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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Academic Background

B.A. Duke University, 1974
Ph.D. Stanford University, 1985

Teaching Positions

Assistant Professor: California State University, East Bay. 1986-1992
Assistant Professor: University of California, Berkeley. 1992-1997
Associate Professor: University of California, Berkeley. 1997-2004
Professor: University of California, Berkeley. 2004-present

Fellowships and awards

Prize for best article in the social sciences published in 2013, Latin American Studies Association, Mexico section, for "The Catholic Church and the Ladies of the Vela Perpetua: Gender and Devotional Change in Nineteenth-Century Mexico," *Past & Present*, November 2013.
Humanities Research Fellowship (University of California, 2013)
Humanities Research Fellowship (University of California, 2007)
President's Fellowship from the University of California, 2001-02
NEH Fellowship, January 1996-June 1996. Resulted in book: *Wealth and Power in Provincial Mexico: Michoacán from the Late Colony to the Revolution* (Stanford University Press, 1999)
American Council of Learned Societies Grant-in-Aid, 1988
NEH Summer Stipend, 1987
Social Science Research Council Fellowship for research in Mexico, 1980
Fulbright Fellowship for research in Mexico, 1980-81

Books

Rebellious Nuns: The Troubled History of a Mexican Convent, 1754-1863. Oxford University Press, 2006.

Wealth and Power in Provincial Mexico: Michoacán From the Late Colony to the Revolution. Stanford University Press, 1999.

Catholic Ladies and Culture Wars: Gender, Politics, and the Church in Mexico, 1750-1930.
In progress, under contract with Princeton University Press. Five of seven chapters substantially drafted.

Articles and chapters

“Culture Wars in the Trenches: Public Schools and Catholic Education (1867-1897).”
Hispanic American Historical Review, forthcoming November 2017.

“Introducción,” to *La Fundación del Convento de Capuchinas de Lagos, 1751-1756. Estudios, lecturas, y documentos.* Universidad de Guadalajara-Centro Universitario de los Lagos, 2015.

“The Catholic Church and the Ladies of the Vela Perpetua: Gender and Devotional Change in Nineteenth-Century Mexico,” *Past & Present*, November 2013.

“Gender, Politics, and the Catholic Church between 1810 and 1910,” in *1810-1910-2010: Mexico's Unfinished Revolutions.* Berkeley: The Bancroft Library, 2011.

“Mexico from Independence to the Revolution,” in *Encyclopedia of Religion in America*, CQ Press, 2010.

“The Mexican Revolution,” written for the catalog to accompany an exhibition of Revolution-era photographs at the Bancroft Library, 2010.

“La feminización de la piedad en México: Género y piedad en las cofradías de españoles. Tendencias coloniales y pos-coloniales en los arzobispados de México, Michoacán, y Guadalajara,” in Brian Connaughton, ed., *Religión, identidad, y política en México en la época de la independencia.* Mexico City: Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, 2010.

“Convents and Nuns: New Approaches to the Study of Female Religious Institutions in Colonial Mexico (p 1279-1303),” *History Compass* (Blackwell Publishing).
Published Online: Sept. 8, 2008.

“Mexico since 1750” in *Encyclopedia of the Modern World*, Oxford University Press, 2008. 3400 words.

“Convent Reform, Catholic Reform, and Bourbon Reform: The View from the Nunneries,” *Hispanic American Historical Review* 85:2 (February 2005).

“Elite Families and Popular Politics in Early Nineteenth-Century Michoacán: The Strange Case of Juan José Codallos and the Censored Genealogy,” *The Americas* 55:1 (July, 1998).

- "Reassessing the Prospects for Profit and Productivity in Nineteenth-Century Mexico," in Stephen H. Haber, ed., *How Latin America Fell Behind*. Stanford University Press, 1997.
- "Crecimiento económico, siglo XIX en Michoacán: una nueva mirada a la rentabilidad en el comercio y la agricultura," *Siglo XIX* (September, 1993).
- "The Contours of the Post-1810 Depression in Mexico: A Reappraisal from a Regional Perspective," *Latin American Research Review* 27:2 (Spring, 1992).
- "The Management of Church Property in Michoacán, Mexico, 1810-1856: Economic Motivations and Political Implications," *Journal of Latin American Studies* (October, 1990).
- "The Consolidación de Vales Reales in the Bishopric of Michoacán." *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 69:3 (August, 1989).

