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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Wisconsin-Madison

August 2022- Assistant Professor of Caribbean and Latin American History

August 2022- Faculty Affiliate, Latin American, Caribbean, and Iberian Studies Program

August 2022- Faculty Affiliate, Chican@ & Latin@ Studies Program

Dartmouth College

July 2020-22 Assistant Professor of History

July 2018-20 Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellow

VISITING ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

Fall 2019 Visiting Research Professor, Institute of Caribbean Studies

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

2016-18 Visiting Scholar, Department of History

EDUCATION

The University of Connecticut

2018 PhD in Latin American History

- 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

2011 MA in History of the Americas

2009 BA in History

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

Books

- 2024 *Puerto Rico: A National History*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, April 2024.
- In Spanish: *Puerto Rico: Historia de una nación*. Translated by Aurora Lauzardo Ugarte. New York: Grupo Planeta, April 2024.
- 2021 *The Lettered Barriada: Workers, Archival Power, and the Politics of Knowledge in Puerto Rico*. Durham: Duke University Press.
- Recipient of the 2021 Duke University Press Scholars of Color First Book Award.
- 2022 Frank Bonilla Book Award, Honorable Mention, Puerto Rican Studies Association.
- 2015 *Voces libertarias: Orígenes del anarquismo en Puerto Rico*. Ediciones CCC: Santurce, 2013; 2nd ed., Madrid: Fundación Anselmo Lorenzo, 2014; 3rd ed., Lajas, P. R.: Editorial Akelarre, 2015.

Edited Books

- 2025 *Interrogating the Future of Puerto Rican Studies: A Reader*. Co-edited with Aurora Santiago-Ortiz. Under contract with Duke University Press.
- 2021 *Páginas libres: Breve antología del pensamiento anarquista en Puerto Rico, 1900-1919*. Cabo Rojo: Editora Educación Emergente.
- 2013 *Without Borders or Limits: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Anarchist Studies*. Co-edited with Nathan J. Jun. Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2022 “Luisa Capetillo and the Caribbean’s Counter Republic of Letters.” *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism* 69 (Nov. 2022): 112-120.
- 2021 “A Party of Ex-Convicts: Bolívar Ochart, Carceral Logics, and the Socialist Party in Puerto Rico, 1917-1928,” *Hispanic American Historical Review* vol. 101, no. 1 (February 2021): 73-99.
- 2019 “Mateo and Juana: Racial Silencing, Epistemic Violence, and Counterarchives in Puerto Rican Labor History,” *International Labor and Working-Class History Journal* vol. 96 (Fall 2019): 103-121.
- 2015 “Imagining Resistance: Organizing the Puerto Rican Southern Agricultural Strike of 1905,” *Caribbean Studies Journal* vol. 43, no. 2 (July-December 2015): 33-82.
- 2015 “Labor History’s Transnational Turn: Rethinking Latin American and Caribbean Migrant Workers,” *Latin American Perspectives* vol. 42, no. 4 (July 2015): 117-122.

Book Chapters

- 2023 “Una historia anarquista, no una historia del anarquismo.” In *La historia o las historias: Un debate en el seno del anarquismo*. Edited by Javier Encina, Sergio Higuera, and Ainhoa Ezeiza. Guadalajara: Volapük Ediciones.
- 2021 “Luisa Capetillo en La Habana: Sus escritos en la prensa anarquista cubana, 1910-1914.” In *Amor y anarquía: Los escritos de Luisa Capetillo*, edited by Julio Ramos. Cabo Rojo: Ediciones Educación Emergente.

- 2019 “The Anarchist Imaginary: Max Nettlau and Latin America, 1890-1934.” 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.
- 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.

