

## Gianna M. May Sanchez

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## Education

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**Doctor of Philosophy in History, In Progress**

Aug 2017 – May 2025

[University of Michigan](#); Ann Arbor, Michigan

- Certificate: Digital Studies
- Dissertation: “Grandmothering Midwives: Negotiation, Legislation, and Medical Authority in the New Mexico Birthing Room, 1880–1950”

**Master of Arts in History**

Aug 2014 – May 2017

University of New Mexico; Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Geographic Focus: American West
- Graduate Minor in Museum Studies
- Committee on Studies: Cathleen Cahill (Chair), Virginia Scharff, and Shannon Withycombe
- Thesis: “Negotiating Health: The Santa Fe Maternal Health Center, Impoverished Women, Contraception, and Catholicism in New Mexico.”

**Bachelor of Arts in History and English**

Aug 2010 – May 2014

University of New Mexico; Albuquerque, New Mexico

- Minor in Interdisciplinary Arts with International Distinction
- Graduated with Baccalaureate Honors, Summa cum Laude and Departmental Honors, Summa cum Laude in History
- Thesis: “Suffrage and Statehood in New Mexico: 1890–1920;” Advisor: Jason Smith; Received 2014 Best Thesis in History Award

## Research Fields

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U.S. History

Women’s History

Science, Technology, and Society

Latina/o History

Digital Studies

Museum Studies

History of Medicine

American West

Public History

## Publications, Projects, and Research Products

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### Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

- “Mapping Medicine, Midwifery, and Healthcare: The New Mexican Medical Landscape, 1880–1950,” in [Challenging Stories: Exploring the Intersections between Health and the Humanities](#), eds. E. Thomas Ewing and Priyanka Ganguly, Virginia Tech Publishing, 2024.
- “Quest for the Cities of Gold,” [Mobile Media Learning: Innovation and Inspiration](#), eds. Christopher Holden, Seann Dikkers, John Martin, and Breanne Litts, ETC Press, 2015.

### Book Reviews

- Review of *Birthing the West: Mothers and Midwives in the Rockies and Plains*, by Jennifer J. Hill, *South Dakota Historical Society Press* 53, no. 3 (October 2023).
- [Review](#) of *Delivering Health: Midwifery and Development in Mexico*, by Lydia Z. Dixon, H-Sci-

Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews (December 2022).

- [Review](#) of *Medicine Women: The Story of the First Native American Nursing School*, by Jim Kristofic, *Arizona Historical Society* 60, No. 3 (Winter 2019): 338–340.

### Blog Posts

- [“Reproductive Justice and Midwifery on the US-Mexico Border,”](#) *Nursing Clio*, 15 October 2018.
- [“Inclusive Health Services for Women: More than Just Tote Bags,”](#) *Nursing Clio*, 22 March 2017.
- “Press Start to Begin: How Historians Can Apply Their Work in a Non-Academic Setting,” *AHA Today*, 2 July 2015.

### Museum and Public History Projects

- Maclovía B. Sánchez de Zamora and B. Ruppe Drugstore, Homewise, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2019, <https://www.theruppe.org/>.
- Kaisa Barthuli, Gianna May Sanchez, Frank Norris, and Angelica Sánchez-Clark, “Sharing our History: Hispanic Legacies of Route 66,” National Park Service, 2017.

### Digital Humanities Projects

- Gianna May Sanchez, Alexandra Minna Stern, and Jacqueline Wernimont, “Eugenic States: A Contextual Archive,” Sterilization and Social Justice Lab, Institute for Society and Genetics, University of California, Los Angeles, 2018–2024.
- Émilie Duranceau, David Helps, Pragya Kaul, Gianna May Sanchez, and Chloe Thompson, [“Nazi Ideals and American Society,”](#) Experiencing History, Holocaust Memorial Museum, Spring 2019.
- Eimeel Castillo, Nora Dolliver, Gianna May Sanchez, and Sophia McFadden-Keesling, [“Sexual Assault Prevention at the University of Michigan,”](#) Scalar Archival Website, University of Michigan, Fall 2017.
- “Quest for the Cities of Gold,” ARIS Educational Mobile Game, University of New Mexico Honors College and the Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, Summer 2013.

## Fellowships, Grants, and Awards

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### Fellowships

- Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Fellowship in Latino Studies, School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 2022–2023.
- Race, Law & History Research Fellowship, University of Michigan School of Law, 2020–2021.
- “Latinos in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: A Digital Experience for All,” Latino Museum Studies Program Fellowship, National Museum of the American Latino, Smithsonian Institution, June 2016 – August 2016.