Papers read and other conference participation

- Discussant, panel on the Catholic Church in twentieth-century Latin America at the Rocky Mountain Council on Latin American Studies, April 7, 2017.
- "Gender and Women in Mexican Politics: The Petition Campaigns of 1856 and 1874-75 in Mexico," presented at Vanderbilt University, the Vanderbilt History Seminar, March 14, 2016.
- Discussant, panel on Gender and Violence on the Mexico-US Border at the Western Association of Women Historians, May 2015.
- "Culture Wars in the Trenches: An Analysis of the 1885 Catholic School Survey in the Archbishopric of Mexico," presented at the American Historical Association convention in January, 2015.
- Public interview with Claudio Lomnitz, author of *The Return of Comrade Ricardo Flores Magón*, Townsend Center Berkeley, October 2014.
- "Catholic Women in Nineteenth-Century Mexico: Changing Roles in Church Institutions and Conservative Politics," presented at Georgetown University, March 2014, at a conference on *Catholicism in the Americas*.
- "Catholic Ladies and Culture Wars: Gender, Politics and the Church in Mexico, 1750-1930," presentation at the Katz Center for Mexican History, University of Chicago, October 2013.

“Culture Wars in the Trenches: An Analysis of the 1885 Catholic School Survey in the Archdiocese of Mexico,” workshopped at the Latin American Historians of Northern California seminar, spring 2013

Chair and discussant, panel on New Perspectives on Mexico in the 20th Century at the Latin American Studies Association conference, May 2012.

“The Catholic Church and the Ladies of the Vela Perpetua: Gender and Devotional Change in Nineteenth-Century Mexico,” presented at the Princeton seminar on Religion in the Americas, April 2012.

“Women and Gender in the Latin American Independence movements,” at University of San Francisco conference on the bicentennial of Latin American independence, November 2010.

“Gender, Politics, and the Catholic Church between 1810 and 1910,” presented at a symposium sponsored by the Bancroft Library, *Mexico 1810-1910-2010*, in October, 2010

Chair and discussant, panel on the Catholic church in colonial Mexico, Pacific Coast American Historical Association Convention, Santa Clara, CA, August 2010

One of four keynote speakers in honor of Professor Asunción Lavrin, Pacific Coast American Historical Association Convention, Santa Clara, CA, August 2010

“Mexico 1810, 1910, and 2010: The War against the Narcotraficantes Against the Backdrop of the Other Great Wars in Mexican History,” History Department Annual Sponsored Lecture, Cal State University East Bay, May 2010

“Religion and Politics in Mexico: The Role of the Church and Anti-Clerical Sentiment in 1810, 1910 and 2010,” paper presented at a panel evaluating the importance of the Mexican revolutions of 1810 and 1910, U.C. Berkeley, sponsored by the Mexican student association, April 2010.

“La iglesia católica y las damas de la Vela Perpetua,” paper presented at a conference on Gender and Women in Mexican History in Oaxaca, Mexico, March 2010.

Moderator, Mexico panel at the U.C. Berkeley History Department conference, *History as a Resource for Decision-Making*, March 2010.

“The Catholic Church and the Ladies of the Vela Perpetua: Gender, Piety, and Politics, 1840-1920,” paper presented at the American Historical Association convention, January 2010.

“The Catholic Church and the Ladies of the Vela Perpetua: Gender, Piety, and Politics in Mexico, 1790-1920,” paper presented at the University of Chicago Mexican History Seminar, October 2009.

“Gender, Politics, and Piety: The Feminization of Community Religious Practices in Late Colonial and Early Post-Independence Mexico,” paper presented at a conference at Washington University, St. Louis, entitled *Religious Transformations in the Early Modern Americas*, April 23-25, 2009.

“La feminización de la piedad en Mexico: Género y piedad en las cofradías de españoles. Tendencias coloniales y pos-coloniales en los arzobispados de Mexico, Michoacán, y Guadalajara,” paper presented at a conference in Mexico City entitled *Religion, Identity, and Politics*, January 15-16, 2009.

“The *Vela Perpetua* in Mexico: Gender, Religion, and Politics, 1750-1930,” presented at the Miller Center for History, University of Maryland, April 2007, as part of a year-long themed faculty seminar program on religion with invited experts from different fields.

