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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  
2025 UNCC CHESS small grant  
2020 UNCC 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](http://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* was the 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

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**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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: 21<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 *Bittersweet Harvest*  
Invented these speakers for *Bittersweet Harvest* exhibit

- Dr. Mireya Loza, a curator at the Smithsonian, author of *Defiant Braceros: How Migrant Workers Fought for Racial, Sexual, and Political Freedom*
- 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<sup>rd</sup> 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

*Imperial Valley College*

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, 20<sup>th</sup> Century U.S. Search  
1993-94 Secretary, Minority Recruitment and Retention Program’s Governing Board