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▪ **DEGREES AND EMPLOYMENT**

Ph.D., The University of Texas, 1997.

M.A., Latin American Studies, The University of Texas, 1993.

B.A., Political Theory, Mount Holyoke College, 1985.

Assistant and Associate Professor (declined tenure offer based on a unanimous department vote),
The University of Montana, 1997-2003.

Associate Professor, The University of Georgia, 2003-2008.

Received an offer of employment as an Associate Professor (with tenure) from the University of
Illinois, Urbana, declined, May 05.

▪ **Publications**

In preparation: "Religion in Modern Mexico," invited chapter for an anthology of
historiographical essays on the current state of various fields in Mexican history,
Under review at Duke UP. Edited by Mark Overmeyer-Velasquez and Rick López. . . .

"The Tepoztlán Institute for Transnational History of the Americas," article written with Elliott
Young in *Social Text*, 92, Fall, 2007. This special issue of the journal is dedicated to the
Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas that I co-founded and
direct.

"Vaya con Díos: How Religious Studies Can Keep Transnational
History Honest," With Bethany Moreton. *History Compass*, summer 2007.

"Enchanted Once More: Popular Religion in Latin America," forthcoming in José Moya, ed.,
The Historiography of Latin America (Oxford and London: Cambridge University Press,
2008). With Reinaldo Román.

Holy Warriors: Gender, Religion and the World-wide Jansenist Conspiracy in Northern and Central Mexico, 1700-1867, under review for a pre-contract with Duke University Press.

“Liberal Religion: The Schism of 1861,” in Martin Nesvig, ed., *Popular Religion in Modern Mexico* (Delaware: Scholarly Resources Press, 2007).

Alone Before God: The Religious Origins of Modernity in Mexico (Durham: Duke University Press, 2002). Recipient of the Thomas McGann Memorial Prize for the best book in Latin American History published in 2001-2002 from the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies.

“Piety and Public Space: The Veracruz Cemetery Campaign” in William Beezley and Linda Curcio-Nagy, eds., *The New Cultural History of Latin America*, (Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 2000): 1-27.

“Peeing on the Palace: Bodily Resistance to Bourbon Reforms,” *Journal of Historical Sociology* 5:2 (1992): 183-215.

▪ HONORS

Clark-Heggoy Teaching Award given by the Graduate Student Association of the Department of History, University of Georgia, spring 2005.

Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas. Funded by the Yale University Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, the *Hispanic American Historical Review*; the Duke Center for Critical U.S. Studies; the Duke University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies; The President’s Venture Fund, UGA; and the Universities of Indiana, Wisconsin, and Arizona. July 22-29, 2004, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico; July 27-August 3, 2005; 26 July to 2 August, 2006; 1-8 August, 2007; July 23-30, 2008.

Helen and Winston Cox Award for Teaching Excellence, The University of Montana, Spring 2001. Given yearly to the best professor in the School of Arts and Sciences.

Thomas McGann Memorial Prize from the Rocky Mountain Council of Latin American Studies for *Alone Before God: The Religious Origins of Modernity in Mexico* (Durham: Duke University Press, 2002).

National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Research Grant, 2005-2006.

▪ **Selected Invited Public Presentations and Commentary**

“Religion in Modern Mexico: the State of the Field,” Yale University, May 2009.

“Gender, Piety, and Politics in Nineteenth-Century Mexico,” The University of Utah, April 2008.

“Rethinking Religion and Empire,” Sawyer Seminar on Global Religion, The University of Toronto, 2 March 2007.

“Rethinking Transnational History,” Sawyer Seminar on Global Religion, The University of Toronto, 3 March, 2007.

“Holy Warriors: The Feminization of Piety in Nineteenth-Century Mexico,” Huntington Library and University of Southern California lecture series on Colonial Latin America, February 23, 2007.

“Fray Servando Teresa de Mier and the World-wide Jansenist Conspiracy,” Group for Early Modern Studies (GEMS) Lecture Series, The University of Arizona, April, 2006.