Discussant, panel at III Coloquio Internacional de Historiadores de Mujeres y Género en México,” at the University of Utah (October, 2005)

Discussant, panel on women and the church in Latin America, Berkshire conference, June 2005.

“The Enlightenment and the Convent: Rebellion and Convent Reform in Mexico.” Presented as part of the Mentor Speaker Program at New Mexico State University, October 2004.

“Five Bishops and a Convent: Changing Episcopal Attitudes Toward Women, 1750-1860.” Presented in the Distinguished Professor Series at the University of Texas (Austin), April 2004.

Invited panel participant at a conference on “Imperial Crucibles: Trade, Finances, and the Iberian Atlantic,” Princeton University, March 2003.

“The Convent of La Purísima Concepción and Catholic Reformism in the Late Eighteenth Century,” at the Colonial Studies Working Group, U.C. Berkeley, May 2002.

Discussant for panel on new trends in economic history at the American Historical Association convention, January 2002.

“From Cofradías to Pious Associations: A View from the Provinces,” presented at the Latin American Studies Association conference in September, 2001.

"Liberalism, Women, and the Church in Mexico, 1700-1930: Politics and the Feminization of Piety," by invitation at the Boston Area seminar on Latin American History (sponsored by Harvard's Center for Latin American Studies), September, 2000.

- "Spinsters and Other Villains: Women, the Church, and Liberalism in Nineteenth-Century Mexico," at the All-U.C. Conference of Latin American Historians, May 2000.
- Discussant for panel on "New Research on the Porfiriato in Michoacán," at the American Historical Association convention, January 2000.
- Discussant for panel on "New Perspectives on Mexico under Cárdenas," at Latin American Studies Association meeting, October 1998.
- "Gender and Piety in Colonial and Nineteenth-Century Mexico," at a meeting of a working group in the Spanish department, U.C. Berkeley, Spring 1998.
- "Post-modern Economic History? Reflections on the Dialogue between Cultural History and Economic History in the Latin American Field," presented in February, 1997, in Riverside, Ca., at a conference of Latin American historians in the U.C. system.
- "Elite Families and Popular Politics in Early Nineteenth-Century Michoacán: The Strange Case of Juan José Codallos and the Censored Genealogy," presented April, 1994 at a conference on nineteenth-century Mexico in honor of Nettie Lee Benson in Austin, Texas. A revised version was presented at the American Historical Association convention in January, 1995.
- "Reassessing the Prospects for Profit and Productivity in Nineteenth-Century Mexico," presented January, 1992, at a conference of U.S., European, and Latin American economic historians sponsored by the Stanford Latin American Studies Center.
- "The Nineteenth-Century Agrarian Depression in Mexico: A Reappraisal," presented at the American Historical Association annual convention in Chicago, December 1991.
- "The Contours of the Post-1810 Depression in Mexico," presented at the VIII Conference of Mexican and North American Historians of Mexico in San Diego, October, 1990.
- "Combining Business and Kinship: Patterns of Inheritance and Formation of Family Empires in Nineteenth-century Michoacan," presented at the American Historical Association convention, 1984.
- "Socio-Economic Power and Political Change in Mexico: The Case of Michoacán, 1650-1910," with Frederick P. Bowser, presented at the VI Conference of and Mexican and United States Historians, in Chicago, 1981.
- "Independence and the Structure of Wealth in Michoacán, Mexico," presented at a conference of Social Science Research Council Fellows in May, 1980.

Manuscript conference participation

Elena Schneider, UC Berkeley, December 2015
Stephanie Jones-Rogers, UC Berkeley, February 2016
Brooks Jessup, UC Berkeley, March 2016
Casey Lurtz, Harvard University, May 2016
Caitlin Rosenthal, UC Berkeley, September 2016

Book reviews

Magnus Lundberg, *Mission and Ecstasy: Contemplative Women and Salvation in Colonial Spanish America and the Philippines*. Reviewed in the *Catholic Historical Review* (

John Tutino, *Making a New World: Founding Capitalism in the Bajío and Spanish North America*. Featured review in the *American Historical Review* (April, 2013).

John Lynch, *New Worlds: A Religious History of Latin America*. Review in the *Hispanic American Historical Review* (April, 2013).

Brian Larkin, *The Very Nature of God: Baroque Catholicism and Religious Reform in Bourbon Mexico City*. Reviewed in *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 92:2 (May, 2012).