Other Academic Publications and Public Scholarship

- 2022 “A Brief Reflection on Thinking Against the Archive of Puertorriqueñidad,” *Caliban’s Readings: The Caribbean Philosophical Association’s Blog* (April 24, 2022): <https://caribbeanphilosophy.org/blog/archive-puertorriqueidad>.
- 2021 “Camacho-Quinn’s gold medal sparked a debate about Puerto Rican national identity,” *The Washington Post’s Made by History*, (August 6): https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2021/08/05/camacho-quinns-gold-medal-sparked-debate-about-puerto-rican-national-identity/?fbclid=IwAR35z8r1U8x9RWwXmjS21dInEB4qlYs2A8Y5UvBW_aILtp_bPPuQLQISwmY.
- 2020 “*La Calle Fortaleza* in Puerto Rico’s *Primavera de Verano*,” co-authored with Aurora Santiago Ortiz, *Decolonial Geographies of Puerto Rico’s 2019 Summer Protests*, online forum edited by Marisol LeBrón and Joaquín Villanueva, *Society and Space Journal* (February 25, 2020): <https://www.societyandspace.org/articles/la-calle-fortaleza-in-puerto-ricos-primavera-de-verano>
- 2019 “Commemorating May Day in Puerto Rico,” *NACLA Report on the Americas* vol. 51, no. 3 (September 2019): 301-305.
- 2019 “Puerto Rico’s Multiple Solidarities: Emergent Landscapes and the Geographies of Protest,” co-authored with Aurora Santiago-Ortiz, *The Abusable Past by Radical History Review* (July 22, 2019): <https://www.radicalhistoryreview.org/abusablepast/?p=3152>.
- 2016 “Los ecos del silencio: Dimensiones locales y aspiraciones globales del periódico *Voz humana*.” *Revista La Brecha* vol. 2, no. 3 (Fall 2016): 23-27.
- 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* vol. 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* vol. 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* vol. 5, no. 1 (2011): http://kalathos.metro.inter.edu/Num_9/Cabildo%20Secular.pdf.

Book Reviews

- 2023 Review of *Cuba and Puerto Rico: Transdisciplinary Approaches to History, Literature, and Culture*, edited by Carmen Haydée Rivera and Jorge Duany, *Hispanic American Historical Review* (Forthcoming).
- 2023 Review of *For a Just and Better World: Engendering Anarchism in the Mexican Borderlands, 1900-1938* by Sonia Hernández, *H-Net Network in Caribbean Studies* (June 2023): <https://networks.h-net.org/node/2881/reviews/12881996/mel%C3%A9ndez-badillo-herna%C3%81ndez-just-and-better-world-engendering>.
- 2021 Review of *Anarchist of the Caribbean: Countercultural Politics and Transnational Networks in the Age of US Expansion* by Kirwin R. Shaffer, *New West Indian Guide* 95, no. 3-4 (Oct. 2021).
- 2020 Review of *Early Puerto Rican Cinema and Nation Building: National Sentiments, Transnational Realities, 1897-1940* by Nadia García-Crespo, *Canadian Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* vol. 43, no. 3 (Jun 2020): 440-441.
- 2020 Review of *Aftershocks of Disaster: Puerto Rico Before and After the Storm*, edited by Yarimar Bonilla and Marisol LeBrón, *The Americas* vol. 77, no. 4 (Oct. 2020): 650-652.
- 2019 “The Edge of Citizenship.” Review of *Borderline Citizens: The United States, Puerto Rico, and the Politics of Colonial Migration* by Robert McGreevey, *Diplomatic History* vol. 43, no. 5 (November 2019): 951-953.
- 2019 Review of *The Government of No One: The Theory and Practice of Anarchism* by Ruth Kinna, *Times Higher Education*, August 22, 2019.
- 2019 Review of *Toussaint Louverture: A Black Jacobin in the Age of Revolutions* by Charles Forsdick and Christian Høgsbjerg, *Anarchist Studies Journal* vol. 27, no. 1 (Spring 2019): 105-106.
- 2018 Review of *Puerto Rican Labor History, 1898-1934: Revolutionary Ideals and Reformist Politics* by Carlos Sanabria, *Caribbean Studies Journal* vol. 46, no. 2 (December 2018): 220-222.
- 2013 Review of *Black Flag Boricuas: Anarchism, Antiauthoritarianism, and the Left in Puerto Rico, 1897-1921* by Kirwin R. Shaffer, *Caribbean Studies Journal* vol. 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* vol. 1, no. 1 (2013).

