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Education

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Ph.D. in History, April 2010

Dissertation: "The Stakes of Empire: Colonial Fantasies, Civilizing Agendas, and Biopolitics in the Prussian-Polish Provinces (1840-1914)"

Dissertation Committee: Geoff Eley (Co-Chair), Brian Porter-Szücs (Co-Chair), Nancy R. Hunt, and George Steinmetz

Fields: Modern Poland and East European History; Modern Germany, 1815-1990; Biopolitics, Colonialism, and German Africa; German Studies (Cognate)

M.A. in History, August 2002

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

B.A. in History, June 1999, *Magna Cum Laude*

Honors Thesis: "Arturo Morales Carrión: The Autonomist Intellectual and the Construction of the Puerto Rican National Imaginary in the Postwar Years, 1945-1965"

Academic Honors, Fellowships, and Awards

Distinguished Dissertation Award in Polish Studies, Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences, 2010

Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Fellowship, 2003-2004

Graduate Student Research Fellowship at the Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, 2008-2009, Fall 2009

Trans-Atlantic Summer Institute in German Studies, "Germany and the East," Berlin, 2006 (competitively selected from an international pool of candidates)

Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship, 2005-2006

American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Writing Fellowship (relinquished in favor of the Rackham Pre-doctoral Fellowship in 2005)

Rackham Merit Fellowship, Fall 2007, Winter 2005, 2000-2001

Department of History Grant, Winter 2003

Graduate Student Assistantship, 2001-2002

Research, Study and Travel Grant for language training at the Goethe-Institut
in Göttingen, Germany, Summer 2002

Kosciuszko Foundation Grant, Summer 2001

Research, Study and Travel Grant for language training at the Jagiellonian
University Summer School of Polish Language and Culture, Summer 2001

Copernicus Endowment Grant to participate in the "Summer Workshop in
Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Languages" at Indiana
University, Bloomington, Summer 2000

Levi Marrero Prize by the Puerto Rican Association of UNESCO for outstanding
academic performance in History, June 1999

Leadership Grant to participate in the Summer Institute for Future Global Leaders in
the Caribbean, University of US Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, 1999 (competitively
selected by the Office of the Chancellor at the University of Puerto Rico)

Publications

"The Stakes of Empire: Colonial Fantasies, Civilizing Agendas, and Biopolitics in the
Prussian-Polish Provinces (1840-1914)," forthcoming with Ohio University Press

Co-translator, "Un mundo destruido, una nación impuesta: La masacre haitiana de
1937 en la República Dominicana" ("A World Destroyed, A Nation Imposed: The
1937 Haitian Massacre in the Dominican Republic") by Richard L. Turits,
Translating the Americas 2 (Fall 2014): 1-47. DOI:
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3998/lacs.12338892.0002.001>

"An Empire of Scientific Experts: Polish Physicians and the Medicalization
of the German Borderlands, 1880-1918." In *Liberal Imperialism in
Europe: An Anthology*. Edited by Matthew Fitzpatrick. New York: Palgrave
MacMillan, 2012

"An Ethnography of Knowledge: Doctors in Motion, Imperial Agendas, and the Study
of Polish and German Subjectivities from a (Post) Colonial Perspective," *Historia
y Sociedad* (Revista del Departamento de Historia de la Universidad de Puerto
Rico), Vols. 18/19 (2012)

Conferences, Presentations, and Workshops

"Creating the Polish Nation Abroad: An Analysis of Settler Colonialism and the
Establishment of Polish Colonies in Paraná, Brazil," First International Conference

on Poles and Polish Diaspora in Latin America: Past and Present, at the Emigration Museum in Gdynia, Poland, Oct. 27-28, 2016.

“Poles in Unexpected Places: Uncovering Polish Colonial World Through Literature,” World History and Literature Institute, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, June 2015.

“A New Poland in South America? The Establishment of the First Polish Colony in Paraná, Brazil, 1860s-1870s,” American Historical Association Meeting, New York, January 2015.

“A Transatlantic Approach to Polish Studies: Studying Polish Migration and Imagination in Paraná, Brazil, 1870s to 1920s,” PIASA Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., June 2013.

“Crossing Borders by Land and Sea: Colonial Imaginings, Travel Writing, and the Mapping-Out of Polishness,” São Paulo School of Advanced Studies on the Globalization of Culture in the Nineteenth Century, Campinas, Brazil, August 2012.

“Between National and Imperial Identities: The Political and Cultural Activism of Polish Physicians in the German Empire,” Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Washington, D.C., November 2011.

“From Scientific Exploration to Colonial Intervention: Stefan Rogoziński’s First Polish Expedition to Africa, 1881-1890,” Annual Convention of the Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Los Angeles, November 2010.

“Between Medicine and Religion: Pastoral Medicine, National Community, and Eugenic Thinking in Prussian Poland, 1890-1920,” Annual Convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, November 2009.

