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## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

*In Progress: Ph.D. in History*

- Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.0

University of California, Los Angeles, 2020 - Present

*M.A. in History*

University of California, Los Angeles, 2020

- Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.0

*B.A. in History (High Honors) and French*

University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2018

- *Summa Cum Laude*
- Bronze Tablet Scholar
- Member of Phi Beta Kappa
- Cumulative GPA: 3.99/4.0

### AREAS OF RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Colonial Mexico and New Spain; Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage in the Early Modern World; Race, Religion, and Legal Culture; Spanish Inquisition and Catholic Church; Bigamy and Marital Transgression; Indigenous Languages and Cultures (Nahuatl); Early Modern Iberian World; Atlantic World.

### LANGUAGES

English, Spanish (native, bilingual), French (advanced), Nahuatl (beginner)

### AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

*CCHW / Berks Graduate Student Fellowship*

November 2025

- Awarded to support a crucial stage of dissertation research and writing in history.

*17th and 18th Century Center Graduate Student Travel Award*

June 2025

- Conference travel support (Association of Caribbean Historians, Trinidad and Tobago).

*CMRS-CEGS Graduate Student Summer Award*

Summer 2025

- Research and training in early modern global studies (300–1600 CE).

*Conference Travel Grant (UCLA)*

Fall 2024

- Conference travel support (American Historical Association, New York City).

*Center for the Study of Women Travel Award (UCLA)*

Spring 2024

- Conference travel support (Western Association of Women's History).

*History Doctoral Conference Award (UCLA)*

Spring 2024

- Conference travel support (Western Association of Women's History).

*Fulbright Hays - DDRA Fellowship (UCLA)*

Spring 2022 - Spring 2023

- Year-long external fellowship supporting archival research in Mexico City and Seville.

*Graduate Student Research Travel Award (UCLA)*

Winter 2022

- Research travel support (Scholes Papers, Albuquerque, New Mexico).

*Graduate Research Mentorship (UCLA)*

Fall 2020-Spring 2021

- Research award supporting dissertation preparation on women and bigamy in colonial Mexico.

*Graduate Student Research Mentorship (UCLA)*

Summer 2020

- Summer research funding for archival work on bigamy in colonial Mexico (16th–18th centuries).

*Doctoral Student Travel Grant (UCLA)*

Summer 2019

- Preliminary dissertation research travel (Mexico City).

*Futterman Award (UCLA)*

Fall 2019

- Supplemental research award.

*Martha Belle Barrett Prize (UIUC)*

Spring 2018

- Awarded to the outstanding senior for academic excellence across all undergraduate years.

*Robert H. Bierma Scholarship (UIUC)*

2016-2017

- Awarded for superior academic merit in history.

*Kathryn A. Looney Junior and Senior Excellence Award (UIUC)*

Spring 2016, Spring 2018

- Awarded for outstanding academic achievement in the French and Italian Department.

*Access and Achievement Program Scholarship (UIUC)*

2014-2018

- Merit-based scholarship awarded for sustained academic excellence.

## CONFERENCES, INVITED TALKS, PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS, LECTURES

*“Results of Caribbean Survey,” Association of Caribbean Historians (Trinidad and Tobago)*

June 2025

- Presented comparative findings on Caribbean education systems across Dutch-, English-, French-, and Spanish-speaking regions
- Identified regional disparities in curricular structures, institutional support, and student engagement
- Proposed actionable reforms aimed at strengthening local scholarship, pedagogical autonomy, and inter-regional collaboration

*Understanding Political Systems and the Now (Manhattan Beach, CA)*

March 2025

- Delivered a public-facing presentation on comparative global political systems and governance models
- Analyzed the contemporary U.S. political landscape, emphasizing polarization and its social consequences
- Facilitated civic dialogue through a structured, interactive Q&A with community members

*American Historical Association Conference (New York, NY)*

January 2025

- Presented original dissertation research on women and bigamy in colonial Mexico
- Analyzed intersections of gender, religion, race, and social status in Inquisition cases
- Examined how legal and cultural understandings of marital transgression shaped women’s lived experiences

