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Education

- 2014–2020 **New York University**, New York, NY
PhD in Latin American and Caribbean History
“The Problem of the Nation in Latin America’s Second Age of Revolution: Radical Transnational Debates on Sovereignty, Race, and Class, 1923–41”
(dissertation defended 11 August 2020)
- 1999–2000 **School of Slavonic and East European Studies**, University College London
MA, Russian Studies
- 1995–1999 **University of Cambridge**, Cambridge, UK
BA, Modern and Medieval Languages (French and Russian)

Selected positions

- 2022– Assistant Professor of History, University of Colorado Boulder
- 2020–2022 Postdoctoral Research Associate and Lecturer, Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton University
- 2017–2018 Research assistant to Prof. Ada Ferrer, New York University
- 2011 Visiting Fellow, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University, Stockholm
- 2007–2014 Deputy Editor, *New Left Review*
- 2004–2007 Assistant Editor, *New Left Review*
- 2000–2004 Editorial Assistant, *New Left Review*

Academic publications

Books

- Under contract *Nations in Question: Debating Race, Empire, and Sovereignty in Interwar Latin America*, advance contract with University of California Press
- 2018 *Russia without Putin: Money, Power and the Myths of the New Cold War*, London and New York: Verso [revised and updated paperback edition 2020]
- 2007 *Chechnya: The Case for Independence*, London and New York: Verso

Articles and chapters

- Forthcoming “Semi-Colonials and Soviets: Latin American Communists in the USSR, 1927–1936,” in *Transnational Communism across the Americas*, co-edited with Marc Becker, Margaret Power, and Jacob Zumoff, University of Illinois Press, April 2023
- Forthcoming “Indoamerica against Empire: Radical Transnational Politics in Mexico City, 1925–1929,” in volume co-edited by Erez Manela and Heather Streets-Salter, *The Anticolonial Transnational*, under review by Cambridge University Press
- 2022 “Another Country: Cuban Communism and Black Self-Determination, 1932–36,” *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 102:4 (2022), 643–672
- 2022 (as co-author) “Introduction to ‘Living the Revolution: New Directions in Social History,’” Dossier co-edited with Sara Kozameh and Cayetana Adrianzén, in *Cuban Studies* No. 51, Spring 2022
- 2021 “Situating Peru’s ‘Peculiar Revolution’: Global and Regional Contexts,” contribution to “Moving Images of Revolution: A Critical Forum on Gonzalo Benavente Secco’s ‘La Revolución y la tierra’ (Peru, 2020),” *Age of Revolutions* blog, 7 April 2021
- 2019 “‘Neither Calque nor Copy’: José Carlos Mariátegui and the Dilemmas of Latin American Marxism,” in L. L. Vasin, E. N. Strukova, K. N. Kharitonov, eds, *Nasledie Marksa: Vzgliad iz XXI veka. Sbornik materialov konferentsii. K 200-letiiu Karla Marksa i 150-letiiu “Kapitala”* (Moscow: Rosa Luxemburg Foundation, 2019), 125–138
- 2017 “Un hombre en la encrucijada: Diego Rivera en la URSS, 1927–1928,” in exhibition catalogue *Diego Rivera y la experiencia en la URSS* (Mexico City: Instituto Nacional de Bellas Artes, 2017), 43–57

Book reviews

- 2022 Review of Carlos Miguel Herrera and Eugenia Palieraki, eds, *La revolución rusa y América Latina: 1917 y más allá* (2021), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 102:4 (2022), 764–766
- 2022 Review of Daniela Spenser, *In Combat: The Life of Lombardo Toledano* (2020), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 102:1 (2022), 188–189
- 2021 Review of Luis Fernando Granados, *En el espejo haitiano. Los indios del Bajío y el colapso del orden colonial en América Latina*, in *Historia Agraria de América Latina*, vol. 2, no. 2 (April 2021), pp. 197–200
- 2020 Review of Brian Whitener, *Crisis Cultures: The Rise of Finance in Mexico and Brazil* (2019), *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 100:3 (2020), 591–593
- 2019 Review of Anne Garland Mahler, *From the Tricontinental to the Global South: Race, Radicalism, and Transnational Solidarity* (2018), *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies*, 44:2 (2019), 253–55

