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Education

Ph.D.: University of Texas at Austin, May, 2003. Major field: Latin American History, Minor field: Twentieth Century Africa

M.A.: University of Texas at Austin, May, 1995. Major Field: Latin American history.

B.A.: Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, May, 1991. Majors: History, Philosophy.

Refereed Academic Publications

Book review: Carlos Camacho Arango, *El Conflicto de Leticia (1932-1933) y los Ejércitos de Perú y Colombia*, in the *Journal of Military History*, 82:4 (October, 2018), 1312-1313.

Book review: Jane Rausch, *From Frontier Town to Metropolis: A History of Villavicencio, Colombia, since 1842*, published in the *Revista de estudios colombianos*, Issue 40 (Spring, 2012).

Edited and revised the article, “Cundinamarca [Colombian department]” for the *Encyclopedia of Latin American History and Culture*, 2nd edition, Thomson-Gale, 2008.

Translation of letter: Francisco de Paula Santander to Andrew Jackson, May 19, 1829, for the Jackson Papers, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Spring, 2007.

“Cave Gaitanum: U.S. Government Perspectives on Bogotá’s April 9, 1948 riots.”
Translated as: “La mirada norteamericana,” chapter in Gonzalo Sánchez (editor). *Grandes potencias, el 9 de abril y la violencia*. Bogotá: Editorial Planeta, S.A., 2000, 73-154.

“Power Boost: Colombia and the United States during La Violencia. (1946-1958)” in *SECOLAS Annals*, XI (Spring, 1993), 141-170.

Courses Taught

Maryville College, Fall, 2005 – Present

- A History of Immigration in New York City (May 2019)
- World Cultures: Dominican Republic (experiential travel course)
- Latino-Americans in the U.S.
- Introduction to the Study of History
- Ethics (an interdisciplinary, senior-level course)
- A History of Latin America through Food (experiential course)

- History and Culture of Ghana (experiential travel course)
- History and Culture of Germany (experiential travel course)
- World Cultures: Latin America
- Western historical origins of the United States
- Perspectives in the Humanities
- Narcotics: A Global History
- Senior Seminar: Nationalism
- Latin American History, 1808 to Present
- Colonial Latin American History
- Revolution in Latin America
- Western Civilization, 1500 to Present
- Western Civilization, Antiquity to 1500
- Modern Africa, 1885 to Present
- Colonial and Revolutionary United States, 1492 to 1800
- Twentieth Century United States
- World Civilization, 1500 to Present
- Introduction to Environmental Studies & Sustainability
- First Year Seminar: Perspectives on the Environment
- First Year Seminar: Latin American Realities
- First Year Seminar: Getting Outdoors University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Fall, 2003 – Spring, 2006
- Latino-Americans in the United States
- History of Colombia, 1808 to present
- World Civilization, 1500 to present
- World Civilization to 1500
- Latin American History, 1808 to present

Knoxville College: Fall, 2004 – Spring, 2005

- World Civilization, 1500 to present
- World Civilization to 1500

Tennessee Technological University: Fall, 1999 – Spring, 2000

- United States, 1865 to present
- Modern Latin American History

Administrative Experience

- President, Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), 2018-2019
- Director, Maryville College Works, 2016-present
- Coordinator, Annual meeting of the Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), Maryville College, October 14-15, 2011 and November 2-3, 2018
- Vice President, Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), 2016-2017
- Treasurer, Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), 2012-2016
- Founding Coordinator, Great Smokies Experience, 2013-present

Non-Academic Publication

“Gaitán y la CIA: la evidencia,” in *Semana*, No. 988 (April 9-16, 2001), 52-58.

