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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – Doctoral Program in History; current PhD candidate

INTERESTS: 20th century US history, Latina/o/x history

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE – B.A. History, Economics Minor;

B.S. Secondary Education: Broadfield Social Studies, History and Economics specializations, August 2007

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

ELGIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Elgin, Illinois 2014-present
Full-time tenured teaching faculty, History and Political Science

ARISE CHICAGO WORKER CENTER, Chicago, Illinois 2013
Worker Organizer

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, Ann Arbor, Michigan 2012-2013
PhD student & Graduate Student Instructor

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, Washington DC Summer 2012 & Fall 2013-Spring 2014
Historical research contractor

CENTRO DE LOS DERECHOS DEL MIGRANTE, INC., Zacatecas, Mexico 2009-2010
Director of Outreach and Leadership Development

AWARDS

Community College Faculty Fellow (2019-2020), American Council of Learned Societies/Mellon Foundation.

Illinois Community College Faculty Association Research Grant, 2020.

Elgin Community College Faculty Research Community Grant (2019-2020), “Gender and Group Work in the Political Science Classroom.”

Elgin Community College Faculty Research Community Grant (2015-16), “La Historia de Mi Pueblo: Examining the Effects of Culturally-Relevant Instruction on Student Self-Concept.”

SELECTED ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

“Demands of justice for George Floyd echo Wisconsin’s long history of black and brown protests,” *Wisconsin Watch Center for Investigative Journalism*, June 10, 2020.

“Student Activists Embody the Spirit of Marjory Stoneman Douglas,” *Chicago Tribune*. March 1, 2018.

“Home of Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Everglades Defender, Becomes National Historic Landmark,” *National Collaborative for Women’s History*. Web. April 2015.

National Park Service - National Historic Landmark Program, Marjory Stoneman Douglas House nomination, Miami, Florida. (Announced as a National Historic Landmark by President Barack Obama on Earth Day, April 22, 2015. See *New York Times*, "Obama Uses a Visit to the Everglades to Press His Climate Agenda," 22 April 2015.)

National Park Service – National Historic Landmark Program, Casa Dra. Concha Melendez Ramirez nomination, San Juan Puerto Rico. (Named a National Historic Landmark on March 12, 2013).

National Park Service – National Historic Landmark Program, Robert and Anne Smith House nomination. "Dr. Bob's Home," Akron, Summit County, Ohio. (Co-author) (Named a National Historic Landmark on October 17, 2012).

"First Call, Last Drink," *Ultimate History Project*. Web. May 2012. (Short article on origins of Alcoholics Anonymous)

Review of *Go-Go Live: The Life and Death of a Chocolate City* by Natalie Hopkinson, History News Network. August 2012.

"El Pueblo, Dividido: A Review of The Trouble With Unity: Latino Politics and the Creation of Identity by Cristina Beltrán", in *Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy*, Vol. 23, 2011.

American University Washington College of Law International Human Rights Law Clinic & Centro de los Derechos del Migrante. *Picked Apart: The Hidden Struggles of Migrant Worker Women in the Maryland Crab Industry*. Washington, DC: American University Washington College of Law and Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, 2010. (Contributing editor/author)

"From Space, A Borderless Earth," profile of astronaut Jose Hernandez, *The Progressive*, July 2010.

"Las Marchas del Primero de Mayo a Través de los EEUU," *Voces de la Frontera Newsletter*, May 2010.

"Levantando la Voz del Trabajador Huésped en Zacatecas," *Voces de la Frontera Newsletter*, Oct. 2009.

"La Vista del Otro Lado: el programa trabajador huésped H-2," *Voces de la Frontera Newsletter*, Sept. 2009.

"Minor Offenses: the Tragedy of Youth in Adult Prisons," *The Nation*, September 2009.

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"Liberatory Listening: Using Oral History in the Community College Classroom," presented as part of panel "Midwestern Migrants on the Border: Then and Now," Labor and Working-Class History Association Conference, June 2019, Durham, NC.

"Rust Belt "Illegals": Mexican Immigrant Workers and Deindustrialization in 1970s Suburban Chicago," presented as part of panel "Contested Spaces: Latino/a Studies and the New Urban History," Oct. 2016, Chicago, IL.

"Latina/o Struggles for Justice in the Midwestern United States," presented as part of panel "Acercamiento a los movimientos sociales/Social Movements Close Up," at the New Political Science Conference, Universidad de Havana, Cuba, November 19, 2015.

Presentation of National Historic Landmark nomination for "Marjory Stoneman Douglas House" in Coconut Grove, Miami, Florida to the National Park System Advisory Board Landmarks Committee: May 28, 2014, Washington, DC.

