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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2010–19 Princeton University
Assistant Professor, Department of History

Fall 2009 Princeton University
Instructor, Department of History

Spring 2007 Dartmouth College
Visiting Instructor, Department of History

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Forgotten Peace: Reform, Violence, and the Making of Contemporary Colombia.
Violence in Latin American History series, University of California Press (2017).

- Spanish translation: La paz olvidada: Letrados, políticos, campesinos y el surgimiento de las FARC en la formación de la Colombia contemporánea. Librería Lerner (2018).
- Winner: Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies Arthur P. Whitaker Prize (2018).
- Reviews: American Historical Review, CHOICE (Highly Recommended), El Tiempo, International Affairs, NACLA Report on the Americas, ReVista: Harvard Review of Latin America.

Articles

“Century of the Exile: Colombia’s Displacement and Land Restitution in Historical Perspective, 1940s–1960s.” Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies / Revue canadienne des études latino-américaines et caraïbes 42, no. 3: Land, Justice, and Memory: Challenges for Peace in Colombia (November 2017): 298–319. doi.org/10.1080/08263663.2017.1317951.

“Reading the Cuban Revolution from Bogotá, 1957–62,” Cold War History 16, no. 4 (November 2016): 337–358. doi.org/10.1080/14682745.2016.1218848.

- Reviewed by H-Diplo.

Forthcoming

"From 'Showcase' to 'Failure': Democracy and the Colombian Developmental State in the 1960s," in State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Rise & Fall of the Developmental State, ed. Miguel A. Centeno and Agustin E. Ferraro. Cambridge University Press (forthcoming, 2018).

In Progress

"The Politics of Colombian Development in Latin America's Long 1950s" (article manuscript).

"Los mitos de Marquetalia: Los orígenes de las FARC y la historiografía colombiana frente al posacuerdo" (article manuscript).

State of Impunity: Injustice and Legal Exception in Modern Colombia (book manuscript).

The History of Inequality in Colombia, 1837–Present (book manuscript).

EDUCATION

- 2009 Harvard University
 Ph.D., History
 Dissertation: "State Formation, Violence, and Cold War in
 Colombia, 1957–1966"
 Examination Fields: Latin America since 1810, Latin America 1500–1810,
 International Relations since 1815, Sub-Saharan Africa
 to 1800
- 2003 Dartmouth College
 A.B., History
 Summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Presidential Scholar with High Honors

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2016–17 Santander Visiting Scholar Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin
 American Studies, Harvard University
- 2015 Seed Grant, Center for Digital Humanities, Princeton University
- 2011–12 Anonymous Undergraduate Research Fund, University Committee on
 Research in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Princeton University
- 2010–12,
 '17–18 Summer Research Grant, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton
 University
- 2007–09 Coatsworth Fellowship in Latin American History, Harvard University
- 2008–09 Hoopes Prize for Excellence in the Work of Undergraduates and the Art of
 Teaching, Harvard University
- 2008 Eisenhower Foundation Travel Grant, Dwight D. Eisenhower Library

2008	Moody Grant, Lyndon Baines Johnson Library Foundation
2005, '07	Mellon Summer Field Research Travel Grant, Harvard University
2006–07	Fulbright Cultural Exchange/IEE Fellowship (Colombia)
2005	Summer Research Grant, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
2004–05	Whipple V.N. Jones Graduate Fellowship, Harvard University
2004	Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Summer School Tuition Waiver Fellowship (for Portuguese language study), Harvard University
2003–04	Andrew W. Mellon Fellowship in Humanistic Studies
2003	Richard McCornack Prize for Excellence in History (for highest academic record in History of any major admitted to graduate school in history), Dartmouth College

TEACHING AND GRADUATE MENTORING

Undergraduate Lecture Courses

2018	African American Studies 313/History 213: Modern Caribbean History (Princeton University; co-taught)
2011, '13, '15, '16	History/Latin American Studies 304: Modern Latin America since 1810 (Princeton University)
2007	History 83: Twentieth Century Latin America (Dartmouth College)
2007	History 5.6: Pre-Columbian and Colonial Latin America (Dartmouth College)