PUBLICATION PIPELINE

Forthcoming Publications

- “(Nada es) como antes: Bad Bunny’s Historical Memory and the Limits of Nostalgia.” In *The Bad Bunny Enigma: Culture, Resistance, and Uncertainty*. Chapter co-written with Aurora Santiago-Ortiz. Edited by Sheilla Rodríguez-Madera, Nelson Varas-Díaz, and Daniel Nevárez Araújo. Pennsylvania: Lexington Press, Forthcoming. Chapter submitted and under consideration.

“Efimeridad, poder y olvido de los (contra)archivos anarquistas en Puerto Rico.” In *Reflexiones en torno a los archivos en el estudio del anarquismo en América y España.* Edited by Ivanna Margarucci, Martín Albornoz, Eduardo Godoy Sepúlveda, and Juan Cruz López. Santiago de Chile: Editorial Eleuterio, Forthcoming (2024).

“Radical Genealogies: The Beginnings of Anarchism in Nineteenth-Century Latin America.” In *Routledge Companion to Nineteenth-Century Latin America*, edited by Agnes Lugo-Ortiz and Graciela Montaldo. Forthcoming (2024).

Articles Under Preparation for Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Prelude to Exile: Ángel Rama, Marta Traba, and Puerto Rico’s Intellectual Communities, 1970-1973.” Currently conducting research for article to submit to a peer-reviewed journal.

“In Defiance of the Archive of *Puertorriqueñidad*: The Black Puerto Rican Press in the 1930s.” Currently conducting research for article to submit to a peer-review journal.

Book Reviews Under Preparation

Review of *Ybor City: Crucible of the Latina South* by Sara McNamara, *The Americas Journal*.

Book Chapters Under Preparation

“Puerto Rican Studies as Diasporic, Caribbean, and Latin American Knowledges,” *Interrogating the Future of Puerto Rican Studies: A Reader*, edited by Aurora Santiago-Ortiz and Jorell Meléndez-Badillo.

Book Projects

In Progress:

The Counter-Republic of Letters: A Transatlantic Network. Currently conducting research.

Educating for Empire: US Higher Education and the War of 1898 in Cuba and Puerto Rico.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Latin American and Caribbean History, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Colony, Nation, and Minority: The Puerto Ricans’ World (Fall 2023).
- Latin America: An Introduction (Spring 2023)
- Transnational Utopias: Anarchism Across the Americas (Spring 2023)
- The Caribbean and Its Diasporas (Fall 2022; Fall 2023)
- The Afterlives of the War of 1898 in the Caribbean (Fall 2022)

Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College

- Modern Latin America: *América Latina* and *El Caribe* Since the Haitian Revolution (Fall 2020; Fall 2021)
- Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the War of 1898 (Winter 2021; Spring 2022)
- The Politics of Natural Disasters in Latin America (Winter 2021; Spring 2022)
- Transnational Utopias: Latin American Anarchisms (Fall 2021)

Andrew W. Mellon Faculty Fellow, Dartmouth College

- Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the War of 1898 (Spring 2020)

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

- 2023 “Archives of the Americas.” Borghesi-Mellon Workshops. Co-written with Víctor Gordell-Carballo, Gloria Morales Osorio, and Addison Nace. University of Wisconsin’s Center for the Humanities.
- 2021 “Right to the Discipline” Grant for “A ‘Puerto Rico Reading Collective’ In-Person Writing Workshop in Puerto Rico. Antipode Foundation.
- 2018 Virginia Sánchez Koroll Dissertation Award. Puerto Rican Studies Association. Honorable Mention.
- 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 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

- 2023 "Puerto Rican Studies as Latin American and Caribbean Knowledges," *L.A.S.A.-Puerto Rico Conference*, San Juan, P.R., March 17.
- 2022 "On Research and Research Centers Across Historiographical Fields: A Roundtable on Latin American and Latinx Studies." *Southern Historical Association*. November 11.
- 2022 "Epistemic Violence, Erasures, and the Archive of Puertorriqueñidad." *Social Sciences History Association*. Invited presidential session. November 19.
- 2022 "PfkNR as Method: Seeking Disruption Through Collective Care, Diasporic Literacies, and Intimate Geographies." Roundtable at *American Studies Association Conference*. New Orleans, Louisiana, November 5.
- 2022 "Political and Epistemic Insurrections: Puerto Rican Studies as Latin American Studies." *Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference*, Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts, October 15.
- 2022 "PfkNR as Method: Thinking Puerto Rican Futures Through Collective Spaces of Care." Roundtable at the *Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference*, Holyoke Community College, Massachusetts, October 16.