"Latinos Vagos: the origins of Latino Milwaukee," presented as part of panel "The Brown Freedom Struggle: Latino Activism and Multiracial Coalition-Building in the Long Civil Rights Movement," Latina/o Studies Conference, Chicago, IL, July 2014.

"Worker Center Strategies for Low-wage Workers," presented as part of panel "Building a 21st Century Labor Movement—Prospects & Problematics," *Latina and Latino Critical Theory Biennial Conference*, Chicago, IL, October 3, 2013.

“Getting High on Mexico’s Supply: US Complicity in Mexico’s Narco-Empire,” presented as part of panel “The Narco-Empire: Violence and Resistance in the U.S.-Mexico Border Region,” American Studies Association Annual Meeting: San Juan, Puerto Rico, November, 2012.

“Spaces of Nonexistence in the US and El Salvador, 1980s – 90s,” Guest Lecture, History of the US in the World: 1945 to the Present, Professor: Penny Von Eschen; University of Michigan, November, 2012.

“Drugs & Neoliberalism: the US in the World in the 1970s and 80s,” Guest Lecture, History of the US in the World: 1945 to the Present, Professor: Penny Von Eschen; University of Michigan, November, 2012.

Presentation of National Historic Landmark nomination for “Casa Dra. Concha Melendez Ramirez” in San Juan, Puerto Rico to the National Park System Advisory Board Landmarks Committee: November 8, 2012, Washington DC.

“A Place for Our Stories: Latinos in Southwest Detroit,” Museum Exhibit. May 4, 2012. Researched and organized a public presentation of the history of Mexican Detroit.

“The Postcolonial Rustbelt: Reexamining Deindustrialization,” presented as part of panel “Somewhere Between Community and Capital,” Midwest Labor and Working Class History Conference: Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 2012.

PEDAGOGICAL PROJECTS, PRESENTATIONS, & PUBLICATIONS

“The Radical Potential of Latinx History: Transformative Assignments in the History Survey,” presented as part of Northern Illinois University’s day-long workshop “Teaching Latinx History in the General Education Survey,” Waubensee College, April 2019, Aurora, IL.

Developed Research Fellows Program, an oral history project pathway for ECC students interested in attending Northern Illinois University in collaboration with NIU Associate Vice Provost for Engaged Learning and the NIU Center for Latino and Latin American Studies.

“It’s Time to Teach Feminism,” *Chicago Tribune* Op-ed. April 21, 2016.

“How to Make Connections and Ignite Passion for Learning,” panel presentation at Elgin Community College Assessment Diaries mini-conference, February 5, 2016.

“Strategies for Active Learning,” presentation for all campus faculty, Elgin Community College, January 14, 2016.

Review of the film *Breaking the Taboo*, Sundog Pictures, and *Narcotráfico para Inocentes: El Narco en México y Quien lo U.S.A.*, Middle Ground Journal of World History “Borders in the Classroom Series,” Issue 8, Spring 2014.

“A Survival Guide for New Teachers of Color,” *The Nation*, August 2010. (Included in the Southern Poverty Law Center’s teacher toolkit: <http://www.tolerance.org/diversity-gap>)

CAMPUS & PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

“Latinxs: More Than a Stereotype,” panel discussion, Elgin Community College, May 2019.

“The Evolution of the term Latinx,” public lecture, Elgin Community College, September, 2018.

“Exploring Labor Movements,” panel discussion, Elgin Community College, April 24, 2018. [Video](#).

“Why Confederate Monuments Must Come Down,” campus-wide presentation, Elgin Community College, September 2017.

“The Personal is Political: Exploring Feminism and Relationships,” workshop for students, Elgin Community College,

March 12, 2018.

Invited presenter, “The History of Athletes and Protest: A Discussion,” presentation and discussion with Elgin Community College women’s and men’s basketball teams, Elgin Community College, November 9, 2017.

“Feminism 101,” workshop for students. Elgin Community College, March, 2017.

“Immigrant & Refugee Women and the Trump Administration,” presented as part of annual Immigrant Women’s Roundtable, Elgin Community College, March 9, 2017.

Organized presentation on immigration reform and the presidential election by Chicago activist Jorge Mujica, Elgin Community College, April 28, 2016.

Co-facilitated large discussion (150+ students) of “Light into Darkness,” a film about racial intolerance, March 10, 2016.

“Hero Storytelling,” lecture on academic and personal growth to middle school participants in the ECC Transition Academy, Feb. 6, 2016

Invited panelist for community discussion of film “Waking in Oak Creek,” Gail Borden Library, Elgin, IL, Sept. 27, 2015.

Testimony on Chicago’s low-wage workers in radio show “Exceptions to the Rule: Excluded Workers and the Art of Labor,” Hull House Museum, WBEZ Public Radio Chicago, October 5, 2013.