“Una mirada médica desde Alemania a Puerto Rico,” invited commentator for panel on “Miradas sobre la historia de la medicina y salud en Puerto Rico, Siglos XIX y XX.” First conference on “Historias de la Medicina y las Humanidades” (Global Health and Disease. Shared Stories of Medicine and the Humanities), University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, March 2009.

“Looking for the Postcolonial Turn in Polish History: Navigating the Polish National Archives from a Transnational Perspective,” presented at the EHS-Bentley Archive Seminar, “Archives as Expressions of National and/or Social Memory,” Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, January 2009.

“Violence, Ideology, and the Place of Prussian Poland in German Colonial Studies

- (A Response to Isabel Hull's *Absolute Destruction*)," presented at the "Topographies of Violence" workshop, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, September 2008.
- "An Ethnography of Knowledge: Doctors in Motion, Imperial Agendas and the Study of Polish and German Subjectivities from a (Post) Colonial Perspective," presented at the conference: "Thinking through the Cultural Turn: A Generation Reflects. Writing Histories in an Interdisciplinary and Transnational Age," University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, September 2007.
- "Intimacies of Empire: Epidemics, Racial Hygiene, and the Works of Cocky Physicians in the Prussian-Polish Provinces, 1890-1905," presented at the "German Imperial Biographies: Soldiers, Scientists, and Officials and the 'Arendt Thesis'" workshop, German Historical Institute, Washington, D.C., May 2006.
- "'For Your Freedom and Ours': Peripheral Colonialism, Travel Accounts, and Poles in Africa, 1880-1910," African History Workshop ("A Day and a Bit with Megan Vaughan"), University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 2006.
- "An Approach to the Nineteenth-Century 'Polish Question': Colonialism and Civilizing Agendas in the Prussian-Polish Provinces," Midwest German History Workshop, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, October 2005.
- "Mobilizing German Women against 'Cultural Drunkenness': Rassenhygiene and Colonial Discourse in the Prussian-Polish Provinces, 1890-1914 -A Research Agenda," Fifth European Feminist Research Conference: "Gender and Power in the New Europe," Lund University, Sweden, August 2003.
- "German Imperialism Looked at Inside-Out?" Midwest German History Workshop, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, November 2002.
- "Colonial Pathologies at 'Home': German Imperial Medicine and the Prussian Polish Provinces (1880-1914)," Invited panelist, Thirteenth International Europeanist Conference: "Europe in the New Millennium: Enlarging, Experimenting, Evolving", Chicago, March 2002.
- "Engendering the Social Transformation: Attitudes towards Women in Post-Communist Poland (1992-1999)", co-presenter, Warsaw International Summer Institute, Warsaw University, June 2001.

Teaching Experience

Visiting Professor, University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, History

Hist. 6145, "Identidad y nación construidas desde la diáspora: La inmigración alemana a Latinoamérica y al Caribe desde comienzos del siglo XIX hasta mediados del XX" (Seminario de lecturas sobre problemas teóricos), Summer 2016.

Lecturer I, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, History

Hist. 329.201/LACS 321.201, "Germans on the Move: German Migration and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean," Summer 2015.

LACS 590.001, "Learning through Global Partnerships," Winter 2016

LACS 490.001, "Learning through Global Partnerships," Winter 2015.

LACS 499.201, Independent study on German Colonies in Latin America, Summer 2013.

LACS 499.01, Independent study on global security and the role of the United Nations in Latin America, Winter 2013.

Hist. 329.201/LACS 321.201, "Germans on the Move: German Migration and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1790's to 1940's," Summer 2012. This course has been modified to meet the College of Literature, Science, and Arts' (LSA) Social Science distribution requirement.

Hist. 328.201/LACS 355.201, "Germans on the Move: German Migration and Local Communities in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1790's to 1940's," Summer 2011. This course met LSA's Humanities distribution requirement.

LACS 399.001, "Thesis-Writers' Seminar," Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS), Winter 2011 and 2013. Course required for LACS concentrators writing an Honors thesis.

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, History

Hist. 195, "Medicine and Diseases in the Age of Modern European Expansion, 1750-1945," Fall 2006. Developed syllabus and assignments to teach first-year students academic writing skills, gave lectures, led discussions, and evaluated and graded papers.

Hist. 319, "Post-1945 Europe," Winter 2008. Taught three weekly discussion sections, prepared lesson plans and assignments, and graded all papers and exams.

Hist. 318, "Europe in the Era of Total War, 1875-1945," lectured on "Eugenics and Gender Roles in the Interwar Period," Fall 2002. Taught three weekly discussion sections, prepared lesson plans and assignments, and graded all papers and exams.

Hist. 331, "Eastern Europe in the Twentieth and Twenty-First Centuries," Winter 2002. Taught three weekly discussion sections, prepared lesson plans and assignments, and graded all papers and exams.