Presentations

“The Great Smoky Mountains National Park as a UNESCO International Biosphere Reserve, 1957-present,” lunchtime presentation to the annual meeting of the Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, November, 2018

“A History of Immigration in East Tennessee,” Blount County Public Library. September 8, 2018

“What Every World Historian Should Know about Salsa” presented at the annual meeting of the Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), Dahlonega, Georgia. October 6-7, 2017

“The Most Polluted River in the World: An Ecological History of the Río Bogotá” presented at the annual meeting of the Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), Boca Raton, Florida. October 10-11, 2014

“Spirits of Resistance: Palm Wine, Moonshine and Popular Protest in Appalachia and the Gold Coast, 1930-2009” presented at the annual meeting of the Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), Norfolk, Virginia. October 17-19, 2013

“Tennessee Taquerías: How Latinos Are Redefining the U.S. South,” presented at the College of St. Benedict / St. John’s University. Colleagueville, MN. September 29, 2011

“Bolívar y Nkrumah: Victoria, derrota y vindicación” [“Bolívar and Nkrumah: Victory, Defeat and Vindication”], presented at the Congreso de Colombianistas. Bucaramanga, Colombia. August 3-5, 2011. Note that a similar paper was also presented in English at the annual meeting of the Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. October 18-20, 2012

“Land Reform during the Early Cold War: Japan, Guatemala & the United States,” presented at the annual meeting of the Southeast World History Association (SEWHA), Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw, Georgia. October 22-23, 2010. Note that this essay was re-edited and presented in part to the Community of Scholars meeting, Maryville College. March 18, 2011

“Ethno-Symbolism and the Search for an Inclusive Nationalism in Colombia, 1946-1958,” presented at the Congreso de Colombianistas, Charlottesville, Virginia. August 4-7, 2009

“From Anti-American Fascists to Pro-American Anti-Communists: The Transformation of the Religious Right in Colombia, 1930s-1950s,” presented at the annual meeting of the Latin American Studies Association, Rio de Janeiro. June 11-14, 2009

“Latin Americans in East Tennessee: A Historical Perspective,” presented at the New Neighbors in East Tennessee Conference, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee. September 22, 2008

“The Historical Origins of Violence in Colombia,” Maryville College Faculty Showcase, Maryville, Tennessee. September, 27, 2008

“Nazism in Latin American Political Thought: The Case of Gilberto Alzate,” presented at the Annual Meeting of the Ohio Valley History Conference, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee. October 21-23, 2004

“The Historical Origins of Terrorism in Colombia,” presented at the Twenty-Sixth Annual Workshop for Teachers of Social Studies, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. March 6, 2004

“The Personalities of Colombian Violence: 1946-2003,” presented at the Latin American Symposium on the Andean Region at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee. November 10-20, 2003

“Ordinary Colombians and the Polemics of Religion, 1930-1957,” presented at the SECOLAS Conference, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. March 6-8, 2003

“Ordinary Colombians’ View of the Presidency, 1946-1957,” an essay presented at the Latin American Studies Association’s Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C. Fall, 2001

“Diego Montaña Cuellar and Tropical Oil: Labor and Nationalism in the Colombian Oil Industry,” at the conference, “Colombia: State and Nation,” The University of Texas at Austin. Fall, 1997

“Liberal Elites and the Colombian Violencia (1946-1953),” presented at the joint Rocky Mountain- Pacific Coast Latin American Studies Conference (RMCLAS/PCCLAS). Spring, 1996

“Power Boost: Colombia and the United States during the Years of the Violencia,” at the SECOLAS Conference, Lafayette, LA. Spring, 1993

“The Spanish Civil War in the Press Conferences of F.D.R.,” presented at Phi Alpha Theta Conference, Upstate New York Region. Utica, NY. Spring, 1990

Awards, Grants and Fellowships

Fulbright-IIE Fellowship, July, 1998 to July, 1999

National Security Education Program (NSEP) Fellowship, June, 1998

J. Bruton Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, July, 1998

Castañeda Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin, September, 1995 to November, 1995

Dora Bonham Grant, University of Texas at Austin, Fall, 1993

Oyaron Fellowship in Philosophy, Hartwick College, Fall, 1990

Language Proficiency

Spanish: excellent reading and oral proficiency; strong writing skills

Portuguese: excellent reading proficiency; good oral skills; some writing ability