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EDUCATION:

- 2005 Ph.D., University of Chicago, History Department
Dissertation: "Honor, Corruption, and Legitimacy: Liberal Projects in the Early Venezuelan Republic, 1821-1850."
Chair: Tamar Herzog
- 1999 M.A., University of Chicago, History
- 1991 B.A., Cum Laude with Distinction, Cornell University, History

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

- 2015-present Associate Professor, History Department, University of Oregon
- 2012-2015 Assistant Professor, History Department, University of Oregon
- 2010-present Director of General Social Sciences Program, University of Oregon, Eugene
- 2004-2012 Instructor, University of Oregon, Eugene
History Department, Political Science Department
- 2005-2010 Instructor, Clark Honors College, University of Oregon, Eugene
- 2003 Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

- Journal Article: "How Civic Virtue Became Republican Honor: Venezuela 1800-1850"
- Journal Article: "Women Killing Babies: Infanticide and Abortion in Venezuela's Young Republic (1811-1863)."
- Book: *Killers, Thugs, and Thieves: Women and Crime in an Emerging Republic, Venezuela 1780-1870*

PUBLICATIONS:

Book

Ambitious Rebels: Remaking Honor, Law, and Liberalism in Venezuela, 1780-1850.
University of Arizona Press, 2013.

Winner of the 2014 Fernando Coronil Book Award, granted by the Latin American Studies Association.

Book Chapters

"A Civilian for President? Venezuela's 1834 Election," *Oxford Handbook of Revolutionary Elections*, Oxford University Press (forthcoming 2017).

“Y para las damas, qué? Liberalism, Nationalism, and Gender in the Hispanic World.” In Eastman, Scott, and Natalia Sobrevilla Perea, eds. *The Rise of Constitutional Government in the Iberian Atlantic World: The Impact of the Cádiz Constitution of 1812*. Mobile, AL: University of Alabama Press (2015).

"Heretics, Vagabonds, and Businessmen: Foreigners in Venezuela's First Decade of Independence." In *Connections after Colonialism: Europe and Latin America in the 1820s*, edited by Matthew Brown and Gabriel Paquette. Mobile, AL: University of Alabama Press, 2013.

Journal Articles

“Liberal Justice: Judicial Reform in Venezuela's Courts, 1786-1850,” *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 90:3 (August 2010).

"Honor and Capitalism: Work and Citizenship in Venezuela, 1821-50." *Selected Papers of the 2009 Consortium on the Revolutionary Era, 1750-1850*. Louisiana State University, Shreveport, LA, 2010.

“Complaining Like a Liberal: Redefining Law, Justice, and Official Misconduct in Venezuela, 1790-1850,” *The Americas* 65:3 (January 2009): 351-74.

“The Sounds of War or of Growing Democracy? Venezuelan Intellectuals Speak on the April Coup,” *Journal of Iberian and Latin American Studies* 8:1, July 2002: 179-85.

“Francisco de Miranda's Colombia: An Intellectual and Diplomatic History of a Pre-Revolutionary Spanish American Independence Movement.” *Proceedings of the 48th Annual Meeting, Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies*, Santa Fe, NM, 1999.

Encyclopedia Articles

“Venezuela” in Francis, J. Michael, ed. *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*. Santa Barbara and Oxford: ABC-Clio, 2005.

“Independence – Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela” in Francis, J. Michael, ed. *Iberia and the Americas: Culture, Politics, and History*. Santa Barbara and Oxford: ABC-Clio, 2005.

Reviews

Lasso, Marixa. *Myths of Harmony: Race and Republicanism During the Age of Revolution*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, 2007. *The Americas* 65, no. 4 (April 2009): 144-45.

Maher, John, ed. *Francisco de Miranda: Exile and Enlightenment*, Nineteenth-Century Latin American Series. London: Institute for the Study of the Americas, 2006. *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 83, October 2007: 151-53.

Mendinueta, Viceroy Pedro. *Memoria Sobre el Nuevo Reino de Granada, 1803. A Report Concerning the Viceroyalty of New Granada*. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 2004. *The Americas* 62, no. 3 (2006): 457.

COMPETITIVE AWARDS:

- 2015 Faculty Research Grant from the Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon
- 2015 Summer Stipend for Humanities and Creative Arts Faculty, University of Oregon
- 2014 Fernando Coronil Book Award, 2014. Given by the Latin American Studies Association
- 2014 Travel grant from the Center for the Study of Women in Society, University of Oregon
- 2009 National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend
- 2002-03 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship
- 2000-03 Mellon Fellowship for Latin American History
- 2001 Mellon Fellowship Field Research Grant
- 2000 Hewlett Field Research Grant

Other Awards:

- 2009 Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Society of Leadership and Success (Sigma Alpha Pi)

PRESENTATIONS:

Invited Papers

- 2013 Commentator at the Graduate Student Conference on International History, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2012 “¿Y para las damas, qué? Liberalism, nationalism, and gender in the Hispanic world.” Conference title: “La Constitución de Cádiz de 1812 y su impacto en el Mundo Atlántico” Pontificia universidad católica del Perú. Lima, Peru.
- 2009 “Revolutionary honour, truth, and justice: Creating a modern legal system in Venezuela (and Latin America) after independence, 1820-50.” Venezuelan Embassy, London, UK.
- 2009 “Heretics, Bums, and Businessmen: Foreigners in Venezuela’s First Decade of Independence (1820s).” Conference on Europe and Ibero-America, Trinity College, Cambridge University, UK.