*Western Association of Women’s History Conference (Portland, OR)*

Spring 2024

- Presented research on women and bigamy in colonial Mexico (16th–18th centuries)
- Engaged in scholarly dialogue on gender, marriage, and colonial power structures
- Participated in panels addressing women’s history across global and comparative contexts

*American Historical Association HAHR Editorial Assistant*

Winter 2024

- Attended AHA conference panels relevant to Latin American and gender history
- Recorded detailed minutes for the *Hispanic American Historical Review* editorial board
- Networked with members of the Conference on Latin American History

*The Digital Florentine Codex Conference* (Los Angeles, CA)

Fall 2023

- Coordinated guest invitations and managed conference RSVPs
- Organized catering and logistics for the post-conference reception
- Promoted the conference to graduate students, faculty, and affiliated research centers

*Research Talk at Occidental College* (Glendale, CA)

Fall 2023

- Presented dissertation research on female bigamy to undergraduate and graduate audiences
- Offered methodological guidance on archival research in Mexico City and Seville
- Introduced students to 16th–18th century Spanish American paleography

*Talk for the Journal Sillares* (Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León)

Winter 2023

- Delivered a scholarly presentation in Spanish on David Manzano's 2020 monograph
- Engaged in critical discussion with PhD students from multiple Mexican universities
- Reflected on historiographical interventions made in my published book review

*HGSA Colloquium* (UCLA)

Spring 2021

- Presented dissertation project to graduate peers for feedback and critique
- Participated in collaborative workshopping on gender, law, and colonial marriage
- Responded to questions on methodology and archival interpretation

*University of California, Irvine HGSA 2021 Conference*

Spring 2021

- Presented original research on women and gender in colonial Latin America
- Engaged in dialogue on colonial legacies of violence and oppression
- Responded to audience and moderator questions on theoretical frameworks

*Undergraduate Conference Discussant* (UCLA)

Spring 2019

- Moderated undergraduate research panels and facilitated discussion
- Posed critical questions engaging students' theses and methodologies
- Guided scholarly exchange between panelists and audience members

## PUBLICATIONS, EDITORIAL PROJECTS, PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

*Article: Colonial Mexican Women in Bigamy Cases: A New Way to Examine Women in Past Societies*

- Published in EPOCH Magazine through Lancaster University, March 1st, 2024.
- <https://www.epoch-magazine.com/post/colonial-mexican-women-in-bigamy-cases-a-new-way-to-examine-women-in-past-societies>

*Book Review: David Manzano. El imperio español en Oceanía.*

- Publication in *Sillares. Revista de Estudios Históricos* (Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León), June, 7th 2023. <https://sillares.uanl.mx/index.php/s/article/view/80>

## THEMATIC EDITORIAL COLLECTION

*Editor and Curator, "Gendered Frontiers: Labor, Law, and Intimacy in the Making of Colonial and Postcolonial Latin America."* Hispanic American Historical Review Online Forum.

<https://hahr-online.com/gendered-frontiers-labor-law-and-intimacy-in-the-making-of-colonial-and-postcolonial-latin-america/>

- Curated and introduced a thematic digital collection highlighting new scholarship on gender, legal regimes, labor, and intimacy across Latin America; coordinated with authors and editors; framed historiographical significance for scholarly and public audiences.

## SCHOLARLY INTERVIEWS (PUBLIC HISTORY & DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP)

*Interviewer:* Conducted long-form scholarly interviews foregrounding methodology, archives, and historiographical intervention; translated specialized research for interdisciplinary and public audiences.

