Dam and the Visibility of Rural Brazil*. By Jacob Blanc. Durham: Duke University Press, 2019, *The Americas*, (Fall 2021).
- Book review of *La société guerrière: Pratiques, discours et valeurs militaires dans le Rio de la Plata, 1806–1852*, by Alejandro Martin Rabinovich, Rennes: Presses Universitaires de Rennes, 2010, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, vol. 97, no. 1 (February 2017), 163-65.
- Book review of *A expansão do Brasil e a formação dos estados na bacia do prata: Argentina, Uruguai e Paraguai (da colonização à Guerra da Tríplice Aliança)*, by Luis Alberto Moniz Bandeira, Rio de Janeiro: Civilização Brasileira, 2012, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, vol. 93, no. 3 (August 2013), 523-24.
- Book review of *I Die with My Country: Perspectives on the Paraguayan War, 1864-70*, edited by Hendrik Kraay and Thomas L. Whigham, Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2005, *The Americas*, vol. 63, n.4 (April 2007), 677-78.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present, Associate Professor of History, Grand Valley State University.
- 2012-2018, Assistant Professor of History, Grand Valley State University.

Colonial Latin America
 Modern Latin America
 Honors First Year Sequence: The Making of Latin America
 Revolution in the Americas

Exploring Latin America
Latin America in World History
World History Since 1500
Special Topics in Non-western History: War and Conflict in Modern Latin American Societies
History of Global Change and Social Transformation
Writing History: The Global Cold War
Junior Seminar: A Global History of Small Nations, New Zealand and Paraguay (with Dr. Nathan Kapoor)
History Capstone: Global Borderlands
Introduction to World Civilizations

2011-12, Visiting Professor of Global History, University of North Carolina Wilmington.

Introduction to Global History, 1500-1848
Introduction to Global History, 1848-present
Slavery and Slave Trades in the Atlantic World and Beyond, 1500-1850

2008-2010, Lecturer, History Department, UNC-CH.

Latin America under Colonial Rule
Latin America since Independence, Carolina Courses Online

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Research Fellowships:

IIE Fulbright Fellowship in Asunción, Paraguay, 2001.
Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Academic Year Fellowship for dissertation research, Guaraní, Asunción, Paraguay, 2006-07.
Off-campus Dissertation Research Fellowship, UNC-CH Graduate School, Fall 2007.
Research Grant-in-aid, GVSU Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence; research in Asunción, Paraguay; Summer 2014.
Internationalization Grant, Padnos International Center; research and travels in Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay; Summer 2014.

Other Grants and Fellowships:

GVSU CSCE Dissemination Grant, Winter 2018.
GVSU CSCE Dissemination Grant, Summer 2016.
GVSU CSCE Dissemination Grant, Winter 2016.
GVSU CSCE Dissemination Grant, 2015.
GVSU CSCE Dissemination Grant, 2014.
Mellon Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for the Study of the Americas, UNC-CH, 2009.
Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship to study Guaraní, Asunción, Paraguay, 2005.
Title VI Foreign Language and Area Studies Summer Fellowship to study Guaraní, Asunción, Paraguay, 2003.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS OF ACADEMIC PAPERS

- “Independence and Decolonization in Latin America: The case of Paraguay, 1800-1870,” EuroClio, Netherlands, (Virtual) (INVITED), November 2023.
- “Suicidio y deserción en la Guerra Guasú,” 6 Gran Encuentro de Investigadores, Sociedade Científica del Paraguay. Asunción, Paraguay (Virtual) (INVITED), November 2021.
- “Los antojos, desertores, y el engaño entre las filas paraguayas durante la Guerra Guasú,” Seminário Virtual: O que aprendemos sobre a Guerra Guasu 150 anos depois? Narrativas, leituras e subalternidades. Campo Grande, Brazil (Virtual) (INVITED), November 2020
- “Los antojos, desertores, y el engaño entre las filas paraguayas durante la Guerra Guasú,” Jornadas Conmemorativas 5º Aniversario del CPCH: ‘Reflexiones sobre la Guerra Guasu: 150 años después,’ Asunción, Paraguay (Virtual) (INVITED), August 2020.
- “A Curious Republic Preserved: Paraguay 1813-1840,” 11th Rio de la Plata Workshop, William and Mary, February 2020.
- “La soberanía en juego el Paraguay postcolonial, 1811-1870,” El Libro de Oro y Su Época: Historia, Sociedad, y Patrimonio del Paraguay (1850-1880), Asunción, Paraguay (INVITED), July 2018.
- “*El Semanario* en las dinámicas del poder y la imaginaria nacional del campo paraguayo,” Seminario Internacional, Nación y Modernidad en Moldes de Plomo: La época de *El Semanario de Avisos y Conocimientos Útiles (1853-1868)*, CONACYT, Asunción, Paraguay (INVITED), November 2017.
- “Desertores militares paraguayos de la época de la Guerra Grande: de súbditos pasajeros a bandoleros,” La Guerra Grande a la luz de las políticas públicas, investigadores, artistas y gestores culturales, La Secretaria Nacional de Cultura de Paraguay, Asunción, Paraguay (INVITED), August 2016.
- “Desertores militares paraguayos de la época de la Guerra Grande: de súbditos pasajeros a bandoleros,” Universidad Nacional de Canindeyú, Saltos de Guaira and Curuguaty, Paraguay (INVITED), August 2016.
- “Desertores militares paraguayos de la época de la Guerra Grande: de súbditos pasajeros a bandoleros,” V Jornadas Internacionales sobre la Historia del Paraguay, Montevideo, Uruguay; July 2016.
- “How Pedro Quiñonez Lost His Soul: Suicide, Routine Violence, and State (Un-Re) Formation in Nineteenth-Century Paraguay,” Reframing Latin America’s Nineteenth Century Conference at Yale University (INVITED), February 2015.
- “Farce and Power in Republican Paraguay: López-era Congresses and Elections and the 2012 Parliamentary Coup,” Conference on Latin American History, American Historical Association Annual Meeting, January 2014.
- “Farce and Power in Republican Paraguay: López-era Congresses and Elections and the 2012 Parliamentary Coup,” Conference on the Americas, GVSU, March 2013.
- “Suicide and State Formation in Nineteenth-century Paraguay, 1850-1870,” New York State Latin American History Workshop, October 2012.
- “El suicidio bajo los López,” III Jornadas Internacionales sobre la Historia del Paraguay, Montevideo, Uruguay; June 2012.
- “Suicide and State Formation in Nineteenth-century Paraguay, 1850-1870,” Southern Historical Association Annual Meeting, October 2011.

- “Men and Women of Burden: Military Labor in Nineteenth-Century Paraguay, 1850-1870,”
Duke University Latin American Labor History Conference, April 2011.
- “Divine Republic: Faith, Nation, and War in Nineteenth-Century Paraguay,” American
Historical Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, January 2010.
- “Words of the Father, Songs of the Faithful: Popular Politics, Nationalism, and War in
Nineteenth-Century Paraguay,” Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies Annual
Conference, Charlotte, NC, April 2006.
- “Republican Nationalism at the Battlefield Crossings of Print and Speech in Wartime Paraguay,
1867-1868,” Latin American Studies Association Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico,
March 2006.
- “Inscribing the Nation into the Vernacular: Paraguay and the War of the Triple Alliance, 1864-
1870,” Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies Annual Conference, Santo
Domingo, Dominican Republic, March 2004.
- “Jóvenes on the Edge of the Storm: Paraguayan National Pride Before the War of the Triple
Alliance, 1858-1865,” Latin American Studies Student Association Conference at the
University of Texas at Austin, February 2002.
- “Los becarios paraguayos a Europa bajo de Carlos Antonio López,” Archivo Nacional de
Asunción, Asunción, Paraguay, November 2001.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

GVSU History Department

Department Webmaster, 2016-2022
 Student Recruitment and Retention Committee, 2020-present
 Alumni Outreach Committee, 2023-present
 Outreach and Awards Committee, 2020-2023
 GLHC Committee, 2020-present
 2018 Great Lakes History Conference, “Playing with History,” co-coordinator.
 2017 Great Lakes History Conference, “On Top of the World: Sizing Up Global
 History,” co-coordinator.
 2016 Great Lakes History Conference, “Human Rights in the Atlantic World and
 Beyond,” co-coordinator.
 Great Lakes History Conference Committee, 2016-Present, Chair, 2017-2018
 Student Relations Committee, Chair, 2016-2017
 History Department Executive Committee, 2016-Present
 Phi Alpha Theta Faculty Advisor, 2014-2018.
 History Club Faculty Advisor, 2014-2018.
 Curriculum Committee, 2014-2015.
 Outreach Committee, 2015-2016.
 History Day Judge, 2015.

GVSU CLAS Deans Office

Unit Head Agenda Committee, 2024-present

GVSU Latin American Studies

Advisory Committee, 2012-2018.

Executive Committee, 2014-present.
Conference on the Americas Subcommittee, 2012-2013.
Conference on the Americas Subcommittee, 2014-2015.
Conference on the Americas Subcommittee, 2016

GVSU Awards of Distinction, 2013.
GVSU Awards of Distinction, 2014.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND ORGANIZATIONS

American Historical Association, 2009-Present.
Midwest World History Association, 2023-Present.
Society for Military History, 2024-Present.
Conference on Latin American History (affiliated society of the AHA), 2009-Present.
Chair and Secretary, Chile-Rio de la Plata Studies Committee, CLAH, 2014-2016.
Comité Paraguayo de Ciencias Historicas, 2017-Present
Reacting to the Past Consortium, Janaury 2023-Present

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish: read, write, and speak at an advanced level.
Guaraní: read and write at an advanced level, speak at an intermediate level.
Portuguese: read at an advanced level, speak at an incipient level.
French: read at an intermediate level.

STUDY AND RESIDENCE ABROAD

January-December 2001; Asunción, Paraguay; IIE Fulbright Fellowship.
April-August 2002; Asunción, Paraguay; Individual Research.
May-August 2003; Asunción, Paraguay; FLAS Fellowship to study Guaraní.
June-August 2005; Asunción, Paraguay; FLAS Fellowship to study Guaraní.
August 2006-April 2008; Asunción, Paraguay; Dissertation Research.
June-August 2014; Asunción, Paraguay; CSCE and Padnos Internationalization Grants.
July-August 2016; Montevideo, Uruguay and Asunción, Paraguay; CSCE

REFERENCES

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