Undergraduate Seminars

2017	History 400: U.S. Empire in the Caribbean (Princeton University)
2010, '12, '13	History 400: Revolution and Counter-Revolution in 20th Century Latin America (Princeton University)
2010	History/Latin American Studies 408: Selected Topics in 20th Century Latin America: The Latin American Cold War (Princeton University)

Graduate Seminars

2010–14, '16–17	History 506: Modern Latin American History since 1810 (Princeton University)
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Graduate Advising: Dissertation Committee First Reader (Princeton University)

- Iwa Nawrocki, "Liberating Utopia: The Brazilian Catholic Left, Democracy, and the Socialist World, 1978–1991" (in progress).
- Teresa Davis, "America para la humanidad: Liberalism, Internationalism and Sovereignty in Argentina and Chile (1910–1933)" (in progress).
- Diana Andrade, "'We Left Legality to Enter the Rule of Law:' The Struggle for Congress and the Constitution in Colombia, 1945–1962 (in progress).
- Paula Vedoveli, "Private Capital, Public Debt: A Global History of Brazil and Argentina's

- Integration into International Financial Markets, 1852–1902” (in progress).
- Jessica Mack, “The Emerging City: Mexico’s Foundations at Ciudad Universitaria, 1929–1982” (in progress).
- Andrea Oñate, “Insurgent Diplomacy: The Internationalized Revolution of El Salvador, 1970–1992” (2016).
- Melissa Teixeira, “South Atlantic Corporatism: Development, Law and Citizenship in Brazil and Portugal, 1922–1945” (2016).
- Margarita Fajardo, “The Latin American Experience with Development: Social Sciences, Economic Policies, and the Making of a Global Order, 1944–1971” (2015).

Graduate Advising: Outside Dissertation Committee Member

- Allen Kim, “Rhetoric, Polemic, and Narrative: The Social Life of Political Ideas in Duvalier and Early Post-Duvalier Haiti (1957–1987)” (Princeton University, in progress).
- Hernando Andrés Pulido Londoño, “Estado, política cultural y Restauración Conservadora en Colombia (1946–1957)” (Universidad de los Andes, 2018).
- Oliver Murphey, “A Bond that Will Permanently Endure: The Eisenhower Administration, the Bolivian Revolution and Latin American Leftist Nationalism” (Columbia University, 2016).

Teaching Assistant

- 2009 History 383: United States History Since 1920 (Princeton University)
- 2006 History 90g: Major Themes in Latin American History (Harvard University)
- Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.
- 2006 History 1658: Native America: The West (Harvard University)
- Awarded Certificate of Distinction in Teaching.
- 2005 Historical Study B-64: The Cuban Revolution, 1956-1971: A Self-Debate (Harvard University)

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS

Invited Presentations and Comments

- Discussant, Bankruptcy and Citizenship: Puerto Rico, a 21st Century Colony? colloquium, Princeton University, 20 October 2017.
- “Los retornos de José Dolores: Estado, campesinado y los orígenes de la Colombia contemporánea,” presentation at Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 15 August 2017.
- “The FARC’s First March and the Making of Contemporary Colombia,” presentation at Dartmouth College, 20 April 2017.
- “The Many Returns of José Dolores: Displacement and Colombia’s Forgotten Midcentury Peace,” Colombia, Andes and Southern Cone Program/ Displacements series, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 29 March 2017.
- “Peace, Justice, Reparation: Lessons from the Colombia Peace Process,” panel at

