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Education

Ph.D., History, University of Texas at Austin, 2014; Dissertation: “Extracting the Eagle’s Talons: The Soviet Union in Cold War Latin America”

M.A., History, California State University Northridge, 2007, With Distinction

B.A., History, University of California at Santa Cruz, 2003, College Honors and Honors in the Major

Selected Grants & Fellowships

2016	William Appleman Williams Junior Faculty Research Grant, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR)
2015	Kennan Institute Short-Term Grant, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C.
2014-2015	Dickey Center & Dean of the Faculty Postdoctoral Fellowship in International Security and U.S. Foreign Policy, Dartmouth College
2014	Clements Center Grant in History, Strategy, and Statecraft
2013-2014	Dissertation Completion Fellowship, SHAFR
2011-2012	Title VIII Combined Research and Language Training Fellowship
2009-2010	Academic Year FLAS (Russian)
2008	Summer FLAS (Russian)
2007	Sally Casanova Pre-Doctoral Fellowship

Selected Publications

Reagan’s Wars on Drugs and Communism in Latin America (book manuscript in progress)

The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Cold War: A Short History with Documents (Indianapolis/Cambridge: Hackett, 2018).

“Negotiating Non-Alignment: Cuba, the USSR, and the Non-Aligned Movement,” in *Latin America and the Global Cold War*, edited by Thomas Field, Stella Krepp, and Vanni Pettinà (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2020), 148-73.

“The Cuban Junta in Exile and the Origins of the Spanish-American War,” in *Communicating War from Quills to Tweets: The Evolution of American Wartime Communication Strategies*, edited by Marc Genest, Sally Paine, and Andrea Dew (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2019), 62-77.

“The Role of the U.S. in the United Nations,” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of American History* (Oxford University Press, 2017).

“Revisiting the 1954 Coup in Guatemala: The Soviet Union, the United Nations, and ‘Hemispheric Solidarity,’” *Journal of Cold War Studies*, 17:2 (Spring 2015), 73-102. [Reviewed by Andrew Kirkendall for H-Diplo: [Permanent URL](#)]

“Endeavors to Make Global Connections: Latin American Contacts and Strategies with Mediterranean Non-Alignment in the Early Cold War,” with Rinna Kullaa, *Südosteuropäische Hefte* 4:2 (2015), 25-35.

“The Evolution of Narcoterrorism: From the Cold War to the War on Drugs,” in *Beyond the Eagle’s Shadow: New Histories of Latin America’s Cold War*, edited by Virginia Garrard-Burnett, Mark A. Lawrence, and Julio E. Moreno, (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2013), 281-306.

“Narcoterrorism: How Real is the Threat?” in *Counterterrorism: From the Cold War to the War on Terror, Volume One: Combating Modern Terrorism (1968-2011)*, edited by Frank Shanty. Santa Barbara: Praeger, 2012.

“‘Obey the Rules or Get Out’: Ronald Reagan’s 1966 Gubernatorial Campaign and the ‘Trouble in Berkeley,’” *Southern California Quarterly* 92:3 (Fall 2010), 275-305.

Selected Papers and Workshops

September 2019, international workshop, “Communist Europe and the Caribbean during the Cold War: Diplomacy, Espionage, Migrations, and Other Forms of Mutual Engagement,” Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.

June 2019, “Strange Bedfellows: Alliance Politics in the 1982 Falklands/Malvinas Crisis,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, Virginia.

May 2019, international workshop, “Las Relaciones Internacionales de América Latina en 2019,” El Colegio de México, Mexico City.

June 2018, “The Politics of Normalization: The United States and Castro’s Cuba in and after the Cold War,” Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

September 2017, “The Cuban Missile Crisis: A State of the Field and New Possible Historical Perspectives,” Seminario de Historia Internacional, El Colegio de México, Mexico City.

January 2017, Roundtable: “Beyond Pan-Americanism: Internationalizing the History of the Cold War in Latin America,” 131st Annual Meeting of the American Historical Association (AHA), Denver, Colorado.

May 2016, “Internationalizing the Dominican Crisis of 1965: The Cold War and the Politics of Regional Security,” JSOMA Strategic Studies Symposium, College of International Security Affairs, National Defense University, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Summer 2015, New Faces Program, Triangle Institute for Security Studies (TISS), a joint consortium of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, and North Carolina State University.

June 2015, "Competing Conceptions of Non-Alignment: Cuba, the United States, and the Soviet Union," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Arlington, Virginia.

February 2015, "Conflict and Cooperation in the Caribbean: The Soviet Union and the Nicaraguan Revolution," International Security Studies Brady-Johnson Colloquium in Grand Strategy and International History, Yale University.

Summer 2014, Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Summer Seminar, "Wilsonianism and the Legacies of the First World War," Williams College, Massachusetts.

April 2014, Twelfth Annual George Washington University/University of California at Santa Barbara/London School of Economics International Graduate Student Conference on the Cold War, "Cashing in on a Coup: The Soviet Union and the Chilean Solidarity Campaign," Santa Barbara, California.

October 2009, "Coca, Communism, and Cold War: Reagan, Bush, and 'Narco-Terrorism' in the Andes," a conference on Latin America in the Cold War, Institute for Historical Studies, University of Texas at Austin.

Summer 2009, Summer Intensive on Conducting Archival Research (SICAR), George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

June 2008, "Reagan's Wars: Drugs, the Contras, and the Cross-Fire," Annual Meeting of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Ohio State University, Columbus.

April 2006, "The International Narcotic Crop Eradication Strategy of Reagan's War on Drugs: Analysis of a Policy Failure," 86th Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Social Science Association.

March 2006, "Obey the Rules or Get Out: Ronald Reagan's 1966 Gubernatorial Campaign and the Free Speech Movement," First Annual Whitsett Seminar in California History, California State University Northridge.

Professional Experience

U.S. History Article Writer, Khan Academy, December 2015 to January 2017. Wrote articles on U.S. history for a digital history project combining user-friendly written material with instructional videos and other supplementary media.

Reader, Advanced Placement U.S. History (APUSH), CollegeBoard/Educational Testing Service, 2015 to present. Scored AP U.S. History exams, focus on document-based questions.

Subject Matter Expert, LearnSmart, McGraw-Hill, 2010. Developed enabling objectives and questions to test student comprehension of learning material for a software supplement to a widely used undergraduate textbook on U.S. history.