“Discussion of Pamela Voekel’s *Alone Before God*,” in Dr. Ray Craib’s graduate Latin American historiography course, Cornell University, September 2005.

“Religion and Modernity,” Cornell University, Latin American Studies Center,
September 2005.

“Piety, Power and Politics in Mexico,” Wayne State University, Conference on Religion in the
Americas, April 2005. \$1,500 honorarium.

“Piety and Politics in Colonial Mexico,” Duke University, Department of History series
entitled “New Directions in Colonial Latin American History,” February 2005.

“Liberal Religiosity: Transnational Religious Coteries in Nineteenth-Century Latin America,”
The University of Arkansas, February 2005.

“Liberal Religion in Mexico,” a discussion of my book *Alone Before God*, Emory
University, October, 2004.

“Commentary on Dale Van Kley’s work on European Jansenism,” Emory University, October
2004.

“Reading the War of Reform as a War of Religion” Florida International University, March
2004.

“Reading the War of Reform as a War of Religion” Center for Latin American Studies, The
University of Georgia, April 2004.

“Let Hell Vomit Forth Voltaire: The Religious Origins of Mexican Liberalism,” Dartmouth
College, Hanover, New Hampshire, January 2002.

“Enlightened Catholicism and the Origins of the Public Sphere: Mexico, 1620-1850,” Amherst
College, Amherst, Ma., February 2002.

“Let Hell Vomit Forth Voltaire: The Religious Origins of Mexican Liberalism,” Wesleyan
University, Center for the Study of the Americas, Middletown, Ct., March 2002.

Commentary on Dr. Martina Will's manuscript on death and religion in New Mexico. Southern Methodist University, Borderlands Post-Doctorate Fellowship Program directed by David Weber, Dallas, Tx., April, 2002.

▪ **SELECTED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND COMMENTARY**

Discussant and Chair, "Gender and Citizenship in Nineteenth-Century Latin America," American Historical Association, January, 2009, New York City.

Discussant and Chair, "Provincializing Europe: Historical Epochs in Women's History as seen from the Global South," Berkshire Conference on Women's History, June, 2009 Meeting, Minneapolis.

Discussant, "Rethinking Racial Configurations in the Early Atlantic World," American Historical Association, 2008 Meeting, January, Washington, D.C.

Discussant, "Re-thinking the Enlightenment," The Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, August 2007.

"Liberal Religion in Modern Mexico," paper presented at The Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, August 2007

Discussant on the works of Josie Saldana, Saba Mahmood, and Alan Badiou, Opening Plenary Session "Rethinking Resistance," The Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, July 2006.

"Entre el diablo y el mar azul: estudios de la religion y la historia transnacional," for the panel "Nuevos metodos para la historia transnacional," Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational History of the Americas, July, 2006.

"The Catholic Origins of Modernity in Latin America," Roundtable Discussion, Latin American Studies Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 2006. With Enrique Dussel and Silvia Arrom, among others. (could not attend due to illness).

Chair, "Sensuality and Sentiment: The Transnational Church and Latin American Nationalisms," Berkshire Conference on Women's History, Los Angeles, California, June 2005.

"Religion and Republicanism in Colonial and Nineteenth-Century Mexico" paper given on the panel "Latin American Modernities: Brazil, Mexico, and Peru" at the Latin American Studies Association Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada, October 2004.

Chair, "Playing Race: Performing Race in the Works of William S. Yellow Robe and Raúl Salinas," American Studies Association Conference, November 11-14, 2004, Atlanta Georgia.

Discussant, "Postcolonial Theory and Transnational History," Opening Plenary Session, The Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas, July 22-29, 2004, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico.

Discussant, Gabriela Cano, "The Intimate Joys of Coronel Robles: Gender Battles in the Mexican Revolution," The Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas, July 22-29, 2004, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico.

Discussant, Estella Roselló, "El diablo en el tratado de sortilegios y hechiceras de Fray Andrés de Olmos," The Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas, July 22-29, 2004, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico.

