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FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

- 2013-Present Assistant Professor, Department of History, Georgia Southern University
- 2012- 2013 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 2011- 2012 Instructor, Department of History, University of British Columbia, Okanagan

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D., University of Arizona, Department of History
Major Field: Latin American History
Minor Field: Global Environmental History
- 2008 M.A., University of Arizona, Center for Latin American Studies
- 2006 B.A., California State University, Chico, Department of History

PUBLICATIONS**Books and Edited Volumes**

- 2014 *City of Fire: Urban Hazards and Social Change in Mexico City, 1860-1910* (manuscript in preparation).
- 2014 *Public Health Concerns in the Aftermath of Disaster: Perspectives from Colonial and Modern Latin America*. Edited book with Martha Few (manuscript in preparation).

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2014 "Healing in the Bark: Biocolonialism, Indigenous Knowledge, and Social Protest in Mexico, 1980-present." (manuscript in preparation).
- 2014 "Safety by Design: Engineers and Entrepreneurs Invent Fire Safety in Mexico City, 1860-1910." *Urban History* 41, no. 3 (August 2014): 435-455.
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- 2013 “Incendiary Legislation: Fire Protection and Risk in Porfirian Puebla.” *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos* 29, no. 1 (Winter 2013): 175-199.

Book Reviews

- 2014 *The Great Maya Droughts in Cultural Context: Case Studies in Resilience and Vulnerability*. Edited by Gyles Iannone, *Mesoamérica* (forthcoming).
- 2013 *Flammable Cities: Urban Conflagration and the Making of the Modern World*. Edited by Greg Bankoff, Uwe Lübken, and Jordan Sand, *H-Urban* (November 2013).
- 2013 *Climate and Catastrophe in Cuba and the Atlantic World in the Age of Revolutions*. By Sherry Johnson, *The Latin Americanist*, 57, no. 2 (June 2013): 145-147.

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014 Hagley Exploratory Research Grant, Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, DE
- 2012 The Adrian Bantjes Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Park City, UT, March 31
- 2010 Graduate Fellow Award, Oaxaca Summer Institute XII in Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2010 Graduate Award, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Summer Research Grant Development Workshop, University of Arizona
- 2010 Environmental History Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of History, University of Arizona
- 2010 Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award, University of Arizona
- 2010 John P. Rockfellow Graduate Award, Department of History, University of Arizona
- 2009 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of History, University of Arizona
- 2008 Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, Southwest Institute for Research on Women
- 2008 Language Stipend, Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Arizona
- 2007 Tinker Foundation Summer Research Grant for Latin America, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Arizona
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INVITED SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

- 2013 “The Environmental Impact of NAFTA,” NAFTA: 20 Years after Implementation, International Education Week, Georgia Southern University, November 12
- 2013 “‘Nothing Happened Here’: Missed Learning Opportunities from the San Juanico Petroleum Fire in Mexico City, 1984,” Half and Half Lecture Series, The Alice T. Miner Museum, Chazy, NY, July 25
- 2013 “Inventing Fire Safety in Mexico City, 1860-1910,” Department of History, Middle Tennessee State University, March 4
- 2013 “When a Night at the Movies Turns Deadly: Mexican Cinema Fires, 1900-1930,” Power, Money, Sex, and Danger: Mexican Film History in Four Acts, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, February 20
- 2012 “‘It rained fireballs’: Petroleum Disaster in Mexico City, 1984,” Faculty Lecture Series, Department of History, University of Alabama in Huntsville, October 24
- 2011 “From a Quiet Capital to a Global Megacity: How Mexico City’s Population Exploded and What it Means for the Twenty-First Century,” International Forum at California State University, Chico, May 10
- 2009 “Calendars and the Making of Modern Mexico, 1930-1960,” Department of History, University of Arizona, November 25

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**Papers Presented**

- 2015 “Healing in the Bark: Biocolonialism, Indigenous Knowledge, and Social Protest in Mexico, 1980-present,” American Society for Environmental History, Washington D.C., March 18-22 (paper accepted)
- 2015 “Treating Burns and Reducing Fire Risk: Hygiene Experts and the Fight Against Fire Hazards in Mexico City, 1860-1910,” Conference on Latin American History at the 129th Annual American Historical Association, New York City, NY, January 2-5 (paper accepted)
- 2014 “The Politics of Space and Safety in Mexico City: Fire Risk and Social Change, 1860-1910,” 7th biennial Urban History Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA, October 9-12
- 2014 “Teaching Latin America Through Interactive Methods: Strategies for the 21st Century Classroom,” 43rd Annual Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Quebec City, QC, Canada, May 16-18