### External Grants

- Elizabeth Jameson Graduate Travel Grant, Runner-Up, Coalition for Western Women’s History, Fall 2018
- American Association for the History of Medicine Travel Grant, Spring 2017
- Elizabeth Jameson Graduate Travel Grant, Runner-Up, Coalition for Western Women

Historians, Western History Association, 2016

### Internal Grants

- Digital Studies Institute Summer Writing Stipend, University of Michigan, 2024 (\$1000)
- History Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan History Department, 2024 (\$950)
- Rackham Conference Travel Grant, University of Michigan, 2024 (\$1150)
- Graduate Scholarship Fund, University of New Mexico Graduate and Professional Student Association, Spring 2016
- Student Research Grant, University of New Mexico Graduate and Professional Student Association, Spring 2015

## Conferences, Workshops, and Presentations

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### Conferences

- “Remapping Medicine: Midwives, Folk Healers, and Physicians in Twentieth-Century New Mexico,” in “Confronting Conditioned Historical Memory: Unearthing Voices and Reorienting Narratives of Statehood, Power, and Medicine through Digital History,” Western History Association, Kansas City, Missouri, October 2024.
- “Mapping the Medical Landscape of New Mexico,” in “Accessing Medicine Across the American West: Re-Imagining the Medical Landscape of Marginalized Communities in Arkansas, California, and New Mexico,” Western History Association, Los Angeles, CA, October 2023.
- “Reproducing the Nation: Midwives, Mothers and Citizenship across the Americas,” American Historical Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, January 2022.
- “The Eugenic Rubicon: Contextualizing Twentieth Century Eugenics and Sterilization with Big Data, Data Visualization, and Digital Narratives,” in “Digital Humanities in the Latinx Communities: A Showcase of Tools, Websites, and Social Media,” Western History Association Conference, Online, October 2021.
- “Las Parteras and the State: Negotiation, Intimacy, and Space in the Mid-Twentieth-Century New Mexico Birthing Room,” in “Accessing, Contesting, and Transgressing Space: Gender and Race in the Early 20<sup>th</sup> c. American Empire,” Western History Association, Online, October 2020.
- “Cultural Interpretation, Medical Practice, and Memorialization of Curandera Maclovia Sanchez de Zamora,” in “Placemaking and Wayfinding: Signaling the Past through Public History,” Western History Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV, October 2019.
- “Rerouting the Mother Road: Creating a Public-Facing Website for Hispanic Legacies of Route 66,” in “Six Shooters: A Digital Frontiers Lightning Round,” Western History Association Conference, San Antonio, TX, October 2018.
- “The Santa Fe Maternal Health Center, Catholicism, and Contraception in New Mexico,” American Association for the History of Medicine Conference, Nashville, TN, May 2017.
- “Contraception, Catholicism, and the Santa Fe Maternal Health Center,” in “(Re)conceiving Reproductive Politics: Providers, Women, Religion, and Public Policy in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century United States,” Western Association of Women Historians Conference, Denver, CO, May 2016.
- “ARIS, Augmented Reality, and Education,” Western Regional Honors Council Conference, Denver, CO, April 2014.

## Lectures

- [“Grandmothering Midwives: Negotiation, Legislation, and Medical Authority in the New Mexico Birthing Room, 1880–1950,”](#) Scholar Colloquium, School for Advanced Research, 30 November 2022.
- “How to Talk about Population in a World of 8 Billion,” Center for Biological Diversity, 14 November 2022.
- “Grandmothering Midwives: Legislative Negotiation of Medical Practice and Traditional Healing in New Mexico,” 2021 Race, Law & History Pro-Seminar, University of Michigan Law School, 20 May 2021.

## Roundtables

- “Interdisciplinary Approaches to 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Century Histories of Human Difference: Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Disability,” History of Science Society Annual Meeting, Mérida, Mexico, November 2024.
- “Eugenic States: Reproductive Justice in Narrative Storytelling and Data Visualization,” in “No Constitutional Right to Abortion: Reproductive Justice, Teaching, and Research after *Dobbs*,” Western History Association, Kansas City, Missouri, October 2024.
- “Life After Grad School: Thinking Expansively About How to Use Your History Degree,” Western History Association Conference, October 2021.
- [“How We Look: Eugenics, the Second Congress, Immigration, and Changing Today’s Demographics,”](#) in “Dismantling Eugenics: Legacies / Reckonings / Futures Convening,” The Anti-Eugenics Project, 27 September 2021.
- “Video Games: Re-Remembering Nonwhite Stereotypes from Western Myth,” Western History Association Conference, October 2020.
- “Digital Connections: Public Outreach and Latinidad Online,” in “Practice, Research, and Reflection at the Smithsonian: Latino Museum Studies Program Alumni Roundtable,” Western History Association Conference, October 2019.
- Latino Center Digital Roundtable, National Museum of the American Latino, Washington, D.C., August 2017.
- Latino Center Digital Summit, National Museum of the American Latino, Michigan State University, Lansing, MI, February 2017.
- “Why Women’s History?,” University of New Mexico History Department, March 2014.