- 2021 “Aproximaciones metodológicas a la migración anarquista transregional: El caso de la familia Moncaleano.” *Palabras en Fuego: Pensar la historia anarquista en Las Américas* (Via Zoom due to COVID-19), October 1.
- 2021 “Todo por la revolución: La militancia transnacional de Blanca y Juan Francisco Moncaleano, 1910-1916.” *Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials* (Via Zoom due to COVID-19), July 20.
- 2021 “Todo por la revolución: La militancia transnacional de Blanca y Juan Francisco Moncaleano, 1910-1916.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference* (Via Zoom due to COVID-19), May 29.
- 2019 “Mateo and Juana: Racial Silencing, Epistemic Violence, and Counterarchives in Puerto Rico.” *Caribbean Studies Association*, Santa Marta, Colombia, June 3-7.
- 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.
- 2018 “Strike Against Labor: The 1933 Student Strike at the University of Puerto Rico.” *Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference*, Rutgers University, October 26-28.
- 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 Workers’ Identities 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.

Keynote Lectures

- 2023 “La lucha anarcho-feminista a comienzos de siglo XX: Los casos de Luisa Capetillo y Blanca de Moncaleano,” *Primera Jornada en México de Investigación sobre Mujeres Anarquistas*, May 22-26. Delivered via Zoom.
- 2022 “Luisa Capetillo as a Weaver of Dreams and Transnational Networks.” *Assuming the Podium: A Symposium on Luisa Capetillo*. University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. October 28.
- 2022 “Pensar la historia desde los límites del archivo de la puertorriqueñidad: Provocaciones historiográficas.” *Primer simposio de jóvenes investigadores en historia en la Universidad de Puerto Rico*. San Juan, Puerto Rico. January 20-21 (Zoom due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2022 “Words as Bricks and Pages as Mortar: The Creation of Puerto Rico’s Lettered Barriada,” *New Directions Lecture Series*, Brown University. April 18.

Invited Lectures

- 2023 “Siguiendo los pasos de la revolución: Las vidas transnacionales de la familia Moncaleano,” *Seminario de Estudios del Caribe*, Cartagena, Colombia, July 24-28.
- 2023 “Retro-Futurism: Re-Imagining the Future of Puerto Rican Studies,” *CENTRO’s 50th Anniversary*, Silberman School for Social Work, CUNY, February 24.
- 2021 “Todo por la revolución: La militancia transnacional de Juan Francisco y Blanca Moncaleano, 1910-1916.” *Ciclo de charlas: “Extranjería y migración en Hispanoamérica, siglos XVIII-XX,” Centro de Investigaciones Históricas, UPR-Río Piedras*, November 19 (Via Zoom due to COVID-19 Pandemic)