Asunción Lavrin, *Brides of Christ: Conventual Life in Colonial Mexico*. Reviewed in *Hispanic American Historical Review* 114:5 (Feb. 2010).

John Clune, *Cuban Convents in the Age of Enlightened Reform, 1761-1807*. Reviewed in *Catholic Historical Review* 95:2 (April, 2009).

Pilar Foz y Foz, *Fuentes primarias para la historia de la educación de la mujer en Europa y América*. *Archivos Históricos Compañía de María Nuestra Señora, 1921-1936*. Reviewed in *Catholic Historical Review* 94:4 (October, 2008).

Emilio Kourí, *A Pueblo Divided: Business, Property, and Community in Papantla, Mexico*. Reviewed in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 37:1 (Summer, 2006).

Adriaan C. Van Oss, *Church and Society in Spanish America*. Reviewed in *The Americas* 61:2 (2004).

Arnold Bauer, *Goods, Power, History: Latin America's Material Culture*. Reviewed in *Journal of Economic History* 62:3 (Sept., 2002).

Edward Beatty, *Institutions and Investment: The Political Basis of Industrialization in Mexico Before 1911*. Reviewed in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History* 33:4 (Spring, 2003).

Luz María Hernández Sáenz, *Learning to Heal. The Medical Profession in Colonial Mexico, 1767-1831*. Reviewed in *Canadian Journal of History* 33:2 (August 1998).

María del Pilar Martínez López-Cano, ed., *Iglesia, estado y economía. Siglos XVI al XIX*. Mexico City, 1995. Reviewed in *Journal of Latin American Studies* 30:1 (1998).

David Brading, *Church and State in Bourbon Mexico*. Reviewed in *Journal of Latin American Studies* 27 (May, 1995).

Pedro Pérez Herrero, ed., *Región e historia en México (1700-1850)*. Reviewed in *The Americas* 50:2 (October, 1993).

Donald F. Stevens, *The Origins of Instability in Early Republican Mexico*. Reviewed in *The Americas* 49:1 (May, 1992).

Mark D. Szuchman, ed., *The Middle Period in Latin America: Values and Attitudes in the 17th-19th Centuries*, in *The Americas* 47:2 (October, 1990).

Courses taught at U.C. Berkeley

Colonial Latin America (lower division survey)

Modern Latin America (lower division survey)

Latin American Women in History (upper division)

History of Mexico (upper division)

Undergraduate seminar on Latin American development theory
and its use by historians

Undergraduate seminar on Amerindians and Europeans in the century after conquest

Undergraduate seminar on women and the Catholic Church in Latin America

Graduate seminars and colloquia on Mexican history (280 and 285)

Graduate seminar on ethnicity and identity in the colonial
and early national periods (280)

Graduate seminar on historiography of modern Latin America (275)

Graduate seminar on transnational approaches to modern Latin American history (280)

University Service (does not include ad hoc committees and most History department committees)

Editorial Board, University of California Press, 2015-20. Vice-chair in 2017-18 and chair in 2018-19

Head Graduate Adviser, History Department, 2014-15 to 2016-17

Search committee, Director of Townsend Center for the Humanities, 2016

Graduate Council, 2016-17

Search committee, Bancroft Library Latin American Curator, 2015-16

Selection committee, President's Fellowship University of California, 2016

Selection committee FLAS, 2015

Vice-chair for curriculum, History Department, 2002-2006

Chair, Latin American Studies (a program in International and Area Studies), 1999-2006,
2008-09.

Member, Committee on International Education (a Senate committee), 2009-2010

Chair, Moses Lecture committee, 2010-15

Haas Scholar selection committee (multiple times)

Advisory Board, Haas Scholar program, 2013-

Professional Service (does not include review of manuscripts for presses or reviews of tenure and promotion cases)

Member, committee to award the Ligia Parra Jahn Prize for women's history, Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American History, 2016

Member of planning committee for the next three international conferences on Mexican History, beginning 2017.

Chair, committee to award the Katz prize (an AHA prize) for best book in Latin American History (2014)

Chair, committee to award the prize for the best book in Mexican History, Conference on Latin American History (2009)

Member, committee to award the Distinguished Service Award in Latin American History, Conference on Latin American History (2008)

Editorial Board, *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 2008-2013

Memberships

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