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Curriculum Vitæ

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Dartmouth College

July 2018 Mellon Faculty Fellow
July 2020 Assistant Professor of History (Forthcoming)

EDUCATION

The University of Connecticut

PhD, Latin American History, 2018.
Dissertation: "Our Turn to Speak: The Creation of Puerto Rican Workers' Intellectual Community, 1897-1940." Approved with Distinction, March 5, 2018.

Inter American University of Puerto Rico

MA, History of the Americas, 2011.
BA, History, 2009.

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2013 *Voces libertarias: Orígenes del anarquismo en Puerto Rico*. Ediciones CCC, Santurce, P.R.; 2nd ed., Madrid: Fundación Anselmo Lorenzo, 2014; 3rd ed., Lajas, P.R.: Editorial Akelarre, 2015.
- 2013 *Without Borders or Limits: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Anarchist Studies*. Edited Jorell A. Meléndez-Badillo and Nathan J. Jun. Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Articles and Book Chapters

- 2019 “Max Nettlau and the Latin American Anarchist Imaginary.” In *Writing Revolution: Hispanic Anarchist Print Culture and the United States*, edited by Montse Feu-López and Chris J Castañeda. Urbana: University of Illinois Press (Forthcoming, 2019).
- 2016 “Los ecos del silencio: Dimensiones locales y aspiraciones globales del periódico *Voz humana*.” *Revista La Brecha* 2, no. 3 (Fall 2016): 23-27.
- 2015 Imagining Resistance: Organizing the Puerto Rican Southern Agricultural Strike of 1905.” *Caribbean Studies Journal* 43, no. 2 (July-December 2015): 33-82.
- 2015 “Labor History’s Transnational Turn: Rethinking Latin American and Caribbean Migrant Workers.” *Latin American Perspectives* 42, no. 4 (July 2015): 117-122.
- 2014 “The Puerto Rican Experiment: Crisis, Colonialism, and Popular Response.” In *The End of the World as We Know It? Crisis, Resistance, and the Age of Austerity*, edited by Deric Shannon. Oakland, CA.: AK Press.
- 2013 “Interpreting, Deconstructing, and Deciphering Ideograms of Rebellion: An Approach to the History of Reading in Puerto Rico’s Anarchist Groups at the Beginning of the Twentieth Century.” In *Without Borders or Limits: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Anarchist Studies*, edited by Meléndez Badillo, Jorell and Nathan Jun, 57-75. Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.
- 2012 “Voces libertarias: The Economic, Political, and Social Discourse of Puerto Rican Anarchism, 1900-1917.” *Theory in Action: The Journal of the Transformative Studies Institute* 5, no. 4 (2012): 6-12.
- 2012 “Expresiones anarquistas dentro de la prensa y la cultura proletaria puertorriqueña de principios del siglo XX.” *Kálathos: Revista Transdisciplinaria Metro-Inter* 6, no. 1, (2012): http://kalathos.metro.inter.edu/Num_11/expresiones%20anarquistas.pdf.
- 2011 “El cabildo secular en Puerto Rico: Siglos XVI-XVIII.” *Kálathos: Revista Transdisciplinaria Metro-Inter* 5, no. 1 (2011): http://kalathos.metro.inter.edu/Num_9/Cabildo%20Secular.pdf.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2019 Review of *Puerto Rican Labor History, 1898-1934: Revolutionary Ideals and Reformist Politics* by Carlos Sanabria, *Caribbean Studies Journal* (Forthcoming).
- 2019 Review of *Toussaint Louverture: A Black Jacobin in the Age of Revolutions* by Charles Forsdick and Christian Høgsbjerg, *Anarchist Studies* (Forthcoming).
- 2013 Review of *Black Flag Boricuas: Anarchism, Antiauthoritarianism, and the Left in Puerto Rico, 1897-1921* by Kirwin R. Shaffer, *Caribbean Studies Journal* 41, no. 2 (July-December 2013): 259-262.
- 2013 Review of *Contemporary Anarchist Studies: An Introductory Anthology of Anarchy in the Academy*, edited by Amster Randall, et. al, *Revista de la Asociación de Estudiantes Graduados en Historia UIPR* 1, no. 1 (2013).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Unapologetically Black: Racial Silencing and the Puerto Rican Labor Movement,” special issue on “Blackness and Labor in the Afterlives of Slavery,” manuscript submitted for consideration in the *International Labor and Working Class History Journal*.

“Strike Against Labor: The 1933 Student Strike at the University of Puerto Rico,” manuscript submitted for consideration *Labor: Studies in Working Class History*.