- 2021 “La barriada letrada: Producción de saberes obreros en los márgenes de la elite cultural puertorriqueña, 1897-1940.” Seminario del Instituto Internacional de Estudios del Caribe, Cartagena, Colombia (Via Zoom due to COVID-19), July 26.
- 2020 “Following the Revolution: The Transnational Activism of Blanca and Juan Moncaleano, 1911-1916.” Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, SUNY-Stony Brook, November 5 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2020 “Puerto Rico, Puerto Ricans, and Puerto Ricanness: Historical Roots and Today’s Challenges.” Springfield College, October 6 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2020 “Un partido de exconvictos: Bolívar Ochart, lógicas carcelarias y el Partido Socialista de Puerto Rico, 1915-1932.” *Coloquio*, Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña, April 2 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2019 “Race, Colonialism, and Infrastructures of Resistance in Contemporary Puerto Rico.” *Heart and Soil: Ecological Resilience and Social Impact in Puerto Rico*, Dartmouth College, October 25.
- 2019 “Max Nettlau and Radical Intellectual Communities Across the Americas.” *Radical Modernities and Migration*, Sam Houston University, October 1.
- 2019 “Labor Organizing and the First Three Decades of US Colonialism in Puerto Rico.” *Puerto Rico: Resistance, Disaster, and Austerity in the World’s Oldest Colony*, The People’s Forum, New York, September 26.
- 2019 “Juan Vilar and Rational Education in Puerto Rico: A Local Project with Global Aspirations.” Wesleyan University, April 12.
- 2019 “Racial Silencing, Epistemic Violence, and Counterarchives in Puerto Rican Labor History.” University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 10.
- 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

- 2023 “Book Presentation of *Escalando la Tribuna*,” *Editora Educación Emergente*, April 21.
- 2022 “Book Presentation of *Páginas Libres*,” *Editora Educación Emergente*, February 23 (Via Zoom due to COVID-19).
- 2022 “Afternoon Tertulia with Jorell Meléndez-Badillo,” *Centro: Center for Puerto Rican Studies at Hunter College, CUNY*, February 17 (Via Zoom due to COVID-19).
- 2022 “The Lettered Barriada: Book Presentation,” Sponsored by the Puerto Rican Studies Association and the Latin American Studies Association Puerto Rico Section, February 10 (Via Zoom due to COVID-19).
- 2022 “Los orígenes del anarquismo en Puerto Rico,” *Coloquio*, Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña, San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 18 (Via Zoom due to COVID-19).
- 2021 “Los estudios puertorriqueños en la diáspora,” Roundtable, Biblioteca Jesús T. Piñero, San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 17 (Via Zoom due to COVID-19).

- 2021 “Book Presentation: *Páginas libres*,” XXI Jornadas del Libro Caribeño en la Ciudad de México, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, CDMX, November 11 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2021 “Book Presentation *The Lettered Barriada*,” XXI Jornadas del Libro Caribeño en la Ciudad de México, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia, CDMX, November 10 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2021 “Erasures, Silences, and Power in Latin American History,” Roundtable: *Historians Respond to ‘Divisive Concepts’ Legislation: What We Can’t Talk When History is Silences*, Dartmouth College, November 9 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2021 “Todo por la revolución: La militancia transregional de Blanca y Juan Francisco Moncaleano,” *Palabras en Fuego: Pensar la historia anarquista en Las Américas* (Via Zoom due to COVID-19), October 1.
- 2021 “Los Young Lords y la resistencia puertorriqueña desde la diáspora,” *Impacto Juventud*, University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez, September 22 (Via Zoom due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2021 “Perspectives from Latin America: 1954 as a Turning Point,” *The Washington DC Insurrection in History*, Dartmouth College, January 11.
- 2020 Invited speaker. Book Presentation of *Fighting Fascist Spain* by Montse Feu. Sam Houston University, October 15 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2020 Invited speaker. *Tertulias*. SUNY-Brockport, October 9 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2019 “Histories of Anarchist Education.” Comments on Mark Bray and Robert H. Hayworth’s book, *Francisco Ferrer i Guardia and the Modern School: A Francisco Ferrer Reader*. Dartmouth College, February 11, 2019.
- 2018 Doctoral Student Valedictorian 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

- 2023 Chair and Discussant. “Liberatory Interventions and Praxes in Puerto Rico.” *Latin American Studies Association*, Annual Congress. May 27. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