- Boston College, 30 January 2017.
- "From 'Showcase' to 'Failure': Democracy and the Colombian Developmental State in the 1960s," paper presented at the State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Rise and Fall of the Developmental State 1930-1990 conference, Princeton University, 20-21 January 2017.
- "Peace in Colombia in Historical Perspective," presentation at the Tuesday Seminar on Contemporary Latin American Issues, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 22 November 2016.
- "Proyecto Simpático: Inteligencia del Estado, ciencias sociales e insurgencia en Colombia," presentation at Secretos de Estado: La inteligencia política, entre la guerra y la paz, 50 años del proyecto Camelot, Universidad de Antioquia, Medellín, 19-21 October 2016.
- "Contextualizing the Colombian Peace Process: A Round Table Discussion," David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, September 28, 2016.
- Keynote address, "From the History of Developmentalism to the History of Inequality: Elites, Democracy, and Cold War in Colombia," presented at the Cold War Development and Developmentalism in Global Perspective symposium, Arch Dalrymple III Department of History, University of Mississippi, 3-5 March 2016.
- "Displacement, Land, and the Colombian State in Historical Perspective, 1940s–1960s," paper presented at the Land, Memory and Justice: Challenges for Peace in Colombia workshop, University of Toronto, 2-3 October 2015.
- "Social Science, Politics, and the Making of the Colombian Developmental State in the 1960s," paper presented at the State and Nation Making in Latin America and Spain: Rise and Fall of the Developmental State 1930-1990 conference, Princeton University, 18-19 September 2015.
- "The Colombian Left and the Paradoxes of Revolution, 1957–present," presentation at Rewriting the History of the Latin American Left workshop, Princeton University, 26 October 2012.
- "Reading the Cuban Revolution from Bogotá," presentation at the Andes Initiative, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University, 29 February 2012.
- "The Fearful Night Returns: Displacement and Citizenship in Late Violencia Colombia," paper presented at the University of Chicago Latin American History Workshop, 17 November 2011.
- "The State, Rural Communists, and the Fraying of Colombia's Peace, 1957–1960," paper presented at the New York City Latin American History Workshop, New York University, 19 November 2010.
- Comment on Matthew Butler, "The 'Totonac Luther': Patriarch Pérez and the Failed Christianization of the Mexican Revolution," Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 15 October 2010.
- "'Peace without the Enemy': Political Homogenization and the Consequences of La Violencia in Colombia, 1946–1966," paper presented at the Program on Order, Conflict, and Violence, Yale University, 27 January 2010.
- Comment on Petra Goedde, "The World Peace Council and the Global Discourse of

Peace," Shelby Cullom Davis Center for Historical Studies, Princeton University, 4 December 2009.

"La Alianza para el Progreso y las frustraciones con la democracia en Colombia, 1961–1966," presentation at the Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia, 4 November 2009.

Conference and Other Presentations

"Myths of Marquetalia: The State of Colombian Historiography at the FARC's Fiftieth," paper presented at the 35th Latin American Studies Association Congress, New York, 28 May 2016.

"The Many Returns of José Dolores: State and Rural Society in the Making of Colombia's Creole Peace, 1957–61," presentation at the Conference on Latin American History Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., 2–5 January 2014.

"Alliances for Progress? The Political Economy of Development in Colombia, 1958–1966," paper presented at the 125th Meeting of the American Historical Association, Boston, 8 January 2011.

"After Marquetalia: Displacement, Counter-Insurgency, and the Birth of the FARC, 1964–1966," paper presented at the 29th Latin American Studies Association Congress, Toronto, 9 October 2010.

"Community Development and Colombia's Cold War, 1960–1966," Program in Latin American Studies Work-in-Progress Faculty Seminar, Princeton University, 7 October 2009.

"The National Front and Colombia's Forgotten Peace, 1957–1959," paper presented at the XVI Congreso de la Asociación de Colombianistas, University of Virginia, 4–7 August 2009.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Opinion Pieces

"The Politics of Peace in Colombia," *NACLA Report on the Americas* 49, no. 4 (December 2017): 405–407. doi.org/10.1080/10714839.2017.1409010.

"Beyond October 2: Possible Futures in Post-Referendum Colombia," *NACLA*, October 7, 2016. <<https://nacla.org/news/2016/10/07/beyond-october-2-possible-futures-post-referendum-colombia>>.

"Here's the Century-Long History Behind Colombia's Peace Agreement with the FARC." *The Monkey Cage* [Washington Post political science/politics blog], October 1, 2016. <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2016/10/01/heres-the-century-long-history-behind-colombias-peace-agreement-with-the-farc/>>.

Reviews

H-Diplo roundtable review of Precarious Paths to Freedom: The United States, Venezuela, and the Latin American Cold War, by Aragorn Storm Miller. H-Diplo/H-Net Reviews, July 2017 <<http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XVIII-33>>.

Review of Territorial Rule in Colombia and the Transformation of the Llanos Orientales, by Jane Rausch. Journal of Latin American Studies 47, no. 2 (May 2015): 427–429.

Review of Between the Guerrillas and the State: The Cocalero Movement, Citizenship, and Identity in the Colombian Amazon, by María Clemencia Ramírez. Hispanic American Historical Review 93, no. 3 (August 2013): 526–528.

