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Education

Doctor of Philosophy - 2024, Temple University

Advisor: Dr. Monica Ricketts

Dissertation: *Controlling Bodies, Controlling Empire: Sex and Violence in The Inquisition Prisons of the Early Seventeenth Century Iberian Atlantic*

Master of Arts - 2018, University of Nevada, Reno

Cultural History, Colonial Latin America, Spanish Inquisition

Advisor: Dr. Linda Curcio

Graduate Certificate - 2018, University of Nevada Reno

Gender, Race, and Identity Studies

Advisor: Dr. Emily Hobson

Bachelor of Arts - 2014, University of Nevada Reno

History, Religious Studies, and Women's Studies. *Summa Cum Laude, In Corsu Honorum*

Research and Teaching Interests

Latin America, colonial and early modern era, pre-Columbian and Iberian empires, cultural history/theory, gender, race and ethnicity, religions, law, incarceration, death and dying, archival research methods, and paleography.

Academic Positions

Oberlin College, History Department

July, 2026 - current

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Latin American History
- HIST 109 & 110 - Latin American Surveys - Colonial and Modern
- HIST 428 - From Dungeons to Panopticons: A Long Carceral History
- HIST 339 - Witches and Inquisitors in the Vast Early American Archives
- HIST 248 - Cities of Sacrifice: Pre-Columbian Histories of Mesoamerica

Queen's University, History Department

September, 2025 - August, 2026

- Global Indigeneity Postdoctoral Fellow
- HIST 338 - Western World Ethnohistory
- HIST 241 - Inquisition, Gender, and Magic

University of Tulsa, Helmerich Center for American Research

August 2024 - May, 2025

- Duane H King Postdoctoral Fellow
- HON 2223: Birth of Modernity, Fall 2024
- HIST 4833/ MSM 7113: Inquisition, Gender, and Sex in the Archives of Latin America, Spring 2025

Temple University, History Department

August 2019 - July 2024

- Instructor of Record – HIST/LAS 2514 Introduction to Latin American History; HIST 0824 Gender and World Societies; HIST 0874 Confronting Empire: Voices of Resistance; and HIST 1101 US History to 1877
- Teaching Assistant – HIST 1102 U.S. History since 1877; HIST 0801 Philadelphia Arts and Cultures; HIST 0848 American Revolutions; and HIST 0872 World History - Modern

University of Nevada Reno, History and Core Humanities Departments

September 2015 - June 2018

- Graduate Teaching Assistant: Core Humanities 202 Europe and the Modern World (discussion group leader) and Core Humanities 203 American Experience and Constitutional Change (discussion group leader, letter of appointment lecturer)
- Research Assistant, Webmaster / Tech Assistant and Consultant - Editor, Tech Advisor for The Howl: The Undergraduate Research Journal

Fellowships and Awards

- 2025 Richmond Brown Dissertation Prize, the Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association
- 2024-2025 John Carter Brown Library Fellowship
- 2024 Finalist Princeton Society of Fellows
- 2023-2024 E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Fellow in Religious Studies, McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania
- 2021-2 Fulbright Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, Spain
- 2023 Richard K. Davis and Karen L. Rylander-Davis Research Fellowship
- 2023 Arthur Cook Prize, Temple University
- 2022-3 Temple University Research Fellowship
- 2022 John D Martz III Prize, Middle Atlantic Council for Latin American Studies
- 2021 Cushwa Center, Notre Dame University, Travel Research Grant

Publications

- Book Review. Emily C. Floyd, *The Mobile Image: Prints and the Shaping of Devotional Networks from Lima to the Andes and Beyond* (University of Texas Press, 2025) *Hispanic American Historical Review*, 2025.
- “Por Haver Puesto Manos Violentas: An Account of Violence during a Mass in Coyoacan, 1629.” *The New American Antiquarian* Vol 4. (Fall, 2025)
- “Sex Magic, Sex Work: The Gendered Labor of Maria de Rivera and Isabel de Montoya in Puebla, Mexico in the Mid-Seventeenth Century” in *Histories of Sex Around the World*, Routledge Research in Gender and History, 2024
- “The Helmerich Center for American Research” *H-LatAm Rincón del Investigador*, February 2025.
- “Edicts of Faith” and “Spanish Inquisitors.” *Database of Religious History*, June 2023
- “Rethinking the Spanish Inquisition and Autos de Fe.” *Scottish Centre for Global History*, November 2021
- Book Review. Jessica M. Kim, *Imperial Metropolis: Los Angeles, Mexico, and the Borderlands of American Empire, 1865–1941* (The University of North Carolina Press, 2019) *Strategic Visions*, Vol. 20 No. 2 (2021)

Works in Progress

- Manuscript in Review with Cambridge University Press. *Controlling Imperial Bodies: Inquisition, Incarceration, and Gendered Violence, 1580-1650*.
- “Seventeenth Century Caribbean Sex Work,” in *The Bloomsbury Handbook of the History of World Sexualities*, Bloomsbury (2027).
- “Género y Performatividad Emotiva de Mujeres Afro-Descendientes en las Cárceles de la Inquisición de Cartagena de Indias en el Siglo XVII.” *Diversidad y Construcción Identitaria: Fluidéz cultural, performatividad escrita, y legalidad en el mundo Ibérico Pacífico-Atlántico* para el 1 (2026).
- “Sex in the Inquisition Prisons,” *Sixteenth Century Society*, 2026, *Sixteenth Century Journal* forthcoming.
- “Mira lo que Haces, Que te Engañan: Mother-Daughter Relationships in a Mexican Prison, 1642,” *Renaissance Society of America*, 2027, *Renaissance Quarterly* forthcoming.
- “Mexico’s 1649 Auto de Fe: A Dispersed Archive,” *Archives and Archival Practices in Latin American Jewish History* edited volume, forthcoming.
- “Good Girls Gone Bad: A Women’s Party Gone Awry in 1660s Lima,” *The Americas*, forthcoming.
- ““Your nose is too big and you are too old to be acting this way”: Priestly Power and Discursive Revenge in Cases of Solicitation in the Confessional,” *The Latin Americanist*, forthcoming.