- Interview with Alejandro Quintero Machler, author of *Autopsy, Patrimony, and a Christianized Reforma: Manuel Ramírez Aparicio's Mexican Conventional History, 1861–1862*.  
<https://hahr-online.com/interview-with-alejandro-quintero-machler-author-of-autopsy-patrimony-and-a-christianized-reforma-manuel-ramirez-aparicos-mexican-conventional-history-1861-1862/>
- Interview with Javier Fernández Galeano and Mir Yarfitz, authors of “*Serious Maricas and Their Male Concubines*”: *Seeking Trans History and Intimacy in Argentine Police and Prison Records*.  
<https://hahr-online.com/an-interview-with-javier-fernandez-galeano-and-mir-yarfitz-authors-of-serious-maricas-and-their-male-concubines-seeking-trans-history-and-intimacy-in-argentine-police-and-prison-records-19/>
- Interview with Kristen Block, author of *Remedios for Relationships: Social Precarity and Amatory Therapeutics in the Early Circum-Caribbean*.  
<https://hahr-online.com/interview-with-kristen-block-author-of-remedios-for-relationships-social-precarity-and-amatory-therapeutics-in-the-early-circum-caribbean/>

## CERTIFICATES

*Graduate Certificate in Early Modern Studies (UCLA)*

Spring 2021

- Completed interdisciplinary training across Latin America, Europe, and Asia (c. 300–1600), with a research focus on early modern global encounters, empire, religion, and cultural exchange.
- Participated in graduate and postdoctoral colloquia and conducted certificate-based research aligned with dissertation methodology.

## TEACHING

Instructor of Record - Women in the Americas, Pre-Conquest to Independence, 2025- 2026	(UCLA)
Teaching Assistant - Mystics, Heretics and Witches in the Western Tradition, 1000 - 1700 (remote)	(UCLA)
Teaching Assistant - Atlantic World, 1492 - 1830, Winter 2024	(UCLA)
Teaching Assistant - Colonial Latin America, Fall 2023	(UCLA)
Teaching Assistant - Social History of Spain and Portugal: Age of Silver, 1479-1789, Spring 2020	(UCLA)
Teaching Assistant - 19th Century America, Winter 2020	(UCLA)
Teaching Assistant - US Women 1860-1980, Fall 2019	(UCLA)

## EXPERIENCE

<i>European Colloquium Organizer</i>	Spring 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Designed promotional materials to publicize invited guest lectures</li><li>• Coordinated with domestic and international scholars to arrange travel logistics</li><li>• Managed event planning, including lodging, dining reservations, and reimbursements</li></ul>	
<i>Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Carla Pestana</i>	Fall 2024 - Summer 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synthesized recent historiographical critiques related to Pestana's work on Jamaica</li><li>• Designed and distributed a survey on trends in West Indies historiography for the Association of Caribbean Historians</li><li>• Authored concise conference summaries for academic newsletters and research centers</li></ul>	
<i>Graduate Student Researcher for the 17th and 18th c. Center</i>	Fall 2024 - Winter 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked concurrently under Dr. Stella Nair and Dr. Barbara Fuchs (25% appointment each)</li><li>• Digitized, color-corrected, and catalogued materials for the Inca architecture database</li><li>• Assisted with annotations and introductory material for a scholarly translation of <i>Don Quixote</i></li></ul>	
<i>Peer-Reviewer for Jóvenes Investigadores en Arqueología (JIA)</i>	Spring 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Conducted peer review of an article on early colonialism in the Mariana Islands</li><li>• Provided detailed evaluative feedback in Spanish and Portuguese (with translation assistance)</li><li>• Assessed originality, methodological rigor, and scholarly contribution</li></ul>	
<i>Peer-Reviewer for Sillares Revista de Estudios Históricos</i>	Spring 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reviewed submissions on French private merchants and Peruvian silver circulation</li><li>• Offered substantive feedback on historiography, primary sources, and scholarly writing</li><li>• Gained familiarity with academic journal workflows, platforms, and deadlines</li></ul>	
<i>Hispanic American Historical Review (HAHR) Editorial Assistant</i>	Fall 2023 - Fall 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Managed manuscript workflows through ScholarOne, including review and resubmission processes</li><li>• Participated in monthly editorial board meetings to discuss submissions</li><li>• Communicated editorial decisions and synthesized reviewer feedback for authors</li></ul>	
<i>Graduate Student Researcher and Editor - Memories of the Conquest of Mexico</i>	Summer 2023-Summer 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Secured image permissions from museums and archives across Latin America, the U.S., and Europe</li><li>• Proofread translations and compiled thematic research notes for book and article projects</li><li>• Assisted Prof. Kevin Terraciano with an essay on Nahuatl language history for Oxford University Press</li></ul>	
<i>Hiring Committee Member for New Manager of Retention Initiatives (UCLA)</i>	Fall 2021
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed interview questions and evaluated finalist candidates</li><li>• Assessed applicants' experience in mentorship, diversity initiatives, and budget management</li><li>• Collaborated with committee members to reach hiring recommendations</li></ul>	
<i>GRAD STRIVE Mentor (UCLA)</i>	Fall 2021-Spring 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentored incoming PhD students on navigating graduate school and departmental culture</li><li>• Met regularly with mentees via phone and in person</li><li>• Collaborated with staff to improve institutional support for social science PhD students</li></ul>	
<i>Graduate Student Researcher/Book Editor for Archiving the Age of Mass Incarceration</i>	July 2021-April 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Translated Spanish-language materials for <i>Bad Mexicans</i> by Kelly Lytle Hernández</li><li>• Acquired high-resolution archival images from U.S. and Mexican repositories</li><li>• Fact-checked footnotes using primary and secondary sources</li></ul>	