The Lettered Barriada: Workers and the Politics of Knowledge in Early Twentieth-Century Puerto Rico (book manuscript under preparation).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

Latino/as and Human Rights. The University of Connecticut (Spring 2016)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

History of Latinos/as in the United States. The University of Connecticut (Fall 2015)

Gender and Sexuality in Modern Europe. The University of Connecticut (Spring 2015)

The Hispanic World in the Age of Revolution. The University of Connecticut (Fall 2014)

The Holocaust. The University of Connecticut (Spring 2014)

Latinos/as and Human Rights. The University of Connecticut (Fall 2013)

Other Teaching Experience

High School Social Studies Teacher. The Episcopal Cathedral School. Santurce, Puerto Rico (2009-2013)

Spanish Instructor. ConnCap Summer Program at the University of Connecticut (2014-2015)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2018 Whetten Latin American Award. El Instituto: Institute of Latino/a, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies. The University of Connecticut.

2017-18 Humanities Institute Dissertation Fellowship. The University of Connecticut Humanities Institute.

2016-17 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship. The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine.

2017 Caribbean Interdisciplinary Research and Outreach Initiative Research Fellowship. El Instituto: Institute of Latino/a, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies. The University of Connecticut.

2017 American Historical Association Council Annual Meeting Travel Grant.

2016 Albert E., and Wilda E. Van Dusen Scholarship. The University of Connecticut’s History Department.

- 2016 Pre-Doctoral Research Award. El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies. The University of Connecticut.
- 2015 Pre-Doctoral Award for Book Presentation in Spain. El Instituto: Institute of Latina/o, Caribbean, and Latin American Studies. The University of Connecticut.
- 2014 Hugh M. Hamill Graduate Fellowship in Latin American History. The University of Connecticut.
- 2013 Grant for Radical Translators. Institute for Anarchist Studies. California, United States.
- 2013-18 Crandall-Cordero Fellowship. The University of Connecticut's Graduate School.
- 2013 "Maestro del Año" (Teacher of the Year), Asociación de Educación Privada de Puerto Rico. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2012 Travel grant awarded by the Politics and International Relations Department at the Loughborough University, England to attend the Anarchist Studies Network Conference 2.0.
- 2011 Travel grant awarded by the Student Council at the Interamerican University of Puerto Rico, Metropolitan Campus to attend the 2nd North American Anarchist Studies Network Conference, Toronto, ON, Canada.

CONFERENCES

Papers Presented

- 2019 "Unapologetically Black: Challenging Racial Silencing in Puerto Rican Labor History," *Conference of Latin American History at the American History Association*, Chicago, January 3-6 (Paper accepted).
- 2018 "Strike Against Labor: The 1933 Student Strike at the University of Puerto Rico." *Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference*, Rutgers University, October 26-28 (Paper accepted).
- 2018 "Entre la transhistoricidad y lo global: Las celebraciones del Primero de Mayo en Puerto Rico, 1899-2017." *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, Barcelona, Spain, May 23-26.
- 2018 "To Join the Concert of Advanced Nations: The Global Aspirations of Puerto Rico's *Obreros Ilustrados*, 1897-1915." *Conference of Latin American History at the American Historical Association*, Washington, D.C., January 4-7.
- 2017 "The Lettered Barriada: Puerto Rican Workers and their Production of Knowledge, 1897-1915." *New England Council of Latin American Studies Conference*, University of New Hampshire, November 4.
- 2017 "Strike Against Labor: The 1933 Student Strike at the University of Puerto Rico." *Labor and Working Class History Association Conference*, Seattle, Washington, June 25.
- 2017 "La barriada letrada: Impulsos literarios de los trabajadores ilustrados puertorriqueños, 1898-1915." *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, Lima, Peru, April 30.
- 2017 "Our Turn to Speak: The Creation of Puerto Rican Workers' Intellectual Communities, 1897-1933." *Puerto Rico: Savage Neoliberalism, Colonialism, and*

- Financial Despotism Conference*, The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 14.
- 2016 “Los ecos del silencio: Explorando la cartografía anarquista global a través del silencio y el periódico *Voz humana*.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, New York, May 29.
- 2016 “Puerto Rican Workers’ Intellectual and Literary Impulses, 1897-1915.” *Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium*, The University of Connecticut, April 30.
- 2015 “Imagining Resistance: Organizing the Southern Agricultural Strike of 1905.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 30.
- 2015 “Juan Vilar and the Limits of Historical Imagination: Some Notes on Silences in Puerto Rican Historiography.” *Anarchy and Race Conference*, The University of Connecticut, March 27.
- 2014 “Imagining Resistance: Organizing the Southern Agricultural Strike of 1905.” *Annual History Graduate Student Research Conference*, The University of Connecticut, August 27.
- 2014 “The Outgoing Dialectic: The Puerto Rican Southern Agricultural Strike of 1905 and the Production of Knowledge.” *Questioning Spaces of Citizenship in Latin America and the Caribbean Conference*, Columbia University, New York. April 12.
- 2013 “Voz humana: The construction of the workers’ identity through their labor press in Puerto Rico, 1873-1899.” *Labor and Working Class History Association Conference*, City University of New York. June 6.
- 2012 Voces libertarias: The Economic, political, and social discourse of Puerto Rican Anarchism, 1900-1917.” *Anarchist Studies Network Conference 2.0: Making Connections*, Loughborough University, England. September 3-5.
- 2012 “Anarchism in Puerto Rico: Past, Present, and its Possibilities.” Fourth Annual All Power to the Imagination: A Radical Theory and Practice Conference, New College of Florida, United States. April 20-22.
- 2012 “Voces libertarias: El discurso económico, político y social del anarquismo puertorriqueño, 1900-1917.” *3rd North American Anarchist Studies Network Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 7.
- 2011 “Expresiones anarquistas dentro de la prensa y la cultura proletaria puertorriqueña de principios del siglo XX.” *2nd North American Anarchist Studies Network Conference*, Toronto, ON, Canada. January 15.