- 2014 “Risky Business: The Fire Insurance Industry in Late Nineteenth-Century Mexico City,” 61st Annual Southeastern Council on Latin American Studies, New Orleans, LA, March 27-29
- 2014 “Teaching Latin American Natural Disasters,” Roundtable presentation, Conference on Latin American History at the 128th Annual American Historical Association, Washington D.C., January 2-5
- 2012 “San Juanico Fire: Race, Class, and Disaster Preparedness in Mexico City, 1984,” 6th biennial Urban History Association Conference, New York, NY, October 26-28
- 2012 “Calculated Responses to Gut-Wrenching Tragedy: Technological Innovation and Fire Safety in Mexico City, 1860-1910,” 59th Annual Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Park City, UT, March 28-31
- 2012 “Quotidian Catastrophes in the Modern City: Fire Risk in Mexico’s Capital, 1860-1910,” Conference on Latin American History at the 126th Annual American Historical Association, Chicago, IL, January 5-8
- 2010 “Up in Flames: Fire Management and Risk in Mexico City, 1876-1911,” Oaxaca Summer Institute XII, Oaxaca, Mexico, July 15
- 2010 “Incendiary Legislation: Fire and Risk in Puebla, 1876-1911,” 57th Annual Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Boulder, CO, April 7-11
- 2008 “The Almanac *Previsión y Seguridad* and the Mexican Miracle,” 55th Annual Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, Flagstaff, AZ, April 9-12
- 2007 “Mexican Calendars: Consumer Culture and National Identity, 1930-1960,” 3rd Annual Tinker Symposium on Graduate Research in Latin America, Tucson, AZ, November 15
- 2006 “The Advent of Radio Broadcasting and the Effect on Mexican Music,” Northern California Regional Conference of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, CA, April 29

Conferences Organized

- 2013 Co-organizer, Power, Money, Sex, and Danger: Mexican Film History in Four Acts, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, February 20
- 2011-2012 Conference Coordinating Committee, 41st Congress of the Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Kelowna, BC, Canada, May 18-20
- 2009 Conference Coordinating Committee, Latino Immigrant Civic Engagement Trends and Mexico’s Midterm Elections and the Future of Democracy, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Mexico Institute, Washington, DC

- 2007 Conference Coordinating Committee, 54th Annual Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies, Santa Fe, New Mexico
- 2006 Conference Coordinating Committee, 2nd Annual Tinker Symposium on Graduate Research in Latin America, Tucson, Arizona
- 2006 Conference Coordinating Committee, 6th Annual College of Behavioral and Social Science Student Symposium, California State University, Chico

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Courses Taught

Colonial Latin American History
Modern Latin American History
History of Mexico Since 1810
Latin American Environmental History
The City in Latin America
Global Environmental History
World History Since 1500

Graduate Advising

- 2014 M.A. Thesis Committee, Department of History, Georgia Southern University
- 2013 Graduate Student Independent Study, Latin American Foreign Relations, University of Alabama in Huntsville

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2014-Present Affiliate Faculty Member, Center for Global Education and Research, Georgia Southern University
- 2014 Advanced Placement World History Examination Reader
- 2014 Participant, Teaching Academy, Center for Teaching and Learning, Georgia Southern University
- 2010 Fellow, Oaxaca Summer Institute XII in Oaxaca, Mexico
- 2010 Participant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Summer Research Grant Development Workshop, University of Arizona
- 2010 Participant, Mentorship Program, American Society for Environmental History, Portland, OR, March 10-14

- 2009 Graduate Student Intern, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Mexico Institute in Washington, DC
- 2008 Participant, “Women’s Rights, Citizenships, and Identities in a North American Context,” Southwest Institute for Research on Women and the Universidad de las Américas in Puebla, Mexico

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2014-2016 President and Secretary (elected position), Teaching and Teaching Materials Committee for the Conference on Latin American History held at the American Historical Association
- 2014-2015 Graduate Committee Representative for the College of Liberal Arts and Social Science, Georgia Southern University
- 2014 Referee, *Latino Studies*
- 2014 Exhibit Coordinator, “Day of the Dead: Remembering the Victims of Atrocities in Latin America,” Georgia Southern University Library, October-November
- 2014 Invited Speaker, “Cultural Hybridity in Day of the Dead Celebrations,” Association of Latin American Students, Georgia Southern University, October 27
- 2013 Exhibit Coordinator, Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead bilingual exhibit at the Georgia Southern University Museum, October 30-December 2
- 2013 Invited Speaker, “Day of the Dead,” Association of Latin American Students, Georgia Southern University, November 4
- 2013 Referee, *Mexican Studies/Estudios Mexicanos*
- 2013 Co-organizer, Latin American Culture and Environment Series, University of Alabama in Huntsville
- 2011 Organizing Committee, Latin American Film Festival, Kelowna, British Columbia, Canada
- 2011 Invited Speaker, “Graduate School in Latin American Studies” at the Latin American Studies Association, California State University, Chico, May 11
- 2010 Travel Grant Judge, Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award, University of Arizona
- 2009 Copy Editor, *Latino Immigrant Civic and Political Participation: In Fresno and Madera, California*. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Mexico Institute

- 2009-2010 Ombudswoman, History Graduate Student Association, Department of History, University of Arizona
- 2009-2010 Mentorship Coordinator, History Graduate Student Association, Department of History, University of Arizona
- 2009-2010 Invited Speaker, “Tips for Success in Graduate School” at the New Graduate Student Orientation, Department of History, University of Arizona, August 21
- 2006 Editorial Board, *The Chico Historian*, vol. 16
- 2005-2006 President, Phi Alpha Theta History Honors Society, California State University, Chico

RESEARCH LANGUAGES

- English Native Language
Spanish Speak, Read, and Write with High Proficiency
Portuguese Conversation, Read, and Write

ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- American Historical Association (AHA)
American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)
Canadian Association of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CALACS)
Conference on Latin American History (CLAH)
Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies (RMCLAS)
Southeastern Council of Latin American Studies (SECOLAS)
Urban History Association (UHA)