Discussant, Eileen Ford, "Cri Cri vs. Walt Disney," The Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas, July 22-29, 2004, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico.

"Liberal Religion: The Schism of 1861" paper given on the panel "Piety, Polity and Praxis in Modern Mexico," American Historical Association Conference, Washington, D.C., January 2004.

Discussant, "Prensa y Esfera Pública en la Ciudad de México," at the conference "Los

Intelectuales y la Esfera Pública en México,” Instituto Mora, Mexico City, June 2002.

With Dr. Pablo Piccato, Columbia University, among others.

“The Religious Origins of Mexican Cemetery Reform,” paper given to the Five College Seminar on Latin American History, Amherst College, 4 December 2001.

Discussant, “Catholic Sociability and the Public Sphere in Nineteenth-Century Latin America,” with Dr. Silvia Arrom, Brandeis University; Dr. Margaret Chowning, U.C. Berkeley; Dr. Charles Hale, University of Iowa; and Dr. Sol Serrano, Universidad Católica de Santiago de Chile, among others. Latin American Studies Association Conference, Washington, D.C., Fall 2001.

“Let Hell Vomit Forth Voltaire: José Joaquín Fernández de Lizardi and the Religious Origins of Mexico’s Public Sphere of Letters,” paper given on the panel “Doing the New Religious History of Mexico.” Committee on Latin American History, American Historical Association Conference, Boston, 2001.

“Scent and Sensibility: Pungency and Piety in the Making of the Veracruz *gente sensata*, 1780-1810” given in Spanish at the conference entitled “Vida Urbana, Familia y Vida Cotidiana en América Latina”: Universidad Católica, Lima, Peru, 1999. By invitation.

“Poder: Una perspectiva desde abajo, (Power: A View from Below)” paper given on the panel “Poder” at the conference “Imágenes a través del Espejo: La Nueva Historiografía Norteamericana sobre América Latina”: Universidad de San Marcos, Lima, Perú, 1999. By invitation.

Discussant, “Rethinking the Urban Plebe in Post-Independence Peru and Mexico” with Carlos Aguirre, University of Oregon; Peter Guardino, University of Indiana; and Richard Warren, St. Joseph’s University: Latin American Studies Association Conference, Chicago, 1998.

“Reading Mexican Liberalism as Religious Revolt,” paper given on the panel “The New Cultural History of Latin America”: Committee on Latin American History, American Historical Association Conference, New York, 1997.

“Los orígenes religiosos de la modernidad mexicana (The Religious Origins of Mexican Modernity),” paper given on the panel “Los Orígenes de la Modernidad Latinoamericana”: Latin American Studies Association Conference, Guadalajara, Mexico, 1997.

“The Religious Origins of Mexican Modernity,” paper given on the panel “Colonial Studies in the Wake of Post-Modern Theory”: Committee on Latin American History, American Historical Association Conference, Atlanta, 1996.

“Los cementerios y la creación de la modernidad mexicana (Cemeteries and the Creation of Mexican Modernity),” paper presented to the “Modernidad” working group at the Colegio de México, Mexico City, Spring 1995.

▪ **Courses**

Power, Piety and Politics in Latin America and Imperial Spain

Slavery, Race, and Nation in Latin America

The War of 1898

The History of Capitalism

The Enlightenment

Race, Gender and Revolution in the Americas

Revolutionary Mexico: Gender, Agrarian Transformation, and the State

Empire and Its Discontents

Gender and Imperialism in Global Perspective

Indigenous Latin America

Latin American Rural Radicals

Graduate Seminar: The New Cultural and Religious History of Latin America

Graduate Seminar: Theory and Methods

Mexican History

Colonial Latin America, 1450-1888

Modern Latin America, 1821-2008

▪ **BOOK, ARTICLE, AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEWS**

The Journal of Women's History

The Journal of Ecclesiastical History

International Labor and Working Class History

The Journal of Colonial Studies

The Americas

Colonial Latin American Historical Review

Western Historical Quarterly

The Hispanic American Historical Review

The American Historical Review

Duke University Press

Pittsburg University Press

The University of Nebraska Press

Latin American Research Review

Journal of the Early Republic

The Catholic Historical Review

▪ **Selected Grants**

National Endowment for the Humanities, Faculty Research Grant, 2005-2006.