Hist. 396, "Fascism" and "Magical Renaissance in England," Fall 2001 (Two upper-level writing colloquia). Prepared assignments to improve students' writing skills, evaluated and graded papers, and supervised students' research projects.

Honors Thesis Supervision

Brianna Wilson, "Perseverance in the Midst of Resistance: Building a Jewish Community around Growing Anti-Semitism in Mexico, 1920s-1940s," B.A. in History, 2014.

Professional and Administrative Experience

Assistant Director for Administration, Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, September 2016 to present. My duties include grant and budget management, personnel supervision, financial aid management, and general administration.

Academic Program Manager, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS), University of Michigan, June 2014 to September 2016. My duties include student advising, curriculum development, programming, Title VI/FLAS reporting, fellowships and budget management, and grant writing (change in title responded to internal restructuring at the International Institute).

Assistant Director, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS), University of Michigan, September 2010 to June 2014. My duties include student advising, curriculum development, programming, Title VI/FLAS reporting, fellowships and budget management, and grant writing.

Editor, *Translating the Americas*, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS), University of Michigan, 2013-present. Member of the Editorial Board of the open-access platform for the translation and dissemination of previously published seminal works in Latin American Studies.

Program Assistant, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (LACS), University of Michigan, January 2010 to September 2010. Assisted with Title VI grant proposal, academic initiatives, and community outreach. Also helped coordinate the *Bate-Papo*, a workshop series in Portuguese.

Graduate Student Research Fellow, Eisenberg Institute for Historical Studies (EIHS), University of Michigan, August 2008 to December 2009. Served as student liaison between the Institute and the History Department, represented the views of the graduate community in meetings with EIHS Director and Steering Committee

and helped with the coordination of academic initiatives and events. Also ran the Friday Workshop Series.

Symposium Organizer, "Puerto Rican and American Perspectives on the Cultural Turn: A Symposium on the Writing of History," University of Michigan, Dec. 3-4, 2009. Main organizer.

Workshop Organizer, "Thinking and Teaching in Global Dimensions," University of Michigan, May 18-June 4, 2009. Assisted Prof. Kathleen Canning, Prof. Douglas Northrop and Prof. Bob Bain with the organization of a three-week long seminar on global/world history.

Conference Organizer, "Thinking through the Cultural Turn: A Generation Reflects. Writing Histories in an Interdisciplinary and Transnational Age," University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, September, 2007. Wrote proposal, managed budget, supervised committees, and co-created the conference website.

Grant Writing

NRC Title VI/FLAS grants, 2014, co-wrote the Title VI/FLAS proposal that successfully awarded LACS \$1,616,000 over a four year period to support programming, curriculum development, outreach, and the promotion of less-commonly taught languages.

"Bridging Practice to Theory: Providing Academic Scaffolding to Student Organizations Working in International Contexts," 2013, co-author of Third Century Grant proposal that awarded LACS \$25,000 over an 18-month period to support undergraduate students engaged in community-centered service or project-based learning in Latin America.

Tinker Field Research Grants, 2012, wrote the proposal that awarded LACS \$60,000 from the Tinker Foundation and UM International Institute over a three year period to support graduate students' preliminary research and fieldwork in Latin America.

NRC Title VI/FLAS grants, 2010, assisted LACS Interim Director and other staff with the Title VI/FLAS proposal that successfully awarded LACS \$2,010,968 (before federal budgetary cuts in 2011) over a four year period to support programming, curriculum development, outreach, and the promotion of less-commonly taught languages.

Academic Service

Fulbright Campus Committee Interviewer, 2010-2016. In charge of evaluating the proposals and academic dossiers of candidates applying for U.S. Department of State Fulbright English Teaching and Research Fellowships.

Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowships Info-Session presenter,

2011-2013. In charge of leading the information sessions (five to six a year) for undergraduate students during FLAS competition.

Administrative coordinator and mentor of the interdisciplinary graduate student organization, Circulo Mikaela Bastidas Phuyuqhawa (Círculo Andino), 2010-present. This organization is composed of graduate students in the disciplines of the humanities, social sciences, and the professional schools who organize events that promote the study of Andean cultures and languages.

Co-mentor of Sa Nimá Collaborative, 2010-2016, an interdisciplinary student organization that works locally in Michigan and internationally in Guatemala addressing basic health, educational, and technological issues in a sustainable and community-oriented manner.

Mentor of the Quito Project (Educational Team), 2012-2016, an interdisciplinary organization that brings together students and faculty from across departments and schools at the University of Michigan. They support community projects in the areas of public health, medicine, social work, and education in Quito, Ecuador.

Professional Membership

The American Historical Association (AHA)
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences of America (PIASA)
Polish Studies Association (PSA)
Latin American Studies Association (LASA)

Languages

Spanish: Native	German: Proficient
English: Fluent	Polish: Proficient
French: Proficient	Portuguese: Fluent

References

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