Edited volumes and journal issues

- Forthcoming Co-editor, with Marc Becker, Margaret Power, and Jacob Zumoff, *Transnational Communism across the Americas*, University of Illinois Press, April 2023
- 2022 Editor, Adolfo Gilly, *Paths of Revolution: Selected Essays*, Verso, October 2022
- 2022 Co-editor, with Sara Kozameh and Cayetana Adrianzén, of Dossier “Living the Revolution: New Directions in Social History,” in *Cuban Studies* No. 51, Spring 2022

Awards and research grants

- 2022 Emerging Voices Postdoctoral Fellowship, ACLS (declined)
2021 Outstanding Dissertation Award, History Department, NYU
2018–2019 CLIR Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Original Sources
2017–2018 Penfield Fellowship, New York University
2015 Field Research Grant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, NYU
1999–2000 Arts and Humanities Research Council (UK) Studentship
1996–1999 Henry Ward Locke Scholarship, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge

Invited lectures and talks

- 2021 “Russia’s Oppositions in the Putin Era,” guest lecture in the Department of German & Slavic Languages & Literatures, University of Colorado Boulder, 28 October 2021
2021 “The Forking Paths of the Latin American Left: Contending Visions of Race, Nation, Sovereignty and Empire, 1929–1932,” guest lecture in the History Department, Yale University, 5 March 2021
2019 “Imitation Democracy and Its Discontents: Putin’s Russia in Global Context,” New York University Summer Institute, 7 August 2019
2018 “Russia without Putin: The Country beyond the Kremlin’s Walls,” University of Texas at Austin, 29 October 2018
2017 “The US vs Russia: Domestic Politics and International Relations,” Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, University of California Los Angeles, 15 May 2017
2015 “Russia/Ukraine: Geopolitical Conflict, Movements from Below, and the Putin Regime,” Center for Social Theory and Comparative History, University of California Los Angeles, 9 February 2015
2013 “The Riddle of Space: The History of Russia’s Social Geography,” Cambridge Committee for Russian and East European Studies Seminar, Cambridge University, 22 January 2013
2011 “Collapse as Crucible: Social Change in the USSR and Post-Soviet Russia,” Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, Södertörn University, 3 October 2011
2008 “Georgia’s Territorial Integrity, Chechnya’s Independence and the New Cold War,” New School, New York, 14 November 2008
2008 “Chechnya after Putin,” University of California Berkeley, 28 February 2008
2006 “Chechnya: Antecedents and Aftershocks,” Sussex University, 22 February 2006

Conference presentations (selected)

- 2022 “Izquierda, indigenismo y autodeterminación: Un debate en dos tiempos, años 1930/1970,” Seminar on Indigeneity in the Era of Development, Centro de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias en Ciencias y Humanidades, Universidad Autónoma de México (CEIICH-UNAM), 1 February 2022
2021 “The Double Life of Self-Determination: Indigenous Rights, Anthropology, and the Mexican State, 1932–1975,” “Reckoning with Empire: The Right to Self-Determination in Historical View,” Yale University, 12–13 November 2021

- 2021 “Citizens and Outcasts: The Problem of Belonging in 1920s Mexico,” Latin America and Caribbean History Workshop, Princeton, 10 November 2021
- 2021 “Pluralizing Mexico: Indigenous Rights, Radical Anthropology, and the State, 1932–1940,” Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton, 5 October 2021
- 2019 “The Hair’s-Breadth Universe: Latin American Communists in Stalin’s USSR,” Latin American Studies Association, Boston, 27 May 2019
- 2019 “Semi-Colonials and Soviets: Latin American Communists in the USSR, 1928–35,” American Historical Association, Chicago, 4 January 2019
- 2018 “‘Maceo Would Have Been Our Leader’: Cuban Communism in the 1930s and the Turn to the National-Popular,” Council on Latin American and Iberian Studies conference, Yale University, 5 May 2018
- 2018 “Continental Citizens? Transnational Radical Debates and the Problem of the Nation-State in 1920s Latin America,” Stony Brook LACS Graduate Conference, 21 April 2018
- 2017 “The Latin American Left, the Comintern, and the National Question,” Latin American Studies Association, Lima, 1 May 2017
- 2017 “Espectros de la comparación: Lo inter-nacional en la vida y la obra de Benedict Anderson,” Latin American Studies Association, Lima, 29 April 2017
- 2017 “Russia, the West, and the Twenty-First-Century World,” Historical Materialism Conference, New York, 23 April 2017
- 2017 “Transnationalism and Self-Determination: The Comintern, Race, and the National Question in the Americas,” North East Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies Conference, New York, 1 April 2017
- 2016 “Taking the Land: The Politics of Peasant Mobilization in Peru, 1960–1975,” Latin American Studies Association, New York, 29 May 2016
- 2016 “*Extractivismo*: A Concept in Question,” Latin American History Graduate Retreat, Yale, 13 May 2016
- 2007 “Who Rules Russia?” Historical Materialism conference, London, 10 November 2007

Sessions and conferences organized

- 2021– Co-convenor (with Paula López Caballero) of the Seminar on Indigeneity in the Era of Development / Seminario Indigeneidades en la Era del Desarrollo (SIED). This bilingual virtual series was co-hosted from 2021–22 by Princeton University’s Program in Latin American Studies and the Centro de Investigaciones Interdisciplinarias en Ciencias y Humanidades, Universidad Autónoma de México (CEIICH-UNAM). Events so far:
- May 17, 2022: Gabriela Zamorano, “Archivos vivos: ‘retornos’ de imágenes entre comunidades purépechas de Michoacán”
 - March 29, 2022: Adrián Lerner Patrón, “‘Water Creatures’: Urbanization, Displacement and Developmental Paths in Amazonia”
 - March 1, 2022: Mónica Salas Landa, “The ‘Tajin Totonac’ In and Outside the Frame: Representation and Alterity in the Photographic Archive of Isabel T. Kelly”
 - February 1, 2022: Tony Wood, “Izquierda, indigenismo y autodeterminación: Un debate en dos tiempos, años 1930/1970,”

- November 30, 2021: Karin Roseblatt, “Investigating Cuauhtémoc’s Bones: Politics, Truth, and Mestizo Nationalism in Mexico”
 - October 26, 2021: Pablo Sandoval, “Genealogías de la revolución. Antropología, campesinos y Sendero Luminoso (1960-1970)”
 - September 7, 2021: “Oaxaca Resurgent: A Conversation with A. S. Dillingham”
- 2021 Organizer and chair, “*The Surrendered*. A Conversation with José Carlos Agüero and Charles Walker,” Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton, 9 November 2021
- 2021 Co-organizer and chair, virtual seminar on “Indigeneity, Development, and the State in 20th-Century Mexico and Peru,” Program in Latin American Studies, Princeton, 9 March 2021
- 2019 Co-organizer of panel “Camaradas transnacionales: Los latinoamericanos y el comunismo internacional desde el bolshevismo temprano a la Guerra Fría,” Latin American Studies Association, Boston, 27 May 2019
- 2019 Co-organizer of New York University conference “The Cuban Revolution at 60,” 7–8 March 2019
- 2016 Co-organizer of panel “Agrarian Horizons: Rethinking the Politics of Land Reform” at Latin American Studies Association, New York, 29 May 2016

Recent public scholarship (selected)

- 2022 Afterword to Dmitrii Furman, *Imitation Democracy: The Development of Russia’s Post-Soviet Political System* (London and New York: Verso, 2022)
- 2022 “On Chile,” *London Review of Books*, 3 November 2022 (on the constitutional referendum)
- 2022 “How Green is Russia?,” *London Review of Books*, 6 October 2022 (on Russia and climate change)
- 2022 “Matrix of War,” *New Left Review* 133/134, January–April 2022 (on the war in Ukraine)
- 2022 “Why Didn’t They Stop It?,” *London Review of Books*, 25 February 2022 (on Russia’s war in Ukraine)
- 2022 “Aristotle on the Metro,” *London Review of Books*, 24 February 2022 (review of Juan Villoro, *Horizontal Vertigo* and José Emilio Pacheco, *Battles in the Desert*)
- 2022 Preface to Ilya Budraitskis, *Dissidents among Dissidents: Ideology, Politics and the Left in Post-Soviet Russia* (London and New York: Verso, 2022)
- 2021 “Castillo’s Path,” *NLR Sidecar*, 30 August 2021
- 2021 “You say embargo...,” *London Review of Books*, 1 July 2021 (review of Helen Yaffe, *We Are Cuba!* and Anthony DePalma, *The Cubans*)
- 2021 “Peru’s knife-edge election could be good news for Latin America’s left,” *The Guardian*, 12 June 2021
- 2021 “Retrocession in Ecuador,” *New Left Review* 129, May–June 2021 (review of Thea Riofrancos, *Resource Radicals*)
- 2021 “Putin’s Palace,” *London Review of Books*, 18 February 2021
- 2021 “Putin Isn’t as Strong as He Looks,” *New York Times*, 2 February 2021
- 2021 “AMLO’s Austerity,” *NLR Sidecar*, 25 January 2021
- 2020 “A year on, Juan Guaidó’s attempt at regime change in Venezuela has stalled,” *The Guardian*, 23 January 2020

- 2020 “Reality is the Better Writer,” *The Nation*, 27 January 2020 (on Gabriel García Márquez)
- 2019 “What next for Bolivia?” *London Review of Books*, 19 December 2019
- 2019 “Even Hotter, Even Louder,” *London Review of Books*, 4 July 2019 (review of Orin Starn and Miguel La Serna, *The Shining Path: Love, Madness and Revolution in the Andes*)
- 2019 “Organization over Ideals,” *The Nation*, 25 March 2019 (review of James McAdams, *Vanguard of the Revolution*)
- 2019 “Intrusions: Or, the Golden Age Is Not in Us,” *e-flux journal* 98, March 2019 (on science fiction fantasies of otherworldly intrusion)
- 2019 “The Battle for Venezuela,” *London Review of Books*, 21 February 2019
- 2018 “Mesoamerican Pathways,” *New Left Review* 114, November–December 2018 (review of John Tutino, *The Mexican Heartland*)
- 2018 “The Crisis That Created Putin,” *Jacobin*, 30 August 2018
- 2018 “NATO and the Myth of the Liberal International Order,” *New York Review Daily*, 21 August 2018
- 2018 “The Death of an Entire System of Political Rule,” *n+1*, 27 July 2018 (on the Mexican elections)
- 2017 “After the Revolution,” *The Nation*, 6 November 2017 (review of Yuri Slezkine, *The House of Government*)
- 2017 “Earthquake Diary,” *n+1*, 5 October 2017 (on the Mexico City earthquake)
- 2017 “Caudillo Trouble,” *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 49:2 (2017), 186–89 (on comparisons between Trump and Latin American leaders)
- 2017 “Eat Your Spinach,” *London Review of Books*, 2 March 2017 (on Russia and the West)
- 2016 “Some Theses on ‘Populism,’” *e-flux journal* 76, October 2016
- 2016 “In-Betweenness,” *London Review of Books*, 6 October 2016 (on Yuri Herrera)
- 2016 Review of *Viva La Revolución* by Eric Hobsbawm, *Guardian*, 8 July 2016
- 2016 “Fue el estado,” *London Review of Books*, 2 June 2016 (on Elmer Mendoza)

Teaching

- Fall 2022 HIST 4218: Modern Mexico since 1821, CU Boulder
HIST 4800: Special Topics: Latin America in World History, CU Boulder
- Spring 2022 LAS 318: Race and Nation in Modern Latin America, PLAS, Princeton
- Spring 2022 LAS 718: Graduate Reading Course on Race in Latin America, PLAS, Princeton
- Fall 2021 LAS 312: Revolution in Twentieth-Century Latin America, PLAS, Princeton
- Spring 2021 LAS 302: Latin America in Modern World History, PLAS, Princeton
- Fall 2020 LAS 307: Journalism, Politics, and Power in Latin America, PLAS, Princeton
- Fall 2019 UA-541: Adjunct Instructor, Early Atlantic Encounters, NYU
- Fall 2016 UA-629: Course Assistant, Revolutionary Latin America, NYU

Service

- 2012–2022 Member of the editorial board of Verso Books
- 2007– . Manuscript reviewer for Verso Books, Pluto Press, Historical Materialism

2004– . Member of the editorial board of *New Left Review*

Professional memberships

American Historical Association (AHA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Languages

Spanish (*heritage speaker, fluent written*)
Russian, French (*fluent written, spoken and reading*)
Portuguese (*intermediate*)
German, Quechua (*basic written, spoken and reading*)