## Workshops

- Data, Health, and Digital Humanities Workshop, [National Endowment for the Humanities Chair’s Award](#), National Library of Medicine History of Medicine Division of the National Library of Medicine, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, 2022–2023.
- “Publishing Your Dissertation into a Book,” Western History Association, Los Angeles, CA, October 2023.
- “Modelling. Virtual. Realities. A Practical Introduction to Virtual (and Augmented) Reality,” Digital Humanities Summer Institute, University of Victoria, June 2019.
- “EIHS Workshop: Intimacy and State Power,” Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, Department of History, University of Michigan, Matthew Lassiter (Respondent), Molly Brookfield (Chair), Stephanie Fajardo, Luis Flores Jr., and Gianna May Sanchez, March 2019.
- Institute for Social Change, Program in Public Scholarship, University of Michigan, May 2018.

## Teaching and Pedagogical Experience

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**Graduate Student Grader** Jan 2021 – Apr 2021

University of Michigan Department of American Culture

- AMCULT 243, Latina Women in the U.S.; Instructor: William Calvo-Quirós

**Graduate Student Instructor** Sept 2018 – May 2019

University of Michigan History Department

- Fall 2018, HIST 232, Histories of Global Health; Instructor: Kevin Ko
- Winter 2019, HONORS 230, History of Human Experimentation; Instructor: Joel Howell

**Graduate Assistant** Aug 2016 – May 2017

University of New Mexico Museum Studies Program

- Spring 2017, MSST 475/575, Museum Interpretation; Instructor: Sara Otto-Diniz
- Fall 2016, MSST 485/585, Digital Approaches in Museums; Instructor: Loa Traxler

**Graduate Assistant** Aug 2014 – May 2015

University of New Mexico History Department

- Spring 2015, HIST 429, History of Body, Beauty, and Power; Instructor: Linda Hall
- Fall 2014, HIST 161, U.S. History to 1877; Instructor: Cathleen Cahill

## Employment, Committees, and Organizations

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### Employment

- Editor, *Nursing Clio*, July 2019 – Present
- Graduate Research Assistant, Sterilization and Social Justice Lab, Institute for Society and Genetics, University of California, Los Angeles, Jan 2018 – Present
- Graduate Student Assistant, American Association for the History of Medicine, Sept 2018 – Mar 2020
- Content Specialist, Technology Advisor and Consultant, National Museum of the American Latino, Smithsonian Institution, Feb 2017 – Sept 2019
- Latino Heritage Internship Program Intern, National Park Service, Environment for the Americas, May 2017 – Aug 2017
- Assistant Editor, *New Mexico Historical Review*, University of New Mexico, June 2016 – May 2017
- Graduate Assistant, Center for the Southwest, University of New Mexico, Aug 2015 – May 2016
- Rally on the Rio Oral Historian, National Forest Service, University of New Mexico History Department, Aug 2015 – Oct 2015
- Editor-in-Chief, *Conceptions Southwest*, University of New Mexico, Apr 2013 – May 2014
- Editor, *Scribendi*, University of New Mexico Honors College, Aug 2012 – May 2013
- History Intern, Albuquerque Museum of Art and History, Aug 2012 – Aug 2013

### Committees

- Graduate Student Representative, Coalition for Western Women Historians, Western History Association, October 2023 – Present

- Co-Coordinator, Graduate Organization for the Study of History, University of Michigan, Aug 2020 – May 2021
- Vice-Chair, Graduate Student Caucus Executive Council, Western History Association, May 2020 – May 2022
- Graduate Student Co-Coordinator, Latina/o Studies Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, University of Michigan, August 2019 – May 2020
- Website and Social Media Committee, Coalition for Western Women Historians, Western History Association, Oct 2017 – Oct 2018
- Graduate Student Caucus Executive Council, Western History Association, Oct 2015 – Oct 2017

**Professional Organizations**

- American Association for the History of Medicine (AAHM)
- American History Association (AHA)
- Coalition of Western Women Historians (CWWH)
- History of Science Society (HSS)
- Organization of American Historians (OAH)
- Western History Association (WHA)