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## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

<i>In Progress: Ph.D. in History</i>	University of California, Los Angeles, 2020 - Present
• Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.0	
<i>M.A. in History</i>	University of California, Los Angeles, 2020
• Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.0	
<i>B.A. in History (High Honors) and French</i>	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 2018
• <i>Summa Cum Laude</i>	
• 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

<i>CCHW / Berks Graduate Student Fellowship</i>	November 2025
• Awarded to support a crucial stage of dissertation research and writing in history.	
<i>17th and 18th Century Center Graduate Student Travel Award</i>	June 2025
• Conference travel support (Association of Caribbean Historians, Trinidad and Tobago).	
<i>CMRS-CEGS Graduate Student Summer Award</i>	Summer 2025
• Research and training in early modern global studies (300–1600 CE).	
<i>Conference Travel Grant (UCLA)</i>	Fall 2024
• Conference travel support (American Historical Association, New York City).	
<i>Center for the Study of Women Travel Award (UCLA)</i>	Spring 2024
• Conference travel support (Western Association of Women's History).	
<i>History Doctoral Conference Award (UCLA)</i>	Spring 2024
• Conference travel support (Western Association of Women's History).	
<i>Fulbright Hays - DDRA Fellowship (UCLA)</i>	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).  
*Futtermann 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
- 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  
*Understanding Political Systems and the Now* (Manhattan Beach, CA) March 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  
*American Historical Association Conference* (New York, NY) January 2025
- 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  
*Western Association of Women’s History Conference* (Portland, OR) Spring 2024
- American Historical Association HAHHR 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 Conventual History, 1861–1862*.  
<https://hahr-online.com/interview-with-alejandro-quintero-machler-author-of-autopsy-patrimony-and-a-christianized-reforma-manuel-ramirez-aporicios-mexican-conventual-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

### *European Colloquium Organizer*

Spring 2025

- Designed promotional materials to publicize invited guest lectures
- Coordinated with domestic and international scholars to arrange travel logistics
- Managed event planning, including lodging, dining reservations, and reimbursements

### *Graduate Student Researcher for Dr. Carla Pestana*

Fall 2024 - Summer 2025

- Synthesized recent historiographical critiques related to Pestana's work on Jamaica
- Designed and distributed a survey on trends in West Indies historiography for the Association of Caribbean Historians
- Authored concise conference summaries for academic newsletters and research centers

### *Graduate Student Researcher for the 17th and 18th c. Center*

Fall 2024 - Winter 2025

- Worked concurrently under Dr. Stella Nair and Dr. Barbara Fuchs (25% appointment each)
- Digitized, color-corrected, and catalogued materials for the Inca architecture database
- Assisted with annotations and introductory material for a scholarly translation of *Don Quixote*

### *Peer-Reviewer for Jóvenes Investigadores en Arqueología (JIA)*

Spring 2024

- Conducted peer review of an article on early colonialism in the Mariana Islands
- Provided detailed evaluative feedback in Spanish and Portuguese (with translation assistance)
- Assessed originality, methodological rigor, and scholarly contribution

### *Peer-Reviewer for Sillares Revista de Estudios Históricos*

Spring 2024

- Reviewed submissions on French private merchants and Peruvian silver circulation
- Offered substantive feedback on historiography, primary sources, and scholarly writing
- Gained familiarity with academic journal workflows, platforms, and deadlines

### *Hispanic American Historical Review (HAHR) Editorial Assistant*

Fall 2023 - Fall 2026

- Managed manuscript workflows through ScholarOne, including review and resubmission processes
- Participated in monthly editorial board meetings to discuss submissions
- Communicated editorial decisions and synthesized reviewer feedback for authors

### *Graduate Student Researcher and Editor - Memories of the Conquest of Mexico*

Summer 2023-Summer 2024

- Secured image permissions from museums and archives across Latin America, the U.S., and Europe
- Proofread translations and compiled thematic research notes for book and article projects
- Assisted Prof. Kevin Terraciano with an essay on Nahuatl language history for Oxford University Press

### *Hiring Committee Member for New Manager of Retention Initiatives (UCLA)*

Fall 2021

- Developed interview questions and evaluated finalist candidates
- Assessed applicants' experience in mentorship, diversity initiatives, and budget management
- Collaborated with committee members to reach hiring recommendations

### *GRAD STRIVE Mentor (UCLA)*

Fall 2021-Spring 2022

- Mentored incoming PhD students on navigating graduate school and departmental culture
- Met regularly with mentees via phone and in person
- Collaborated with staff to improve institutional support for social science PhD students

### *Graduate Student Researcher/Book Editor for Archiving the Age of Mass Incarceration*

July 2021-April 2022

- Translated Spanish-language materials for *Bad Mexicans* by Kelly Lytle Hernández
- Acquired high-resolution archival images from U.S. and Mexican repositories
- Fact-checked footnotes using primary and secondary sources

## **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