## **RESEARCH TRAINING AND ACADEMIC SERVICE (Selected)**

### **Graduate Student Researcher, Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies (UCLA) — *Spring 2021***

Conducted translation and analysis of sixteenth-century French and Spanish texts on New World conquests; selected and synthesized key primary and secondary sources; edited preliminary research drafts prior to submission for publication.

### **Graduate Student Researcher, Women, Men, and Sexuality Emphasis (UCLA) — *Summer 2019–Spring 2021***

Supported interdisciplinary programming by editing web content, managing the emphasis mailing list, and sustaining scholarly communication among affiliated faculty and graduate students.

### **Research Assistant, Colonial Latin American History (UCLA) — *Winter 2020–Spring 2020***

Collected and organized special collections materials; compiled secondary sources for textbook and article manuscripts; translated Spanish and Nahuatl texts into English.

### **Organizer, Indigenous Material and Visual Culture of the Americas (UCLA) — *Fall 2019–Spring 2020***

Designed digital promotional materials, coordinated annual lecture programming, and liaised with domestic and international scholars.

### **Co-President, History Graduate Student Association (UCLA) — *Fall 2018–Spring 2020***

Led departmental committees, coordinated with faculty leadership, and organized monthly meetings and events for graduate students.

### **Vice President, Phi Alpha Theta (UIUC) — *Fall 2017–Spring 2018***

Oversaw academic, social, and fundraising initiatives; collaborated with the Executive Board to organize undergraduate history conferences.

### **Illinois Program in Paris (UIUC) — *Spring 2017***

Completed coursework taught entirely in French while conducting historical study in an international academic setting.

### **Research Assistant, Pre-Modern French History (UIUC) — *Fall 2016***

Organized eighteenth-century archival documents; produced abstracts of apprenticeship trials; analyzed guild structures, gender, and labor practices.

### **University of Illinois History External Review Member (UIUC) — *Fall 2016***

Contributed student data and editorial support to the department's external self-study alongside faculty and visiting scholars.

## **VOLUNTEER / CHARITY WORK**

London Marathon Finisher and Fundraiser for UK Cancer Research

London, Spring 2023

- Trained independently and completed the 2023 London Marathon
- Promoted fundraising initiatives through social media outreach
- Raised £1,000 in support of UK Cancer Research

Tucson Thanksgiving Food Drive

Tucson, Winter 2022

- Delivered winter produce to families across southern Arizona
- Sorted, cleaned, and packaged food items
- Calculated meal distributions based on family size and need

Baby2Baby

Los Angeles, Summer 2021

- Distributed backpacks and supplies to partner organizations
- Sorted and inventoried donated clothing for children and infants

Ocean Blue Beach Clean-Up

Santa Monica, Summer 2021

- Tracked and inventoried collected waste
- Distributed cleanup tools and assisted with event logistics
- Prepared and delivered meals for volunteers