- 2023 Conference Co-Organizer. LASA-Puerto Rico Conference. Universidad Carlos Albizu, San Juan, Puerto Rico, March 17-18.
- 2021 Commentator. “Trayectorias anarquistas entre lo local y lo transnacional” *XI Jornadas de Historia de las Izquierdas del CeDInCI*, Buenos Aires (Via Zoom Due to COVID-19 Pandemic), November 17.
- 2021 Symposium Organizer. *Palabras en Fuego: Pensar la historia anarquista en Las Américas* (Via Zoom due to COVID-19), October 1.
- 2021 Chair. “Raza, antinegritud y afrodescendencia en Puerto Rico y su diáspora global.” *Latin American Studies Association*, Annual Congress. May 26 (Via Zoom due to Covid-19 pandemic).
- 2020 Moderator. “Historias orales de mujeres cayeyanas: Vivencias y resistencias.” *Colectivo Casco Urbano Cayey*. May 18 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2020 Chair. “Colonialism, Activism, and Resistance in Puerto Rico.” *Latin American Studies Association*, Annual Congress. May 16 (Via Zoom Due to Covid-19 Pandemic).
- 2019 Chair and Commentator. “Race, Relationality, and Comparative Analytics in a Transnational Context.” *Puerto Rican Studies Association Biannual Symposium*. University of Texas, Austin. October 26.
- 2019 Panel Organizer. “¿Rethinking Puerto Rican Studies? Nuevas Perspectivas e Interpretaciones.” *Latin American Studies Association*. Boston, MA, May 24-27.
- 2018 Panel Organizer. “Dreams of Freedom: Rethinking Puerto Rican Radical History.” *Puerto Rican Studies Association Conference*, Rutgers University, October 26-28.
- 2018 Panel Organizer. “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.
- 2018 Panel Chair. “Pensando en Puerto Rico: Struggles in Times of Crisis.” *Borderlands: A Critical Graduate Symposium*, The University of Connecticut. March 31st.
- 2018 Panel Organizer. “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.
- 2017 Panel Organizer. “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.
- 2017 Panel Organizer. “Pensando en los bordes: Intelectuales latinoamericanxs al margen del poder.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, Lima, Peru. April 29-May 1.
- 2016 Panel Organizer. “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.
- 2016 Panel Commentator. *10th Annual Graduate Research Conference*. Department of History, The University of Connecticut, August 29.
- 2015 Panel Organizer. “Rethinking Labor in Puerto Rico: Cultura, género y resistencia.” *Latin American Studies Association Conference*, San Juan, Puerto Rico. May 27-30.
- 2012 Panel Organizer. “Re-imagining Anarchism in America: A Critical Perspective.” *Anarchist Studies Network Conference 2.0: Making Connections*, Loughborough University, England. September 3-5.

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

DIGITAL HUMANITIES IN THE CLASSROOM

Spring 2023 *Latin America: An Introduction*
(UW-Madison, LACIS/HIST 260)
Podcast Assignment.

Fall 2022 *The Caribbean and Its Diasporas*
(UW-Madison, HIST 347)

Digital StoryMap collectively created by students.

<https://uploads.knightlab.com/storymaps/9ac0e742d3d2bf519cf3e5a2a667575e/the-caribbean-and-its-diasporas-fall-22-uw-madison/index.html>

Fall 2021 *Transnational Utopias: Latin American Anarchisms*
(Dartmouth College, HIST 82.04/LACS 46.60):

Digital Social Study Center and Digital Zines Project collectively created by students.

<https://transnationalutopiascollective.weebly.com/>

Fall 2021 *Modern Latin America*
(Dartmouth College, HIST 05.13/LACS 1):

Podcast Project: *Ediciones del Norte Frío Podcast* collectively created by students.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/profe-melendez-badillo>

Winter 2021 *The Politics of Natural Disasters in Latin America*
(Dartmouth College, HIST 82.01/LACS 31):

Becoming #Twitterstorians Project. Twitter account collectively created and administered by students.

Twitter handle: @disasterslatam

Spring 2020 *Cuba, Puerto Rico, and the War of 1898*
(Dartmouth College, HIST 7)

Digital Timeline collectively created by students.

<https://www.jorellmelendezbadillo.com/digital-humanities-projects.html>

Fall 2020 *Modern Latin America*
(Dartmouth College, HIST 05.13/LACS 1):

Digital StoryMap collectively created by students.