H-Diplo roundtable review of The Truman Administration and Bolivia: Making the World Safe for Liberal Constitutional Oligarchy, by Glenn J. Dorn; and The Bolivian Revolution and the United States, 1952 to the Present, by James F. Siekmeier. H-Diplo/H-Net Reviews, May 2013 <<http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XIV-33.pdf>>.

H-Diplo roundtable review of Colombia and the United States: The Making of an Inter-American Alliance, 1939-1960, by Bradley Lynn Coleman. H-Diplo/H-Net Reviews, March 2010 <<http://h-diplo.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XI-17.pdf>>.

Published Translations

Enrique Tandeter. "The Mining Industry." Trans. by John Couriel and Robert Karl. In The Colonial Era and the Short Nineteenth Century, Vol. I of The Cambridge Economic History of Latin America, edited by Victor Bulmer-Thomas, et al. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.

INTERVIEWS

"Colombia fue un pionero mundial en procesos de paz': Robert Karl," El Espectador, 11 June 2018 <<https://colombia2020.elespectador.com/pais/colombia-fue-un-pionero-mundial-en-procesos-de-paz-robert-karl>>.

"La historia de Colombia no es solo un fracaso,'" La Opinión de Cúcuta, 26 May 2018 <<https://www.laopinion.com.co/cultura/la-historia-de-colombia-no-es-solo-un-fracaso-155136#OP>>.

"La paz olvidada." Interview on La Memoria de la Nación [Bogotá], broadcast 18 August 2017 <<http://unradio.unal.edu.co/nc/detalle/article/la-paz-olvidada.html>>.

Greg Grandin, "Will Last Year's Peace Treaty Survive, or Is the Past Prologue in Colombia? An Interview with Historian Robert Karl on the Country's Violent Demobilization." The Nation [online], 22 June 2017 <<https://www.thenation.com/article/will-last-years-peace-treaty-survive-or-is-the-past-prologue-in-colombia/>>.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Princeton University

- 2017–18 Fulbright Program Adviser
- 2015 Executive Committee, Center for Digital Humanities
- 2014 South Asia Search Committee, Department of History
- 2012– Executive Committee, Program in Latin American Studies
- 2011–13 Graduate Admissions/Program Committee, Department of History
- 2012–13 Finance Committee, Department of History
- 2012–13 Advisor, Graduate Student Work-in-Progress Colloquium, Program in Latin American Studies

- 2010–11, Asia/Latin America/Africa Thesis Prize Committee, Department of History
'15–16
- 2009–10 Co-organizer, Introduction to the Historical Uses of GIS (for graduate students)
- 2010 Kenneth Maxwell Senior Thesis Prize Committee, Program in Latin American Studies
- 2010 Specialist Reader, Society of Fellows in the Liberal Arts

Other

- 2017– Member, Comité Científico (Advisory Committee), Anuario Colombiano de Historia Social y de la Cultura
- 2017 Grant Evaluator, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
- 2014–15 President, Gran Colombia Section, Conference on Latin American History
- 2014–15 Reviewer, Social Science Research Council, Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2014– Book Proposal Reviewer, Oxford University Press, Macmillan International Higher Education
- 2014 External Assessor, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada
- 2013–14 Secretary, Gran Colombia Section, Conference on Latin American History
- 2010– Manuscript Reviewer, Anuario Colombiano de Historia Social y de la Cultura, Revista Colombiana de Sociología, Mundo Agrario [Argentina]

Related Professional Experience

- 2014– Expert witness for Colombians seeking political asylum in United States and Hong Kong.

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

- 2016–17 Santander Visiting Scholar, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University

2011–12 Faculty Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
2011– Faculty Associate, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University
2009– Faculty Associate, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University
2008–09 Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Harvard University
2005–06, '07–'08 Graduate Student Associate, David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies, Harvard University
2006–07 International Student/Visiting Researcher, Department of History, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Historical Association
Asociación de Colombianistas
Conference on Latin American History
Latin American Studies Association
Middle Atlantic Council of Latin American Studies
Southern Historical Society, Latin American and Caribbean Section

SKILLS

Languages

Spanish: fluent

Portuguese: reading, basic writing

GIS Software

ArcGIS

Esri Storymaps

MapBox