Bienecke Library Research Fellowship, April 2006, Yale University.

University of Georgia, Summer Research Fellowship, 2004.

University of Montana: Summer Research Grant, 1997 and 2001: \$4,000; multiple minor awards for trips to libraries and collections.

University of Texas at Austin University Dissertation Fellowship, 1996.

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Grant, 1994.

Social Science Research Council Dissertation Write Up Grant, 1995.

Dissertation Grant from Spain's Ministry of Culture, 1994.

Mount Holyoke College Class of 1905 Dissertation Award, 1994.

Tinker Foundation Research Grant, 1992.

Tenure Reviewer or Recommendation Writer for the following academics:

Dr. Laura Briggs, University of Arizona

Dr. Kristina Boylan, Suny Institute of Technology

Dr. Jennifer Hughes, U.C. Riverside

Dr. Elliott Young, Lewis and Clark College

Dr. Mark Overmeyer-Velasquez, University of Connecticut

Lia Schraeder, U.C. Davis

Dr. Nicole Sanders, Lynchburg College

▪ **National Service Activities**

Bolton-Johnson Book Prize Committee, Committee on Latin American History, the American Historical Association, 2007.

Proposal Reviewer, Social Science Research Council of Canada, 2007.

▪ **Selected Community and University Service Activities**

I have supervised numerous Master's theses, served on an outside Ph.D. committee as well as on department Ph.D and Master's committees, and served as an advisor for dozens of independent projects on topics ranging from Latino music in Atlanta to immigration to Athens to religious conversion in Nicaragua to shifting racial configurations in Brazil to constructions of manhood among early Spanish explorers.

Founder and Director, Tepoztlán Institute for the Transnational Study of the Americas, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico, July 2004. Funded by the Yale University Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies, the *Hispanic American Historical Review*, The President's Venture Fund at the University of Georgia and the Duke University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and the Universities of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Arizona and Indiana. July 22-29, 2004, Tepoztlán, Morelos, Mexico; July 27-August 3, 2005; July 26-August 2, 2006; August 1-8, 2007.

Faculty advisor for the following student groups at the University of Montana: The Women's

Center, Amnesty International, The Latin American Human Rights Network, The Lambda Alliance.

Faculty advisor and co-founder of Missoula's dynamic Community Action for Justice in the Americas.

Certificate of Merit from the Economic Justice Coalition of Athens for work on immigrant issues, 2007

I have spoken to numerous community groups, including unions and churches, on issues ranging from Protestant conversion to the drug wars in Latin America to current economic restructuring to Latino immigration to Georgia, to union organizing on the border. Missoula, Montana, 1997-2003 and Athens, Ga., 2006-2008.

I have brought a variety of Latin American speakers to the University of Montana and University of Georgia campuses and to the larger community. Most of these speakers have drawn crowds of over 100 and been sponsored by numerous community and university groups.

I have served on a large number of university committees at the University of Montana, including search committees, curriculum committees, library committees, and a diversity advisory board.

Convener and Founder: Faculty Reading Group, Department of History, UM, 1998-2001; Latin American Studies Reading Group, UM 1997-2002; Critical Theory Reading Group, UGA, 2003, 2006. Active Member: Feminist Research Avengers, UM; Transnational Feminism Seminar, UGA; Convener Seminar on Empire and Religion, UGA 2007-2008; Co-convener, History of Capitalism Workshop, UGA, 2008-2009; Co-convener, Workshop on Race and Empire, UGA, 2008-2009.

Member, The Latin American Studies Association, 1995-2008; The American Historical Association, 1997-2008; The Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies, 1997-2003.