<https://uploads.knightlab.com/storymaps/e63cc847ef7088147f43f0cf8f87e425/modern-latin-america/index.html>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2019 Selected Participant for the *Inaugural Faculty of Color Working Group Symposium*. New England Humanities Consortium. Wheaton College, May 11th.
- 2019 Manuscript Review Workshop for *The Lettered Barriada: Workers and the Politics of Knowledge*. Sponsored by the Mellon Faculty Fellows Program and the Department of History. Dartmouth College. March 18th.

MEDIA COVERAGE AND APPEARANCES

- 2024 John Leguizamo's American Historia. PBS Documentary. Release Date: April 2024.
- 2023 Izzie Ramírez, "Why Bad Bunny's Un Verano Sin Ti is Such a Big Deal," *Vox*, February 4, 2023, <https://www.vox.com/culture/2023/2/4/23585046/bad-bunny-un-verano-ti-grammy-nomination-album-year>.
- 2022 Meena Venkataramanan, "Ford Bad Bunny's Fans, He's More than a Global Superstar. He's a Political Icon," *The Washington Post*, October 19, 2022, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2022/10/19/bad-bunny-political-activism/>.
- 2022 Mason Braasch, "Barriada and Beyond," *College of Letters & Science, UW-Madison*, October 18, 2022, <https://ls.wisc.edu/news/barriada-and-beyond>.
- 2022 Izzie Ramírez, "The Real Source of Puerto Rico's Woes," *Vox*, October 10, 2022, <https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2022/10/10/23391700/puerto-rico-hurricane-recovery-colonialism-debt>.
- 2022 Victoria Leandra, "Bad Bunny is a Folk Artist First and a Pop Artist Second," *Huffington Post*, September 19, 2022, https://www.huffpost.com/entry/bad-bunny-folk-artist-puerto-rico_n_6328a8e8e4b07198f0117b7a.
- 2022 Marisol LeBrón, "Knowledge Production in the Margins: An Interview with Jorell Meléndez-Badillo," *The Abusable Past*, January 5, 2022. <https://www.radicalhistoryreview.org/abusablepast/knowledge-produced-in-the-margins-an-interview-with-jorell-melendez-badillo/>
- 2021 Valeriano Weyler, "Historiador aguadillano rescata voces anarquistas," *Periódico Visión*, no. 1590, March 18-21, p. 5.
- 2020 Araceli Cruz, "Puerto Rican Feminist Luisa Capetillo Fought to Redefine Labor, Gender Equality," *Teen Vogue*, May 8, 2020. www.teenvogue.com
- 2019 Nicole Chavez, "Puerto Rico's potential next governor doesn't want the job but she says it's her duty," *CNN*, August 2, 2019. www.cnn.com
- 2019 Marisa Gerber and Milton Carrero Galazara, "Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello announces resignation amid mounting protests," *Los Angeles Times*, July 24, 2019. www.latimes.com

- 2019 Shauna Hussain and Marisa Gerber, “The massive push for Puerto Rico Gov. Rossello to resign grew from several key factors,” *Los Angeles Times*, July 23, 2019. www.latimes.com
- 2019 Marisa Gerber, “Puerto Ricans press for Gov. Rossello’s resignation ahead of major protest Monday,” *Los Angeles Times*, July 20, 2019. www.latimes.com
- 2019 Radio Interview, “All News,” *KCBS Radio*, San Francisco, California, July 20, 2019.
- 2019 Justin Agreló, “Explosive photos capture Puerto Ricans taking to the streets to demand the Governor’s resignation,” *Mother Jones*, July 17, 2019. www.motherjones.com
- 2019 Dario Mizrahi, “Qué hay detrás de los mensajes de Telegram que forzaron la renuncia del gobernador de Puerto Rico,” *InfoBae* (Buenos Aires, Argentina). July 17, 2019.
- 2019 Justin Agreló, “How a change of color for the Puerto Rican flag became a symbol of resistance,” *Mother Jones*, July 4, 2019. www.motherjones.com
- 2019 “Anarchism and Socialism in Puerto Rico,” *From Below Podcast*, April 11, 2019. www.frombelowpodcast.com
- 2018 “El Conversatorio,” Radio Interview, *WIPR 940 AM*, San Juan, Puerto Rico, August 3.
- 2016 Javier Rivera Oquendo, “Prensa obrera en el Viejo San Juan: Un legado de emancipación y progreso,” *El Adoquin Times*, Year 1, No. 12 (November 12, 2016): 7.
- 2013 Frances Solá, “Jorell Meléndez: Maestro de profesión, anarquista por convicción,” *Diálogo Digital: Universidad de Puerto Rico*. November 19. www.dialogodigital.com.
- 2013 Joel Cintrón Arbasetti, “Voces libertarias: La historia relegada del anarquismo en Puerto Rico,” *Diálogo Digital: Universidad de Puerto Rico*. March 12. www.dialogodigital.com.
- 2013 “Jorell Meléndez: The Promise of Freedom and Keeping its Word,” *Pan-American Affairs: A Foreign Policy Digest*. February 4. www.panamericanaffairs.com.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