Invited Lectures

- 2017 “Max Nettlau y el imaginario anarquista latinoamericano.” Universidad del Este, Puerto Rico, March 16.
- 2016 “Seeds of Revolution: Anarchism and Revolutionary Politics in Early Twentieth Century Puerto Rico.” Wesleyan University, March 30.
- 2015 “A Brief History of the Puerto Rican Working Classes In-Between Empires, 1873-1920.” Middlesex Community College, Massachusetts, April 4.

Public Talks

- 2018 Doctoral Student Remarks at the University of Connecticut’s Commencement Ceremony, May 7.

- 2017 “Our Turn to Speak: The Creation of Puerto Rican Workers’ Intellectual Communities, 1897-1940,” Fellows Talk, UConn Humanities Institute, November 8.
- 2017 “Los anhelos globales de la barriada letrada puertorriqueña, 1898-1915.” Brown Bag Talk, Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, March 15.
- 2015 “Historical Origins of Anarchism in Puerto Rico: Voces libertarias.” Brown Bag Talk, *El Instituto*, The University of Connecticut, March 11, 2015
- 2015 “Breve historia del anarquismo en Puerto Rico.” C.N.T.-A.I.T., Toledo, Spain, January 10, 2015.
- 2015 “El anarquismo en Puerto Rico.” Librería LaMalatesta, Madrid, Spain, January 9, 2015.
- 2014 “Labor Omnia Vinci: Puerto Rican Workers, Radicalism, and Imperialism.” Holyoke Community College, Connecticut, November 14.
- 2013 “Voces libertarias: Creating Transhistorical Conversations.” Red Emma’s Radical Pavilion in the Baltimore Book Festival, Maryland, September 28, 2013.

OTHER CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2018 “Dreams of Freedom: Rethinking Puerto Rican Radical History.” *Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference*, Rutgers University, October 26-28 (Panel Accepted). Panel Organizer.
- 2018 “La isla que desaparece: Pensar el lugar de Puerto Rico en los estudios latinoamericanos en tiempos de crisis.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, Barcelona, May 23-26. Panel Organizer.
- 2018 “Pensando en Puerto Rico: Struggles in Times of Crisis.” *Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium*, The University of Connecticut. March 31st. Panel Chair.
- 2018 “The Global, the Local, the Diasporic, and the In-Between: Puerto Rican History Through Different Lenses.” *Conference of Latin American History at the American Historical Association*, Washington, D.C., January 4-7. Panel Organizer.
- 2017 “Navigating the Mazes of Modernization in Puerto Rico: Organized Labor, Techno-Politics, and Welfare Activism.” *Labor and Working Class History Association Conference*, Seattle, Washington. June 23-25, 2017. Panel Organizer.
- 2017 “Pensando en los bordes: Intelectuales latinoamericanxs al margen del poder.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, Lima, Peru. April 29-May 1. Panel Organizer.
- 2016 “A Historical Approach to the Intersections of Knowledge Production, Identity Construction, and Archival Power.” *Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium*, The University of Connecticut. April 19-20. Panel Organizer.
- 2016 *10th Annual Graduate Research Conference*. Department of History, The University of Connecticut, August 29. Panel Commentator.
- 2015 “Rethinking Labor in Puerto Rico: Cultura, género y resistencia.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 27-30. Panel Organizer.
- 2012 “Re-imagining Anarchism in America: A Critical Perspective.” *Anarchist Studies Network Conference 2.0: Making Connections*, Loughborough University, England. September 3-5. Panel Organizer.

2012 *3rd Annual North American Anarchist Studies Network Conference*, Ateneo
Puertorriqueño, San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 7-8, 2012. Conference Organizer.

LANGUAGES

Spanish – Native proficiency
English – Written, reading and oral
Portuguese – Reading proficiency

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

L.A.S.A. Puerto Rico, Section Founder and Co-Chair (2018-2019)
American Historical Association
Latin American Studies Association
Conference of Latin American History
Puerto Rican Studies Association
New England Council of Latin American Studies
Labor and Working Class History Association
North American Anarchist Studies Network

REFERENCES

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