Guest Speaker and Conference Presentations

- “Seventeenth Century Caribbean Sex Work,” Berkshire Conference of Women Historians, 2027
- “Mira lo que Haces, Que te Engañan: Mother-Daughter Relationships in a Mexican Prison, 1642,” Renaissance Society of America, 2027.
- “Sex in the Inquisition Prisons,” Sixteenth Century Society, 2026.
- “Breaching the Secret Cells” manuscript workshop at McNeil Center for Early American Studies, October 30, 2025
- “Inquisition, Incarceration, and Gendered Resistance in Colonial Latin America.” invited talk at Penn State University, September 24-26, 2025
- ““Your nose is too big and you are too old to be acting this way”: Priestly Power and Discursive Revenge in Cases of Solicitation in the Confessional” *South East Conference on Latin American Studies*, 2025
- “Good Girls Gone Bad: A Women’s Party Gone Awry in 1660s Lima” *American Historical Association / Conference on Latin American History*, 2025
- “Family Cohesion under Stress: Inquisition and the Jews in 17th-Century Mexico.” *American Historical Association / Conference on Latin American History*, 2024
- “The Inquisition in Latin America” Prof. Audrey Rankin, Temple University, September 26, 2023 and February 12, 2024
- “The First Trial of Paula de Eguiluz: Castellano Fears of Afro-Descended Brujas in the 17th Century Caribbean.” *Mid-Atlantic Council for Latin American Studies*, 2023
- “Sex Magic, Sex Work: The Gendered Labor of Maria de Rivera and Isabel de Montoya in Puebla, Mexico in the Mid-Seventeenth Century.” *Rocky Mountain Council for Latin American Studies*, 2023
- “Sex and Pregnancy as Prison Space Negotiation Strategies: Lorenzana de Acereto and the Cartagena Inquisition, 1610.” *James A Barnes Conference*, 2023
- “The Vengeful Wife and the Imprisoned Body: Poison, Prisons, and Pregnancy.” Oxford University Series: *The History of the Gendered Body*, June 10, 2022
- “God Keeps Her in Heaven and Forgives Her, But She Had a Good Soul”: Gendered and Economic Power of the Converso Community in the Auto General de Fe in Mexico City, 1642-1649”: Gendered and Economic Power of the Converso Community in the Auto General de Fe in Mexico City, 1642-1649.” *James A Barnes Conference; Louisiana State University Graduate Conference; Middle Atlantic Conference for Latin American Studies* (Winner John D Martz III Prize); *Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies* 2021
- “Resisting Empire: Women, Witchcraft, and the Inquisition.” Prof. Josh Stern, Temple University, September 27, 2019
- “The Insidious Case of Ignacia Gertrudis Ochoa: Gender, Personal Relationships, and Diabolism in the Late Eighteenth-Century Diocese of Guadalajara.” *Rocky Mountain Conference on Latin American Studies*, 2018

- “Language and Infidelity: An Analysis of the Denunciation Against Ignacia Gertrudis de Ochoa in México City, 1771.” *Vanderbilt University History Graduate Association 7th Annual Conference*, 2017 “Curanderas and the Mexican Inquisition.” Dr. Linda Curcio, University of Nevada, Reno. October 17, 2017
- “Introduction to Religious Studies.” Dr. Christopher von Nagy, University of Nevada, Reno. September 11, 2017
- “Said’s Orientalism and American Perceptions of Mexican Workers and Immigrants.” History of Mexico, Dr. Shayna Mehas, University of Nevada Reno. December 5, 2016
- “Women and the Enlightenment in Bourbon Mexico.” History of Latin America, Dr. Shayna Mehas, University of Nevada Reno, December 5, 2016
- “Gender Complementarity Among Pre-Conquest Mexico.” History of Mexico, Dr. Linda Curcio, University of Nevada Reno, Sept 16, 2016

Service to the Profession

- 2023 - ongoing, Fulbright Mentor and Interview Panel Member, Temple University Department of Fellowships Advising
- 2025 Faculty Mentor, “The Service Initiative at the University of Tulsa”
- 2024-5 Organizing, “Unlocking HCAR's History”; Works in Progress Seminars; Cultures of the Americas Seminars, "Teach the Archives" Educators Workshop; *Helmerich Center for American Research*
- 2024 Mentor, *McNeil Center for Early American Studies* Undergraduate Research Workshop
- 2023 Marketing, Panel Moderator and Commenter, *Temple University, Barnes Conference*
- 2020 Social Chair, *Temple University History Department Graduate Student Association / Barnes Club*

Professional Affiliations

- Renaissance Society of America, since 2026
- Sixteenth Century Society, since 2026
- Latin American and Caribbean Section of the Southern Historical Association, since 2025
- South East Conference on Latin American Studies, since 2024
- McNeil Center for Early American Studies, University of Pennsylvania, since 2023
- Conference on Latin American History, since 2023
- American Historical Association, since 2023
- U.S. Fulbright Commission, since 2021
- Mid-Atlantic Conference for Latin American Studies, since 2021
- Rocky Mountain Conference for Latin American Studies, since 2018