- 22023 Co-Advisor: Jessica Evangelista, Ph.D. Candidate in History, L’École Des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France.
- 023 External Committee Member: Gabriela López Ruiz, Ph.D. Candidate in History, Universidad de Guanajato, Mexico.
- 2022 External Committee Member: Robert Christl, Ph.D. Candidate in History, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2020-21 External Committee Member: Daniel R. Trejo, Ph.D. Candidate in Latin American Studies, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Mexico. Dissertation Title: “El anarquismo en América Latina (1919-1959). Los casos de Argentina, Cuba y México.”
- 2020-21 External Committee Member: Carmen Orivé de la Rosa, Ph.D. Candidate in History, University of Puerto Rico. Dissertation Title: “*Il Camicie Nere in tenuta estiva*: La llegada del fascismo al Caribe hispano.”

Masters Thesis Committees:

2023 Thesis Co-Director: Adrián Bermúdez Pérez, M.A. Thesis, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Thesis title: “Through the Eye of the Storm: A History of Hurricanes in Puerto Rico.”

Undergraduate Thesis Committees:

2023-2024 Thesis Advisor for Cole D. Fritz, History Major at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Honor thesis: “Forging a National Identity in Chile and Congo.”
2020-21 Thesis Advisor for Fionnuala Murphy, History Major at Dartmouth College. Honors Thesis: “Un sueño para vender: The Economics of Memory and the Malvinas War in Argentinian Political Discourse, 1989-2015.”

Academic Organizations:

2024-25 Chair (elected) of the Caribbean Studies Section of the Conference of Latin American History
2023-24 Secretary of the Caribbean Studies Section of the Conference of Latin American History
2021 Conference of Latin American History, Nomination Committee Member.
2020-23 Executive Council Member, Faculty of Color Working Group, New England Council for the Humanities; Chair, Mellon Fellowship Subcommittee.
2020-21 SHADE Collective: Labor Diasporas, Tobacco Mobility, and the Urban Nexus. Academic consultant.
2020-21 Chair, Latin American Studies Association – Puerto Rico Section.

Reviewer, Blurbs, and Consultor:

2023 Anonymous reviewer for article in *Hispanic American Historical Review*.
2021 Anonymous reviewer for article in *Centro Journal*.
2020 Anonymous reviewer for article in *In-Genios Journal*.
2019 Anonymous reviewer for article in *Centro Journal*.
2019 Blurb for *Fighting Fascist Spain: The Print Protest and Grassroots Solidarity of España Libre and the Confederadas* by Montse Feu (University of Illinois Press).
2019 Reviewer for article in *Radical History Review Journal*
2018-20 Founder and Co-Chair, Latin American Studies Association – Puerto Rico Section.
2018 Blurb for *Puerto Rican Labor History, 1898-1934: Revolutionary Ideals and Reformist Politics* by Carlos Sanabria (Lexington Books).
2018 Cultural consultant for IRB Project Approval: “Uso de las tecnologías de información y comunicación en Puerto Rico antes, durante y después del huracán María.”

LANGUAGES

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

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

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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