- 2003 "The Crisis in Venezuela: Towards Revolution or Reconciliation?" Latin American, Caribbean and Iberian Studies Program, University of Wisconsin, Madison.
- 2003 "Media, Gunmen, and the Tactics of Confusion: Chavez's Venezuela Torn Apart." Center for Latin American Studies, University of Chicago.

Conferences

- 2017 "Why did you kill your baby? Infanticide in Venezuela's early republic (1811-1850)." Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies.
- 2016 "Women Killing Babies: Infanticide and Abortion in Venezuela's Middle Period (1780-1850)." Latin American Studies Association
- 2015 Panel commentator: "'A Fragile Harmony': Economic Tensions, Social Frictions, and Political Instability in Venezuela During the Age of Revolutions, 1780-1810." American Historical Association.
- 2014 "Unruly women: Patriarchy and Orthodoxy in the Early Venezuelan Republic." Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies.
- 2014 "Secular Heretics: Poor Men and Other Threats to the 'Orthodoxy' of Patriarchy in the Early Venezuelan republic." American Historical Association
- 2013 "The Catholic Roots of Honor and Citizenship in the Early Venezuelan Republic." Conference of the Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies.
- 2011 "Violent Opposition: Venezuelan Liberals, Conservatives, and Rebels in the 1840s." American Historical Association.
- 2009 "Honor and Capitalism: Economic Productivity and Citizenship in Venezuela, 1821-50." Consortium on the Revolutionary Era.
- 2009 Round Table Discussant: "Reclaiming Gran Colombian Studies." American Historical Association.
- 2007 Round Table Discussant: "Left Behind or Left Ahead? Current Andean Political Trends in Historical Perspective." American Historical Association.
- 2007 "The Creation of Liberal Justice: Court Reform in Post-Independence Venezuela, 1821-50." American Historical Association.

- 2006 “Bums, Vice, Poverty, and Honor in the Early Venezuelan Republic, 1821-1835.” American Historical Association.
- 2005 “Abusive Administrators, Offensive Creditors: Political, Economic, and Moral Corruption in the Early Venezuelan Republic (1821-50).” American Historical Association.
- 2004 Chair of panel: “To Build the Republic: Forging Political Vision in 19th and 20th Century Venezuela.” Latin American Studies Association. Paper title: “*Derecho, Gente Decente, Ley, y Virtud*: Honor and the Liberal Ethos in Venezuela, 1821-48.”
- 2001 “Honor and Liberalism in the Early Venezuelan Republic.” Mellon Conference for Latin American History, Harvard University.

ACADEMIC SERVICE:

- 2017 Invited journal article: “Medium- and Short-Term Historical Causes of Venezuela’s Crisis,” *Latin American Studies Association Forum*, Forum on the Venezuelan Crisis, Autumn 2017 (2000 words; Fall 2017).
- 2017 Invited journal article: “How I integrate the History of Jews into My Teaching,” *Association for Jewish Studies Perspectives*, Forum on Pedagogy (350 words; Summer 2017).
- 2016 Selection Committee for the Fernando Coronil Book Award, Latin American Studies Association
- 2012-present Serving member of Americas Reading Interest Group
- 2011-present Contributing faculty to the Latin American Studies program
- 2010-12 Advisory Committee, College Scholars Program, University of Oregon
- 2005-10 Academic Advisor, Clark Honors College, University of Oregon
- 2005-10 Committee Member for Senior Honors Theses, Clark Honors College, University of Oregon
- 2002-09 Database Consultant, Academia Nacional de Historia, Caracas, Venezuela

Anonymous Peer Reviewer

- 2016 Article: *Journal of Latin American Studies*, “Independence for Those without Freedom: Slavery and Manumission in Mérida, Venezuela, 1810-54”
- 2016 Book: University of New Mexico Press, *Tides of Revolution: Information and Political Mobilization in Venezuela*

- 2016 Article: SAGE Open, "Banning the Chimbángüeles: Public Celebration, Elite Attitudes, and State Regulation in Maracaibo and Zulia State, Venezuela 1880-1910."
- 2010 Article: *European History Quarterly*, "Together or Separate in the Fight against Oppression? Liberals in Peru and Spain in the 1820s"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Survey courses: Latin American History, Colonial to Modern; World History, Ancient to Modern; European History, Modern
Seminars on Latin America: Gender During the Age of Revolution; The Cold War; History of the Catholic Church; Sex and Honor in the Nineteenth Century Hispanic World; Political and Economic Development

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Historical Association
Conference on Latin American History
Latin American Studies Association
Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin America