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Education

- Ph.D. History, 2003 (with distinction). University of New Mexico
Major Fields: U.S. West, U.S. Post-1877
Minor Field: U.S. Pre-1877
Dissertation: "Power and Control in Imperial Valley, California: Nature, Agribusiness, Labor and Race Relations, 1900-1940"
Dissertation chair, Elizabeth Jameson
- M. A. History, 1994. University of New Mexico
Major Field: U.S. History
Thesis: "Race Relations in Imperial Valley, California, 1900-1920"
- B. A. History, 1991 (with distinction). San Diego State University
- A. A. General Education, 1987. Cuyamaca Community College, San Diego

Academic Appointments

- 2014 - present Associate Professor of History and Latin American Studies
2007 - 2014 Assistant Professor of History and Latin American Studies
1998 - 2007 U.S. History, Imperial Valley College
2005 - 2007 Adjunct Instructor, San Diego State-Calexico
1998 Adjunct Instructor, University of New Mexico-Los Alamos
1994 - 1998 Archaeologist, Evanston, Wyoming, Chinatown, Summers
1992 - 1996 Teaching Assistant, History Department, University of New Mexico

Military Service

- 1984 - 1986, U.S. Army, Honorable Discharge
1986 - 1990, California National Guard, Honorable Discharge

Awards and Honors

- 2015 Outstanding Academic Title: *Choice* (American Library Association) for *Power and Control in the Imperial Valley: Nature, Agribusiness, and Workers on the California Borderland, 1900-1940*
- 2004 W. Turrentine Jackson Dissertation Award, Pacific Coast Branch-American Historical Association
- 2003 Dissertation (with distinction): "Power and Control in Imperial Valley, California: Nature, Agribusiness, Labor and Race Relations, 1900-1940"
- 1991 B. A., U.S. History (with distinction), San Diego State University
- 1988 Student Body President, Cuyamaca Community College, San Diego, CA

Grants and Fellowships

- 2025 UNCC Cotlow book sabbatical
2020 UNCC CLAS book sabbatical
2019 James and Sylvia Thayer, UCLA, Short-Term Research Fellowship (\$2,000)
2019 Weatherhead Fellowship, School for Advanced Research, 9-month residency, Santa Fe, NM (unfunded)
2018 Huntington Library Short-Term Research Fellowship (\$3,500)
2017 UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant (\$6,000)

- 2016 Arizona Historical Society Short-Term Research Fellowship (\$2,500)
- 2015 UNCC Cotlow research sabbatical
- 2014 UNCC College of Liberal Arts and Sciences international travel grant (\$1,000)
- 2014 UNCC Office of International Programs travel award (\$300)
- 2013 UNCC Faculty Research Grant (\$6,000)
- 2011 UNCC CLAS Junior Faculty Development Award, book sabbatical
- 2010 UNCC Online Instruction Research Grant (\$500)
- 2010 UNCC Center for Teaching and Learning Summer Institute (\$500)
- 2010 Franklin Research Grant, American Philosophical Society (unfunded)
- 2009 UNCC Communications Across the Curriculum, Summer Institute (\$350)
- 2008 UNCC Faculty Research Grant, 2008-2009 (\$6,000)
- 2008 UNCC College of Arts and Sciences Small Grants Program (\$1,000)
- 2008 American Society for Environmental History Minority Conference Travel Grant (\$500)
- 2006 U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History Grant (\$3,500)
- 2006 Historical Society of Southern California and John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation Summer Research Grant (\$300)
- 2005 Imperial Valley College Foundation grant for research talk by Professor Linda Biesele Hall
- 2005 Historical Society of Southern California and John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation Summer Research Grant (\$350)
- 2002 Imperial Valley College Foundation Grant (\$6,000), Imperial Valley, CA Oral History Translation Project
- 1998 John F. Kennedy Memorial Award for Dissertation Research in Southwest History, History Department, University of New Mexico
- 1997-98 Dissertation Fellowship, Center for Regional Studies, University of New Mexico

Professional Service

- 2026-28 Vicki L. Ruiz prize committee for the best article on race in the North American West
- 2024-26 Western History Association Membership Committee
- 2020-26 Journal of *California History* editorial board
- 2022-24 Western History Association Executive Council
- 2021-24 Southeast Latinx History Collaborative
- 2021-24 Latin Americans Working for Achievement (LAWA) scholarship referee
- 2024 Clements Center for Southwest Studies, Southern Methodist University, manuscript workshop discussant
- 2023 Sherman Emerging Scholar historian roundtable discussant, University of North Carolina, Wilmington
- 2023 National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship referee
- 2021-23 Rachel Carson dissertation prize committee for American Society for Environmental History (ASEH)
- 2022 Chair, Rachel Carson dissertation prize committee, ASEH
- 2022 External campus tenure and promotion referee
- 2021 Unpaid Consultant PBS “Finding Your Roots” with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., broadcast Feb. 1, 2022
- 2020 External campus tenure and promotion referee
- 2019 National Endowment for the Humanities fellowship referee
- 2018 External campus tenure and promotion referee
- 2017 Western History Association Nominating committee election candidate
- 2017-18 Univ. of New Mexico History Graduate Program Alumni Network Advisory Board, Sponsor: American Historical Assn.-Mellon Foundation Career Diversity for History PhDs
- 2016 Chair, Alice Hamilton prize committee, ASEH
- 2015 Alice Hamilton prize committee, ASEH
- 2015 Western History Association conference program committee
- 2013 Western History Association conference program committee

Publications

- 2024 **Andrés, Jr., Benny** and José M. Alamillo, Guest Editors, *1924-2024: One Hundred Years of Border Patrol*, special issue *California History*, 101, no. 4 (2024). <https://online.ucpress.edu/ch/issue/101/4>
- 2024 **Andrés, Jr., Benny J.** and José M. Alamillo, “Letter from Special Guest Editors,” *1924-2024: One Hundred Years of Border Patrol*, special issue *California History*, 101, no. 4 (2024): 1-6.

- Erica Toffoli, “Electric Eyes: Surveillance, Sovereignty, and the Limits of the Border Patrol’s Technocratic Vision on the U.S.-Mexico Line” in *California History* special issue *1924-2024: One Hundred Years of Border Patrol* won the 2025 Michael P. Malone Award from Western Historical Association

2022 “Colonial Care: Medicalizing Latino/a Bodies in the United States, 1894-1970s,” in *Healthcare in Latin America: History, Society, Culture*, eds. David S. Dalton and Douglas J. Weatherford (Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 91-116.

2015 *Power and Control in the Imperial Valley: Nature, Agribusiness, and Workers on the California Borderland, 1900-1940* Connecting the Greater West Series (College Station: Texas A&M University Press). Paperback 2016

2011 “Invisible Borders: Repatriation and Colonization of Mexican Migrant Workers along the California Borderlands during the 1930s,” *California History* 88, no. 4 (September): 5-21, 63-65.

2011 “I Am Almost More at Home with Brown Faces than with White”: An Americanization Teacher in Imperial Valley, California, 1923-1924,” *Southern California Quarterly* 93, no. 1 (Spring): 69-107.

2011 “Chicano/a movement,” in *Encyclopedia of American Environmental History* vol. 1, ed., Kathleen A. Brosnan (New York: Facts on File): 268-270.

2006 “Chacón, Soledad Chávez (1890-1936),” in *Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia* vol. 2, eds., Vicki L. Ruiz and Virginia Sánchez Korrol (Bloomington: Indiana University Press): 143-144.

2006 “Mendoza, María Estela Altamirano (1948-),” in *Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia* vol. 2, eds., Vicki L. Ruiz and Virginia Sánchez Korrol (Bloomington: Indiana University Press): 448-449.

2000 “La Plaza Vieja (Old Town Albuquerque): The Transformation of a Hispano Village, 1880s-1950s,” in *The Contested Homeland: A Chicano History of New Mexico*, eds., Erlinda Gonzales-Berry and David R. Maciel (Albuquerque: Univ. of New Mexico Press): 239-268.

Book Reviews and Endorsements

2025 Mary E. Mendoza and Tracy Brynne Voyles, eds., *Not Just Green, Not Just White: Race, Justice, and Environmental History* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2025), in *Western History Quarterly*.

2024 Brian D. Behnken, *Borders of Violence and Justice: Mexicans, Mexican Americans, and Law Enforcement in the Southwest, 1835-1935* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2022), in *California History*

2024 Gilberto Rosas and Mireya Loza, eds., *The Border Reader* (Durham: Duke University Press), in *New Mexico Historical Review*

2023 Endorsement: Luis L. M. Aguiar, Donna Senese, and Diana E. French, eds., *The Elgar Companion to Valleys: Social Science Perspectives* (Cheltenham, United Kingdom, 2023).

2023 Sheila McManus, *Both Sides Now: Writing the Edges of the North American West*. Connecting the Greater West (College Station: Texas A&M Press, 2022), in *Journal of Arizona History*

2022 Traci B. Voyles, *The Settler Sea: California’s Salton Sea and the Consequences of Colonialism* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 2021), in *Southern California Quarterly*

2020 Jessica M. Kim, *Imperial Metropolis: Los Angeles, Mexico, and the Borderlands of American Empire, 1865-1941* (Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2019), in *California History*

2020 C. J. Alvarez, *Border Land, Border Water: A History of Construction on the US-Mexico Divide* (Austin, Texas, University of Texas Press, 2019), in *Pacific Historical Review*

2019 Melita M. Garza, *They Came to Toil: Newspaper Representations of Mexicans and Immigrants in the Great Depression* (Austin: University of Texas Press, 2018), in *Journal of American History*

2019 Jeremy Slack, Daniel E. Martínez, and Scott Whiteford, eds., *The Shadow of the Wall: Violence and Migration on the U.S.-Mexico Border* (Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2018), in *Western Historical Quarterly*

2017 Sarah D. Wald, *The Nature of California: Race, Citizenship, and Farming Since the Dust Bowl* (Seattle: University of Washington Press, 2016), in *Agricultural History*

2017 Miguel A. Levario, *Militarizing the Border: When Mexicans Became the Enemy* (College Station: Texas A&M University Press, 2015), in *Journal of Military History*

2016 Sarah L. Lopez, *The Remittance Landscape: Spaces of Migration in Rural Mexico and Urban USA*. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015), in *Journal of American History*

2016 Manuel G. Gonzales, *Mendota: Life and Times of an Emerging Latino Community, 1891-2012* (Walnut Creek, CA: Hardscratch Press, 2015), in *Western Historical Quarterly*

2015 April Summitt, *Contested Waters: An Environmental History of the Colorado River* (Boulder: University Press of Colorado, 2013), in *Environmental History*

2012 Albert L. Hurtado, *Herbert Eugene Bolton: Historian of the American Borderlands* (Berkeley: University of California Press, 2012), in *Southern California Quarterly*

2007 Michael J. González, *This Small City Will Be a Mexican Paradise: Exploring the Origins of Mexican Culture in Los Angeles, 1821-1846* (Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 2005) in *Western Historical Quarterly*

2006 Richard Steven Street, *Beasts of the Field: A Narrative History of California Farmworkers, 1769-1913* (Stanford: Stanford Univ. Press, 2004) in *Histoire sociale — Social History*

1998 Nasario García, *Más Antes: Hispanic Folklore of the Río Puerco Valley* (Santa Fe: Museum of New Mexico Press, 1997) in *New Mexico Historical Review*

Museum Exhibit Reviews

2016 ¡NUEVOlution! *Latinos and the New South*. Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC. Melina Monita-Pacheco and Oliver Merino, Exhibit Coordinators; Emily Zimmern, Museum President; Tom Hanchett, Museum Historian. September 27, 2015 - October 30, 2016. www.museumofthenewsouth.org, in *Public Historian*

Book manuscripts in-progress

- *Indispensable River: La Compañía de Terrenos y Aguas de la Baja California Shaping the Lower Colorado River Region, 1895-1962* is a history of an American-owned transnational water distributing company operating under a contract with Mexico to divert the Colorado River to farmers on both sides of the international line. It argues that *La Compañía del Agua* was a primary factor in the development of the California-Arizona borderlands.
- *Mexican Repatriation during the Great Depression*
- *Legally Poisoned: Tucson's Groundwater Contamination, Environmental Injustice and Neighborhood Empowerment, 1950-Present*

Articles in-progress

- The Salton Sea: A Convenient Wastewater Lagoon's Pivotal Role in the Development of the Southwest
- Border Jumpers: Prosecuting Citizens for Illegally Entering the U.S. from Mexico, 1924-1932

Guest Editor in-progress

- **Andrés, Jr., Benny J.** and Carol L. McKibben, Guest Editors, *California Water History*, a special issue *California History*

Teaching

UNC Charlotte

- US-Mexico Border/La Frontera: Migration and Settlement Since 1900 (History undergraduate capstone, cross-listed with LTAM undergraduate capstone and LTAM graduate program)
 - U.S. Latino/a History Since 1900 (History undergraduate capstone, cross-listed with LTAM undergraduate capstone and LTAM graduate program)
 - U.S. Latino Historiography (History undergraduate, cross-listed with LTAM graduate program)
 - The Latino/a Experience in the U.S. (undergraduate cross-listed with LTAM, AMST, HHUM)
 - Modern American West, 1800 to Present (undergraduate cross-listed with AMST)
 - Feeding a Hungry Nation: US Food Production and Consumption, general education
 - Food Production, Marketing, & Consumption in USA, Colonial Era – Present, general education
- Invited speakers:
- Baldemar Velasquez, president and founder of Ohio-based Farm Labor Organizing Committee (FLOC), recipient of the John T. and Catherine T. MacArthur Fellowship
 - Gavin Gibbons, Vice President, Communications, National Fisheries Institute (NFI)
 - Robin Emmons, founder and executive director Sow Much Good, Inc., *CNN Hero*
 - Dr. John Spink, Director Food Fraud Initiative, Michigan State University
 - Colin Woodall, Senior Vice President, Govt Affairs, Natl. Cattlemen's Beef Association
 - Dr. Jeanine Davis, Associate Professor, Dept of Horticultural Science N. C. State
 - Dr. Marcie Ferris, UNC, Chapel Hill, author of *The Edible South: The Power of Food and the Making of an American Region*, (UNC Press, 2014)
 - Dr. Peter Kopp, Director Public History, N. M. State, author of *Hoptopia: A World of Agriculture and Beer in Oregon's Willamette Valley* (Univ. of California Press, 2016)
 - The Browning of America: Latino/a History Since 1900 (Graduate Seminar)
 - Post-1865 U.S. History (Graduate Seminar)
 - U.S. Survey 1865-Present
 - The Progressive Era: Immigration and Americanization
 - Introduction to Latin American Studies: The U.S.-Mexico Borderlands
 - Environmental Justice in U.S. and Latin America

San Diego State University-Calexico

- Chicano History, 1848-Present
- Historians Craft

Imperial Valley College

- U.S. History Survey, To 1865
Taught this course over 40 times (enrollment 40 students)
- U.S. History Survey, From 1865
Taught this course over 40 times (enrollment 40 students)
- Mexican American History 1930-Present
- Mexican American History, 1821-1930

University of New Mexico-Los Alamos

* History of New Mexico

University of New Mexico

* Teaching assistant

Manuscript referee

2025 University of Texas Press book proposal
2025 *California History* (2)
2025 *Journal of American Ethnic History*
2024 Routledge book proposal
2024 *Journal of American Ethnic History* (2)
2024 *Western Historical Quarterly*
2024 *Bulletin of the History of Medicine*
2024 *Journal of Borderlands Studies*
2022 *Western Historical Quarterly*
2022 *Journal of American History*
2021 *Journal of American History*
2021 *Journal of American Ethnic History*
2020 *Journal of American History*
2020 *Latin Americanist*
2020 Routledge book proposal
2019 *Journal of American History*
2019 *California History*
2019 *New Mexico Historical Review*
2017 *Latin Americanist*
2016 *Journal of American History*
2016 University Press of Colorado book proposal
2014 *Western Historical Quarterly*
2012 *California History*
2011 *Western Historical Quarterly*
2008 *Latin Americanist*

Academic Conferences

2025 Panel Chair, "Integrating the West, Fighting Erasure: A Roundtable on the United States Survey"
2024 "The Salton Sea: A Convenient Wastewater Lagoon's Pivotal Role in the Development of the Southwest,"
Western History Association conference, Kansas City
2022 "Colonial Care: Female Immigrant Medical Inspection in El Paso, Texas, 1915-1950s," Western
History Association conference, San Antonio
2021 Panel Chair, "Rivers, People, and Place in the West," Western History Association online conference,
Portland, OR
2021 "Border Jumpers: Prosecuting Citizens for Illegally Entering the U.S. from Mexico, 1924-1932," Western
History Association conference, Portland, OR
2019 "Watering the Borderlands: *La Compañía de Terrenos y Aguas de la Baja California*: Shaping the Lower
Colorado River Region, 1895-1962," Western History Association conference, Las Vegas
2019 Panel Chair, "Transnational Perspectives on Natural and Built Landscapes," William Wilson Brown Jr.
Conference on Latin American Studies, UNCC
2018 Roundtable participant: "Somethings That Glitter are Indeed Gold: Celebrating the Career of
Elizabeth Jameson," Western History Association conference
2018 Panel Chair and Respondent, "Constructions of Citizenship and Belonging in the Repatriation Era,"
Organization of American Historians conference, Sacramento, CA
2017 "Border Jumpers: A Forgotten Story of Americans Illegally Entering the U.S. from Mexico, 1924-1932,"
Torches Passed and Present, University of Calgary
2014 Panel Chair, "Securing the Faithful: Economic and Cultural Institutions for Catholics of Mexican Descent
in Los Angeles in the Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries," Western History Association conference
Newport Beach, CA
2014 "Border Jumpers: The Forgotten Story of Americans Illegally Entering the U.S. from Mexico, 1924-1930,"
World History Association conference San Jose, Costa Rica

- 2013 Plenary roundtable participant: “Vital Signs: Earth, Power, Lives,” Western History Association conference, Tucson, AZ
- 2013 Panel Chair, “Controlling the Border’s Natural and Human Environment: Earth, Water, Drugs, Power, and Lives,” Western History Association conference, Tucson, AZ
- 2013 Panel Chair, “The Politics of the Mexican Migrant and the Evolution of the Mexican/U.S. Border,” Western History Association conference, Tucson, AZ
- 2012 Panel Chair and Respondent, “Leaving Homeland in Search of Home: Movements, Migrants, and Music in California,” Western History Association conference, Denver, CO
- 2010 “The Invisible Borderlands: Braceros in the Imperial-Mexicali Valley of Greater California during the Era of Repatriation,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference, Santa Clara, CA
- 2009 “Sleuthing Socio-Economic Mitigation from America’s Largest Agriculture to Urban Water Transfer,” Agricultural History Society conference, Little Rock, AR
- 2008 “Socio-Economic Mitigation from the Largest Agriculture to Urban Water Transfer in US History: A Case Study from the Imperial Valley, California,” American Society for Environmental History conference, Boise, ID
- 2007 “Educating 21st Century Mexican Immigrants on the California-Baja Borderland,” Latino Immigration to New Settlement Areas conference, University of South Carolina
- 2007 “Educating Transnational Immigrants on the Edge of Empire: Contemporary Bilingual Schooling,” Immigration: Unity of Nations conference, Lincoln College, Oxford, England
- 2005 Roundtable participant, “Honoring Betsy Jameson,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference, Corvallis, OR
- 2005 “‘I am Almost More at Home with Brown Faces than with White’: The 1924 Diary of an Americanization Teacher in Imperial Valley, California,” Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association conference, Corvallis, OR
- 2000 “Filipino Culture and Identity in Imperial Valley, California, 1900-1945,” Congress of History of San Diego & Imperial Counties conference, San Diego, CA
- 1995 “Culture, Demographics, and the Law: Marriage and Identity in the Imperial Valley, California, 1900-1920,” Western History Association conference, Denver, CO
- 1995 “The Voices of Old Town, Albuquerque, 1940-1960,” Southwest Oral History conference, Riverside, CA

Speaking Engagements, Student Conferences, Media, Blogs

- 2025 Research interview PBS documentary series “The Great Thirst” on California water issues
- 2025 Interviewed and quoted in Matt Shuham, “Trump’s Brutal Immigration Agenda Has No Precedent,” *HuffPost*, April 30, 2025.
- 2025 Interviewed by Wake STEM Early College High School for C-SPAN Student documentary competition
- 2024 **Andrés, Jr., Benny** and José M. Alamillo, eds., *1924-2024: One Hundred Years of Border Patrol*, a special issue of *Journal of California History*, UC Press Blog, <https://www.ucpress.edu/blog-posts/one-hundred-years-of-border-control>
- 2024 Quoted in Kori Suzuki, “Imperial County has some of the lowest voter turnout in California. These organizers are trying to change that,” *KPBS*, October 25, 2024
- 2024 Interviewed by Kori Suzuki, voting rates in Imperial County, *KPBS*, October 19, 2024
- 2024 Interviewed by Soumya Karlamangla, Lithium Valley and Salton Sea, *New York Times*, August 30, 2024
- 2024 Quoted in Kori Suzuki, “A green energy boom. Promises of prosperity. Imperial County has heard this story before,” *KPBS*, May 22, 2024
- 2024 Interviewed by Kori Suzuki, economic development in Imperial County, *KPBS*, April 1, April 22, 2024
- 2024 Quoted in Kori Suzuki, “Niland wants to know when its post office is coming back,” *KPBS*, April 5, 2024
- 2024 Interviewed by Kori Suzuki, Niland post office, *KPBS*, April 1, 2024
- 2024 Panel Respondent, Latino/a/x Citizenship and Labor Rights,” Honors College, James Madison University
- 2023 Invited Speaker, “Conversations with the Experts: The Latino/a/x Experience as Undergraduate Research,” Honors College, James Madison University
- 2023 Quoted in Janet Wilson, *The Desert Sun* and Nat Lash, *ProPublica*, “The historic claims that put a few California farming families in line for Colorado River water,” November 9, 2023
- 2023 Interviewed by Janet Wilson, farming in Imperial Valley, *The Desert Sun*
- 2023 Quoted in Sarah Matusek, “Relay race: How ‘zanjeros’ get Colorado River water to California,” *Christian Science Monitor*, March 13, 2023
- 2023 Interviewed by Sarah Matusek, zanjeros in Imperial Valley, *Christian Science Monitor*

- 2023 Invited Speaker, "A Short History of Breakfast in America," Waltonwood Providence (assisted living facility), Charlotte, NC
- 2022 Invited Speaker, "Border Jumpers: Prosecuting Citizens for Illegally Entering the U.S. from Mexico, 1924-1932," Movement and Movements: A Symposium on Latinx History, Duke University
- 2022 Invited Speaker, "Colonial Care," online brown bag to promote book *Healthcare in Latin America*, UNCC
- 2017 Panel Respondent, "Revolutions and Revolutionaries," UNCC Graduate History Association
- 2017 Invited Speaker, "Latino Immigrants in North Carolina," Schiele Museum of Natural History Gastonia, NC
- 2017 Invited Speaker, UNCC Latin American Students Organization, UNCC
- 2017 Book talk videoconference, Borderlands class, San Diego State-Calexico
- 2016 Invited Speaker, "An Asylum Conundrum: The Prolonged Confinement of Undocumented Adults with Children (AWC)," Queens University, Charlotte, NC
- 2015 Invited Speaker, Moderator, panel organizer, "La Vida Latina: 21st Century Life in Charlotte," for "Race, Culture and Place: Latinos and the Making of the New South," panelists Millie Aguilar and Luis Vassallo, Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte, NC
- 2015 Quoted in "Panel to discuss Charlotte's Latino population," *Charlotte Observer*, September 30
- 2015 Podcast interviewed by Armando Sánchez, Latino Role Models & Success, August 15
- 2015 Book Talk, Dept. Chicana/o Studies, San Diego State
- 2015 Book Talk, Imperial Valley College
- 2015 Book Talk, San Diego State-Calexico Borderlands Institute
- 2015 "6 Ways to Save the Salton Sea and Colorado Delta," Invited Blog, *National Geographic*, Water Currents: Insights Into the World of Freshwater, March 2
- 2014 Invited Speaker, "Border Jumpers: A Forgotten Story of Americans Illegally Entering the U.S. from Mexico, 1924-1933," Lee University, TN
- 2014 Roundtable participant: "Advancing Through the Ranks - Faculty Track & Administrative Track," UNC 3rd Annual Hispanic/Latino Faculty Forum, UNCC
- 2014 Movie Roundtable participant, "Cesar Chavez," UNCC Student Affairs
- 2014 Invited Speaker, "The Best Thesis is the Done Thesis!: Overcoming Obstacles in Writing your History Graduate Thesis," UNCC Graduate History Association
- 2013 Roundtable participant, "Creating a Campus Voice: UNC Charlotte's Path to a Latino/Hispanic Faculty/Staff Caucus," UNC 2nd Annual Hispanic/Latino Faculty forum, UNC Wilmington
- 2013 Invited Speaker, "Reinterpreting the History of Water, Agribusiness, Labor and Binational Relations in the Colorado River Delta before WWII," California Water Resources Collections and Archives Lecture Series and the Librarians Association of University of California, Riverside
- 2012 Invited Speaker National Hispanic Heritage Month, UNCC Latin American Students Organization
- 2011 Invited Speaker, "Latino Cultural Training," Levine Museum of the New South, Charlotte
- 2011 Invited Speaker, "History of the US-Mexico Border," Charlotte Trinity Episcopal School
- 2011 Invited Speaker, "The Legacy of César Chávez," UNCC Latin American Student Organization, UNCC
- 2010 Roundtable participant, "Creating Balance: Researching and Writing Comparative History," UNCC Graduate History Association
- 2007 Invited Speaker, "Putting 'El Asalto a Las Tierras' into a Regional Borderlands Context," San Diego State-Imperial Valley, Calexico
- 2006 Invited Speaker, "Eating Cultures: Race and Food," University of California Humanities Research Institute, University of California, Irvine
- 2006 Invited Speaker, "Imperial Valley Farm Women, 1900-1940," Pioneers Museum, Imperial County
- 2002 Invited Speaker, "The Dust Bowl and Imperial Valley Labor History," California Series Honoring the Centennial Birth of John Steinbeck, El Centro Public Library, CA
- 1998 Invited Speaker, "Chinese and Japanese Railroad Workers in the American West, 1860s-1920s," Evanston Chinatown, WY, Lecture Series
- 1998 Invited Speaker, "Exploring Race and Power in California Marriage: Imperial Valley, California, 1900-1940," Dolores Gonzales Colloquy Series, University of New Mexico

Public History

- 2023-2025 Tryon Palace Commission, appointed by Governor Roy Cooper of North Carolina
- 2002-2007 Coordinator, Mexican Immigrants in Imperial Valley, Historical Interview Translation Project
- 1999-2007 Coordinator, Filipino Gallery, Pioneers Museum, Imperial County
- 1999-2007 Coordinator, Imperial Valley College Gallery, Pioneers Museum, Imperial County

- 1997-98 Land Grant Historical Consultant, El Concilio de San Pedro, NM
Interviewed land grant petitioners and directed researchers for land grant status
- 1995 Oral History Program Internship, University of New Mexico. Interviewed residents of Old Town Albuquerque. Transcriptions at Center for Southwest Research, Univ. of New Mexico
- 1994-98 Archaeological Excavation, Evanston, Wyoming, Chinatown. Summertime excavation of Chinese railroad worker community

Community Service

- 2003-06 Imperial Valley Socioeconomic Improvement committee (Local Entity) mitigating socio-economic impacts from largest agricultural to urban water transfer in U.S. history

UNCC Graduate Student Committees (graduated)

Ph.D.

- 2022 Rosalyn G. Sandoval, Organizational Science, Graduate Faculty representative
- 2009 Amélie Schinck, College of Education, Graduate Faculty representative

M.A. Latin American Studies

- In-progress Thesis committee, Miriam Illán-Martínez
- 2025 Thesis committee, Natalia Mejia
- 2024 Thesis committee, Megan White
- 2020 Chair exam committee, Elisa Benitez
- 2019 Chair thesis committee, Lucinda Stroud, “The Goldmar Strike: Formative Years of the MCOP, 1977-1979”
- 2019 Chair exam committee, Stephanie Armas-Sánchez
- 2019 Chair exam committee, Areli Jaimes
- 2019 Chair exam committee, Yerson Padilla
- 2019 Exam committee, Erick Suárez Salazar
- 2018 Chair exam committee, Celene Chávez
- 2018 Exam committee, Alisson García
- 2017 Exam committee, Nora Perlman
- 2016 Exam committee, Martha Hernández
- 2016 Exam committee, Adolfo PeñaHerrera
- 2015 Thesis committee, Michael Gillemore
- 2014 Exam committee, Alana Wilson
- 2013 Thesis committee, Daniel González
- 2013 Thesis committee, Ashleigh Blue
- 2012 Exam committee, Laurie Satter
- 2009 Exam committee, Gloria Monita

M.A. History

- In-progress Chair thesis committee, Joseph Matthews
- In-progress Thesis committee, S. L. Ivey
- 2023 Exam committee, Katherine Brown
- 2022 Chair exam committee, Kevia Gaddy
- 2019 Chair thesis committee, Nancy Battista, “The Case for Prostitution in El Paso, Texas, 1910-1929”
Patterson Memorial Prize best graduate paper
- 2013 Thesis committee, Steve Roswold

B.A. Honors

- 2025 Thesis committee, Thomas Harbauer
- 2024 Thesis committee, Noelle McDermott

Department and University Service

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

2025-26	History Department Review Committee
2023-24	College Review Committee
2024	History Department Undergraduate Committee
2024	Interdisciplinary Studies Common Assessment Committee
2022-24	College Department Liaisons for Equity Inclusion (DLEI) committee
2022-23	DLEI subcommittee Best Practice handbook for departments
2021-23	Health & Medical Humanities (HHUM) Minor program advisory board
2022	Chair, History Department Review committee
2021-22	College Faculty Development Awards committee
2022	History Department Administrative Assistant search committee
2021	History Department Review committee
2021	Chair, U.S. Latino/a/x Studies Minor feasibility committee
2021	History Merit committee
2017-20, 22	UNCC delegate to University of North Carolina Faculty Assembly
2019-20	Latin American Studies Program Undergraduate committee
2019	U.S. Latino/a/x Studies Minor feasibility committee
2017-19	College Internationalization Task Force
2018	Chair, search committee U.S. History Post-1960
2017-18	Chair, Faculty Competitive Grants committee
2016	Faculty Competitive Grants committee
2017-18	Capitalism Studies Undergraduate Summer Research Award committee
2017	Library Planning committee for Smithsonian's National Museum of American History Bracero traveling exhibit <i>Bittersweet Harvest</i> <u>Invited these speakers for <i>Bittersweet Harvest</i> exhibit</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Mireya Loza, a curator at the Smithsonian, author of <i>Defiant Braceros: How Migrant Workers Fought for Racial, Sexual, and Political Freedom</i>• Dr. Thomas Arcury, Professor and Vice Chair for Research in the Dept. of Family and Community Medicine, Wake Forest, to discuss the health and working condition of Latino farmworkers and their families in North Carolina
2016-17	History Graduate committee
2014-16	Chancellor's Athletic Minority Opportunity and Issues committee
2016	Latin American Studies Graduate Program revised handbook
2015-16	Faculty University Council
2014-16	History Steering committee
2015-16	Latin American Studies Program Graduate committee
2015-16	Dowd Program in Business History Steering committee
2016	ADVANCE Mentor for tenure-track faculty
2014-15	ADVANCE Leadership training
2014-15	Center for Study of the New South, Latinos in New South Program committee
2014	Program committee UNC 3 rd Annual Hispanic/Latino Faculty Forum, UNC Charlotte
2013-14	Secretary Caucus of Hispanic/Latino Faculty and Staff
2013-14	History Merit committee
2013-14	LTAM Graduate committee
2013	University Honors Council
2013	Tomorrow Fund Scholarship nominating committee UNCC Latino undergraduates
2008-12	Native American Studies Steering committee
2008, 12	National History Day Judge Charlotte region high school
2009-11	College Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Course & Curriculum committee
2010-11	LTAM Undergraduate committee
2009-10	History Undergraduate committee
2007-08	History Website committee
2007-08	Coordinator History Brown Bag lecture series

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2005-06 Program committee developed history major
2005 Program committee developed Weekend College
1999-2004 Academic Senate
2003 Grant participant to develop a “Fast Track” graduation program

Imperial Valley College Search Committees

2004 Chair, U.S. History Instructor
2001 U.S. History Instructor
2001 U.S. History Instructor
2000 English Instructor
2000 European History Instructor
1999 Vice-President for Student Services
1999 English Instructor

University of New Mexico

1995 Student Representative, 20th Century U.S. Search
1993-94 Secretary, Minority Recruitment and Retention Program’s Governing Board